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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 celebration of the marriage of Adam & Christina (Stasi) Arispe

Eternal Candle is given to the glory of God by Dean & Darlene Anderson in honor of their 67th wedding anniversary

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. Fellowship **Next week:** Update on the Stained Glass Windows.

This Week at Kountze Memorial

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

August 1 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

August 2 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

August 3 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

August 4 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

August 5 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

August 6 Saturday

Homebound Communion

5:00 PM Worship

August 7 Sunday

Pentecost 9

Homebound Communion

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs.)

10:10 AM Holy Play

10:10 AM Adult Forum

For Your Calendar/News & Notes

7th – 12th Grade Youth

Sunday, August 14

10:10 to 10:50 AM

Join us for a time to gather. Bring your calendars and talk with your parents about your schedule for the fall. Many ideas have come forward and we want to get things scheduled for the first half of the school year. A time to share summer best and summer bummers with prayer will close our time. See you on the 14th!

Scholarships

Application Deadline is August 15

The Scholarship Program makes 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/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 this year is August 15. If mailed, the postmark must be August 15 or earlier. No applications will be accepted after that date.

Bible Studies Begin Again!

Mondays, 6:00 PM or

Wednesdays, 11:00 AM

Beginning August 15 & 17

Join with others and Pastor Shari in the Fellowship Lounge. We will gather around the Word and explore how the Bible speaks to our lives today. We will try out a few different ways to approach study of the Bible before deciding as a group how to proceed. Looking forward to a weekly journey with you and your Bibles.

A Gathering for 5th and 6th Graders

Sunday, August 21

10:10 AM

All are welcome to join us in the Youth Center between worship times! This will be a time to learn more about each other, play some games, have devotions, and share in prayer. We hope to see you!

Help Wanted – Night Manager

Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is currently accepting applications and resumes for the position of Night Manager. The individual would live on site in the Church apartment and be responsible for the Kountze Campus afterhours and when the facility is closed for inclement weather. Some light janitorial duties, opening and closing the building for worship services and special functions, verifying doors are locked etc. Please call or stop by the church office to request a complete job description and submit an application and resume. Applications are due into the church office by August 21, 2022.

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.

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.

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>

Attendance & Giving

Saturday: 37

Sunday: 9:00: 103 **11:00:** 75

Wednesday: 12:15: 13

Total: 228

Streaming: 49

Cox Cable: 129

Pantry Guests Served: 1,308 (inc. 421 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 20

Offering:

\$18,271.00 (Regular) \$2,859.32 (Specials)

\$3,923.50 (Debt Reduction)

CONGREGATIONAL

MEEETTING

Sunday, August 14 | 10:15 AM | Fellowship Hall

Election of Council Members

Our lives are renewed daily in Christ.

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

Sunday	Luke 12:13-21	Parable of the rich fool
Monday	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23	Wisdom makes sense
Tuesday	Colossians 3:1-11	New life in Christ
Wednesday	Ephesians 4:17-24	The old life and the new
Thursday	Psalms 19:7-13	The wonders of God
Friday	2 Corinthians 4:16-18	Living by faith
Saturday	Psalms 49:1-12	Do not depend on wealth
Sunday	Luke 12:32-40	Seek treasures in heaven



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Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3:2-3 (NRSV)

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and Eternal God, we thank you that you bring us new life each day, a life that one day will be fully revealed with Christ in glory. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

For life and health and every blessing, including this gift of food today, we give you thanks, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the glory of Christ lead you into each new day with hope.

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

- What is something most people do not know about you?
- How would you describe to someone else a life in Christ?

Read: Colossians 3:1-11.

This is a beautiful passage that brings comfort and encouragement for a life in Christ. God sees what the world cannot see. Our lives are hidden in the grace and mercy of Christ. How wonderful is that? Our true identities will not always be hidden: "When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory" (v. 4). The scripture reading begins, "So if you have been raised with Christ." It really means "since you have been raised with Christ." There is no conditional "if" implied, but an absolute "since." Because of God in Christ, we have a beautiful and joyous life that will be fully revealed one day. In the meantime, we live believing this. We continue to "put to death" those behaviors and attitudes that are inconsistent with a life in Christ. We already live the resurrection life, being renewed each day confessing our shortcomings, our sin, and receiving grace, mercy, and forgiveness. Wow!

Discuss: What does it mean to you to know that through the resurrection your life is renewed each day?

Pray: Almighty God, help us to trust that our future is filled with goodness and mercy and that our lives are being renewed each day, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how might you serve others with grace and mercy?

Being "rich towards God" (Luke 12:21) means growing in generosity toward those who are in need. Giving regularly to God's work in and through the church is a practice for keeping our accumulation of earthly things in check. Setting aside a portion of our income for giving to those in need reminds us that God is the giver of all we have. Think or talk about how you determine your financial giving to others and why it is important to give in this way. Encourage children by teaching them about: Giving – for the needs and benefit of others; Saving – to reach a goal, instead of instant gratification; and, Spending – making wise purchasing decisions.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40