KOUNTZE
Memorial Lutheran Church

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September 1 & 2, 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 Sunday mornings 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:** Cross Generational Event: Serve **NEXT WEEK: Rally Day—**Sunday School Commissioning and Blessing of Classrooms

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God given by Bill & Debbie Kee in celebration of their 30th Wedding Anniversary

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL Preschool 1 (2-4 yrs) meets from 9—10 AM (child care for those too old for the nursery). Register for the 2018/19 Sunday School year online at https://form.jotform.com/81997942184170. You may also find links to the registration form on the church website, in the weekly e-mail letters, and the KMLC Parent Group Facebook page. As we have made the registration process paper free and can be done from the comfort of your home, the first day of Sunday School will begin on Rally Day, September 9. All students are invited to join us at the altar before progressing out of the church and to the Upper Rooms. We look forward to beginning a bright, fun, and education Sunday School Year!

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
Sarah Jewell	Administrative Assistant
Lauri Askew	Staff Treasurer
Judi Boe	Financial Secretary
Jim Smejkal	Bldg. Super./Dir. of Cong. Activities
Søren Johnson	Custodian
Barbara Carlsen	Dir. of Music & Fine Arts
Donna Moessner	Dir. of Children's Music
Danny Bos	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

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

Lector	Kathy Englert
Ushers	Kathy Englert
	Theresa Gruber

SUNDAY, 9:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Liz Pemberton
Lector	Liz Pemberton
Ushers	Glenn Anderson
	Dan Collett
	Ted Kaasch
	Mark Mahaffey
	Gary Westerman
	Bob Woodworth
	Marcy Madison
Greeters	Bev Troxel
	Karen Wolf
	Sharon Anderson
Crucifer	Carter Wachholtz
Acolytes	Kaitlyn Munguia
	Communion Assistant

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Comm. Asst.	Lowell Harms
Lector	Bruce Nissen
Ushers	Adam Klinker
	Linda Hoagland
	Julie O'Doherty
Greeters	Julie King
	Rosemary Tessin
Crucifer	Torin Edwards
Acolytes	Hadley Rief
	Communion Assistant

September 3 Monday
Labor Day
OFFICE CLOSED

September 4 Tuesday
9:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Yesterday's Youth

September 5 Wednesday
12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Confirmation Dinner
6:30 PM Confirmation
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:40 PM Worship

September 6 Thursday
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

September 8 Saturday
5:00 PM Worship

September 9 Sunday
Rally Day
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 Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:00 AM Joyful Sounds Children's Choir (gr K-5)
10:10 AM No Forum (Rally Day)
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
12:00 PM Book Group
7:00 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE 2018 – 2019
Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Weekly Schedule:

6:00 PM Gather for food and fellowship – the whole family is welcome

6:30 PM learning with head and heart – led by Pastors Olaf and Paul. Time for small group discussion

7:40 PM Mid-week worship with Communion, in the Rotunda. The whole family is welcome – and everyone else!

Parents! This stage of life can be very exciting and very challenging. Our purpose is to work with you in partnership for the good of your adolescent, your family, and you. For any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Olaf or Pastor Paul . We look forward to serving your family in this school year.

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 12:15—2:00 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 Tuesday, September 4, 12:00 PM. Our speaker will be Dr. Jim Newland. He will be discussing many interesting topics, such as, the making of our beautiful, wooden Processional Cross. Lunch will be served at noon. The cost for lunch is $4.00. Please RSVP to the church office, by Friday, August 31. All ages are welcome. If you have any questions, you may call Sheri Tipton at 402-415-6033. Hope to see you there!

ADULT CHOIR Come and join our amazing group of musicians who sing praise to God and have fun together. The Adult Choir will have its first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 5 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. The choir will

return to the worship service on Sunday, September 9. If you are interested in being a part of this important way of worshiping, we would be very glad to welcome you. Past singing experience in high school or college is recommended. The director, Barb Carlsen, would like to hear you sing before joining the choir just to make sure that this group will blend with your type of voice. If you want more information about choir or would like to reserve a time to sing for Barb Carlsen, please call the church office at 402-341-7761.

JOYFUL SOUNDS CHILDREN'S CHOIR begins Sunday, September 9, 9-9:30 AM. All children (K— 5th grade) who want to praise our Lord by singing, meet in the Joyful Sounds Studio on the 2nd floor. Contact Donna Moessner Director of Children's Music by e-mail or phone if you have questions (Donna@kmlchurch.org 402-341-7761).

BOOK DRIVE To begin the Sunday School year, children grades Kindergarten through 5th grade are having a Children's Book Drive. Please bring your gently used books, for children ages 0 – 18 years, to church September 9 through October 14. Bins will be provided. The Book Drive is in cooperation with the Junior League of Omaha and their "A Book of My Own" initiative, which provides books for at risk youth in the Omaha area. They distribute about 20,000 books each year! Thank you for helping our children serve others in the community.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES If you weren't able to bring in school supplies for Jackson School, it's not too late. You may still bring your items and put them in the collection boxes in the Fellowship Hall and the Narthex. The items needed are: Wide-ruled notebook paper, Notebooks (wide-ruled or graph), Loose paper clips, Scotch tape, Black/blue pens, Post its, Pencils, Dry erase markers (black and blue), Pencil boxes, Markers, and Glue sticks. Thanks.

