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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 Steve Dragon From Julie Dragon, Alexis & Sophia

### 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 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-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*

### Welcome New Members!

We're excited to welcome new members to Kountze Memorial this morning. Join us in the Fellowship Hall between services for cake and a chance to celebrate together. Be sure to say hello and introduce yourself—we can't wait for you to meet them!

### 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:** Welcoming New Members & Stewardship

**Next week:** 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presentation, 3

### 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

## This Week at Kountze Memorial

### October 6 Sunday

Pentecost 20

Homebound Communion

Receive New Members

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir

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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10:00 AM Pantry

5:30 PM Personnel Committee

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9:00 AM Staff Meeting

7:30 PM Youth Committee

R fwr#hu# #Z hgqhvvd|#

9:00 AM Sewing Group

12:15 PM Worship

1:00 PM Devotions @ deFreese

Manor

4:00 PM Executive Committee

6:00 PM Confirmation @ St. Timothy

7:00 PM St. Francis of Assisi @

Trinity Episcopal

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Council Reports Due

9:30 AM WELCA Board

11:30 AM Property Committee

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

6:00 PM Worship Committee

R fwr#hu# #4 #lvjd|#

5:00 PM Pantry

R fwr#hu# #5 #dwxugd|#

5:00 PM Worship

R fwr#hu# #6 #xqgd|#

Pentecost 21

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

10:10 AM Worship Assistant

Training

12:15 PM Book Group

12:15 PM First Communion Class

5:00 PM Youth/Young Adult

Haunted House & Fellowship

Night!

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## For Your Calendar/News & Notes

### 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](mailto: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/>



Just a reminder that neither the office staff nor the Pastors will ever ask you to buy gift cards or ask if you have a few minutes to talk without any other information given. Please do not respond to these emails and it should be blocked and reported. If you're in doubt, look at the email address and if it doesn't come from *name@kmlchurch.org*, it's likely a scam email. You can always call the church office as well just to be sure.

## Donate to the Healing Gift Free Clinic Pharmacy Software Update

The Healing Gift Free Clinic is committed to providing essential medical care and prescriptions to our community's most vulnerable populations. To ensure they can continue offering high-quality healthcare, they need to upgrade their pharmacy software. The current pharmacy data management system was designed by a pharmacy volunteer over a decade ago using donated equipment and is outdated. A generous foundation has offered to match your donation dollar-for-dollar up to \$5,000.00 to support this critical update. This is an incredible opportunity to double your impact and make a substantial difference in the lives of countless individuals in need. To take advantage of this matching opportunity, please mark your check or online donation as 'matching funds.' Thank you.

## Attendance & Giving Thursday, 9/26—Wednesday, 10/2

**Saturday:** 41

**Sunday: 9:00:** 148 **11:00:** 70

**Wednesday: 12:15:** 9

**Total:** 268

**Streaming:** 47

**Pantry Guests Served:** 1,070 (inc. 344 children)

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 17

**Offering:**

\$11,622.34 (Regular) \$7,436.14 (Specials)

\$412.66 (Debt Reduction)

*God created us to be in relationships.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 10:2-16	Jesus blesses the children
Monday	Genesis 2:18-24	God creates a human partner
Tuesday	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	God has spoken through Jesus
Wednesday	1 Peter 4:7-11	Good stewards of God's grace
Thursday	Proverbs 13:20	Be wise
Friday	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Be ready for the Lord's coming
Saturday	Psalms 8	God honors humanity
Sunday	Mark 10:17-31	A rich man goes away sad



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## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner."* **Genesis 2:18 (NRSV)**

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, you created us to have a relationship to you, others, and the whole earth; help us to love all that you create through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you that you care for us and give us this food that we may have strength to serve the creation you give us to cherish. In Jesus' name, amen.

### A Blessing to Give:

May God's care for you give you joy. (Psalm 8)

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- What is your favorite thing to do in God's creation?
- Where do you see the "good" in God's creation?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Genesis 2:18-24.

It is easy to miss the playfulness and depth of this creation story. First, in Genesis 2:18 we discover that, *"It is not good that the man should be alone."* The all-knowing God seems to have difficulty finding the right helper for the human (translated as "man" in the English text). All the possible helpers as partners for the human that God creates (animals of the field and birds of the air) don't work. God is playfully engaging the human to help find the right helpmate. Second, this story includes a relational depth that weaves the language of the human (*ha'adam* in the Hebrew) created out of the earth (*ha'adamah*). The female-male relationship is seen in the creation of the woman out of the rib of the human. The idea of woman as helper is not a submissive role because in the Old Testament, it is God who is seen as the helper. Genesis 2 describes humanity as intimately connected and created to form community and not to be alone. God helps us live lives deeply relational to God, one another, and the earth.

*Discuss:* Where do you see the importance of relationships in God's creation?

*Pray:* **Creator God, you intend for us to live in relationship to you, each other, and creation; heal our divisions and give a vision of the joy of life lived together in Jesus Christ. 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 help someone enjoy creation and daily life relationships?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Mark 10:13-16 Jesus told the people to bring the children to him. He placed his hands on the little children and blessed them. One of the most significant spiritual acts a parent, grandparent, or other adult can do for and with a child is to regularly bless them. When we bless a child of God of any age we declare and convey God's favor to them and give them the hope and assurance of God's loving care. Bless a child of God using the words from *A Blessing to Give*: **May God's care for you give you joy.** (Psalm 8)

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17  
Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31