

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

GOOD NEWS

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Our Financial Stewardship theme this year is With Joy and Thanksgiving! On November 9/10 and 16/17 we will explore some of the offertory prayers we use in worship and how they connect us to stewardship. Estimate of Giving Cards will be mailed out and we will present them on November 16/17.

The Stewardship Committee (*Ann Miller, Chair; Lisa Chinn, Mary Ann Johnson, Mark Panning, Norm Sack, and Pastor Olaf*) also took a look at how many people are involved in making our worship services happen. The Pastors don't do worship all by themselves! They get a lot of help from volunteers!!

Saturday Worship (5:00 PM)

2 Ushers/Greeters
1 Lector
1 Altar Guild

Sunday Worship (9:00 AM)

5 TV crew
6 Ushers
3 Greeters
3-4 Communion Server
18 Choir members
3 Altar Guild
3 Acolytes & Crucifier
2 Offertory procession
1 Lector
6-8 Breakfast crew

Sunday Worship (11:00 AM)

4 Ushers
2 Greeters
2 Communion Servers
18 Choir members
3 Altar Guild
3 Acolytes & Crucifier
2 Offertory procession
1 Lector

In addition, there are many supporting our worship services;

3 putting bulletins together
4 count offerings
2 attendance cards, guests & prayers
15 Eucharistic ministers taking communion to homebound
6-8 sending out newsletters

As you can see, each weekend there are about 85-90 people who give of their time and talents to make our worship services happen. We are very grateful to the many volunteers who share their time with us, on the weekends and during the week. We thank them all that they offer their work **with joy and thanksgiving!**

Pastor Olaf Roynesdal

WORSHIP *with us...*

Worship Times

Holy Communion is offered weekly at all three weekend liturgies which use resources from Evangelical Lutheran Worship:

Saturdays at 5:00 PM; Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00 AM:

The 9:00 AM liturgy is broadcast on Cox Cable Channel 13 and is also live-streamed on our website (www.kmlchurch.org). The Sunday bulletin is also available on our website.

Nursery care is provided on Sunday mornings.

A brief, spoken Eucharist is offered on Wednesdays from 12:15 - 12:45 PM in the Rotunda.



Photo by Jake Madison

Worship with us on TV or via Internet Livestream



Our 9:00 AM worship service is broadcast live on television every Sunday on Cox Channel 13. You can now also livestream the service right from your computer on our church

website. Go to www.kmlchurch.org and click on the Livestreaming link on the Worship Tab. We encourage you to worship with us via television or Internet as you are able.

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. We also have 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.



Altar Flowers and Eternal Candle

Altar Flowers are provided by Janousek Florist and cost \$20 a bouquet. The Eternal Candle is \$7.50.

You can help us beautify the altar at Kountze by donating altar flowers or the eternal candle. Donating altar flowers is a simple and meaningful way to honor a loved one who has passed away, celebrate a special anniversary or milestone, or can be given in thanksgiving for friends or family. Their names will appear in the church bulletin on the weekend you select.

The Altar Flower and Eternal Candle sign-up is located in the Narthex, just before you enter the Sanctuary.



Church Broadcasts

You can sponsor a broadcast in memory of loved ones, in honor of someone's birthday or anniversary, etc. The cost of sponsoring one broadcast is currently (\$175).

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GROW with us...



Join us Sunday Mornings in the Fellowship Hall
10:10 - 10:50 AM

November 3: No Forum (Fellowship)
November 10: TBA
November 17: TBA
November 24: TBA



New Member Class

New Member Class
Sundays, January 19 & 26
12:15 - 2:00 PM

If you are interested in joining our congregation or would just like more information about Kountze Memorial, we encourage you to join us. Please plan to attend both sessions. Lunch will be served and childcare is

provided.

You may indicate your attendance plans on your attendance card or call the church office. Let us know if you will need childcare when you register (402-341-7761). New members will be received on February 2.

