

## KOUNTZE STAFF

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Sheri Lynn Tipton	Night Security Manager
Norma Pafford	Nursery Superintendent
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Susann Henry	Food Pantry Director

## 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.	Tarna Kidder Scott Henneman Jerry Clanton Kevin Larkowski
Lector	Karen Fannin
Ushers	John Georgeson Jim Comfort Joe Councill Dave Forrest Jeff Perkins Fred Wachal Chad Wachholtz Janice Falk
Greeters	Darlene Anderson Vickie Wichert
Crucifer	Anna Kidder
Acolytes	Jane Kidder Kaitlyn Munguia

### SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Ann Miller Deb Hinrichs
Lector	Jennifer Bunge
Ushers	Ken Johnson Linda Johnson Lee Johnson Norm Sack
Greeters	Myrna Carter
Crucifer	Charlie Campbell
Acolytes	Hadley Rief Henry Rief



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## Memorial Lutheran Church

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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 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:** No Forum (Fellowship time) **NEXT WEEK:** New Member Welcome Reception

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** continues this Sunday, October 6, from 12:15—2:00 PM. New members will be received on October 13.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS** Kristin Boe and Pr. Hall will offer a First Communion Class from 12:15-2:00 PM this Sunday and next, October 6 & 13. We will meet in the Nave and also use the Rotunda. The curriculum will be "Fed & Forgiven." All ages are welcome; the course is geared toward second graders.

**FAMILY & FRIENDS LUNCHEON** This Sunday, October 6, 12:30 PM. The Social Ministry Committee is hosting a luncheon followed by holy Communion for all homebound members and friends of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. We also invite our Eucharistic Ministers to participate.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Myrna Esluer in honor of her birthday (10/10) and 50 years as a Kountze member; in honor of Lorin & Lorna Swingen on their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Karen and Shirley Bonneau

**ETERNAL CANDLE** is given to the glory of God by Marge Bock in honor of all those serving in the Armed Forces.

## 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

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**October 6 Sunday**

Homebound Communion  
 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  
 11:00 AM MS/HS Choir  
 12:15 PM New Member Class  
 12:15 PM 1st Communion  
 12:30 PM Friends & Family Lunch

**October 7 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

**October 8 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

**October 9 Wednesday**

9:00 AM Sewing Group  
 12:15 PM Worship  
 6:00 PM Confirmation Supper  
 6:30 PM Confirmation Class  
 7:30 PM Confirmation Worship

**October 10 Thursday**

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

**October 11 Friday**

Oct 11 - Oct 13 Confirmation Retreat

**October 12 Saturday**

5:00 PM Worship

**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  
 11:00 AM MS/HS Choir  
 12:00 PM Book Group  
 12:15 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

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praise our Lord by singing, meet in the Joyful Sounds Studio on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The children will be singing during Worship next Sunday, October 13.

**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.

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

**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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Ann McKenna, a long-time member of Kountze Memorial, who will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 9. Cards may be sent to Ann at 2909 S 217th Cir, Elkhorn NE 68022-2506

**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.

**SEWING GROUP** Our sewing group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month (October 9) at 9:00 AM until however long you can stay. The group sews quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Even if you can't sew, you can still help. The quilts are not quilted but are tied, so if you can tie a knot, you can help! Bring a sack lunch and join the ladies for fun, fellowship, and service. The quilts will be on display next 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 each. There are envelopes on each of the quilts if you would like to take care of the cost of shipping. You could also place a donation in the offering plate and mark it "LWR Quilts."

**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.

**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:** 41

**Sunday Attendance: 9:00:** 177 **11:00:** 100

**Midweek - Noon:** 12 **Evening:** 20

**Total:** 350

**Pantry Guests Served:** 428

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 23

**Offering:**

\$13,560.89 (Regular) \$8,805.57 (Specials)

\$2,115.00 (Phase 2)

**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.



*No matter what happens, put your trust in God.*

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

Sunday	Luke 17:5-10	Faith the size of a mustard seed
Monday	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	The righteous live by faith
Tuesday	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Thanksgiving and encouragement
Wednesday	Isaiah 26:1-9	The Lord can be trusted
Thursday	James 1:2-11	Faith produces endurance
Friday	Proverbs 37:1-9	Trust God
Saturday	Psalms 37:1-9	Trust the Lord
Sunday	Luke 17:11-19	One leper gives thanks to God



... and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. **2 Timothy 1:12 (NRSV)**

### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Lord God, thank you for making your defense of us shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noon-day, through Christ our Lord, amen. (Psalm 37:6).

### **Mealtime Prayer:**

May this food our body and soul feed and may we be blessed with faith the size of a mustard seed. Amen.

### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord protect you and bless you with faith in Christ.

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

- What words describe someone you can trust?
- What does it mean when we say in God we trust?
- How does faith in God help you to trust God in difficult times?

*Read:* 2 Timothy 1:1-14.

Faith does not rely on one victory followed by another victory, day in and day out. Paul knows current suffering yet trusts in God's "own purpose and grace," a grace that "was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began" (v. 9). In the meantime—and without being ashamed— Paul, Timothy, and all the saints will endure sufferings (vv. 8, 12). What does faith look like? It takes delight in God, even when the wicked are present (Psalm 37:1-9). Faith gives thanks when good health is not present, when income is low, when others would not know it is time to praise God. When Jesus says all we need is the faith of a mustard seed (Luke 17:6), he is pointing out that it is not how much faith you have, but in whom you place your trust. This is the life of faith that guided Jesus, Paul, and saints throughout the ages. As Paul writes, "Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God" (v. 8).

**Pray: Lord God, give us faith to trust in our Lord Jesus who suffered and died that we may live in trust and hope in your goodness and mercy, now and always. Amen.**

Being a servant of Jesus does not mean everything works out the way you—or God—desires. Evil still continues. We can obsess over the presence of sin and end up doing evil ourselves. Being preoccupied with the sins of others does not help. Psalm 37 simply says "Trust in the LORD, and do good" (v. 3a) even when wrongdoing occurs. Be the hands and voice of God's love this week. Reach out to someone experiencing difficulties and be a support for them.

When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, he answered by telling them if they had faith the size of a mustard seed, they could move a tree. (Luke 17:5-6) Draw a large tree on a sheet of paper. Take just one mustard seed (or small seed) and tape it in the center of the tree. Think about how powerful faith is if something as small as a mustard seed can move trees. Faith is not measured by size when Christ is present. In what small ways can you make a difference by practicing faith in your home (e.g., praying for others or blessing someone)?

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111  
2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19**