

KOUNTZE STAFF

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| Sheri Lynn Tipton | Night Security Manager |
| Norma Pafford | Nursery Superintendent |
| Joyce Palmer | Director of the Weber Clinic |
| Susann Henry | Food Pantry Director |

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

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| Lector | Paul Revord |
| Ushers | Paul Revord |
| | Mary Jo Fike |
| Comm. Set-up | Mary Jo Fike |

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

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| Comm. Asst. | Tarna Kidder |
| | Steve Jacobson |
| | Jill Gittler |
| Lector | Ruth Henneman |
| Ushers | Jeff Perkins |
| | Jim Comfort |
| | Joe Councill |
| | Dave Forrest |
| | John Georgeson |
| | Fred Wachal |
| | Janice Falk |
| Greeters | Vickie Wichert |
| | Darlene Anderson |
| | Jinette Cswercko |
| Crucifer | Carter Waccholtz |
| Acolytes | Anna Kidder |
| | Kaitlyn Munguia |

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

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| Comm. Asst. | Ashley Sum |
| | Jennifer Bunge |
| Lector | Deb Hinrichs |
| Ushers | Julie O'Doherty |
| | Linda Hoagland |
| | Adam Klinker |
| Greeters | Myrna Carter |
| 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 worshipping, 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

THANK YOU to Bruce Nissen for playing organ this weekend while Mark Jones is away.

KOUNTZE CAFÉ 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:** Compassion International with Pam Johnson **NEXT WEEK:** Together, Inc. with Mike Hornacek

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in honor of Jean Johnson's birthday; In honor of Lynn & Nancy Meyer's 50th wedding anniversary; in honor of Barb & Bruce Nissen's 27th wedding anniversary; in memory of our husband, father, and grandfather given by Debra Larsen and Family

ETERNAL CANDLE given to the glory of God in memory of our husband, father, and grandfather given by Debra Larsen and Family



UPDATE



If you did not order photos, your free 8 x 10 may have been delivered to the church. Check the Welcome Desk to see if yours has been delivered.

July 14 Sunday

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
 9:00 AM & 11 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
 10:10 AM Adult Forum
 10:30 AM Executive Committee
 12:00 PM Book Group

July 15 Monday

Good News Deadline
 10:00 AM Pantry

July 16 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group
 4:30 PM KETV Board
 6:00 PM Congregational Council

July 17 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

July 18 Thursday

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

July 19 Friday

5:30 PM Vacation Bible School

July 20 Saturday

8:30 AM Vacation Bible School
 9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
 5:00 PM Worship

July 21 Sunday

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

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.

NEW MEMBER CLASS If you are interested in joining our congregation, the next class will be Sundays, September 15 & 22 from 12:15—2:00 PM. Plan to attend both sessions. Lunch will be served and childcare is provided. Please indicate your attendance plans on your attendance card or call the church office by September 9 and let us know if you will need childcare when you register.

KOUNTZE FOOD PANTRY With July upon us the time for vacations has arrived, at least for the Pantry volunteers. Unfortunately, most of our guests do not get a break. Having an adequate number of volunteers is essential to the Food Pantry operation, and allows us to serve over 400 guests per week. If you can sign-up for a shift, your service would be greatly appreciated. Pantry is open every Monday. You can choose between 9:00—11:00 AM, or 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, or both. You do not need to have prior experience, just a willingness to put faith into action! Sign-up book is located in Meeting room A of the Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP This group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (July 16) to knit or crochet prayer shawls. The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a world-wide group of people in churches of all denominations that make prayer shawls. These shawls are distributed to people who need the comfort of God's love. The purpose of the prayer shawl is to give someone a tangible example of God's love and care. If you knit or crochet, please feel free to join the group in their ministry.

MEN'S LUNCHEON Join us on Thursday, July 18 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Lounge for lunch. The suggested donation for lunch is \$10. Vicki Meyer will share with us the History of Methodist's Community Counselor

Program and Jim will give quick update on Sanctuary structural reinforcement around the dome. Please RSVP to the church office or jim@kmlchurch.org by Tuesday, July 16.

STEPHEN MINISTRY meets on the 4th Sunday of each month at noon. What does Stephen Ministry provide? Someone who cares, supports, listens, shares. Who can benefit? Anyone going through difficult times who needs someone to care, listen, and share God's love with them on a one-to-one confidential basis. Want to know more? Contact Donna Reinig (402-558-6352), or one of our pastors.

