



Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Nebraska Synod, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), a part of the worldwide Lutheran Church body. We invite you to join us regularly for worship and for a variety of opportunities for growth and service. If you are a new resident in the community and are looking for a church home, we invite you to join this faith community. If you are new here, welcome. If you are "newly returned," we rejoice with you. If you are a member of long-standing, we celebrate your ministry and your faithfulness.

**KOUNTZE STAFF**

- Pr. Dean W. Bard Interim Senior Pastor
- Pr. Ashley Hall Associate Pastor
- Pr. Paul Moessner Interim Associate Pastor
- Pr. Inba Inbarasu Visitation Pastor
- Katie Larson Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministry
- Ian Hartfield Director of Congregational Life
- Debbie Bogue Office Manager
- Amanda Zasada Administrative Assistant
- John Bogue Building Superintendent
- Søren Johnson Assistant to the Building Superintendent
- Barbara Carlsen Dir. of Music & Fine Arts
- Danny Bos Handbell Director
- Mark Jones Organist
- David Gerard Saturday Accompanist
- Sheri Lynn Tipton Night Security Manager
- Norma Pafford Nursery Superintendent
- Joyce Palmer Urban Ministries Coordinator

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**SUNDAY, 9:00 AM**

- Comm. Asst. Susie Henry  
Liz Pemberton  
Darlene Anderson
- Lector Jan Falk
- Ushers John Georgeson  
Jim Comfort  
Joe Councill  
Jeff Perkins  
Jeff Senn  
Fred Wachal  
Janice Falk
- Greeters Lennea Davis  
Carol Hyland  
Lori Senn  
Darlene Anderson
- Crucifer Courtney Cameron
- Acolytes Jackson Barrett  
Anthony Bonacci  
Carly Cameron

**SUNDAY, 11:00 AM**

- Comm. Asst. Deb Hinrichs  
Ashley Sum
- Lector Ashley Sum
- Ushers Ken Johnson  
Linda Hoagland  
Linda Johnson  
Julie O'Doherty  
Norm Sack
- Greeters Peggy Johnson  
Myrna Carter
- Crucifer Nick Barrett
- Acolytes Jackson Barrett  
Kolbey Burns

**BIBLE STUDY: A PRELUDE TO READING THE OLD TESTAMENT CONTINUES** Monday, (6 PM) or Wednesday, (11 AM).

**KOUNTZE PANTRY** Pantry food item suggestions: Macaroni & Cheese, Spaghetti/Linguine/Angel Hair Pasta, Fruit, Pork 'n Beans Your financial support of the Pantry is appreciated as well.

**YESTERDAYS YOUTH** Please join us on Tuesday, 11/1. The Nebraska Humane Society will be here to

**WORSHIP + GROW + SERVE**

**HOLY COMMUNION** All who are baptized and trust in Christ's



presence in Holy Communion are invited to commune at the Lord's Table today. Children not yet communing will receive a blessing. Ushers will direct you. Communion is by intinction: you will receive the Host in your hand; you may then dip the Host into the chalice. It is the understanding of the universal Church that those who wish to commune with bread only (especially for health reasons) have communed fully.

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP** We believe that all are welcome in worship and encourage families to worship together. Quiet activity bags and children's bibles and bulletins are available. We also provide a Quiet Room, just off the west side of the main sanctuary, that includes a variety of toys, games, and books for young children. Parents may watch the service via the TV screen.

**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** Please fill out the cards found in your bulletin. If you are a guest, please fill out the additional information, so we can meet your needs. Then, put the cards in the offering plates. Thanks.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND LISTENING DEVICES** are available. Please speak to an Usher if you would like to have a large print bulletin or to use a listening device.

**WELCOME DESK** Our Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall has become a center for hospitality with volunteers on hand each Sunday to help with event information, sign-ups, payments, answering questions, etc. Be sure to check out this resource if you have questions and to stay up to date on events and activities happening at Kountze Memorial. If you'd like to volunteer to help at the Welcome Desk, please contact Ian (402-341-7761 or ian@kmlchurch.org). Amanda Zasada and Sheri Tipton are also available if you need help on Sunday mornings in the church office.

