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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. 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. You will receive the wafer in your hand and then dip into the wine.

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 8:45 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.

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



Today at Kountze

Welcome Pr. Moessner

This weekend we welcome Pr. Paul Moessner as our preacher. We look forward to his proclamation of the Gospel on Trinity Sunday.

Kountze Café

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 and a free-will donation for the continental breakfast.

Breakfast Team for the First Sunday of the Month

Our breakfast ministry started again in September 2022, partly because of some enthusiastic Council Members who stepped forward to start the sign up sheet with names to encourage others. We have been graced by wonderful cooking and serving from this team and their families throughout the year: Anne Dey, Kate Jones, Lilly Kassel, Ann Miller, and David Tollefson. We love the spirit that each one brings to accomplishing the task of Sunday Morning Breakfast. Please hear our thanks for your leadership in this way.

Adult Forum

Fellowship Hall

10:10 AM

Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **This week:** Fellowship **Next week:** Summary Report of Synod Assembly

This Week at Kountze Memorial

June 4 Sunday

Holy Trinity
Homebound Communion
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast
10:10 AM Adult Forum

June 5 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

June 6 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

June 7 Wednesday

12:00 PM Summer Confirmation
12:15 PM Worship

June 8 Thursday

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

June 9 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

June 10 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

June 11 Sunday

Jun 11 - Jun 14 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM VBS @ St.
Timothy's
Pentecost 2
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast
10:10 AM Adult Forum
12:15 PM Book Group

For Your Calendar/News & Notes

2023 Nebraska Synod Assembly Delegates

We are thankful for the following members who spent time at the NE Synod Assembly on Friday and Saturday: Lisa Chinn, Pam Johnson, Kate Jones, Liz Pemberton, Dannika Rees, and Pastor Shari Duminy.

Milestone Ordination Anniversaries Celebrated

Two Members of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church are being lifted up by the Nebraska Synod: Rev. John Eggen - 15 years and Rev. Neal Von Seggern - 55 year s. We give thanks for your answering the call and the various ministries provided to the church!

Summer Confirmation

Did Confirmation pass you by, or do you want to continue learning? We'll have a program of 5 meetings this summer for those in 9th grade and above. A light meal will be served. We will participate in Wednesday Eucharist and then the learning will begin at 12:15 and conclude at 3:00 PM. We will meet in the Fellowship Lounge at **noon** on the following Wednesdays:

- The Creeds: June 7
- The Ten Commandments: June 14
- Worship/Sacraments: June 21
- Discipleship: June 28

We will plan for Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, August 26. Please call the church office to sign up or e-mail shari@kmlchurch.org if interested in participating. Anyone is welcome to attend sessions they are interested in.

Vacation Bible School

Welcomes all Superheros!

**Held at St. Timothy Lutheran Church
(510 N 93rd St)**

**Sunday, June 11 - Wednesday, June 14
5:30 to 8:00 PM**

We will be learning about Superheros of the Bible, how God provided for them, and how those heroes then furthered God's mission. We all know that Superheros are stronger in groups! We will be joining several other Omaha area churches for fun, fellowship, and learning together. We hope to see all of you there for a SUPER good time. Please register here: <https://kountze.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

Volunteers Needed for VBS

If you are able to help with VBS, please use the same link above and go to Volunteer Sign Up. For those ages 18 and over, a background check is required if you have not already had one through Kountze Memorial's Sunday School program.

Lutheran Women Omaha(LWO)

Tuesday, June 13, 12:00 Noon

Bethel Lutheran Church

Lunch provided, \$7.00

Reservations required, Faith 402-734-4629

Men's Lunch

Thursday, June 15

11:30 AM

Suggested Donation is \$10.00

Join us for lunch and a brief program. Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 13, to jim@kmlchurch.org or call the church office so we know how many to plan for.

CPR/First Aid Training

We will be holding a CPR/First Aid training course in June. All Ushers and Sunday School teachers are encouraged to attend the training and the Church will take care of the registration fee which covers the training materials and certificates. All other members of the congregation are invited as well for a small fee of \$32.00. Training will take place in the lower level of Kountze Commons.

- The CPR class will be June 17 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM with a light lunch following in the link.
- If we have more than six people signed up we will add a CPR class from 12:45 to 3:45 PM.
- The First Aid training will be Saturday June 24 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM (a light lunch will be served during training). The first aid training is free of charge for those attending the CPR classes on June 17.

Please RSVP to the Church office or you can email jim@kmlchurch.org to reserve your spot.

NeLCM Golf Scramble

Friday, June 9

Holmes Golf Course in Lincoln

9:00 AM Start

Attention golfers and all campus ministry fans!! SAVE the DATE for our 2nd annual Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry four-person Golf Scramble. There will be golf, food, friends, and fun!!!

