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KOUNTZE

Memorial Lutheran Church

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October 2 & 3, 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.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of those celebrating ordination anniversaries; in honor of Arnold & LeClare Steffen's 73rd wedding anniversary given by daughter Jane & Rodney Lynam, Granddaughter, Jennifer Hellwig, and son, Tom Steffen

Eternal Candle is given to the glory of God in honor of our new members

TODAY AT KOUNTZE, continued

Television Broadcast is sponsored by Myrtle Weible and Laurine Savine in thankfulness for all the Pastors and Deacons for their years of Christian Ministry

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.

New Members

We welcome new members this weekend. Please be sure to introduce yourself to them and help them to feel welcome. Thank you to John Fox Design for donating corsages and boutonnieres for our new members.

Milestone Ordination Anniversary Celebrations This 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

Bellevue Berry Farm and Pumpkin Patch

This Sunday, October 3

1:00 - 5:00 PM

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.

This Week at Kountze Memorial

October 3 Sunday

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:00 AM Welcome New Members
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

October 4 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

October 5 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Yesterday's Youth

October 6 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Confirmation Supper
6:30 PM Confirmation Class
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

October 7 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

October 8 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

October 9 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

October 10 Sunday

Pentecost 20
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
12:15 PM Bible Seminar
12:15 PM Book Group

Yesterday's Youth

Tuesday, October 5

Lunch at 12:00 PM

The Nebraska Humane Society had to cancel due to a date conflict so the group **will not meet** in October.

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 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!

Evensong 2021 and Chili Cookoff

**Rejoice! Lutheran Church
2556 S 138th Street in Omaha
Sunday, October 17**

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Do you have a favorite chili recipe? Consider entering it in the cookoff. NE Lutheran Campus Ministry would like to have at least one entry per church to make it more fun. Besides the chili cookoff, there will be a silent auction, raffle, Holden Evening Prayer worship, and special music. For information or to be a part of the chili cook off, contact Jon Fredricks at j.fredricks@nelcm.com or Pastor Jim Holthus at lootr@hotmai.com.

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: 27

Sunday: 9:00: 125 11:00: 39

Wednesday: 12:15: 11 Confirmation: 0

Total: 231

Streaming: 108

Cox Cable: 220

Pantry Guests Served: 1,032 (includes 308 children) **Note:** An average of 30.5% of the people served by our pantry in September were children.

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 28

Offering:

\$11,190.00 (Regular) \$8,739.83 (Specials)

\$1,437.00 (Debt Reduction)

Jesus heals and blesses the defenseless.

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

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| Sunday | Mark 10:2-16 | Jesus blesses the children |
| Monday | Genesis 2:18-24 | God creates a human partner |
| Tuesday | Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 | God has spoken through Jesus |
| Wednesday | Psalms 147:1-11 | Praise the Lord |
| Thursday | Joel 2:18-27 | God's response and promise |
| Friday | Acts 3:1-10 | Peter heals a cripple |
| Saturday | Psalms 8 | God honors humanity |
| Sunday | Mark 10:17-31 | A rich man goes away sad |



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*“Truly I [Jesus] tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. **Mark 10:15-16 (NRSV)***

A Prayer for the Week:

God of tender care, help us to care for creation, for human beings, and family relationships so that we may serve one another in peace. In Jesus' name, amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, for this food we give thanks and praise that you are aware of our needs and care for us with your majesty. Amen. (Psalm 8)

A Blessing to Give:

May the glory of God bless you to live, to love, and to serve in Jesus' name.

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

- What words would you use to describe a good relationship with someone?
- What hurts relationships with others?
- God desires us to have life-giving relationships. In what ways can you fulfill God's desire for relationships with others?

Read: Mark 10:2-16.

When we read that the Pharisees ask Jesus about divorce, our bodies can easily tighten. Divorce has touched all of our lives. We know that at times divorce, as painful as it is, is better than remaining in a hurtful relationship. Jesus goes to the heart of the matter: God desires life-giving relationships, not divorce. Why is this so important? Because in Jesus' day women and children paid the greatest price in a divorce. Family life is foundational to our social fabric. For much of our history—and especially during Judaism of the New Testament—the protection provided by the shelter and wealth of a husband and father was essential to survival. Without it, women and children were left poor and ostracized by society. Today, men, too, can be the ones left with grief and distress. Jesus is speaking here to defend defenseless lives. He is teaching his disciples as they journey to Jerusalem to care for the helpless, the poor, and the socially dispossessed. This story in Mark about divorce, women, and children ends by caring for the two groups hurt most in a divorce in his day: women and children. He does not chastise them. He offers them his healing care, lays his hands on the children, and blesses them. How have you helped people who have been affected by divorce?

Pray: God of life and healing, help us to care for one another and to protect one another with our words and our actions through the healing touch of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Genesis 2:18-24 has real humor woven into the story of the creation of the woman. The all-knowing God has difficulty finding a helper and partner for the human being just created. Finally, God creates the woman as the perfect match. In describing the greatest mysteries of life, the Bible can be playful. As you enjoy relationships with others, be sure to find time for play and humor with those around you this week.

Go outside at night this week when the night sky isn't hidden by clouds. When you go inside, talk about the beauty of the sky and the different constellations that you saw. End your time by reading Psalm 8. If you are with others, close with this blessing: **May the majesty of God bless you to live and serve others in Jesus' name.**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31