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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

Children's Choir

9:15 AM

K-6th 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 - 10:50 AM

Ages 2 years-6th Grade

During the month of November, we will be learning about how God provides us with what we need. To begin the Sunday School educational time, **we will be serving the students a hot breakfast upstairs.** The kids can enjoy the same breakfast being served downstairs while listening to the lessons of the day. If you would like to support the Sunday School with donations of juice boxes or individual milk cartons, we will be serving those with the breakfast.

Today at Kountze Memorial, *continued*

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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: Review of ELCA Draft Statement, "Civic Life & Faith"

Next week: Review of "Civic Life and Faith," continued

First Communion Classes

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.

This Week at Kountze Memorial

October 20 Sunday

Pentecost 22

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 21 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

October 22 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

12:30 PM Circle 3

October 23 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation @ St.

Timothy

October 24 Thursday

Wedding Rehearsal

1:00 PM Circle 4

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

October 25 Friday

Eastman & Landkamer Wedding

5:00 PM Pantry

October 26 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

October 27 Sunday

Reformation - Wear Red

Bible Sunday

First Communion

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

For Your Calendar/News & Notes

Bible Sunday

October 27

9:00 AM

On Bible Sunday, we will be celebrating with children of various ages and grades - listed below - as they receive their own age-appropriate Bibles. Those receiving Bibles this year are:

Children aged 2 and 4

Children in 1st, 3rd, or 5th grades

Youth beginning Confirmation (7th and 8th grades)

Join us as we parade into the church with new Bibles and celebrate this exciting part of our Faith Formation.

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, November 3

Remember to set your clocks back an hour Saturday night, November 2.

Grief Seminar

Sunday, November 3

12:15 - 1:30 PM

Fellowship Lounge

Grief is difficult and especially during the holidays. If you have lost a relative or close friend, this would be an opportunity to share that grief with others and share how we can move through that grief. A light lunch will be served. Please call the church office at 402-341-7761 or sign up at the Welcome Desk to make a reservation.

Cards with Friends

Thursday, November 7

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 if you would like. All are welcome.

For Your Calendar/News & Notes, *continued*

Friendsgiving

Grades 7-12, College Youth, and Young Adults

Sunday, November 10

5:00 PM

Please join us for our Friendsgiving Progressive Dinner!

Invite your friends to join as well! We will depart from

the church at 5 PM and plan to return by 8 PM. Please

RSVP to the church office by Sunday, November 3.

You can also sign up at the Welcome Desk in the

Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you there!!

Intergenerational Trivia Night

Friday, November 15

5 - 6 PM Pizza Dinner

6 - 8 PM Trivia

All ages are welcome to join us for Trivia.

We will begin the night with a pizza dinner. Please bring

a side or dessert to share. Trivia will start at 6 and have a

fun mix for all ages.

Please RSVP at the Welcome Desk. Bring a friend!

Kitchen Help Needed

Turkey Prep & Cook for Thanksgiving Meal

Monday, Nov.25 &/or Tuesday, Nov. 26

Kountze Memorial provides and cooks the turkeys for

the Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Peter's each year. We

need 2 or 3 someones to help with cleaning the turkeys,

cutting vegies, and getting the turkeys ready to go into

the oven on the Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning

before Thanksgiving. Working in the kitchen is always

fun and a great way to get to know others that you may

only see on Saturday or Sunday while at church. Please

let Jim Smejkal (jim@kmlchurch.org) or the church office

know if you're able to join us in the kitchen on Monday

morning or Tuesday afternoon. Thanks!

Thanksgiving Bags

In November, the Sunday School will be gathering

supplies for Thanksgiving Bags to assemble for the

Kountze pantry. Donations of non-perishable food items

such as cans of green beans and cranberry sauce, packets

of instant gravy, plus boxes of mashed potatoes and

stuffing. Donations can be left on the tables outside of

the Sunday School office. Thank you for considering

donating to this worthy cause.

Kountze Food Pantry

The Kountze Food Pantry is sad to announce the

retirement of our Friday night Pantry manager, Mary Jo

Fike. Her service is greatly appreciated and she will be

missed. A new opportunity of service is available for an

applicant with managerial skills and a desire to facilitate

the distribution of food and goods to those in need.

Please contact, Susie Henry, your Kountze Food Pantry

Director, at susannfrances@kmlchurch.org 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>

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 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.

Blood Drive

Sunday, December 8

9 AM—1 PM

Kountze Memorial will host a Blood Drive this Advent.

We need 30 to sign up in advance but there will also be

room for "walk ins."

- If you normally give blood, please consider giving here and sign up as soon as possible
- If you haven't given blood before or aren't on a regular schedule, this is a great time for you to consider giving at our Blood Drive and sign up as soon as possible.

By giving blood, you can save up to three lives in only

one hour every time you donate.

Attendance & Giving

Thursday, 10/10—Wednesday, 10/16

Saturday: 27

Sunday: 9:00: 130 11:00: 75

Wednesday: 12:15: 11

Total: 243

Streaming: 39

Pantry Guests Served: 957 (inc. 324 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 28

Offering:

\$11,823.61 (Regular)

\$1,044.13 (Specials)

\$1,022.00 (Debt Reduction)

Greatness is about serving others.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 10:35-45	The Son of Man came to save
Monday	Isaiah 53:4-12	Suffering servant song
Tuesday	Hebrews 5:1-10	Jesus the great high priest
Wednesday	Matthew 11:1-6	Jesus talks about himself
Thursday	Acts 9:10-19	Conversion of Saul
Friday	Philippians 3:7-11	Being acceptable to God
Saturday	Psalms 91:9-16	God's protection
Sunday	Mark 10:46-52	Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus



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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"[W]hoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave." **Mark 10:43b-44 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to serve the needs of others, for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died that we may live. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food and for your sacrifice of love through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with a life of service.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Think or talk about how you like to serve others.
- How did Jesus serve others?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 10:33-45.

Jesus gives a clear prediction of his suffering, death, and resurrection. James and John totally miss the point of Jesus' description of humiliation, suffering, and death to ask for their own place of glory. The contrast could not be more glaring. The desire for power and recognition that the two disciples ask for is understandable. However, in contrast to a lust for power and personal glory, Jesus presents a view of glory that is all about serving others in love, even to the point of death. Jesus' spirituality, that is, his way of life with God in prayer and action is all about service. His spirituality centers on caring for others. Praying for greatness—as James and John asked of Jesus—is a misguided spirituality that needs to put the cross of Christ at the center. When that happens, greatness no longer looks like power and prestige but loving acts that serve others in the name of God.

Discuss: When you think of a life lived close to the heart of Jesus, do you consider suffering and service to others?

Pray: **God of power and might, help us to see as Jesus sees that we may live lives filled with acts of loving service for the sake of our crucified 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 sacrifice your comfort for the needs of others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

There are many in our congregations and communities who serve humbly and faithfully without much recognition. Think or talk about people you know who serve Christ through their words and actions. Choose one or two of those people identified who you would like to honor. Send them a thank you card or give a small gift to them in recognition of their servant work. *Pray:* **Dear God, give me a humble heart that I may gladly be a servant of others through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45