

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A Season of Gratitude & Action: Rolling Up Our Sleeves Together!

As we find ourselves amidst the breathtaking tapestry of fall, I am profoundly grateful for the warmth and hospitality that this congregation has extended to my family and me since my arrival in September. **Your kindness, neighborliness, joy, and generosity have touched us deeply, a testament to the remarkable spirit that defines the Kountze community.** It is an honor to serve as your pastor, and I am eagerly looking forward to the journey ahead as we explore how our gifts and experiences can continue to enrich our worship, growth and service.

With our stewardship season in full swing, it's a privilege to witness the enthusiasm and dedication of our members, volunteers, and staff. As your pastor, I get to see firsthand just how profound are the gifts we steward here at Kountze. It is our gratitude that calls us to action. We need all kinds of gifts, and every single one is celebrated. Financial contributions, volunteer hours, skills, talents, prayers, and invitations to others—these are all vital components of our shared mission.

Our stewardship theme, "**Go and... BE KOUNTZE**" reflects the values and qualities that make our congregation unique. This theme inspires us to live out these values with intentionality to be... **Benevolent, Energetic, Kindhearted, Overjoyed, Unified, Neighborly, Thankful, Zestful, and Engaged.**

As we approach Pledge Dedication Weekend on November 11 and 12, I invite each of us to reflect on how we can contribute to our community and mission. **Together, let's roll up our sleeves and work side by side. Let's embody the spirit of "Go and... BE KOUNTZE" in everything we do,** making a profound impact and continuing to be a beacon of light and love in our community.

I am excited to see the incredible journey that lies ahead for our faith family. With gratitude as our guide, and enthusiastic action as our response, we will see God's work among us bear much fruit.

Blessings,
Pastor Leuy



GO AND BE



WORSHIP *with us...*

Worship Times

Holy Communion is offered weekly at all three weekend liturgies which use resources from Evangelical Lutheran Worship:

Saturdays at 5:00 PM; Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

The 9:00 AM liturgy is broadcast on Cox Cable Channel 13 and is also live-streamed on our website (www.kmlchurch.org). The Sunday bulletin is available on our website.

Nursery care is provided on Sunday mornings from 8:45 AM until 12:00 PM as well as other Occasional Special Church Services.

A brief, spoken Eucharist is offered on Wednesdays from 12:15 - 12:45 PM in the Rotunda.



Photo by Jake Madison

Worship with us on TV or via Internet Livestream



Our 9:00 AM worship service is broadcast live on television every Sunday on Cox Channel 13. You can also livestream the service right from your computer on our church

website. Go to www.kmlchurch.org and click on the Livestreaming link on the Worship Tab. We encourage you to worship with us via television or Internet as you are able.

Altar Flowers, Eternal Candle, TV Broadcast

You can help us beautify the altar at Kountze or sponsor a television broadcast if you wish. This is a simple and meaningful way to honor a loved one who has passed away, celebrate a special anniversary or milestone, or can be given in thanksgiving for friends or family. Their names will appear in the church bulletin on the weekend you select.

Altar Flowerings are provided by Janousek Florist and cost \$20 a bouquet. The Eternal Candle is \$7.50. The television broadcast is \$210 per week.

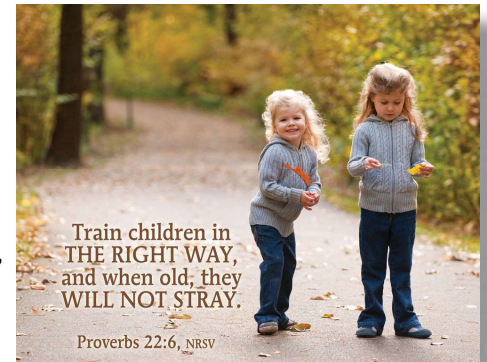
You can sign up for a date to provide flowers, eternal candle, and/or our television broadcast by signing up in the Narthex, calling the church office, going online to our giving page, or placing a check in the mail or offering plate marked "flowers, candle, or TV ministry. Please let us know if it is in honor/memory/celebration of someone. Thanks.



