

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

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

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Giselle Loucks Mark Oldaker Marylin Oldaker Scott Henneman
Lector	Colleen Lenners
Ushers	Rodney Nord Donna Crouse Brad Madison Dan Troxel Sharon West Dean Winther Bob Johnson
Greeters	Bev Troxel Lois Sorensen Colleen Lenners
Crucifer	Britten Johnson
Acolytes	Rahn Johnson Kaitlyn Munguia

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Ann Miller Lowell Harms
Lector	Jacob Rump
Ushers	Norm Sack Ken Johnson Linda Johnson Lee Johnson
Greeters	Barb Chrisman Jo Kayton
Crucifer	Charlie Campbell
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 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 8:00-11:00 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.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS Trained volunteers provide blood pressure checks free of charge on the 3rd Sunday of each month (Sunday, August 18) from 10:00—11:00 AM in the Fellowship Lounge. Blood pressure checks are also done on the 1st Saturday of each month in the Bride's Room near the Sanctuary from 4:30—5:00 PM.

ADULT FORUM Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **THIS WEEK:** Rally Sunday **NEXT WEEK:** Congregational Meeting

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in honor of their 52nd anniversary given by Patt & Joe Councill; in memory of Renae Kovar given by Marvin Kovar

ETERNAL CANDLE is given to the glory of God in memory of Anne Forslund's 100th birthday on August 20 given by Christine Forslund; in memory of Renae Kovar given by Marvin Kovar

JOIN US IN SONG AND FUN! The Joyful Sounds Children's Choir will gear back up for our new season of singing, this Sunday, August 18, from 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!

RALLY SUNDAY 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. Blessing of students, teachers, and parents at 9:00 AM.

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)
 9:00 AM Blessing of Students, Teachers, Parents
 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

August 19 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry
 6:00 PM Clinic Board

August 20 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group
 6:00 PM Congregation Council

August 21 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

August 22 Thursday

1:30 PM Circle 4
 4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
 6:00 PM Worship & Music

August 24 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

August 25 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)
 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
 10:10 AM Congregational Meeting
 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. 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!

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.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP This group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (August 20) at 1:00 PM 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 and to give the recipient a tangible example of God's love and care. If you knit or crochet, please feel free to join the group in their ministry.

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 (202 S 20th St). 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 \$50 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.

KMLC CHURCH PICNIC Save the date. We're having a picnic and we hope you'll be there! Sunday, September 22, 12:00 to 3:00 PM in the KMLC green space. A fun time will be had by all!

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY NETWORK "If you know of someone attending college this fall please go to this link to find out if there is a Lutheran Campus Ministry outreach at their campus. If there is, please refer the student's name to us so we can reach out and invite them into our community (www.luminelca.org). If you have students attending any colleges or universities in the Omaha metro area, please contact Pastor Jim Holthus at lootr@hotmail.com or text him at 218-760-2028. Thank you for helping us minister to your young adults!"



ATTENDANCE & GIVING
Saturday Attendance: 45
Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 186 11:00: 97
Midweek - Noon: 7
Total: 335
Pantry Guests Served: 278
Medical Clinic Guests Served: 22
Offering:
\$29,726.50 (Regular) \$690.50 (Specials)
\$2,285.00 (Phase 2)

Save the Date!

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

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

The gospel brings division, not just peace.

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

Sunday	Luke 12:49-56	Following Jesus causes division
Monday	Jeremiah 23:23-29	God's word is like fire
Tuesday	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Faith in God
Wednesday	2 Chronicles 33:1-17	The reign of Manasseh
Thursday	Matthew 24:15-27	The desolating sacrilege
Friday	Hebrews 10:19-39	Encouragement and warning
Saturday	Psalms 82	Justice to the weak
Sunday	Luke 13:10-17	Jesus heals on the Sabbath



“Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!” **Luke 12:51 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, give us the courage to face hostility with peace and conviction that comes from following Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, strengthen us with this food to be your people of faith and good courage. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May our Lord Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, fill you with joy and good courage. (Hebrews 12:2)

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

- What happens when you disagree with someone?
- When you feel stressed from conflict, how do you handle it?
- How does your faith help you to face conflict in daily life?

Read: Luke 12:49-56.

We love to say to others, especially our children, “Jesus loves you.” Yes, this is true. However, the Jesus who loves us stands for something opposed to the world that is filled with sin and destructive forces. The love Jesus brings is a powerful love that does not tolerate sin, death, and the devil. To follow Jesus means turning ones back on ruinous and unfaithful ways, and that leads to the demise of some relationships, even in one’s own home. To be a Christian means not being any other religious identity. That means for some homes and some relationships that a Christian will not be accepted. Christians, even today are on occasion shunned from their own families. Christians are called upon to reject behaviors and creeds that speak against God’s reign of forgiveness, peace, and reconciliation. Jesus knows this and repeatedly the church has to learn this. The present times—whether in Jesus’ day or ours—require us to read the events around us and to know that God’s kingdom will not accept the powers of the world that lead to domination, control, hate, and death. Thanks be to God for that. What relationships have you encountered that are strained because of your faith in Jesus?

Pray: Almighty and merciful God, help us to trust the power of peace and love that will not accept the powers of sin and death, through Christ our Lord, amen.

Psalm 82:2-4 is a plea for justice. Justice is treating others fairly and showing respect.

Christian service honors the God of mercy who lifts up the lowly. Who is it that you can lift up this week with an act of kindness?

In Hebrews 11-12, we are surrounded by a “cloud of witnesses.” These are faithful people in our lives who guided us in our faith lives. Fill a bowl with cotton balls to symbolize clouds. Remove one at a time and as you do so, name a person, current or past, who has helped strengthen you in your life of faith. Draw a circle on a sheet of paper and write your name in the center of the circle. Place each cotton ball you have removed somewhere on the circle. Place this sheet in a visible place this week as a reminder you are always surrounded by God’s love.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17