Serving on the Omaha Campus Ministry Board, Pastor Shari knows the value of this ministry shaping leaders for the church now.

Come help celebrate Pastor Sari's birthday as we support this important state-wide ministry.

Register at nelcm.com/nelcm-golf-scramble-2023/

KMLC Camp Week

Carol Joy Holling Camp

June 18 - 23

You can sign up for any week, but those who want to attend a week of camp with others from the church can be directed to this time. Due to funding set up through a gift for Christian Education, KMLC will pay for youth attending Carol Joy Holling Camp this summer. Go to <https://www.caroljoyholling.org> and select the REGISTER. There is a three-step process of registering on Ultracamp, choosing a session, pay deposit and complete registration. On the third step select, "Pay items in full" and then "Pay by Check/Money Order".

Then send a copy of this statement to shari@kmlchurch.org and we will take care of the rest. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity, and register today!

Thank You

Thank you to the Quilters of Kountze Memorial for your gifts of time and talents to provide beautiful homemade blankets of love for our graduating Seniors. Your handiwork is admired and will be treasured for years to come. As we send them out into the world, these gifts are a sign that they are never alone, but wrapped in our love and prayers and united in our faith in Christ, a bond that is never broken. Well done, servants of God!

Kountze Food Pantry

If you would like to donate items to the Pantry, please consider picking up some extra hygiene products, including feminine products, razors, and shaving cream. We never seem to have enough for everyone in need. Soap, shampoo, and deodorant are always appreciated, as well as toothbrushes and toothpaste.

If you, or someone you know would like to volunteer, please sign up at the link below:

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

NE Synod Focus for June

Go and...Pray

Prayer is the grounding for our relationship with God. From formal prayers offered in worship, prayers at meals, and fleeting moments of prayer, our lives are enveloped in prayer. In prayer, we both listen and share what is in our hearts and on our minds. We move, live, and serve in and out of our prayers. Questions to consider:

- What is your big prayer at this time?
- What is going on in the lives of your neighbor? How can you pray for them?
- Where will you GO and... grow your prayer life this month?

Prayer: Holy One, help me pause and engage in conversation with you this month and always. Amen.
Suggested Song: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (ELW 752).

Attendance & Giving

Saturday: 30

Sunday: 9:00: 124 11:00: 54

Wednesday: 12:15: 12

Total: 220

Streaming: 63

Pantry Guests Served: 251 (inc. 82 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 13

Offering:

Not available at time of printing

Practice the faith to gain understanding.

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

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| Sunday | Matthew 28:16-20 | Sending of the disciples |
| Monday | Genesis 1:1-2:4a | God creates everything |
| Tuesday | 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 | Live in peace |
| Wednesday | Philippians 4:4-9 | Rejoice in the Lord always |
| Thursday | Deuteronomy 6:4-9 | The great commandment |
| Friday | 1 Timothy 4:6-16 | A good minister of Jesus Christ |
| Saturday | Psalm 8 | Divine majesty and human dignity |
| Sunday | Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 | The call to follow Jesus |



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“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” **Matthew 28:19 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

God in Three Persons, we thank you that you are with us always so that we may go out with your love, to care and serve our neighbor and the world. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for your amazing care of us with this gift of food. O Lord, how awesome is your name in all the earth. Amen. (Psalm 8)

A Blessing to Give:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

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

- What is something you wish you understood about God?
- How does reading the Bible, talking with others, and praying help you learn about God?

Read: Matthew 28:16-20.

Verses 19-20 are known as The Great Commission. Jesus speaks of heavenly power given to the disciples and then sends them out to share the good news with the world. But in verses 17-18, some of the disciples have doubt. What happened to the doubting disciples? They are sent out to baptize and teach the faith. They are to baptize in the trinitarian language of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, wording not used earlier in Matthew. The Trinity has always been a challenge and a mystery. How do you have one God in three persons? Instead of a lecture on this point, Jesus sends out his followers to baptize and teach. Somehow his followers will grow in knowledge as they practice the faith. It is in practicing, teaching, and living the faith that we gain understanding. Part of that understanding is that our God is with us always and sends us out with the power to love, save, and bless.

Discuss: How have you learned about God and grown in your faith by practicing and living the faith?

Pray: **God of power and might, give us the faith to go out into the world and rely on your presence to love, save, and bless in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how can you practice your faith and reach out to someone with God’s love?

2 Corinthians 13:13 is called the “Apostolic Greeting” (meaning related to the apostles) and has been used at the beginning of many worship services. It is often overlooked that much of Christian worship comes directly from the Bible. The Bible is sung, prayed, and read during worship. Christian worship can be practiced in the home as well. Practice using this shortened version of the verse when you greet or say good-bye to family and friends this week:

May the grace of the Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the Holy Spirit be with you.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Hosea 5:15--6:6; Psalm 50:7-15
Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26