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KOUNTZE

Memorial Lutheran Church

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October 18 & 19, 2025

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 or anyone who does not commune will receive a blessing. It is the understanding of the universal Church that those who wish to commune with bread only (for health or other reasons) have communed fully. Our form of distribution is Intinction, meaning you will receive the wafer in your hand and then dip it 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 plates 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
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the
ministries
of Kountze Memorial
Lutheran Church.

Connect with Pr. Lucy

Schedule a time
to meet with Pas-
tor Lucy by fol-
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QR Code. [https://
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Today at Kountze Memorial

Thank You

Thanks to Mike Edris for filling in on the piano for service on Saturday. We appreciate you.

Lutheran World Relief

Quilt & Kit Blessing

Saturday and Sunday, October 18 & 19

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. 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 to send out next year, 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. Hope to see you on November 12.

Parking Notice

October 18 & 19

The Methodist parking lot (by the handicapped entrance) will be closed for repairs. The lot will be

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barricaded during this time, so please use alternative parking. For everyone's safety, we kindly ask that you do not move the barricades or drive around them. Thank you for your understanding!

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God given by Warren Cooke in memory of his parents, Lawrence & Marion Cooke

Children's Choir & Children's Sermon **9:15 AM**

Grades K-6

Children in grades K-6 are invited to join the Children's Choir with Barb Carlsen following the 9 AM Children's Blessing. Children in grades K-4 not wanting to participate in Choir may join Kristin Boe for a children's sermon in the Upper Rooms. All 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-6th Grade

Join us in the 2nd 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, storytelling, and missions. The kids can enjoy the same breakfast upstairs that is being served in the Fellowship Hall 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.

Youth Forum **Sundays, 10:15 AM** **Youth Center** **Grades 7-12**

You are invited to grab breakfast and bring it to the Youth Center each week during the Sunday Faith Formation hour.

Oct. 19: Service Project—Pantry Halloween Bags
Oct. 26: Bible Sunday

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.

Oct. 19: Imagine: Community, cont.
Oct. 26: Reformation/Bible Sunday

Young Adult Gathering **Sunday, October 19** **12 PM**

Lunch Provided

We'd like to get something started for the young adults of Kountze Memorial and our wider community... but truthfully, we're not sure what! Are you college-aged or in your 20s to early 30s? Join us after the 11 AM service (on the 19th) for a lunch and conversation. We want to get to know each other and hear your thoughts, ideas, etc. for what we might do to help you Worship \$ #Grow \$ # Serve with us here at Kountze Memorial.

This Week at Kountze Memorial

October 19 Sunday

Pentecost 19
Quilt & Kit 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
12:00 PM Young Adult Gathering

October 20 Monday

Oct 20 - Oct 22 Clergy Fall
Leadership Gathering in Kearney

No Parking in
Methodist Lot
this weekend
(Handicapped
Door)

10:00 AM Pantry

October 21 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group

October 22 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Confirmation @ St.
Timothy

October 23 Thursday

1:00 PM Circle 4
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

October 24 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

October 25 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

October 26 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
5:00 PM Youth Fall Fellowship
Event

For Your Calendar/News & Notes

Bible Sunday

Sunday, October 26

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 grade)

Please register your child so that we have an accurate count. Join us as we parade into the church with new Bibles and celebrate this exciting part of our Faith Formation.

Youth Fall Fellowship Event

Get to Know Deacon Eric!

Sunday, October 26

5 PM

Meet at Pr. Lucy's House

Grades 7-12

Come hang out for some fall fun, s'mores, cider, and a chance to get to know our new Deacon. Sign up at the Welcome Desk, contact the church office, use the following link or QR code.

<https://tinyurl.com/48rbek69>



Youth Event

Women's Fall Gathering

November 1

10 AM - 2:30 PM

Lunch will be provided

Step into autumn with a day designed just for you! We'll enjoy:

- Tea Cup Flower Arranging – bring the beauty of the season to life.
- Paper Quilling – discover the ancient art of turning strips of paper into delicate designs.