CAROL JOY HOLLING 31ST ANNUAL QUILT AUCTION Saturday, July 27, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Join in this exciting day at Carol Joy Holling Camp on July 27 for our 31st Annual Quilt Auction! The day promises good food, great fun and lots of beautiful quilts donated by friends of Carol Joy Holling Camp. The auction and barbecue lunch will be held rain or shine. (We will use the Town Hall in case of rain.) Bring your friends and families! Kountze has donated several quilts to the auction. Be sure to check them out online at <http://cjh2019.piecd.com/index.cfm>

TIP TOP THRIFT SHOP NEEDS VOLUNTEERS The Tip Top Thrift Shop supports the Youth Emergency Services program and is their largest fundraiser. In order to continue this support, community volunteers are needed. The Thrift shop is located at 5910 Maple Street in Benson and needs volunteer workers on Tuesdays, thru Saturdays. There are three and six-hour shifts available. These shifts are 10:00 AM—1:00 PM, 1:00 PM—4:00 PM, or 10:00 AM—4:00 PM. If you are interested in helping at the Thrift Shop, stop in and fill out a volunteer application. If you have questions, call 402-680-2842.



Sunday, August 25 | 10:10 AM | Fellowship Hall

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Saturday Attendance: 61
Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 156 **11:00:** 74
Midweek - Noon: 11
Total: 302
Pantry Guests Served: 326
Medical Clinic Guests Served: 0
Offering:
\$18,399.54 (Regular) \$17,402.06 (Specials)
\$1,870.00 (Phase 2)

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.

Show mercy to your neighbor.

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

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| Sunday | Luke 10:25-37 | The good Samaritan |
| Monday | Deuteronomy 30:9-14 | Choose life, not death |
| Tuesday | Colossians 1:1-14 | A prayer of thanks |
| Wednesday | Genesis 39:6-23 | God protects Joseph |
| Thursday | James 2:1-13 | Warning against favorites |
| Friday | Micah 6:6-8 | What God requires |
| Saturday | Psalms 25 | A prayer for guidance |
| Sunday | Luke 10:38-42 | Only one thing needed |



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"Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He [The lawyer] said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." **Luke 10:36-37 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

God of grace, for the sake of your goodness, take our fears, prejudices, and hate and fill our hearts with mercy and our actions with deeds of love. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

God, for this food, your praises we shout! We ask for your help for those without. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you strength to endure all things and to live with joy and thanksgiving. (Colossians 1:11-12)

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

- What does it mean to show mercy to someone?
- Is it easier to show mercy or judge a person's actions? Why?
- Why is it sometimes easier to show mercy and understanding to a family member or friend than to someone we do not know?

Read: Luke 10:25-37.

Our world is full of judgment and condemnation for people who are different from us. We hear it in the news daily. One nation condemns another nation. One group of people shows hate to another group. It can be so easy to belittle others, see them in a negative light and feel justified in our superiority. What often gets missed is the fear of others that justifies human hate of others. Without saying, "Have no fear" or, "Peace be with you," as Jesus says at other times, here Jesus tells a story of a hated (at least by many Jews of Jesus' day) Samaritan who defies hate-filled stereotypes of him and acts with mercy. The Samaritan acts with courage and compassion and takes real initiative to provide for the needs of another. He demonstrates what Jesus means by being a neighbor: prejudices are set aside; fears are overcome; compassion and mercy win the day. It has been said that the greatest act the church can show is not an act of righteous judgment but an act of mercy. Where might God be leading you to show mercy to others today?

Pray: **Merciful God, you who forgive our sins and give us new life, lead us in love to live lives of courage and faith and to care for those around us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.**

Being a good neighbor means caring for others both in good times and bad times. If you have not met or even know your nearby neighbors, they are strangers. Can you name everyone in your own neighborhood? How would you know when they need a helping hand if you do not know them? Consider ways to introduce yourself this week through an act of kindness to the neighbors you do not know.

Psalms 25 guides us in understanding how to live in a relationship with God, one that is filled with promises. Faith practices we do in our homes strengthen our relationships with one another and with God. One faith practice is to read scripture daily. Read Psalm 25 and circle those words or phrases that guide you to a personal, trusted relationship with God.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15
Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42