

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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9:00 & 11:00 AM

SIXTH SUNDAY after EPIPHANY



Epiphany – meaning a light that reveals: *During this season after Christmas we (re)learn how Jesus, the Son, fulfils God’s promise to be a Light to the nations, a Light the darkness cannot overcome. Today we continue to hear how we, if we are followers of Jesus, will also be the light of the world. (Isaiah 49; John 1; Matthew 4:6; 5:14)*

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

☐ Loving God,

☑ ***we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways.***

Forgive us for the times

we have spoken or acted too quickly;

we have not spoken or acted at all;

we have hurt those closest to us;

we have hurt those we have yet to know;

we have thought more about ourselves than others;

we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.

Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children.

Amen.

☐ Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ our Savior.

☑ **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O God, My Faithful God

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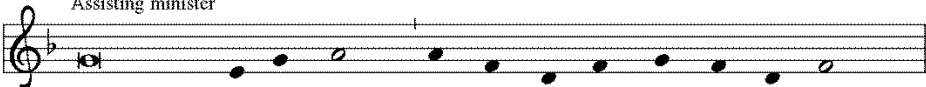
GREETING

☐ The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

☑ ***And also with you.***

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God,

☞ *the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

WORD

(sit)

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The fifth book of the Bible includes a “second” (deutero) giving of “the law” (nomos). Our reading comes from a portion of Moses’ final words to the Israelite nation, spoken as they are about to enter the Promised Land. We see the terms prosperity and possess. We read the call to choose life. We may hear these words in the context of political issues of our day. How do we read these words in light of Jesus’ call in last week’s Gospel, a call to a life that is deeper and broader than the letter of the law? See also 2 Corinthians 3:12-18.

Moses said to the people: ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

A The word of the Lord.

☞ *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 119:1-8



Hap - py are they who fol - low the teach - ing of the LORD.

Psalm 119:1

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- ¹Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who follow the teaching of the Lord!
- ²Happy are they who observe your decrees
and seek you with all their hearts,
- ³who never do any wrong,
but always walk in your ways.
- ⁴You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them. **R**
- ⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!
- ⁶Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.
- ⁷I will thank you with a true heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- ⁸I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Saint Paul is addressing the different challenges facing the diverse congregation in Corinth. That ancient port-city included divergent ethnic, religious, and economic groups. Saint Paul was grateful for this diversity even as he called the disparate members to remember who it is that brings us together. When he speaks of flesh and spirit, this is not so much the physical/material against some indefinable "thing". Rather, flesh implies our own thoughts, desires and habits that we want the Spirit of Jesus to leave alone.

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

A The word of the Lord.

G *Thanks be to God.*

(stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

☒ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:21-37

Jesus challenges us to get to the heart of the matter. We are reading in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5, 6, 7). We continue to see how Jesus, a prophet like Moses (Acts 3:22), explains the law given on Mount Sinai—you have heard it was said—but then expands—but I say to you... In today's portion we deal with family relations and personal integrity. What are we to do with these difficult, if not impossible, demands? We read these in the context of his whole ministry, including words like, neither do I condemn you and I have come that you may have life in all its fullness (John 8, 10).

Jesus said to the disciples: ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

☐ The Gospel of our Lord

☒ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(sit)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING (9:00 AM)

Children (aged 3 years through 5th grade) are invited to come forward for a blessing. Then, they may either follow the teacher upstairs for an extended children's sermon (joining us again later in time for Communion) or they may return to their seat and use the Spark Bible and/or activity bags during the regular sermon.

SERMON

Pastor Moessner

(stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ, Our Hope

ELW 604

APOSTLES' CREED

**☩ I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **☩** Lord, in your mercy,
☩ hear our prayer.

(In our prayers today, during a time of silence, pray for those listed below and for others according to their needs)

Illness: Rev. Dennis Anderson, Pauline Brager, Dorothy Cross, Edie Goodwin, Dee Hiatt, Dee Luchsinger, Charlie Wachholtz, Darlene White

Other Prayers: *Those serving in the military* – Amy Dyer, Michael McNeill, Daniel Milstead, Sheldon Skovgaard, Michael Vutov, and Joel Woosley

Other Prayers: *Those serving in mission* – Rev. Chandran Paul Martin, India; Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson, Tanzania; Krystle Moraska & Ignacio Madrussan, Argentina; Lindsay Mack, Mexico; Justin Perkins (Young Adults in Global Mission), Argentina/Uruguay; Our sister congregation, the American Church in Berlin

THE PEACE IS SHARED

- ☞ The peace of Christ be with you always.
- ☞ ***And also with you.***

MEAL

(sit)

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes the ministries of this church possible. We encourage everyone to give. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate in this portion of worship. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online or use the giving kiosk in the Fellowship Hall.



