

KOUNTZE STAFF

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

Lector	Debra Kelly
Ushers	Duane Hovendick Penny Hovendick
Comm. Set-up	Penny Hovendick

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Marylin Oldaker Mark Oldaker Lorie Groenjes
Lector	Susie Henry
Ushers	Jeff Perkins Jim Comfort Joe Councill Dave Forrest John Georgeson Fred Wachal Janice Falk
Greeters	Vickie Wichert Darlene Anderson Jinette Cswercko
Crucifer	Britten Johnson
Acolytes	Rahn Johnson John Groenjes

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Deb Hinrichs Lowell Harms
Lector	Steve Hinrichs
Ushers	Julie O'Doherty Linda Hoagland Adam Klinker
Greeters	Myrna Carter
Crucifer	Charlie Campbell
Acolytes	Anna Kotula Communion Assistant



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

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:** Together, Inc. with Mike Hornacek **NEXT WEEK:** Pr. Hall presents on his sabbatical in Germany

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in honor of Dayle Johnson's birthday; in honor of in honor of Bill & Madaline Christensen's 69th wedding anniversary

ETERNAL CANDLE is given to the glory of God in thanksgiving of the birth of a new grandson, Andrew Theodore Dyer , by Gary & Judy Westerman



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 21 Sunday

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

July 22 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

July 23 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
 12:00 PM Endowment Board
 7:00 PM Circle 3

July 24 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

July 25 Thursday

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

July 27 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

July 28 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
 10:10 AM deFreese Manor Board
 12:00 PM Stephen Ministry

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 29 & October 6 from 12:15—2:00 PM. Plan to attend both sessions. New members will be received on October 13. Lunch will be served and childcare is provided. Please indicate your attendance plans on your attendance card or call the church office by September 22 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.

QUARTERSFEST The Quarters is the name of the neighborhood from Dodge to Leavenworth Streets and 20th Street to 28th Street. Kountze sits in that area and we have been invited to take part in QuartersFest on Thursday, July 25 from 5—8 PM at 2609 St. Marys Avenue. There will be live music, local vendors, food trucks, kids activities, and a car show. Pets are welcome. Be sure to join in the fun! More info can be found at <https://www.quartersomaha.com/>

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>

YESTERDAY'S YOUTH Please join us for a delightful musical program on Tuesday, August 6, 12:00 PM with the very talented Kountze member, Nicole Campbell. A delicious lunch will be served. The cost for lunch is \$4. All ages welcome. This is certain to be a lovely afternoon! **Please RSVP to the church office no later than Friday, August 2.** If you have any questions, please call Sheri Tipton (402-415-6033). We're looking forward to seeing everyone there!

SAVE THE DATE—YESTERDAY'S YOUTH IN SEPTEMBER Tuesday, September 12*, 12:00 PM. All ages welcome. Please join us for a spectacular opportunity! We will be going to Camp Carol Joy Holling for fun and relaxation. We will travel by bus /(car if needed). Our day will include: •Bus tour of the beautiful campus, •Buffet lunch at the lovely Swanson Center (cost \$10.50), •A fun craft with the camp counselors, •Fishing and swimming, and •Fellowship, relaxing, and observing the beauty of the scenic lake and surrounding area. We will depart from camp at 4:00 PM. Your non-refundable payment for lunch is due at the time of sign-up. You won't want to miss out on this memorable experience. Please note: sign-up deadline is Friday, August 16 – no exceptions! *Please note date change for Yesterday's Youth.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! As the Director of Children's Ministries, I deeply appreciate all who have considered how to help the children of Kountze, whether through teaching, organizing events, or offering to volunteer with our Sunday school classes. The children of Kountze are a valuable part of our congregation; they are the future. The children of Kountze are in need of your leadership, enthusiasm, and time. We are looking for volunteers in the pre-school room on the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month, between 9:00 and 10:50. Sunday School leaders are also needed. We are looking for a commitment of one Sunday each month for the school year. The lessons are scripted and all the materials are provided ahead of time. Sunday School is from 10:10 to 10:50. Thank you for considering giving your time to the children of Kountze. No matter what your experience or expertise, we have a spot for you! To join our program, please contact Kristin Boe at kristin@kmlchurch.org.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS We are sending our teachers and students back to school with prayers and blessings. We welcome students and teachers of all ages to bring their backpacks, book bags, or briefcases to church on Sunday, August 11. Let's begin the new school year in prayer to celebrate God's gift of learning and bless those in their academic endeavors. In addition, we will have a **school supply drive for schools in the community**. Please bring notebooks, pens, pencils, rulers, glue, crayons, markers, colored pencils, and folders to church and place them in the bins provided. With a few supplies we can show the love of Jesus and help area youth begin the school year with confidence.

