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KOUNTZE

Memorial Lutheran Church

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August 20 & 21, 2022

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 Clara Kidder's 22nd birthday; in memory of parents, Anne and Charles Forslund, by daughter Christine Forslund

Eternal Candle is given to the glory of God in memory of loved ones by Tom Jensen

Adult Forum

Fellowship Hall

10:10 AM

Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **This Week:** Dag Hammarskjöld: A Life of Public Service and Spiritual Awareness. **Next week: Fellowship**

Blessing of Backpacks

August 20 & 21

10:10 AM

This weekend there will be a Blessing of the Backpacks so the congregation of Kountze can surround all students, teachers, professors, and school support staff with prayer and blessings for an enriching, productive, and safe school year. Following the 9:00 AM service this Sunday, August 21, the youth of Kountze will be assembling these supplies to give out at the Pantry on Monday. Meet in the Fellowship Lounge to put bags together while enjoying fellowship and a special treat.

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!

Today at Kountze, *continued*

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 after hours 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 in the church office by August 21, 2022.

Sunday School Volunteers Needed

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!

This Week at Kountze Memorial

August 21 Sunday

Pentecost 11
Blessing of Backpacks
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM Holy Play—Fellowship Lounge—Assemble Back Pack Supplies
10:10 AM 5th & 6th Grade Gathering
10:10 AM Adult Forum

August 22 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry
6:00 PM Bible Study

August 23 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:30 PM Circle 3

August 24 Wednesday

11:00 AM Bible Study
12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Confirmation Meal & Orientation (7th & 8th graders & Parents)
Wedding Rehearsal

August 25 Thursday

1:00 PM Circle 4
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
6:30 PM Busch/Jones Wedding

August 26 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry
6:00 PM Council Retreat

August 27 Saturday

9:00 AM Council Retreat
5:00 PM Worship

August 28 Sunday

Pentecost 12
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM Holy Play—Back to School Celebration
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:10 AM Baptism Seminar
10:10 AM Picnic Planning Meeting

For Your Calendar/News & Notes

Bible Studies Continue

Mondays, 6:00 PM or

Wednesdays, 11:00 AM

Enter Through the Farnam Office Doors

Join Pastor Shari and others 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.

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.

Confirmation Orientation for Youth & Parents

Wednesday, August 24

6:00 PM

Parents and students are invited to attend an orientation meeting on Wednesday, August 24 starting at 6:00 PM with a meal. We hope to be finished with our meeting time by 7:00 PM. Registration will take place during this meeting. If you are unable to attend, please be sure to register by August 26. This will help our planning for the year to come so we can get the information for the Confirmation year to you. The registration form can be found at <https://www.kmlchurch.org/confirmation/confirmation-ministry-reg-form/>. The Kountze Confirmation program is for 7th and 8th graders. A time to begin to affirm their baptismal faith will begin in person on Wednesday, September 7, at 6:00 PM beginning with a meal. Class time each Wednesday night will be from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. During the year we will take a one week break on November 23 and December 28 and will finish our year of study on April 12.

Baptism Seminar
Sunday, August 28
10:10 AM

If you are interested in having your child baptized and have not been through a Baptism Seminar before, be sure to join us. We will meet in the Nave. The purpose of the seminar is to introduce parents to the theology of baptism, walk through the baptismal liturgy, discuss scheduling for the baptism, and address any questions you might have. Please call the church office to register. Please reach out to Pastor Shari Duminy with any questions or concerns.

Back to School Celebration
August 28

10:10 AM (following the 9:00 AM service)
The youth of Kountze and their families are invited to a Back-to-School Celebration, hosted by the Christian Education Committee. Join us in the Green Space for games, snacks, fellowship, and fun. We encourage you to bring a friend to this event. The more, the merrier! Let's show others just how great our Kountze Sunday School community is.

Kountze Food Pantry

The Kountze Food Pantry is asking you to clean your home pantries! Yes, we are collecting any and all odd (not expired) food items. We have an "extras" section of the pantry, where guests get to choose from an assortment. This allows our guests the chance to get a few things they normally wouldn't have access to. Good items to donate are: jelly, ketchup, mustard, salad dressings, mayonnaise, seasonings, cooking oil, flour etc. We also continue to collect hygiene products. We are especially in need of bar soap or body wash. Remember, we can once again reuse dry, clean plastic grocery bags. Thank you for all you do to support the mission of Kountze Food Pantry! Please continue to sign up in the Meeting Room A in the Fellowship Hall, or at the following link:

<https://form.jotform.com/200834787701155>

God's Work, Our Hands Day of Service
Sunday, September 11

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Tri-Faith Center (13136 Faith Plaza, Omaha, NE 68144)

Join us at the Tri-Faith Campus. There will be a time for walking, Food Trucks, live performances, and family-friendly exhibits. Our day of service will focus on learning about our siblings of the Abrahamic Faith. You can register at walk@trifaith.org. If you are able to give a donation, please do so. Get on your walking shoes to learn and connect with our larger faith community!