THE TABLE IS PREPARED

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Draw Me Near

Gregg Sewell-Crosby

(stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

- ☞ ***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

OFFERING PRAYER

- ☞ Merciful God,
- ☞ ***receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

(The Thanksgiving continues)

- ☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
...and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- ☞ *Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☞ We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.
- ☞ *Amen.*

(sit)

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ
Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

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ELW 674

(stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☞ O Morning Star, fair and bright,
☞ ***you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen.***

SENDING

BLESSING

- ☞ The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
☞ ***Amen.***

HYMN

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

ELW 772

DISMISSAL

- ☞ Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
☞ ***Thanks be to God.***

POSTLUDE

☩ ☩ ☩

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Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Nebraska Synod, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), a part of the worldwide Lutheran Church body. We invite you to join us regularly for worship and for a variety of opportunities for growth and service. If you are a new resident in the community and are looking for a church home, we invite you to join this faith community. If you are new here, welcome. If you are “newly returned,” we rejoice with you. If you are a member of long-standing, we celebrate your ministry and your faithfulness.

WORSHIP + GROW + SERVE

HOLY COMMUNION All who are baptized and trust in Christ's



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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

- Comm. Asst. Jeff Perkins
Scott Henneman
- Lector Karen Fannin
- Ushers Dick Nelson
Donna Crouse
Ralph Diggins
Brad Madison
Rodney Nord
Dan Troxel
Sharon West
Dean Winther
Bob Johnson
- Greeters Colleen Lenners
Carole Meilahan
Bev Troxel
Lois Sorensen
- Crucifer Bailey Gittler
- Acolytes Anthony Bonacci
Madelyn Hinrichs

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

- Comm. Asst. Deb Hinrichs
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- Lector June Anderson
- Ushers Norm Sack
Ken Johnson
Linda Johnson
Lee Johnson
Julie O'Doherty
- Greeters Barb Chrisman
Jo Kayton
- Crucifer Keelan Edwards
- Acolytes Nicole Campbell
Charlie Campbell

presence in Holy Communion are invited to commune at the Lord's Table today. Children not yet communing will receive a blessing. Ushers will direct you. Communion is by intinction: you will receive the Host in your hand; you may then dip the Host into the chalice. 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 and children's bibles and bulletins are available. We also provide a Quiet Room, just off the west side of the main sanctuary, that includes a variety of toys, games, and books for young children. Parents may watch the service via the TV screen.

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 Please fill out the cards found in your bulletin. If you are a guest, please fill out the additional information, so we can meet your needs. Then, put the cards in the offering plates. Thanks.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND LISTENING DEVICES are available. Please speak to an Usher if you would like to have a large print bulletin or to use a listening device.

WELCOME DESK Our Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall has become a center for hospitality with volunteers on hand each Sunday to help with event information, sign-ups, payments, answering questions, etc. Be sure to check out this resource if you have questions and to stay up to date on events and activities happening at Kountze Memorial. If you'd like to volunteer to help at the Welcome Desk, please contact Ian (402-341-7761 or ian@kmlchurch.org). Amanda Zasada and Sheri Tipton are also available if you need help on Sunday mornings in the church office.

ALTAR FLOWERS & ETERNAL CANDLE If you would like to provide altar flowers or the eternal candle in honor or memory of someone or some special event, please put your name on the flower chart in the Narthex by the drinking fountain. Altar flowers are \$20 and the eternal candle is \$7.50.

NEW MEMBER CLASS Are you interested in learning more about Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church? Or do you know someone who has expressed an interest in learning more? If so, please let us know on the registration card in your bulletin and we'll let you know when the next class will take place. The next class will be held on February 12 & 19 from 12—2 PM. Please plan to attend both sessions. Lunch will be served. If you have questions, please talk to one of our Pastors. We look forward to hearing from you.

E-NEWS AND E-NEWSLETTER 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 8-11:00 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: Urban Ministry Profile with "JP" Joyce Palmer **NEXT WEEK:** Linda Reimer with the Omaha Street School

YOUNG MOTHERS Join us on Sunday mornings 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. For more information, contact Meeghan Hartfield at ma_hartfield@yahoo.com or call 402-212-8145.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in memory of Joyce Hahn from Wayne Hahn and Family; In honor of our 46th Anniversary and to celebrate February Birthdays by Mike and Carol Hyland; with joy and thanksgiving to God for Karen Bonneau on the anniversary of her baptism by her sister Shirley.

ETERNAL CANDLE is given to the glory of God from the Inbarasu family; in memory of Joyce Hahn from Wayne Hahn and Family.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL Join us each Sunday for Sunday School on the 2nd floor for children 2 years—8th grade. Preschool 1 (2-4 yrs) meets from 9—10 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 week in the Youth Center at 10 AM.

BAPTISM SEMINAR will be held on Sunday, 2/26 at 12:00 PM. We'll meet in the church office conference room and then Pr. Hall will lead the participants to the Nave to walk through the liturgy.

