

KOUNTZE STAFF

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Sheri Lynn Tipton	Night Security Manager
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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Scott Henneman Kevin Larkowski Dan Collett
Lector	Kevin Larkowski
Ushers	Joe Councill Jim Comfort Jan Falk John Georgeson Jeff Perkins Fred Wachal Dave Forrest
Greeters	Darlene Anderson Lennea Davis Jinette Cswercko
Crucifer	Britten Johnson
Acolytes	Madelyn Hinrichs Rahn Johnson

SUNDAY, 11:00 PM

Comm. Asst.	Norm Sack Lowell Harms
Lector	Bruce Nissen
Ushers	Dudley Syre Adam Klinker Linda Hoagland Julie O'Doherty
Greeters	Peggy Johnson Myrna Carter
Crucifer	Torin Edwards
Acolytes	Grace Penrod Lily O'Kane



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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.

TODAY AT KOUNTZE

KOUNTZE CAFÉ Join us on Sundays for a hot breakfast buffet served from 8-11 AM prepared by Jim West and the kitchen crew. The suggested donation for the hot breakfast is \$5 adults, \$2.50 children 12 and younger. If you're able to help set up, prep/cook, and/or clean up after breakfast on Sunday mornings, please talk to Jim, or let the church office know. We would appreciate your help! Thanks.

ADULT FORUM Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **THIS WEEK:** *Preview of 2018 Budget* **NEXT WEEK:** *Congregational Meeting*

NEW MEMBER CLASS continues this Sunday January 21, from 12—2 PM. Please plan to attend both sessions. Lunch will be served and childcare is provided.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Barb & Bruce Nissen in memory of Lyle Nissen's birthday; by Betty Callies in memory of her husband, Gordon Callies, on their wedding anniversary.

ETERNAL CANDLE is given to the glory of God in honor of Pauline Brager on her 99th birthday by her sisters and family.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL Join us each Sunday 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 in the Youth Center at 10:10 AM.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CHOIR rehearsal in the Adult Choir room each Sunday from 11—11:40 AM. Come and sing!

January 21 Sunday

7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
 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 (2yr-8th gr)
 11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
 12:00 PM New Member Class
 8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU

January 22 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry
 12:00 PM Endowment Board
 5:30 PM KETV Board
 7:00 PM Taize Service @ St. John's

January 23 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
 7:00 PM Circle 3

January 24 Wednesday

10:30 AM Augsburg Confession Class
 12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 PM Confirmation Dinner
 6:30 PM Confirmation
 6:30 AM Augsburg Confession Class
 7:45 PM Closing Worship

January 25 Thursday

1:30 PM Circle 4
 4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

January 27 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship
 5:30 PM Congregational Game Night

January 28 Sunday

7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast
 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
 9:00 AM Receive New Members
 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
 10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
 10:10 AM Annual Meeting
 11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
 12:00 PM Stephen Ministry
 8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU

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 April 15 & 22 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.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND ETERNAL CANDLE The 2018 sign-up sheets are available. Altar Flowers are provided by Janousek Florist and cost \$20 a bouquet. The Eternal Candle is \$7.50.

SIMPLY GIVING UPDATE FOR 2018 PLEDGE If you have made a change to your pledge for 2018 and your offerings are made through Simply Giving, please be sure to contact the office to allow us to make that change. You may notify Lauri Askew (402-341-7761 or lauri@kmlchurch.org).



CONGREGATION CONSTITUTION—CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION We appreciate the care for our congregation's ministries expressed in the questions raised. To give more opportunity for discussion, your Council is offering additional times to meet. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall this Monday (1/22) and Thursday (1/25) at 6 PM and Wednesday (1/24) at 12:45 PM. Join us.

PASTOR'S CLASS Pastor Olaf Roynesdal is teaching a class on the Augsburg Confession (the Confessio Augustana) which is the foundational doctrinal document of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. The six-week class continues to meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM thorough February 7.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY Please join us at 7 PM, Monday, January 22 for a prayer service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St. John Parish (Creighton University). Parking is available at 24th and Cass. The liturgy for the service is created by the World Council of Churches to promote the Christian hope that we may find ways to overcome our differences and unite in common prayer and service. This year's theme is "Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power." The Rev. Portia Cavitt (Clair Memorial Methodist) is preaching; representatives from Bethel (AME), Trinity Cathedral (Episcopal), First United Methodist, First Central Congregational (UCC), Kountze Memorial (Lutheran), and St. John's (Roman Catholic) will participate. All are welcome! Please invite a friend! For any questions, please contact Pr. Hall.

