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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

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. 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**—Intro to the Gospel of Luke

This Week at Kountze

July 10 Sunday

Pentecost 5

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

10:10 AM Adult Forum—Intro to the Gospel of Luke

1010 AM Holy Play

10:10 AM Scholarship Committee (Fellowship Lounge)

12:15 PM Book Group

July 11 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

July 12 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

July 13 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group

11:00 AM Devotions @ deFreese Manor

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Executive Committee

July 14 Thursday

Council Reports Due

11:30 AM Property Committee

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

6:00 PM Christian Education Committee

July 15 Friday

Good News Deadline

5:00 PM Pantry

July 16 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

July 17 Sunday

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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

Men's Lunch

Thursday, July 21

11:30 AM

Please RSVP by Tuesday, July 19

Cost: \$10

Carol Joy Holling 34th Annual Quilt Auction

Saturday, July 30, 2022

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Carol Joy Holling Camp

Kountze always donates several quilts to the auction.

Quilts in the past have auctioned for anywhere between \$25 and \$20,000. The day promises good food, great fun, and lots of beautiful quilts donated by friends of camp. The auction and lunch will be held rain or shine. Bring your friends and families!

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>

Being a good neighbor.

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

Sunday	Luke 10:25-37	The good Samaritan
Monday	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Choose life, not death
Tuesday	Colossians 1:1-14	A prayer of thanks
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 10:24-11:1	Always honor God
Thursday	Hebrews 13:1-6	Service that pleases God
Friday	Romans 15:1-6	Please others, not yourselves
Saturday	Psalms 25:1-10	A prayer for guidance
Sunday	Luke 10:38-42	Jesus visits Martha and Mary



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"Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He [The lawyer] said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:36-37 (NRSV)

A Prayer for the Week:

God of steadfast love, help us to welcome all people that we meet each day with kindness and mercy through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

With the fruit of the earth, you feed us, good Lord. With love and care you sustain us each day through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God rescue you from the power of darkness and bring you into the kingdom of God's beloved Son, Jesus. (Colossians 1:13)

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

- How would you describe a good neighbor?
- Tell or think of a story of how you or someone you know has been a good neighbor.

Read: Luke 10:25-37.

Understanding who my neighbor is can be an issue in today's world. We often define who is an insider and who is an outsider, someone not needing or deserving of our care. Jesus turns that focus on its head. If you were in need, like the man robbed, beaten, and left for dead, whose help would you accept? Anyone's help, of course, even someone you despised. It was a Samaritan who helped the man who was left for dead. In the Jewish world of Jesus' day, a Samaritan was someone who was not a pure Jew but a mixture of nationalities brought in by foreign rulers. A Samaritan was also someone whose faith was not consistent with Jewish teachings. A Samaritan was despised yet used by Jesus to show who a neighbor is and what a real neighbor does.

Discuss: Who in your life would you describe as a good Samaritan and why?

Pray: **Merciful God, help me to see in others someone who I can serve and to whom I can turn to when I need help in daily life, for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Savior, Lord, and Neighbor. Amen.**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you be a good neighbor?

Speaking through Moses, God told the people of Israel that the word was in their mouths and in their hearts so that they would obey it (Deuteronomy 30:14). Begin each day this week by reciting these words from Luke 10:27: **Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:
 Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15
 Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

Attendance & Giving

Saturday: 32

Sunday: 9:00: 81 **11:00:** 59

Wednesday: 12:15: 10

Total: 182

Streaming: 60

Cox Cable: 139

Pantry Guests Served: 247 (inc. 108 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 25

Offering:

\$10,554.99 (Regular)

\$1,803.83 (Specials)

\$516.27 (Debt Reduction)