Children in Worship

We believe that all are welcome in worship and encourage families to worship together. Activity bags,

children's bibles, and bulletins are available. We also have a room, just off the west side of the main sanctuary, that includes a TV and a variety of toys, games, and books for young children.



Train children in
THE RIGHT WAY,
and when old, they
WILL NOT STRAY.

Proverbs 22:6, NRSV

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GROW with us...



10:10 - 10:50 AM

Join us Sunday Mornings in the Fellowship Hall.

- November 5: A Lutheran Perspective on All Saints and All Souls
- November 12: What is the "Communion of Saints"?
- November 19: Preview of Advent
- November 26: Fellowship
- December 3: Advent Fair

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

113 N. 18th St, Omaha (corner of N. 18th and Capitol)

Sunday, Nov. 19 at 6:00 PM

Trinity Cathedral is excited to host this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Join us and our interfaith siblings as we give thanks to God!

Theme: Unity in a Time of Conflict
Speaker: Mike Hornacek, Together, Inc.
The offering goes to Together, Inc.



Wittenberg Center Coordinator

As coordinator for the ELCA Wittenberg Center in Wittenberg, Germany, the Rev. Bridget Gautieri will get to combine her passions for ministry and history. A self-described "Luther geek," she was in eighth

grade when she first felt a call to ministry and even younger when she decided to learn German, moved by her own heritage and her fascination with Lutheran history.

Now Bridget is excited by the Wittenberg Center's commitment to "being traditionally rooted and radically relevant." She will help facilitate seminars by a global range of Lutheran theological scholars as well as other opportunities for learning and collaboration. Because she is an ordained pastor who speaks German, she will also lead local church services on Sundays.

Bridget will be the first coordinator in several years to work full-time and live in Wittenberg. She is just beginning to understand how excited her new community is to

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GRIEF SEMINAR

Sunday, November 5

12:15 - 1:30 PM

Fellowship Lounge

We will join with The Rev. Ruth Tomlinson, a trained facilitator of Walking The Mourner's Path. She will assist us in claiming the story of the ones who have died.

A light meal will be served for our time together. Please register with the church office with your intent to attend by November 1 so we know how many to plan on for lunch.

Women and Gender in Luke/Acts Continues

Led by Dulcinea Boesenberg

Thursday, November 2

6:30-7:30 PM

November 2 - Marriage and Childbearing in the Roman Empire



Very few of the members of the church in Acts are said to be married, and some who are married are denigrated by comparison with those who are single. We will consider why this might be given the legal and social pressures in the Roman Empire to marry and bear children.



Project Everlast is a dedicated organization that serves the vital needs (housing, education, employment, finances, etc.) of

unconnected youth ages 14 -26 that may have experiences in some of the following areas: aging out of foster care, homelessness, human trafficking, juvenile justice.

Project Everlast is hosting a Thanksgiving event on November 9 in the Kountze Memorial Fellowship Hall for these youth. The purpose of this event is to provide these deserving young individuals with a warm and meaningful celebration as they transition into independent living. This communal feast is to help foster a sense of family and belonging for participants in this program. They believe relationship building is an essential aspect in these youths' journey to stability in their transition to young adulthood.

Typically, volunteers sign up for food and bring the dishes. If anyone would want to volunteer for a meal donation you can sign up on their SignUp genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ADAC2FA1FBC34-44818883-project>

SERVE with us...

Kountze Food Pantry



We are excited to partner with the SpartanNash Foundation, which is our local Family Fare stores. Through November 5, shoppers have the opportunity at checkout to consider donating \$1, \$5, \$10, or rounding up to the nearest dollar. 100% of the funds raised will go

directly to the Kountze Food Pantry.

We are still collecting canned soup for the Pantry. Please consider picking up an extra can or two and placing them in the donation box in Fellowship Hall.

As always, we can use your volunteer help! Please sign up at the link below if you would like to serve at the Kountze Food Pantry.

