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KOUNTZE

Memorial Lutheran Church

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September 18 & 19, 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.

Nursery

Our 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.

TODAY AT KOUNTZE

Who's in "My Pew"?

The choir is back! But where are they? So many of our choir members are back (we are very grateful) and the choir loft is not large enough for proper distancing—especially while singing. So, for now, they will be seated in the first rows on the east side of the Narthex close to the piano. If they happen to be sitting in "your pew," please find another seat and enjoy new neighbors and a new view during Worship. Thanks for being back choir! We've missed you.

Children's Choir

Beginning Sunday, September 19

9:20 AM

Ages K-6th Grade

Carlsen will be leading the singers during the 9:00 AM sermon. Those interested in participating in choir will attend the first part of the 9:00 service with their families, come forward for the children's blessing, and then go to the upstairs choir room for practice before returning for Communion.

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.

Adult Forum

10:10 AM

The first few Sundays in September will be "generally program free" to allow for greater conversation and the change to reconnect. Then, in late September and/or early October, we will review the return of fall programs and opportunities and at that time, we will plan to return to normal Adult Education programs and themes.

Recognition of Donna Moessner

Sunday, September 19

10:10 AM

Donna Moessner has retired as Children's Choir Director. We thank her for her outstanding service to our congregation and with our children. We want to recognize her work.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Pr. Hall on his birthday by Bill & Madaline Christensen; in memory of wife, Jean Holcombe given by Tom Holcombe

Eternal Candle is given to the glory of God in loving memory of my husband, Don Wichert, on his birthday given by his wife, Vickie

Television Broadcast is sponsored by Donald & Arlene Hirsh in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary

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-6th grade) is held from 10:10—10:50 AM.

High School Youth Forum

Join us each Sunday in the Youth Center at 10:10 AM. Today is a Bible Study on God's Boundless love for humanity.

Worship Leader Training

(Communion Assistants, Lectors, and Ushers)

September 19 or 26 (two opportunities, choose one)

10:15 AM

We will 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 feel free to attend the New Member Orientation Classes (please plan to attend both sessions). Lunch will be served.

This Week at Kountze Memorial

September 19 Sunday

Pentecost 17

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

9:10 AM Children's Choir (K-6th gr)

10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-6th gr)

10:10 AM Youth Forum—Bible Study (gr 7-12)

10:10 AM Adult Forum

10:15 AM Worship Leader Training

12:15 PM New Member Class

September 20 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

6:00 PM HGFC Clinic Board—A & B Rooms

September 21 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

6:00 PM Congregation Council

September 22 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation Supper

6:30 PM Confirmation Class

September 23 Thursday

1:30 PM Circle 4

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

September 24 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

September 25 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

September 26 Sunday

Pentecost 18

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

9:10 AM Children's Choir (K-6th gr)

10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-6th gr)

10:10 AM Youth Forum—Community Fun (gr 7-12)

10:10 AM Adult Forum

10:15 AM Worship Leader Training

12:00 PM Stephen Ministry

12:15 PM New Member Class

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.

Blessing of the Animals

Saint Cecilia Cathedral

701 N. 40th Street

Saturday, October 2, 2021

Music and Socializing at 10:30 AM; Blessing at 11:00 AM

Participating Churches: Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, Saint Cecilia Cathedral, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Saint Barnabas Church, Christ the King Church
Bring your pet(s) and join us for the annual Blessing of the Animals.

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.

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Kountze Memorial is hosting an afternoon at the Bellevue Berry Farm and Pumpkin Patch. Join us at a reserved campfire pit for hotdogs, chips, smores, and beverages. Admission is \$10 per person with children aged 2 and under free. The Bellevue Berry Farm offers pick-your-own vegetables, a three-story pirate ship, hayrack rides, and many other attractions. There will also be yard games around the campfire. Please RSVP to the church office at 402-341-7761, by Friday, October 1. Contact Kristin Boe at Kristin@kmlchurch.org with any questions.

Yesterday's Youth

Humane Society Dog Visit

Tuesday, October 5

Lunch at 12:00 PM

We will be serving chili/soup and light sandwiches.

If you would like to bring a donation for the animals the Humane Society is in high need of blankets, dog toys and canned chicken sausages.

How to Use Your Bible Seminar

Sunday, October 10

12:15 PM (following 11:00 AM service)

Parents and children are invited to a seminar on how to use your Bible. In anticipation of Bible Sunday, we will be teaching skills on how to introduce your child to the scriptures, gain confidence in using the Bible, and ways to study the stories of the Bible as a family. This seminar is geared toward elementary aged students. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the church office at 402-341-7761 by Friday, October 8. Contact Kristin Boe at Kristin@kmlchurch.org with any questions.

