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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 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. 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 Memorial

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of David Carlsen given by the Carlsen & Campbell families

**Eternal Candle** is given to the glory of God in memory of Randall S. Fike given by Mary Jo Fike and Family

### 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.

### Adult Forum

#### Fellowship Hall

10:10 AM

Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **This week:** Congregational Meeting **Next week:** Farewell to Pr. Steve—Join us as we thank Pr. Steve & Mary Kay for getting us through this transition time at Kountze Memorial

## This Week at Kountze Memorial

### August 6 Sunday

Pentecost 10  
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—Congregational Meeting & Election of Council Members

### August 7 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

### August 8 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

### August 9 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group  
12:15 PM Worship  
1:00 PM Devotions @ deFreese Manor  
4:00 PM Executive Committee

### August 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 Youth Board

### August 11 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

### August 12 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

### August 13 Sunday

Pentecost 11  
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

### Kountze Food Pantry

The Pantry is always short of canned soup and peanut butter. If you want to donate these items, please leave them in the box in Fellowship Hall. We are also very short of volunteers on Friday evenings. The service is from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Volunteers should arrive by 4:30. If you, or someone you know would like to volunteer, please sign up at the link below:

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

### Welcome Back BBQ Party

#### The Lutheran Center

Saturday, August 19, 2023

5:30-7:30 PM

535 N 16<sup>th</sup> St Lincoln NE 68508

Celebrate the start of the school year with a FREE BBQ!

There will be free food, free succulents, yard games, music, and time to just hang out with new and old friends. Stop on by anytime!

### Confirmation Orientation and OSJ Training

Grades 7 & 8

Wednesday, August 30

6:00 PM

We will meet in the Fellowship Lounge for a meal and orientation for the Confirmation Learning year. Then we will go to the Nave for OSJ training with Robin and Jeff Perkins. Please let Pastor Shari know that you will be attending.

### The Camp Classic Tournaments

August 18, 2023 | September 22, 2023

Meadowlark Hills Golf Course | Ashland Golf Club

Do a 2 Fore 2 deal or pick one tournament, but the camp would love to see you out on the course supporting camp!

Four person scramble, noon: shotgun start, teams & individuals welcome. Info and registration form can be found at <https://www.nlom.org/golf>

### Jesus' compassion leads to action.

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

Sunday	Matthew 14:13-21	Jesus feeds the five thousand
Monday	Isaiah 55:1-5	An invitation to abundant life
Tuesday	Romans 9:1-5	God's choice of Israel
Wednesday	Psalms 25:1-10	Pray for guidance
Thursday	Exodus 34:1-9	Moses makes new tablets
Friday	1 Peter 3:8-22	Suffering for doing right
Saturday	Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21	The Lord is kind and merciful
Sunday	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus walks on water



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*"When he [Jesus] went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. Matthew 14:14 (NRSV)*

### A Prayer for the Week:

God of abundance, you shower us with your steadfast love. Give us compassionate hearts to care for others through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, the eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. Amen. (Psalm 145:15-16)

### A Blessing to Give:

May the God of compassion give you joy through Christ our Lord.

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

- In what ways do you show concern for someone who is suffering?
- In what ways have you experienced God caring for your needs?

*Read:* Matthew 14:13-21.

The reading begins with Jesus being made aware of his cousin's death, the beheading of John the Baptist (Matthew 14:8-10). Jesus removed himself from people to grieve in an isolated place. However, the crowds followed him and his alone time was ended before it really had a chance to begin. Instead of showing frustration or anger at the relentless crowds, Jesus showed compassion on them. He healed their sick and then fed the masses who remained with him into the evening. The feeding of the 5,000 men (plus women and children) was a miraculous event motivated by a grieving, yet loving Jesus. Nothing could stop his love. It is a love that is shown in his actions. Those actions lead his followers to be involved, too. Jesus sets the table and blesses the food but his disciples go out to distribute it and pick up the leftovers.

*Discuss:* What do you think it was like for Jesus to be so sorrowful, and yet compassionate enough to heal and to feed his followers?

*Pray:* **Compassionate God, you provide for us in ways that go beyond what we can imagine. Help us to see your love in the world and to be a part of your love for the world through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you help others who lack food or adequate healthcare?

In the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus took what the disciples brought to him and used it to feed the whole crowd. Cut out a fish or loaf-of-bread shape for yourself and other household members. Write each person's name on it. As part of your home devotions, name talents or gifts that you see in one another. Write these down on your "loaves" or "fish." Think or talk about ways that you can bless others through the God-given gifts and talents that were named. Say this blessing: **May the God of abundance guide you to use your gifts to bless others.**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13  
Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

### Attendance & Giving

Saturday: 51

Sunday: 9:00: 117 11:00: 46

Wednesday: 12:15: 11

Total: 225

Streaming: 39

Pantry Guests Served: 1266 (inc. 335 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 24

Offering: Not available at time of printing