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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.

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 honor of his birthday

Television Broadcast is sponsored by Tom Holcombe in memory of his wife, Jean

Holy Play

Through August 28 (No Holy Play July 3)

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

This Week at Kountze

July 3 Sunday

Pentecost 4
Homebound Communion
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM Adult Forum—Fellowship
No Holy Play Today

July 4 Monday

Independence Day
OFFICE CLOSED—No Pantry

July 5 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

July 6 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

July 7 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
5:30 PM Jazz on the Green

July 8 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

July 9 Saturday

11:30 AM Women's Luau
5:00 PM Worship

July 10 Sunday

Pentecost 5
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:10 AM Holy Play
12:15 PM Book Group

For Your Calendar/News & Notes

New Critical Support Needed for the Refugee Family

The Bowari family needs your help: Guldin still has no transportation to work. We have learned of several other congregations who have donated a car to their sponsored families. The Kountze Refugee Resettlement Task Force believes this is the next necessary step. Do you have a good used car that you are willing to donate to this family? Guldin knows how to drive, he just needs to learn the laws here. He drove for the US Army in Afghanistan and also drove construction vehicles before that. He has been studying for the written test and is doing quite well. The next step is helping him get a car. If you or anyone you know has a good used car that you would be able to donate, please call Jonna Holland at 402-669-4575. Please consider how you can help them overcome the obstacle of transportation so that they can become independent.

For Your Calendar/News & Notes

Jazz on the Green

Turner Park—Midtown Crossing

Thursdays, July 7 – August 11

Park Opens for Seating at 5 PM

Pre-Show Starts at 6:30 PM

Music Starts at 7:30 PM

Free & Open to the Public

Please call the church office or talk to Jim Smejkal if you're interested in attending as a group.

Women's Luau

Saturday, July 9

11:30 AM

Children Welcome

Please RSVP on the insert sheet by July 5 so we know how

many to plan for.

Kountze Food Pantry

The Kountze Food Pantry is requesting donations of hygiene products for our guests. We are in need of toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, razors and shave cream, bar soap and/or body wash and deodorant. Toilet tissue is another high-demand item. Please leave your donations in the box in Fellowship Hall. Thank you to all the willing hands doing God's work at the Food Pantry! Please continue to sign up in the Meeting Room A in Fellowship Hall, or at the following link:

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

Carol Joy Holling 34th Annual Quilt Auction

Saturday, July 30, 2022

Being people of peace.

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

Sunday	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Jesus sends out the seventy
Monday	Isaiah 66:10-14	God helps Jerusalem
Tuesday	Galatians 6:1-16	Help each other
Wednesday	Hebrews 12:14-17	Pursue peace
Thursday	Psalms 29	The voice of the Lord in a storm
Friday	2 Thessalonians 3:16-18	Love one another
Saturday	Psalms 66:1-9	Shout praises to God
Sunday	Luke 10:25-37	The good Samaritan



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"Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!'" **Luke 10:5 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to walk with you in life with peace and humility so that others may see and believe that through Jesus Christ your kingdom has come. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we give you thanks for you are awesome and your deeds are filled with good things, including the gift of this food today. Amen. (Psalm 66:5)

A Blessing to Give:

May you bear one another's burdens and know the peace and mercy of God.

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

- Life is filled with conflicts. What is a conflict you have experienced?
- How has your faith helped you in times of conflict?

Read: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.

Jesus sees a bigger reality at play in the work of the disciples as they announce the coming of God's kingdom. Jesus sees a world in need. Satan has fallen and evil has taken root. The disciples enter into the harvest field with a power like no other. This is not something to delight in. They go forth as *"lambs into the midst of wolves"* (v. 3). With a sense of humility, they know they are part of God's heavenly work. Instead of asserting their power, they are to go impoverished, needing the hospitality of others, and bringing peace. They enter towns and villages as guests and wait to be received by those willing to receive the kingdom of God. There is conflict; there is a battle going on that requires more and more disciples to engage. As Jesus said, *"the laborers are few."*

Discuss: How are you part of the laborers who are sent into the harvest fields to bring peace and healing?

Pray: **Dear Jesus, give us eyes to see what you see and a heart to reach out to others with your love that brings peace and healing. Amen.**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, who might you bless with God's healing and peace?

Jesus sent out seventy-two of his followers to go ahead of him. He told them that upon entering a house they were to say, *"Peace to this house"* (Luke 10:5). Practice this greeting when you visit others in their home this week. Establish a ritual in your own home of greeting others as they return from work or school using these words: **God's peace be with you.** Response: **And also with you.**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

Attendance & Giving

Saturday: 36

Sunday: 9:00: 117 **11:00:** 91

Wednesday: 12:15: 8

Total: 252

Streaming: 42

Cox Cable: 139

Pantry Guests Served: 927 (inc. 391 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 15

Offering:

\$9,255.30 (Regular)

\$2,369.61 (Specials)

\$577.00 (Debt Reduction)