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KOUNTZE

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October 14 & 15, 2023

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 the 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—due to illness, there is no nursery today.

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. Offering plates are located by the doors in the Nave.

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

Welcome!

This weekend we welcome new members to Kountze Memorial Church. We also welcome the new Executive Director of Kountze Commons, Jill Conway. There will be a reception between services on Sunday to welcome them all.

Faith Formation

Children's Choir

**9:15 AM (following 9:00 AM Children's Blessing)
Grades K-6**

Join Barb Carlsen on the 2nd floor in the Sunday School Music Room

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.

Sunday School

10:10 AM

Ages 2 years-6th Grade

Join us in the 2nd Floor Sunday School Rooms where the children will see how Jesus taught his followers to live in God's word and spread that message to others through art, games, science, storytelling, cooking, and missions.

Today at Kountze Memorial, *continued*

Youth Forum

Lower Level Youth Room

This week: Bible Study **Next Week:** Games

Adult Forum

Fellowship Hall

Sundays, 10:10 AM

Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **This week:** Introducing the New Director of Kountze Commons; New Member Reception **Next week:** Pr. Wynard—Installation Reception

First Communion Classes

Sundays, October 15 & 22

12:15 PM (following the 11:00 AM service)

Has your child expressed curiosity about Communion? We will be holding First Communion classes on October 15 and 22, following the second service. Children in second grade are encouraged to attend these sessions. A light lunch will be served for parents and student. First communion will be on October 29 at the 9:00 AM service.

This Week at Kountze Memorial

October 15 Sunday

Pentecost 20

Good News Deadline

Receive New Members

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-6)

9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast

10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour

12:15 PM First Communion Class

October 16 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

October 17 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group

6:00 PM Congregation Council

October 18 Wednesday

9:00 AM Quilting (note extra date)

6:00 Confirmation

October 19 Thursday

11:30 AM Men's Lunch

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

6:00 PM Circle 5

6:30 PM Bible Study

October 20 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

October 21 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

6:00 PM Installation Celebration

Potluck

October 22 Sunday

Pentecost 21

Blessing of Quilts

Pastor Wynard Installation

9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-6)

9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast

10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour

12:15 PM First Communion Class

For Your Calendar/News & Notes

Women and Gender in Luke/Acts

Led by Dulcinea Boesenberg

Thursdays through November 2

6:30-7:30 PM

October 19 - Women's Service and Men's Ministry

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus comes not to be served, but to serve, and women are examples of this service. In the Acts of the Apostles, service refers to ministry and is restricted to men. We will consider why this might be the case and the effect of this shift.

The Heart of Gratitude

Creighton University Retreat Center

Griswold, IA

Saturday, October 21

Cost: \$60 (includes lunch)

The day's activities will include prayer, reflection, small group sharing, and walking in nature. Wear good walking shoes; bring a journal and pen. Register at curc@creighton.edu or 712-778-2466

The Lutheran Youth of Nebraska (LYON)

Assembly

November 17-19, 2023

Carol Joy Holling Camp near Ashland, NE!

Grades 9-12 and Their Adult Leaders

Register by October 27

What does it mean to Go and... Be Honest? How does honesty impact our understanding of history, scripture, relationships, values and our work as advocates? Deacon Ross Murray will be our guide as we explore what it means to live into our individual call to serve as advocates. Workshops will help you hone your skills as an advocate for others and for issues that are important to you. And with Bishop Scott Johnson we will learn how we the church Go and... be honest mindful of and honoring the diversity of church and the communities where we dwell. Esther and Nicodemus will be our Biblical role models for the weekend. **Register by October 27** at <https://nebraskasynod.org/event/lyon-2023/>

Bible Sunday

Sunday, October 29

Children ages 2 and 4, and in grades 1, 3, 5, and 7 will receive age-appropriate Bibles at the 9:00 AM service. Please make sure you have your students registered so that they receive their Bibles. Sign them up online with the following link: <https://form.jotform.com/Kristinboe/SundaySchool>

Grief Seminar

Sunday, November 5

12:15—1:30 PM

Fellowship Lounge

We will join with The Rev. Ruth Tomlinson, a trained facilitator of Walking The Mourner's Path. She will

assist us in claiming the story of the ones who have died. A light meal will be served. Please RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend by November 1 so we know how many to plan on for lunch.

