

KOUNTZE STAFF

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

Lector	Paul Revord
Ushers	Paul Revord Ellen Pessevento

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Liz Pemberton Lorie Groenjes
Lector	Bailey Gittler
Ushers	Bob Woodworth Glenn Anderson Dan Collett Marcy Madison Mark Mahaffey Gary Westerman Ted Kaasch
Greeters	Karen Wolf Sharon Anderson Bev Troxel
Crucifer	Carter Wachholtz
Acolytes	Clara Kidder Rahn Johnson

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Ashley Sum Deb Hinrichs
Lector	June Anderson
Ushers	Ken Johnson Ken Johnson Lee Johnson Norm Sack Kathy Preininger
Greeters	Rosemary Tessin Julie King
Crucifer	Tyler Johnston
Acolytes	Hadley Rief Henry Rief



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Memorial Lutheran Church

2650 Farnam Street

Omaha, NE 68131

June 9 & 10, 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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST This Sunday morning, June 10 from 8—11 AM, our high school, middle school, even out of high school members will serve pancakes in place of our regular breakfast buffet. Come and enjoy some yummy pancakes and your free-will donation will support this summer's mission trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. Come and eat! Join us again next Sunday for our hot breakfast buffet.

ADULT FORUM Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **THIS WEEK: Special Congregational Meeting** followed by an update on the Pantry and Clinic (*Joyce Palmer*), and the Art & Landscaping Committee for Kountze Commons (*Tim Holland*) **NEXT WEEK: Celebrating Our Choirs: Adult, Youth, Children, and Bells** (*Barb Carson, Janet Carlson, Donna Moessner, and Danny Bos*)

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in memory of our dad and Uncle Bill by Karen and Shirley Bonneau; by Bob & Sandy Fonda in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

TELEVISION BROADCAST is sponsored by Bob & Sandy Fonda in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL Beginning June 17 through July 15, join us each Sunday on the 2nd floor for Summer Sunday School. 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. Watch for more information regarding our Summer Music Program. Our program will focus on Holy Communion and use the curriculum "Fed and Forgiven".

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

June 10 Sunday

8:00 AM Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
 9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
 10:10 AM Special Congregational Meeting
 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
 12:00 PM Book Group

June 11 Monday

Jun 11 - Jun 15 LYSO
 10:00 AM Pantry

June 12 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

June 13 Wednesday

MS/HS in Youth Room
 9:00 AM Sewing Group
 12:15 PM Worship

June 14 Thursday

Council Reports Due
 9:30 AM WELCA Board Meeting
 11:30 AM Property Committee
 4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

June 16 Saturday

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

June 17 Sunday

Father's Day
 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 Summer Sunday School (2yr-8th)
 10:30 AM Executive Committee

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.

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.

NEW MEMBER CLASS If you are interested in joining our congregation, the next class will be held September 16 & 23 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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH we'll meet each week on Wednesday evenings from 6:30—9:00 PM and just hang out in the Youth Room. We hope to see you there!

IT'S NOT TO LATE TO INVEST IN KOUNTZE MEMORIAL YOUTH Twelve high school members and accompanying Adults from Kountze, plus about 30,000 others from ELCA congregations from around the nation, will get together for acts of service and spiritual development, for encouraging conversations and uplifting worship. If you'd like to help, please write "Youth Trip" in the memo area of your check. Thanks.

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

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

Summer Sunday School
 June 17 – July 15

Picnic Potluck & 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

LYSO – LUTHERAN YOUTH SERVE OMAHA Mark your calendars for LYSO the week of June 11 – 15. If you are an adult willing to help, please contact Pastor Paul or Kristin Boe. You can sign your child/children up online at <https://form.jotform.com/80997618224164>. Thanks.

CROWNED Sunday, June 17, 9 & 11 AM The Men's singing group known as Crowned will be joining Kountze Memorial for worship on Sunday, June 17 at both services. Crowned would very much like to thank Carolyn Sieling for accompanying them on the piano and to Pastor Olaf for allowing them to use Kountze as practice space. The gentlemen in the group truly feel like their ministry is just starting to spread and they hope their message reaches the people that God calls for them to reach. On that Sunday, if you would like to give an offering to their ministry, there will be offering buckets around the Sanctuary. To follow Crowned on their journey, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/CrownedQuartet/>

SPECIAL VESPERS FOR ALZHEIMER AWARENESS AND ALL CARETAKERS Wednesday, June 21, 7:00 PM, This year the Sanctuary will be open for individual meditation and prayer at 6:30 PM with Vespers beginning at 7:00 PM. Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States. There are 16.1 million caregivers supporting those living with the disease. In Nebraska alone, there are 34,000 individuals living with dementia and nearly 37,000 individuals living with brain injuries. In 2 Timothy 4:17 we read, "But the Lord stood with me and gave me strength". Coming together in prayer is our opportunity to show our love and concern for those living with Alzheimer's and their Caregivers.

