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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

Lector	Paul Revord
Ushers	Paul Revord Mary Jo Fike
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SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Jill Gittler Mark Oldaker Marylin Oldaker Dan Collett
Lector	Rick Kolkman
Ushers	Donna Crouse Bob Johnson Rodney Nord Dan Troxel Sharon West Dean Winther Brad Madison
Greeters	Darlene Anderson Bev Troxel Lois Sorensen
Crucifer	Anna Kidder
Acolytes	Lawton Rees John Groenjes

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Ashley Sum Norm Sack
Lector	Donna Moessner
Ushers	Linda Hoagland Julie O'Doherty
Greeters	Barb Chrisman
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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:** ELCA: Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Call to Action **NEXT WEEK:** ELCA: A Declaration of Inter-Religious Commitment

BOOK GROUP This Sunday, November 10, 12:00 PM.

BLANKETS FOR REFUGEES Nancy Meyer has been made aware of a great need for blankets for the refugees. If any of you have a good used blanket or buy a new blanket for these local refugees, that would be wonderful! You can bring them to the Welcome Center area of the Fellowship Hall by the end of November. Thank you and God bless!

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in honor of Jane Kidder's 14th birthday given by Mark & Tarna Kidder

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.

November 10 Sunday

7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
 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-8th gr)
 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
 10:10 AM Adult Forum
 12:00 PM Book Group

November 11 Monday

Veterans Day
 10:00 AM Pantry

November 12 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

November 13 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

November 14 Thursday

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

November 15 Friday

Good News Deadline
 6:00 PM Thanksgiving Potluck

November 16 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

November 17 Sunday

7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
 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
 10:30 AM Executive Committee

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.

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 SERVICE We will celebrate a DAY OF THANKSGIVING on Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24. A special offering will be received, to be divided between the Kountze Food Pantry and the

Weber Healing Gift Free Clinic. Food (canned and box goods) will be presented during the worship service. **THANKSGIVING DINNER WITH ST. PETER'S** Will be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 11:30 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! You can sign up to help on the bulletin insert.

ADVENT FAIR Save the date for our Advent Fair on Sunday, December 1, between 10:00 AM and 12:30 PM. Make a variety of Christmas crafts. Fun for the entire family!

ALTERNATE GIFTS Watch for the Alternate Gift insert that will be in your bulletins beginning December 1. Find a cause or organization that would be the best gift for your friends and family. We will also offer hand-made and fair trade gift items on two of the Sundays in Advent. The BeadforLife jewelry made from recycled paper will be available for purchase on December 8, and the hand-made Christmas ornaments made by women in Vietnam will be available on December 15. As always, we will have goats, chicks, UN refugee tents as well as support for Kountze Pantry and the Weber Free Healing Clinic, along with other favorite gifts from recent years. Enjoy an easy way to get your gift shopping done and join us in doing God's work at the same time!

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!

HOLIDAY MEAL BAGS FOR KOUNTZE PANTRY Our Food Pantry holiday meal bags will be distributed in December; 300 in total. This year's holiday food items include:

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| fully cooked ham (3 lb) | cranberries jellied/whole (14 oz) |
| corn (15 oz) | stuffing (13 oz) |
| green beans (15 oz) | mashed potatoes (13 oz) |
| pineapple tidbits/chunks (20 oz) | cream mushroom/cream chicken (10 oz) |
| fruit cocktail/mixed fruit (14 oz) | quart shelf sustainable milk. |

These items will be placed in a reusable tote with a Christmas card and a prayer square. The approximate cost of the 2019 holiday meal bag is \$25. The food items have been changed from previous years to help maintain the cost yet provide additional food items. This project is accomplished by the generous support of Kountze Memorial and Saint Michael Lutheran members and friends. You are invited to make a financial contribution for this annual holiday give away. Your gift can be given through the offering, please designate to the holiday meal bags or through the on-line giving page (<https://www.kmlchurch.org>). Should you have any questions or want to discuss ways to support the pantry, please contact Susann Henry, director of the Food Pantry. You can contact Susie at 402-341-7761 or susannfrances@gmail.com

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Saturday Attendance: 69
 Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 250 11:00: 105
 Midweek - Noon: 10
 Total: 434
 Pantry Guests Served: 332
 Medical Clinic Guests Served: 17
 Offering:
 \$19,169.50 (Regular) \$1,050.75 (Specials)
 \$9,535.00 (Phase 2)

**Disney CRUISE NIGHT
 AKA "PARENT'S NIGHT OUT"**



When: Saturday, November 30
 6:00—8:30 PM

Who: Children ages potty-trained to 10 yrs

Where: Kountze Youth Room

Host: Kountze Youth Group

Dinner: Pizza, Milk, and Juice

Activities: Puppet making & puppet theater, crafting Christmas ornaments, and a Disney movie

Cost: Free will donation of a small, new, unwrapped toy

RSVP: Church office and/or Mike Jensen via email at mwjensen@yahoo.com

We have hope for the future.

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

Sunday	Luke 20:27-38	Jesus speaks of the resurrection
Monday	Job 19:23-27a	I know my redeemer lives
Tuesday	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Be faithful
Wednesday	Exodus 3:13-20	God promises to guide Moses
Thursday	1 Peter 1:3-12	A living hope
Friday	Acts 24:10-23	Paul defends himself
Saturday	Psalms 17:1-9	Prayer of an innocent person
Sunday	Luke 21:5-9	Suffering for Jesus' sake

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Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. **2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

Eternal Savior, thank you for the promise of the resurrected body that gives us eternal comfort and good hope. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we are thankful that through your steadfast love you give us food to eat and a living hope to feast upon now and always, through Christ our Lord, amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

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

- What is something that you look forward to?
- What is something that worries you about the future?
- Jesus and the New Testament make clear promises about the resurrection from the dead. Why is this important?

Read: Luke 20:27-38.

This passage is both encouraging and confusing. The encouragement is that Jesus affirms that God “is God not of the dead, but of the living” (v. 38). The confusing part is about marriage in heaven. However, this text is not really about marriage or a definitive theology of heaven. What happens here is that the Sadducees ask a trick question and Jesus gives them a trick answer to get to the real point. The Sadducees try to trick Jesus because they don’t believe in the resurrection (v. 27). Knowing this, Jesus goes to the real topic of bodily life after death by pointing out that their question is irrelevant: heaven is not what you are setting it up to be by your tricky question (vv. 35-36). Jesus uses the Sadducees’ preferred focus on Moses to point out that even Moses believed in life after death. Jesus uses their own biblical theology to point out what they refuse to see: through Jesus we have “eternal comfort and good hope” (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17). How does the Christian belief in the resurrection give you eternal comfort? How does it give you hope?

Pray: **Eternal God, we thank you that in the midst of struggles, suffering and death, through Christ our Lord we are given comfort, good hope, and everlasting life. Amen.**

2 Thessalonians is a letter of encouragement for Christians. It is about God’s love for us and the eternal comfort and hope given to us. Do you know of someone who needs to hear an encouraging word? Let them know you are thinking about them by calling, sending them a note, or visiting.

Jesus tells the Sadducees that life after death is different. To think about this, find a picture of a caterpillar and one of a butterfly or draw them. Talk about ways they are different (ex. caterpillars crawl and eat leaves, butterflies fly and drink nectar, etc.). They are the same animal even though the stages of life are different. We do not know what life will be like after death but Jesus tells us it will be different and we will be with God. “Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive” (Luke 20:38).

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19