

## KOUNTZE STAFF

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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

Lector	Debra Kelly
Ushers	Duane Hovendick Penny Hovendick
Comm. Set-up	Penny Hovendick

### SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Scott Henneman Jerry Clanton
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Lector	Amy Kunz
Ushers	Donna Crouse Bob Johnson Rodney Nord Dan Troxel Sharon West Dean Winther Brad Madison
Greeters	Darlene Anderson Bev Troxel Lois Sorensen
Crucifer	John Groenjes
Acolytes	Dannika Rees Kaitlyn Munguia

### SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Norm Sack June Anderson
Lector	Bruce Nissen
Ushers	Linda Hoagland Julie O'Doherty
Greeters	Barb Chrisman
Crucifer	Charlie Campbell
Acolytes	Hadley Rief Henry Rief



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## Memorial Lutheran Church

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**November 16 & 17, 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:** ELCA: A Declaration of Inter-Religious Commitment **NEXT WEEK:** ELCA: Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent

**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 Lynn Schneiderman's birthday

## 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.

**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-8<sup>th</sup> gr)  
 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)  
 10:10 AM Adult Forum  
 10:30 AM Executive Committee

**November 18 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

**November 19 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group  
 6:00 PM Congregation Council  
 7:00 PM Circle 3

**November 20 Wednesday**

12:15 PM Worship  
 6:00 PM Confirmation Supper

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

**November 21 Thursday**

11:30 AM Men's Luncheon  
 1:30 PM Circle 4  
 4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic  
 7:00 PM Circle 5

**November 23 Saturday**

5:00 PM Worship

**November 24 Sunday**

Christ the King  
 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  
 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.

**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.

**INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE** All are welcome to attend the annual city-wide Interfaith Thanksgiving service at 5:00 PM, November 24, at Countryside Community Church (13130 Faith Plaza, on the Tri-Faith Campus). A special program for youth in grades 7-12 and pizza party begins at 3:30 PM.

**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 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! 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!

**ADVENT MEALS AND WORSHIP** Wednesdays, December 4, 11 & 14. Dinner will be served from 5:00-6:15 PM. Worship is at 6:30 PM.

**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:

fully cooked ham (3 lb)

corn (15 oz)

green beans (15 oz)

pineapple tidbits/chunks (20 oz)

fruit cocktail/mixed fruit (14 oz)

cranberries jellied/whole (14 oz)

stuffing (13 oz)

mashed potatoes (13 oz)

cream mushroom/cream chicken (10 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](mailto:susannfrances@gmail.com)

### **ATTENDANCE & GIVING**

**Saturday Attendance:** 66

**Sunday Attendance:** 9:00: 187 11:00: 135

**Midweek - Noon: Evening:**

**Total:** 388

**Pantry Guests Served:** 180

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 21

**Offering:**

\$13,938.54 (Regular) \$1,942.49 (Specials)

\$1,070.00 (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](mailto:mwjensen@yahoo.com)

## *The judgment of God brings joy.*

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

Sunday	Luke 21:5-9	Suffering for Jesus' sake
Monday	Malachi 4:1-2a	The day of judgment
Tuesday	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Warning against idleness
Wednesday	Isaiah 26:7-15	The Lord can be trusted
Thursday	Romans 5:1-11	Christ died for the ungodly
Friday	Hosea 2:10-16	God courts Israel in the desert
Saturday	Psalms 98	Make a joyful noise
Sunday	Luke 23:33-43	Christ the crucified king



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Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity. **Psalm 98:8-9 (NRSV)**

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

Lord God of justice and mercy, free us from fear that we may speak of you with joy and gladness. Amen.

### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Thank you, Lord for the food that we eat. Help us to serve others with our hands and our feet. Amen.

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

May God give you faith in Christ to make a joyful noise to the Lord that you may break forth into joyous song and sing praises. (Psalm 98:4)

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

- Tell or think about a time when someone was judged unfairly. What happened?
- Has anyone ever judged you or misunderstood something you did? How did that make you feel?
- God's judgment leads to grace and mercy. How does that change our understanding of God as judge?

*Read:* Psalm 98.

Psalm 98 is a psalm of praise, praising God for "coming to judge the earth" (v. 9). God's judgment is an act of vindication, of forgiveness that puts an end to blame (v. 2). It represents an act of "steadfast love and faithfulness" (v. 3). We often fear the idea of God as judge, but without divine judgment, evil knows no end. God's judgment puts limits on evil and destruction. Our lives are cleansed and so is the earth itself as it responds with joy. The psalmist sings, "Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth" (vv. 7-9a). When Jesus tells his followers to be a witness to the faith when they are persecuted (Luke 21:13), shouts of joy and "singing to the LORD a new song" (Psalm 98:1) would be surprising—yet fitting—ways to testify to the goodness and steadfast love of God. In difficult times, have you been able to sing praises for God's goodness? Why or why not?

**Pray: Righteous God, through Christ you judge all things that you may have mercy on all that you have created. For your justice and mercy, we sing your praises. Amen.**

In Luke 21:5-6, Jesus and the disciples were in a beautiful temple. He told them that one day the temple would be destroyed as an analogy of what would happen in their own lives. It was a fearful time for the disciples, but Jesus told them that he would be with them always. Do you know someone who is going through a scary or fearful time? Think of something you can do to reflect the love of Jesus in your actions or words and reassure this person.

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises" (Psalm 98:4). Use an instrument you play or make an instrument using basic supplies you have around the house. For instance, fold a paper plate in half, fill it with rice or dried beans and tape it shut. Or take a small, empty box and cut a round hole in the top. Wrap rubber bands around the box and over the hole to make a guitar. Think about God's creation, family, and friends and list what "marvelous things God has done" (v. 1) for you. After reading each item on the list, make a joyful noise with your instrument.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46  
Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43