MEN'S LUNCHEON The Men's Luncheon meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 11:30 AM. The cost is \$10. We enjoy conversation and a meal and hear presentations on a variety of topics. Presenters may be from the community or within the congregation. Topics may be directly theological, always inviting us to consider how faith connects with the wider community and all of creation. Join us on Thursday, June 21, and hear from Katie Larson, about the community work she has been doing.

PICNIC POTLUCK & MOVIE NIGHT On Friday, June 22, at 6:00 PM, all members of Kountze are invited to a picnic potluck and movie. The main dish and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side to share and a blanket to sit upon while we eat on the Kountze Commons green space. After eating, we will go inside to watch a family centered movie in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, June 20.

SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING

Sunday, June 10, 2018

10:10 AM

A special congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 10, 2018 for the sole purpose of authorizing the congregation to borrow up to \$1.5 million for repairs to the church (the congregation authorized borrowing \$500,000 at the Annual Meeting—this would be an additional \$1 million). Information regarding the repairs will be presented by Paul Sum.

BAPTISM SEMINAR Sunday, July 8, Noon (immediately following 11:00 AM service). Meet with Pr. Hall in the Nave immediately after the liturgy, and then he will walk through the baptism liturgy with you. To register, call the church office at 402-341-7761.

"SEX AND VIOLENCE IN THE BIBLE" Join us this summer on four Wednesdays at 6:00 PM beginning July 11 for a Bible Study presented by Dulcinea Boesenberg. You can call the church office to sign up so we know how many to plan for.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Saturday Attendance: 85

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 193 11:00: 93

Midweek - Noon: 8

Total: 379

Pantry Guests Served: 346

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 33

Offering:

\$10,768.07 (Regular) \$970.00 (Specials)

\$1,442.50 (In the City for Good)

Youth Ministry this Summer

High School

Two Fridays a month, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

(Date TBA in the bulletin)

at the Picha Home

12458 Osprey Lane

For dinner, fellowship, prayer

Middle School, High School

Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 9:00 PM

Hang out every week in the Youth Room

The will of God is for us to be a follower of Jesus.

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

Sunday	Mark 3:20-35	Doing the work of God
Monday	Genesis 3:8-15	Adam and Eve hide from God
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Living by faith
Wednesday	Hosea 14:1-9	Plea for repentance
Thursday	Hebrews 10:19-25	Care for the community of faith
Friday	Matthew 8:1-4	Jesus cleanses a leper
Saturday	Psalms 130	Prayer of lament and hope
Sunday	Mark 4:26-34	The use of parables



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Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother. **Mark 3:35 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

Beloved God, thank you for making us family with people near and far. Help us to care for your church throughout the world. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God, thank you for all you give so we are fed. May we love you back from toe to head. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with hope and the steadfast love of the Lord. (Psalm 130:7)

Discuss in your home or small group:

- What activities bring family and friends together?
- How does faith in God affect our relationships with others?
- Being part of the community that follows Jesus—that is, being his family—is doing the will of God (Mark 3:34-35). How do you follow Jesus? How do others you know follow Jesus?

Read: Genesis 3:8-15

It is the story that describes the origin of sin in the world. The western church has generally described sin as disobedience. The eastern church has more often seen sin as being deceived or being tricked (Genesis 3:13). As rational creatures, we can justify so many of our actions and deceive ourselves or let ourselves be deceived by others. In Mark 3:20-35 scribes who had just witnessed Jesus' healing work described him as doing the work of Satan (Mark 3:22-29). The scribes deceived themselves by not acknowledging that Jesus was doing the work that was opposed to Satan. Think of how we deceive ourselves today and commit sin by denying the work of Jesus in our lives and the world.

Pray: Dear merciful God, cleanse us from our sins. Help us to see you and your healing and forgiving work in our lives and in our world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

All who follow Jesus are made part of his family (Mark 3:34-35). As those who are made family members to one another through Jesus Christ, commit to some form of care for the church locally or around the world. Consider offering prayers for your brothers and sisters in Christ living in places where it is difficult to be Christian. Pray for the courage of faith for those near and far. Contact a fellow Christian to listen to them and offer your care, support, and prayers.

Recognizing our sin and need for God's mercy and forgiveness is a wonderful gift of faith (Psalm 130). The Jesus Prayer acknowledges our sin and also shows that God has mercy on us, as sinners. It comes to us through the Eastern Orthodox tradition. There are three stages: pray out loud, pray silently, and pray descending from the mind to the heart. Use one of the following versions for the Jesus Prayer: **"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."** or **"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us."** Pray this during the week and consider praying the Jesus Prayer in the future as well.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 4:26-34