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
Donna Moessner	Director of Children's Music
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

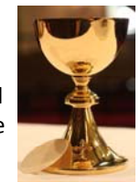
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Dan Collett
Lector	Robin Perkins
Ushers	Rodney Nord
	Donna Crouse
	Ralph Diggins
	Brad Madison
	Dick Nelson
	Dan Troxel
	Sharon West
	Dean Winther
	Bob Johnson
Greeters	Carole Meilahan
	Bev Troxel
	Lois Sorensen
	Colleen Lenners
Crucifer	Søren Johnson
Acolytes	Cameron Miller
	Madelyn Hinrichs

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Ashley Sum
	Deb Hinrichs
Lector	Steve Hinrichs
Ushers	Norm Sack
	Ken Johnson
	Linda Johnson
	Lee Johnson
	Julie O'Doherty
Greeters	Barb Chrisman
	Jo Kayton
Crucifer	Torin Edwards
Acolytes	Lily O'Kane
	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 . 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 now open on Saturday and Sunday for Worship. During the week 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:** Looking Ahead to Sunday School and Children's Ministry **NEXT WEEK:** Farewell and Godspeed to Pr. Bard

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

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

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY – Parents of 7th and 8th Graders Meet on Sunday, 8/13, 10:15, in the Joyful Sound room to review purpose, expectations, and schedule of Confirmation Ministry.

YOUTH-PAC All 9th - 12th graders are invited to conversation, serious and fun, in the Youth-Pastoral-Advisory-Committee. We'll meet at the home of Pastor Paul and Donna Moessner (4417 Woolworth Ave) on Sunday, 8/13, 7 - 8 PM . To know more or check in, contact Pastor Paul.

GIRLS BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY, 8/13. This month we'll join the Youth-PAC conversation at Pr. Paul & Donna Moessner's home (4417 Woolworth Ave). See the Youth-PAC article.

KMLC MEN'S LUNCHEON Thursday, 8/17, 11:30AM, Cost: $10 Please RSVP to the church office or Dave Forrest (402-341-7761, dave@kmlchurch.org) by Monday, 8/14 at noon. We'll welcome Dr. Jerry Fischer who will speak about hypertension and answer your questions about this and other health concerns.

HIGH SCHOOL SWIM PARTY Sunday, 8/20, 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Save the date.

CROWNED (A Men's Quartet) in Concert. Sunday, 8/20, 3:00 PM. The members of this singing quartet are Danny Bos, Kevin Larkowski, Nick Pignatore (Kountze members) and Darron Sargent. They sing both a capella and with piano accompaniment. This is a free concert but a free-will donation would be appreciated.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP SPONSORSHIP DINNER If you were a sponsor for the Youth Mission Trip this year, please reserve the date Sunday, 9/17 at 5 PM for the sponsorship dinner.

FINAL SUNDAY OF PASTOR DEAN BARD, our Interim Senior Pastor, will be 8/20. There will be a reception at 10:10 in the Fellowship Hall.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 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.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC All KMLC Children, Families, Friends, and Neighbors invited! Sunday, 8/27, 1-4PM at Vennalyst Park Pavilion (9100 N. 31st St). Meet and greet Rev. Dr. Olaf Roynesdal and Marcia. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, 8/18. Bring a dessert to share.

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 at 3:00 PM in partnership with Methodist Community Health Clinic and Lutheran Family

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Jesus has the power to help and to save.

taking faith home

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus walks on water
Monday	Job 38:1-11	God halts the waves
Tuesday	Psalm 107:23-32	He stilled the storm
Wednesday	Matthew 8:23-27	Jesus stills the storm
Thursday	Genesis 7:11–8:5	Noah saved from the flood
Friday	Romans 10:5-15	Anyone can be saved
Saturday	Psalm 85	A prayer for peace
Sunday	Matthew 15:21-28	A woman's faith

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

At once, Jesus said to them, "Don't worry! I am Jesus. Don't be afraid." **Matthew 14:27 (CEV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Lord Jesus, please take hold of us when we are afraid. Keep us from taking our eyes off you. Amen. (Matthew 14:29-31)

