

KOUNTZE STAFF

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Norma Pafford	Nursery Superintendent
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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

Lector	Charlie Bressman
Ushers	James Smejkal Jason Klonglan
Comm. Set-up	Jim Smejkal

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Mike Jensen
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Lector	Don Darst
Ushers	Bob Woodworth Glenn Anderson Dan Collett Marcy Madison Mark Mahaffey Gary Westerman Ted Kaasch
Greeters	Karen Wolf Sharon Anderson
Crucifer	Clara Kidder
Acolytes	Kaitlyn Munguia Communion Assistant

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Ashley Sum Lowell Harms
Lector	June Anderson
Ushers	Lee Johnson Ken Johnson Linda Johnson Norm Sack
Greeters	Julie King
Crucifer	Torin Edwards
Acolytes	Hadley Rief Henry Rief



KOUNTZE

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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.

TODAY AT KOUNTZE

KOUNTZE CAFÉ Due to the Neighborhood Gathering, there is no breakfast today but there are doughnuts and coffee available. Next Sunday we will have a continental breakfast, but then beginning again on July 2, join us each Sunday for a hot breakfast buffet served from 8-11 AM prepared by Jim West and the kitchen crew. The suggested donation for the hot breakfast is \$5 adults, \$2.50 children 12 and younger.

ADULT FORUM Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **THIS WEEK:** No Forum (Neighborhood Gathering) **NEXT WEEK:** Preview of Summer Children's Programs, with Kristin Boe

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TODAY
11:30 AM- 1:30 PM
IN THE COURTYARD NEXT TO
KOUNTZE COMMONS



June 23 Sunday

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Doughnuts – no breakfast due to
 Neighborhood gathering
 9:00 AM & 11 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
 10:10 AM Adult Forum
 11:00 AM Receive New Members
 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Neighborhood Gathering
 12:00 PM Stephen Ministry

June 24 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

June 25 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
 2:00 PM Peggy Johnson Funeral
 7:00 PM Circle 3

June 26 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

June 27 Thursday

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

June 29 Saturday

9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group Breakfast (offsite)
 5:00 PM Worship

June 30 Sunday

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Continental Breakfast
 9:00 AM & 11 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
 10:10 AM Adult Forum

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in memory of Bill & Marjorie Sears given by their children, Ron, Lois, and Claude; in memory of Kelcey Renae Fike and Randall S. Fike by Mary Jo Fike and family; in memory of Barbara Saklar by Tracey Saklar and Kris Placzek and family

NEW MEMBERS We welcome new members at 11:00 AM this Sunday. Please be sure to introduce yourself to them after Worship and during the Neighborhood Gathering.

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. Instructions will be provided during worship. 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, children's bibles, and bulletins are available, as well as a Quiet 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.

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 card in your bulletin or text your e-mail address to 22828.

GREETERS NEEDED When arriving for Worship on Sunday mornings, it's great to be greeted by a friendly "good morning" and a smile! If you can smile and tell people "good morning" you already know how to be a Greeter and we'd like to be able to add you to our Greeter list. You can also greet as a family if you'd like to. Kids love taking part in this kind of Ministry! Contact the church office (402-341-7761) or Jim Smejkal (jim@kmlchurch.org) if you'd like to be a Sunday morning Greeter.

SOUND BOARD & TV MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Volunteers are needed to assist with sound at the 11:00 AM worship service as well as special services throughout the year. Training is provided and experience is not necessary. If you are interested, please contact Mike or Julie Bratcher in the TV studio (on the north side of the Youth Center) or call the church office at 402-341-7761.

KOUNTZE FOOD PANTRY The Kountze Food Pantry is serving over 400 people per week; many of whom are children. We expect this number to increase dramatically in the coming months with the schools dismissing for the summer, and the increasing temperature. Donations of bottled water and juice would be greatly appreciated. We are also out of the extras that our guests love, such as coffee, instant coffee, jelly,

pancake syrup etc., and personal hygiene items. There is a container in the fellowship hall for donations. If you would like to volunteer at the pantry, please talk to the church office or Susie Henry. Thank-you for your continued support! Thank-you in advance for your continuing generosity!

YESTERDAY'S YOUTH B-I-N-G-O! Join us on Tuesday, July 2, for one of our most popular events of the year. There will be prizes galore! We will be eating a delicious summertime lunch at noon. Cost is \$4.00. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, June 28, so that we can plan on food preparation. Any questions, please call Sheri at 402-415-6033. All ages are welcome and encouraged! Some of our Sunday School students will be joining in the fun! You won't want to miss out! See you there!

THANK YOU!!! Thank you to all who donated the used eyeglasses. We collected almost 75 pairs. They will be put to good use for those who can't afford glasses. Your help with this outreach project is appreciated.

