

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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July 16, 2017

9:00 & 11:00 AM

SIXTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST



God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

PRELUDE

I Believe

by Drake, Graham, Shirl, & Stillman
Heartland Harmonizers

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

☐ Eternal God our creator,

☑ ***in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

☐ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins.

☑ **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
Verses 1-3

ELW 533

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


Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.


Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.


Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- 📖 Almighty God,
- 📖 ***we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

WORD

(sit)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

A The word of the Lord.

G *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 65:9-13 (read responsively)

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God
is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰*You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.*

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹²*May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.*

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!" ¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

☐ 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 Hall

(stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Word of God Incarnate

ELW 514

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: **P** Lord, in your mercy,
C *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: Pastor Larry Arganbright, David Carlsen, Dee Hiatt, Ruth Larsen, Dee Luchsinger, Grace Penrod, Dan Troxel, Joanne Worm

Sympathy: To the family and friends of Jean Lien

Other Prayers: *Those serving in the military* – Amy Dyer, Brennan Hron, 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

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C *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

When I Lift Up My Head

by Rambo & Wright
Heartland Harmonizers

(stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 184

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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OFFERING PRAYER

- ☐ Merciful God,
☑ ***you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through 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 music consists of simple eighth and quarter notes with some ties.

(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.*

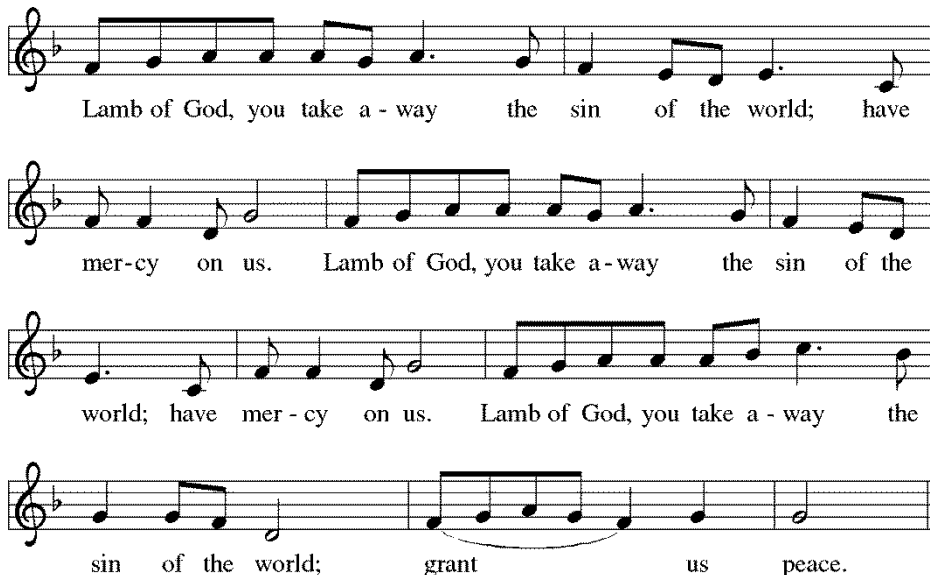
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☒ Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
☒ *Our Lord's body let us take together.*

(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.

*For the Fruit of All Creation
We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

ELW 679
ELW 681

(stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☐ Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
☑ ***you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.***

SENDING

BLESSING

- ☐ May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
☑ ***Amen.***

HYMN *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* ELW 547

DISMISSAL

- ☐ Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
☑ ***Thanks be to God.***

POSTLUDE *Thank You Dear Lord for Music* Heartland Harmonizers

☩ ☩ ☩

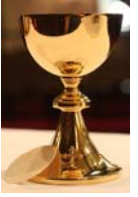
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Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is a vibrant, historic faith community that welcomes all and provides ministries for all ages and walks of life. We are a "City-wide Church with a World-wide Ministry" and have been worshiping, growing, and serving in downtown Omaha for 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

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.

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

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

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	Psalms 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
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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.