



KOUNTZE

Memorial Lutheran Church

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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.

KOUNTZE STAFF

Pr. Olaf Roynesdal	Senior Pastor
Pr. Paul Moessner	Associate Pastor
Pr. Ashley Hall	Associate Pastor
Pr. Inba Inbarasu	Visitation Pastor
Kristin Boe	Christian Ed Coordinator
Debbie Bogue	Office Manager
Amanda Zasada	Administrative Assistant
Lauri Askew	Staff Treasurer
Sheri Rose	Financial Secretary
Søren Johnson	Custodian
Barbara Carlsen	Dir. of Music & Fine Arts
Donna Moessner	Director of Children's Music
Danny Bos	Handbell Director/Custodian
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.	Susie Henry Liz Pemberton Steve Jacobson
Lector	Mattie O'Kane
Ushers	Dick Nelson Donna Crouse Ralph Diggins Brad Madison Rodney Nord Dan Troxel Sharon West Dean Winther Bob Johnson
Greeters	Colleen Lenner Carole Meilahn Lois Sorensen
Crucifer	Bailey Gittler
Acolytes	Madelyn Hinrichs Kaitlyn Munqua

SUNDAY, 11:00 PM

Comm. Asst.	Lowell Harms June Anderson
Lector	Bruce Nissen
Ushers	Norm Sack Ken Johnson Linda Johnson Lee Johnson Monica Albers
Greeters	Barb Chrisman Jo Kayton
Crucifer	Torin Edwards
Acolytes	Abby Rigas Henry Rief

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:** Lent Preview of Services and Synodical Theme
NEXT WEEK: TBA

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in memory of Joyce Hahn, by husband, Wayne; in honor of our 5 granddaughters by Lynn and Nancy Meyer. Flowers last week were given by Barb Donelson in honor of her retirement.

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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR The new JOYFUL SOUNDS Children's Choir has begun. This choir will be for grades K through 5th grade. Preschool (and grades K-5 that are not in choir) will continue with Kristin Boe for the Children's Sermon Lesson.

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!

February 11 Sunday

Transfiguration of Our Lord
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 Joyful Sounds Children's Choir (gr K-5)
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 Book Group
8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

February 12 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

February 13 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

February 14 Wednesday

Ash Wednesday
Valentine's Day
9:00 AM Sewing Group
11:15 AM Lenten Lunch
12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Lenten Dinner
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Worship



February 15 Thursday

Good News Deadline
Council Reports Due
11:30 AM Men's Luncheon
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
7:00 PM Circle 5

February 17 Saturday

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

February 18 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 Children's Choir (gr K-5)
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)
10:30 AM Executive Committee
11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

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.

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 Altar Flowers are provided by Janousek Florist and cost \$20 a bouquet. The Eternal Candle is \$7.50. Please sign up in the narthex if you would like to help us beautify the altar by donating altar flowers or the eternal candle.

NEW MEMBER CLASS If you are interested in joining our congregation, the next class will be held April 15 & 22 from 12—2 PM. 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 when you register.



ORDINATION SERVICE, This Sunday, February 11, 3:00 PM – Enjoy the Celebration We are honored to host here at Kountze the Service of Ordination for John Gok Badeng on behalf of his congregation, Nile Lutheran Church. We will enjoy this time of praise and prayer in the sounds of their South Sudanese heritage. And during the time of fellowship, we can enjoy food of their traditions. We need a few folks to help with hospitality, to serve as ushers and to help in the kitchen. If you are willing to help, please speak with Pastor Moessner.

KMLC MEN'S LUNCHEON Thursday, February 15, 11:30 AM at Kountze Memorial – Cost \$10. Dr. Steven Hinrichs will present on his work as Professor and Chair in the Department of Pathology and Microbiology at UNMC and the Director of the Nebraska Public Health Laboratory, and Director of the University of Nebraska Center for Biosecurity. In his position as laboratory director he has been responsible for the development of a statewide program for the rapid identification of biological agents of mass destruction. Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 13, to the church office or Pastor Paul (402-341-7761 or paul@kmlchurch.org).

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS Sunday, February 18, 10:00-11:00 AM in the Fellowship Lounge. Trained volunteers provide blood pressure checks free of charge on the 1st Saturday and 3rd Sunday of each month.

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.

BAPTISM SEMINAR Noon, Sunday, March 11. Meet with Pr. Hall in the Nave immediately after the liturgy, and then he will walk through the baptismal liturgy. To register, call the church office at 402-341-7761.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS Sunday, March 18, 12:00 PM. Communion is open to all baptized Christians. Those children who are already communing or those children interested in receiving Holy Communion are invited to a First Communion class. We will begin with lunch in the conference room followed by instruction in the Nave with Pastor Hall. Participants will receive their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 PM. A good guide for determining when your children are ready to receive Communion is when they begin to ask about receiving it during the liturgy. Please register with the church office at 402-341-7761 or info@kmlchurch.org.

