KOUNTZE Memorial Lutheran Church

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 nearly 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.

WORSHIP + GROW + SERVE

KOUNTZE STAFF

Pr. Dean W. Bard	Interim Senior Pastor
Pr. Ashley Hall	Associate Pastor
Pr. Paul Moessner	Interim Associate Pastor
Pr. Inba Inbarasu	Visitation Pastor
Kristin Boe	Interim Christian Education Coordinator
Dave Forrest	Interim Congregational Life Coordinator
Debbie Bogue	Office Manager
Amanda Zasada	Administrative Assistant
Lauri Askew	Staff Treasurer
Sheri Rose	Financial Secretary
Tim Walker	Chef
Søren Johnson	Assist. Bldg. Superintendent
Barbara Carlsen	Dir. of Music & Fine Arts
Danny Bos	Handbell Director/Assist. to the Bldg. Superintendent
Mark Jones	Organist
David Gerard	Saturday Accompanist
Sheri Lynn Tipton	Night Security Manager
Norma Pafford	Nursery Superintendent
Joyce Palmer	Urban Ministries Coordinator

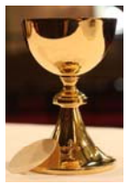
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Tarna Kidder
	Dan Collett
	Lorie Groenjes
Lector	Jon Natvig
Ushers	Jeff Perkins
	Jim Comfort
	Joe Councill
	David Forrest
	John Georgeson
	Jeff Senn
	Fred Wachal
	Janice Falk
Greeters	Darlene Anderson
	Carol Hyland
	Lori Senn
	Lennea Davis
Crucifer	Carter Wachholtz
Acolytes	Carly Cameron
	Cameron Miller

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	
Lector	Bruce Anderson
Ushers	Dudley Syre
	Linda Hoagland
	David Jesberg
	Adam Klinker
Greeters	Peggy Johnson
	Myrna Carter
Crucifer	Torin Edwards
Acolytes	



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.

NEW MEMBER CLASS If you are interested in joining our congregation, the next class will be held September 17 & 24 from 12—2 PM. Please plan to attend both sessions. Lunch will be served and childcare is provided. Please indicate your attendance plans on your attendance card or call the church office and let us know if you will need childcare.

PARKING Our west parking lot is closed for total renovation. Parking is available in front of deFreese Manor, Douglas & 26th Avenue, Barnhart Press' gravel lot across Farnam Street, side streets east of the church, FBG parking lot at 26th & Harney.

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.

TODAY AT KOUNTZE

KOUNTZE CAFÉ Join us on Sundays for a hot breakfast buffet served from 8-11 AM prepared by Chef Tim and his volunteers. The suggested donation for breakfast is, $5 adults, $2.50 children 12 and younger.

ADULT FORUM Join us Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **THIS WEEK:** Discussion of Pew Arrangement **NEXT WEEK:** Stephen Ministry with Pr. Inbarasu

YOUNG MOTHERS Join us on Sunday morning for some fresh brewed fun in the Fellowship Lounge between worship services for "Frappy Hour." Come meet other young mothers in the congregation for coffee, conversation, fellowship and fun.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS This Sunday, 7/16, 11—11:30 AM (please note time change this week) in the Fellowship Lounge. Trained volunteers provide blood pressure checks free of charge to parishioners on the 1st Saturday and 3rd Sunday of each month.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Bill & Madaline Christensen's wedding anniversary.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL Join us on the 2nd floor (Room 205) for the last week of Summer Sunday School Fun (children K—8th grade) from 10:10—10:50 AM. KMLC invites all children (K-8) to the Summer Sunday School Session, "Hero Central." We will go on a hero's adventure that includes energetic music, Bible fun, amazing science experiments, delicious snacks, games, crafts and more! Each week we will learn, then explore the Bible verse Psalm 34:14b, "Do good! Seek peace and go after it!" in fun and exciting ways that will be sure to stay with your child through the week.

HIGH SCHOOL FORUM Join us each Sunday in the Youth Center for Forum at 10 AM.

SPECIAL SERVICE Pastor Larry Arganbright of Bethany Lutheran Church in Elkhorn (4200 N 204th St, Elkhorn, NE) is facing some significant medical concerns. The congregation has invited us to take part in a special prayer service for him this Sunday at 3 PM.

PASTOR OLAF ROYNESDAL ACCEPTS SENIOR PASTOR CALL AND ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS The Church Council has received word that the Rev. Olaf Roynesdal of East Side Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD accepts the call of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church to be the senior pastor, beginning September 1, 2017. Pastor and Marcia Roynesdal are now making preparations for their move to Omaha. We give thanks to God for this wonderful news!

THE FINAL SUNDAY OF PASTOR DEAN BARD, our interim senior pastor, will be August 20, 2017. The following Sunday, 8/27, will be the fall congregational meeting to elect leaders for the Church Council, the Endowment Fund Board and the deFreese Manor Board. Preparations for that meeting will be made before Pastor Bard departs KMLC, by agreement with Pastor Roynesdal, and held as scheduled.

ALSO, THE CONSTRUCTION OF KOUNTZE COMMONS is proceeding on schedule and an important date related to its opening has been set. The dedication of the building will be held Sunday, 10/8 in partnership with Methodist Community Health Clinic and Lutheran Family Services, our two major community partners and tenants of the building. Mark your calendars for this exciting event!