<https://form.jotform.com/200834787701155>

Food Pantry Report (1/1/2023 -9/30/2023)

Income:

Grants	\$	2,775.00
Donations:	\$	35,821.34
Memorials	\$	<u>20,001.33</u>
	\$	58,597.67

Expenses:

Grant Expense	\$	2,994.81
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Regular Expenses

Aldi	\$	-
Costco	\$	443.82
Hidden Valley Ind.	\$	-
Hy-Vee	\$	-
Dollar Tree	\$	34.82
Family Fare	\$	9,290.17
Food Bank	\$	-
Walmart	\$	1,747.45
Sam's Club	\$	825.64
Other	\$	<u>1,427.64</u>
	\$	16,764.35

Balance \$ **41,833.33**

Thanksgiving Bags

Sunday, November 12

Help the youth put together Thanksgiving Bags for the Pantry on November 19.

Please bring the following and put in Sunday School Thanksgiving Box located by the Pantry donation box by **November 12**. We are collecting the following items:



- Stuffing Mix
- Mashed Potato Mix
- Turkey Gravy
- Canned Yams
- Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Pumpkin

Advent Meals

December 6, 13, and 20

Lunch: 11:00 AM – Noon

Supper: 5:00 – 6:30 PM

Advent lunches and suppers are just around the corner:

- Please mark your calendars and join us for Advent meals. Bring your family, friends, neighbors, or call your church friends and meet at Kountze for lunch or dinner. Maybe you met someone new at coffee and cookie hour, give them a call and invite them.
- We will have a vegetarian option at each of the meals.
- All meals are free will offering and served with choice of coffee, water or tea.



Thanksgiving Dinner with St. Peter's

Thanksgiving Day, November 23

(11:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

Co-sponsored with and held at St. Peter's Catholic parish (709 S 28th Street) Preparations are under way for our annual Thanksgiving luncheon Volunteers are needed to:

- set up the night before;
- donate pies/desserts; and
- serve food, greet, and/or clean tables during the meal.



This event brings so many people in our community together in a spirit of Christian love and fellowship. Please join us, either to volunteer or as a guest; all are welcome. Please fill out the insert in the bulletin, contact Pr. Hall or the church office to volunteer. Monetary donations to help cover the cost of the turkeys will be most appreciated.

NEWS & Notes...



September 19, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM. Devotions given by Tina Broekemeier. The Agenda was adopted. Previous minutes approved as amended.

Financial Report given by Tim Backora and approved by Council. Year to date income/expenses is -\$38,000. Have received a federal tax refund (covid) of \$51,000. Giving at window rededication service was approximately \$50,000. Audit will begin in late 2023.

Staff reports given and approved. Work is being done to fill the vacant Administrative Assistant. A Kountze Commons Executive Director and will start October 2 but still needs a dedicated office space. Discussion was had regarding James Holtzer call discernment and Pastor Wynard will continue to guide his discernment. Reminder: Council Retreat will take place on November 4, 2023 - Friday evening dinner & Saturday program.

Committee reports given and approved by Council. Congregation Activities has finalized plans for upcoming church picnic. Pantry demand is still high and additional volunteers are needed. Outreach noted the upcoming new member classes.

Mike Jensen, ad hoc secretary, excused from the meeting due to a prior commitment. Ann Miller assumed ad hoc secretary duties.

Old Business:

- Discussions held regarding Committee Assignments. It was determined that each council member would remain on their designated committees and Lara McCormick will replace Melissa Osentowski on Global Mission.
- Installation - much discussion was held regarding the benefits of a Sunday evening service for installation so that members of the community and any other clergy could attend the service. It was decided that the installation will be held on November 21-22 at all services. The Assistant to the Bishop, who worked with our call process, will oversee the Installation. An open house will be held at a later date to welcome Pastor Lucy and give us a chance to show off Kountze Commons and our new Executive Director.

New Business:

- Associate Pastoral Transition for Pastor Duminy was officially voted on and approved unanimously. Pastor

KCCOC Executive Director

Please meet Jill Conway, the new Executive Director of Kountze Commons Community Outreach Center. Jill was a civil litigation attorney for 16 years. She entered the nonprofit sector to make a greater community impact. Before joining KCCOC, she was the Assistant Executive Director/Associate Director for Ollie Webb Center, Inc., a local nonprofit serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. She is excited to join KMLC and KCCOC to continue and advance the mission of feeding the hungry, healing the sick, and tending to the soul.

