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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 worshiping, 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.

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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 Jane Kidder's birthday

Altar Flowers & Eternal Candle are given to the glory of God by Steve & Diane O'Connor

Television Broadcast is sponsored to the glory of God in memory of Rev Lavern and Marilyn Larkowski and Rev Tom and Jean Holcombe given by Neil and Ardis Von Seggern

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**

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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 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: 165th Anniversary Presentation

Next week: Getting Ready for 1,700th Anniversary of Nicene Creed

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!

High Schoolers - Journey to Nashville 2025!

Sunday, November 10

4:30 PM - (right before our Friendsgiving event!)

Join us for a brief informational meeting about our High School Youth Summer Mission Trip 2025. We will be joining youth from all over the Nebraska Synod from July 6-12 on Journey to Nashville. The trip is open to youth who will have completed grades 8-12 and will feature service learning throughout the Nashville area, worship, fellowship, and other fun activities in the city. We will be housed in the dorms at Vanderbilt University. Come and learn more! If you're interested but cannot come on the 10th, please contact Pastor Lucy or Kristin Boe.

Friendsgiving Progressive Dinner

Grades 7-12, College Youth, and Young Adults

Sunday, November 10

5:00 PM

We will depart from the church at 5 PM and plan to return by 8 PM.

This Week at Kountze Memorial

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

November 11 Monday

Veterans Day

10:00 AM Pantry

3:00 PM KCCOC Board

November 12 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

November 13 Wednesday

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

November 14 Thursday

Council Reports Due

9:30 AM WELCA Board

11:30 AM Property Committee

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

November 15 Friday

Good News Deadline

5:00 PM Intergenerational Trivia
Night

5:00 PM Pantry

November 16 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

November 17 Sunday

Pentecost 26

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

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

Sign up at the Welcome Desk or email Jim at jim@kmlchurch.org to let us know if you will be entering a pot of chili or just attending. If you're entering a pot of chili, attend for 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.

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Thanksgiving Bags

In November, the Sunday School students will be making Thanksgiving bags for the Pantry guests to be assembled on November 17. We are asking for donations of non-perishable food items such as:

Dried Stuffing Mix	Dried Mashed Potato
Turkey Gravy Packets	Canned Yams
Cranberry Sauce	Canned Pumpkin
Canned Beans	Canned Corn
Paper Grocery Store Bags	

or any other Thanksgiving favorite you may have.

Please leave the donations in the basket on the welcome table or upstairs by the Sunday school office. The Bags will be packed on November 17, so we'll need the donations by then.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 24

6 PM

Hosted by and Held at Kountze Memorial

Let's join our interfaith siblings and give thanks to God! A cookie & coffee reception will follow. The offering collected will be donated to Together, Inc.

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 to get them ready to go into the oven on the Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. 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. There is a sign-up sheet in the bulletin.

Alternative Gifts

November 24, December 1, 8, & 15

Between services ~ 10-11 AM

ELCA Good Gifts, Global Mamas, and Omaha Bridges Out of Poverty

We will again have the opportunity to do some Christmas shopping and give a gift that shares God's love and truly makes a difference in someone's life. Honor your family and friends with an Alternative Gift this Christmas. This year there will also be some physical items for purchase. The Alternative Gift Tables will be in the Fellowship Hall beginning November 24.

Decorate for Advent

Saturday, November 30

9:30 AM

You and your family can be part of creating an inviting atmosphere that will inspire hope, love, joy, and peace in our community by helping to decorate for Advent. No special skills are required—just your enthusiasm and willingness to contribute to this joyful project. Join us!

Annual Advent Fair

December 1

10:00 AM - Noon

Join us in making a variety of Christmas decorations including an Advent wreath, Christmas cards, an Advent prayer placemat, an ornament, and more. There will be activities for the children and a photo booth for all. This year we will be doing a Diaper Drive during the Advent Fair. **Please bring diapers, wipes, formula, or other infant related items** that we will donate to the local women's shelters.

GivingTuesday

December 3

Let's celebrate what we can do in just 24 hours! You are invited to join in the biggest local giving day of the year. It is time to start thinking about what nonprofits and causes you will support and we invite you to learn more and give to Kountze Commons Community Outreach Center and help us Feed the Hungry, Heal the Sick, and Tend the Soul. There are many local nonprofits who also participate in this amazing day of generosity. GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement, created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Since then, it has grown into a year-round global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. Please see #GivingTuesday402 or <https://shareomaha.org/> to learn more.

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>

Attendance & Giving Thursday, 10/31—Wednesday, 11/6

Saturday: 15

Sunday: 9:00: 191 11:00: 61

Wednesday: 12:15: 8

Total: 275

Streaming: 52

Pantry Guests Served: 1,058 (inc. 333 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 20

Offering:

\$15,272.91 (Regular)

\$2,181.16 (Specials)

\$417.00 (Debt Reduction)

Our hope and strength is in God.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 11:32-44	Jesus raises Lazarus
Monday	Isaiah 25:6-9	The Lord has delivered
Tuesday	Revelation 21:1-6a	A new heaven and earth
Wednesday	Titus 2:11-15	Teach sound doctrine
Thursday	2 Corinthians 3:12-18	Ministers of the new covenant
Friday	Colossians 1:24-29	Paul's service to the church
Saturday	Psalms 24	Entrance into the temple
Sunday	Mark 12:38-44	The widow's generous offering



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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And he [God] will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all people, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Isaiah 25:7 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and everlasting God, as we grieve those whom we have lost, we thank you that through Christ Jesus we see your glory and have hope in the resurrection. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, the earth is yours and all that is in it; for this meal we give you thanks for your care that knows no end through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with hope in Christ.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Who do you think about on All Saints Day? Think or tell a story about that person.
- What would you want to ask God about life after death?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 11:32-44 and Psalm 24.

We do not know what death is like for ourselves. We do know that when we experience the death of a loved one, it leads us to grieve. Even Jesus grieved, was deeply moved, and “*greatly disturbed*” (John 11:33, 38) at the death of his friend Lazarus. As we face the death of loved ones on All Saints Sunday, we turn to and lean on the strength and promise of God. Amidst our deep sorrow, we look to our God in Jesus Christ, the one whom death could not conquer. During the remembrance of All Saints, Psalm 24 allows us to praise God for God’s victory. Our grief is comforted by God’s power over death and the painful separation from those deceased. Our hope and strength—and that of loved ones whose lives we remember—is in the King of glory, the Lord, “*strong and mighty*” (Psalm 24:8). Our faith in Christ comforts us to know that we have the God who grieves with us and who gives us victory over death.

Discuss: What gives you comfort and strength as you grieve the death of a loved one?

Pray: **God of glory and might, help us to remember loved ones who have died with hope and comfort through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord who reigns with you now and always. 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 who is grieving the loss of a loved one?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

All Saint’s Day is the day after All Hallows’ Eve (Halloween). It is when we remember our loved ones who have died and all the saints and martyrs throughout Christian history. One tradition on this day is to light a candle for those who have died. Consider placing a picture of those you remember on this day next to a candle. Think or tell stories about loved ones. *Light the candle and pray:* **Lord God, thank you for the hope of eternal life and the life of (name/s). Help us to live for you each day. Amen.**

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25; Mark 13:1-8