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 has been 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. See the September Good News for detailed information

First Communion Class

Sunday, October 17 and 24

12:15 PM

Communion is open to all baptized Christians. Those children who are already communing or those children interested in receiving Holy Communion, are invited to a First Communion class. We will begin with lunch in the conference room followed by instruction in the Nave with Kristin Boe and Pastor Hall. Participants will receive their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 9, at 7:00 PM. A good guide for determining when your children are ready to receive Communion is when they begin to ask about receiving it during the liturgy. The curriculum will be "Fed & Forgiven." All ages are welcome; the course is geared toward second graders. Please register with the church office at 402-341-7761 or info@kmlchurch.org.

Kountze Food Pantry

The Kountze Food Pantry is once again collecting full-sized hygiene items. We compile bags including shampoo/conditioner, bar soap or body wash, razors and shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss. We will hand these out in gift bags for the upcoming holidays. Thank you for your contributions, prayers and continued support for our ministry!

Pantry Volunteers Needed:

Mondays: 7:30 - 9 AM; 9 - 11 AM; 11 AM - 1 PM

Fridays: 4 - 7 PM

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

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

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Saturday: 26

Sunday: 9:00: 119 **11:00:** 37

Wednesday: 12:15: 11 **Confirmation:** 14

Total: 235

Streaming: 125

Cox Cable: 203

Pantry Guests Served: 1,070 (includes 314 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 29

Offering:

\$14,075.00 (Regular)

\$3,123.17 (Specials)

\$1,257.00 (Debt Reduction)

Jesus' followers are to care for the powerless.

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

Sunday	Mark 9:30-37	The servant of all is the greatest
Monday	Jeremiah 11:18-20	Plot to kill Jeremiah
Tuesday	James 3:13-4:8a	Wisdom from above
Wednesday	Galatians 5:13-15	Christ gives freedom
Thursday	Isaiah 42:1-9	A servant song
Friday	1 Peter 4:7-11	Serve others
Saturday	Psalm 54	A cry to God for help
Sunday	Mark 9:38-50	Avoiding sin



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[Jesus] sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Mark 9:35 (NRSV)

A Prayer for the Week:

God of heaven and earth, may we follow the way of Jesus and learn what it means to trust in you through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, just as you feed us with this gift of food today, we thank you for caring for us with your goodness and mercy. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May your life be blessed by the love of God through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

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

- How would you describe your friends, the people with whom you associate regularly?
- Society encourages us to "climb the social ladder." What does that mean to you?
- How would you describe the life Jesus wants you to follow?

Read: Mark 9:30-37.

Chapters 8-10 in Mark include three predictions of Jesus' death. Each prediction is connected with his disciple's misunderstandings and then some kind of teaching about discipleship. The focus of Jesus' words is more than a general endorsement of humility. It moves us in the direction of personal association with the vulnerable and the powerless, those considered "last" in society. In Jesus' day and in the Roman Empire, a child was without power or importance. To lift up and value a child was contrary to social norms of Jesus' day. When Jesus describes his own life's work, he makes a claim on us. We are to follow his way, the way of suffering and being the last. It is an active rejection of domination and the powers of this world. What is evident in these predictions is that Jesus' followers don't get it. His understanding of what it means to be "first" in life is so different from what we hear and see in daily life. It takes time to understand what it means to follow Jesus. It may take a lifetime. In the meantime, we are to care for the people who feel unimportant and powerless and be able to celebrate with them that life is redeemed and blessed. Who would you identify in your community as those who are considered powerless and "last of all"?

Pray: **Almighty God, through Jesus, you come to us with a power like no other. Help us to follow Jesus into a new way of life that loves you and all others. Amen.**

Jesus said, "*Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.*" (Mark 9:37) Many places in the world and in our own communities have children in need. Think or talk about children who are in need of food, clothing, and shelter. Keep them in your prayers. Is there a way you can help and support children in need or an organization that works with them?

The International Day of Peace is observed each year on September 21st. It was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1981. The Bible reading for Tuesday this week is from James 3. "*And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.*" (v. 18)

Think or talk about what it takes to make peace. Then write a list of situations or places that are in need of peace. Light a candle as you pray for each one on your list. Then pray: **Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, please bring your peace to _____.** Amen.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14
James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50