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KOUNTZE

Memorial Lutheran Church

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September 25 & 26, 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.

Children's Choir

9:20 AM

Ages K-6th Grade

Barb 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.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Richard Bock's birthday given by his sister, Janis Dagerman; in celebration of Shirley Gersib, Pat Studt's mom

Eternal Candle is given to the glory of God in honor of Richard Bock

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 Continues (Communion Assistants, Lectors, and Ushers) September 26

10:15 AM
We will meet in the Nave after the 9:00 AM Worship Service

New Member Class Continues Sunday, September 26

12:15 PM
The class continues today. Lunch will be served.

This Week at Kountze Memorial

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

September 27 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

September 28 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Circle 3

September 29 Wednesday

Michael & All Angels
12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Confirmation Supper
6:30 PM Confirmation Class

September 30 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

October 1 Friday

Coat Drive—October 1—October 24
5:00 PM Pantry

October 2 Saturday

Homebound Communion
5:00 PM Worship

October 3 Sunday

Pentecost 19
Homebound Communion
Ordination Anniversary Celebrations
Receive New Members

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
1:00 PM Pumpkin Patch

October 3 Sunday

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 (gr 7-12)
10:10 AM Adult Forum

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 Tuesday, October 5 Lunch at 12:00 PM

The Nebraska Humane Society had to cancel due to a date conflict. Watch the bulletin and e-news for more information.

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 Reformation Sunday, October 31, at 9:00 AM. 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 of ice 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: 37

Sunday: 9:00: 139 11:00: 38

Wednesday: 12:15: 10 **Confirmation:** 13

Total: 262

Streaming: 63

Cox Cable: 217

Pantry Guests Served: 1,046 (includes 335 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 28

Offering:

\$12,705.00 (Regular)

\$1,368.71 (Specials)

\$897.00 (Debt Reduction)

Confess your sins and pray for one another.

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

Sunday	Mark 9:38-50	Avoiding sin
Monday	Numbers 11:4-29	Moses and the seventy elders
Tuesday	James 5:13-20	The power of prayer
Wednesday	Psalm 4	An evening prayer
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 5:12-28	Final instructions
Friday	Romans 8:18-27	Future glory for God's people
Saturday	Psalm 19:7-14	The wonders of God
Sunday	Mark 10:2-16	Jesus blesses the children



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Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. James 5:16 (NRSV)

A Prayer for the Week:

God of heaven and earth, guide us in our words and actions that we may sing your praises and love all those in our care. In Christ we pray, amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, as you fill us with this meal, fill our hearts with a desire for your message of divine love and faithfulness. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the truth and beauty of God's word revive your soul and make you wise. (Psalm 19:7-11)

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

- What have you heard lately that filled you with joy?
- What have you heard recently that made you sad?
- In what ways can you communicate a message of healing, joy, and peace this week?

Read: James 5:13-20.

James is concerned about speech. Speech that is not of God leads to division, chaos, hatred, and death. Speech that is of God brings peace, purity, and gentleness (James 3:16-18). It has been argued that talk and dialogue on social media has not helped humanity. There are times it has caused division, chaos, and hate rather than peace, purity, and gentleness. In James 5, prayer, confession, and songs of praise are listed as worthy ways to speak. James is concerned about the misuse of the human tongue and of human speech. James is also concerned that Christians live up to their calling and communicate God's healing, forgiveness, and peace to others. Let's join James in the Christian movement that seeks the good, the true, and the beautiful for all through faith in Christ. How can you use speech, written or oral, for the good of all and to give praise to God?

Pray: God of healing and peace, use our words so that truth, hope, and healing may reign through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Access to social media can make everyone feel important. Seeing our own words can make us feel powerful and influential. The Letter of James knows that words are powerful but not always helpful. How can you use a social media platform or other means to offer words of prayer, praise, a song, or a Bible verse to bless others this week?

In Mark 9:38-40, Jesus' disciples complain that someone was casting out demons in Jesus' name but was not following Jesus' disciples. Sadly, it has been the case throughout our history that people who follow Jesus in a way different "from us" are condemned. This week, take time to list Christian traditions that are different from yours. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for their faith and witness in the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16