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# KOUNTZE

## Memorial Lutheran Church

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**September 28 & 29, 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 worshiping, 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	Charlie Bressman
Ushers	James Smejkal Jason Klonglan
Comm. Set-up	Jim Smejkal

### SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Liz Pemberton Giselle Loucks Kevin Larkowski Pam Johnson
Lector	Jan Falk
Ushers	Glenn Anderson Dan Collett Ted Kaasch Mark Mahaffey Gary Westerman Bob Woodworth Marcy Madison
Greeters	Karen Wolf Sharon Anderson
Crucifer	Anna Kidder
Acolytes	John Groenjes Communion Assistant

### SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Norm Sack Lowell Harms
Lector	Jennifer Bunge
Ushers	Linda Hoagland Julie O'Doherty
Greeters	Julie King
Crucifer	Torin Edwards
Acolytes	Communion Assistant Communion Assistant

## TODAY AT KOUNTZE

**KOUNTZE CAFÉ** Join us each Sunday for a hot breakfast buffet served from 8-11 AM prepared by Jim West and the kitchen crew. The suggested donation for the hot breakfast is \$5 adults, \$2.50 children 12 and younger.

**ADULT FORUM** Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **THIS WEEK:** Congregational Dedication of Weber Clinic

**NEXT WEEK:** Congregational Dedication of Weber Clinic

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** If you are interested in joining our congregation, this Sunday and next, 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.

**RACE & RECONCILIATION ECUMENICAL SERVICE** This Sunday, September 29 at 6:00 PM, Pr. Hall will participate by offering one of the prayers in this service of the 100th anniversary of the lynching of Will Brown. Service to be held at Clair Memorial UMC at 5544 Ames Avenue in Omaha.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of Elaine Drickey

**ETERNAL CANDLE** is given to the glory of God in honor of our first wedding anniversary by Alex and Karen Hardy

## 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 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

**September 30 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

**October 1 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
 11:00 AM Devotions @ deFreese Manor  
 12:00 PM Yesterday's Youth

**October 2 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship  
 6:00 PM Confirmation Supper  
 6:30 PM Confirmation Class  
 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

7:30 PM Confirmation Worship

**October 3 Thursday**

11:30 AM Property Committee  
 4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

**October 5 Saturday**

Homebound Communion  
 4:30 PM Blood Pressure Checks  
 5:00 PM Worship

**October 6 Sunday**

Homebound Communion  
 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)  
 10:10 AM Adult Forum  
 11:00 AM MS/HS Choir  
 12:15 PM New Member Class  
 12:15 PM 1st Communion  
 12:30 PM Friends & Family Lunch

**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. **The deadline is tomorrow—Monday, 9/30.**

**MEN’S LUNCHEON** The Kountze men’s luncheon is held the third Thursday of every month. Join us on Thursday, October 17, 11:30 AM (Please RSVP by October 15) Suggested donation is \$10.00. Our October speaker is our very own Brent Rasmussen who will be sharing with us some of the special sporting activities he is involved with. Our November speaker will be Steve McCoy who is director of the Omaha Airport Authority. You never know what is going to be on the menu but you can bet it will be good. Please RSVP to the church office or jim@kmlchurch.org the Tuesday prior to the lunch.

**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.

**BELLEVUE BERRY FARM** Join us on Sunday, October 20, from 2:00 - 6:00 PM for a cookout of hot dogs, chips, drinks, and s’mores! There will also be time to explore the pumpkin patch (11001 South 48<sup>th</sup> Street, Papillion). We hope to see you there!

### **ATTENDANCE & GIVING**

**Saturday Attendance:** 44

**Sunday Attendance:** 9:00: 152 11:00: 152

**Midweek - Noon:** 9 **Evening:** 15

**Total:** 372

**Pantry Guests Served:** 428

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 19

**Offering:**

\$10,393.50 (Regular) \$896.00 (Specials)

\$1,200.00 (Phase 2)

**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.

## *Fight the good fight of faith.*

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

Sunday	Luke 16:19-31	Poor Lazarus and the rich man
Monday	Amos 6:1a, 4-7	Judgment for a self-Indulgent life
Tuesday	1 Timothy 6:6-19	The good fight of faith
Wednesday	Proverbs 22:2-16	The value of a good reputation
Thursday	Ephesians 2:1-10	From death to life
Friday	2 Corinthians 8:8-15	Generous giving
Saturday	Psalms 146	Praise for God's help
Sunday	Luke 17:5-10	Faith the size of a mustard seed

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Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. **1 Timothy 6:12 (NRSV)**

### **A Prayer for the Week:**

God of love, rich in mercy, feed us and strengthen us in faith that we may tell of your goodness and act with kindness to all. In Jesus' name, amen.

### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Lord, we're so blessed with the food you've sent. May we be thankful and content. Amen.

### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord open your eyes to see; may the Lord watch over you now and always. (Psalm 146:8-10)

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

- What are some of your favorite topics you like to talk about with your friends and family?
- Do you ever talk about the Christian faith with others? Why or why not?
- How does talking about your faith in Jesus make a difference in your life?

*Read:* Luke 16:19-31.

The Christian faith makes a difference in what we do, what we value, and what we see around us. The rich man in our story enjoyed himself immensely while Lazarus was outside his door starving and covered in sores. Even the dogs saw Lazarus and licked his wounds, but the rich man appeared to see and do nothing. In the parable that shows Lazarus in heaven with Abraham and the rich man in torment in Hades, the rich man wants help for himself and for his family. The help they needed was in the faith extolled in the Bible, the message of Moses and the prophets. If they cannot find comfort and direction from the Bible, even seeing someone rise from the dead will not help. God's persistent care of us, fully shown in Jesus' life, death and resurrection, has always been made known. To trust in the resurrection is to trust in the God of justice and mercy, a faith we are called to live each day. Where do you see a Lazarus in need near you? How does Jesus' resurrection lead you to a new way of life?

*Pray:* **Almighty God, you call us to a life of action and to confess our trust in your goodness. Help us to fight the good fight of faith in word and deed, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Psalm 146 offers praise for God's help. Communities of faith strive to serve others with justice and mercy. It is through God's help that they "execute justice for the oppressed and give food to the hungry" (v. 7). How does your faith community help the needy and feed the hungry? How can you be part of those efforts?

Paul encourages us to "do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share" (1 Timothy 6:18). It is a Christian tradition to give generously to others. Find a large box and label it, "The Generosity Box". Take a walk around your home and look in closets and drawers. Fill the box with items you no longer need or use. When it is full, decide where you will donate the items. Fill the box again in the future as a continued practice of giving to others.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9  
2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10**