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KOUNTZE

Memorial Lutheran Church

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October 16 & 17, 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

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.

Sunday School

Sundays, 10:10 - 10:50 AM

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).

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Youth Forum

Sundays, 10:10 - 10:50 AM

All 7th – 12th Graders are invited to join us!

This Sunday—Youth Gathering Bible Study “God’s Boundless Love for Us”

Blessing of Quilts

Saturday & Sunday, October 16 & 17

Our sewing group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM. The group sews quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Quilts have played a major part of Lutheran World Relief’s mission since their founding in 1945. That means, for over 70 years, quilters across the country have lovingly stitched thousands upon thousands of quilts for distribution as part of LWR’s many projects. Their quilts have traveled all over the world, from Peru to India to Tanzania, providing warmth and comfort to millions of families. The quilts will be on display and blessed on October 16 & 17. There are envelopes attached to the quilts if you would like to help with shipping or donate toward materials for the quilts.

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.

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 office at 402-341-7761 or info@kmlchurch.org.

Evensong 2021 and Chili Cookoff

Rejoice! Lutheran Church

2556 S 138th Street in Omaha

Sunday, October 17

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Join in for Holden Evening Prayer worship, special music, and a chili Cookoff. Everyone is welcome.

Men’s Lunch

Thursday, October 21

11:30 AM

Please call the Church office by Tuesday, October 19 to make your reservation. We will have a short update on the stained-glass windows and time for re-connecting. Suggested donation is \$10.00.

Youth Event—All 7th - 12th graders invited.

Saturday, October 23

6:00—9:00 PM at Kountze

Dinner will be served.

Coat Drive

Now through October 24

St. Peter’s Church has asked us to collaborate with them and to collect new and gently used children’s and adult coats, hats, and gloves during the month of October. Please drop off your coat donations in the box

This Week at Kountze Memorial

October 17 Sunday

Pentecost 21

Blessing of Quilts

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 (gr 7-12)

10:10 AM Adult Forum

10:10 AM Kountze Memorial, Inc. (deFreese Manor) Meeting of Members

10:30 AM Executive Committee

12:15 PM First Communion Class

October 18 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

October 19 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group

6:00 PM Congregation Council

October 20 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation Supper

6:30 PM Confirmation Class

October 21 Thursday

11:30 AM Men's Lunch

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

6:00 PM Global Missions Committee

7:00 PM Circle 5

October 22 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

October 23 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

October 24 Sunday

Pentecost 22

Bible Sunday

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 (gr 7-12)

10:10 AM Adult Forum

12:00 PM Stephen Ministry

12:15 PM First Communion Class

in the Fellowship Hall no later than Sunday, October 24. Coats, hats, etc. will be distributed through Saint Vincent De Paul.

Bible Sunday

October 24

9:00 AM

Each year, through generous donations, Kountze is able to provide children ages 2 and 4, and those in 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th grades with age-appropriate Bibles as part of their faith formation. Children are encouraged to pick up their Bibles in the Bride's room before the 9:00 AM service and then proceed into the church. Those not receiving Bibles will get a token and are welcome to join us in the procession. To ensure each child receives a Bible, please make sure your students are registered for the 2021/2022 Sunday School year. Registration can be found online at <https://www.jotform.com/Kristinboe/Registration> Please contact Kristin Boe at Kristin@kmlchurch.org with any questions.

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: 29

Sunday: 9:00: 132 **11:00:** 63

Wednesday: 12:15: 12 **Confirmation:** 12

Total: 248

Streaming: 75

Cox Cable: 224

Pantry Guests Served: 917 (includes 303 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 17

Offering: Not available at time of printing

Servanthood is the heart of discipleship.

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

Sunday	Mark 10:35-45	The Son of Man came to save
Monday	Isaiah 53:4-12	Suffering servant song
Tuesday	Hebrews 5:1-10	Jesus the great high priest
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 4:1-13	The ministry of the apostles
Thursday	Joshua 22:1-6	Joshua speaks to the tribes
Friday	1 John 3:16-24	Love one another
Saturday	Psalm 91:9-16	God's protection
Sunday	Mark 10:46-52	Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus



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"[W]hoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all." **Mark 10:43b-44 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

God of compassion, help us to see what you see and to treasure what you treasure through Christ Jesus, the one who came to serve and set us free. Amen. (Mark 10:45)

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, with this food you serve us each day; may we serve others in a godly way. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord rescue you from trouble and give you a servant's heart through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Psalm 91:15)

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

- Who do you look up to? What is it about that person that you want to imitate?
- If you asked Jesus what you needed to do to follow him, what do you think he would say?
- Jesus knows our weaknesses and failings yet shows us kindness and mercy. How can knowing this influence how you live?

Read: Mark 10:35-45.

We may be tempted to think that prayer puts God in our back pocket to use as we wish. Not so! As Jesus pointed out, James and John did not even know what they were really asking of Jesus. To ask the Son of Man for something is to ask the source of the universe who has a different standard of what is important and what is valued. James and John wanted glory. Jesus wants love and service; openness to suffering is the glory Jesus sees. James and John wanted power. Jesus redefines power into servanthood and bondage to the needs of others as a slave. As Jesus gets closer to Jerusalem, there exists a growing urgency about understanding what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus puts it in crystal clear terms, but words that do not necessarily please our "old world" way of seeing goodness, truth, and beauty, or power and glory. You want to know what it means to follow Jesus? Pay close attention to Jesus' words: *"whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all"* (vv. 43b-44). How does being a servant—even a slave—upend your understanding of a successful life?

Pray: God of power and glory, cleanse us of our desire for personal glory and give us hearts for love and service through Christ Jesus, the Holy One of God. Amen.

According to Jesus, doing acts of service is not so much a list of projects as it is a way of life. How is your life a life of service? How is caring for the needs of others a life you wish to pursue with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength? Take time this week to use your gifts to serve others with a glad heart.

In Mark 10, Jesus talks about kings who like to order people around and have full power over their lives. Jesus tells us not to be like them, but to be servants of others, a much, more humble way of life. This week pray: **Dear God, give me a humble heart that I may gladly be a servant of others through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126
Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52