

## 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.	Scott Henneman Jill Gittler Lowell Harms Kevin Larkowski
Lector	Kimberly Grassmeyer
Ushers	John Georgeson Jim Comfort Joe Councill Dave Forrest Jeff Perkins Fred Wachal Janice Falk
Greeters	Darlene Anderson Vickie Wichert
Crucifer	Britten Johnson
Acolytes	Rahn Johnson John Groenjes

### SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Ashley Sum June Anderson
Lector	Steve Hinrichs
Ushers	Ken Johnson Linda Johnson Bob Woodworth Norm Sack
Greeters	Myrna Carter
Crucifer	Charlie Campbell
Acolytes	Communion Assistant Henry Rief



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## Memorial Lutheran Church

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**October 12 & 13, 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.

## 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:** New Member Welcome Reception **NEXT WEEK:** Bible Sunday

**NEW MEMBERS** New members will be received this Sunday, October 13. Please be sure to introduce yourself to them. Not sure if that person is a new member? Introduce yourself to them anyway.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS** Kristin Boe and Pr. Hall will continue the First Communion Class from 12:15-2:00 PM in the Nave.

**LWR QUILTS** The quilts are on display this weekend, October 12 & 13, before they are packed up to be sent on to Lutheran World Relief. The cost to ship each quilt is approximately \$2.50. There are envelopes on each of the quilts. If you would like to pay the cost of shipping for that quilt, or several quilts, please use that envelope to make a donation and place it in the offering plate. Extra envelopes are available in the pews. If you would like to join the Sewing Group, they meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM. You don't have to know how to sew to be a part of this Ministry.

**HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS** In anticipation of your graduation from High School, you are invited to pick the quilt you will be presented in the Spring of 2020 from the quilts that are on display. Please pin a label with your name onto the quilt you would like for yourself.

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### **October 13 Sunday**

Receive New Members  
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)  
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8<sup>th</sup> gr)  
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)  
10:10 AM Adult Forum  
10:30 AM Executive Committee  
10:10 AM deFreese Manor Board  
12:00 PM Book Group  
12:15 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

### **October 14 Monday**

Columbus Day (Observed)  
No Pantry

### **October 15 Tuesday**

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

### **October 16 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship  
6:00 PM Confirmation Supper

6:30 PM Confirmation Class  
7:30 PM Confirmation Worship

### **October 17 Thursday**

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

### **October 18 Friday**

Wedding Rehearsal

### **October 19 Saturday**

9:00 AM CPR  
12:45 PM First Aid  
3:00 PM Pugh/Kendal Wedding  
5:00 PM Worship

### **October 20 Sunday**

Bible Sunday  
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-8<sup>th</sup> gr)  
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)  
10:10 AM Adult Forum  
2:00 PM Bellevue Berry Farm

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**THE DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!** If you had your photo taken by the photographers for the church directory, your free directory is available at the Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall. If you didn't have your photo taken but would like a directory, the cost is \$10.

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The choir will be singing this Sunday during Worship

**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-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.

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**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, January 19 & 26, 2020, 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 February 2. Please indicate your attendance plans on your attendance card or call the church office by January 12 and let us know if you will need childcare when you register.

**MEN'S LUNCHEON** The Kountze men's luncheon is held the third Thursday of every month. Join us on Thursday, October 17, 11:30 AM (Please RSVP by October 15) Suggested donation is \$10.00. Our October speaker is our very own Brent Rasmussen who will be sharing with us some of the special sporting activities he is involved with. Our November speaker will be Steve McCoy who is director of the Omaha Airport Authority. You never know what is going to be on the menu but you can bet it will be good. Please RSVP to the church office or jim@kmlchurch.org the Tuesday prior to the lunch.

**PLANNING FOR YOUR FAMILY'S FUTURE** Habitat for Humanity of Omaha is hosting a Will Planning Workshop on Friday, October 18 from 3—6 PM at Habitat Omaha (1701 N 24th St). Legal professionals from Omaha will be available to prepare and execute a will for you and your family. Transferring your wealth is one of the best ways to protect your investment and your family's future. Don't miss this opportunity! RSVP is required. For questions or to schedule an appointment, please call Jenny Lemmer at 402-884-7793. Bring photo ID.

