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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 worshipping, growing, and serving in downtown Omaha for over 165 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

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.

### 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.

### Large Print Bulletins and Listening Devices

Please speak to an usher if you would like a large print bulletin or an assisted listening device.

### Scan to Give Online



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

### Connect with Pr. Lucy

Schedule a time to meet with Pastor Lucy by following the link or QR Code. <https://calendly.com/pastor-lucy/45min>



### Today at Kountze Memorial

**Thank you** to Mary Norton for her willingness to share her talents on the organ and piano with us at 9 AM this Sunday morning.

**Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God** by Wayne Hahn in memory of Joyce E. Hahn; given by Donald & Arlene Hirsh in celebration of their 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

**Eternal Candle** is given to the glory of God by Wayne Hahn in memory of Joyce E. Hahn

**Television Broadcast** is sponsored to the glory of God by Donald & Arlene Hirsh in celebration of their 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

### Children's Choir

9:15 AM

#### K-6<sup>th</sup> Grades

Following the 9 AM Children's Blessing, children are invited to join the Children's Choir with Barb Carlsen or join Kristin Boe for a Children's Sermon. Children will return to their seats in time to receive communion.

### Children's Sermon

9:15 AM

#### Grades K-4

Following the 9 AM Children's Blessing, children not wanting to participate in Choir, may join Kristin Boe for a children's sermon in the Upper rooms. The children will return to their seats in time to receive communion.

### Kountze Café

9:30—11:00 AM

Join us each Sunday for breakfast. The schedule for September is slightly changed. This morning is our picnic, so join us for cookies & coffee and stay for the picnic lunch! Next week is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month - cookies and coffee only will be served. Hot breakfast will begin in October.

## Today at Kountze Memorial, *continued*

### Sunday School

**10:10 AM**

#### Ages 2 years-6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Join us in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Adult Forum

**Sundays, 10:10 AM**

Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall for a lite breakfast and then stay for Adult Forum.

**This week:** Fellowship (Congregation Picnic Set up)

**Next week:** 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presentation, 2

### Annual Church Picnic

**Everyone is Invited!**

**Sunday, September 22**

**11:30 AM - 2:30 PM**

Get ready for a day of food, fun, and fellowship at our Annual Church Picnic! The day will be filled with outdoor entertainment for the kids, and we'll wrap up with everyone's favorite—BINGO! Hope to see you there!

## This Week at Kountze Memorial

### September 22 Sunday

Pentecost 18

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 Café Lite

10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour

11:30 AM Church Picnic

### September 23 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

### September 24 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

12:30 PM Circle 3

6:00 PM Global Mission

### September 25 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation @ St. Timothy

### September 26 Thursday

1:00 PM Circle 4

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

### September 27 Friday

Wedding Rehearsal

5:00 PM Pantry

### September 28 Saturday

Miller & Woster Wedding

5:00 PM Worship

### September 29 Sunday

Michael & All Angels

Pentecost 19

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 Café - Breakfast

10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour

10:15 AM New Member Class

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## For Your Calendar/News & Notes

### New Member Classes Continue

**September 29**

**10:15 AM**

Explore the potential of joining Kountze Memorial by attending our upcoming new member class. The next new member classes will be held in January.

### Cards with Friends

**Thursday, October 3**

**2:00 PM**

We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall on the first Thursday of the month for a time together playing cards. Bring a snack to share. All are welcome.

### Worship Assistant Training

**Sunday, October 6, 12:15 PM or**

**Sunday, October 13, 10:10 AM**

• Join us for a training of Lectors, Greeters, Ushers,

Communion Assistants, Altar Guild

- **All current servers** are encouraged to attend for a refresher course
- If you are interested in learning more about Worship Assistants, please contact the church office to register or sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall

### Explore! Day Retreat

**Carol Joy Holling Camp**

**Elementary Age Students**

**Saturday, October 5**

**9 AM**

**Cost: \$25 per camper (includes meals)**

Explore! Day Retreats for elementary students is a chance for young campers to get out and enjoy camp in one compact and fun day. In addition to Bible study and worship, the children will be experiencing many

favorite camp activities together as they share in fun and fellowship. Every Explore! Day Retreat is different, so first-time and long-time participants can both join in the fun as we focus on environmental education, fellowship, and faith! If you have questions about the Explore! Day Retreat, please contact our Youth Programs Specialist, Laura, at [LStalder@NLOM.org](mailto:LStalder@NLOM.org) or 402-944-2544. For more info or to register, go to: <https://www.cjhcenter.org/explore>

### **Blessing of the Animals**

**Saturday, October 5**

**10:30 AM**

**St. Cecilia Cathedral**

**701 N 40<sup>th</sup> St**

Cathedral will host an outdoor celebration of the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. Bring your pets (dogs on a leash please) to the Cathedral front steps and join in this delightful event for all creatures great and small. Music and socializing 10:30 AM. Blessing at 11:00 AM. Come early and bring your pooch with you to the Pancake Breakfast!