She earned a Bachelor in Journalism from the University of Nebraska-Omaha and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Nebraska College of Law with distinction. She was an AV Preeminent Peer Rated attorney for High Level of Professional Excellence through Martindale-Hubbell. She has taught as an adjunct professor for both UNO and Metro Community College.

Jill is an active volunteer in her local school community club (currently the president) and served on school district committees. She has been a troop coleader for the Girl Scouts for the past 9 years. She is currently a cohost for the JDRF Gala in April 2024, and has chaired or assisted in other local fundraisers, as well as volunteered for educational legal events.

She is an Omaha native. In fact, her parents were married at KMLC over 50 years ago. Her husband, Sean, is an attorney and active in the Omaha legal community, including various boards and appointments. They have three daughters, ages 13, 11, and 8. In her free time, Jill likes to travel and garden, as well as cook and bake for her family.

Council Notes continued

Duminy will now be on a Transitional Ministry contract with KML Church. She will also assist the Ministry Site Profile team.

- Nursery naming and celebration - the council voted unanimously to name the nursery after its longtime and beloved worker, Norma Pafford for her dedicated years of service.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Blessing an Advent Wreath and Christmas Tree

In the German and Scandinavian traditions of Christianity, the Advent Wreath and Christmas Tree became important symbols of the Advent and Christmas Seasons. These symbols can also be important opportunities for families to pray together; to discuss the Christian message of the season, as well as to share family stories. Blessings and prayers (i.e., devotions) around the Advent Wreath and Christmas Tree are common and available from many Lutheran resources. Here are two:

Blessing the Advent Wreath

The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening



before the First Sunday of Advent. All may make the sign of the cross as a parent/leader says:

L Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (**R**) **Who made heaven and earth.**

Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read. These readings may be done by the children.

L The Word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

With hands joined, a parent/leader says:

L Let us pray: Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R **Amen.**

Blessing of a Christmas Tree

(Whether done on Christmas Eve or when the tree is put up earlier).

With the family gathered, all may make a sign of the cross. A parent leader says:

L Let us pray: O God, who made this holy night [or, if done before Christmas Eve: this holy season] shine with the brightness of new light. Bless this tree which we adorn with lights to honor him who comes to enlighten us. Let us see in this tree your beautiful simplicity and humble strength. Let this tree remind us of our responsibility for the care of your good earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R **Amen.**



Annual Merry Tuba Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 11

3:30 PM

Kountze Memorial

Bring your friends, the concert is free and open to the Public. It should be a fun way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

For those tuba/euphonium players who are interested in playing along, registration is 1:00 PM with rehearsal at 2:00 PM. Bring your own music stand. There is a \$10 participation fee for all players. For more information, contact Nate Griffith at 402-980-6121.



New Members



We welcome these new members into the life and ministry of Kountze Memorial. The following people joined our congregation on September 15.

We welcome:

Tate Beller & Ally Einbeck
Juan & Sarah Enriquez, Titus Mackenzie Madsen
Sam Steensen (Associate Member)

We also give thanks to John Fox, who once again has provided the boutonnières for our new members free of charge.

If You are Hospitalized...



If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please be sure to let the church office know at 402-341-7761 or e-mail info@kmlchurch.org.

Help Deliver Altar Flowers to the Sick & Homebound



After the 11:00 AM service on Sundays, donated altar flower bouquets can be taken to hospitalized members, nursing homes, or care centers. This is a great way to brighten someone's day and to grow friendships!

If you are at the 11:00 AM service and know of someone who would like to be remembered in this way, please take one of the bouquets to them. If you attended another service but would like to deliver flowers, please call the church office on Monday to see if they are still available.

Your help is appreciated!

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welcome her. Wittenberg residents have already invited her to choir rehearsals and English meetings, and the mayor of Wittenberg offered to help her find housing. "Know that this community really wants this," Bridget says. "It really is a partnership."

Cards with Friends



Thursday, November 2

2:00 PM

Meet in the Fellowship Hall for a time together playing cards. All are welcome. Bring a snack to share.