Mealtime Prayer:
You who walked upon the sea, come and join our meal, we plea. Thank you for your care this day; lead us, Jesus, in your way. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May the Lord Jesus take hold of you when you are afraid. May he give you faith to trust in him.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Talk about a time when you found yourself out of your "comfort zone" or "sinking." How did you feel?
- Matthew 14:29-30 tells us that Peter stepped out of a boat to walk on water, but he soon became scared because of the wind and waves. What are some "winds" or "waves" in your life at the moment?
- How does Jesus help us when we are in trouble? In what ways has he calmed the "winds" or "waves" of your life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 14:31.
Peter was sinking, but Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. In your home devotional times this week, reflect on or discuss your fears or concerns. Then say these words:
"Take courage. Jesus is with you. Do not be afraid." Give your worries to Jesus in prayer.

SERVICE

Romans 10:15 states, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." Although this text is often associated with preachers and missionaries, it also can be directed to anyone who has blessed another with the message of the gospel. Think about someone who has shared the good news of Jesus Christ with you. Send that person a note of thanks and include the words of Romans 10:15.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus came to the disciples in the middle of the night and calmed their fears. Bedtimes are special opportunities to reflect about one's life in prayer. This week, pray that Jesus will come and remain with you during the night and calm any "storms" that may be experienced by you and your loved ones. Make Psalm 85:8 part of your nighttime prayer:
" I will listen to you, Lord God, because you promise peace to those who are faithful."

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THIS WEEK AT KOUNTZE

August 13 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 Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:15 AM Confirmation Ministry Parent Meeting (gr 7-8)
12:00 PM Book Group
7:00 PM Youth-PAC (gr 9-12)

August 14 Monday
10:00 AM Pantry
5:15 PM Common Prayer Planning Committee
6:30 PM Christian Ed Committee

August 15 Tuesday
Good News Deadline
9:00 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group
5:00 PM Building Committee
5:30 PM Executive Committee
6:00 PM Clinic Finance Committee
6:30 PM Church Council

August 16 Wednesday
12:15 PM Worship
5:00 PM Communion @ deFreese Manor

August 17 Thursday
11:30 AM Men's Luncheon
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
7:00 PM Circle 5

August 18 Friday
2:30 PM Dedication Steering Committee

August 19 Saturday
9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
5:00 PM Worship
7:15 PM Creighton Campus Ministry Welcome Week Liturgy

August 20 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)
2:00 PM High School Swim Party
3:00 PM Men's Quartet - Crowned

Next Weekend's Lessons
1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

Saturday Attendance: 68
Sunday Attendance: **9:00**: 211 **11:00**: 90
Midweek - Noon: 12
Total: 381
Pantry Guests Served: 345
Medical Clinic Guests Served: 31
Offering:
(offering numbers are not available at the time of printing)

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Services, our two major community partners and tenants of the building. Pastor Roynesdal will be installed at that service. Mark your calendars for this exciting event!

KOUNTZE PANTRY GARDENING HELP NEEDED If you can help pick produce from our garden for the pantry, Chuck Campbell, Tootie Rhode, and Gordon Boe would appreciate your help. You can meet them at the garden at 6:30 AM on Sunday mornings and we'll put you to work! Thanks for your help.

KOUNTZE PANTRY If you have ever considered helping in the Kountze Food Pantry, now is the time to sign up. If you have questions or are available to help, please contact JP (joyce@kmlchurch.org) or call the church office (402-341-7761) and we'll be glad to help. As always, the pantry is in need of Pork 'n Beans, Pasta/Noodles, Pasta Sauce, Oatmeal, Corn, Pancake Syrup, Chicken, Tuna. Your time and monetary offerings are always welcome as well.

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2650 Farnam Street, Omaha, NE

Announcement of Congregational Meeting
Sunday, August 27, 2017
10:10 AM, Fellowship Hall

For the Purpose of Electing Congregational Leaders