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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 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 the 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. Offering plates are located by the doors in the Nave.

### **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**

#### **Welcome!**

Rev. Greg Berger, Assistant to the Bishop, is with us this weekend to preach and lead the installation rite of Pastor Lucy Wynard. We rejoice together in this new chapter in our congregation's story. Following the Saturday evening service there will be a potluck time of food and fellowship with Pastor Lucy. Join us Sunday in the Fellowship Hall at 10:10 as we celebrate this time with a reception.

#### **Faith Formation**

##### **Children's Choir**

**9:15 AM (following 9:00 AM Children's Blessing)  
Grades K-6**

Join Barb Carlsen on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the Sunday School Music Room

##### **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.

##### **Sunday School**

**10:10 AM**

**Ages 2 years-6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Join us in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Sunday School Rooms where the children will see how Jesus taught his followers to live in God's word and spread that message to others through art, games, science, storytelling, cooking, and missions.

## Today at Kountze Memorial, *continued*

### Youth Forum

#### Lower Level Youth Room

**This week:** Games **Next Week:** Intergenerational Learning in the Fellowship Hall.

### Adult Forum

Join us at 10:10 AM on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall.

**This week:** Pr. Wynard—Installation Reception **Next week:** Intergenerational Learning in the Fellowship Hall.

### Lutheran World Relief Quilt & Kit Blessing

This weekend we bless the items that our quilt group made and the health kits WELCA put together for Lutheran World Relief. If you can help with the postage to send throughout the world, please place your donation in the envelope attached to the quilt in front of you. Thanks.

### First Communion Class Continues

**Sunday, October 22**

**12:15 PM (following the 11:00 AM service)**

First communion will be on October 29 at the 9:00 AM service.

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## This Week at Kountze Memorial

### October 22 Sunday

Pentecost 21  
Blessing of Quilts & Kits  
Pastor Wynard Installation  
9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-6)  
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast  
10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour  
12:15 PM First Communion Class

### October 23 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

### October 24 Tuesday

12:30 PM Circle 3

### October 25 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship  
6:00 Confirmation

### October 26 Thursday

1:00 PM Circle 4  
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic  
6:30 PM Bible Study

### October 27 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

### October 28 Saturday

Reformation—wear RED  
5:00 PM Worship

### October 29 Sunday

Reformation—wear **RED**  
Bible Sunday  
First Communion  
Name Tag Sunday  
9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-6)  
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast  
10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour

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## For Your Calendar/News & Notes

### Women and Gender in Luke/Acts

#### Led by Dulcinea Boesenberg

Thursdays through November 2

6:30-7:30 PM

### October 26 - "Appropriate" Roles for Women in the Roman Empire

Though there appears to be a tightening of women's roles between the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, women are part of the church in Acts. We will consider how Luke presents women in roles that were considered socially appropriate in the Roman Empire.

### The Lutheran Youth of Nebraska (LYON) Assembly November 17-19, 2023

Carol Joy Holling Camp near Ashland, NE!

Grades 9-12 and Their Adult Leaders

Register by October 27

What does it mean to Go and... Be Honest? How does honesty impact our understanding of history, scripture,

relationships, values and our work as advocates? Deacon Ross Murray will be our guide as we explore what it means to live into our individual call to serve as advocates. Workshops will help you hone your skills as an advocate for others and for issues that are important to you. And with Bishop Scott Johnson we will learn how we the church Go and... be honest mindful of and honoring the diversity of church and the communities where we dwell. Esther and Nicodemus will be our Biblical role models for the weekend. **Register by October 27** at <https://nebraskasynod.org/event/lyon-2023/>

### Reformation

**Saturday, October 28 and Sunday, October 29**

We invite you to wear **RED** for the day as we celebrate our Lutheran Heritage and ponder the important work of theologian Martin Luther and those who continue the

work that salvation comes to us in grace through faith in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ.

### **Bible Sunday**

**Sunday, October 29**

Children ages 2 and 4, and in grades 1, 3, 5, and 7 will receive age-appropriate Bibles at the 9:00 AM service. Please make sure you have your students registered so that they receive their Bibles. Sign them up online with the following link:

<https://form.jotform.com/Kristinboe/SundaySchool>

### **Grief Seminar**

**Sunday, November 5**

**12:15—1:30 PM**

#### **Fellowship Lounge**

We will join with The Rev. Ruth Tomlinson, a trained facilitator of Walking The Mourner's Path. She will assist us in claiming the story of the ones who have died. A light meal will be served. Please RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend by November 1 so we know how many to plan on for lunch.

### **Friendsgiving**

**Sunday, November 15**

**5:00 PM**

#### **In the KMLC Fellowship Hall**

**All High School, College Youth, and Young Adults (22-35 year olds)**

You are invited to attend a Friendsgiving at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. Bring a favorite dish to share. Invite your friends. Please consider allergies such as peanuts/nuts, gluten, etc. and those who might be vegan and vegetarian. It is our hope that through this time together of meal and conversation we can explore our gratitude for what friendships bring to our life and how God is a very best friend throughout life.