CONGREGATIONAL GAME NIGHT Saturday, January 27, 5:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Monopoly, Jenga, Scrabble, Catchphrase, Gin Rummy....what's your game? We will have them all! Join us for conversation, community, and a little competition at the Congregational Game Night. Pizza, salad, and beverages will be provided. Bring a dessert or snack to share. Have a fun game? Bring that as well! All ages welcome. RSVP to the church office by Friday, January 26.

CAROL JOY HOLLING CAMP Register your child/children for summer camp by January 31 and get \$50 off! First-time campers get 50% off if you register for week 1, 2 or 6 (go to <http://caroljoyholling.org/registration> to register and first-timers use coupon code half off). Sending more than one child to camp? Receive an additional \$25 discount for each child of the same family attending a full-week or mini session.

WORSHIP LEADER TRAINING Saturday, February 10, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Join us for training of Communion Assistants, Lectors, Greeters and Ushers. All current servers and those who wish to serve in the future are encouraged to attend. Please call the church office to register.

KMLC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS Scholarship are funds available to any eligible college-bound student member. Active members of Kountze Memorial planning or continuing to attend ANY college, university or seminary may submit an application. Additional eligibility requirements are noted on the application. Applications can be picked up after the first of the year in the Church Office, or downloaded at www.kmlchurch.org. Applications are due March 1. Applications received after this date will not be accepted. Please note: Scholarships are not automatically renewable, and recipients must re-apply each year.

BED & COUCH NEEDED Sharon West has a gentleman who just recently moved into deFreese Manor that needs a bed and a couch. If you have either of those and would like to part with them, please call Sharon West (402-345-0622). Thanks.

Annual Meeting

Sunday January 28, 2018

10:10 AM

Fellowship Hall

*Annual Report, Constitution,
2018 Budget*

Saturday Attendance: 39

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 164 11:00: 134

Midweek - Noon: 6 Evening: 16

Total: 359

Pantry Guests Served: closed due to weather

Medical Clinic Guests Served: holiday

Offering:

\$23,357.50 (Regular) \$12,743.60 (Specials)

\$51,778.00 (In the City for Good)

Jesus calls us to follow him.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 1:14-20	Jesus calls disciples
Monday	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Jonah goes to Nineveh
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Live without anxiety in daily life
Wednesday	Genesis 12:1-9	God calls Abram
Thursday	Mark 3:13-19	Jesus appoints the twelve
Friday	1 Corinthians 7:17-24	Live the life assigned to you
Saturday	Psalms 62:5-12	God is powerful and kind
Sunday	Mark 1:21-28	Jesus teaches in the synagogue



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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." **Mark 1:17 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, you who call us to follow you, we thank you for your steadfast love that gives us the courage and the faith to follow. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

For food and drink, house and home, we thank you God, you give them all. May we hear your voice and follow your call. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God who calls you to follow Jesus be your mighty rock, and your protection, now and always. (Mark 1:17 and Psalm 62:7)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- What is the difference between being a leader and being a follower? In what ways are you a leader? In what ways are you a follower?
- In Mark 1:16-20, Simon, Andrew, James, and John respond immediately to Jesus' call to follow him. What does this story say about Jesus' power to call us?
- In the book of Jonah, Jonah did not want to preach repentance as God had directed him to do, so at first he ran away from God's call. What does Jonah's experience teach us about God's power, grace, and mercy?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Psalm 62:5-12 in the style of *lectio divina* (divine reading).

This is a psalm of trust in God's power and steadfast love. Read the verses slowly twice, then pause to reflect on a word or phrase that stands out for you. Focus on that word or phrase for an extended time. What might be the significance of that word or phrase for you today? Read it again and wonder how this text may guide your life in the days ahead. *Pray:* Read it a final time as a prayer, and conclude by praying the Lord's Prayer.

SERVICE

Simon, Andrew, James, and John left their jobs as fishermen to follow Jesus. They were now to be "fishers of people." Following Jesus sometimes means sacrificing, giving up, or sharing earthly goods to share Jesus' love and good news with others. Decide on an act of giving or sharing you can do this week as a way to promote the message and work of Christ for the sake of the world.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The fish is an important Christian symbol. Each letter in the Greek spelling of the word "fish" (IXTHUS) begins a Greek word that stands for "Jesus Christ God Son Savior." During the early church, it was dangerous to be a Christian in some parts of the Roman Empire. Believers developed a code to reveal their faith to others who were Christian. One person would draw on the ground the upper half of a fish symbol. If the other person was a Christian, they would recognize this and add a second curve line to complete the drawing of a fish.

- Practice making the fish symbol with others by having two people make curved lines to create the fish symbol.
- Place the fish design in different parts of your home to symbolize and remind you of your faith in Jesus.
- Pray for those who live in places today where it is dangerous to be a Christian.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111;
1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28