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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 worshiping, growing, and serving in downtown Omaha for over 160 years. If you are new to Kountze Memorial, we invite you to visit the Welcome Desk in 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. Instructions will be provided during worship. 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.

Sharing of the Peace

As we return to worship practices, we encourage you to begin again sharing the peace in a way that is comfortable for you. Please be mindful that your way might not be for everyone. Handshakes, elbow or fist bump, a bow, a nod, a wave all work. Take this time to connect with others in a way that allows for the Peace of Christ to flow through and amongst us.

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 9 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.

Large Print Bulletins and Listening Devices

Please speak to an usher if you would like a large print bulletin or an assisted listening device.

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 or text your e-mail address to 22828.

Today at Kountze

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of the marriage of Alan & Laura (Arndt) King

Holy Play
Through August 28
10:00 – 11:00 AM

All youth are invited to join in Summer Holy Play from 10 to 11 AM each Sunday morning through August 28. (July 3, no activities provided). We will meet in the Link/Green Space unless otherwise noted. Different activities will be offered each Sunday with treats.

Adult Forum
Fellowship Hall
10:10 AM

Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **This Sunday**—Fellowship or join in on the Growing Young Book Study/Planning Session in the Fellowship Lounge.

Growing Young Book Study/Planning Sessions
Fellowship Lounge
10:10 AM

How might we cultivate a community that helps younger generations discover and love being a part of the church? The KMLC Christian Education Committee is inviting you to join in the conversation of Growing Young. All are welcome to join in the book study through the month of June. We will meet in the Fellowship Lounge and encourage you to join as you are available. This week, Chapters 3 & 4; Next week, Chapters 5 & 6.

deFreese Manor
40th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, June 12

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Presentation @ 12:15 PM
Everyone is welcome!

deFreese Manor has served the last 40 years fulfilling Kountze's

Today at Kountze, *continued*

mission of providing safe, secure, affordable housing for Seniors with the help of HUD subsidies for those with low income. We opened our doors on June 2, 1982, to a waitlist with many of our members included. We are pleased to celebrate this anniversary with an Ice Cream Social on June 12 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please join us at our open house where several of our residents would love to show you their beautiful apartments, have some ice cream, and attend a small presentation at 12:15 PM. We welcome all the members of Kountze as well as our neighbors and those involved in the founding of the deFreese Manor. Rev. David

deFreese will be with us as we celebrate this wonderful milestone.

Service Project for the Youth of Kountze

Sunday, June 12

11:30 AM

Morning Star Lutheran Church

331 S. 85th St.

The volunteer activity for June will be assisting in making decorations for the VBS at Morningstar.

This Week at Kountze Memorial

June 12 Sunday

Holy Trinity

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

10:10 AM Holy Play

10:10 AM Adult Forum—Synod Assembly Review

10:10 AM Growing Young Book Study

11:30 AM Youth Servant Project @ Morning Star Lutheran for VBS

12:15 PM Book Group

June 13 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

6:00 PM VBS (Dinner @ 5:30 PM)

6:00 PM Call Committee

June 14 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

6:00 PM Adam Klinker Ordination

June 15 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Executive Committee

6:00 PM VBS (Dinner @ 5:30 PM)

June 16 Thursday

Council Reports Due

11:30 AM Men's Lunch

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

6:00 PM Circle 5

6:00 PM VBS (Dinner @ 5:30 PM)

June 17 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

6:00 PM VBS (Dinner @ 5:30 PM)

June 18 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

June 19 Sunday

Jun 19 - Jun 24 KMLC Camp Week

Pentecost 2

Father's Day

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

10:10 AM Holy Play

10:10 AM Adult Forum

10:10 AM Growing Young Book Study

Vacation Bible School

June 13 - 17

5:30 - 8:00 PM - Dinner at 5:30 PM

Save the date! Kountze will be partnering with Morning Star Lutheran Church for Vacation Bible School! Dinner will be served at the start, with learning through activities to follow. VBS will be held at Morning Star Church (331 S. 85th St.). We will be looking for volunteers to help serve food, teach, and assist. If you are interested, please contact Kristin Boe at kristin@kmlchurch.org.

Ordination of Adam Klinker

Held at Kountze Memorial

Tuesday, June 14

6:00 PM, Dinner Reception to Follow

By the grace of God and the call of the Church, Adam John Klinker is to be ordained into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Bishop Brian Maas of the Nebraska Synod, presiding and The Rev. Dr. H. Ashley Hall, preaching. Color of the day is red. After three years as vicar at

Augustana Lutheran in Genoa, Nebraska, Adam has been called to serve at First Lutheran, Avoca, Nebraska.

Men's Lunch

Thursday, June 16

11:30 AM

Cost: \$10

Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, June 14.

World Refugee Day

Saturday, June 18

1 - 5 PM

Levi Carter Park—809 Carter Lake Shore Drive

World Refugee Day is an annual international day designated by the United Nations to honor refugees around the globe and is celebrated globally on June 20. Omaha is celebrating World Refugee Day on Saturday, June 18, 2022. Omaha's World Refugee Day is hosted by the Omaha Refugee Task Force to celebrate the vibrancy that refugees and immigrants add to the Omaha community. The event is a wonderful way to learn more

about the refugee groups in our community, see cultural performances, play in a sports tournament, and eat delicious food. There is a great lineup of events, activities, and performances. Omaha World Refugee Day is a free community event!

