KOUNTZE
Memorial Lutheran Church

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

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
Ian Hartfield	Director of Congregational Life
Debbie Bogue	Office Manager
Amanda Zasada	Administrative Assistant
Lauri Askew	Staff Treasurer
Sheri Rose	Financial Secretary
John Bogue	Building Superintendent
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.	Jeff Perkins
	Scott Henneman
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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
	June Anderson
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

HOLY COMMUNION All who are baptized and trust in Christ's 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. To register, please call the church office (402-341-7761).

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	Psalm 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 worlds of the resurrected Jesus, "Peace be with you' (Luke 24:36b; John 20:19b and 26b).

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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)
12:00 PM New Member Class
9:00 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

Next Weekend's Lessons	
	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
	Psalm 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
Offering:
$17,219.96 (Regular) $2,193.00 (Specials)
$8,942.50 (In the City for Good)

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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.