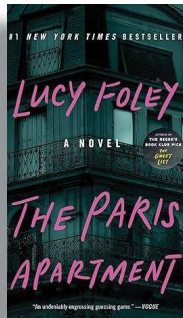
KMLC Book Group

Fellowship Lounge

Sunday, November 12

12:15 PM

The Paris Apartment by Lucy Foley



Jess Hadley leaves England and goes to Paris to live with her half-brother, Ben, while she figures out her future. When she arrives at his Paris apartment, Ben is nowhere to be found. Jess turns to Ben's neighbors for help in finding out what happened to him and discovers many intriguing characters who become suspects into his disappearance.

The book is a mystery that becomes a thriller after many twists and turns. For readers who like a good whodunit, this is a puzzle of a mystery that will keep you guessing to the end.

Men's Lunch

Thursday, November 16

11:30 AM

4th Annual Men's Chili Cookoff!

Suggested Donation: Pot of Chili or Stuffed Animal/Toy for the Pantry

Come vote on your favorite chili, there will be prizes for the top three and a great time of fellowship. Call the church office or email jim@kmlchurch.org to sign up. Let us know if you will be entering a pot of chili or just attending.

If you're entering a pot of chili the cost is free otherwise suggested donation for the event will be a new stuffed animal/ toy to be distributed by the Kountze food pantry as Christmas gifts for our young pantry guests.



Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson in Tanzania

Steve & Jodi Swanson and family are missionaries that we help to support both monetarily and in prayer.

We received two newsletters from them last month. The first is about a Neonatology Conference that was held in October. They were excited to have "100 hospitals joining us from 15 African countries October 23-27!" You can read more at <https://tinyurl.com/enam4b5s>

The second they write about their 10-years in Tanzania. They say " We often remember the beginning days of trying to get our foothold with a sigh and a shake of our heads. Those were not easy days." Read more at <https://tinyurl.com/zcf4c99j>



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...

Look What's Coming Up!



Sunday School

Ages 2 yr-6th gr

Sundays, 10:10 AM

On November 5, the Sunday School children will be learning about All Saints Sunday, those who came before us, and how we can learn and lead by their example.

The following Sundays in November, the students will be learning about the birth of Christ through practicing for the Children's Christmas program. There will be several opportunities for children to participate, even if they are not in choir. We look forward to all the students coming together to perform the story of Jesus' birth.



Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 17

9:00 AM

Children's Choir

Sundays, 9:10 AM

(following 9:00 AM Children's Blessing)

2nd Floor Sunday School Music Room

Grades K-6 - Choir

Join Barb Carlsen on the 2nd floor in the Sunday School Music Room



Youth Forum

Grades 7 - 12

10:10 AM

Join us between worship services each Sunday morning in the Youth Room.

Nov. 5 Exploring Faith and Current Events

Nov. 12 Exploring a Spiritual Practices

Nov. 19 Bible Study - *Created to Be* (prep for ELCA Youth Gathering)

Nov. 26 Games



Confirmation Program



A joint Confirmation Program for 7th and 8th graders takes place on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:15 PM at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church at 93rd and Dodge. Our class time this fall, will include exploring the Bible and Lord's Prayer. 17 Youth, 5 Pastors, and 1 Vicar share this experience each week.

Middle School Retreat

November 10-12, 2023

Grades 6-8

Carol Joy Holling Camp

This retreat will serve as a good reminder to campers who attended camp about the things they learned during their time there and how they can continue to implement those lessons into their lives. For campers who may not have been able to attend camp, this retreat will serve as a way for them to experience camp in a condensed and meaningful way. Along with the lessons we will learn about God's love and faithfulness, we will also be experiencing some favorite camp activities, God's creation, and of course, fellowship! Cost is \$100.00. Register at <https://www.cjhcenter.org/ms-retreat>



The Lutheran Youth of Nebraska (LYON)

Assembly

November 17-19, 2023

Carol Joy Holling Camp near Ashland, NE!

Grades 9-12 and Their Adult Leaders.



What does it mean to Go and... Be Honest? How does honesty impact our understanding of history, scripture, relationships, values and our work as

advocates? Deacon Ross Murray will be our guide as we explore what it means to live into our individual call to serve as advocates. Workshops will help you hone your skills as an advocate for others and for issues that are important to you. And with Bishop Scott Johnson we will learn how we the church Go and... be honest mindful of and honoring the diversity of church and the communities where we dwell. Esther and Nicodemus will be our Biblical role models for the weekend.

