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KOUNTZE

Memorial Lutheran Church

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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 worshipping, 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.

Thank you for supporting the ministries of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church.



Today at Kountze

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Jane Kidder's 17th birthday

Kountze Café

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. Note: Muffin Tins needed for Kountze Cafe mini quiches. If you have a pan or two that you could part with, let us know. It will allow for less baking time on Continental Breakfast Mornings.

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

The choir will rehearse immediately after the children's blessing at the 9:00 AM service (9:15 AM). If you have any questions, please contact Barb at 402-341-7761.

Sunday School

Sundays, 10:10 - 10:50 AM

Join us on Sundays on the 2nd 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 Focus This Week

The Exodus—God was with the people as they "went out" (the literal meaning of the word exodus) from slavery into freedom through the water. The People of God have looked back on this time to sustain them when God is hidden and they feel lost. For Christians, Baptism awakens this event.

Today at Kountze, *continued*

Youth Forum

Sundays, 10:10 AM in Youth Center

7th – 12th graders are invited to gather each Sunday between worship. **This week:** Join Adult Forum—exploring grief with others in the Fellowship Hall **Next week:** Sunday School Assistance—Join Pastor Shari and Ashley Sum in serving during Sunday School

All Saints Sunday – Exploring Grief

Sunday, November 6

10:10 AM and 12:15 PM

We will have two opportunities to connect with Dr. Don Eisenhower, a Master Certified Coach on Grief. Through Zoom Sessions, we will explore the grief that is in our midst.

- **The Adult Forum** time will be thinking about the communal grief we experienced these past few years.
- **A special session at 12:15 PM** will explore the grief experienced through the death of a loved one. A light lunch served.

This Week at Kountze Memorial

November 6 Sunday

All Saints Sunday

Homebound Communion

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 (K-5)

9:30—11:00 AM Breakfast

10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-6th gr)

10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 7-12)

10:10 AM Adult Forum

12:15 PM Exploring Grief

November 7 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

6:00 PM Bible Study

November 8 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

November 9 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group

11:00 AM Bible Study

12:15 PM Worship

1:00 PM Devotions @ deFreese Manor

6:00 PM Executive Committee

6:00 PM Confirmation Class

November 10 Thursday

Council Reports Due

9:30 AM WELCA Board

11:30 AM Property Committee

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

6:00 PM Worship & Music

November 11 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

November 12 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

November 13 Sunday

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 (K-5)

9:30—11:00 AM Breakfast

10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-6th gr)

10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 7-12)

10:10 AM Adult Forum

10:15 AM Worship Assistant Training

12:15 PM Book Group

For Your Calendar/News & Notes

Bible Study

Mondays, beginning November 7, 6:00 PM or

Wednesdays, beginning November 9, 11:00 AM

For three weeks in November, we will be exploring Gratitude. Enter through the Farnam Office door to join with others and Pastor Shari for time of learning and sharing. Our focus this week will be on the verse from 1 Thessalonians 5:18 and the Story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10). Join in the conversation with Diane Butler Bass.

Lutheran Women Omaha (LWO)

Tuesday, November 8, 12:00 Noon

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

Info & Reservations—Phone Faith, 402 734 4629

Worship Assistant Training

Sunday, November 13

10:15 AM

Join us for training of Communion Assistants, Lectors, Greeters, and Ushers. All current servers are welcome to attend for a refresher course. If you are interested in learning more about Worship Assistants, please contact the church office to register or sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for considering serving in this way.

Theology Matters

Ecumenism: Explorations of 'We are the Body of Christ'

**Presenter: Rev. H. Ashley Hall, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor, Historical Theology
at Creighton University
Tuesday, November 15
7:00 PM
St. Pius X Parish Center
6905 Blondo St.**

Our very own Pastor Ashley Hall is the presenter at this event. Invite your family members and friends of all denominations! He will speak about biblical foundations for the modern ecumenical movement, important documents and moments in ecumenism among Christian denominations, and concrete practical & local opportunities for ecumenical discussion & common witness. Sponsored by Creighton University's Amelia and Emil Graff Chair of Catholic Theology and St. Pius X Catholic Church.



Jewish Muslim Christian Interfaith Thanksgiving
"The Road Home"
Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 5:00 PM
Hosted By: **First United Methodist Church**
7020 Cass Street
Omaha, NE 68132
Coffee, sweets, and reception to follow Service
Child Care available

Thanksgiving Dinner with St. Peter's

Thanksgiving Day, November 24

11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Co-sponsored with and held at St. Peter's Catholic parish (709 S 28th Street) Preparations are under way for our annual Thanksgiving luncheon. Volunteers are needed to:

- set up the night before;
- donate pies/desserts; and
- serve food, greet, and/or clean tables during the meal.

This event brings so many people in our community together in a spirit of Christian love and fellowship. Please join us, either to volunteer or as a guest; all are welcome. Contact Pr. Hall, Jacob Rump, Anne Dey or the church office to volunteer.