### **Middle School Retreat**

**November 10-12, 2023**

**Grades 6-8**

#### **Carol Joy Holling Camp**

This retreat will serve as a good reminder to campers who attended camp about the things they learned during their time there and how they can continue to implement those lessons into their lives. For campers who may not have been able to attend camp, this retreat will serve as a way for them to experience camp in a condensed and meaningful way. Along with the lessons we will learn about God's love and faithfulness, we will also be experiencing some favorite camp activities, God's creation, and of course, fellowship! Cost is \$100.00. Register at <https://www.cjhcenter.org/ms-retreat>

### **ELCA Young Adult Gathering**

**Young Adults (19-25-year-olds)**

**July 16-20, 2024, in New Orleans**

An ELCA Young Adult Gathering will take place at the same time as the ELCA National Youth Gathering. Each group will have separate daytime offerings followed by a joint Evening Program. As this is a new event, plans are still being made. We hope you will consider attending this event. Please contact Pr. Shari or the church office if you are interested in attending. For more info or to register, go to <https://www.elca.church/gathering/attend/young-adult-gathering>

### **Upcoming Youth Events**

#### **Grades 1-6:**

Nov. 19 Thanksgiving Pantry Bags

#### **Grades 7 & 8:**

Nov. 10-12 Middle School Retreat at Carol Joy Holling Camp

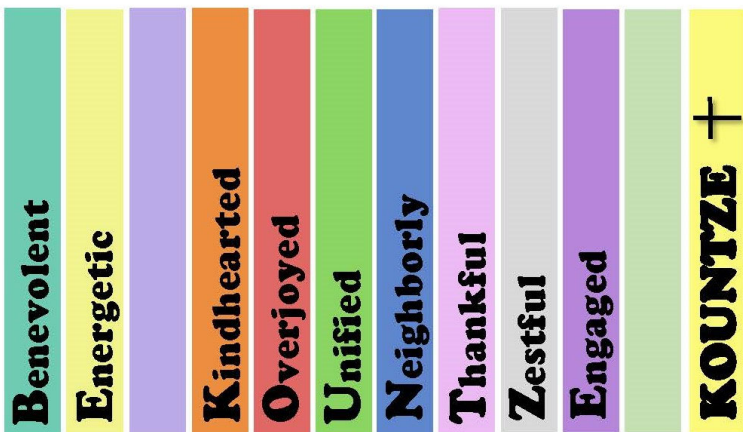
#### **Grades 9-12**

Nov. 12 Friendsgiving

Nov. 17-19 NE Synod LYON Assembly at Carol Joy Holling Camp



## **GO AND BE ....**



### **Attendance & Giving**

**Saturday:** 38

**Sunday: 9:00:** 133 **11:00:** 73

**Wednesday: 12:15:** 9 **Conf:** Fellowship

**Total:** 262

**Streaming:** 54

**Pantry Guests Served:** 836 (inc. 275 children)

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 21

**Offering:**

\$10,941.81 (Regular)

\$1,624.73 (Specials)

\$812.00 (Debt Reduction)

*Paul offers a guide for our life together.*

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

Sunday	Matthew 22:1-14	Parable of the wedding feast
Monday	Isaiah 25:1-9	A prayer of thanks to God
Tuesday	Philippians 4:1-9	Paul encourages his coworkers
Wednesday	Acts 2:43-47	Life among believers
Thursday	1 Peter 5:1-11	Tending the flock of God
Friday	2 Timothy 1:1-7	Timothy's spiritual background
Saturday	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Sunday	Matthew 22:15-22	The question of paying taxes



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### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*“Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.*

**Philippians 4:9 (NRSV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, give us your peace that we may live together as a community of faith with compassion and confidence through Jesus Christ, our Shepherd and Lord. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this meal, a sign of your care for us that knows no end through Christ Jesus our Lord and Shepherd. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the goodness and mercy of God follow you all the days of your life. (Psalm 23:6)

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Is there a friend or relative who thinks and acts similar to you? Explain.
- How does faith in Jesus guide and influence the way we live with others?

### DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Philippians 4:1-9.

Two women who have worked side by side with Paul are urged to “*be of the same mind in the Lord*” (v. 2). Paul does not explain his specific concerns. They are co-workers in the gospel and need help from the community. What Paul urges is that they face whatever the issue may be with the mind, the attitude, of Christ. Paul describes the mind of Christ with words like rejoicing, prayer, and thanksgiving. All of this leads to the peace of God. In our own time, we in the church are co-workers, and yet we, too, need help to live together in peace. Paul’s message leads us to pursue our issues with one another with truth, honor, justice, purity, excellence, and praise. Simply put, the gospel leads us to remember and pursue what is commendable for our life together, not on what divides us. Paul emphasizes that his words are worth thinking about again and again.

*Discuss:* How can reflecting on the mind of Christ help you receive the peace of God as you live with others in the church?

*Pray:* **God of peace, help us to see each other with the mind of Christ that we may live with one another in peace and with honor and justice for all through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, in what ways can you show humility and gentleness toward others this week?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalm 23 is the shepherd David’s song to God and one of the most well-known scriptures in the Bible. David likens how a shepherd cares for sheep to how God loves each one of us. Draw or make a sheep using cotton, cardboard, glue, and crayons/markers. Think or talk about ways a shepherd cares for sheep and then about how God cares for you. *Pray:* **Lord, thank you for caring for me and leading me with love. Amen.**

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS:** Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22