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# KOUNTZE

## Memorial Lutheran Church

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**September 17 & 18, 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 memory of Gary D. Rodene given by wife, Nancy Rodene; given by Barb Chrisman in memory of her mom, Lois Soll; given by Tom Jensen in memory of his mother, Maxine Jensen; given by Robin Perkins in honor of Jeff Perkins' birthday

**Eternal Candle** is given to the glory of God in memory of Gary D. Rodene given by wife, Nancy Rodene

**Television Broadcast** is sponsored by Nancy Rodene in memory of her husband, Gary Rodene

### **Kountze Café is Open!**

#### **Sundays from 9:30—11:00 AM**

Join us each Sunday for breakfast. The suggested donation is \$5 adults, \$2.50 children 12 and younger for the hot breakfast (this Sunday) and a free-will donation for the continental breakfast. Opportunities to serve are still available, so please contact Pr. Shari Duminy if you would like to help with breakfast. Thanks! **Next week due to the Congregational Picnic, coffee & cookies will be served.**

### **Children's Choir**

#### **Second Floor Music Room**

#### **9:15 AM (after the 9 AM Children's Blessing)**

#### **Grades K-5 - Choir**

#### **Grades 6-8 - Director's Assistants**

All children in grades K-5 are encouraged to sing in our Children's Choir. The choir will rehearse immediately after the children's blessing at the 9:00 AM service (9:15 AM). Students in grades 6-8 may participate as Director Assistants. Director Assistants will help lead and assist the younger children in singing the music, working with children on their speaking parts for the Christmas program, and adding instruments to our choral singing. If you have any questions, please contact Barb at 402-341-7761.

## Today at Kountze, *continued*

### Sunday School

**Sundays, 10:10 - 10:50 AM**

Join us on Sundays on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for Sunday School. Preschool 1 (2-4 yrs) meets from 9:00—10:00 AM (child care for those too old for the nursery).

### Sunday School Talking Point This Week

**The Circle of the Church Year**—In this lesson, we will learn about how Christians move through the circle of the church year. We learn what to expect from each season and what the colors of the church symbolize. This is a lesson that will be revisited each week as we move through the calendar of the year.

### Youth Forum

**10:10 AM**

7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to gather each Sunday between worship. **This week:** We will join Adult Forum to

hear about a possible trip to Holden Village. **Next week:** Group Building with Games

### Adult Forum

**Fellowship Hall, 10:10 AM**

Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **This week:** Introduction and Possible Congregational Trip to Holden Village **Next week:** Introduction of New Members and Fellowship

### New Member Class Continues

**September 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.

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## This Week at Kountze Memorial

### September 18 Sunday

Pentecost 15  
Installation of Council Members  
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship  
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)  
9:15 AM Children's Choir  
9:30—11:00 AM Breakfast  
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-6<sup>th</sup> gr)  
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 7-12) w/Adult Forum  
10:10 AM Adult Forum—Holden Village  
10:15 AM New Member Class

### September 19 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry  
6:00 PM Bible Study—I & II Timothy  
6:00 PM HGFC Clinic Board

### September 20 Tuesday

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

### September 21 Wednesday

11:00 AM Bible Study—I & II Timothy  
12:15 PM Worship  
6:00 PM Confirmation Class

### September 22 Thursday

1:00 PM Circle 4  
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

### September 23 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

### September 24 Saturday

1:00 PM Installation of Rev. Scott Alan Johnson as NE Synod Bishop in Kearney, NE  
5:00 PM Worship

### September 25 Sunday

Pentecost 16  
Receive New Members  
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship  
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)  
9:15 AM Children's Choir  
9:30—11:00 AM Breakfast  
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-6<sup>th</sup> gr)  
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 7-12)  
10:10 AM Adult Forum  
11:30 PM KMLC Church Picnic

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### Nursery Coordinator

Join the staff at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church by becoming the Nursery Coordinator. Sunday morning and some evening hours are required. Childcare skills are required with a joy for being with newborns to 2-year-olds. The Job Description and Application can be viewed at:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/8c919081201/5694d574-321a-414c-bdd1-78153e280ad7.png?rdr=true>  
You can also contact Kristin Boe or Pastor Shari for more information.

## For Your Calendar/News & Notes

### Be A Sunday School Teacher Assistant!

Experience the joy of watching our children learn the stories of God's people. You can help once a month or however often you'd like. The opportunity to work with Preschool, K—2<sup>nd</sup> graders, and 3<sup>rd</sup>—6<sup>th</sup> graders are available. Contact Kristin Boe at [kristin@kmlchurch.org](mailto:kristin@kmlchurch.org). Your leadership would be greatly appreciated!

### Lift Your Voice in Song!

#### Kountze Adult Choir

Come and join our amazing group of musicians who sing praise to God and have fun together. Help us to continue making vibrant and beautiful music at Kountze. The choir rehearses every first Wednesday evening of the month and sings at the 9:00 or 11:00 services each Sunday. If you are interested in being a part of this important part of worship, we would be very glad to welcome you. Past singing experience in high school or college is helpful. If you want more information about choir or would like to join our choir, please contact Barb Carlsen in the church office at 402-341-7761.