Grief Seminar

Sunday, November 3, 2019
(All Saint's Sunday)

12:00 – 2:00 PM

Grief is difficult and especially during the holidays. If you have lost a relative or close friend, this would be an opportunity to share that grief with others and share how we can move through that grief. A light lunch will be served. Please call the church office at 402-341-7761 to make a reservation.



Attn: College Students in the Omaha area



Go on Facebook and ask to join our group: NeMO (Nebraska Ministry-Omaha) for updates on our events, calendars, etc. We meet every Thursday evening at St. Timothy Lutheran Church on 93rd & Dodge from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. This fall we are also inviting Creighton students to join us in the Skutt student center two Sunday evenings each month and post that schedule on the NeMO FB group.

Attn: Young Adults Working in the Omaha area:

Go on Facebook and ask to join the group: "God & Grads". We love to hang out at Spielbound, play trivia at Farnam House, and go out for late night appetizers at Applebee's.

St. John's Bible Series at the Joslyn Museum

Biblical scholars in the Theology Department at Creighton University are offering a series of talks on the St. John's Illustrated Bible this Fall. You may remember when a copy of the St. John's Illustrated Bible was loaned to us by Creighton for our Bible Sunday liturgy in October, 2018.

All of the following talks are held at 2 PM in the auditorium of the Joslyn Museum (2200 Dodge); admission is free and open to the public.



November 10: How the Bible became the Bible (Nicolae Roddy)
December 8: Gospel Portraiture and the Art of Interpretation (Sue Calef)

SERVE with us...

Kountze Food Pantry

We received the following in an e-mail on a Tuesday after Pantry. We don't often see the results of our giving. Know that your gifts to the Pantry are appreciated!

"My friend is going thru hard times.... she visited your food pantry today Monday 10/7. This is the meal she made her family with the food from yor pantry."

"She said 'God bless the church for their blessings in helping others, in their time of need.'"

In order to make the gifts to our Pantry go even further, we are collecting register receipts from Family Fare stores. For every \$100,000 in receipts returned, Kountze Food Pantry will receive \$1,000. Many people are unaware that the Pantry food is, for the most part, purchased, not donated. One of our vendors is Family Fare, so your receipts will be added to the Pantry purchases and we can reach \$100,000 in a short time. Please bring receipts to the office or place in receptacle at information desk in the Fellowship Hall. The Family Fare receipts have been pouring in already. Let's keep up the good work! The Food Pantry will qualify for \$1,000 before we know it!

The Kountze Food Pantry could also use donations of toilet paper. We would love to have this vital item available for our guests, but the expense is significant and we have not had the funds available. Any contribution you can make would be greatly appreciated.



Kountze choir members collected hand sanitizer and antiseptic cream to donate to the Friends of Tamar. Several Kountze members have participated with

women from many congregations to assemble survivor kits for women who are leaving serious situations or have been trafficked and need health items to use for a few days until they can be in a safe situation. The Friends of Tamar are associated with Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and are so named from the biblical story of Tamar. If you are interested in more information you can check out their Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/thefriendsoftamar/>

Lutheran World Relief Quilts

On October 12 & 13, approximately 200 quilts were on display. The quilts were made by the KMLC Sewing Group and will be sent to Lutheran World Relief the first week of November along with some Health & School Quilts.



It costs approximately \$2.50 to ship each quilt. If you would like to help pay for the shipping of the quilts, please place your offering in an envelope marked "LWR Shipping."

The Sewing Group, meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM. You don't have to know how to sew to be a part of this Ministry.



Lutheran World Relief Quilts, 2019

Thanksgiving Dinner with St. Peter's

Thanksgiving Day, November 28

11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Co-sponsored with and held at

St. Peter's Catholic parish (709 S 28th St.)

Preparations are under way for our annual Thanksgiving luncheon. Volunteers are needed to:

- set up the night before;
- donate pies/desserts; and
- serve food, greet, and/or clean tables during the meal.

This event brings so many people in our community together in a spirit of Christian love and fellowship. Please join us, either to volunteer or as a guest; all are welcome.