**ALTAR FLOWERS & ETERNAL CANDLE** If you would like to provide altar flowers or the eternal candle in honor or memory of someone or some special event, please put your name on the flower chart in the Narthex by the drinking fountain. Altar flowers are \$20 and the eternal candle is \$7.50.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** Are you interested in learning more about Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church? Or do you know someone who has expressed an interest in learning more? If so, please let us know on the registration card in your bulletin and we'll let you know when the next class will take place. The next class will be held on February 12 & 19 from 12—2 PM. Please plan to attend both sessions. Lunch will be served. If you have questions, please talk to one of our Pastors. We look forward to hearing from you.

**E-NEWS AND E-NEWSLETTER** If you would like to receive our weekly e-news and monthly e-newsletter, add your e-mail address to the membership card in your bulletin or text your e-mail address to 22828.

**TODAY AT KOUNTZE**

**KOUNTZE CAFÉ** Join us for a hot, breakfast buffet each Sunday served from 8-11:00 AM prepared by Chef Tim and his volunteers. The suggested donation for breakfast is, \$5 adults, \$2.50 children 12 and younger.

**ADULT FORUM** Join us Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **THIS WEEK:** Review of Churchwide Assembly with Pr. Inba and Dr. Jeba Inbarasu **NEXT WEEK:** Bible Sunday

**KOUNTZE LIBRARY REFORMATION BOOK FAIR** Now through October 30, 2016, 10—11 AM in the Church Library

**YOUNG MOTHERS** Join us on Sunday mornings for some fresh brewed fun in the Fellowship Lounge between worship services for "Frappy Hour." Come meet other young mothers in the congregation for coffee, conversation, fellowship and fun. For more information, contact Meeghan Hartfield at ma\_hartfield@yahoo.com or call 402-212-8145.

**HOW TO USE YOUR BIBLE CLASS** This Sunday, 10/23, 10:10 AM. This is a "how to" class for children in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and their parents/guardians to work together and learn how to use their Bible. We'll meet in the Joyful Sounds room upstairs in the Sunday school area.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God in honor of Amanda Schneiderman's birthday; in memory of Sandra Cooper by Ken Cooper; Correction for 10/16: Altar flowers were given in memory of my, mother, Lita Brown Malcom, on the anniversary of her birthday, 10/17; in memory of Bob and Chris Crouse on their birthdays by Donna Crouse

**ETERNAL CANDLE** is given to the Glory of God in honor of Alexander Raven Winborn on his 13<sup>th</sup> birthday, 10/24/2016

**CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for children 2 years—8<sup>th</sup> grade. Preschool 1 (2-4 yrs) meets from 9—10 AM (child care for those too old for the nursery). Sunday School (2 yrs—8<sup>th</sup> grade) is held from 10:10—10:50 AM.

**HIGH SCHOOL FORUM** will be in the Youth Center at 10 AM. Join us!

God stands by those who are guided by humility.



**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Luke 18:9-14	A Pharisee and tax collector pray
Monday	Psalms 84:1-7	The joy of worship
Tuesday	2 Timothy 4:6-18	Keep the faith
Wednesday	Matthew 6:5-13	Jesus teaches about prayer
Thursday	James 4:6-10	God will lift you up
Friday	Isaiah 57:13-19	God gives new life to the humble
Saturday	Matthew 23:1-12	Jesus teaches about humility
Sunday	Luke 19:1-10	Jesus visits Zacchaeus

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

“If you put yourself above others, you will be put down. But if you humble yourself, you will be honored.” Luke 18:14 (CEV )

**SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner. Amen. (Jesus Prayer based on Luke 18:9- 14)

**Mealtime Prayer:**

We thank you for our food, O God, for life and joy and play. We thank you for the special things you give to us this day. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord Jesus forgive you all your sins and lift you up in newness of life. Amen.

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Have you ever felt abandoned by a friend? What happened?
- Even when his friends abandoned him, Paul wrote that “The Lord stood by my side and gave me strength” (2 Timothy 4:16-17). When and how have you experienced God strengthening you?
- What does it mean to “stand by” others?

