

KOUNTZE STAFF

Pr. Olaf Roynesdal	Senior Pastor
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Norma Pafford	Nursery Superintendent
Joyce Palmer	Urban Ministries Coordinator

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

Lector	Ellen Pesavento
Ushers	Duane Hovendick
	Penny Hovendick

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Steve Jacobson
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Lector	Susie Henry
Ushers	Jeff Perkins
	Jim Comfort
	Joe Councill
	Dave Forrest
	John Gorgeson
	Fred Wachal
	Jan Falk
Greeters	Vickie Wichert
	Darlene Anderson
	Jinette Cswercko
Crucifer	Carly Cameron
Acolytes	Kaitlyn Munguia
	Carter Wachholtz

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Deb Hinrichs
Lector	Steve Pera
Ushers	Julie O'Doherty
	Linida Hoagland
	Adam Klinker
	Bryon Line
Greeters	Peggy Johnson
	Myrna Carter
Crucifer	Nicole Campbell
Acolytes	Charlie Campbell
	Hadley Rief



KOUNTZE
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July 21 & 22, 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:** Highlighting the Work of DeFreese Manor (*Scott Henneman*) **NEXT WEEK:** Missionaries from Argentina/Uruguay, Krystle and Ignacio Moraska

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God In honor of Dayle Johnson and Jean Johnson's birthdays

ETERNAL CANDLE is given to the glory of God in honor of Dayle Johnson's birthday

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL is over for the year. Coming soon: watch for Sunday School Registration for the fall. Preschool 1 (2-4 yrs) meets from 9—10 AM (child care for those too old for the nursery).

July 22 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)
12:00 PM Stephen Ministry

July 23 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

July 24 Tuesday

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

July 25 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Bible Study - Sex & Violence in the Bible

6:30 PM MS/HS Hangout in Youth Center

July 26 Thursday

12:00 PM Circle 4—Offsite
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

July 28 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

July 29 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)
6:30 PM MS/HS Hangout in Youth Center

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.

"SEX AND VIOLENCE IN THE BIBLE" is presented by Dulcinea Boesenberg, and continues on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM through August 1.

CARD SHOWER In celebration of their 60th 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 107th 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.

KMLC MEN'S LUNCHEON Thursday, July 19, 11:30 AM at Kountze Memorial – Cost \$10. The Men's Luncheon meets the third Thursday of each month, at 11:30. We enjoy conversation and a meal. We hear presentations on a variety of topics. Presenters may be from the community and within the congregation. Topics may be directly theological, always inviting us to consider how faith connects with the wider community and all of creation. On July 19, we will learn of the work of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, featuring Kountze member David Klug, who has served as board chair.

CHURCH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS are needed for Monday mornings or Thursday mornings from 9 AM—12:30 PM. If you think you might like spending some time in the church office, please call Debbie for further info.

SUMMER SERIES WITH OUR ECUMENICAL NEIGHBORS Please join us for three-sessions entitled "The Gospel and the Kingdom: Christian Witness in Downtown Omaha" at 6:00 PM on Thursdays, August 2, 9, and 16 with Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and First Central Congregational (UCC). As three large, historic, and traditional downtown congregations, the three of us share many opportunities and challenges. In the midst of our differences, we are stronger together in our dedication to serving the gospel. The first session will be held at Trinity Cathedral, and will be a panel discussion that explores the way in which the gospel informs our real world engagement and witness. The second session will be held at Kountze, which continues the conversation, but also presents a "case study" of the highly innovative and effective way Kountze has done just that through Kountze Commons. The third session will be held at First Central, and will be a facilitated conversation about what we might be called to do together as a witness to the gospel in downtown Omaha (work around race, economics, etc.). Please join us and invite a friend!



Someone recently received the following email from Dr. Olaf Roynesdal:
"Hello. I'm in a meeting and I will not be able to talk to you on phone. I will need you to run an errand for me at the store, this is really urgent and important.. I need you to get me 5 iTunes gift cards from the store in \$100 denominations. I will reimburse you back from my pocket.. Scratch-off the back code and email clear pictures of all the codes at the back of the physical cards.. I need it ASAP."