Register by October 27 at <https://nebraskasynod.org/event/lyon-2023/>

Annual Advent Fair

December 3

10:00 AM - Noon



Join us in making a variety of Christmas decorations including an Advent wreath, Christmas cards, an Advent prayer placemat, an ornament, and more. There will be activities for the children and a photo booth for all. This year we will be doing a Diaper Drive during the Advent Fair. Please bring

diapers, wipes, formula, or other infant related items that we will donate to the local women's shelters.

Friendsgiving

All High School, College Youth, and Young Adults (ages 22-35)
Sunday, November 12
5:00 PM



You are invited to attend a Friendsgiving in the Fellowship Hall at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. Bring a favorite dish to share. Invite your friends. Please consider allergies such as peanuts/nuts, gluten, etc. and those who might be vegan and vegetarian. It is our hope that through this time together of meal and conversation we can explore our gratitude for what friendships bring to our life and how God is a very best friend throughout life.

ELCA Young Adult Gathering

Young Adults (19-25-year-olds)
July 16-20, 2024, in New Orleans



An ELCA Young Adult Gathering will take place at the same time as the ELCA National Youth Gathering. Each group will have separate daytime offerings followed by a joint Evening

Program.

Please consider attending. More information can be found at <https://www.elca.church/gathering/attend/young-adult-gathering> Please let one of the Pastors know if you are interested.



Elementary:

Nov. 19 Thanksgiving Pantry Bags

7 & 8 Graders:

Nov. 10-12 Middle School Retreat at Carol Joy Holling Camp

High School:

Nov. 12 5:00 PM - Friendsgiving (with College and Young Adults)

Nov. 17-19 NE Synod LYON Assembly at Carol Joy Holling Camp

Grades 7-12 :

Dec. 10 5:00 PM - Progressive Dinner with White Elephant exchange

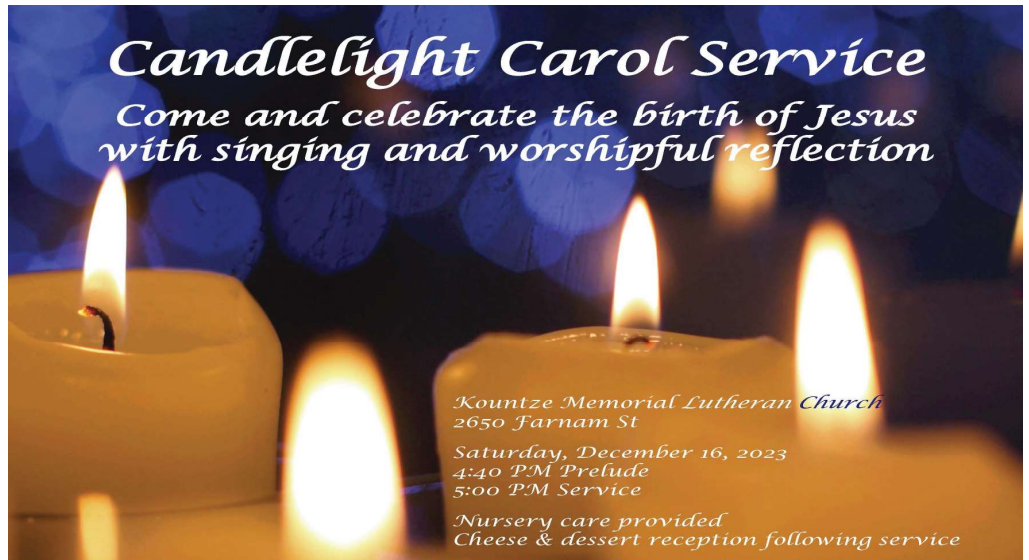
2024 Summer Youth Trip ELCA Youth Gathering

- Advent Envelope Sponsor Tree
- Feb. 18 Cajun Meal and Music Bingo from 4:30 to 6:00 PM
- March 31 Easter Breakfast
- May 12 Beignet Breakfast

Candlelight Carol Service

Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church
Saturday, December 16
Prelude begins at 4:40 PM
Service 5:00 PM
Reception Following
Nursery Care will be Provided

The annual Candlelight Carol Service has become a beloved tradition at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. We hope that you, your family, and friends can join us for this special service of sacred scripture and poetry, congregational carols, handbells, brass, organ, and piano. Please join us following the service for a lovely reception and time for fellowship.



