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# KOUNTZE

## Memorial Lutheran Church

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September 21 & 22, 2019

Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is a vibrant, historic faith community that welcomes all and provides ministries for all ages and walks of life. We are a "City-wide Church with a World-wide Ministry" and have been worshipping, growing, and serving in downtown Omaha for over 160 years. If you are new to Kountze Memorial, we invite you to visit the Welcome Desk in Fellowship Hall for more information about who we are and what we do.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

Lector	Debra Kelly
Ushers	Duane Hovendick Penny Hovendick
Comm. Set-up	Penny Hovendick

### SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Jill Gittler Kevin Larkowski Susie Henry Lowell Harms
Lector	Don Darst
Ushers	Glenn Anderson Dan Collett Ted Kaasch Mark Mahaffey Gary Westerman Bob Woodworth Marcy Madison
Greeters	Karen Wolf Sharon Anderson
Crucifer	Britten Johnson
Acolytes	Rahn Johnson Kaitlyn Munguia

### SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Ashley Sum Deb Hinrichs
Lector	Kevin Larkowski
Ushers	Linda Hoagland Julie O'Doherty
Greeters	Julie King
Crucifer	Charlie Campbell
Acolytes	Hadley Rief Henry Rief

## TODAY AT KOUNTZE

**KOUNTZE CAFÉ** Cookies only this Sunday morning. We won't be serving breakfast but be sure to join us for lunch at the picnic potluck!

**ADULT FORUM** Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **THIS WEEK:** No Forum (Baptism Seminar) **NEXT WEEK:** Congregational Dedication of Weber Clinic

**BAPTISM SEMINAR** Join Pr. Hall in the Nave at 10:10 AM, this Sunday, September 22. He will introduce parents to the theology of baptism, walk through the baptismal liturgy, discuss scheduling for the baptism, and address any questions you might have.

**KOUNTZE MEMORIAL'S "OLD FASHIONED PICNIC/POTLUCK"** We're having a picnic and we hope you'll be there! This Sunday, September 22, 12:00 to 3:00 PM in the KMLC green space. A fun time will be had by all!

**ETERNAL CANDLE** is given to the glory of God in memory of husband, Don Weichert, by Vickie

## CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

**JOYFUL SOUNDS CHILDREN'S CHOIR** Join us each Sunday from 9-9:30 AM. All children (K-6th grade) who want to praise our Lord by singing, meet in the Joyful Sounds Studio on the 2nd floor.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Join us on Sundays on the 2nd floor for Sunday School. Preschool 1 (2-4 yrs) meets from 9:00—10:00 AM (child care for those too old for the nursery). Sunday School (2 yrs-8th grade) is held from 10:10—10:50 AM.

**HIGH SCHOOL FORUM** Join us each Sunday in the Youth Center at 10:10 AM.

**MS/HS CHOIR REHEARSALS** will be held on Sunday mornings, 11:00-11:30 AM in the Adult Choir room. Contact Janet Carlsen Campbell at [Janet@kmlchurch.org](mailto:Janet@kmlchurch.org) with questions.

**September 22 Sunday**

Acceptance of New Confirmands  
 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM No Breakfast—cookies only.  
 Join us for lunch at the picnic for a potluck!  
 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship  
 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)  
 9:00 AM Joyful Sounds Children's Choir (gr K-6)  
 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)  
 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)  
 10:10 AM Baptism Seminar (no Adult Forum)  
 11:00 AM MS/HS Choir  
 12:00 PM KMLC Church Picnic

**September 23 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

**September 24 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
 4:30 PM KETV Board  
 7:00 PM Circle 3

**September 25 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation Supper  
 6:30 PM Confirmation Class  
 7:00 PM Finance Committee  
 7:30 PM Worship

**September 26 Thursday**

1:30 PM Circle 4  
 4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic  
 6:00 PM Call Committee

**September 28 Saturday**

5:00 PM Worship

**September 29 Sunday**

7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 8:00 AM -11:00 AM Breakfast  
 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship  
 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)  
 9:00 AM Joyful Sounds Children's Choir (gr K-6)  
 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)  
 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)  
 11:00 AM MS/HS Choir  
 12:00 PM Stephen Ministry  
 12:15 PM New Member Class

**HOLY COMMUNION** All who are baptized and trust in Christ's presence in Holy Communion are invited to commune at the Lord's Table. Children not yet communing will receive a blessing. Instructions will be provided during worship. It is the understanding of the universal Church that those who wish to commune with bread only (especially for health reasons) have communed fully.