Card Shower for LeClare Steffen

LeClare will be 99 years old on June 20! If you would like to celebrate with her by sending a card, you can find her address in the church directory or call the church office. Let's see how many cards we can send to LeClare!

Camp Carol Joy Holling

You can still register for Camp this summer. Go to <https://www.caroljoyholling.org>. Kountze camp week will take place June 19 – 24, 2022. Get to know your friends from Kountze while having a great time at bible camp. A pastor might even stop by to see what fun activities you are participating in during the week. We hope you will join in this great opportunity! (If that week will not work, we encourage you to attend anytime you are free this summer. There are First-Time Camper Discounts of \$100.00)

Kountze Food Pantry

There are many volunteer opportunities for every desired level of participation in our pantry. You can serve for one hour, for the whole pantry service which goes from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM, or any combination that best fits your schedule. We also need people at 8:00 AM to unload the delivery trucks. Volunteers can even serve by picking up donated bread and pastries from Rotella and Hy-Vee. You will find a sign up notebook outside the kitchen in Meeting Room A of Fellowship Hall, or you may sign up at the following link:

<https://form.jotform.com/200834787701155>

Eucharistic Ministers Needed

We have several people that aren't able to come to church on a regular basis. so we need to take communion

to them. However, we don't have enough Eucharistic Ministers to take communion to them. If you might be willing to serve in this way or would like more information on what Eucharistic Ministers do, please contact the church office or talk to one of the Pastors. Thanks.

Update on the Refugee family:

The Bowari family is making great progress adapting to life in Omaha. The biggest need right now is for Guldin to find a job and transportation to that job. Two companies are hiring refugees who don't speak English, Nebraska Beef and Airlite Plastics – neither one is reachable by public transportation. Neither can offer transportation to Guldin. The Bowari family lives at 137th & Harrison, Airlite Plastics is near the airport, and Nebraska Beef is in South Omaha near 36th & L. Your help is needed! If you know of any companies who might hire Guldin (he's willing to do any type of work), or if you know of anyone willing to help with transportation 5 or 6 days a week, please let us know. We have some funds available to reimburse for gas costs. Call Jonna Holland at 402-669-4575. And please keep this family in your prayers!

Attendance & Giving

Saturday: 29

Sunday: 9:00: 101 **11:00:** 56

Wednesday: 12:15: 15 **deFreese: Manor** 6

Total: 207

Streaming: 58

Cox Cable: 131

Pantry Guests Served: 921 (inc. 303 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 19

Offering:

\$21,764.00 (Regular) \$5,056.93 (Specials)

\$11,667.50 (Debt Reduction)

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING
SUNDAY, JUNE 26
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
IN THE COURTYARD NEXT TO KOUNTZE COMMONS

We have an amazing God full of love and wisdom.

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

Sunday	John 16:12-15	The Spirit will guide you
Monday	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	The gifts of wisdom
Tuesday	Romans 5:1-5	Experiencing God's peace
Wednesday	Luke 2:41-52	The boy Jesus in the temple
Thursday	Proverbs 19:20	Ways to gain wisdom
Friday	Romans 11:33-36	Praise to God
Saturday	Psalms 8	The wonderful name of the Lord
Sunday	Luke 8:26-39	Jesus casts out demons



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*Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Romans 5:1 (NRSV)***

A Prayer for the Week:

Triune God, you come to us to save us and to bless us with peace and wisdom. Give us the faith to trust your love that never fails. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Loving God, we are in awe of your goodness and mercy that blesses us with this food. How majestic is your name in all the earth! Amen. (Psalm 8:1, 9)

A Blessing to Give:

May the God who created you, redeems you, and sustains you give you peace.

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

- When you think of your faith in God, what is most important to you?
- What questions do you have about God as Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)?

Read: John 16:12-15.

The Gospel of John speaks of God as Father, Jesus (*"the Word made flesh"* in 1:14), and the Spirit. John makes clear that God has come near to us, to be with us intimately and not far away as a God to fear or avoid. There is an intimacy in the use of the word *"Father"* (John 16:15). There is an intimacy shown in the God who becomes flesh and dwells among us. There is an intimacy in the work of the Spirit that reveals all we need to know about Jesus. The Ortho-dox tradition speaks of a dance of love in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The language of dance points to a mystery we will never fully grasp. What we are to understand is that the God of the dance shares a glory, a power of love that is intended for us all. Through faith we have a God who embraces us in a dance of love, of mercy, and of peace forever.

Discuss: How does using the language of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit help you in your relationship to God? How is using that language difficult for you?

Pray: **God of glory and love, help us to receive what we need so that we may trust you and love the world you love through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what is something you could do to show the great love of our Triune God?

In honor of the Trinity make the sign of the cross. Bring the thumb, index and middle finger together (representing the Trinity), touch your forehead while saying: **In the name of the Father**, then touch your lower chest while saying: **and of the Son**, then touch the one shoulder (left first for western Christian traditions, right first for eastern Christian traditions) while saying: **and of the Holy Spirit**, and then cross to the other shoulder. Finish by saying: **Amen**. Making the sign of the cross reminds us of our baptism and the grace we have received through the cross of Jesus. Do this when you wake, eat meals, or during devotions this week.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15