

## KOUNTZE STAFF

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# KOUNTZE

## Memorial Lutheran Church

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**September 14 & 15, 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 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.*

## 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 Lee Johnson Kevin Larkowski Scott Henneman
Lector	Paul Rath
Ushers	Glenn Anderson Dan Collett Ted Kaasch Mark Mahaffey Gary Westerman Bob Woodworth Marcy Madison
Greeters	Karen Wolf Sharon Anderson
Crucifer	Anna Kidder
Acolytes	John Groenjes Communion Assistant

### SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Lowell Harms June Anderson
Lector	Bruce Anderson
Ushers	Linda Hoagland Julie O'Doherty
Greeters	Julie King
Crucifer	Torin Edwards
Acolytes	Anna Kotula Brooks Hinrichs

## 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. Next Sunday, we'll be serving cookies only, but be sure to join us for lunch at the picnic for a potluck!

**ADULT FORUM** Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **THIS WEEK:** Special Congregation Meeting & Update on Campus Ministry at Creighton **NEXT WEEK:** No Forum (Baptism Seminar)

**SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING** A special meeting will be held at the beginning of Adult Forum (10:10 AM) to elect/re-elect three people to the congregation council that was overlooked at the August 27 meeting.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in honor of our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Linda and Ken Johnson; in loving memory of Russ VanHorn's birthday.

**ETERNAL CANDLE** is given to the glory of God in honor of the 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of our children, Angelika & David.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

**JOYFUL SOUNDS CHILDREN'S CHOIR** Join us each Sunday from 9-9:30 AM. All children (K-6<sup>th</sup> grade) who want to praise our Lord by singing, meet in the Joyful Sounds Studio on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Join us on Sundays on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for Sunday School. Preschool 1 (2-4 yrs) meets from 9:00—10:00 AM (child care for those too old for the nursery). Sunday School (2 yrs-8<sup>th</sup> grade) is held from 10:10—10:50 AM.

**HIGH SCHOOL FORUM** Join us each Sunday in the Youth Center at 10:10 AM.

**MS/HS CHOIR** Rehearsal will be held on Sunday mornings, 11:00-11:30 AM in the Adult Choir room. Contact Janet Carlsen Campbell at [Janet@kmlchurch.org](mailto:Janet@kmlchurch.org) with questions.

**September 15 Sunday**

Good News Deadline  
 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast  
 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship  
 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)  
 9:00 AM Joyful Sounds Children's Choir (gr K-6)  
 10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks  
 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)  
 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)  
 10:10 AM Special Congregation Meeting/Adult Forum  
 10:30 AM Executive Committee  
 11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal

**September 16 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry  
 5:30 PM Congregational Life

**September 17 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group  
 5:00 PM Stewardship Committee  
 6:00 PM Congregation Council

**September 18 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship  
 6:00 PM Confirmation Supper  
 6:30 PM Confirmation Class  
 7:30 PM Confirmation Worship

**September 19 Thursday**

11:30 AM Men's Luncheon  
 4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic  
 7:00 PM Circle 5

**September 21 Saturday**

9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group  
 5:00 PM Worship

**September 22 Sunday**

Acceptance of New Confirmands  
 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM No Breakfast—Cookies only  
 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship  
 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)  
 9:00 AM Joyful Sounds Children's Choir (gr K-6)  
 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)  
 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)  
 10:10 AM Baptism Seminar (no Adult Forum)  
 11:00 AM MS/HS Choir  
 12:00 PM KMLC Church Picnic

**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.

**NURSERY** is available from 9 AM—noon for children 0—2 years. Please ask an usher if you are unsure as to where our nursery is and would like to use it.

**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.

**JOIN ADULT CHOIR** Come and join our amazing group of musicians who sing praise to God and have fun together. We rehearse on the first Wednesday, of each month from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Past singing experience in high school or college is recommended. The director, Barb Carlsen, would like to hear you sing before joining the choir just to make sure that this group will blend with your type of voice. If you want more information about choir or would like to reserve a time to sing for Barb Carlsen, please call the church office (402-341-7761).

