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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 in honor of Dayle 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

This Week at Kountze

July 24 Sunday

Pentecost 7

Jul 24 - Jul 26 Sky Ranch—Youth Service Trip at KMLC

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 25 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

July 26 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

5:00 PM Circle 3 - Not @ KMLC

6:00 PM Endowment Board

July 27 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

6:30 PM Christian Education Committee

July 28 Thursday

12:00 PM Circle 4 Potluck (note time change)

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

July 29 Friday

Wedding Rehearsal

5:00 PM Pantry

July 30 Saturday

9:00 AM CJH Quilt Auction

2:30 PM Arispe & Stasi Wedding

5:00 PM Worship

July 31 Sunday

Pentecost 8

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)

We give thanks for the donation of a car! Guldin is working hard at passing his tests to drive. The help needed going forward is your donations toward registration, insurance, etc. Just mark your check "for refugee family." Kountze has done wonderful work supporting this family. Thank you for your continued gifts and prayers.

Scholarships

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

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 -

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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>

Sunday School Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to teach and assist for the upcoming school year one week-end a month. We are in need of Preschool volunteers, Kindergarten through 2nd grade teachers and assistants, and 3rd through 6th grade teachers

and assistants. The lesson is prepared and scripted with all activities ready to go for that day. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Boe at kristin@kmlchurch.org. Your leadership would be greatly appreciated!

Let's get back to Sunday Morning Breakfast!

Could you assist once a month on a breakfast crew or bring 2 dozen pastries for the 5th Sunday of the month? We are also looking for individuals that would be on a list for people to call if they are not able to make it one weekend. Consider how you might help bring back this popular ministry for our congregation. Sign-up is located on the welcome desk.

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!

Walking with Christ.

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

Sunday	Luke 11:1-13	Jesus teaches about prayer
Monday	Genesis 18:20-32	Abraham negotiates with God
Tuesday	Colossians 2:6-19	Fullness of life in Christ
Wednesday	Psalms 143:7-12	Prayer in time of danger
Thursday	1 John 5:13-20	Knowing about eternal life
Friday	Proverbs 3:21-26	The true security
Saturday	Psalms 138	Praise and thanksgiving
Sunday	Luke 12:13-21	Parable of the rich fool

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught abounding in thanksgiving. **Colossians 2:6-7 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

Forgiving and Compassionate God, we thank you that through the Holy Spirit you give us a living faith to grow and trust in Christ each and every day. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

O God, you who feed us like a loving parent, bless this food. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God who hears your every request bless you with faith and trust.

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

- How do friends develop a close relationship?
- Where and when do you pray? How does prayer help your relationship with God?

Read: Colossians 2:6-19.

In the original Greek text, "*continue to live your lives*" has, at its root, the meaning "as you walk in Christ." The passage gives an answer to how we walk in or with Christ daily. Through baptism, we have died and are now raised with Christ through the rebirth of forgiveness. Various spiritual observances can be a distraction if not done with the primary goal of walking daily in Christ, to be "*rooted and built up in him*" (v. 7). Colossians seeks to keep our spiritual experiences focused on the essentials of walking daily in faith with Christ. That's all that is needed. Practices like prayer can bless us because we are trusting in the God who provides for us and is trustworthy (Luke 11:1-13). We can pray and even shamelessly challenge God because God listens, cares, and does not shame us for wanting a real relationship with God (Genesis 18:20-32).

Discuss: How does attending worship, reading scripture, and praying help you walk with Christ?

Pray: **Dear God, you do everything to keep a relationship with us. Help us to walk and grow in faith in Christ that we may confidently follow you all the days of our lives. Amen.**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, who might want to read scripture and pray with you?

Luke 11:2-4 gives us a version of the Lord's Prayer. Jesus connects prayer with a God who cares for us and provides all that we need, including daily bread, forgiveness, and protection from evil. The Lord's Prayer has sustained Christians for nearly 2,000 years. This is a prayer worthy of being prayed regularly. Select a version of the Lord's Prayer and pray it both morning and night this week.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23; Psalm 49:1-12
Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21



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Attendance & Giving

Saturday: 35
Sunday: 9:00: 100 11:00: 58
Wednesday: 12:15: 14
Total: 207
Streaming: 46
Cox Cable: 126
Pantry Guests Served: 1,114 (inc. 430 children)
Medical Clinic Guests Served: 27
Offering:
\$10,635.12 (Regular) \$867.16 (Specials)
\$922.00 (Debt Reduction)