

KOUNTZE STAFF

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Joyce Palmer	Director of the Weber Clinic
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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 Scott Henneman Jerry Clanton Lorie Groenjes
Lector	Robin Perkins
Ushers	Glenn Anderson Dan Collett Ted Kaasch Mark Mahaffey Gary Westerman Bob Woodworth Marcy Madison
Greeters	Karen Wolf Sharon Anderson Crucifer Britten Johnson
Acolytes	Rahn Johnson Kaitlyn Munguia

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Deb Hinrichs June Anderson
Lector	Kay Wise
Ushers	Linda Hoagland Julie O'Doherty
Greeters	Julie King
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 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

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.

ADULT FORUM Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **THIS WEEK:** Recap of ELCA Churchwide Assembly **NEXT WEEK:** Special Congregation Meeting & Update on Campus Ministry at Creighton

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in memory of my mother, Lois Soll, given by Barb Chrisman

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL Join us on Sundays on the 2nd 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-8th grade) is held from 10:10—10:50 AM.

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

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS This Sunday, September 8, is a day to reflect on how we can better serve our community and neighbors. To do so, we will be cleaning a stretch of the Keystone Trail through Keep Omaha Beautiful. Bring a picnic lunch for you and your family to Stinson Park, 67th and Center, between 12:00 and 1:00 PM. We will do trail clean up at 1:00 PM. Bags, gloves, and trash grabbers are provided. Please join us!

September 8 Sunday

7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
 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-6)
 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
 10:10 AM Adult Forum
 11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
 12:00 PM Book Group
 12:00 PM God's Work. Our Hands. Picnic (Stinson Park, 67th and Center)
 1:00 PM God's Work. Our Hands. Clean-up

September 9 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

September 10 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

September 11 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group
 12:15 PM Worship
 6:30 PM New Student Confirmation Orientation

September 12 Thursday

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

September 14 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

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 Adult Forum/Special Congregation Meeting
 10:30 AM Executive Committee
 11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal

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 at 402-341-7761.

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 beginning Sunday, September 8 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 information please contact Janet Carlsen Campbell at Janet@kmlchurch.org

CONFIRMATION An orientation for new confirmation students and their parents will be held this Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 PM. Regular Confirmation Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 18; supper at 6:00 PM, class from 6:30-7:30 PM, and worship at 7:30 PM. Pastor Olaf Roynesdal will be teaching the class. Sunday Confirmation School meets with Marcia Roynesdal from 10:10-10:50 AM.

BAPTISM SEMINAR If you are interested in having your child baptized and have not been through a Baptism Seminar before, a Baptism Seminar will be held at 10:10 AM, September 22 (please note date change). We will meet in the Nave. The purpose of the seminar is to introduce parents to the theology of baptism, walk through the baptismal liturgy, discuss scheduling for the baptism, and address any questions the parents might have. Please call the church office to register at 402-341-7761.

KMLC CHURCH PICNIC 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! Please sign up on the insert found in today's bulletin if you're able to help.



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.

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: 44
Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 168 11:00: 84
Midweek - Noon: 6
Total: 302
Pantry Guests Served: Closed for Labor Day
Medical Clinic Guests Served: 25
Offering:
\$8,197.54 (Regular) \$1,306.50 (Specials)
\$1,405.00 (Phase 2)

Special Congregation Meeting

Sunday, September 15, 2019, 10:10 AM

Pastor Olaf Roynesdal is calling for a special congregation meeting on Sunday, September 15, 2019, 10:10 AM.

The sole purpose of this meeting is to elect/re-elect three people to the congregation council, something Pastor Roynesdal neglected to conduct during the August 25th meeting.

Christians owe their loyalty to Jesus alone.

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

Sunday	Luke 14:25-33	The cost of being a disciple
Monday	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Choose life, not death
Tuesday	Philemon 1:1-21	Philemon's love and faith
Wednesday	Isaiah 57:14-21	A promise of health and healing
Thursday	Luke 14:15-24	The great banquet
Friday	Philippians 2:19-23	Timothy and Epaphroditus
Saturday	Psalms 1	The way to happiness
Sunday	Luke 15:1-10	The lost sheep and the lost coin



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Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. **Psalm 1:1 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, keep us from all evil that we may delight in your word and follow your ways, through Christ our Lord, amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Like a tree planted by streams of water, Lord, you feed us with this food and with your holy word that gives us delight. Amen. (Psalm 1:2-3)

A Blessing to Give:

Grace and peace to you from God the Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Philemon 1:3)

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

- What does it mean to you to “follow the crowd”?
- When have you needed to step away from the views of those around you?
- How is standing out from the crowd at times an act of faith?

Read: Luke 14:25-33.

Large crowds were following Jesus (v. 1) and Jesus saw a problem with following him like a herd. In the 1950s, large crowds of adults with children in tow filled churches. However, those same adults reared the baby boomers that became the least church-going generation in United States history (at least, at that time). Being a Christian because everyone else is, does not provide enough of a motivation, and Jesus knows it. Jesus makes the strongest demands and challenges on his followers: that which you count so dear—family, your own life, all your possessions—cannot compare to the importance of following Jesus. Our identity as a Christian owes its loyalty to Jesus and Jesus alone, not pleasing large crowds. Eventually, the large crowds that followed Jesus turned away. Many of the crowded sanctuaries in the 1950s are no more. There is great delight and comfort (Psalm 1:1 and Luke 12:32-34) in being a follower of Jesus, and it is a joy much deeper than simply being part of a safe and lonely crowd. What makes following Jesus central to who you are?

Pray: **Lord Jesus, give me faith and courage to follow you, especially when it feels easier to follow the crowd that does not know your power and grace. Amen.**

Psalm 1:3 uses the example of a tree yielding fruit to describe those who delight in God's law: “but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night” (Psalm 1:2). This Psalm is an instructional one teaching us how to live in the world. The Psalm points out that we are to yield fruit fitting to God's law. What act of service to others would describe the fruit that you bear?

Paul wrote to his friend Philemon, “When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus” (Philemon 1:4-5). This love was a gracious gift of God. From whom have you received the gracious gift of God's love? Write a thank you card to that person this week and include this scripture verse from Philemon.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10