Celebrating God's Generosity

Stewardship Intent Day

Saturday, November 19

Sunday, November 20

As we continue to ponder the ways that we can respond to God's generosity, we prepare our hearts and minds for Stewardship Intent Day. Intent cards will be mailed to you on Friday, November 11. Thank you for the many ways you respond to what God is doing in our midst.



Advent Fair

Sunday, November 27

10:00 AM—Noon

Join us in making a variety of Christmas decorations including an Advent wreath, Christmas cards, an Advent prayer placemat, an ornament, and more. There will be activities for the children and a photo booth for all. This year we will be doing a Diaper Drive during the Advent Fair. **Please bring** diapers, wipes, formula, or other infant related items that we will donate to the local women's shelters.

Advent Meals

Lunch 11:00 AM – Noon

Supper from 5:00 – 6:30 PM.

We are once again making preparations to provide lunch and dinner meals again this year. This is where we you come in, we will need some volunteers to help prepare, serve and clean up. We can always use volunteers to help put out placemats, pour drinks, run the dishwasher etc. so no culinary experience is necessary. If you love to cook or just want to join in the fun we would be most happy to have you help us with one or all four meals. Please consider taking an hour or two this Advent season to volunteer before, during or after one of the meals. Please call the Church office or email: jim@kmlchurch.org with any questions or to volunteer.

Kountze Food Pantry & WOWT Stuff the Bus Food Drive

We are honored to have been chosen as one of two pantries to be recipients of the WOWT Stuff the Bus Food Drive!

While this is very exciting news, and we are grateful, it will require a good deal of work and many hands. The receiving event will take place on Thursday, December 1, from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM. We need volunteers to sort and store canned goods at Kountze beginning at 9:00 AM in two-hour shifts. We also need two kind souls at a time to man the drop-off site at the NP Dodge building at 87th and Dodge St. beginning at 7:00 AM. We also need competent forklift drivers. If you are willing to help us fulfill our mission to "Feed the Poor, in Christ's Name," please sign up at the following link:

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

Attendance & Giving

Saturday: 23

Sunday: 9:00: 176 11:00: 68

Wednesday: 12:15: 9 Confirmation: 6

Total: 282

Streaming: 53

Cox Cable: N/A

Pantry Guests Served: 1048 (inc. 369 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 15

Offering:

\$16,509.79 (Regular)

\$7,859.78 (Specials)

\$1,166.13 (Debt Reduction)

We give thanks for all the saints.

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

Sunday	Luke 6:20-31	Blessed are you who weep
Monday	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Daniel's vision
Tuesday	Ephesians 1:11-23	Paul's prayer
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Greetings to the Corinthians
Thursday	Psalms 34:1-10	Honor the Lord
Friday	Philippians 4:10-23	Paul sends thanks and greetings
Saturday	Psalms 149	A new song of praise
Sunday	Luke 20:27-38	Jesus speaks of the resurrection



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I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. Ephesians 1:15-16 (NRSV)

A Prayer for the Week:

Eternal God, we thank you for the saints who have come before us and those who serve with us through Christ Jesus, who reigns with you now and forever. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Praise the Lord for all the saints, past, present, and future, and for this gift of food that sustains us as your beloved children through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you be given a spirit of wisdom as you come to know the God of our Lord Jesus Christ.
(Ephesians 1:17)

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

- When you hear the word, "saint," who or what do you think of and why?
- As a follower of Jesus, you are a saint. How does knowing this impact your life?

Read: Ephesians 1:11-23.

This is a letter from Paul to the Ephesians. They are people who have heard the gospel and believed. They have been "*marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit*" (v.13), a reference to the act of baptism that they received. It marks God's pledge to us for a divine inheritance as "*God's own people*" (v. 14). This is what it means to be saints, people called out and set apart to trust God's promise of eternal hope through Christ. Each year we celebrate All Saints Sunday, a time to recall those loved ones who have died and have been embraced forever in God's promise of eternal life, and received "*the riches of his [God's] glorious inheritance among the saints*" (v. 18). It is also a time to be reminded that we, too, are saints and God's own people now, people equipped by the power of the Holy Spirit to love all people and all the world through the crucified and risen Christ. It is a message that comforted those who have died in the faith and that comforts us and energizes us today.

Discuss: Who do you remember with thanksgiving for their life of faith in Christ?

Pray: **God of our future, we thank you for the hope that is ours and that you have promised to all your saints through Christ our Lord, the one who in love conquered death. Amen.**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how do you show gratitude for all the saints in your life?

Set aside time in your home to light candles in remembrance of Christian friends or family who have died. Light the candles, spend a moment in silence, and then name those saints you are thinking about and tell stories and share memories about them. Before extinguishing the candles, pray: **Lord God, we thank you for [names you talked about] and ask that you comfort those who mourn, through our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19