CALENDAR



November 1 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Confirmation @ St.
Timothy
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

November 2 Thursday

2:00 PM Cards with Friends
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
6:30 PM Women and Gender in
Luke/Acts Bible Study

November 3 Friday

Nov 3 - Nov 4 Council Retreat
5:00 PM Pantry

November 4 Saturday

Homebound Communion
5:00 PM Worship

November 5 Sunday

All Saints Sunday
Daylight Savings--fall back 1 hour



DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME ENDS

Homebound Communion
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-6)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast
10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour
12:15 PM Grief Seminar

November 6 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

November 7 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

November 8 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group
12:15 PM Worship
1:00 PM Devotions @ deFreese
Manor
4:00 PM Executive Committee
6:00 PM Confirmation @ St.
Timothy

November 9 Thursday

9:30 AM WELCA Board
11:30 AM Property Committee
5:00 PM Project Everlast
Thanksgiving Meal
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

November 10 Friday

Nov 10 - Nov 12 Middle School
Retreat @ Camp CJH (gr 6-8)
5:00 PM Pantry

November 11 Saturday

Veterans Day
11:00 AM Tom Holcombe Memorial
Service
5:00 PM Worship

November 12 Sunday

Pentecost 24
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-6)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast
10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour
12:15 PM Book Group
5:00 PM Friendsgiving (HS-
College+)

November 13 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

November 14 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

November 15 Wednesday

Good News Deadline
12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Confirmation @ St.
Timothy

November 16 Thursday

Council Reports Due
11:30 AM Men's Lunch
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
6:00 PM Circle 5

November 17 Friday

Nov 17 - Nov 19 NE Synod LYON
Assembly (gr 9-12) Camp CJH
5:00 PM Pantry

November 18 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

November 19 Sunday

Pentecost 25
Service Project - Thanksgiving
Pantry Bags
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-6)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast
10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour
6:00 PM Interfaith Thanksgiving
Service

November 20 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry
6:00 PM HGFC Clinic Board

November 21 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group
6:00 PM Congregation Council

November 22 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Confirmation @ St.
Timothy

November 23 Thursday

Thanksgiving
OFFICE CLOSED
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Thanksgiving
Meal @ St. Peters

November 24 Friday

OFFICE CLOSED
No Pantry

November 25 Saturday

9:30 AM Decorate for Advent
5:00 PM Worship

November 26 Sunday

Christ the King
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-6)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast
10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour

November 27 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

November 28 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:30 PM Circle 3

November 29 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Confirmation @ St.
Timothy