### **Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi, Peacemaker**

**Tuesday, October 9**

**7:00 PM**

**Trinity Episcopal Cathedral**

**113 North 18<sup>th</sup> Street**

Mark your calendars! Kountze Memorial will once again join Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in a service commemorating St. Francis of Assisi, Peacemaker.

### **First Communion Classes**

**Sunday, October 13 or Sunday, October 20**

**12:15 - 2:00 PM**

**A light lunch will be served.**

Meet with Kristin Boe and Pastor Hall in the Nave. The curriculum will be "Fed & Forgiven". All ages are welcome; the course is geared toward 2nd graders. Please call the church office, email [kristin@kmlchurch.org](mailto:kristin@kmlchurch.org), sign up at the Welcome Desk, or use the QR Code to register. Children will receive their First Communion on Reformation Sunday, October 27.

### **Table Grace Café Food Truck Events**

The Mobile Grace food truck is around town serving delicious food. Check the schedule below for dates and times. You can enjoy delicious food and feed the community at the same time!

9/26	11 AM—1 PM	Viterra Omaha (1331 Capitol Ave)
9/27	3-9 PM	Blackstone (3922 Farnam)
9/29	9:30 AM—1:30 PM	St. Thomas (17007 Q)

### **Haunted House & Fellowship Night**

**High School & Young Adults**

**Sunday, October 13**

**5–6:30 PM - Kountze Memorial (food & fellowship)**

**7 PM - Dungeon of the Damned**

**(basement of Hollywood Candy - 1209 Jackson St.)**

We want everyone who can make it to come, so if cost is a concern, please reach out to Pastor Lucy! Buy tickets online for \$20 at:

[www.dungeonofthedamned.com](http://www.dungeonofthedamned.com)

### **Kountze Food Pantry**

The Kountze Food Pantry is continuing to collect toothbrushes and toothpaste for our Pantry guests. These items are always available along with bar soap, razors, feminine hygiene products, and toilet tissue. We offer deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, shave cream, body wash, and lotion on the first Monday of the month. Any donation of toothbrushes and toothpaste (or any of these hygiene products) would be greatly appreciated. You may place your contribution in the donation box in the Fellowship Hall or, if ordering online, sent directly to the Church. As always, we are in need of volunteers. We have jobs for most ages and abilities. If you are interested in helping out, please sign up at the link below.

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

### **Attendance & Giving**

**Thursday, 9/12—Wednesday, 9/18**

**Saturday: 32**

**Sunday: 9:00: 175 11:00: 61**

**Wednesday: 12:15: 7**

**Total: 275**

**Streaming: 56**

**Pantry Guests Served: 1029 (inc. 309 children)**

**Medical Clinic Guests Served: 15**

**Offering:**

\$11,269.95 (Regular)      \$1,624.84 (Specials)

\$362.00 (Debt Reduction)

*Jesus calls us to be a servant to all.*

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 9:30-37	The servant of all is the greatest
Monday	Jeremiah 11:18-20	Plot to kill Jeremiah
Tuesday	James 3:13–4:3, 7-8a	Wisdom from above
Wednesday	Galatians 5:13-15	The nature of Christian freedom
Thursday	Psalms 31:14-24	A prayer for protection
Friday	2 Timothy 3:10-17	Paul's charge to Timothy
Saturday	Psalms 54	A cry to God for help
Sunday	Mark 9:38-50	Avoiding sin



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#### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*He [Jesus] sat down, called the twelve and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Mark 9:35 (NRSV)*

#### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

##### A Prayer for the Week:

God of power and might, give us wisdom and faith to see that being a servant to others is the path of life and greatness through our Lord Christ Jesus. Amen.

##### Mealttime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for your loving service that provides for us this gift of food through Jesus Christ, the one who came to be a servant of all. Amen.

##### A Blessing to Give:

May God deliver you from every trouble. (Psalm 54:7)

#### CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Who is the most important person you know? Describe what makes that person important.
- How does our general understanding of greatness differ from Jesus' focus on greatness through service?

#### DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Mark 9:30-37.

In this reading, Jesus' disciples clearly do not understand what Jesus is saying. They are afraid to even question Jesus. They seem clueless and pretty much end up imagining the opposite of what Jesus has been saying. They argued about who was the greatest among them. Jesus had to shake things up a bit to get them on the right track. Instead of greatness and power, Jesus used the example of a defenseless child. He reasoned that if you want to understand his kingdom, you must be like a small, powerless child. Whatever you consider to be the best and the greatest, put that last. Whatever you are tempted to dishonor, honor it for all to see. So, what does a follower of Jesus look like? (A servant of everyone else.) Instead of the greatness of being served, greatness for Jesus is serving. Giving your life's blood for the needs of others will fill them with good things and bless them with the presence of a gracious God.

*Discuss:* How has someone served you and how did that make you feel?

*Pray:* **Almighty God, give us ears to hear and eyes to see the life you want for us as servants that all may know your love through Christ Jesus, the one who died that we may live. Amen.**

#### SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you be a servant to someone?

#### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

James 3:18 states, *"And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace."* Pray this well-known prayer written by St. Francis of Assisi and discuss what it means: **Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14  
James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50