THE U.S. CATHOLIC CHURCH—LAUDATO SI', CREATION CARE, AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS 'This event marks the four-year anniversary of Pope Francis's encyclical Laudato Si' and opens the inaugural gathering of "Laudato Si' and the U.S. Catholic Church: A Conference Series on Our Common Home" hosted by Creighton University and Catholic Climate Covenant. Welcome and Opening Remarks from Most Reverend George J. Lucas, Archbishop of Omaha, and Reverend Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD, President of Creighton University. Keynote addresses by Most Reverend Robert W. McElroy, PhD, Bishop of San Diego, and Megan Goodwin, MA, Associate Director of Government Relations, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Moderated by Martha Shulski, PhD, Director, Nebraska State Climate Office. June 27, 7:00 – 8:30 PM at the Skutt Student Center Ballroom at Creighton University. Free and open to the public. More information available at: <http://www.creighton.edu/catholicclimate/>.


CAROL JOY HOLLING CAMP EVENTS

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION on Saturday, July 13. Enjoy old and new camp activities like archery, zip line, making friends, boating, and much more from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. We will end the day with a community worship service at 4:00 PM. All those who register at CarolJoyHolling.org/anniversary before June 26 will receive an exclusive 40th Anniversary cuppie.

ANNUAL QUILT AUCTION will be held on Saturday, July 27. We want friends like you to come and support CJH Camp programs through this event. The 350+ quilts will be on display and the silent auction starts at 9:00 AM. The live auction starts at 9:30 AM.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Saturday Attendance: 50
Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 178 11:00: 66
Midweek - Noon: 4
Total: 298
Pantry Guests Served: 366
Medical Clinic Guests Served: 17
Offering:
\$9,302.50 (Regular) \$973.00 (Specials)
\$1,180.00 (Phase 2)



Church Directory
UPDATE

If you did not order photos, your free 8 x 10 may have been delivered to the church. Check the Welcome Desk between services or in the courtyard after the 11 AM service this Sunday to see if yours has been delivered here. Thanks.



Vacation Bible School!

Who: All members of Kountze are welcome. There will be activities for everybody! (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

What: Worship, singing, crafts, service, fellowship, and more.

When: Friday, July 19, 6:00 to 8:00
Saturday, July 20, 9:00 to noon.

Where: Kountze Fellowship Hall

Dinner will be served Friday evening and a Continental breakfast served in the morning.

RSVP to the church office by calling 402-341-7761, or email Kristin Boe at Kristin@kmlchurch.org.

Jesus gives new life.

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

Sunday	Luke 8:26-39	Jesus casts out demons
Monday	Isaiah 65:1-9	Righteousness of God's judgment
Tuesday	Galatians 3:23-29	The purpose of the law
Wednesday	Lamentations 3:6-24	God's steadfast love endures
Thursday	Matthew 9:27-34	Jesus heals
Friday	1 Timothy 6:11-19	The good fight of faith
Saturday	Psalm 22:19-28	Suffering and praise
Sunday	Luke 9:51-62	The cost of following Jesus



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“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming through the city how much Jesus had done for him. **Luke 8:39 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

Healing God, through Jesus our Lord, your love and faithfulness overcomes judgment and your desire for life overcomes a world of pain and death. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Lord, it is your will that the poor shall eat and be satisfied. With this food restore us with faith and your good will toward all. Amen. (Psalm 22:26)

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord heal you of all troubles and cleanse you with a loving heart.

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

- Tell or think about a time you felt bullied by others.
- What have you done to reach out to someone being bullied?
- Human history is filled with individuals and groups of people being hurt by others. How does your Christian faith move you to action against ill-treatment?

Read: Luke 8:26-39.

Being burdened by personal limitations or even oppressed by others takes on many different forms. In Luke 8 a man was tortured by unclean spirits. We may not call our personal issues “demons” as described in Luke, but we certainly know of the hurts and harassments of physical and mental illness, of abuse by others, and even the more subtle, yet equally painful experiences of being ignored as though you were not even there. The reign of God that Jesus brings heals a world of hurts. In our story of the man with many demons, Jesus not only restores him to sit at Jesus’ feet fully clothed and in his right mind, Jesus also sends him out to spread the good news to others. How has your life been touched by Jesus’ healing and cleansing power? How has that impacted your life to share the good news of Jesus Christ?

Pray: **Merciful Jesus, heal me where I have hurts and guide me to a life that cares for others in your name. Amen.**

Whether a person is incarcerated for violence, being involved with drugs, or something else, there is a need for healing and forgiveness. There are many Christian organizations that reach out to those in prison and their families. Prison ministry gives hope through Jesus. The transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus changes their lives. Bible studies, worship, counseling, and prayer play an active role in the lives of prisoners through the work of these organizations. Is there a Christian organization near you that does prison ministry? If so, pray for them and their work. How else can you support them?

Jesus healed many during his ministry. Those healed by Jesus’ touch ran and spread the good news of Jesus Christ. The simple act of touch has been proven to strengthen the immune system. Whether physically or emotionally ill, placing hands on a shoulder or a caring hug can provide healing. The ritual of blessing one another by physically touching a person’s hand or forehead and making the sign of the cross can have a healing power. This week when you practice the ritual of blessing in your home, say this blessing as you make the sign of the cross: **May the Lord heal you of all troubles and cleanse you with a loving heart.**

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Isaiah 49:13-18, 19-21; Psalm 16
Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62