



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. Lorie Groenjes  
Kevin Larkowski  
Liz Pemberton
- Lector Don Darst
- 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 Bailey Gittler
- Acolytes Carter Wachholtz  
Anna Kidder

**SUNDAY, 11:00 AM**

- Comm. Asst. Deb Hinrichs  
Lowell Harms
- Lector Bruce Anderson
- Ushers Ken Johnson  
Linda Hoagland  
Linda Johnson  
Julie O'Doherty  
Norm Sack
- Greeters Peggy Johnson  
Myrna Carter
- Crucifer Lily O'Kane
- Acolytes Jane Setterburg

**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](mailto: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:** Omaha Street School with Linda Riemer has been postponed, instead, our topic is "Declaration on the Way" **NEXT WEEK:** Review of Churchwide Assembly with Pr. Inba and Dr. Jeba Inbarasu

**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](mailto:ma_hartfield@yahoo.com) or call 402-212-8145.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS THIS SUNDAY, 10/16, NOON** Pastor Hall will lead a short preparation for those children ready to make their First Communion. The seminar begins in the conference room of the office. Pr. Hall will introduce the children and parents to the meaning and process of our weekly celebration of Christ's gift. Children making their First Communion will receive the Sacrament on Reformation Sunday (10/30) at the 9 AM liturgy and receive their certificates during the Adult Forum at 10:10 AM.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God in memory of Gordon Callies by wife Betty; in honor of his 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday today by Keith Jansen; in honor of Alexander Raven Winborn by Elizabeth Winborn

**ETERNAL CANDLE** is given to the Glory of God in memory of James Sack by Norm Sack

**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!

**BIBLE STUDY: A PRELUDE TO READING THE OLD TESTAMENT CONTINUES** Mondays (6 PM) or Wednesdays (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.

Pray always and never give up.



**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.

Table with 3 columns: Day, Bible Reference, and Topic. Rows include Sunday (Luke 18:1-8, Parable of the persistent widow), Monday (Psalm 121, Confidence in God's protection), Tuesday (Luke 22:39-46, Jesus prays on the Mount of Olives), Wednesday (Matthew 15:21-28, The faith of a Canaanite woman), Thursday (James 5:13-18, The prayer of faith), Friday (Genesis 18:16-33, Abraham pleads for Sodom), Saturday (Mark 10:46-52, An example of persistence), and Sunday (Luke 18:9-14, A Pharisee and tax collector pray).

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

Jesus told his disciples a story about how they should keep on praying and never give up. **Luke 18:1 (CEV)**

**SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God, help us not to lose heart but to be persistent in faith and hope and in the works of justice and peace. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Lord, in your name we drink and sup; teach us to pray and not give up. Help us to look to you this day, and show our thanks in all we say. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord keep you from all harm and watch over your life. May God watch over you as you come and go, now and forever. Amen. (Psalm 121:7-8)

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Who do you turn to when you're in trouble? Why?
- Talk about a time when you asked God for help?
- In the parable of the unjust judge (Luke 18:1-8), Jesus begins by encouraging persistent prayer. His story ends by linking prayer to faith. How is faith necessary for us to be persistent in prayer?

**DEVOTIONS**

The people cry out to God day and night (Luke 18:7). This week use morning and evening prayers from your faith community's worship book or use Martin Luther's *Morning and Evening Prayers* each day.

*Morning: I thank you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that you have protected me through the night from all harm and danger. I ask you to keep me this day, too, from all sin and evil, so that in all my thoughts, words, and deeds I may please you. In your hands I place my body and soul and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the evil one may have no power over me. Amen.*

*Evening: I thank you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that you have graciously protected me today. I ask you to forgive all my sins and the wrong which I have done. And graciously keep me this night. In your hands I place my body and soul and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me so that the evil one may have no power over me. Amen.*

**SERVICE**

In the parable of the unjust judge, the role of the widow represented a person in ancient society who was vulnerable and unprotected. Look to the needs of those who are vulnerable and unprotected in your community or larger world. Find a way to advocate for their needs by contacting elected local or national officials using a letter or phone call.

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Jesus encouraged his followers to persist in prayer and to "not give up" (Luke 18:1). It is easy to lose track of some of the things we want to pray for, whether they be prayers of thanksgiving or praying for the needs of family, friends, and the larger world. Find a way to keep track of what you want to pray for. Here are some examples:

- Keep a prayer journal.
- Have a basket with individual slips of paper.
- Keep a list on the refrigerator that you can add to.

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**2017 ALTAR FLOWERS AND ETERNAL CANDLE SIGN-UP NOW AVAILABLE**

The Altar Flower and Eternal Candle sign-up is located in the Narthex, just before you enter the Sanctuary. Altar Flowers are provided by Janousek Florist and cost \$20 a bouquet. The Eternal Candle is \$7.50.

**"WHY?  
'CAUSE WE'RE THANKFUL!"**

**COMING SOON!  
COMMITMENT WEEK-END  
NOVEMBER 19 & 20**

**THIS WEEK AT KOUNTZE**

**October 16 Sunday**

- Oct 16 - Oct 30 Reformation Book Fair
- 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
- 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
- 10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks
- 10:10 AM Adult Forum
- 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
- 10:10 AM Young Mothers "Frappy Hour"
- 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
- 12:00 PM 1st Communion Class
- 12:00 PM Baptismal Family Lunch in AB Room
- 7:00 PM MS & HS Girl's Bible Study

**October 17 Monday**

- 10:00 AM Pantry
- 11:00 AM Yesterday's Youth DeSoto Bend Tour w/ Saint Michael Lutheran
- 6:00 PM Bible Study: Prelude to Old Testament

**October 18 Tuesday**

- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 11:30 AM Visiting Nurses
- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group
- 5:00 PM Building Committee
- 5:30 PM Executive Committee
- 6:30 PM Church Council

**October 19 Wednesday**

- 11:00 AM Bible Study: Prelude to Old Testament
- 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 20 Thursday**

- 11:30 AM Men's Luncheon
- 4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
- 7:00 PM Circle 5

**October 21 Friday**

- Wedding Rehearsal

**October 22 Saturday**

- 2:30 PM Peterson & Pranschke Wedding
- 5:00 PM Worship

**October 23 Sunday**

- 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
- 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)

<b>Next Weekend's Lessons</b>	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
	Psalms 84:1-7
	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
	Luke 18:9-14

**Saturday Attendance:** 55  
**Sunday Attendance:** 9:00: 205 11:00: 115  
**Midweek - Noon:** 10 **Confirmation:** 25  
**Total:** 410  
**Pantry Guests Served:** 283 (192 Adults — 91 Children)  
**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 29  
**Offering:** Weekly offerings are not listed this week as the numbers were not ready by the time of printing this Announcement Sheet.