

## KOUNTZE STAFF

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# KOUNTZE

## Memorial Lutheran Church

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September 11 & 12, 2021

*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.*

### **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.

### **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.

## **TODAY AT KOUNTZE**

### **Coffee Hour**

Please feel free to stop for coffee in the Fellowship Hall following service today. We need volunteers to help serve coffee and cookies. If you can help, please see Jim Smejkal 402-341-7761 or [jim@kmlchurch.org](mailto:jim@kmlchurch.org).

### **Adult Forum**

**Sunday, September 12**

**10:10 AM**

We look forward to gathering together officially in the Fellowship Hall on September 12. The first few Sundays will be "generally program free" to allow for greater conversation and the change to reconnect. Then, in late September and/or early October, our programs will review the return of fall programs and opportunities. Afterwards, we will return to normal Adult Education programs and themes.

### **Rally Sunday**

**Sunday, September 12**

**10:10 AM**

Register for Sunday School at:

<https://form.jotform.com/Kristinboe/Registration>

### **God's Work, Our Hands**

**Sunday, September 12**

This is an opportunity to be of service to our church and community. There are 3 areas of volunteering available which are described in the online registration form. Lunch will be served to all volunteers. Please contact Kristin Boe at [kristin@kmlchurch.org](mailto:kristin@kmlchurch.org), or at 402-630-4578 with any questions. Registration forms can be

found at

[https://form.jotform.com/Kristinboe/GodsWork?](https://form.jotform.com/Kristinboe/GodsWork?fbclid=IwAR07CQ9MZyWH1L2P1pN8KZKxS89vZ7cjxB)

[fbclid=IwAR07CQ9MZyWH1L2P1pN8KZKxS89vZ7cjxB](https://form.jotform.com/Kristinboe/GodsWork?fbclid=IwAR07CQ9MZyWH1L2P1pN8KZKxS89vZ7cjxB)  
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## This Week at Kountze Memorial

### September 12 Sunday

Pentecost 16

God's Work Our Hands Sunday

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

10:10 AM Rally Day/1st Day of Sunday School

12:15 PM Book Group

### September 13 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

### September 14 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

### September 15 Wednesday

#### Good News Deadline

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation Supper

6:30 PM Confirmation Class

### September 16 Thursday

#### Council Reports Due

~~11:30 AM Men's Lunch~~

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

7 PM Circle 5

### September 17 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

6:00 PM Council Retreat

### September 18 Saturday

9:00 AM Council Retreat

5:00 PM Worship

### September 19 Sunday

Pentecost 17

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

10:10 AM Sunday School

10:10 AM Youth Forum—YG Bible Study

10:10 AM Adult Forum

10:15 AM Worship Leader Training

10:30 AM Executive Committee

12:15 PM New Member Class

### Book Group

**Sunday, September 12, 12:15 PM**

#### Fellowship Hall Lounge

The September selection is "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson.

This is a historical fiction novel about the WPA Pack Horse Library Project started in 1935 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to get people to work and promote social and cultural awareness of art, theater, and literature. Cassy Mary Carter is a Pack Horse librarian in Eastern Kentucky, one of the hardest hit areas of the country during the Great Depression. Cassy rode her mule, Junra, to deliver books and reading material to the residents in the rockiest terrain of the Kentucky mountains. Cassy had to face the hardships of the terrain, weather, and prejudice of the citizens toward her job as well as being the last of her kind with a genetic blood disorder that caused her skin to be a shade of blue. The book is a story of courage, strength, poverty, and the belief that books can carry us anywhere.

### No Men's Lunch in September

Unfortunately, we need to cancel the Men's Lunch for September due to Jim having to be on Jury Duty. The October date for Men's Lunch will be Thursday, October 21. Please register by Tuesday, October 19.

### Worship Leader Training

**(Communion Assistants, Lectors, and Ushers)**

**September 19 or 26 (two opportunities, choose one)**

**10:15 AM**

Call the church office to register and meet in the Nave after the 9:00 AM Worship Service

### New Member Classes

**Sundays, September 19 and 26**

**12:15 PM**

If you are interested in learning more about Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church or maybe even considering membership, please sign up to attend the New Member Orientation Classes (please plan to attend both sessions). Lunch will be served. Please call the church office to sign up or if you have questions.

### Order of Saint John

#### Acolytes and Crucifers

Kountze members who are 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older are needed for these special roles in the 9:00 and 11:00 AM worship services. Please contact Jeff and Robin Perkins at 402-339-5384 if you would like to be trained to assist in the worship services.

## **Altar Flowers, Eternal Candle, TV Broadcast**

You can help us beautify the altar at Kountze Memorial 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 Flowers 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 on the chart on the bulletin board outside the Narthex, by calling the church office and/or by mailing a check to the church and note what it is for, and who it is in honor, in memory, or in thanksgiving of in the memo of your check. Your check can also be put in the offering plate when you attend Worship.

## **Kountze Food Pantry**

We are still in need of volunteers to sign up for "carry out duty" on Mondays from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. It is good to share the load, and give others a chance to serve. We are still collecting school supplies for our school aged guests. We are the only source for these items for some of the children. We CAN accept unfolded, paper bags, in new condition. We CANNOT reuse plastic shopping bags! Reusable tote bags are very welcome for our walking population. Thankyou for your contributions to the Kountze Food Pantry!

