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KOUNTZE

Memorial Lutheran Church

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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

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by John & Lynn Schneiderman in honor of Amanda's 28th birthday: in honor of Bob Johnson's birthday by Mary Ann Johnson

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.

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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).

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”

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

Saturday, October 23

6:00—9:00 PM at Kountze

Dinner will be served.

Coat Drive

Today is the Last Day

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 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.

This Week at Kountze Memorial

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

October 25 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

October 26 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

11:30 AM Endowment Board

7:00 PM Circle 3

October 27 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation Supper

6:30 PM Confirmation Class

October 28 Thursday

1:30 PM Circle 4

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

October 29 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

October 30 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

October 31 Sunday

Reformation Sunday

Bible Sunday

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

9:00 AM First Communion

9:10 AM Children’s Choir (K-6th gr)

10:10 AM Sunday School (2 yr-6thgr)

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

10:10 AM Adult Forum

Ongoing and Coming Soon

Kountze Food Pantry

Our Pantry is participating in the Thrivent's Give Thanks and Give Back Food Shelf Challenge! Our job is to collect at least 500 individual containers of non-perishable foods from November 1-30, 2021. The food drive will be supplemented with a Generosity Multiplier Gift, courtesy of the Thrivent Member Network-Nebraska Region. This means the Kountze Food Pantry will not only benefit from the food, we will receive a matching gift of \$500! If you bring your contributions in a reusable canvas shopping bag, we can pass these on to our walking pantry guests. Thank you to all who brought hygiene products for our holiday gift bags. Your generosity, together with a very generous partnership with St. Michael Lutheran Church, will provide enough kits for 400 people!

Pantry Volunteers Needed:

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

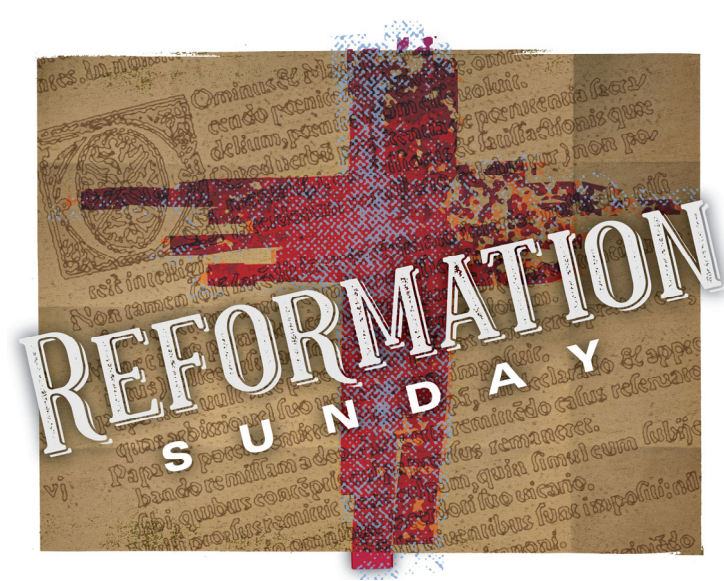
Fridays: 4 - 7 PM

If you link:

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

Reformation Sunday

Next Sunday, October 31



Be sure to wear red next Sunday in recognition of Reformation.

Stewardship

It's time to think about our giving for 2022. Mailings will be sent out next month.

Lutheran World Relief Quilts

Thank you to all who donated toward postage for the Lutheran World Relief quilts! We collected \$281 last Sunday and more has come in this week. What a generous response to this important ministry.



We just heard that Lorin Swingen passed away recently. If you would like to send cards to Lorna, her address is:

Mrs Lorna Swingen
4440 37th Ave S Apt 218
Fargo ND 58104

Attendance & Giving

Saturday: 34

Sunday: 9:00: 143 **11:00:** 73

Wednesday: 12:15: 11 **Confirmation:** 10

Total: 271

Streaming: 68

Cox Cable: 198

Pantry Guests Served: 965 (includes 306 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 21

Offering:

\$9,043.00 (Regular)

\$7,553.47 (Specials)

\$2,099.5 (Debt Reduction)

Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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

Sunday	Mark 10:46-52	Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus
Monday	Jeremiah 31:7-9	Israel will return to its land
Tuesday	Hebrews 7:23-28	Our Lord is a priest
Wednesday	Psalms 25:1-10	A prayer for guidance
Thursday	2 Chronicles 30:1-9	Hezekiah prepares for Passover
Friday	Proverbs 28:10-13	The law of God makes sense
Saturday	Psalms 126	Song of joy
Sunday	Mark 12:28-34	Love God and neighbor



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Jesus said to [Bartimaeus], "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. Mark 10:52 (NRSV)

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Amen. (Mark 10:48)

Mealttime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for restoring us in body and soul as you bless us with the gift of this food today. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord give you a heart to dream and a voice filled with shouts of joy. (Psalm 126:1-2)

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

- What is something you dream might happen in your life?
- Is it easy or hard for you to admit when you need help? Explain.
- At times, faith can feel like pleading to God for help. Give an example from your life.

Read: Mark 10:46-52.

In Mark 8:22-26 Jesus heals another blind man. However, in that instance, it took a couple of tries and the man is sent away back to his home. With Bartimaeus, Jesus heals the blindness instantly, and, this time, the man joins Jesus immediately. Something is happening. Jesus is now closer to Jerusalem and the real testing of his identity as Savior. Bartimaeus utters words that the church will expand and recite throughout its history. Those words are called the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Jesus acknowledges Bartimaeus' faith. It involves the life experience of need, of hope, of a dream, just like people have expressed through Psalm 126. As Jesus approaches Jerusalem and his trial, suffering, and death, he clarifies what it means to be a disciple. It looks like someone much like Bartimaeus, someone in great need with great hopes and dreams, someone seeing hope realized in Jesus, the Son of David, Lord of lords, King of kings. What do you need from Jesus?

Pray: God of mercy and hope, give us faith to trust in you and joy to follow you all the days of our lives through Christ Jesus, our Savior and God. Amen.

Statistics from the World Health Organization state that there are at least 2.2 billion people globally who are blind or have a vision impairment. At least one million of them could have been prevented. Used eyeglasses can be donated to a variety of organizations to be recycled and distributed to those in need or uninsured. Do you or someone you know have eyeglasses they no longer use that could be donated to a local organization?

Bartimaeus' plea to Jesus is very close to one of the many historic versions of the Jesus Prayer used for spiritual formation: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Pray this prayer daily before reading Psalm 126, a song of joy. Confessing our need for God is freeing, healing, and meant to be filled with joy, yes, leading us even to laughter.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36