

KOUNTZE STAFF

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

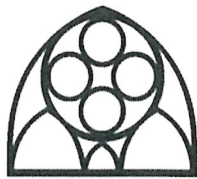
Lector	Charlie Bressman
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Comm. Set-up	Jim Smejkal

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Lee Johnson Scott Henneman Jill Gittler
Lector	Pamela Johnson
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

Comm. Asst.	Ann Miller Norm Sack
Lector	Bruce Nissen
Ushers	Julie O'Doherty Linda Hoagland Adam Klinker
Greeters	Myrna Carter
Crucifer	Torin Edwards
Acolytes	Hadley Rief Henry Rief



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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

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:** Pr. Hall presents on his sabbatical in Germany **NEXT WEEK:** No Forum - Farewell to the Klinker Family

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in honor of Lee Johnson's birthday given by Dayle Johnson



UPDATE



If you haven't checked your directory info online yet, please check the info at the Welcome Desk this Sunday morning and make any changes/corrections necessary before we go to print. Thanks.

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

July 29 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

July 30 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

July 31 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

August 1 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

August 3 Saturday

Homebound Communion
 4:30 PM Blood Pressure Checks
 5:00 PM Worship

August 4 Sunday

Homebound Communion
 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

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. Please plan to attend both sessions. Lunch will be served and childcare is provided. New members will be received on October 13. 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.

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* (time TBD). 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 Scared 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.

CREIGHTON CAMPUS MINISTRY UPDATE The Office of Campus Ministry at Creighton University will soon announce a position for a part-time campus minister for Protestant ministry. The University has seen the value and the need to provide a communal and liturgical space on campus for mainline Protestant students. This means that Protestant campus ministry at Creighton will be further integrated in the structures, resources, and events on campus. Pr. Hall will serve in an advisory capacity as this person is hired and, perhaps, continue to serve on an advisory board for what may develop. Thank you for your support over the years as we built this ministry and we ask for your continued prayers as this ministry takes the next steps in its development.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Saturday Attendance: 62

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 140 **11:00:** 84

Midweek - Noon: 7

Total: 293

Pantry Guests Served: 428

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 36

Offering:

\$12,177.54 (Regular) \$1,966.96 (Specials)

\$790.00 (Phase 2)

Save the
Date!

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

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

Jesus teaches his followers to pray.

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

Sunday	Luke 11:1-13	Jesus teaches about prayer
Monday	Genesis 18:20-32	Abraham haggles with God
Tuesday	Colossians 2:6-19	Fullness of life in Christ
Wednesday	Exodus 32:7-14	Moses appeals to God
Thursday	James 5:13-20	The prayer of faith
Friday	Matthew 6:5-15	Jesus on prayer
Saturday	Psalms 138	Praise and thanksgiving
Sunday	Luke 12:13-21	Parable of the rich fool



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He [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” **Luke 11:1 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, you who welcome our prayers, praise, questions, and our fears and frustrations, help us to come to you with confidence, hope, and love. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you who hunger for our attention, thank you for giving us each day our daily bread. Amen. (Luke 11:3)

A Blessing to Give:

May the God who cares for you with the love of a parent, feed you, forgive you, and preserve you now and always.

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

- When do you pray? What do you pray for?
- How has praying made a difference in your life?
- A life of prayer is not easy. What does it take to make prayer part of our daily lives?

Read: Luke 11:1-13.

Jesus teaches his followers to pray by giving a model prayer, a parable about perseverance, and simple words of wisdom on pursuing what we want with vigor. The gift we most want is a relationship to God, what is granted to us through the gift of the Holy Spirit (v. 13). Seen this way, prayer does not disappoint. We are given an intimate relationship of a parent caring for a child seen in verses 11-13 and introduced by the first word of Jesus’ model prayer: “Father.” We are to ask for the essentials of life: food, forgiveness, and preservation. Jesus’ teaching on prayer is not lengthy. It focuses on the essentials of life grounded in the confidence of an intimate relationship with God. Now, just as Jesus is portrayed praying throughout the Gospel of Luke (3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18; 9:28; 10: 21-22; 11:1; 22:41-44; and 23:46), it is time for us to do as Jesus did: pray. Look these verses up and highlight them in your Bible.

Pray: **Our Father, by your holy name give us the faith to trust in you and to seek everything in life that is part of your kingdom of grace, mercy, and peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.**

James 5:13-20 is about the prayer of faith. This scripture reading provides an example of how we are to pray for others, for those who are suffering, those who are sick, and those who need forgiveness. Is there someone you know who is need of a prayer of praise or one for healing? Find time to be with them and pray with them.

Jesus taught the disciples how to pray. He taught them the Lord’s Prayer. Nearly 2,000 years later, this same Lord’s Prayer is a prayer said in both our congregations and in our homes. Who taught you to pray the Lord’s Prayer? Pray the Lord’s Prayer in your home and think of hand signs or use sign language for key words as you pray. Using hand signs when you pray embeds the prayer in your heart and mind. Who would benefit learning this prayer from you?

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23; Psalm 49:1-12
Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21