### **Volunteers Needed:**

Mondays, 7:30 - 9:00 AM;

9:00 - 11:00 AM;

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Fridays, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

If you would like to help please sign up to volunteer at the following link:

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



## **Milestone Ordination Anniversary Celebrations Sunday, October 3**

Join us in Worship and Fellowship Time to celebrate those who have served in ministry of the church. Former Bishop Rev. David deFreese, a son of the congregation, will be preaching at both services. A reception time with cake and remembrances will happen between services. We invite the congregation to bring cards of congratulations and thanks to place in a gift bag for each one.

## **Pumpkin Patch Outing Sunday, October 3**

## **How to Use Your Bible Seminar October 10 Sunday**

## **Kountze Memorial, Inc. Annual Meeting Sunday, October 17**

A Meeting of Members of Kountze Memorial, Inc. ("KMI") will be held at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church at 2650 Farnam Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131, on October 17, 2021, at 10:15 a.m. local time in the Fellowship Hall to consider the following:

1. To approve and ratify and sale of deFreese Manor to House of David Preservation, Inc. While this sale was previously approved by the members in June, the October 17 meeting will formalize such approval in a manner that complies with Nebraska law and what Nebraska Attorney General's office requires for non-profit organizations.
2. To amend the Articles of Incorporation to allow KMI to distribute upon dissolution all funds remaining after the payment of debts to Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church.
3. To dissolve KMI, contingent on the closing of the sale of deFreese Manor.

A formal notice of the Meeting will be mailed to all members. All members are cordially invited and strongly encouraged to attend the meeting. All questions may be directed to Scott Henneman, President of the Board of Kountze Memorial Inc. via email [scotthenneman@aol.com](mailto:scotthenneman@aol.com).

See the September Good News for detailed information

## **First Communion Class Sunday, October 17 and 24 10:15 AM**

### **ATTENDANCE & GIVING**

**Saturday:** 34

**Sunday: 9:00:** 103 **11:00:** 36

**Wednesday: 12:15:** 13 **Confirmation:** 14

**Total:** 199

**Streaming:** 54

**Cox Cable:** 199

**Pantry Guests Served:** 253 (includes 81 children)

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 21

**Offering:**

\$19,909.00 (Regular)

\$935.05 (Specials)

\$1,277.00 (Debt Reduction)

*Jesus asks us to pick up our own cross.*

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

Sunday	Mark 8:27-38	Taking up the cross
Monday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	God's servant must suffer
Tuesday	James 3:1-12	Controlling the tongue
Wednesday	1 Peter 2:18-25	The example of Christ's suffering
Thursday	Hebrews 12:1-11	The example of Jesus
Friday	Philippians 2:1-11	Imitating Christ's humility
Saturday	Psalm 116:1-9	A prayer of thanksgiving
Sunday	Mark 9:30-37	The servant of all is the greatest



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*[Jesus] called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." **Mark 8:34 (NRSV)***

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

Almighty God, help us to turn away from our self-centeredness and receive your life-giving power through the cross of Christ. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, in mercy and kindness you feed us. Give us strength and goodwill to show mercy and kindness to others. Amen.

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

May the God of generosity give you rest and peace. (Psalm 116:7)

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

- Tell or think about a time when you or someone else was being selfish.
- What happens when someone places their own needs before the needs of others?
- Jesus says that denying your own interests out of love is the way to find real life and joy. How do you overlook your own wants and interests for the sake of others?

*Read:* Mark 8:27-38.

This is it, the Caesarea Philippi moment, the moment Jesus asks his followers to identify who he is and what his life is about. Peter gets the title right but the mission wrong. It is clear in this reading that it is important to understand who Jesus is; he is the Son of Man. Jesus is the one who picked up his cross and laid bare his courageous and faithful life for others. This is the way of life that Jesus wants others to follow, too. Jesus was open to rejection, suffering, and his innocent death. Christian discipleship includes picking up our crosses to courageously and faithfully follow the one who holds the universe together. However, Jesus' own disciples did none of that at the time of his death. They were scared and ran away. The good news is that God will do great things through us, Jesus' imperfect followers. Where in your life might Jesus be asking you to pick up your cross to face life's challenges courageously and faithfully?

*Pray:* **Dear God, give me the courage to face life with faith and hope that others may know the power of love and salvation through the cross of Christ. Amen.**

The Letter of James points out that the way you live gives others an impression of what God is like. Think of someone you know who especially needs to hear words of mercy and kindness. How can you reach out to them this week?

Tertullian, an early Christian theologian, marked the sign of the cross on his forehead daily as early as the year 250. In 386, St. Cyril incorporated the sign of the cross during Mass. This is an ancient Christian blessing that reminds us that we are saved through the cross of Christ. This week before and after devotions, make the sign of the cross. Bring together your thumb, index, and middle fingers. Place them on your forehead, then to your chest, then from your left shoulder across to your right shoulder.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54  
James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37