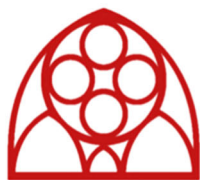


KOUNTZE STAFF

Pr. Lucy Wynard	Senior Pastor
Pr. Ashley Hall	Associate Pastor
Kristin Boe	Director of Faith Formation
Debbie Bogue	Office Manager
Danielle Fleming	Administrative Assistant
Noni Cambridge	Staff Treasurer
Judi Boe	Financial Secretary
Jim Smejkal	Bldg. Super./Dir. of Cong. Activities
Louis Flake	Night Manager
Kayla Slaughter	Janitorial Staff
Barbara Carlsen	Dir. of Music & Fine Arts
Mark Jones	Organist
David Gerard	Saturday Accompanist
Shannon Picha	Nursery Director
Susann Henry	Food Pantry Director
Jill Conway	Director of Kountze Commons



KOUNTZE

Memorial Lutheran Church

2650 Farnam Street
402-341-7761

Omaha, NE 68131
www.kmlchurch.org

October 26 & 27, 2024

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 honor of Amanda Schneiderman's birthday

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.

Today at Kountze Memorial, *continued*

If you would like to support the Sunday School with donations of juice boxes or individual milk cartons, we would appreciate it and will be serving those with the breakfast.

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 "Civic Life and Faith," *continued*—
The Draft Statement can be found by using the QR code to the right.

Next week: Consider All Saints



Bible Sunday

October 27

9:00 AM

We celebrate with children of various ages and grades 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.

This Week at Kountze Memorial

October 27 Sunday

Reformation

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

October 28 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

October 29 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

October 30 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation @ St.

Timothy

October 31 Thursday

Halloween

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

11:30 AM Endowment Board

November 1 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

November 2 Saturday

Homebound Communion

5:00 PM Worship

November 3 Sunday

All Saints Sunday

Daylight Savings--fall back 1 hour

Homebound Communion

LWR Quilt Display/Blessing

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 Grief Seminar

For Your Calendar/News & Notes

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, November 3

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

Grief Seminar

Sunday, November 3

12:15 - 1:45 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.

Friendsgiving Progressive Dinner

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!!

For Your Calendar/News & Notes, *continued*

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 Pantry is collecting gloves for men, women and children. Men's large and extra large gloves are especially in short supply. Also, we will accept and distribute new or like-new coats to our Pantry guests if they request them. You may leave your donation in the box marked "Food Pantry", located in Fellowship Hall. Tax deductible slips are located on the box. 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, 10/17—Wednesday, 10/23

Saturday: 31

Sunday: 9:00: 130 11:00: 74

Wednesday: 12:15: 10

Total: 245

Streaming: 45

Pantry Guests Served: 1,040 (inc. 359 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 18

Offering:

\$19,373.53 (Regular)

\$1,359.28 (Specials)

\$2,704.73 (Debt Reduction)

We are made right with God through grace.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 8:31-36	The truth will set you free
Monday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	A new covenant
Tuesday	Romans 3:19-28	Righteousness through faith
Wednesday	Ephesians 2:1-10	From death to life
Thursday	Galatians 2:15-20	Jews and Gentiles are saved by faith
Friday	2 Timothy 1:8-14	Thanksgiving and encouragement
Saturday	Psalm 46	God is our protection
Sunday	John 11:32-44	Jesus raises Lazarus



© 2023 Milestones Ministry, LLC. All rights reserved.
In addition to Taking Faith Home, celebrate milestones in your daily life
as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. Romans 3:28 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and merciful God, give us the humility to accept that we are in need of your undeserved kindness to have a relationship to you through faith in Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you are our help in time of need. We thank you for this meal and pray for all who are in need of food that we may live in peace through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 46:1)

A Blessing to Give:

May you live in peace through faith in Jesus Christ.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- How do you react when you witness a wrongdoing?
- Why is our relationship to God based on faith and not our own good works?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Romans 3:19-28.

In this reading written by Paul, he is adamant: there is no place for saying we have a relationship to God because we have faithfully lived out the law. No one can have a right relationship with God based on the law *“for through the law comes knowledge of sin”* (v. 20b). We are to be aware that all of us have sinned and fall short of a right relationship to God. We are all in the same boat that is adrift from God because of our broken lives. Paul is seeking a humility in the church in Rome—and elsewhere—based on God’s goodness and our common need for divine mercy. We give thanks for a relationship to God based on *“faith apart from works prescribed by the law”* (v. 28). Faith in Christ replaces any potential spiritual arrogance with the humble, yet joyous message that we are saved by grace through faith. For Paul and the church throughout the ages, that humble awareness is all we need to enjoy a life of faith with God through Christ.

Discuss: How does faith in Jesus Christ give you a thankful heart and give you peace?

Pray: **Eternal God, help us to see in your mercy and grace the path to joy in your presence and the love for others through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what kind words can you say to someone who needs encouragement?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The beginning of the Reformation is associated with Martin Luther’s posting of the 95 theses (statements of belief) on the front door of the University Chapel in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. Think or talk about what you believe. Write some “I/We believe” statements on red streamers or strips of red paper (red is the liturgical color for Reformation Day). Hang them in a visible place in your home this week as a reminder of the Reformation.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44