### KMLC "Old Fashioned Church Picnic/Potluck"

#### Sunday September 25, 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Everyone is invited to attend the all Church picnic/pot luck. There will be lots of activities for young and old alike. The Church will provide the fried chicken or macaroni & cheese and drinks. Please consider bringing a side dish or desert to share with everyone. You're also encouraged to "Bring Your Favorite Blanket" to put down in the green space as you enjoy lunch and conversations while enjoying our green space between the Church and Commons building. Of course we will have table seating outside, in the link, and the Fellowship Hall. A buffet style lunch will begin at 11:30 AM, with games starting around 12:30 in the green space and, what would our picnic be without BINGO and prizes?! Join us in the Fellowship Hall starting at 1:00 PM. Please RSVP at the Welcome Desk to let us know how many will be attending and if you can provide either a side or dessert. You can also call the church office or email [jim@kmlchurch.org](mailto:jim@kmlchurch.org) to RSVP.

### Meet the Bowari Family

**Saturday, October 8**

**6:00 PM**

#### RSVP by Friday, September 30

You're invited to a celebration to meet the Bowari family and enjoy an Afghan meal with them! This is an opportunity for you to meet the family we sponsored and two other Afghan families who have been assisting us as translators when needed. We need to know how many are coming in order to buy the groceries. Would you like to help serve or learn to cook an Afghan meal? We'd love for you to join us. Please text or call Jonna Holland 402-669-4575 if you can help that day.

### Annual Blessing of the Animals

#### Saint Cecilia Cathedral

701 N 40<sup>th</sup> Street

**Saturday, October 1, 2021**

**Music and Socializing, 10:30 AM**

**Blessing at 11:00 AM**

Sponsored by Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, Saint Cecilia Cathedral, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Saint Barnabas Church. Join us!

### Omaha Campus Ministries Evensong & Chili Cookoff

**Sunday, October 16, 2022**

**5 PM Chili Cookoff and Silent Auction**

**6:30 PM Holden Evening Prayer Worship Service**

**Lord of Love Lutheran Church**

**10405 Fort St, Omaha, NE 68134**

Festivities include a chili cookoff with cinnamon rolls, silent auction, Holden Evening Prayer worship, and the presentation of this year's Faithful Steward Award to the faithful members of St. Timothy Lutheran Church. The Chili Cookoff is a fundraiser for Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry in Omaha. If you have a chili that you would like to have represent KMLC in the cookoff, let Pastor Shari know by **September 30** so we can get registered to participate (compete) by bringing a crockpot of chili.

### 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! **ATTENTION! The Kountze Food Pantry will be short of volunteers on September 19th and September 26th. If you are able, please consider signing up at the link below:**

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

### Attendance & Giving

**Saturday:** 36

**Sunday: 9:00:** 183 **11:00:** 65

**Wednesday: 12:15:** 10 **Confirmation:** 5

**deFreese Manor:** 4

**Total:** 303

**Streaming:** not available at the time of printing

**Cox Cable:** not available at the time of printing

**Pantry Guests Served:** 1170 (including 389 children)

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 12

**Offering:**

\$14,246.92 (Regular) \$1,588.14 (Specials)

\$673.06 (Debt Reduction)

*God cares for the poor and the needy.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday Luke 16:1-13 Parable of the shrewd manager

Monday	Amos 8:4-7	Judgment on Israel
Tuesday	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Instructions concerning prayer
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 15:7-11	How to treat the poor
Thursday	James 2:1-13	Warning against having favorites
Friday	Isaiah 58:6-9	True religion
Saturday	Psalms 113	The Lord helps people in need
Sunday	Luke 16:19-31	Poor Lazarus and the rich man



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### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*He [God] raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. Psalm 113:7-8 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

God of glory and might, we thank you for your justice that is like no other and your mercy that reaches to the ends of the earth through Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

God of abundance, help us to receive this food with a thankful heart and a living faith that prays for food for those who don't have enough to eat. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the God who cares for the poor bless you with a compassionate heart.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- What are some of the things you thank God for?
- How is God's care for the poor and needy shown through your actions?

### DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Psalm 113.

The psalm begins with an exhortation to praise God everywhere and for all time. The glory, the fame and preeminence of the LORD, extends beyond the heavens, beyond what anyone can imagine. There is clearly a sense of an all-encompassing grandeur here. The God of the Bible is like no other. Why: Because God created all things? Because of God's power that can conquer the gods of the enemies of Israel? No. At least, that is not the answer given in Psalm 113. God is great and to be praised because our God *"raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap"* (v. 7). God cares for a man in his poverty and a woman in her barrenness. God creates new realities for them and for those around them, like princes who now must welcome the poor as an equal. That is a God worth praising, says Psalm 113. And, in Christ, that is the God who changes all social equations to bring honor to those not honored and eternal hope for those who seem without hope.

*Discuss:* God is to be praised for caring for everyone in need. What does this mean to you?

*Pray:* **God, you who use your power and justice to shine on those in need, we praise you now and always for your glory that shines on us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

### SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you support and honor the poor in your community and the world?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Paul encourages us to offer *"supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings"* for all those in positions of authority and leadership (1 Timothy 2:1-2). Think or talk about leaders in the world, the country, and your community. This week take time to pray for them: **Lord God, we thank you for those in leadership positions and ask that you bless them in their work. May they use their positions to care for the poor and show honor to you. Amen.**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146  
1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31