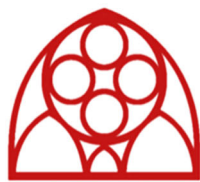


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Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is a vibrant, historic faith community that welcomes all and provides ministries for all ages and walks of life. We are a "City-wide Church with a World-wide Ministry" and have been worshiping, growing, and serving 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 by Tom Holcombe in memory of wife, Jean Holcombe on their 66th wedding anniversary.

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 starting on June 5 - 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.

Today at Kountze, *continued*

Growing Young Book Study/Planning Sessions Fellowship Lounge Beginning Sunday, June 5 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 1 & 2; Next week, Chapters 3 & 4.

New Member Class June 5

12:15 - 2:00 PM

If you are interested in finding out more about Kountze Memorial or think you would like to join our congregation, please consider attending our New Member class today. Lunch will be served and childcare is provided.

This Week at Kountze Memorial

June 5 Sunday

Day of Pentecost—Wear Red
Homebound Communion
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM Holy Play
10:10 AM Adult Forum/Growing Young Book Study
12:15 PM New Member Class

June 6 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

June 7 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

June 8 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group
11:00 AM Devotions @ deFreese Manor
12:15 PM Worship

June 9 Thursday

9:30 AM WELCA Board
11:30 AM Property Committee
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

June 10 Friday

Wedding Rehearsal
5:00 PM Pantry

June 11 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

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/Growing Young Book Study
11:30 AM Youth Servant Project @ Morning Star
Lutheran for VBS
12:15 PM Book Group

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 mission of providing safe, secure, affordable housing for Seniors with the help of HUD subsidy for those with low income. We opened our doors June 2, 1982 to a waitlist with many of our members included. We are please 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 residence 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.

Be a Part of Vacation Bible School This Year!

We are in need of supplies, assistants, and VBS Leaders. You will find a poster with what is needed on the welcome desk in the Fellowship Hall. Take the post-it note that you can be a part of and sign your name on the sign up sheet next to the item you plan to contribute. Please return the items to the box marked VBS next to the Pantry Box, by Sunday, June 12 as they will be needed on that Monday. If you are willing to be a leader or assistant, Kristin Boe will be in contact with you. Thanks for your help!

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.

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.

Lutheran Women Omaha

Tuesday, June 14, 12:00 Noon

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Bring your sack lunch plus \$3.00

Reservations required. Faith 402 734 4629

Program: Tip Top Thrift

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.

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)

Congregational Life Volunteers Needed

If you enjoy cooking and serving meals, the Congregational Life Committee would like to share the good times in the kitchen with you! If you would like to serve in this way, please contact the church office or Jim Smejkal (402-341-7761 or jim@kmlchurch.org).

Eucharistic Ministers

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.

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>

Kountze Community Garden

Our pantry garden has been planted and soon we'll need volunteers to help pick, sort, and transport produce from our Community Garden to Kountze Memorial. If you love to garden and think this would be something you would be interested in, please contact the Church Office.

Attendance & Giving

Saturday: 26

Sunday: 9:00: 105 **11:00:** 55

Wednesday: 12:15: 10

Total: 196

Streaming: 55

Cox Cable: 152

Pantry Guests Served: 221 (inc. 78 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 18

Offering:

\$ 7,505.99 (Regular) \$ 717.78 (Specials)

\$ 1,173.33 (Debt Reduction)

The Holy Spirit is our helper and comforter.

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

Sunday	John 14:8-17, 25-27	Jesus promises the Holy Spirit
Monday	Acts 2:1-21	Filled with the Holy Spirit
Tuesday	Romans 8:14-17	Life in the Holy Spirit
Wednesday	Acts 1:6-11	The ascension of Jesus
Thursday	Psalm 51:10-12	A prayer for forgiveness
Friday	Ephesians 4:25-32	Rules for the new life
Saturday	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	God, the creator and provider
Sunday	John 16:12-15	The Spirit will guide you

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“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.” **John 14:26 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, we thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit that we may believe and speak the good news so that others may know Jesus as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Creative God, your love for us is filled with good things, including the gift of this meal; we thank you for all your good gifts through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Holy Spirit give you comfort and good courage.

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

- What is something about your faith that you would like to understand better?
- How is it comforting to know that the Holy Spirit gives us the power to believe in Jesus?

Read: John 14:8-17, 25-27.

The Gospel of John is the last of the New Testament Gospels to be written. John gives us a valuable perspective on the importance of the Holy Spirit. John makes it clear that having the Holy Spirit does not give us something new or more than Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit only speaks and teaches the message and truth that Jesus spoke and taught. The *“Spirit of truth,”* that is, the Holy Spirit, abides in us that we may know our heavenly father in and through Christ. It is a truth that offers great assurance in a spirit of humility, the humility of being known and taught by God. John speaks of the Holy Spirit as the *“Advocate,”* a term filled with rich meaning. The Greek word for Advocate also means teacher, helper, comforter, someone who walks alongside us and gives us the aid we need.

Discuss: How does it help you to be reminded that the Holy Spirit walks alongside you and dwells within you?

Pray: **Dear God and Comforter, we thank you for the work of the Holy Spirit that gives us the faith and confidence to abide in Jesus now and always. Amen.**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, who do you know that needs to be comforted this week?

On the day of Pentecost, there was the rush of a violent wind and tongues of fire rested on each of the apostles. *“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit”* (Acts 2:4). Decorate your home with red balloons and red candles this week as a reminder of the “blowing” and “burning” of God’s Spirit in your lives. As you light the candles say: **Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

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