KMLC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE Deadline to apply is 3/1. Applications received after this date will not be accepted. Active members of Kountze Memorial planning or continuing to attend ANY college, university or seminary may submit an application. Additional

We belong to one another and to 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 5:21-37	Teachings of Jesus
Monday	James 4:7-12	Do not slander one another
Tuesday	Matthew 18:15-20	Responding when sinned against
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Working together for God
Thursday	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Choose life, not death
Friday	James 5:12-20	Remember to pray
Saturday	Psalms 119:1-8	Praising the law of the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 5:38-48	Jesus teaches about love

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

I planted the seeds, Apollos watered, but God made them sprout and grow. **1 Corinthians 3:6 (CEV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord, help us to grow in our faith, so that our beliefs are matched by our actions. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, we thank you for this day of life, for food to eat, and gifts to use. May your commands we treasure and your ways we gladly choose. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May Christ be the center of your life and growth. May you live as God’s servant that your days may be filled with God’s peace.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Is it good or bad to have rules and laws to live by? Explain your answer.
- Why does God give us laws to follow?
- How does Jesus’s teachings in Matthew 5:21-37 help us to live in community?

DEVOTIONS

Read: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9.

Paul notes that people can have misplaced loyalties that overshadow our unity in Christ. Paul reminds us that what matters is that God is the one who gives us our growth in faith. Make a list of all the things you are passionate about and to which you feel a strong loyalty. Read each item you have listed then say, “**but only God gives the growth**” (verse 3:7b). Then offer a prayer that gives thanks to God for the Christian community that helps followers of Jesus to grow in faith. Conclude with the Lord’s Prayer.

SERVICE

Our texts this week remind us of the importance of living together in peace and unity with care for the needs of others. Identify someone you could visit or talk to who may feel alone or simply in need of a caring conversation. Be an example of serving your neighbor with love.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Since the time of the early church, Christians have used Matthew 5:22-24 as motivation to be reconciled to one another before receiving Holy Communion. That is why, in the worship service, passing the peace to one another with words like “Peace be with you,” or “The peace of the Lord be with you,” come prior to the Holy Communion liturgy. Passing the peace in worship reminds us that forgiveness and reconciliation are essential to maintain loving and healthy relationships. In your daily life, experience God’s reconciling power by greeting others via phone, text, or personal conversation with the words of the resurrected Jesus, “Peace be with you” (Luke 24:36b; John 20:19b and 26b).

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eligibility requirements are noted on the application. Applications can be picked up in the Youth Center, Church Office, or downloaded at www.kmlchurch.org. Please note: Scholarships are not automatically renewable, and recipients must re-apply each year. Funds are sent directly to respective institutions. Submit your applications, along with supporting documentation, by mail, deliver in person to the church office, by fax (402-341-4841), or e-mail to ian@kmlchurch.org. If you have any questions, contact Ian Hartfield in the church office (402-341-7761).

ADULT BAPTISM SEMINAR If you are an adult who has not been baptized and would like to receive Holy Communion as a regular member of the Church, you are welcome to a small and brief seminar with Pr. Hall in the office conference room on Sunday, 3/5 at noon. This will be an opportunity to discuss the meaning of baptism and its place in the communal life of the Church. To register, please call the church office (402-341-7761) or contact Pr. Hall at pastorhall@kmlchurch.org.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL PROGRESSIVE Dinner Sunday, 3/5, 4 - 8 PM. A progressive dinner is when each course of the meal (appetizers, salad/soup, main course, and dessert) is served at a different home. All 6th—12th graders are invited to come and/or host! Please contact the church office (info@kmlchurch.org or 402-341-7761) to RSVP, with questions or if you’re willing to host a course.

For additional information about upcoming calendar events, please visit our website, www.kmlchurch.org

THIS WEEK AT KOUNTZE

February 12 Sunday

- 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)
- 10:10 AM Adult Forum
- 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
- 10:10 AM Young Mothers “Frappy Hour”
- 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
- 12:00 PM Book Group
- 12:00 PM New Member Class
- 12:00 PM Youth Ministry Committee
- 7:00 PM MS & HS Girl’s Bible Study
- 9:00 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

February 13 Monday

- 10:00 AM Pantry

February 14 Tuesday

- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 10:00 AM Lutheran Women of Omaha

February 15 Wednesday

- Good News Deadline
- 12:15 PM Worship
- 5:00 PM Communion @ deFreese Manor
- 5:45 PM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 6:00 PM Heritage Series
- 6:45 PM Confirmation
- 7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Closing Worship

February 16 Thursday

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

February 18 Saturday

- 9:30 AM Women’s Prayer Group
- 5:00 PM Worship

February 19 Sunday

- 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)
- 10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks
- 10:10 AM Adult Forum
- 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
- 10:10 AM Young Mothers “Frappy Hour”
- 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
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Next Weekend’s Lessons	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
	Psalms 119:33-40
	1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
	Matthew 5:38-48

Saturday Attendance: 65

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 229 11:00: 99

Midweek - Noon: 5 **Evening:** 20

Total: 418

Pantry Guests Served: 365

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 38

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\$8,942.50 (In the City for Good)