

KOUNTZE STAFF

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Thank you to the many, many
Worship Assistants that served all through
Holy Week and Easter.

He Is
RISEN
INDEED!



KOUNTZE

Memorial Lutheran Church

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March 31 & April 1, 2018

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 This Easter morning, join us for a Continental Breakfast. Then join us again next Sunday 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.

ADULT FORUM Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **THIS WEEK:** No Forum **NEXT WEEK:** Confirmation Reception

ETERNAL CANDLE is given to the glory of God in celebration of 30 years of marriage given by Richard Ray & Diane Nickeson-Ray

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL No Sunday School on Easter Sunday. 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 Grades K—5th grade. No choir today but join us again next Sunday. We meet at 9 AM in the Joyful Sounds Studio. Preschool (and grades K—5th 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! On Easter morning we'll meet at 7:50 AM instead.

**April 1 Sunday**

Easter Sunday
No Sunday School
7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 AM Worship
7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:50 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
8:00 –11:00 AM Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt

April 2 Monday

OFFICE CLOSED

April 3 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Yesterday's Youth

April 4 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
5:45 PM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM Confirmation
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

April 5 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

April 7 Saturday

Homebound Communion
4:30 PM Blood Pressure Checks
5:00 PM Worship

April 8 Sunday

Homebound Communion
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 Confirmation
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)

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 (no flowers during Lent). 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.

**CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY
Spring and Summer 2018**

Spring Sunday School concludes
May 20

Summer Sunday School
June 17 – July 15

LYSO – Lutheran Youth Serving Omaha
June 11 – 15 (for children/youth who have finished kindergarten)

Outdoor Movie Night
Friday, June 22

Vacation Bible School "Camp"
Friday evening, July 21,
Saturday morning, July 22
For ALL AGES!

August 12 – Blessing of Backpacks
(as a new school year begins)
and our School Teachers/Workers

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT NEEDED We're all sad to see Amanda Zasada, our current Administrative Assistant leave, but are happy that she's going to be closer to family. Now, we have to fill her position and need your help. We are seeking a Full-time Administrative Assistant who is able to relate to other staff members on a collegial basis. Time management, the ability to multi-task, and maintaining confidentiality is essential in this position. This person should be resourceful, a good problem solver, organized, and willing to help wherever needed. Salary is dependent on experience and includes paid health, life, dental insurance, and an ELCA Retirement Plan. If that person is you (or you know someone that would be a good fit for this position), please send your resume and a cover letter to Debbie Bogue (debbie@kmlchurch.org). We're anxious to talk to you.

NURSERY HELP IS NEEDED If you would like to work with the youngest members of our congregation, please contact Kristin at kristin@kmlchurch.org or by calling the church office at 402-341-7761.

YESTERDAY'S YOUTH Please join us for a "Post Easter Festival" on Tuesday, April 3 at noon. We'll be serving a delicious lunch at noon. The cost is \$4.00. All ages are welcome. Please RSVP to the church office, by Friday, March 30. If you have any questions, call Sheri Tipton at 402-415-6033. Hope to see you there!

ORDER OF SAINT JOHN COMMISSIONING AND APPRECIATION LUNCHEON Commissioning will be held at the 11:00 AM Worship Service on April 15 with a luncheon to follow at 12:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall. There is no cost for the luncheon. The OSJ Sponsors are hosting an appreciation luncheon for all current OSJ members, alums, and parents. Acolytes will take part in a special commissioning during the 11:00 AM worship service. We will gather in Fellowship Hall at 12:15 PM for an appreciation luncheon and present the 2018 Outstanding Acolyte Award. A group photo will also be taken. Please plan to attend this event as we honor all those who serve in this very meaningful ministry. Make your reservations by calling or texting Jeff and Robin Perkins at 402-917-2461 by Sunday, April 8.

KMLC MEN'S LUNCHEON Thursday, April 19, 11:30 AM at Kountze Memorial – Cost \$10. Our program will be announced at a later date. Watch the bulletin and e-news for more info. Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 17 to the church office (402-341-7761) or Pastor Paul, paul@kmlchurch.org).