LUTHERAN WOMEN OF OMAHA will meet on Tuesday, September 11 at noon at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church at 6201 North 60th Street. For more information call Carole Woodworth (402-339-2056) before September 8.

KMLC MEN'S LUNCHEON Join us on Thursday, September 20, 11:30 AM (RSVP by September 18) at Kountze Memorial – Cost for lunch is $10. Enjoy conversation and a meal on the third Thursday of each month, starting at 11:30 AM. Hear presentations on a variety of topics inviting us to consider how faith connects with the wider community and all of creation. The September program is yet to be determined.

BAPTISM SEMINAR Sunday, September 23, 12:15 PM (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.

FALL BIBLE STUDY—The Parables of Jesus. Wednesdays beginning September 26, 10:30 AM or 6:00 PM. Dr. Richard Sieling will begin a six-week study on the Parables of Jesus. We will look at the setting, meaning, and relevance of selected stories. The class is offered two times on Wednesdays. Please sign up for one of the sessions by calling the church office (402-341-7761) so that we arrange for adequate materials and an appropriate room to meet. Bring a Bible (NRSV is recommended).

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GET TOGETHER FOR HAPPY HOUR Friday, September 28. Dudley's Pizza & Tavern, 2110 S 67th St (Aksarben Village) at 5:00 PM or when you can get there. All are welcome; post college to the young at heart. Join us for a casual happy hour and fellowship. For more information contact: Ashley Sum – ashleysumrealtor@gmail.com; Melissa Musick – musick.melissa@gmail.com.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS will be held on Sundays, October 7 & 14, 12:15-1:00 PM. This year, an introduction to Holy Communion for those children and youth receiving their First Communion on Reformation Sunday, will be held in a two-part session, on Sundays, October 7 & 14 from 12:15-1:00 PM. More details to follow. Please register with the church office. For more information, contact Pr Hall or Kristin Boe.

BELLEVUE BERRY FARM (11001 South 48th Street, Papillion), October 21, 2:00 - 6:00 PM. All members of Kountze are invited to the Bellevue Berry Farm for a cookout and to explore their pumpkin patch. Hot dogs, chips, drinks, and s'mores provided.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Saturday Attendance: 56
Sunday Attendance: **9:00**: 175 **11:00**: 90
Midweek - Noon: 7 **Evening**: 19
Total: 347
Pantry Guests Served: 470
Medical Clinic Guests Served: 34
Offering:
$13,040.31 (Regular) $1,471.00 (Specials)
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These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Authentic faith
Monday	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	God commands obedience
Tuesday	James 1:17-27	Hearing and doing the word
Wednesday	Micah 6:6-8	What God requires
Thursday	Matthew 15:1-20	Tradition of the elders
Friday	Amos 5:21-24	The importance of justice
Saturday	Psalm 15	Who worships the Lord
Sunday	Mark 7:24-37	Jesus heals the Gentiles

And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?
Deuteronomy 4:8 (NRSV)

A Prayer for the Week:
Lord, help us to hear your message of salvation in a way that leads us to act with justice and mercy. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Plates of food, gifts from above, signs of our God's gracious love. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May the God who gave you birth by the word of truth give you peace and good courage. (James 1:18)

Discuss in your home or small group:
- Why is it important to follow rules?
- What do you like about God's rules?
- In Deuteronomy 4:7-8, God's rules show the greatness of God and the justice of God to all the world. What is it about God that you want to tell the world?

Read: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9.
The God of Israel ruled with justice, mercy, and reliability that foreign gods lacked. The challenge of Israel was not to forget the God of Israel and the ways of God. This challenge carried with it the need to tell the children and future generations what the people had experienced and learned through the goodness and justice of God (v. 9). How does following Jesus help you live with God's justice and mercy? How do you make the goodness and mercy of God known to others—to your friends and family and others that you work and play with?
Pray: **Dear God, your justice and mercy is filled with care for all. Thank you for caring for us and guiding us in kindness for others. Help us to tell of your goodness to those around us and to generations yet unborn. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

In James 1:17-26 being "doers of the word" implies a meekness that is not prideful. Instead, it acts with mercy that includes caring for "orphans and widows in their distress" (v. 27). Orphans and widows represented those who were vulnerable and did not have a social safety net to keep them fed, sheltered, and safe. Think of those locally and around the world who lack security of food and shelter. Make a financial commitment to an organization that helps these people or contribute your time and talents to work on behalf of the hungry and homeless.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS
In Mark 7:1-23, discipline shapes the soul. Ordinances mentioned in Deuteronomy 4:1 promote a way of life that includes rituals and traditions. These ordinances—these rituals and traditions—help remind us of the goodness of God. Rituals and traditions have often lost their appeal because they have become disconnected from the grace of God that helps us live with others in peace and hope. It is important to practice the Christian faith in a way that connects the message of God's love with our daily lives. Giving a blessing, offering a mealtime prayer, reading the Bible, and daily prayers, including the Lord's Prayer, are all valuable ways to discipline our lives in hope and faith. Look at this week's *Taking Faith Home* and identify faith practices you will commit to doing this week. Consider making these practices part of your routine to guide and encourage your life of faith.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146
James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 7:24-37