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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. It is the understanding of the universal Church that those who wish to commune with bread only (especially for health reasons) have communed fully. Our form of distribution is Intinction. You will receive the wafer in your hand and then dip into the wine.

Children in Worship

We believe that all are welcome in worship and encourage families to worship together. Activity bags, children's bibles, and bulletins are available, as well as a 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 8:45 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 attendance card in your bulletin.

Thank you for supporting the ministries of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church.



Today at Kountze Memorial

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Hannah Rief on her 21st birthday given by her parents; in memory of Hannah Rief given by Leigh & Vicky; in memory of Kelcey Renae Fike given by Mary Jo Fike & Family; in honor of LeClare Steffen's 100th birthday given by Jane, Tom, Rod, and Jennifer

Television Broadcast is sponsored to the glory of God by Kay and Kathe Andersen in memory of Marvin Andersen

Kountze Café

9:30—11:00 AM

Join us each Sunday for breakfast. The suggested donation is \$5 adults, \$2.50 children 12 and younger for the hot breakfast and a free-will donation for the continental breakfast.

Breakfast Teams for the 3rd Sunday

We are grateful to the team that shows up on this Sunday to get our biscuits and gravy or ham and hash ready for us. Sherri and Frank Labeledz, Carole Woodworth, Leon, Sheila and Mia Valquier, Barbara and Dan Paris, Terri Gogetap, Jim West, and Zac Duminy have been seen in the kitchen making the magic of Sunday Morning breakfast happen. Thank you for great service with smiles!

Today at Kountze Memorial, *continued*

Adult Forum

Fellowship Hall

10:10 AM

Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **This week:** Outlining the Congregational Meeting Process **Next week:** Special Congregational Meeting & Vote

KMLC Camp Week

Carol Joy Holling Camp

June 18 - 23

Even if your child wasn't able to attend camp this coming week, you can still sign them up for camp

anytime this summer. Due to funding set up through a gift for Christian Education, KMLC will pay for youth attending Carol Joy Holling Camp this summer. Go to <https://www.caroljoyholling.org> and select the REGISTER. There is a three-step process of registering on Ultracamp, choosing a session, pay deposit and complete registration. On the third step select, "Pay items in full" and then "Pay by Check/Money Order". Then send a copy of this statement to shari@kmlchurch.org and we will take care of the rest. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity, and register today!

This Week at Kountze Memorial

June 18 Sunday

Pentecost 3

Father's Day

Jun 18 - Jun 23 Camp Week @ CJH

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast

10:10 AM Adult Forum

June 19 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

June 20 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group

6:00 PM Congregation Council

June 21 Wednesday

12:00 PM Summer Confirmation

12:15 PM Worship

June 22 Thursday

1:00 PM Circle 4

12:00 PM Summer Confirmation

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

June 23 Friday

Wedding Rehearsal

5:00 PM Pantry

June 24 Saturday

9:00 AM First Aid Training

3:00 PM Arispe & Zambuto Wedding

5:00 PM Worship

June 25 Sunday

Pentecost 4

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast

10:15 AM Special Congregational Meeting & Vote

For Your Calendar/News & Notes

Summer Confirmation

Did Confirmation pass you by, or do you want to continue learning? We'll have a program of 5 meetings this summer for those in 9th grade and above. A light meal will be served. We will participate in Wednesday Eucharist and then the learning will begin at 12:45 and conclude at 3:00 PM. We will meet in the Fellowship Lounge at **noon** on the following Wednesdays:

- Worship/Sacraments: June 21
- Discipleship: June 28

We will plan for Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, August 26. Please call the church office to sign up or e-mail shari@kmlchurch.org if interested in participating. Anyone is welcome to attend.

First Aid Training

The First Aid training will be Saturday June 24 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM (a light lunch will be served during training). The first aid training is free of charge for those attending the CPR classes on June 17. Please RSVP to the Church office or you can email jim@kmlchurch.org to reserve your spot.

Kountze Food Pantry

The Pantry is always short of canned soup and peanut butter. If you want to donate these items, please leave them in the box in Fellowship Hall. We are also very short of volunteers on Friday evenings. The service is from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Volunteers should arrive by 4:30. If you, or someone you know

would like to volunteer, please sign up at the link below:

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

What Happened to the Parking Meters?

You can download the [Park Omaha app](#) or the [ParkMobile app](#), create an account, and use it to pay for parking at any metered space in Omaha, or text "PARK" to 77223 (accepts card payment). You can also "pay by plate" by entering your license plate information at a multi-space meter (which accepts coins or card payments). Metered parking is enforced MONDAY - SATURDAY, 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM, excluding Sundays and holidays. This includes when you are at Kountze attending Worship services, meetings, etc. during the week and Saturday evenings. Sunday and handicapped hangers/plates are still free.