November 30 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

Advent & Christmas

Wednesdays, December 6, 13, & 20

Lunch: 11:00 AM - Noon

Supper: 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Worship: 6:30 PM

December 24

Advent 4: **9:00 AM Only**

Christmas Eve: 4:00, 7:00, 11:00 PM

December 25

Christmas Day: 10:00 AM



1. Myrt Hinrichs, A Jones, Cameron McCarthy, Sherry Nickel
3. Danna Grinnell
5. Lora Sarich
6. Kimberly Grassmeyer, Jane Kidder, Melissa Osentowski, Charlie Wachholtz
7. Patrick Kuehn, Tiffany Zaporowski, Corey Wagg
8. Randy Rolfe, Wyatt Salmon, Angela Svacina, Carol Herzog
9. Tyler Anderson, Jerry Clanton, Shirley Dietrich, Pamela Duffield, Leslie Hartmann, Paul Nippert, Carolyn Wheeler, Doug Heim
10. Robin Jones, Paulette Luetje, Katrina Venn, Tyler Willson
11. Scott Dixon, Dean Vancaster
12. Zeya Klemmensen, Deanna Lundin, Christina Raber, Dannika Rees, Jeanne Schramm, Claire Smock
13. Anthony Jones, Kris Olson, Eleanor Ward, Diana Wilkins
14. Sharon Anderson, Jeremiah Hashberger, Christopher Vawter
15. Blake Gittler
16. Robin Ferguson, Christopher Fischer, Terri Krisor
18. Dwight Kurbis, Hailee Kjeldgaard, Cole Schramm, Audrey Ward
19. Vanessa Bang, Costanzo, Linda Peltz, Braden Bonacci, Colton Putnam, Lynn Schneiderman, Jeanette Sikora, Sarah Willson
20. Ken Johnson, Garrett Zaporowski
21. Justin Diggins, Paul Gittler, Matthew Minturn, Stacy Martin
22. Katharine Lefebvre, Sarah Reida, Carol Stoltenberg, Derek Reichert
23. June Anderson, Kyle Johnson, Kent Rasmusse, Roberta Worm, Paul Carlson
24. Benjamin Brinkman, Emma Chand, Tristan Johnson, Kyra Peterson, Doug Reed, Nick Wemhoff
25. Jacob Stier, Benjamin Svacina
26. Jeremy Lange, Dennis Beckman
27. Sean McLeod, Duane Retzlaff, Adam Arispe
28. Walter Nash, Donna Reinig
29. Albert Grage
30. Kay Bannick, Carl Englert, Stefanie Ervin, Katie Harshbarger, Josh Kellams, John Mertz, Debbie Robinson

Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

Loan Balance, 9/1/2023.....	\$1,845,748.71
Principal Payment, 10/1/2023.....	\$7,396.40
Interest Payment, 10/1/2023	\$6,074.53
Balance, 10/1/2023	\$1,838,352.31

Finances: September, 2023

	<i>September</i>	<i>Year-to-Date</i>
Total General Fund		
Income:	\$ 153,895.22	\$ 798,518.68
Expenses:		
Mission Support:	\$ -	\$ 43,055.00
Christian Education:	\$ 408.50	\$ 6,263.51
Facility Costs:	\$ 11,555.75	\$ 138,119.78
Staff Compensation:	\$ 52382.74	\$ 472,267.16
Worship & Music:	\$ 2,948.30	\$ 27,934.67
Parish Life:	\$ 4,877.20	\$ 19,206.87
Youth:	\$ 165.47	\$ 8,845.79
Office & Administration:	<u>\$ 4,594.33</u>	<u>\$ 43,949.58</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 76,962.93	\$ 759,642.36

Pastoral Acts

(September 16 - October 15, 2023)

Baptisms:

Harrison Kreiser, September 23

Funerals:

Robert Chrisman, September 16

Barbara Andersen, September 21

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Lucy Wynard, Senior Pastor
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H. Ashley Hall, Associate Pastor

Worship Times

Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Wednesday at 12:15 PM

The 9:00 AM Sunday service is
televised live on Cox channel 13
and live streamed on our website at
<https://www.kmlchurch.org/live-streaming/> (you may watch the live-stream any time)

A bulletin is available on our
website at <https://www.kmlchurch.org/bulletin-announcements/>

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



GO AND...BE HONEST

Honesty requires vulnerability, awareness, and a willingness to really listen. Assumptions and half-truths can lead us to misunderstand the situation and story. What does reconciliation mean as we strive to move from places of misunderstanding? God calls us to be honest. Sometimes, that may look like lament and confession, and other times hymns of praise and gratitude.

Questions to Consider:

- What is a time you didn't tell the whole truth... or were not honest?
- What piece of history should you/could you explore with a lens of honesty?
- In what way are you being dishonest in your life?
- GO and express gratitude by saying thank you to someone who deserves it.

Prayer: Reconciling God, we ask for forgiveness for the times we have not reconciled our differences and acknowledged the hurts and wounds we have caused. Amen.

Suggested Songs: Amazing Grace (ELW 779) & Be Present at Our Table Lord

Learn More at nebraskasynod.org/go-and/

Ready, Set, Go! In the Great Commission, Jesus calls us to GO. We are taking those words to heart.

In June the Nebraska Synod embarked on a year-long focus to "Go and...". We invite you to be part of this call to GO! and lean in as God's people called, gathered, and sent to "Go and...".

Together, all 90,000 members of the ELCA Nebraska Synod will be focused on responding to Christ's sending in the Great Commission, to Go and..., and to really live out the joy and hope.