Bring a friend and make it even more fun! This is the perfect time to slow down, learn something new, and share laughter with friends. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall or contact the church office by Sunday, October 26 so we know how many to plan on for lunch.

Grief Seminar

Sunday, November 2

12:15 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.

Lincoln Lutheran Choir

Held at Kountze Memorial

Sunday, November 9

3 PM

The purpose of the Lincoln Lutheran Choir is to express the joy of our Christian faith by performing sacred choral literature with an emphasis on Lutheran heritage. Come and enjoy the music of the church's liturgical heritage of all ages, including the present.

Confirmation Classes Continue

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

(93rd & Dodge)

Grades 7 & 8

Wednesdays, 6 - 7:15 PM

Singing for Their Supper

During the month of September, we collected "Protein for our Pantry". Watch for the results in the November Good News to see which of the four hymns is a favorite and how much protein we gathered for our Love Thy Neighbor Food Pantry. Thank you to all who participated!

Kountze Food Pantry

Our Love Thy Neighbor Food Pantry is in need of your gifts and service. The current needs this week for the pantry are hot cocoa, Tuna Helper, and baked beans. You may leave your donation in the box marked "Food Pantry," located in the Fellowship Hall. Tax deductible slips are available on the inside pocket of the box. Please join us as a volunteer in the pantry in the Kountze Commons volunteer as it fits your schedule. We have options for volunteers of all abilities. Please use the QR code or the following link to sign up and join our mission.

<https://tinyurl.com/uausddd>

If you have questions about the Pantry, you can call Toby Rees at 402-979-1425.



Pantry

Attendance & Giving

Thursday, Oct. 9—Wednesday, Oct. 15

Saturday: 29

Sunday: 9:00: 128 11:00: 60

Wednesday: 12:15: 11

Total: 228

Streaming: 36

Pantry Guests Served: 668 (inc. 223 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 11

Offering:

\$11011.29 (Regular)

\$3141.5 (Specials)

\$507 (Debt Reduction)

Almighty God is our strength.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 8:31-36	Jesus sets us free
Monday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	A new covenant
Tuesday	Romans 3:19-28	Righteousness through faith
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 3:4-18	Ministers of the new covenant
Thursday	Romans 6:5-14	Dying and rising with Christ
Friday	Galatians 2:15-21	Saved by faith
Saturday	Psalm 46	God is our strength
Sunday	Luke 6:20-31	Blessed are you who weep



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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." **Psalm 46:10 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, thank you for being our security and strength; renew us with faith in Christ so that we may rest in peace and serve all people in love. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you are our fortress, we thank you for this meal and for being our shelter and strength through faith in Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May Almighty God be your strength.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- When is a time you or someone you know felt that life was in turmoil?
- How does a relationship with God strengthen us?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Psalm 46.

During the Reformation, Luther used this psalm for his famous hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*. The Psalm and that hymn remind us that when church, society, and our lives are in turmoil, God is still our security and strength. Our lives are more fragile than we would often like to admit. A structurally sound home is flattened by a storm. A loved one dies suddenly. A pandemic turns our world upside down. One nation invades another nation and shatters global security. These are the kinds of issues at the heart of Psalm 46. When stability is gone, God is still present and working for good. When we feel anxiety during the storms of life, we can be assured as we hear, *"Be still and know that I am God"* (v. 10a). In the end, God alone stands triumphant and glorious. We live confident that we are secure in God's almighty presence through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Discuss: What challenges in your life help you find comfort through Psalm 46?

Pray: **Almighty and merciful God, while storms and strife surround us, give us peace and confidence in your power and glory through Christ Jesus 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, how can you reach out to someone who feels their life is in turmoil?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Martin Luther wrote the Small Catechism for the head of the household to teach to the members of the household. There is a daily morning and evening blessing that includes making the physical sign of the cross. As a reminder of the Reformation, add this ritual to your mornings and evenings. As you make the sign of the cross on your chest or forehead, say: **God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit watch over me. Amen.** (Luther's Small Catechism)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36