Please remember not to park in the Methodist parking lot by the handicapped entrance Monday—Friday (9:00 AM—4:30 PM).

House Painting for Low Income Seniors

Are you a low-income Senior Homeowner or do you know one? They can get a free fresh coat of exterior paint on their homes on Saturday, August 19. For more information call Leslie at Project Houseworks at 402-965-9201.

Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) Program

YAGM invites young adults (ages 21—35) into a transformative year of service and fellowship. Through YAGM young adults learn what it means to serve in a spirit of accompaniment as they walk

alongside global church companions. They become immersed in new communities and form deep relationships. And they confront issues of poverty, racial privilege, gender privilege, economic disparity and globalization, all through the lens of faith.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, year-round. The timeline for decisions follows:

- January 15—Priority deadline for the upcoming service year.
 - February 1—Final deadline for the upcoming service year.
 - August—YAGM participants depart for service.
- If you have questions about these updates or would like to chat about anything YAGM-related, please reach out to Mae, Interim Program Director, at MaeHelen.Jackson@ELCA.org.



To all fathers and father figures on this special day, thank you for the love, strength, and guidance you provide. Today, we celebrate you and the incredible role you play in our lives.

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 25, 10:15 AM

A special congregational meeting will be held to elect a rostered minister of the church to serve as Senior Pastor of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. The vote will take place by paper ballot, and time for questions will be provided. A two-thirds majority is required for the election of a rostered minister. As provided in our constitution, no absentee or proxy ballots are permitted. There will also be a vote on the recommended compensation package for the rostered minister, which may be decided by voice or hand vote, and requires a simple majority. No amendments may be made to either resolution. No other items of business may be conducted at this meeting.

Attendance & Giving

Saturday: 44

Sunday: 9:00: 131 **11:00:** 57

Wednesday: 12:15: 112 **6:15:** 73

Total: 417

Streaming: 47

Cox Cable: 129 (Monthly Average for May)

Pantry Guests Served: 873 (inc. 291 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 15

Offering:

\$1,1729.92 (Regular) \$1,708.00 (Specials)

\$483.06 (Debt Reduction)

Sent out to do the work of Jesus.

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

Sunday	Matthew 9:35–10:23	The sending of the twelve
Monday	Exodus 19:2-8a	Israelites go to Mt. Sinai
Tuesday	Romans 5:1-8	How to be acceptable to God
Wednesday	Galatians 5:22–6:5	Bear one another's burdens
Thursday	Deuteronomy 15:7-11	How to treat the poor
Friday	Hebrews 13:1-8	Service well-pleasing to God
Saturday	Psalms 100	The Lord is good
Sunday	Matthew 10:24-39	The call and cost of discipleship



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*"As you [the twelve apostles] go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons." **Matthew 10:7-8a (NRSV)***

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, you have promised to do great things through us. Give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hands to do your will through Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we are the sheep of your pasture; we thank you for this food, a gift of your steadfast love and faithfulness through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 100)

A Blessing to Give:

May the love of God be poured into your heart through the Holy Spirit. (Romans 5:5)

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

- What do you do to help others, and what gets in the way of helping others?
- How is the care you offer to others doing the work of Jesus?

Read: Matthew 9:35–10:8.

Jesus asks his disciples (described here as "apostles," that is, those sent) to go out and do what he does. They are to go out and announce the good news of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven, to heal sick people, raise the dead, and cast out demons. This is also the work that Jesus did (Matthew 4:17, 23-24). Casting out demons meant freeing people from all powers that prevented them from living full lives as those created by God. What Jesus did, we will do. However, there is no mistaking our own brokenness. Peter will deny Jesus three times, Judas Iscariot will betray him, Matthew the tax collector collaborated with the Roman government, and Simon the Cananaean was a "zealot" who worked against the Romans. The fact is that this motley crew is not so different from the church of any age and yet capable of doing Jesus' work by the power of the kingdom of heaven that has also come near to us.

Discuss: When have you been surprised by the healing power given to you to bless other lives?

Pray: **Healing God, give us courage to face the challenges of daily life with love and hope that reaches out to others with the kingdom that has come near to us through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve others to give them hope in their daily lives?

In many countries around the world today, the third Sunday in June, is Father's Day. It is a special day to cherish the role of fathers and of those with whom we have had a paternal relationship. This day is set aside to honor fathers and provide an opportunity to celebrate fatherhood. Think or talk about the father(s) and other men in your life. Write a list of their names, read them aloud, and pray: **Dear God, thank you for the gift of fathers and all men who have made a difference in our lives. For the care they have given us and the guidance they have shared with us, we give you thanks. Amen.**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39