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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 Bruce and Barb Nissen in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary; in honor of Jean Johnson's birthday

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**—Update on Clinic and donor gift

This Week at Kountze

July 17 Sunday

Pentecost 6
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM Holy Play
10:10 AM Adult Forum

July 18 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry
6:00 PM HGFC Clinic Board (Classroom)

July 19 Tuesday

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

July 20 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

July 21 Thursday

11:30 AM Men's Lunch
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
6:00 PM Circle 5

July 22 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

July 23 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship
5:05 PM Omaha Storm Chaser Faith & Family Night

July 24 Sunday

Pentecost 7
Jul 24 - Jul 26 Sky Ranch—Youth Service Trip here
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM Holy Play
10:10 AM Adult Forum

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Transportation for Refugee Family (Change in Request)

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. 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 for sale, please call Jonna Holland at 402-669-4575. **Your donations at this time will go toward the purchase of a car, registration, insurance, etc. are greatly appreciated.** Just mark your check "for refugee family". Kountze has done wonderful work supporting this family; now they want to be able to support themselves. Please help them overcome the obstacle of transportation so that they can become independent.

Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee has been reformed and is accepting applications through August 15. The Scholarship Program makes scholarship funds available to any active

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member of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church who is a student enrolled and attending any post secondary education college or seminary. In order for a student to be deemed an active member of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, the student, or the student's parent or guardian, must be an actively communing and contributing member of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church as evident in their worship life. Applications for this scholarship can be found on the website at: Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church under tab Grow/ Youth Ministries/Scholarships. Due to the reforming of the Scholarship Committee, the last day to submit an application is not March 1 this year, but August 15.

West Door

We are now asking all to enter the church on the west side (big parking lot side) through the Link door. The outer doors are now open during the day so you can get to the intercom system, just inside the door. The west door closer to the offices will be an exit door only to help with the security of the building. Please be aware that it is always a good idea to make sure the doors behind you are fully closed after exiting them. Thank You!

Youth (7-12 Graders)

You are invited to join in hosting a youth service trip of Colorado Youth from Sky Ranch on Monday, July 25 from 5 - 9 PM. We will be providing a meal and then walking to the downtown new park area by the slides on Farnam Street for recreation and conversation. Let us know if you are planning to attend at shari@kmlchurch.org or text 402-332-6990.

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>

Disciples listen to Jesus and serve.

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

Sunday	Luke 10:38-42	Jesus visits Martha and Mary
Monday	Genesis 18:1-10a	A son is promised
Tuesday	Colossians 1:15-28	The supremacy of Christ
Wednesday	Proverbs 8:32-36	Listen to what you are taught
Thursday	Isaiah 28:23-26	Wisdom comes from the Lord
Friday	James 1:19-25	Hearing and doing the word
Saturday	Psalms 15	Worshiping the Lord
Sunday	Luke 11:1-13	Jesus teaches about prayer



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*But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." **Luke 10:41-42 (NRSV)***

A Prayer for the Week:

Compassionate God, you who call us to serve and to listen to you, give us ears to hear and hearts to serve you and others for the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may we receive this food with a humble heart, remembering the needs of others for food and safety, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of abundance give you a heart ready to receive and share love with others.

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

- What is a characteristic of a follower of Jesus that you admire?
- When you get together with friends, would you rather listen or talk, serve or be served?

Read: Luke 10:38-42.

In a world where hospitality is very important and can mean the difference between life and death, this scripture reading points out one important distinction that can undermine true hospitality: worry that leads to distraction. In Luke 7:36-50, Jesus praises the woman who shows hospitality by washing his feet while Simon the Pharisee simply sits to listen to the teacher. Both listening and serving are important characteristics of a disciple. What is not a true characteristic is worry and distraction that takes one away from what is right in front of them, God's presence and the needs of one's neighbor. This story immediately follows the Good Samaritan parable and seems linked to it. Caring for others and listening to Jesus is not an either-or decision; it is a both-and.

Discuss: How does listening to God's word help you care for others?

Pray: **God of justice and love, help us to hear your message of compassion that sends us out into your world to care for others through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, is there someone you know who needs a listening ear?

Even when we are busy, we need to take time to listen to Jesus, as Mary did. If you're not in the practice of taking a few moments each day to hear God speak to you, consider setting time aside to do so. Turn off all electronics and distracting noises. Take a few deep breaths and relax. Begin with this prayer: **Lord help me not to be worried or distracted by many things and listen to you. Amen.** Sit quietly for a few minutes. Then finish your quiet time by saying the Lord's Prayer.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]; Luke 11:1-13

Attendance & Giving

Saturday: 40
Sunday: 9:00: 93 **11:00:** 63
Wednesday: 12:15: 12
Total: 212
Streaming: 42
Cox Cable: 138
Pantry Guests Served: 875 (inc. 281 children)
Medical Clinic Guests Served: 9
Offering:
\$12,092.30 (Regular) \$2,209.59 (Specials)
\$1,100.40 (Debt Reduction)