

## KOUNTZE STAFF

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Susann Henry	Food Pantry Director

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### **SATURDAY, 5:00 PM**

Lector	Charlie Bressman
Ushers	Duane Hovendick Penny Hovendick
Comm. Set-up	Jim Smejkal

### **SUNDAY, 9:00 AM**

Comm. Asst.	Liz Pemberton Lorie Groenjes Dan Collett Kevin Larkowski
Lector	Susie Henry
Ushers	John Georgeson Jim Comfort Joe Council 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.	Ann Miller Lowell Harms
Lector	Lisa Chinn
Ushers	Ken Johnson Linda Johnson Lee Johnson Norm Sack
Greeters	Myrna Carter
Crucifer	Torin Edwards
Acolytes	Neely Edwards Brooks Hinrichs



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## Memorial Lutheran Church

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**October 26 & 27, 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:** Carol Stoltenberg in Tanzania **NEXT WEEK:** No Forum (Fellowship)

**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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in honor of Amanda Schneiderman's 26<sup>th</sup> birthday, given by John & Lynn Schneiderman.

## 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.

**October 27 Sunday**

Reformation Sunday

7:45 AM &amp; 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM &amp; 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-8<sup>th</sup> gr)

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

12:00 PM Stephen Ministry

**October 28 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

**October 29 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

12:00 PM Endowment Board

**October 30 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation Supper

6:30 PM Confirmation Class

7:30 PM Confirmation Worship

**October 31 Thursday**

Halloween

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

**November 2 Saturday**

Homebound Communion

4:30 PM Blood Pressure Checks

5:00 PM Worship

**November 3 Sunday**

All Saints Sunday

Daylight Savings—all back 1 hour

Homebound Communion

7:45 AM &amp; 10:00 AM Adult Choir

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM &amp; 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

12:00 PM Grief Seminar

**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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 93<sup>rd</sup> & 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:** 53

**Sunday Attendance:** 9:00: 204 11:00: 88

**Midweek - Noon:** 10 **Evening:** 16

**Total:** 369

**Pantry Guests Served:** 445

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 17

**Offering:**

\$11,150.50 (Regular) \$814.80 (Specials)

\$995.00 (Phase 2)



**Remember to  
Fall backwards!**

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

## *God establishes a new relationship.*

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

Sunday	John 8:31-36	Jesus sets us free
Monday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	A new covenant
Tuesday	Romans 3:19-28	Righteousness through faith
Wednesday	Habakkuk 2:1-4	The righteous live by faith
Thursday	Exodus 25:17-22	Mercy seat of God
Friday	Galatians 2:15-21	Saved by faith
Saturday	Psalms 46	God is our strength
Sunday	Luke 20:27-38	Jesus speaks of the resurrection



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But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Jeremiah 31:33 (NRSV)

### A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious God, thank you for freeing us from the power of sin and giving us a loving relationship to you and to others, through Christ our Lord, amen.

### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we are grateful for the food we see and glad that Jesus set us free, forever thankful let us be. Amen.

### A Blessing to Give:

May the grace of God and our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and free you to love God and others with joy and gladness.

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

- Tell or think about one of your favorite gifts ever received. What made it a favorite?
- Your faith in Jesus Christ is a gift from God. What is your reaction to this statement?
- How does being set free through faith in Jesus Christ make you feel? Why?

### *Read:* Jeremiah 31:31-34.

The Reformation message emphasizes that a relationship with God will come to us from God's work, God's initiative, not ours. It is not a new message. Jeremiah announced it six centuries before Christ. God's people in Israel and Judah had failed on their own. Israel was destroyed and Judah was exiled in Babylon. It looked hopeless. However, God promised a new covenant, which means a new relationship that would unite Israel and Judah in forgiveness and new life. This is the covenant relationship Paul understands in Romans to unite Jews and Gentiles alike. It is the work and faith of Christ that makes us a new people. Through faith in Christ's saving work, God gives us a new heart, that is, a new way of seeing, relating, thinking, feeling, willing, and acting with others and with God. Why? Because through our own broken lives we have shown throughout the ages an inability to do this on our own. God's will for us will be placed within us, on our hearts. We are joined to God and to all people with faith, hope, and love, not judgment, despair, or hate. This gift is like no other. In what ways do you respond to this gift?

*Pray:* God of new beginnings, we thank you for our Lord Jesus Christ who freed us from our sins to be a new people united as a gift of grace through faith in Christ Jesus. Amen.

God does extraordinary things through ordinary people. Martin Luther was a monk. Raised in the Catholic church by hard-working parents, Luther is credited for having begun the Protestant Reformation in 1517. He translated the Bible from Hebrew and ancient Greek to make it available for the common person. This enabled all of us to read scripture so that we may have an understanding of Christ's saving work. Sharing God's word with others is a Christian response to the good news that Jesus Christ sets us free. Is there someone you know who is homebound and unable to attend worship? Plan to visit that person and take time to share caring conversations, scripture readings, and prayer.

Martin Luther wrote the Small Catechism for the "head of the household to teach to the members of the household." There is a daily morning and evening blessing that includes making the physical sign of the cross. As a reminder of the Reformation, add this ritual to your mornings and evenings this week. As you make the sign of the cross on your chest or forehead say: God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit watch over me. Amen. (Luther's Small Catechism)

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Isaiah 1:10-18; Psalm 32:1-7  
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10