

KOUNTZE STAFF

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Norma Pafford	Nursery Superintendent
Joyce Palmer	Director of the Weber Clinic
Susann Henry	Food Pantry Director

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

Lector	Kathy Englert
Ushers	Kathy Englert
	Theresa Gruber
Comm. Set-up	Donna Reinig

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Jill Gittler
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Lector	Karen Fannin
Ushers	Jeff Perkins
	Jim Comfort
	Joe Councill
	Dave Forrest
	John Georgeson
	Fred Wachal
	Chad Wachholtz
	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
	Norm Sack
Lector	Lisa Chinn
Ushers	Julie O'Doherty
	Linda Hoagland
	Adam Klinker
Greeters	Myrna Carter
Crucifer	Charlie Campbell
Acolytes	Rachel Stouffer
	Communion Assistant



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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:** No Forum **NEXT WEEK:** Compassion International with Pam Johnson

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Marge Bock in memory of loved ones.

ETERNAL CANDLE is given in honor of our children, Rolf & Rachel's 25th Wedding Anniversary given by Albert & Ilse Grage.



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 7 Sunday

Homebound Communion
 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

July 8 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

July 9 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
 11:00 AM Devotions @ deFreese Manor

July 10 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group
 10:00 AM Kountze Commons Art Committee
 12:15 PM Worship

July 11 Thursday

Council Reports Due
 9:30 AM WELCA Board Meeting
 11:30 AM Property Committee
 4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

July 13 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

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

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 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 Sunday, September 8 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.

SEWING GROUP Our sewing group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (July 10) at 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM or however long you can stay. The group sews quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Even if you can't sew, you can still help. The quilts are not quilted but are tied, so if you can tie a knot, you can help! Bring a sack lunch and join the ladies for fun, fellowship, and service.

BOOK GROUP Sunday, July 14 at 12:00 PM. July's book is "Lilian Boxfish Takes a Walk" by Kathleen Rooney. Join us for a discussion of this book. The novel's present time is New Years Eve 1984. Lillian Boxfish reminisces about her past on a walk through New York. Throughout the novel the narrative shifts back and forth in time. She remembers her job at Macy's in the 1930s to the present about her family. Join us and Lillian on her walk through New York!

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.

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 AM—1 PM, 1 PM—4 PM, or 10 AM—4 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.



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: 37

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 191 11:00: 88

Midweek - Noon: 7

Total: 323

Pantry Guests Served: 363

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 30

Offering:

\$9,648.50 (Regular) \$1,805.66 (Specials)

\$1,381.00 (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.

Care for others with gentleness.

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

Sunday	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Jesus sends out the seventy
Monday	Isaiah 66:10-14	God helps Jerusalem
Tuesday	Galatians 6:1-16	Help each other
Wednesday	Proverbs 5:1-8	The Lord sees everything
Thursday	1 Peter 5:1-7	Tending the flock of God
Friday	Titus 3:1-8	Doing helpful things
Saturday	Psalm 66:1-9	Shout praises to God
Sunday	Luke 10:25-37	The good Samaritan



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My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. **Galatians 6:1 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

Merciful God, just as you have cared for us, help us to care for one another with gentleness, mercy, and peace. In Jesus name, amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

You have blessed us, O God, with food to savor. Send us forth, your fields to labor. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Almighty God strengthen you with gentleness, peace, and mercy.

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

- If someone does something wrong to you, how do you respond to them?
- What is an example of caring for others with gentleness?
- Part of the mission of the church is to care for those already part of the church. How do those who are part of the church need your care?

Read: Galatians 6:1-16.

Luke 10 speaks of a mission to those who have not received the message of the kingdom Jesus brings. Galatians 6 speaks to how that same message of Jesus shapes the life within the body of Christ, the church. There is an important mission to care for those who have already received the Holy Spirit and are part of the “family of faith” (v. 10). It is important—but not easy—to give and to receive care that includes a need for correction. We are to do so with gentleness, not forgetting our temptations to sin (v. 15). The “law of Christ” (v. 2) is to carry another’s burdens. As the Lord is our Good Shepherd, we are to shepherd one another in all humility as part of the “new creation” (v. 15). To follow this rule or principle is to share peace and mercy with others (v. 16). When has someone gently and lovingly given you important correction and guidance in the Christian faith? How have you tried to offer that same gentle and loving care to others?

Pray: **Almighty God, thank you for your care and loving guidance. Help us to provide that same gentle and loving care to others. Amen.**

The theme of comfort and caring for others runs through the scripture readings for this week. In Isaiah 66:10-14, Galatians 6:1-6, and Titus 3:1-8 the words gentle, courtesy, care, and comfort appear. There are many who need gentle care, the courtesy of a helpful hand, the care of a loving act of kindness, and the comfort of a warm meal or clothing. Where in your own community do you see a need for this theme to become a reality? What can you do to help?

The congregation is a place of worship, the home is too. “Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise” (Psalm 66:1-2). How do you make a joyful noise and sing praise to God in your home? Choose a favorite hymn of praise and make up hand signs or use sign language for key words. Sing it while using the hand signs as a way to remember the words of praise this week as you worship in your home.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37