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP** We believe that all are welcome in worship and encourage families to worship together. Quiet activity bags, children's bibles, and bulletins are available, as well as a Quiet 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.

**NURSERY** is available from 9 AM—noon for children 0—2 years. Please ask an usher if you are unsure as to where our nursery is and would like to use it.

**ATTENDANCE CARDS** All those attending worship are encouraged to fill out the card included in your bulletin and place in the offering plate.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND LISTENING DEVICES** Please speak to an usher if you would like a large print bulletin or an assisted listening device.

**E-NEWS & SOCIAL MEDIA** If you would like to receive our weekly e-news and monthly e-newsletter, add your e-mail address to the card in your bulletin or text your e-mail address to 22828.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** If you are interested in joining our congregation, the next class will be Sundays, September 29 & October 6 from 12:15—2:00 PM. Please plan to attend both sessions. Lunch will be served and childcare is provided. New members will be received on October 13. Please indicate your attendance plans on your attendance card or call the church office by September 22 and let us know if you will need childcare when you register.

**YESTERDAY'S YOUTH** Our most popular program of the year is here! Join us for the Kountze Version of the Antiques Roadshow! Our very own Kountze member, Shayne Fili of Auction Solutions, will be here on Tuesday, October 1, to tell us a thing or two about our treasures! You are welcome to bring an item to learn a bit about it, or just come to enjoy the program. Bring an antique, collectible, or just something of interest! A delicious lunch will be served at noon. The cost is \$4.00. Please RSVP by Friday, September 27 to the church office (402-341-7761). All ages and everyone are welcome!! Don't miss out on this fun and informative event. Any questions please call Sheri Tipton at 402-415-6033. Looking forward to seeing YOU there!

**BLESS YOUR BEAST!** Join us for the annual “Blessing of the Animals “ held at Saint Cecilia Cathedral (701 N. 40<sup>th</sup> Street ) Saturday, October 5, 2019 . Music and Socializing at 10:30 A.M. Blessing at 11:00 AM. Come early and enjoy the pancake breakfast starting at 9:00 AM. Creatures are welcome! Sponsored by Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, Saint Cecilia Cathedral, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS** Kristin Boe and Pr. Hall will offer a First Communion Class from 12:15-2:00 PM on Sundays, October 6 and 13. We will meet in the Nave and also use the Rotunda. The curriculum will be “Fed & Forgiven.” All ages are welcome; the course is geared toward second graders. Please call the church office to register.

**FAMILY & FRIENDS LUNCHEON** Sunday, October 6, 12:30 PM. The Social Ministry Committee is hosting a luncheon followed by holy Communion for all homebound members and friends of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. We also invite our Eucharistic Ministers to participate. To let us know you plan to come, and if you need a ride, please contact the church office at 402-341-7761 or info@kmlchurch.org.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT KOUNTZE** Middle Students (Grades 6-8) are invited to a Middle School Retreat at Carol Joy Holling Camp from Friday-Sunday, October 11-13! Come and join us as we dive into this past summer’s theme, “Chain Reaction.” 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 and what we learned this summer in a condensed and meaningful way. Along with the lessons we will learn about God’s love and the chain reaction it causes, we will also experience some favorite camp activities, God’s creation, and of course, fellowship! The cost for the retreat is \$40 per camper. This cost includes lodging, meals and programming on Friday through Sunday. If you are interested in attending please speak with Pastor Olaf or Marcia Roynesdal.

**FIRST AID & CPR CLASS** Saturday, October 19. All Ushers and Sunday School teachers are encouraged to attend the training and the Church will take care of the registration fee which covers the training materials and certificates. CPR, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Light lunch “Food by Jim” in the link, 12:00 – 12:45 PM. First Aid Training 12:45 – 4:15 PM. All other members of the congregation are invited to take part in the class as well for a small fee of \$20.00. If you attended the CPR training last year, you can attend the first aid training free of charge. Training will take place lower level of the Kountze Commons. Please RSVP to the Church office or you can email jim@kmlchurch.org to reserve your spot.

