

KOUNTZE STAFF

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

Lector	Kathy Englert
Ushers	Kathy Englert Theresa Gruber
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SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Tarna Kidder Pam Johnson Giselle Loucks Kevin Larkowski
Lector	Pam Johnson
Ushers	Donna Crouse Bob Johnson Rodney Nord Dan Troxel Sharon West Dean Winther Brad Madison
Greeters	Colleen Lenner Bev Troxel Lois Sorensen
Crucifer Acolytes	Anna Kidder Jane Kidder Kaitlyn Munguia

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Deb Hinrichs Ann Miller
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Ushers	Linda Hoagland Julie O'Doherty
Greeters	Barb Chrisman
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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 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.

THANK YOU to Craig (trumpet) & Mary (harp) Bircher for sharing their musical talents with us this Sunday morning.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Today we give thanks for all the saints who have gone before us (especially those who died this past year). Through their faithful witness, we continue to set our hope on Christ Jesus.

ADULT FORUM Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **THIS WEEK:** No Forum (Fellowship) **NEXT WEEK:** ELCA: Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Call to Action

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.

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 memory of Ralph Diggins given by Janet Diggins, their children, and grandchildren; in honor of Melissa Osentowski's birthday

ETERNAL CANDLE is given to the glory of God in memory of Ralph Diggins given by Janet Diggins, their children, and grandchildren

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November 3 Sunday

All Saints Sunday
Homebound Communion
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 Grief Seminar

November 4 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

November 5 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
11:00 AM Devotions @ deFreese Manor
12:00 PM Yesterday's Youth

November 6 Wednesday

9:00 AM Assemble Stewardship Mailing
12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Confirmation Supper
6:30 PM Confirmation Class
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM Confirmation Worship

November 7 Thursday

8:30 AM Hosting Cluster Pastors
9:30 AM WELCA Board
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

November 9 Saturday

11:00 AM Women's Brunch
5:00 PM Worship

November 10 Sunday

7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
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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.

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.

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.

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

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: 38
Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 216 11:00: 115
Midweek - Noon: 5
Total: 374
Pantry Guests Served: 382
Medical Clinic Guests Served: 27
Offering:
\$9,528.54 (Regular) \$1,715.47 (Specials)
\$4,780.00 (Phase 2)



PARKING... On a regular basis we run out of handicapped parking spaces on Sunday mornings. In order to ease this situation, please use the east parking lot (by the handicapped entrance) only if you have a mobility issue.

Those who are physically able are asked to use the west parking lot. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Give thanks for the saints.

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday

Sunday	Luke 6:20-31	Blessed are you who weep
Monday	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Daniel's visions
Tuesday	Ephesians 1:11-23	Paul's prayer
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Greetings to the saints at Corinth
Thursday	Romans 16:1-16	Personal greetings for the saints
Friday	2 Corinthians 8:1-7	Encouragement to be generous
Saturday	Psalms 149	A new song of praise
Sunday	Luke 20:27-38	Jesus speaks of the resurrection



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I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. **Ephesians 1:15-16 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God of our Lord Jesus Christ, give us wisdom to come to know you and a thankful heart for all the saints. Amen. (Ephesians 1:17-18)

Mealtime Prayer:

As we receive this food today, we seek your blessing for those who are hungry now that they may be filled. Amen. (Luke 6:21)

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord bless you, fill you with good things and give you joy. (Luke 6:20-21)

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

- Who is someone you look up to? Why?
- Think of someone you think is a “saint.” How would you describe what makes them a “saint?”
- Name a person you admire for their faith in Christ. In what ways have they influenced you?

Read: Ephesians 1:11-23.

We can easily think of saints as those who live (or lived) super-Christian lives, people who are heroes of the faith, especially from the past. However, saints are simply those people who have “obtained an inheritance . . . according to the purpose of him [Christ]” (v. 11). In 1 Corinthians 1:2, Paul considered the believers at Corinth “saints,” although there were all kinds of conduct that Paul strongly opposed in the church there. We are made saints by the counsel and will of Christ. Ephesians 1:15 commends the church at Ephesus for their faith and love for “all the saints.” And this is why Paul gives thanks for this community of believers. It is easy to judge and condemn those around us, but to give thanks for and to bless (Luke 6:20-22) the saints, the church, which is Christ’s body, is what we do. The more we—for the sake of Christ—give thanks for our fellow saints, past and present, the more we can move ahead to bless the world with the power of the risen Christ. Who are some of the saints—past and present—who have blessed you and who you want to give thanks for today?

Pray: **Holy God, as people who are called “saints,” give us the faith to offer thanks for those around us called by the will of Christ to live for the praise of your glory. Amen.**

In 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 Paul is speaking about the church in Macedonia. They were going through hard times and not wealthy, but their giving was driven by joy and their praise of Christ’s love for them. They were filled with God’s grace and gave generously. A Christian response to God’s gift of grace is giving. In what ways do you embrace this gift through giving of your time, talents, and treasures?

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38