New Member Class
September 11 & 18
10:15 - 11:30 AM

If you are interested in finding out more about Kountze Memorial or would like to join our congregation, please consider attending our next New Member class. Childcare is provided. Please call the church office to register and let us know if you need childcare.

Register for Sunday School

Register online by going to <https://form.jotform.com/Kristinboe/SundaySchoolRegistration>. Links to registration will also be on the KMLC Parent and Friends Facebook Group. You can also stop into the Sunday School office to register your child there. All children, ages infant through 12th grade, should register for the 2022/23 Sunday School Year.

NE Synod Bishop Installation
First Lutheran Church in Kearney, NE
(3315 Avenue G, Kearney, NE
Saturday, September 24
1:00 PM

The Nebraska Synod invites you to a Service of Holy Communion and the Installation of The Reverend Scott Alan Johnson as Bishop of the Nebraska Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. A reception will immediately follow the service. **RSVP** at <https://nebraskasynod.org/event/bishop-installation/> before August 30, 2022

Mark Your Calendars for the
Kountze Memorial
"Old Fashioned Church Picnic/Potluck"
Sunday September 25

11:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Held at Kountze Memorial

Details to follow in the E-news, Good News, and future Announcement Pages.

Attendance & Giving

Saturday: 35

Sunday: 9:00: 127 11:00: 53

Wednesday: 12:15: 8

Total: 226

Streaming: 36

Cox Cable: Not available at time of printing

Pantry Guests Served: 1106 (inc. 380 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 18

Offering: Not available at time of printing

Rest and healing on the sabbath.

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

Sunday	Luke 13:10-17	Jesus heals on the sabbath
Monday	Isaiah 58:9b-14	Delight in the sabbath
Tuesday	Hebrews 12:18-29	A kingdom that can't be shaken
Wednesday	Leviticus 26:1-13	Blessings for obeying the Lord
Thursday	Exodus 20:8-11	Remember the sabbath day
Friday	Mark 2:23-28	A question about the sabbath
Saturday	Psalms 103:1-8	Praise for God's benefits
Sunday	Luke 14:1, 7-14	Humility and hospitality



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When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. Luke 13:12-13 (NRSV)

A Prayer for the Week:

God of sabbath rest and healing, help us to be satisfied with what we have so that others may rejoice at your goodness and mercy through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, for the food that you provide us, for the rest you give us, and for your goodness that keeps us going, we give you thanks in Jesus' name. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God, who loves you dearly, give you rest and peace.

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

- How does being tired affect your mood and your ability to think and work?
- The sabbath is a day of rest and healing. How do you observe and spend time on the sabbath?

Read: Luke 13:10-17.

A woman whose stature in the community was reduced by being crippled for 18 years was healed on a sabbath. That angered the leader of the synagogue. The woman was not of importance to the leader. What was likely important was his leadership. He was interrupted by Jesus. Jesus reminded the people that the sabbath is a time to show kindness, including kindness to animals. The sabbath, as part of the Ten Commandments, provides a day of rest for people and, thereby, fairness for tired and worn workers. The sabbath shows care for humans and animals, including the woman who was able to stand up straight and praise God. It also shows God's providence and generosity. Work should not consume people's lives every day. Six days is enough. Even God rested on the seventh day, the sabbath. We, too, are to rest, restore, and give praise to God.

Discuss: How do you participate in sabbath rest that includes time to worship God?

Pray: **Dear God, you who care for all that you create, we thank you for your justice and mercy that includes time to rest from our labors and to praise you 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 can you help others enjoy a sabbath day of rest?

One of the well-known verses of the Psalms is, "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name" (Psalm 103:1). The Hebrew word for "bless" is actually "to kneel," that is, to worship before God in a kneeling position. The verse literally means to kneel or worship God with all one's soul, with all one's self. This week, try the very humble position of kneeling as you pray.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14