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# KOUNTZE

## Memorial Lutheran Church

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**November 27 & 28, 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**

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God in memory of Pastor Clement Duraisingh given by Pr. Inba & Jeba Inbarasu

**Eternal Candle** is given to the glory of God by Pr. Inba & Jeba Inbarasu in memory of Pastor Clement Duraisingh

**Television Broadcast** is sponsored by Bob & Mary Ann Johnson in celebration of their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary as well as the anniversaries of Bob & Carol Woodworth and Ronald & Wanda Frykberg, also married 55 years

### **Children's Choir**

**9:05 AM**

**Ages K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Barb Carlsen will be leading the singers during the 9:00 AM sermon. Those interested in participating in choir will come forward for the Lighting of the Advent Wreath and then go to the upstairs choir room for

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practice before returning for Communion.

### Adult Forum

**Sundays, 10:10**

**This Sunday—Advent Fair**

### Sunday School

**Sundays, 10:10 - 10:50 AM**

This Sunday—Advent Fair in the Fellowship Hall  
Normally join us on Sundays on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited to join us!

**This Sunday—Advent Fair**

### Nebraska Synod Middle School Youth Gathering

**Saturday, January 5**

**9:00 AM—6:00 PM**

### Carol Joy Holling Camp

Words: What R U Trying 2 Say? Is the theme of the  
day. Sixth—8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to participate  
with the cost for the day being \$20. Information can  
be found on the Youth Board in the Youth Room.  
Registration fee is due in the church office by  
Friday, December 3

## This Week at Kountze Memorial

### November 28 Sunday

Advent Fair in the Fellowship Hall - No Sunday

School/Forums - join us

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

9:05 AM Children's Choir

### November 29 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

### November 30 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

### December 1 Wednesday

11:00 AM Advent Lunch

12:15 PM Worship

5:00 PM Advent Dinner

6:30 PM Worship

7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

### December 2 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

### December 3 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

### December 4 Saturday

Homebound Communion

5:00 PM Worship

### December 5 Sunday

Homebound Communion

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-6<sup>th</sup> gr)

10:10 AM Sunday School (2 yr-6<sup>th</sup> gr)

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

10:10 AM Adult Forum

## Ongoing and Coming Soon

### Advent Wreath Prayer Volunteers

If you as a family, couple, or single would like to lead  
a prayer around the Advent wreath at one of the  
weekend services during Advent, please go to the  
following sign-up. You can also call the church office.  
The prayer for that time, will be shared with to you.

<https://form.jotform.com/212975981639170>

### Advent Meal Volunteers Needed

We will need some volunteers to help prepare,  
serve, and clean up. We can always use volunteers to  
help put out placemats, pour drinks, run the  
dishwasher, etc. so no culinary experience is  
necessary. If you love to cook, we would be most  
happy to have you help us with one or all four meals.  
Please consider taking an hour or two this Advent  
season to volunteer before, during, or after one of  
the meals.

## Ongoing and Coming Soon *continued*

### 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!

Please note: Family Fare receipts must be complete in order to be counted. Partial receipts cannot be submitted.

#### 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>

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The Days are Surely Coming.... will be our theme for Advent this year. We join with ELCA World Hunger in pondering the scripture from Jeremiah and Luke that focus on Zachariah, John the Baptist, and Elizabeth. Join us at 12:15 PM for our Eucharist Worship or at 6:30 PM for Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesdays, December 1, 8, 15, & 22.

At this time, if you need to be able to get into the church building after office hours or on weekends outside of worship times, please talk with the church staff at least the day before you plan to be here so we are able to make sure doors can be opened and alarms will not sound which will in turn bring the police to attend your event...



We appreciate your assistance and patience.



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Please join us for Advent meals in December, there will be four meals this year. Bring your family, friends, neighbors or call your church friends and meet at Kountze for lunch or dinner. Maybe you met someone new at coffee and cookie hour, give them a call and invite them. The tentative menu(s) subject to minor changes follows:

# Advent

#### December 1

Pulled pork sandwiches  
Baked beans  
Coleslaw  
Apple crisp

#### December 8

Meatloaf  
Mashed potatoes (**not** out of a box)  
Mixed steamed vegetables  
Dinner roll w/butter  
Desert T.B.A.

#### December 15

Peruvian baked chicken  
Cilantro lime rice (plain rice available)  
Vegetable  
Roll with butter  
Desert T.B.A.

#### December 22

Baked spaghetti w/ meat sauce or alfredo  
Garden salad  
Garlic bread  
Desert T.B.A.

All meals are free will offering and served with choice of coffee, water, or tea.

Lunch: 11:00 AM – Noon

Supper: 5:30 – 6:30 PM

### Attendance & Giving

**Saturday:** 33

**Sunday: 9:00:** 196 **11:00:** 61

**Wednesday:** Not available at time of printing

**Total:** 290

**Streaming:** 49

**Cox Cable:** 224

**Pantry Guests Served:** 969 (inc. 333 children)

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 25

**Offering:**

\$17,410.00 (Regular)      \$4,303.36 (Specials)

\$10,702.94 (Debt Reduction)

*Abound in love for one another.*

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

Sunday	Luke 21:25-36	The coming of the Son of Man
Monday	Jeremiah 33:14-16	The Lord's wonderful promise
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Paul's words of thanks
Wednesday	1 John 4:7-12	God is love
Thursday	Deuteronomy 10:12-22	The essence of the law
Friday	Romans 13:8-10	Love for one another
Saturday	Psalms 25:1-10	A prayer for help
Sunday	Luke 3:1-6	Prepare the way of the Lord



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*And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you.* **1 Thessalonians 3:12 (NRSV)**

### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Lord Jesus, as we await your coming again, give us faith and good courage to resist evil and to be at peace with all people. In your name we pray, amen.

### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Give us strength through this meal that we may show gratitude for all you have created and love towards one another. Amen.

### **A Blessing to Give:**

May God make you increase and abound in love for one another. (1 Thessalonians 3:12)

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

- Think of something that has been challenging for you. What makes it a challenge?
- Advent begins with a focus on Christ's second coming. Why is this important?

*Read:* 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13.

1 Thessalonians is likely the oldest New Testament writing we have. It ends with Paul addressing the church's concern about Christ's second coming (see 4:13-5:11), very fitting for the first week of Advent. Living in Thessalonica was a challenge. It was a Roman capital, filled with Roman powers and a religious setting very different from the Christian faith. It led to the persecution and suffering of Christians living there. Paul connects their lives of holiness and innocence to the power of Christ's return. All of this encourages a life "set apart"—that's what holiness means. Living with those who wish you harm and with other gods to worship, is truly a challenge, one that needs the power of Christ and his return to sustain us daily.

*Discuss:* What are the challenges you face as a person of the Christian faith?

*Pray:* **Come, Lord Jesus, give us faith as we await your coming, that we may love all people as you love us now and always. Amen.**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme this week, is there something you can do to show God's abounding love to others?

This is the First Sunday in Advent. Make or purchase a round Advent wreath to represent God's unending love. Place three blue (or purple) candles and one pink candle on it. Place a white one in the center. Decorate with greens to symbolize eternal life. Light one blue/purple candle.

*Say:* **We light the first candle, the Prophet's candle, reminding us of the prophets who waited for the coming of Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus, come, and fulfill the promise.**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79  
Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6