MEN'S LUNCHEON will take place Thursday, 7/20, at 11:30 AM. This month we'll welcome Pastor Dean Bard. Pastor Bard will reflect on his time at Kountze as Interim Senior Pastor managing the many changes and transitions during this critical period, including the search for a

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The Holy Spirit gives us our life in Christ.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Parable of the sower and seed
Monday	Leviticus 26:3-20	A rich and poor harvest
Tuesday	Romans 8:1-11	Living by the Spirit
Wednesday	John 5:24-29	Hearing Jesus' words
Thursday	Hebrews 4:12-13	The word of God is active
Friday	Isaiah 55:10-13	God's people will celebrate
Saturday	Psalm 65	God answers prayer
Sunday	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Parable of the weeds

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The Holy Spirit will give you life that comes from Christ Jesus and will set you free from sin and death. **Romans 8:2 (CEV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING:

A Prayer for the Week:

Come Holy Spirit, give us our life in Christ. Make us like seeds that fall on good soil. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

From soil and seed you give us food to chew. May we grow up your works to do. Our praise and thanks we give to you. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's word take root in your heart. May the Holy Spirit set you free with life in Christ, and fill you with peace and joy.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Is there something you would like to be freed from doing? Explain.
- Christ sets us free. What do you want to be set free from? What do you want to be set free to do in life?
- In Romans 8, life in Christ given to us through the Holy Spirit sets us free from sin and death. What does it mean to be set free from the power of sin and death?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Isaiah 55:10-13.

Just as the rain and snow water the earth to produce food, God's word accomplishes what it promises to do in our lives. All of us are tempted to wonder at times if God's Spirit is alive in us or not. This passage promises to accomplish in us more than we could want or hope (Ephesians 3:20-21). Consider the times you have worried about not living as God's good soil (Matthew 13:23) then use the words of Isaiah 55:10-13 as a prayer of thanksgiving for making your life the good soil that receives life in Christ as a gift of the Holy Spirit. Conclude by praying the Lord's Prayer.

SERVICE

Enjoy some time working in the soil. Work with soil in pots or planters or in your garden or yard. You may volunteer some time to assist a neighbor or someone in your community to work in their garden or yard.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Find the words and music to the hymn *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* on the internet or in a hymnal. Read Matthew 13:1-23 and then sing or pray the words of the hymn. Reflect on how our lives of faith are dependent on the power of God's word.

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THIS WEEK AT KOUNTZE

July 16 Sunday
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:10 AM Sunday School Summer Fun (K-8th gr)
10:10 AM Young Mothers "Frappy Hour"

July 17 Monday
10:00 AM Pantry

July 18 Tuesday
9:00 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group
5:00 PM Building Committee
5:30 PM Executive Committee
6:30 PM Church Council

July 19 Wednesday
12:15 PM Worship
5:00 PM Communion @ deFreese Manor
5:30 PM KETV Management Board
6:00 PM Heritage Series

July 20 Thursday
11:30 AM Men's Luncheon
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
7:00 PM Circle 5

July 22 Saturday
11:00 AM Jean Lien Funeral
12:00 PM Endowment Board
5:00 PM Worship

July 23 Sunday
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:10 AM deFreese Manor Board
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:10 AM Young Mothers "Frappy Hour"
12:00 PM Stephen Ministry

Next Weekend's Lessons

Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Saturday Attendance: 60
Sunday Attendance: **9:00**: 188 **11:00**: 120
Midweek - Noon: 12
Total: 380
Pantry Guests Served: 363
Medical Clinic Guests Served: 20
Offering:
$17,397.10 (Regular) $670.10 (Specials)
$6,967.00 (In the City for Good)

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new permanent senior pastor, various changes to staff, and, of course, the construction of Kountze Commons. Pastor Bard will share his personal thoughts on where Kountze has been and where it is going as it continues to grow and evolve while at the same time maintaining its core mission and tradition of over 150 years. All men of KMLC are invited, and the cost is $10. Please RSVP to the Church Office at 402-341-7761 or Dave Forrest at dave@kmlchurch.org by Monday, 7/17 at 12 PM.

HERITAGE SERIES concludes this Wednesday, 7/19 at 6 PM.

SUMMER SING—*GLORIA* BY ANTONIO VIVALDI Thursday, 7/20, 7 PM at Trinity Cathedral (113 N 18th St, Omaha). Join Abendmusik for their annual community Summer Sing. No auditions or extensive commitments. Come as you are and within two hours, you will have shared in an energized rehearsal and an instant performance! Music will be provided and hospitality, air conditioning, and fun are included. No sign-up, just be ready to sing.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY! Member Velma Wolf will be turning 100 on July 24th. Her granddaughter is coordinating a card shower. Mail to granddaughter's Address: Heidi Reichart, 1115 NW 27th St, Ankeny, IA 50023.

SPIRITUALITY AND WELL-BEING IN THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE With featured speaker Dr. G. Scott Morris on Thursday, 7/27, 8 AM TO 2:30 PM. The conference will be held at Augustana University Elmen Center (2505 S. Grange Ave.) Tickets: $25 through July 17; $35 on/after July 18. Our lives and faith look different in the second chapter of life. There are new opportunities, and many experiences behind us, too. You may find yourself asking: What is God's purpose for me in this stage of life? What does faithfulness look like now? How do I trust Him and have courage as seasons change? How can my faith remain vibrant and strong? How can I help others who find themselves in this stage of life? Whether you are an older adult, you work or care for an older adult, or you are simply interested in the topic, we invite you to take part in this day of reflection and discussion featuring Dr. G. Scott Morris, CEO of Church Health. Register by July 17 to save $10 on tickets! For tickets, email bkubat@sio.midco.net or call Bill Kubat at 605-553-4836.