RALLY SUNDAY August 18, 2019, 9:00 service. The 2019/2020 Sunday School year begins August 18th! Join us for prayers and a procession to the Upper Rooms for a blessing on our new year. In this Sunday School year, we will be focusing on the Sacred Stories of the Bible. A Sacred Story is one in which God has the primary role. Using the Godly Play curriculum, we will tell the stories of how people met God in Creation, with the patriarchs, in the Exodus, at Sinai, in the Temple, in the Prophets' visions, by encountering Jesus, and more. To register for the Sunday School year, please go online to <https://form.jotform.com/91873872615165> to get registered. In addition, please join our Facebook page, KMLC Parent Group, for the latest information on Sunday School events. You can also find a link to the registration there. Please contact Kristin Boe at kristin@kmlchurch.org with any questions.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Saturday Attendance: 59
Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 181 11:00: 90
Midweek - Noon: No service due to funeral
Total: 330
Pantry Guests Served: 434
Medical Clinic Guests Served: 37
Offering:
\$9,740.50 (Regular) \$1,438.00 (Specials)
\$1,925.00 (Phase 2)

Save the Date!

Join us
for your Annual Meeting.
Don't miss it!

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

Listen to Jesus.

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

Sunday	Luke 10:38-42	Only one thing needed
Monday	Genesis 18:1-10a	A son is promised
Tuesday	Colossians 1:15-28	The supremacy of Christ
Wednesday	1 Samuel 3:1-21	The Lord speaks to Samuel
Thursday	Matthew 17:1-8	The Transfiguration
Friday	Proverbs 19:20-27	The wisdom of being taught
Saturday	Psalms 15	Worshiping the Lord
Sunday	Luke 11:1-13	Jesus teaches about prayer



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She [Martha] had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he [Jesus] was saying. **Luke 10:39 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, give us the peace and joy in your presence that we hear your word and trust in you alone. Through Christ our Lord, amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Lord, just as Sarah and Abraham fed the three strangers, we thank you for providing us this food today. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May Christ, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, bless you with faith, hope, and love. (Colossians 1:15)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Who do you trust and want to listen to? Why?
- What helps you to listen to Jesus as your Savior and Lord?
- What gets in the way of listening to the message of Jesus for your life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 10:38-42.

This short story challenges our ability to interpret Jesus' message. Martha is showing hospitality to her guest Jesus while her sister Mary simply sits at Jesus' feet to listen to him. Hospitality is too important in the Bible (Luke 7:38-50) to see this not as a problem. Somehow, in the midst of her service, Martha gets distracted, perhaps by seeing Mary who simply sits and listens. Jesus affirms Mary's action as choosing "the better part" (v. 42). Even our good intentions to serve can become a distraction when we lose sight (and sound) of Jesus. Listening to the word of God leads us to serve, and serving others leads us back to receiving God's message that turns the world on its head by declaring loyalty to God alone. Why? Because those who receive the message and presence of Christ receive "the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages," and this mystery "is Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27-28). Imagine sitting in front of Jesus. What might he be saying to you? What would you like to ask him?

Pray: **Lord, the busyness of our daily lives can be distracting. Help us to take time to sit down and listen to you. In Jesus name, amen.**

SERVICE

Abraham saw three strangers near him. He and Sarah gave them water and fed them (Genesis 18:1-9). This was an act of kindness and service. There are many who are strangers to us in need of water and food both in our own communities and around the world. Look up those organizations in your area that provide water and food to those in need. In what ways can you donate or support them?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Sometimes our lives get so busy that we do not take time to stop and listen, especially in our homes. In Luke 10:41-42, Martha was busy and had lots to do for her guests. Mary sat and listened to Jesus. Gather three bean bags or balls. Begin by throwing one in the air and catch it. Then add another and another until you are juggling all three. Can you juggle all three easily and pay attention to others? Martha may have been able to juggle everything she was doing well, but she thought everyone else should be doing the same. Jesus told Martha that Mary had chosen the better thing to do by listening. Why is it important to stop being busy in our lives and listen?

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]; Luke 11:1-13