**BIBLE SUNDAY** October 20, 9:00 AM Worship Service. Bibles will be presented to children who are 2 and 4 years old, and to children in grades 1, 3, 5, and 7.

### **ATTENDANCE & GIVING**

**Saturday Attendance:** 40

**Sunday Attendance:** 9:00: 197 11:00: 113

**Midweek - Noon:** 10

**Total:** 360

**Pantry Guests Served:** 340

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 28

**Offering:**

\$12,036.79 (Regular) \$1,400.95 (Specials)

\$891 (Phase 2)



### **KOUNTZE FOOD PANTRY**

The Kountze Food Pantry is collecting register receipts from Family Fare stores. For every \$100,000 in receipts returned, Kountze Food Pantry will receive \$1,000. Many people are unaware that the Pantry food is, for the most part, purchased, not donated. One of our

vendors is Family Fare, so your receipts will be added to the Pantry purchases and we can reach \$100,000 in a short time. Please bring receipts to the office or place in receptacle at information desk in the Fellowship Hall.

**USHERS NEEDED** By warmly and joyfully greeting and seating those in attendance, passing out bulletins, collecting the offering, and assisting with communion, or simply welcoming others, we are blessed to welcome God’s very self. This is the “job description” of an Usher here at Kountze Memorial. We are in need of Ushers at both Sunday services. If you’d like more information or would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Jim Smejkal at 402-341-7761 or jim@kmlchurch.org. Please consider being a part of this ministry.

## Serve God with justice for the poor.

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 16:1-13	Parable of the shrewd manager
Monday	Amos 8:4-7	Judgment on Israel
Tuesday	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Instructions concerning prayer
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 15:7-11	How to treat the poor
Thursday	James 2:14-17	Faith without works is dead
Friday	1 John 3:16-24	Love each other
Saturday	Psalms 113	The Lord helps people in need
Sunday	Luke 16:19-31	Poor Lazarus and the rich man



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No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. Luke 16:13 (NRSV)

### A Prayer for the Week:

God of justice for the needy, help us to gladly submit to your reign and your demand for care that raises the poor from the dust. Amen. (Psalm 113:7)

### Mealtime Prayer:

For this food and all that you give us, blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore. Amen. (Psalm 113:2)

### A Blessing to Give:

May the compassion and justice of God bless you and send you out with peace, love, and mercy.

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you have received that you did not earn? Explain.
- How do you feel when someone receives something you do not think they deserve?
- The Bible speaks about justice for the “widow and the orphan,” those without social support in biblical times. Who in our society receives little social support today?

*Read:* Luke 16:1-13.

In the Bible God requires a justice that shows partiality for the poor, the powerless, the disenfranchised. This understanding of justice is part of the character of God (Isaiah 30:18). As Amos 8 points out, people cheat and “trample on the needy” (v. 4). Such an injustice goes against God and God’s will. It not only hurts individuals, but it hurts the larger society because an unfair economic and social system keeps more people from thriving. The whole of society then suffers. Jesus uses the characteristics of the unjust standards of his day. It would have been assumed that the rich man in the parable charged high interest rates to his customers that the unjust steward simply reduced or erased. Jesus’ point is to commit to divine standards. Be a slave to—submit to—God’s law, God’s ways, God’s justice that will not cave in or back down. It’s not easy and we often fail at it, but with it comes true wisdom—shrewdness, in the language of the parable—and true justice, the kind that God expects, not to earn our salvation, but for the needs of our neighbors.

**Pray: Dear God, in the midst of the world’s standards that pursue self-interest, give me faith to trust you and care for others with your compassion and justice, through Christ our Lord, amen.**

In Biblical times, widows had very little social support. In modern times, there are more social support networks, but becoming a widow or widower can nonetheless be stressful and lead to loneliness. Do you know of someone who has lost a spouse? Invite that person to your home for a meal or take them out. Take time to listen and give the opportunity to share memories of their loved one. After your time together, keep this person in your prayers.

Paul writes that we should pray for everyone: “I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone” (1 Timothy 2:1). Prayer is a faith practice we can do daily. Decorate a small box with stickers, drawings, or with paint/markers. Use index cards or sticky notes to write a prayer each day for someone you either know or have heard or read about. Place the prayers in the box. Take time to review the prayers you have written over time and think about ways the prayers may have been answered.

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS:** Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31