

## KOUNTZE STAFF

Pr. Olaf Roynesdal	Senior Pastor
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Donna Moessner	Dir. of Children's Music
Danny Bos	Handbell Director/Custodian
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David Gerard	Saturday Accompanist
Sheri Lynn Tipton	Night Security Manager
Norma Pafford	Nursery Superintendent
Joyce Palmer	Urban Ministries Coordinator

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

Lector	Kathy Englert
Ushers	Jim Smejkal Jason Klonglan

### SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Steve Jacobson Lowell Harms
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Lector	Karen Fannin
Ushers	Jeff Perkins Jim Comfort Joe Council Dave Forrest Fred Wachal Chad Wachholtz Jan Falk
Greeters	Vickie Wichert Darlene Anderson Jinette Cswercko
Crucifer	Carly Cameron
Acolytes	Clara Kidder Anna Kidder

### SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Norm Sack Kevin Larkowski
Lector	Donna Moessner
Ushers	Julie O'Doherty Linida Hoagland Adam Klinker
Greeters	Peggy Johnson Myrna Carter
Crucifer	
Acolytes	



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## Memorial Lutheran Church

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**June 30 & July 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** Join us each 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:** "Mingle Sunday" **NEXT WEEK:** The Rev. Robert G. Moore, Ph.D, ELCA Representative in Wittenberg and Leipzig

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God

## CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL** will continue through Sunday, July 15. Join us each Sunday on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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—8<sup>th</sup> grade) is held from 10:10—10:50 AM. Our program will focus on Holy Communion and use the curriculum "Fed and Forgiven".

## **ELCA YOUTH GATHERING**

The ELCA Youth Gathering was held from June 26-July 2 in Houston Texas. Thirteen Youth and two adults from Kountze attended the Gathering. Check out our Facebook page for photos and a link to view videos of different events held at the Gathering.

An appreciation dinner for those of you who helped to sponsor the Gathering will be held on Sunday July 15 at 5:30 PM.

**July 1 Sunday**

Homebound Communion  
 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)  
 10:10 AM Summer Sunday School (2yr-8th)

**July 2 Monday**

10:00 AM Pantry

**July 3 Tuesday**

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

**July 4 Wednesday**

Independence Day  
 OFFICE CLOSED

**July 5 Thursday**

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

**July 7 Saturday**

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

**July 8 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)  
 10:10 AM Summer Sunday School (2yr-8th)  
 12:00 PM Baptism Seminar  
 12:00 PM Book Group

**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.

**YESTERDAY'S YOUTH** It's BINGO time! Please join us on Tuesday, July 3, for lunch and then stay for one of our most popular events—BINGO! There will be prizes galore! Lunch will be served at noon. The cost is \$4.00. Please RSVP to the church office. All ages are welcome! If you have any questions, please call Sheri Tipton at 402-415-6033. Hope to see you there!

**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. More details on the insert in your bulletin. Please call the church office to sign up so we know how many to plan for.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** – Not Just for Children! or – for Children of All Ages! Reserve Friday evening, July 20 and Saturday Morning, July 21, for a different Bible School Experience. We begin with supper at 5:30 PM and conclude the evening by 7:45 PM. We resume Saturday with continental breakfast at 8:30 AM. We will focus on a Bible story that helps us know who we are as the people of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church! We will

create an art project together. We will have a chance to talk with people of different ages. And we intend to have fun!

**CARD SHOWER** In celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 26, the children of Reverend Lavern and Marilyn Larkowski would like to honor them with a card shower. Cards of congratulations may be sent to 1705 North 107<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68114. Their children – Kevin Larkowski (Omaha, Nebraska), Cara Skrypchuk (Crofton, Maryland), Lisa Hahle (Boise, Idaho), and Craig Larkowski (Phoenix, Arizona) along with spouses, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren will celebrate in Omaha in July.



... not just yet, but the sales will start soon!

To support Jackson Elementary School, in partnership with First Lutheran Church, we are gathering school supplies. This list is from the Principal of Jackson School.

Wide-ruled notebook paper	Pencils
Notebooks (wide-ruled or graph)	Dry erase markers (black and blue)
Loose paper clips	Pencil boxes
Scotch tape	Markers
Black/blue pens	Glue sticks
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Please bring to the Church by August 12.  
A box is in the Fellowship Hall by the Welcome Desk

#### ATTENDANCE & GIVING

**Saturday Attendance:** 62

**Sunday Attendance:** 9:00: 217 11:00: 108

**Midweek - Noon:** 9

**Total:** 396

**Pantry Guests Served:** 364

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 20

**Offering:**

\$14,633.50 (Regular) \$2,125.00 (Specials)

\$1,891.00 (In the City for Good)

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

Summer Sunday School  
June 17 – July 15

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

*God leads us out of sad times to joy.*

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

Sunday	Mark 5:21-43	Jesus heals and raises to life
Monday	Lamentations 3:22-33	There is still hope
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Generous giving
Wednesday	Galatians 5:1-15	Christ gives freedom
Thursday	John 16:16-24	Sorrow will turn to joy
Friday	Jeremiah 31:10-14	The Lord offers hope
Saturday	Psalms 30	God turns mourning into dancing
Sunday	Mark 6:1-13	Jesus sends the twelve



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For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. **Psalm 30:5 (NRSV)**

### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Healing God, you who know our every need, bring us from hurt and sadness to joy and gladness. Amen.

### **Mealtime Prayer:**

With this food you make us strong. To you our life and love belong. Thanks be to you, O God! Amen.

### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord Jesus give you faith when you are afraid and peace when you are suffering. (Mark 5:34, 36)

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Talk about a sad or difficult time you have experienced.
- How is God with you—or feel absent from you—in the sad and difficult times?
- A life of faith does not always experience happy, joyous times. How does your faith keep you going as you wait for the sense of joy in God's presence?

Read: Psalm 30.

This psalm expresses thanksgiving after a time of distress. It acknowledges that we experience difficult times in life, but those difficult times do not get the last word. Identify some of the challenges you have experienced in life. How has God's presence been felt or experienced through God's word or through other people? What kept you going? How have you changed or grown through the experience? How did it impact your life of faith in God? Sometimes when we live through dark times we can forget to give thanks to God. In Psalm 30 the psalmist feels compelled to express words of thanksgiving. Think of a difficult time in your life that you have endured and moved beyond. Offer words of thanksgiving to God as a way to praise God as the one who turns weeping into joy, the one who takes our mourning and turns it into dancing (vv. 5 and 11).

**Pray: Healing God, you who know our every need, bring us from hurt and sadness to joy and gladness. Amen.**

In Psalm 30, it has been observed that verse 5 is a good summary of the entire book of Psalms. Caring for others while they go through a difficult time is an important part of the Christian life. It is tempting to either deny the pain of others or to move too quickly beyond the pain to a premature sense of closure or happiness. Be aware of others around you who are experiencing difficult times. Be willing to be with them and hear their pain. Do so with the confidence that God promises healing and joy without forcing that feeling as a present experience. Give the other person courage and hope to endure a present crisis with faith in God's future.

Lamentations is filled with the sorrow over the destruction of Jerusalem and the people of God. Lamentations 3:22-33 offers the words of hope in God in the midst of crisis. Lamentations 3:26 states, "It is good that one should sit quietly for the salvation of the LORD." Centering prayer is a way for one to sit in silence and let God's love embrace the one waiting quietly. Take time to sit prayerfully without offering petitions or prayers of thanksgiving. Simply sit with a word to focus one's attention on God's loving presence. Use a word like "mercy," "love," or "Jesus" and sit quietly to be reminded of God's love for you.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13