**DEVOTIONS**

Christian humility relies on God’s presence, God’s power, and God’s forgiveness, especially as we fail to be faithful to God and supportive of others. The Jesus Prayer, “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner,” is an ancient prayer that has its roots in Luke 18:9-14. It acknowledges God’s centrality and our brokenness as the beginning point to true righteousness, that is, being made right with God. This week repeat the Jesus Prayer as an example of Christian humility that frees our lives from the power of sin and for the love of God and neighbor. After praying the Jesus Prayer a number of times sit in silence and reflect on God’s grace and mercy. You may want to talk about this experience of prayer with others.

**SERVICE**

In 2 Timothy 4, Saint Paul writes of his experience of being deserted by others, of feeling alone. Be the hands and feet of Christ, reaching out to the lonely in your area. Invite someone who lives alone or who is new to your community to a meal at your home. Aim to get to know him/her better and to introduce him/her to others.

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

The writer of Psalm 84 spoke of the journey to the temple in Jerusalem. The psalmist expressed the joy of being able to worship God in God’s “house.” For the Christian church, where one dwells is also a place to worship God. Honor your home as a joyous dwelling place of God by committing to a devotional life, blessing one another and singing or praying hymns or praise songs in your home.

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tell us all about what they do. Lunch will be served at noon. The cost is \$4. Please RSVP to the church office. If you have questions, please call Sheri Tipton (402-415-6033) If anyone is interested in making a donation to NHS, they are in need of rubber gloves, Q-tips, and toys for both dogs and cats. Hope to see you there. All ages welcome.



**WORSHIP TRAINING**

Pr. Hall will coordinate a worship workshop on Saturday, 11/5, from 9-11 AM (please note the time change) for all worship volunteers (communion assistants, ushers, greeters, lectors). Worship is central to our mission, therefore we want everyone to be unified in our understanding of how we worship together in a way that is both intentional and integrative. We expect all worship volunteers to attend. A second training will be held in the spring. This is a good time for veterans to brush up on their skills (and learn updated procedures), offer constructive feedback, and for people interested in volunteering to join us. All are welcome! We begin with Matins (Morning Prayer) in the Nave.

For additional information about upcoming calendar events, please visit our website, [www.kmlchurch.org](http://www.kmlchurch.org)

**THIS WEEK AT KOUNTZE**

**October 23 Sunday**

- 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
- 8:00 AM MS/HS Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
- 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
- 10:10 AM Adult Forum
- 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
- 10:10 AM How to Use Your Bible Class
- 10:10 AM Young Mothers "Frappy Hour"
- 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
- 12:00 PM Stephen Ministry
- 9:00 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

**October 24 Monday**

- 10:00 AM Pantry
- 12:00 PM Endowment Board
- 1:00 PM Celebrate Creativity Set-up
- 6:00 PM Bible Study

**October 25 Tuesday**

- Oct 25 - Oct 28 9:30 AM Celebrate Creativity
- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 5:00 PM Building Committee
- 7:00 PM Circle 3

**October 26 Wednesday**

- 11:00 AM Bible Study
- 12:15 PM Worship
- 5:00 PM Communion @ deFreese Manor
- 5:45 PM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 6:45 PM Confirmation
- 7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Closing Worship

**October 27 Thursday**

- 1:30 PM Circle 4
- 4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

**October 28 Friday**

Wedding Rehearsal

**October 29 Saturday**

- 9:30 AM Women’s Prayer Group Breakfast
- 3:00 PM Moldenhauer & Norton Wed.
- 5:00 PM Worship

**October 30 Sunday**

- 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
- 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
- 9:00 AM 1st Communion
- 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
- 10:10 AM Adult Forum
- 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
- 10:10 AM 1st Communion Celebration
- 10:10 AM Young Moms “Frappy Hour”
- 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
- 9:00 PM LCM Worship @ CU

**Next Weekend’s Lessons**

Isaiah 1:10-18  
Psalm 32:1-7  
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12  
Luke 19:1-10

**Saturday Attendance:** 29

**Sunday Attendance:** 9:00: 198 11:00: 130

**Midweek - Noon: Confirmation:** N/A

**Total:** 357

**Pantry Guests Served:** 365 (275 Adults — 90 Children)

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 45

**Offering:**

\$9737.00 (Regular) \$3035.820 (Specials)  
\$1107 (In the City for Good)