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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

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God in memory of Arnold and LeClare Steffen on the 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their wedding given by their family

### 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 the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month - cookies and coffee only will be served. Hot breakfast will begin in October.

### 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.

## Today at Kountze Memorial, *continued*

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

**Next week:** Welcoming New Members & Stewardship

### 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.

## This Week at Kountze Memorial

### 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

### September 30 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

### October 1 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

### October 2 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation @ St.

Timothy

7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

### October 3 Thursday

2:00 PM Cards with Friends

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

### October 4 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

### October 5 Saturday

Homebound Communion

9:00 AM Explore! Day Retreat

(gr. 1-6) Camp CJH

10:30 AM Blessing of the Animals

@ St. Cecilia Cathedral

5:00 PM Worship

### October 6 Sunday

Pentecost 20

Homebound Communion

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 Worship Assistant

Training

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## For Your Calendar/News & Notes

### 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.

### 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!

**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 asked 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

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

**Wednesday, 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.

**KMLC Book Group**  
**Sunday, October 13**  
**12:15 PM**

**Fellowship Lounge**

The book for this month is *Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone* by Benjamin Stevenson. This is a hilarious not-to-be-missed murder mystery which is soon to be adapted into an HBO series. Everyone is welcome.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Please call the church office, email kristin@kmlchurch.org or sign up at the Welcome Desk. Children will receive their First Communion on Reformation Sunday, October 27.

**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)

**Men's Lunch - Octoberfest!**  
**Thursday, October 17**  
**11:30 AM**

**Suggested Donation: \$10.00**

Join us in the Link for food, fun, and fellowship. Who knows what Jim will have on the menu (rumor has it that there could possibly be brats and homemade sauerkraut...) but it's sure to be good! Please sign up by Tuesday, October 15 by calling the church office or emailing jim@kmlchurch.org. You can also sign up at the Welcome Desk. Bring a friend. Lederhosen not required.

**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>

**Nebraska Religious Leaders for Hope and Peace**

Below is a link to a letter signed by The Rev. Scott Alan Johnson, Bishop of the Nebraska Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, as well as other religious leaders in Nebraska. They are asking us to "...choose hope over hate, to build bridges of understanding that reach toward reconciliation, to work together to create communities of peace where all can thrive. We come from different places and different traditions, but we stand together in hope..."

<https://nebraskasynod.org/news/hopeandpeace/>

**Attendance & Giving**  
**Thursday, 9/19—Wednesday, 9/25**

**Saturday:** 21  
**Sunday: 9:00:** 164 **11:00:** 64  
**Wednesday: 12:15:** 11  
**Total:** 260  
**Streaming:** 62  
**Pantry Guests Served:** 1,061 (inc. 346 children)  
**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 20  
**Offering:**  
\$11,326.58 (Regular) \$643.33 (Specials)  
\$377.00 (Debt Reduction)

*Jesus wants us to be at peace with one another.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*Jesus wants us to be at peace with one another.*

Sunday	Mark 9:38-50	Avoiding sin
Monday	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	Moses and the elders
Tuesday	James 5:13-20	The power of prayer
Wednesday	Matthew 5:9	Blessed are the peacemakers
Thursday	Psalms 4	An evening prayer
Friday	2 Thessalonians 3:16-17	Final greetings
Saturday	Psalms 19:7-14	The wonders of God
Sunday	Mark 10:2-16	Jesus blesses the children



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### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*But Jesus said, "do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us." Mark 9:39-40 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

God of peace, we thank you for all those who do acts of kindness and mercy in your name through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, for the food that we eat and your love that we receive through this meal, we give you our thanks and praise. In Jesus' name, amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the love of God give you peace in Jesus' name.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Think or talk about a time when someone unexpectedly did something kind for you.
- How can assistance from someone you didn't expect help from be seen as the work of God and give you peace?

### DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Mark 9:38-50.

What Jesus says in this reading is difficult to understand and seems very harsh. Jesus knows his life will not be easy and that following him will not be easy either. A *Caring Conversation* question once asked, "When have you felt judged for your faith?" One person's answer was, "from fellow Christians!" That responder noted that it was also easy for him to look down on other Christians who are not like himself. We tend to want other believers to fall into our own patterns and ways of being a Christian. Jesus clearly rejects this attitude for his disciples. If others are doing good deeds in Jesus' name but are not a member of your congregation or denomination, leave them alone! Otherwise, we may be causing someone to unnecessarily trip and fall, and they can be seriously hurt in the process. In the strongest terms possible, Jesus cautions us not to be the cause of others to stumble and fall. That is not the way of a follower of Jesus. Jesus wants us to "be at peace with one another" (v. 50).

*Discuss:* In what ways can you communicate a message of peace with others?

*Pray:* **God of steadfast love, help us to support the faith and efforts of Christians who do acts of love and mercy that may be different from our own, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, identify and thank people who offer valuable care to others.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalms 19 says that God's commands and teachings are more precious than gold and sweeter than honey (v. 10). We are called to carry these commands and teachings with us like jewelry and to take them in like a favorite food. One way we can carry God's commands and teachings with us in our daily lives is through the memorization of Bible verses. Write this verse from Psalms 19:14 on a piece of paper, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer." Read this verse repeatedly until it is memorized.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Genesis 2:18-24; Psalms 8  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16