**FIRST AID & CPR CLASS** Saturday, October 19. All Ushers and Sunday School teachers are encouraged to attend the training and the Church will take care of the registration fee which covers the training materials and certificates. CPR, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Light lunch "Food by Jim" in the link, 12:00 – 12:45 PM. First Aid Training 12:45 – 4:15 PM. All other members of the congregation are invited to take part in the class as well for a small fee of \$20.00. If you attended the CPR training last year, you can attend the first aid training free of charge. Training will take place lower level of the Kountze Commons. Please RSVP to the Church office or you can email jim@kmlchurch.org to reserve your spot.

**BIBLE SUNDAY** October 20, 9:00 AM Worship Service. Bibles will be presented to children who are 2 and 4 years old, and to children in grades 1, 3, 5, and 7.

**BELLEVUE BERRY FARM** Join us on Sunday, October 20, from 2:00 - 6:00 PM for a cookout of hot dogs, chips, drinks, and s'mores! There will also be time to explore the pumpkin patch (11001 South 48<sup>th</sup> Street, Papillion). We hope to see you there!

**USHERS STILL NEEDED** 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.

### **ATTENDANCE & GIVING**

Saturday Attendance: 34  
Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 177 11:00: 111  
Midweek - Noon: 11 Evening: 23  
Total: 356  
Pantry Guests Served: 343  
Medical Clinic Guests Served: 22  
Offering:  
\$16,225.50 (Regular) \$1,253.71 (Specials)  
\$1,980.00 (Phase 2)

**KOUNTZE FOOD PANTRY** The Kountze Food Pantry could really use donations of toilet paper. We would love to have this vital item available for our guests, but the expense is significant and we have not had the funds available. Any contribution you can make would be greatly appreciated. The Family Fare receipts have been pouring in. Let's keep up the good work! The Food Pantry will qualify for \$1,000 before we know it!

## Jesus shows mercy on a foreigner.

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

Sunday	Luke 17:11-19	One leper gives thanks to God
Monday	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c	Elisha heals Naaman
Tuesday	2 Timothy 2:8-15	A good soldier of Christ Jesus
Wednesday	Leviticus 14:33-57	Purification of lepers
Thursday	2 Timothy 1:13-18	Encouragement to be faithful
Friday	Luke 4:23-30	God cares for foreigners
Saturday	Psalms 111	Praise God for wonderful works
Sunday	Luke 18:1-8	Parable of the persistent widow

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“Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” **Luke 17:18 (NRSV)**

### A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious God, you who care for the unacceptable, thank you for caring for me, through Christ our Lord, amen.

### Mealttime Prayer:

God of grace, for food make us thankful, for family and friends make us joyful, and for our salvation, make us grateful. Amen.

### A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord be gracious and merciful and give you a thankful heart. (Psalm 111:1, 4)

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

- Tell or think about a time you were left out of a group. What was it like?
- Are you comfortable or afraid when you meet someone who is different than you are? Why?
- How does God’s mercy give you courage to care for those who are different from you?

*Read:* Luke 17:11-19.

Paul Tillich, a famous theologian once pointed out that faith is accepting that the unacceptable has been accepted. According to the law of Israel, a leper was unclean and needed to be kept away from the community. Lepers were unacceptable—or at least those who are to be avoided. A Samaritan was despised by first century Jews. Not only does Jesus accept and heal the Samaritan leper—along with nine other lepers—but this leper is the one who responds with a thankful heart at the feet of Jesus. Just like Naaman, the enemy general from Aram (Syria), those who seem far from God’s presence and God’s people are included in God’s work of mercy and salvation. As Jesus says to the Samaritan leper, “your faith has made you well” (v. 19). God’s work of salvation often comes as a work of great surprise to us. How does God’s mercy give you courage to trust that God cares for you?

*Pray:* **Merciful Savior, thank you for reaching out to those who seem far from you; thank you for reaching out to me. Amen.**

This week’s scripture readings tell of healings. Improved public health care is needed in many parts of the world. Some of it is provided by missionaries who show God’s love by giving much needed food, clean water, mosquito nets, medical treatment, and other care around the world. How can you contribute to or support these faithful missionaries?

God is holy and awesome. (Psalm 111:9) Take a walk around your neighborhood and make a list of things you see that are awesome. Trees, buildings, the sky, and clouds are a few of the things you might see. Then sit down in your home and look at the list. God is bigger and greater than anything we see. Take time to say a prayer of praise to God and be thankful for “his wonderful deeds”, “the power of his works”, and “the work of his hands” (Psalm 111:4, 6, 7).

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS:** Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121  
2 Timothy 3:14—4:5; Luke 18:1-8