THANK YOU I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and pastoral visits during my recent illness. It was much appreciated. —Marvin Andersen

WHERE DO ALL THE FLOWERS GO? The leadership for our Altar Flower Delivery ministry has transitioned frequently over the past year due to a variety of reasons. The current structure is allowing the ministry to “limp along” but is not conducive to a flourishing ministry. We would like to hold a collective conversation to discuss its

future—are there volunteers interested in helping to lead?—might the ministry take a new shape? To discuss these questions and more, please join Amanda Zasada (Administrative Assistant and current Altar Flower Delivery Coordinator) and Pastor Paul Moessner in the fellowship lounge on Sunday, February 25 at 10:10 AM. All past and current flower delivery volunteers are welcome, as well as those interested in possible future participation.



ASH WEDNESDAY worship (Wednesday, February 14) will be a time to receive the ashes of repentance and the word of God's forgiveness. Worship with us at 12:15 & 7:00 PM. Lunch/Dinner at 11:15 AM and 6 PM. Cost of the meal – Free-will offering.

Lent at Kountze

Theme: Being Lutheran Together

February 21 - Faith Alone

February 28 - Grace Alone

March 7 - Scripture Alone

March 14 - To the Glory of God Alone

March 21 - The Gospel-Evangelical Alone

Lunch – 11:15 AM – 12:15 PM; **Dinner** - 6 -7 PM

Cost - Free-will Offering

Worship - 12:15 PM and 7 PM



Attendance & Giving

Saturday Attendance: 53

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 167 11:00: 105

Midweek - Noon: 7 **Evening:** 17

Total: 349

Pantry Guests Served: 217

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 34

Offering: Not available at time of printing

Listen to Jesus, God's beloved Son.

Sunday	Mark 9:2-9	The transfiguration of Jesus
Monday	2 Kings 2:1-12	Elijah is taken into heaven
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Proclaiming Jesus as Lord
Wednesday	Matthew 6:1-21	The practice of faith
Thursday	Proverbs 8:32-35	Listen to God
Friday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Return to the Lord your God
Saturday	Psalm 50:1-6	God shines brightly
Sunday	Mark 1:9-15	Temptation of Jesus



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Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"
Mark 9:7 (NRSV)

A Prayer for the Week:

Jesus, Son of God, open our ears and our hearts so that we listen to you. Amen. (Mark 9:7)

Mealttime Prayer:

For every cup and every plateful, to you, O God, we are grateful. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord who makes light shine out of darkness, shine in your hearts. (2 Corinthians 4:6)

Discuss in your home or small group:

- What is the tallest hill or mountain you have climbed? What did you see from the top?
- In Mark 9 Jesus led Peter, James, and John up a mountain where they witnessed Jesus' clothes becoming dazzling white and saw him speaking with Elijah and Moses. Why do you think Jesus wanted them to experience that?
- Where and when have you or someone you know had a special experience of God's presence? How has that helped you or them listen to and follow God?

Read: Mark 9:2-9.

The season of Epiphany ends with the moment of glory on the Mount of Transfiguration. Peter, James, and John see Jesus in shining splendor alongside Moses (the Law) and Elijah (the Prophets), reflecting the faith of the Old Testament. The disciples will descend the mountain and make their journey to Jerusalem and the cross of Christ. Reflect on how seeing Jesus in glory and listening to him is a vision that will encourage us as we journey to the cross this Lent. (Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14). Finish this sentence: "I listen to Jesus by . . ." Close by praying the following:

Pray: Dear God, we thank you for giving us a glimpse of heavenly glory as we continue our journey of faith on earth. Guide us into Lent and on to Easter as we listen to you and learn of the work of Christ that brings salvation to all that you have created. Amen.

Lent focuses on the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as discussed in Matthew 6:1-21. Make this week "Secret Service Week" in your home or with friends. Put your names in a bowl and have each person draw out someone else's name. During the week, perform a secret act of service for that person. Share your ideas about secret acts of service that could be carried out for one another.

The church season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday. There are 40 days in the season of Lent, a time to refocus our lives on God. One important spiritual practice that Christians emphasize during Lent is prayer. Make this Lent a time of prayer for others. Use separate pieces of paper, and on each one write the name of a person you can pray for during Lent. Place these papers into a prayer box. Each day in Lent, pull out a slip of paper from the prayer box and ask God to care for and bless the person named. Throughout the season of Lent, feel free to add other names and place them on slips of paper in the prayer box.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15