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**KOUNTZE MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR** We will sing for: Sunday services (every 5-6 weeks) . Rehearsals will be held on Sunday mornings, 11:00-11:30 AM in the Adult Choir room. We hope you will join us as we sing praises to God, help lead the congregation in worship, and have a great time making music and new friendships! For more



**KOUNTZE FOOD PANTRY**

The Kountze Food Pantry is collecting register receipts from Family Fare stores. For every \$100,000 in receipts returned, Kountze Food Pantry will receive \$1,000. Many people are unaware that the Pantry food is, for the most part, purchased, not

donated. One of our vendors is Family Fare, so your receipts will be added to the Pantry purchases and we can reach \$100,000 in a short time. Please bring receipts to the office or place in receptacle at information desk in the Fellowship Hall.

**USHERS NEEDED** By warmly and joyfully greeting and seating those in attendance, passing out bulletins, collecting the offering, and assisting with communion, or simply welcoming others, we are blessed to welcome God's very self. This is the "job description" of an Usher here at Kountze Memorial. We are in need of Ushers at both Sunday services. If you'd like more information or would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Jim Smejkal at 402-341-7761 or jim@kmlchurch.org. Please consider being a part of this ministry.

**ATTENDANCE & GIVING**

**Saturday Attendance:** 24

**Sunday Attendance:** 9:00: 234 11:00: 114

**Midweek - Noon:** 8

**Total:** 380

**Pantry Guests Served:** 369

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 26

**Offering:**

\$15,431.50 (Regular) \$13,132.57 (Specials)

\$20,450.00 (Phase 2)

## God pursues the lost.

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

Sunday	Luke 15:1-10	The lost sheep and the lost coin
Monday	Exodus 32:7-14	Moses pleads for the people
Tuesday	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Gratitude for mercy
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 7:7-11	A chosen people
Thursday	Acts 26:12-18	Paul's conversion
Friday	Ezekiel 36:22-32	Renewal of Israel
Saturday	Psalms 51:1-10	A prayer for forgiveness
Sunday	Luke 16:1-13	Parable of the shrewd manager



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"And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' " **Luke 15:6 (NRSV)**

### A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, you who pursue the lost with love and mercy, give us the joy of being found and redeemed through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

### Mealttime Prayer:

Dear Lord God, fill our hungry hearts with joy for your mercy and steadfast love as you fill our bodies with this food. Amen.

### A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord create in you a clean heart and put a new and right spirit within you. (Psalm 51:10)

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

- Talk or think about a time you or someone you know has been lost.
- Tell or think about a time you lost something and then found it.
- In Luke 15, the Pharisees and the scribes cannot express joy that Jesus has found the lost, the "sinners and tax collectors." Why do you think this is?

*Read:* Luke 15:1-10.

Sinners and tax collectors show interest in Jesus. They want to listen to him. Jesus, by welcoming them and eating with them shows acceptance of them. In the words of 1 Timothy, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1:15). This baffles the religious leaders, the Pharisees and scribes. Jesus points out that what it should bring is joy. He says, "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (v. 10). God pursues us like a shepherd seeking a lost sheep or a poor widow seeking a lost coin. We are the lost sinners who have been found by God's pursuit. Instead of being disappointed by God's extravagant love, instead of being baffled by the lost being found, let us give thanks to God for the power and desire of God to save sinners and the joy that comes with being found by God's love and mercy. Does it bring you joy to know you are the lost who has been found, the sinner who has been saved? Explain.

*Pray:* **Merciful God, help us to recall our great need and your great love that reaches out to us again and again, through Christ our Lord, amen.**

Jesus gives us strength to do our work and serve him. Paul writes, "he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service" (1 Timothy 1:12b). Paul's life was changed because of God's grace. In what ways do we respond to God's saving grace through service and acts of kindness towards others? How do these acts of kindness change us? How do they change others?

In Psalm 51:10 the image of a clean heart is used to ask for God's forgiveness. Sin and doing wrong can hurt others. We are all guilty of sin. Read Psalm 51:1-10 and circle all the words that have to do with cleaning: cleanse, clean, wash, etc. and write the word "confession" in the margins. Take a bar of soap and use a pencil or knife (a plastic knife will work) to trace a heart on the bar of soap. Carve out the shape of the heart. When you use the heart to wash your hands, say: **Create in me a clean heart, O God** (Psalm 51:10a), as a daily reminder of confession in your home.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113  
1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13