

KOUNTZE STAFF

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

Lector	Debra Kelly
Ushers	Jim Smejkal Jason Klonglan
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SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Jerry Clanton Pam Johnson Dan Collett
Lector	Ruth Henneman
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 Kaitlyn Munguia

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Ann Miller Lowell Harms
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Ushers	Ken Johnson Linda Johnson Lee Johnson Norm Sack
Greeters	Myrna Carter
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October 19 & 20, 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:** Bible Sunday **NEXT WEEK:** TBA

BIBLE SUNDAY This 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 this Sunday, October 20, from 2:00 - 6:00 PM. We have a fire pit and picnic area reserved. Hotdogs, chips, beverages, and s'mores provided. Cost is \$10 per person. Kids under two are free. (11001 South 48th Street, Papillion). We hope to see you there!

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.

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. The choir will be singing this Sunday during Worship

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.

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-8th gr)

10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)

10:10 AM Adult Forum

2:00 PM Bellevue Berry Farm

October 21 Monday

Oct 21 - Oct 25 Celebrate Creativity

10:00 AM Pantry

6:00 PM Clinic Board

October 22 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

7:00 PM Circle 3

October 23 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation Supper

6:30 PM Confirmation Class

7:30 PM Confirmation Worship

October 24 Thursday

1:30 PM Circle 4

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

6:00 PM Worship & Music Committee

October 26 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

October 27 Sunday

Reformation 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 1st Communion

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)

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.

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.

GRIEF SEMINAR Sunday, November 3, 2019 (All Saint's Sunday), 12:00 – 2:00 PM. Grief is difficult and especially during the holidays. If you have lost a relative or close friend, this would be an opportunity to share that grief with others and share how we can move through that grief. A light lunch will be served. Please call the church office at 402-341-7761 to make a reservation.

YESTERDAY'S YOUTH Tuesday, November 5, 12:00 PM. \$4.00 for lunch. All ages are welcome! Please join us for fun and fellowship! We will be making cute, yet simple crafts. You won't want miss out on our delicious lunch, served at noon. We will be serving scalloped potatoes and ham for our main dish, tasty sides, and

pumpkin pie for dessert! Please RSVP to the church office by Friday November 1, (402-341-7761). All ages are encouraged to attend! If you have any questions, please call Sheri Tipton at 402-415-6033. Looking forward to seeing you there!

WOMEN'S FALL BRUNCH Saturday, November 9, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend! No charge. Musical Entertainment. Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, November 6. Hope to see you there!

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK DINNER! Friday, November 15, 6:00 PM. All members of Kountze are invited to join in a Thanksgiving Potluck. Bring your favorite Thanksgiving side or dessert to share with others. Turkey and drinks provided.

MEN'S LUNCHEON Thursday, November 21, 11:30 AM (Please RSVP by October 19). Suggested donation is \$10.00. Our 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.

THANKSGIVING DINNER WITH ST. PETER'S Will be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Co-sponsored with and held at St. Peter's Catholic parish (709 S 28th St.) Preparations are under way for our annual Thanksgiving luncheon. Volunteers are needed to: a) set up the night before; b) donate pies/desserts; and, c) serve food, greet, and/or clean tables during the meal. This event brings so many people in our community together in a spirit of Christian love and fellowship. Please join us, either to volunteer or as a guest; all are welcome. In 2018 we served over 400 guests for Thanksgiving Dinner! Watch for the sign up sheets in the bulletin beginning November 3.

ATTN: COLLEGE STUDENTS IN THE OMAHA AREA Go on Facebook and ask to join our group: NeMO (Nebraska Ministry-Omaha) for updates on our events, calendars, etc. We meet every Thursday evening at St. Timothy Lutheran Church on 93rd & Dodge from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. This fall we are also inviting Creighton students to join us in the Skutt student center two Sunday evenings each month and post that schedule on the NeMO FB group.

ATTN: YOUNG ADULTS WORKING IN THE OMAHA AREA Go on Facebook and ask to join the group: "God & Grads". We love to hang out at Spielbound, play trivia at Farnam House, and go out for late night appetizers at Applebee's.

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.

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!

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Saturday Attendance: 55

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 206 11:00: 114

Midweek - Noon: 8 **Evening:** 20

Total: 403

Pantry Guests Served: No Pantry/Columbus Day

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 19

Offering:

\$10,856.54 (Regular) \$4,314.02 (Specials)

\$1,267.50 (Phase 2)



**Remember to
Fall backwards!**

**Daylight Savings Time
ends at 2:00 AM on
Sunday, November 3**

Faith pursues God's blessings.

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

Sunday	Luke 18:1-8	Parable of the persistent widow
Monday	Genesis 32:22-31	God renames Jacob
Tuesday	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Paul's instruction to Timothy
Wednesday	Genesis 14:17-24	Abram blessed by Melchizedek
Thursday	Psalms 42	Longing for God
Friday	James 5:13-18	Prayer of faith
Saturday	Psalms 121	Assurance of God's protection
Sunday	Luke 18:9-14	A Pharisee and tax collector pray

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Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." **Genesis 32:26 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

God of hope, give us strength to endure life's struggles and faith to pursue your justice and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, in your name we drink and sup: teach us to pray and not give up. Help us to look to you this day and show our thanks in all we say. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord protect you from this time on and forevermore.

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

- Think of something you are trying hard to accomplish. How do you go about it?
- When you see something that is unfair, do you expect God to fix it? Why or why not?
- Faith is a gift worth pursuing with all your heart. How do you explain this?

Read: Genesis 32:22-31.

This is an amazing story. The "man" who wrestled with Jacob was actually God (vv. 28, 30). Even more, God does not win the wrestling match, and that seems to be okay with God. God honors Jacob whose name means "trickster." The trickster had deceived his father Isaac to unfairly gain his older brother's inheritance and, more importantly, the blessing that goes from Abraham and Isaac and now to Jacob instead of Esau. Like the widow in Luke 18:1-8 who persistently bothers the unjust judge to get her justice, Jacob does whatever it takes to be blessed. And God so honors that determination that God gives Jacob a new name, Israel, which in this story means "you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed" (v. 28). Jacob and God's people will now be known as Israel, a term that commends the importance of wrestling with and being persistent for God's blessings. Yes, it is true that God is the more persistent one, but God wants us to pursue the divine blessing and pursue an active life of faith instead of a complacency that takes God's word and righteousness for granted. How do you pursue God in your daily life of faith? How do you wrestle with God?

Pray: **God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, thank you for honoring our wrestling with you as faithful followers, through Christ our Lord, amen.**

Psalm 121:1 asks, "From where will my help come from?" The answer in the next verse is, "My help comes from the Lord." We are God's hands and feet in the world. When you see someone less fortunate or in need, where does their help come from? It, too, comes from the Lord with your help. Who in your life could use a helping hand? Take time to reach out to them through an act of kindness and tell them that the reason you are doing so is in response to God's loving presence in your life.

The theme this week is God's blessings. God blesses Jacob and King Melchizedek blessed Abram. The scripture readings also tell of the importance of prayer. In Luke 18:1, Jesus says to, "pray always and not lose heart". When done in the home regularly, prayers and blessings help us grow in our faith. Say a prayer at every meal and at bedtime this week as a reminder to pray always. Make it a practice to bless others this week by making the sign of the cross on foreheads or hands as people leave for work or school and say the words: **May the Lord protect you.**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; Psalm 84:1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14