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP 9:30 AM on the 3rd Saturday of each month (April 21) in the Fellowship Lounge. What does it mean to be a woman that God's spirit can guide? Join us at the Women's Prayer Group as we examine the lives of Dorcas, Lydia, Phoebe, and other women in the New Testament with "A Woman God's Spirit Can Guide" by Alice Mathews. Join us as we reflect on what God has called us to do as we dig deep into the lives of these women who committed their gifts and talents to the Lord. If you have questions or are interested in joining the Women's Prayer Group, please contact Karen Bonneau at 402-676-5419.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY LUNCHEON Sunday, April 22, 12:30 PM in the Kountze Meeting Rooms A and B, just north of Fellowship Hall. The Social Ministry Committee is hosting a luncheon followed by holy Communion for all homebound members and friends of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. We also invite our Eucharistic Ministers to participate. To let us know you plan to come, and if you need a ride, please contact the church office at 402-341-7761 or info@kmlchurch.org.

WOMEN'S SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON The Spring Salad Luncheon will be April 28 at 11:30 AM. Paul Siebert will entertain with his many instruments and the history behind them. Come and bring a friend or two. No reservations or charge is required.

CPR TRAINING FOR USHERS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS Saturday, April 28 Kountze Commons. We strongly urge Ushers and Sunday School Teachers to be certified in CRP. Participants may choose one of two sessions: 9:00 AM to Noon or 1:30-4:30 PM. Suggested donation is \$20; limited number of 10 participants per session. Participants are eligible to take a First Aid Training free of charge at a later date.

LYSO – LUTHERAN YOUTH SERVE OMAHA Mark your calendars for LYSO the week of June 11 – 15 and then watch for more information in the Good News and bulletin. If you are an adult willing to help, please contact Pastor Paul or Kristin Boe. Thanks.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Saturday Attendance: 45

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 306 11:00: 167

Midweek - Noon: 25 **Evening:** 0

Total: 543

Pantry Guests Served: 350

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 43

Offering:

\$21,467.73 (Regular) \$1,931.00 (Specials)

\$1,313.50 (In the City for Good)

We are witnesses to the resurrection.

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

Sunday	Mark 16:1-8	The tomb is empty
Monday	John 20:1-18	Jesus is risen!
Tuesday	Isaiah 25:6-9	God wipes away all tears
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Witnesses to the resurrection
Thursday	Acts 10:34-43	The gospel is for all
Friday	John 11:1-27	Jesus is the resurrection and the life
Saturday	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	A song of victory
Sunday	John 20:19-31	Jesus appears to the disciples



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“but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.” **Acts 10:40-41 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, by the power and witness of the resurrection, you are our strength and our might; you Lord Jesus, have become my salvation. Amen. (Psalm 118:14)

Mealttime Prayer:

Risen Lord Jesus, come to us this day. Bless our food, share our table, and accept our thanks. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the good news of Jesus' resurrection fill you with love, joy, peace, hope, and good courage.

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Tell the story of a favorite event you experienced or witnessed.
- What do you think it was like to be one of the first witnesses of Jesus' death and resurrection?
- A witness is one who has a story to tell. How are you a witness to God's saving work in the world? What story do you like to tell about how God and the resurrection of Jesus are real to you?

Read: Mark 16:1-8.

This account of the resurrection is quite surprising. It ends by noting that the women “went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid” (v. 8). The Gospel of Mark does not end with a spirit of triumph but one of fear. Some faithful Christians have been so shocked by the ending that they added more verses to the original ending of the Gospel (vv. 9-20). With either ending, it is clear that silence was not the final word, even though the women were terrified. God's message of forgiveness and resurrection must get out to the world. How does the ending of Mark help you with your fears as a witness to God's work in the world? Close by praying:

Pray: **Almighty God, we thank you for your mercy and kindness present in our lives and world. Give us courage to tell the story of hope that is ours through Christ's death and resurrection. Amen.**

Plan to bring Easter resurrection cheer to someone who is working on Easter Sunday in a hospital, nursing home, police station, or fire station. Prepare an Easter basket to deliver to them as a gift from your home.

Have an Easter egg hunt and begin the festivity with the following words:

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made. *All:* **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Christ is risen! *All:* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: Lord, you give us new life. *All:* **Alleluia!**

Leader: Lord, you give us your creation and all that is in it. *All:* **Alleluia!**

Leader: Lord, you give us hope and the story of the resurrection to witness to others. *All:* **Alleluia!**

Leader: Christ is risen!. *All:* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: Let us pray. Dear God, we thank you for this day and for these Easter eggs, a sign of new life and a symbol of the resurrection. May our joy and laughter reflect the power of new life through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All:* **Amen.**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133;
1 John 1:1—2:2; John 20:19-31