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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 memory of David Carlsen by his children and grandchildren

Eternal Candle is given to the glory of God given by Diane Nickeson-Ray in memory of her father, Keith Nickeson; in memory of Randall S. Fike given by Mary Jo Fike and family.

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 Week:** Update on the Stained Glass Windows and Introduction of Council/Endowment Nominees **Next week:** Congregational Meeting

Register for Sunday School

Sunday School begins September 11, but you can get registered now. Sign up 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.

This Week at Kountze Memorial

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

August 8 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

August 9 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

August 10 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group
11:00 AM Devotions @ deFreese Manor
12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Executive Committee

August 11 Thursday

Council Reports Due
9:30 AM WELCA Board
11:30 AM Property Committee
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

August 12 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

August 13 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

August 14 Sunday

Pentecost 10

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM Holy Play
10:10 AM Youth Forum (7th—12th gr)
10:10 AM Congregational Meeting
12:15 PM Book Group

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. 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 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.

August Men's Lunch

Thursday August 18

11:30 AM

Fellowship Lounge

Kountze's Version of "How's That Made"

Cost is \$10.00

Did you ever wonder what it takes to outfit a new police car, ambulance, or firetruck? Join us and Ron Brown will share with us just what it takes to outfit new emergency vehicles with the latest in technology. Gone are the days that they just put a magnetic flashing light on top and plugged it into the cigarette lighter. Please call the church office or use the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall to register by Tuesday, August 16.

Blessing of Backpacks

August 20 & 21

All students, teachers, professors, and school support staff are encouraged to bring their school bags to church for the Blessing of the Backpacks so the congregation of Kountze can surround you with prayer and blessings for an enriching, productive, and safe school year. In addition, we will be **collecting school supplies and backpacks** for school-aged guests of the Kountze Pantry. Donation boxes will be located at the welcome desk in the Fellowship Hall. Please **bring any donations by August 21**. Following the 9:00 AM service on the 21st, the youth of Kountze will be assembling these supplies to give out at the Pantry the following day. Meet in the link 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!

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!

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 the Fellowship Hall, or at the following link:

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

Attendance & Giving

Saturday: 29

Sunday: 9:00: 109 **11:00:** 112

Wednesday: 12:15: 10

Total: 260

Streaming: 55

Cox Cable: 142

Pantry Guests Served: 1107 (inc. 329 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 16

Offering:

\$10,055.00 (Regular)

\$25,857.27 (Specials)

\$842.00 (Debt Reduction)

CONGREGATIONAL

MEEETTING

Sunday, August 14 | 10:15 AM | Fellowship Hall
Election of Council Members

We are strangers and foreigners on earth.



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

Sunday	Luke 12:32-40	Seek treasures in heaven
Monday	Genesis 15:1-6	God's covenant with Abram
Tuesday	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	The meaning of faith
Wednesday	Psalms 33:1-11	Sing praises to the Lord
Thursday	1 Chronicles 29:10-22	David's praises to the Lord
Friday	Isaiah 40:27-31	The Lord gives strength
Saturday	Psalms 33:12-22	Trust only in God
Sunday	Luke 12:49-56	Following Jesus causes division

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They [Abraham's descendants] confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. Hebrews 11:13b-14 (NRSV)

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, direct us to long for what you long for and to thirst for what you promise, that we may treasure what you want for us through Jesus, the Son of Man. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of steadfast love, fill our hearts with trust in you, as you fill our bodies with the riches of this meal. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of steadfast love and faithfulness give you peace.

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

- What is something you have longed for and desired for some time?
- What is something you desire for the benefit of humanity?

Read: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16.

Hebrews 11 is a famous chapter focusing explicitly on the Christian faith: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (v. 1). The focus is on the future; faith involves a God-given longing filled with God's promises, assurances that lead us not to sit down and rest as though satisfied. Faith longs for something more, a "homeland," a country of heavenly peace that is not yet fully experienced. Therefore, in this life we are foreigners and strangers. We are people on the move, looking ahead, and often not satisfied with things as they are. It is very tempting to settle down and be content with the way things are, but that is not the mindset of the Christian faith. We want God's promises to be fulfilled for all. Until that happens, we join others as travelers on earth longing for something more, something better, nothing less than the perfect peace and mercy of God.

Discuss: What is missing in your life that only God can fulfill?

Pray: **God of promise, help us to be restless for the comfort and security only you can bring, not only for ourselves, but for all your people 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 reach out to a friend or a new neighbor who might feel like a stranger in a group of people?

If we want Christian children and youth, we need Christian adults who practice the faith with them. Hebrews 11 lists people from the Bible who showed faith in God. Who have been examples of faith to you and your family? Write a thank you card to these people thanking them for their example. One of the greatest gifts we can give to our children is deep and meaningful connections with other witnesses to the faith. Ask adults who are friends and family to share their own faith stories with children and youth.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29--12:2; Luke 12:49-56