Pastor Olaf did not send this email! **No one** from Kountze Memorial will ever email you to buy anything. Should you get such an email delete it and report it to the church office. **Do not respond to it.** Thank you.

EMERGENCY NEED



Blood donations are going to hospitals as quickly as they come in.

Please #GiveNow



Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church Lobby/Classroom North of the Link Sunday, August 12th 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

The need for blood is **VERY URGENT**. Patients are being turned away from hospitals due to not having the supply of blood to help them.
Please help us in our life saving efforts!

To view available times and to schedule your donation appointment:
visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: kmlchurch or contact the church office
Rapid Pass: Go to www.redcrossblood.org and click on Rapid Pass.
Answer the questions, print out or email the pass to yourself, and save time on your donation!

ALL donors will receive a \$5 Amazon gift card for donating!!

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Saturday Attendance: 56

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 200 11:00: 82

Midweek - Noon: 5

Total: 338

Pantry Guests Served: 445

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 30

Offering:

\$14,788.11 (Regular) \$2,170.00 (Specials)

\$3,782.00 (In the City for Good)

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY Spring and Summer 2018

August 12 – Blessing of Backpacks and our School Teachers/Workers

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL

Drop in
Wednesday Evenings
July 10 - August 1
6:30 to 8:30

People flock to Jesus as their shepherd.

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

Sunday	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	Jesus teaches and heals the people
Monday	Jeremiah 23:1-6	God promises a righteous king
Tuesday	Ephesians 2:11-22	United by Christ
Wednesday	Isaiah 40:1-11	God's people are comforted
Thursday	John 10:1-18	Jesus the Good Shepherd
Friday	2 John	Truth and love
Saturday	Psalm 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Sunday	John 6:1-21	Jesus feeds the five thousand

As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. **Mark 6:34 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, you who care for us as a shepherd, guide us to care for others with your tender and healing touch. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Our Good Shepherd feeds us. Our Good Shepherd leads us. Thanks be to God! Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord touch you with love, show you kindness and bring you healing. (Mark 6:34, 55-56)

Discuss in your home or small group:

- If you saw Jesus standing in front of you, what would you want from him?
- Jesus taught and healed people (Mark 6:30-34, 53-56). What has Jesus taught you? What would you want Jesus to teach you now?
- Jesus sees the people as sheep without a shepherd (Mark 6:34). What does it mean to you to have Jesus as your shepherd?

Read: Ephesians 6:55-22.

In verse 15 it states that Christ has abolished the law. That is not suggesting that we live without laws. It means that the law that defines the Jew through all their religious practices was no longer present to divide Jews from non-Jews. In Jesus one new humanity is being created; there exists one household of God—one people—to be a dwelling place for God (v. 22). What are the divisions you experience that separate followers of Jesus from being one people united by God? Identify the kinds of attitudes and practices that divide the one body of Christ. Offer a prayer that confesses these divisions that are present in you and in the larger church and ask to be healed of the things that divide us one from another in Christ.

Pray: The Lord's Prayer.

A shepherd in the Old Testament serves as a royal metaphor for the king (Jeremiah 23:1-6). In the New Testament Jesus becomes the Good Shepherd for all (Mark 6:34 and John 10:11-18). The future followers of Jesus also serve the ministry of teaching and healing that offer Jesus' shepherding care. A shepherd of souls is any Christian who offers the compassion of Jesus' love to others who need care. This can be done through listening, praying, speaking, and any other way to care for the physical and spiritual needs of others. Take time to wonder how you can offer Jesus' shepherding to someone in need, someone who needs a listening ear or any other way to be touched by the presence of our Good Shepherd.

Psalm 23 is one of the most familiar passages in the Bible, familiar because it touches our lives so deeply. When have you heard it read? Use the pattern of divine reading (*lectio divina*) to meditate on this powerful prayer. Read it once, then pause. Read it again and then pick out a word or phrase that shimmers, or shines brightly in your heart. Pause again, and focus on that word or phrase. Read Psalm 23 again and wonder how it speaks to you today. Pause and reflect. Read it again one more time and think about how Psalm 23 might influence your life.



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