ELCA Young Adult Gathering

Young Adults (19-25-year-olds)

July 16-20, 2024, in New Orleans

An ELCA Young Adult Gathering will take place at the same time as the ELCA National Youth Gathering. Each group will have separate daytime offerings followed by a joint Evening Program. As this is a new event, plans are still being made. We hope you will consider attending this event. Please contact Pr. Shari or the church office if you are interested in attending.. For more info or to register, go to <https://www.elca.church/gathering/attend/young-adult-gathering>

Upcoming Youth Events

Grades 1-6:

Nov. 19 Thanksgiving Pantry Bags

Grades 7 & 8:

Nov. 10-12 Middle School Retreat at Carol Joy Holling Camp

Grades 9-12

Nov. 12 Friendsgiving

Nov. 17-19 NE Synod LYON Assembly at Carol Joy Holling Camp



GO AND BE



Attendance & Giving

Saturday: 25

Sunday: 9:00: 130 11:00: 61

Wednesday: 12:15: 13 Conf: 4

Total: 246

Streaming: 53

Pantry Guests Served: 786 (inc. 291 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 26

Offering:

\$18,657.37 (Regular)

\$68,029.89 (Specials)

\$1,283.56 (Debt Reduction)

Paul offers a guide for our life together.

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

Sunday	Matthew 22:1-14	Parable of the wedding feast
Monday	Isaiah 25:1-9	A prayer of thanks to God
Tuesday	Philippians 4:1-9	Paul encourages his coworkers
Wednesday	Acts 2:43-47	Life among believers
Thursday	1 Peter 5:1-11	Tending the flock of God
Friday	2 Timothy 1:1-7	Timothy's spiritual background
Saturday	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Sunday	Matthew 22:15-22	The question of paying taxes



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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, give us your peace that we may live together as a community of faith with compassion and confidence through Jesus Christ, our Shepherd and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this meal, a sign of your care for us that knows no end through Christ Jesus our Lord and Shepherd. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the goodness and mercy of God follow you all the days of your life. (Psalm 23:6)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Is there a friend or relative who thinks and acts similar to you? Explain.
- How does faith in Jesus guide and influence the way we live with others?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Philippians 4:1-9.

Two women who have worked side by side with Paul are urged to *"be of the same mind in the Lord"* (v. 2). Paul does not explain his specific concerns. They are co-workers in the gospel and need help from the community. What Paul urges is that they face whatever the issue may be with the mind, the attitude, of Christ. Paul describes the mind of Christ with words like rejoicing, prayer, and thanksgiving. All of this leads to the peace of God. In our own time, we in the church are co-workers, and yet we, too, need help to live together in peace. Paul's message leads us to pursue our issues with one another with truth, honor, justice, purity, excellence, and praise. Simply put, the gospel leads us to remember and pursue what is commendable for our life together, not on what divides us. Paul emphasizes that his words are worth thinking about again and again.

Discuss: How can reflecting on the mind of Christ help you receive the peace of God as you live with others in the church?

Pray: **God of peace, help us to see each other with the mind of Christ that we may live with one another in peace and with honor and justice for all through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, in what ways can you show humility and gentleness toward others this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalm 23 is the shepherd David's song to God and one of the most well-known scriptures in the Bible. David likens how a shepherd cares for sheep to how God loves each one of us. Draw or make a sheep using cotton, cardboard, glue, and crayons/markers. Think or talk about ways a shepherd cares for sheep and then about how God cares for you. *Pray:* **Lord, thank you for caring for me and leading me with love. Amen.**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22