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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 celebration of Tracey Mason's 61st birthday given by Tom Steffen; in honor of Jane Kidder's 19th birthday given by Mark & Tarna Kidder

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

Today at Kountze Memorial, *continued*

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: Consider All Saints

Next week: 165th Anniversary Presentation

Lutheran World Relief

Quilt & Kit Blessing

Saturday and Sunday, November 2 & 3

Often, when natural disasters strike or war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion but we don't know how to help. If you've wondered how to volunteer to quilt for charity, look no further. Making Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts is a tangible way to express love to our neighbors in need. Quilts can be used as warm bedding, simple tents, or floor coverings. Each one reflects God's loving presence in a world rife with suffering. Find out more about LWR at <https://lwr.org/quilts>

- The cost to deliver a quilt overseas is \$2.80 per quilt and \$1.50 - \$2.85 to deliver the different kits overseas. If you can help with the postage to send these items throughout the world, please place your donation in the envelope

attached to the quilt in front of you or donate directly to LWR by using this link <https://tinyurl.com/26bu44te>

- If you would like to help make quilts, we hope you will consider joining the sewing group on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9 AM. Sewing experience is a plus but not necessary. If you can use scissors, an iron, or tie your shoes, you can help make these quilts.

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.

Friendsgiving Progressive Dinner

Grades 7-12, College Youth, and Young Adults

Sunday, November 10

RSVP by Sunday, November 3

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. You can also sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you there!!

This Week at Kountze Memorial

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

November 4 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

November 5 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

November 6 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation @ St. Timothy

7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

November 7 Thursday

2:00 PM Cards with Friends

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

November 8 Friday

Wedding Rehearsal

5:00 PM Pantry

November 9 Saturday

Landsness & Hackett Wedding

5:00 PM Worship

November 10 Sunday

Pentecost 25

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 Book Group

4:00 PM OSJ Training

4:30 PM HS Youth Mission Trip

Interest Meeting

5:00 PM Friendsgiving

For Your Calendar/News & Notes

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*

KMLC Book Group

Fellowship Lounge

Sunday, November 10

12:15 PM

This month we're reading *The Fifteenth Commandment* by KMLC Member, Steve Sieberson. Join us!

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!

Men's 5th Annual Chili Cookoff Lunch

Thursday, November 21

11:30 AM

Suggested Donation: Pot of Chili, A New Toy, or \$10.00

Call the church office or email jim@kmlchurch.org to sign up. Let us know if you will be entering a pot of chili or just attending. Cornbread and dessert will be provided. If you're entering a pot of chili, the cost is free, otherwise suggested donation for the event will be a new stuffed animal/ toy to be distributed by the Kountze Food Pantry as Christmas gifts for our young pantry guests. Come vote on your favorite chili, there will be prizes for the top three and a great time of fellowship for all.

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

Attendance & Giving Thursday, 10/24—Wednesday, 10/30

Saturday: 36

Sunday: 9:00: 157 11:00: 79

Wednesday: 12:15: 8

Total: 280

Streaming: 44

Pantry Guests Served: 1,116 (inc. 354 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 18

Offering:

\$19,037.41 (Regular)

\$3,385.79 (Specials)

\$402.66 (Debt Reduction)

Jesus' simple message of love.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 12:28-34	Love God and neighbor
Monday	Deuteronomy 6:1-9	Reciting God's word
Tuesday	Hebrews 9:11-14	Jesus frees us to worship God
Wednesday	Psalms 36:5-10	Human sin and God's goodness
Thursday	Leviticus 19:9-18	Loving your neighbor
Friday	Romans 8:31-39	God's love in Christ Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 119:1-8	The glory of God's law
Sunday	Mark 12:38-44	The widow's generous offering



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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"... and 'to love him [God] with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself;—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." **Mark 12:33 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Righteous and loving God, we thank you for your message of love in the commandments and in the life of Jesus, our good teacher, that we may walk in your ways. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, as you bless us with this gift of food, bless us also with a way of life that trusts in you and shows love and care for all through Jesus Christ, amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with a trusting and loving heart.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- What are some rules you try to live by?
- We are to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. How do you do this?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 12:13-34.

Jesus clearly had serious challenges dealing with the Pharisees, Herodians, and Sadducees. It is a bit surprising that a scribe (who was likely from one of these groups) came forward, asked Jesus a legitimate question, and further expounded on what Jesus said. The scribe obviously liked Jesus' answer and esteemed Jesus as Teacher. Through this interaction with a scribe, we are reminded that labeling others according to what group they belong to is not always helpful. The discussion revolved around the commandments' motivation of love. The outcome is a warm, cordial relationship between Jesus and the scribe. The Ten Commandments are presented in negative, "you shall not" statements. Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and a commandment in Leviticus 19:18 that give the positive points for the negative statements: "you shall love" God and neighbor. It's as simple as that. Jesus acknowledges that the scribe got it right to love God and neighbor and that is not far from the kingdom of God Jesus is bringing to all.

Discuss: How can the message of loving God and neighbor simplify your life?

Pray: **Loving God, we thank you for your commandments that guide us to love you and others for the sake of Jesus Christ, the one who came to set us free and give us peace. 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 reach out to someone with a simple act of love?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Deuteronomy 6: 4-9 is called the *Shema* from the Hebrew word for "Hear." This and all the teachings Moses gave the people were to be taught to their children as they recited and talked about God's word. Reciting, talking, and teaching take place "when you are home and when you are away" (v. 7). Some of the most effective faith formation takes place through personal, trusted relationships in the home. Think or talk about what faith practices and traditions you have in your home. *Pray:* **Beloved God, help us to trust your word and guide us as we tell others of your love when we are home and when we are away. Amen.**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44