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KOUNTZE

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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 LeClare Steffen's 99th birthday given by Jane, Rod, Jennifer & Tom; in honor of Hannah Rief on her 20th birthday by her parents, siblings, and extended family; in memory of Barbara Saklar by Tracy Saklar, James Holzer, and Kris Placek & family

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.

Today at Kountze, *continued*

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 5 & 6; Next week, Chapters 7 & 8.

KMLC Camp Week at Carol Joy Holling and Sullivan Hills

Kountze camp week is this week, June 19 – 24, 2022.



This Week at Kountze Memorial

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

June 20 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

June 21 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group
6:00 PM Congregation Council

June 22 Wednesday

9:30 AM Healing Gift Free Clinic Board Meeting
12:15 PM Worship
6:15 PM Acolyte Training

June 23 Thursday

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

June 24 Friday

2:00 PM Sandra Johnsen Memorial Service
4:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal
5:00 PM Pantry

June 25 Saturday

2:00 PM Johnson & Ray Wedding
5:00 PM Worship

June 26 Sunday

Pentecost 3
Neighborhood Gathering
Receive New Members
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

Attention 8th Grade Members and Older

For 81 years, the Order of Saint John (OSJ) at Kountze Memorial has provided leadership in our worship experience. OSJ members carry the processional cross, torches, gospel book, and banner. In addition, OSJ members light candles, as well as assist the pastors at baptisms and Holy Communion. If you are interested in being part of the OSJ, Acolyte training will be conducted on June 22 at 6:15 PM in the Nave. Please contact Jeff or Robin Perkins at 402-339-5384 with any questions.

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.

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 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.

Jazz on the Green

Thursdays, July 7 - August 11

Please call the church office or talk to Jim 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.

Eye Glass Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated the used eyeglasses in May. We collected over 175 pairs of glasses. You have helped those in need to see their world more clearly. God Bless You.

Update on our 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: 43

Sunday: 9:00: 111 11:00: 67

Tuesday Ordination: 180

Wednesday: 12:15: 12

Total: 413

Streaming: 86

Cox Cable: 128

Pantry Guests Served: 940 (inc. 298 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 12

Offering:

\$17,680.00 (Regular)

\$1 667.65 (Specials)

\$567.00 (Debt Reduction)



KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

IN THE COURTYARD NEXT TO KOUNTZE COMMONS

Free to love God and one another.

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

Sunday	Luke 8:26-39	Jesus casts out demons
Monday	Isaiah 65:1-9	Righteousness of God's judgment
Tuesday	Galatians 3:23-29	The purpose of the law
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 1:10-17	Divisions in the church
Thursday	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Final greetings
Friday	Ephesians 4:1-6	Unity in Christ
Saturday	Psalms 22:19-28	Suffering and praise
Sunday	Luke 9:51-62	The cost of following Jesus



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There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28 (NRSV)

A Prayer for the Week:

Creator God, you desire peace and unity on earth and in your church, the body of Christ. Free us to unite with one another for Christ's sake. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Be present at our table, Lord. Be here and everywhere adored. These mercies bless and grant that we may feast in paradise with thee. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord bless you and free you to tell others what God has done for you through Christ our Lord.

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

- When have you felt like an outsider?
- What difference does it make to know that Christians are united through baptism with one purpose of being God's hands, feet, and voice in the world?

Read: Galatians 3:23-29.

The law of God in the Old Testament served its purpose for the people of God. It was like a designated household tutor, "*disciplinarian*" (v. 25) that guided the children until they grew up. Through baptism, we are clothed with—we participate in—Christ's rule in our lives. Faith in Christ now replaces a tutor. That means a life now freed to love God and one another. We are freed from the old categories found in our cultures like honor and shame, insiders and outsiders, rich and poor, all the differences that lead to fear, anger, and distrust of one another. Those clothed in Christ through baptism are one people, one body. As we relate to one another in the Christian community, no more divisions of Gentile or Jew, no more male or female, no more slave or free to separate us from one mission, one faith, and one hope through one baptism (Ephesians 4:1-6).

Discuss: How does knowing we are one body in Christ through baptism affect your relationship to others in the church? In the world?

Pray: **Dear God, you who overcome all the barriers we create between people, help us to reach out to one another with your power that unites us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and the theme, how can you be accepting of Christians who express their faith differently from you?

Galatians 3:26-27 reminds us that in baptism we were "*clothed*" with or "*put on*" Christ. This week in your home, remember your baptism daily. Dip your fingers in a small bowl of water. Trace the sign of the cross on yourself or one another's foreheads. Say: **You are a child of God through faith in Jesus. In baptism you were clothed with Christ.**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16
Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62