

KOUNTZE STAFF

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

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

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Tarna Kidder Jill Gittler Lorie Groenjes Pam Johnson
Lector	Kevin Larkowski
Ushers	Rodney Nord Donna Crouse Brad Madison Dan Troxel Sharon West Dean Winther Bob Johnson
Greeters	Bev Troxel Lois Sorensen Colleen Lenners
Crucifer	Carter Waccholtz
Acolytes	Anna Kidder John Groenjes

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Ashley Sum Lowell Harms
Lector	Judith Poffenbarger
Ushers	Norm Sack Ken Johnson Linda Johnson Lee Johnson
Greeters	Barb Chrisman Jo Kayton
Crucifer	Torin Edwards
Acolytes	Anna Kotula Communion Assistant



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August 10 & 11, 2019

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:** with Jeremy Bouman
NEXT WEEK: Rally Sunday

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 Saturday, August 10 and 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.

ETERNAL CANDLE is given to the glory of God in memory of Randall S. Fike given by Mary Jo Fike and family.

August 11 Sunday

Blessing of Backpacks
 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
 12:00 PM Book Group

August 12 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

August 13 Tuesday

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

August 14 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group
 12:15 PM Worship

August 15 Thursday

Good News Deadline
 Council Reports Due
 11:30 AM Men's Luncheon

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

Wedding Rehearsal

7:00 PM Circle 5

August 16 Friday

5:00 PM Stauffer/Horan Wedding

August 17 Saturday

9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group

5:00 PM Worship

August 18 Sunday

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM & 11 AM Worship

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

9:00 AM Joyful Sounds Children's Choir (gr K-6th gr)

10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks

10:10 AM Rally Day/1st Day of Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)

10:10 AM Adult Forum

10:30 AM Executive Committee

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 The Food Pantry is experiencing record numbers; so much so that the faithful volunteers are exhausted. Please consider helping on Monday mornings. We can really use people to set up before the pantry opens at 10:00 AM, and we have great need of door monitors from 11:00 AM—1:00 PM. These volunteers control the flow of traffic and assist guests with carrying their bags to their cars. Please contact Susie Henry at 402-596-9397 if you would like to get involved. We would love to have you!

SAVE THE DATE—YESTERDAY'S YOUTH IN SEPTEMBER Thursday, September 12 (please note date/time change). 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 / (and car if needed). Please meet in the KMLC Parking lot so we can leave by 9:00 AM. 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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! 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 AM. 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 AM. 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.

KMLC MEN'S LUNCHEON Thursday, August 15, 11:30 AM. At Kountze Memorial. The Kountze men's luncheon is held the third Thursday of every month at 11:30 AM. Suggested donation is \$10.00. Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, August 13.

RALLY SUNDAY August 18, 2019, 9:00 service. The 2019/2020 Sunday School year begins August 18! 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.

JOIN US IN SONG AND FUN! The Joyful Sounds Children's Choir will gear back up for our new season of singing, on Sunday, August 18, at 9 – 9:30 AM in the Joyful Sounds Studio on the 2nd floor of the Sunday School wing. Calling all children, kindergarten through sixth grade who love to sing and praise God, to please join us! Our choir sings once (and sometimes twice) a month at both worship services. We learn the Christmas program music to help anchor the Sunday School children's singing, beginning in October. Mark your calendars now: our Christmas Program will be at the 9 AM worship service, Sunday, December 15, 2019. Questions? Contact Donna Moessner, Director of Children's Music, donna@kmlchurch.org.

THANK YOU Words cannot express my gratitude for the support and love my church family and friends have shown me thru Ralph's cancer fight. I am overwhelmed with the love shown for Ralph, myself, and our family. Ralph fought the good fight and he truly won! I thank God for each and every prayer sent our way and ask for continued prayer for myself and my family as we begin our new journey without him. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your support during this difficult time. In Christian Love, Janet Diggins and Family

CAROL JOY HOLLING 31st ANNUAL QUILT AUCTION raised over \$117,000 ! Go to CJHCenter.org/Quilt-Auction to view the quilts and what they sold for! Kountze donated 10 quilts which sold for a total of \$1,240!

PROJECT HOPE is having an inaugural "Bread for Life" brunch including a silent auction on Sunday, September 8 at the Omaha Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Dave & Karen Coker will serve as honorary brunch chairs. Mimosas & silent auction are at noon with brunch and program beginning at 1:00 PM. Reservations are \$25 per person (\$25 tax deductible). Reservations are due by August 23. To pay with debit/credit card, call or text Veda at 402-881-1165 or email projecthope.execdirector@gmail.com.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Saturday Attendance: 53
Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 191 11:00: 93
Midweek - Noon: 9
Total: 346
Pantry Guests Served: 330
Medical Clinic Guests Served: 31
Offering:
\$14,558.54 (Regular) \$2,584.06 (Specials)
\$2,244.38 (Phase 2)

Save the Date!

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

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

Our God is the God of hope and promise.

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

Sunday	Luke 12:32-40	Seek treasures in heaven
Monday	Genesis 15:1-6	God's covenant with Abram
Tuesday	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	The meaning of faith
Wednesday	James 2:14-26	Faith without works is dead
Thursday	Romans 1:8-17	The power of the gospel
Friday	1 Timothy 6:11-19	The good fight of faith
Saturday	Psalm 33:12-22	Trust only in God
Sunday	Luke 12:49-56	Following Jesus causes division



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Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. **Hebrews 11:1 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to trust the assurances you give us that we may lead lives of conviction shaped by your kingdom of grace. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Thank you for filling our bodies with food and our hearts with trust in you. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of steadfast love be upon you and give you hope. (Psalm 33:22)

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

- What does it mean when someone promises to do something for you?
- What is something you hope for? How is faith like hope?
- How does hope in God's promises give you strength and courage for each day?

Read: Luke 12:32-40.

In Luke you have the heart of God's care expressed directly and simply on the lips of Jesus: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (v. 32). It is immediately followed by strong marching orders: sell what you have and give to the poor; be ready for action; don't be in the dark; be alert because you don't know when the Son of Man is coming. Clearly, these words are not cause for fear, but for readiness for life in the kingdom. We are part of God's "little flock" that is cared for with abundant hope and promise from God. What more can we ask for? This life of faith does not lead to complacency but action, including the action of giving what you have to others. Doing that places your heart squarely in the kingdom because where your treasure is—where you invest your wealth—shapes your heart to be loyal to that cause (v. 34). When you want to feel the love of God in your heart, you give to causes consistent with Mary's description of God who "lifted up the lowly; he . . . filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty" (Luke 1:52b-53). In what ways can you give your treasure and have your heart renewed?

Pray: **God of hope and promise, we thank you for your words of comfort and assurance and for your words of action that celebrate life in your kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In James 2:14-26 we learn that faith without works is dead and that works without faith is also dead. If you have not as yet seen the movie *Amazing Grace*, make time to do so—it illustrates how a person of faith, William Wilberforce, was used by God to change the world for the better! Who have been examples of faith through their actions to you? Write letters to these people, thanking them for their example.

In Luke 12:35, Jesus told his followers to be dressed for action and have their lamps lit to wait for him like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding party. Gather a candle for each member of your family. When you sit down for meals this week, light the candles and say these words:

Leader: **Be dressed and ready for service and keep your lamps burning.**

Response: **For Jesus, our master, is coming.**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29--12:2; Luke 12:49-56