In 2018, over 400 guests were served Thanksgiving Dinner!



One of the serving lines from Thanksgiving Dinner, 2018

Thanksgiving Service

We will celebrate a DAY OF THANKSGIVING on Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24.

A special offering will be received, to be divided between the Kountze Food Pantry and the Weber Healing Gift Free Clinic. Food (canned and box goods) will be presented during the worship service.



Holiday Meal Bags for Kountze Pantry

Our Food Pantry holiday meal bags will be distributed in December; 300 in total.

This year's holiday food items include:

- fully cooked ham (3 lb)
- corn (15 oz)
- green beans (15 oz)
- pineapple tidbits/chunks (20 oz)
- fruit cocktail/mixed fruit (14 oz)
- cranberries jellied/whole (14 oz)
- stuffing (13 oz)
- mashed potatoes (13 oz)
- cream mushroom/cream chicken (10 oz)
- quart shelf sustainable milk.



These items will be placed in a reusable tote with a Christmas card and a prayer square. The approximate cost of the 2019 holiday meal bag is \$25. The food items

have been changed from previous years to help maintain the cost yet provide additional food items. This project is accomplished by the generous support of Kountze Memorial and Saint Michael Lutheran members and friends.

You are invited to make a financial contribution for this annual holiday give away. Your gift can be given through the offering, please designate to the holiday meal bags or through the on-line giving page (<https://www.kmlchurch.org>).

Thank you for your continued financial contributions, gifts of food, personal care, garden vegetables, and orchard fruits. Volunteers are always needed. The Monday shifts are 9:00-11:00 AM and 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The volunteer sign-up book is on the back counter in the A & B Rooms.

Should you have any questions or want to discuss ways to support the pantry, please contact Susann Henry, director of the Food Pantry. You can contact Susie at 402-341-7761 or susannfrances@gmail.com

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...

Look What's Coming Up!



Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner!

Friday, November 15

6:00 PM

All members of Kountze are invited to join in a Thanksgiving Potluck. Bring your favorite Thanksgiving side or dessert to share with others. Turkey and drinks provided. Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, November 12. Hope you can join us!



The Joyful Sounds Children's Choir sang October 13. Currently the choir is beginning work on the Children's Christmas program which is Sunday, December 15 at the 9 AM worship. Mark your calendars! Still time for new members to join.



Advent Fair

Don't forget, the Advent Fair is Sunday, December 1, between 10:00 AM and 12:30 PM.

Enjoy a chili lunch and make a variety of Christmas crafts. Fun for the entire family!



NEWS & Notes...



September 17, 2019

Previous minutes approved as amended.

Financial report given by Mr. Rick Kolkman and approved by Council.

Staff reports given and approved by Council.

Committee reports given and approved by Council.

Finance committee reported a need for grant writing efforts for the church pantry and other church needs.

Property committee reported ceiling stabilization project is under budget and they are very satisfied with Ronco Construction. Bell tower repair estimates approximately \$21,000. Motion and unanimous approval by council to proceed with bell tower repair.

Stewardship committee reported this year's theme is "With Joy & Thanksgiving" and four temple talks will be given.

Board reports given and approved by Council.

Bulletin Boards will be moved to the welcome area. They will display current church events, birth announcements, funeral announcements, and staff/council pictures. New Council committee assignments remain the same from previous year, but Jane Ross will replace Adam Klinker on the Outreach Committee, Rick Kolkman will serve on the KETV Management Board, and Mike Jensen as Council secretary.

Church directory is being printed. Call committee received one application. Council retreat is May 1-2, 2020 at Camp Carol Joy Holling.

Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

Loan Balance, 9/1/19	\$3,101,884.33
Principal Payment 9/4/2019	\$18,777.61
Interest Payment 9/4/2019.....	\$9,875.39
Balance, 10/1/19.....	\$3,083,106.72

Finances: August, 2019

	September	Year-to-Date
Total General Fund		
Income:	\$ 81,288	\$ 759,197
Expenses:		
NE Synod Mission Support	\$ 2,500	\$ 22,500
Missionary Support	\$	\$ 10,000
Christian Education:	\$ 25,359	\$ 30,716
<i>(Includes full tuition for our 2 seminary students)</i>		
Facility Costs:	\$ 17,885	\$ 144,171
Staff Compensation:	\$ 45,864	\$ 423,971
Worship & Music:	\$ 2,699	\$ 22,443
Youth:	\$	\$ 9,263
Outreach:	\$	\$ 9,956
Parish Life:	\$ 1,477	\$ 31,765
Office & Administration:	\$ 3,613	\$ 42,178
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Total Expenses:	\$ 99,397	\$ 746,963

THANK YOU for your generosity. Please continue to be faithful in your financial support of our ministry!

Food Pantry Report

(1/1/19 - 8/31/19)

Balance, 1/1/19 \$ 29,761

Income:

Donations: \$ 32,894

Memorials \$ 4,465

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\$ 37,359

Expenses:

Aldi \$ 24,291

Dollar Tree \$ 389

Family Fare \$ 2,990

Food Bank \$ 17,556

Other \$ 2,712

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\$ 47,938

Balance, 9/30/19 \$ 19,182

The Food Pantry relies on your financial donations! Please be alert to the weekly needs of this important ministry!

Now Available! Naming Opportunities for Kountze Commons

Kountze has always been a "city-wide church with a world-wide mission". God has called Kountze to serve Omaha through the remarkable ministry of Kountze Commons with the mission: "Feeding the Hungry, Healing the Sick, Tending the Soul". Through the ministries of the Kountze food pantry, the Del & Lou Ann Weber Healing Gift Free Clinic and our partnerships with the Methodist Community Health Clinic and Lutheran Family Services mental health services, Kountze Commons is an active expression of God's love to thousands of our neighbors in need. We are still seeking investments to complete Kountze Commons, freeing and positioning Kountze for an ever-growing future of service to God and our neighbors! Thus, we are making available to Kountze Members the following six naming opportunities.



- **Kountze Commons Building: \$2 Million** (Outside of the building facing Douglas Street.)
- **Kountze Food Pantry: \$500,000**
- **Kountze Commons Courtyard: \$500,000** (Courtyard/garden space outside)
- **Community Collaboration Commons: \$250,000** (Ground floor meeting space outside of Kountze Food Pantry)
- **Kountze Church & Commons Link: \$200,000** (Long hallway with mural connecting church/commons)
- **Active Learning Classroom: \$150,000** (New classroom just outside clinic/pharmacy)

Please prayerfully consider a major investment in these life-saving ministries of Kountze as we are the body of Christ, indeed, the face, the hands, the feet and the heart, living out our Lord's call to express love to our neighbors!
 A named space could be a beautiful way to honor or memorialize loved ones or hold up a meaningful Bible passage for inspiration! If you are interested in one of these naming opportunities, please contact Pastor Olaf Roynesdal at the church or Ms. Ruth Henneman at 402-620-5038 or ruthnelda@icloud.com All inquiry and conversations will be held in strict confidence.



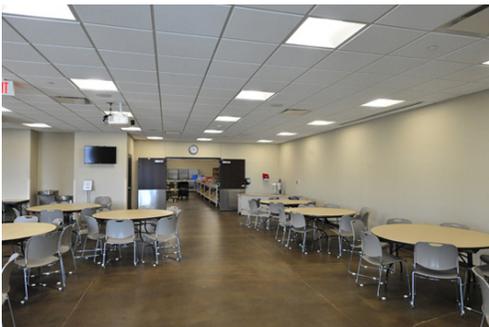
Kountze Commons Building
 North side of building facing
 Douglas Street



Kountze Food Pantry



Kountze Commons Courtyard



Community Collaborative
 Commons



Kountze Church & Commons Link



Active Learning Classroom

If You are Hospitalized...



If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, or would like a pastoral visit, please be sure to let the church office know, at 402-341-7761 or e-mail info@kmlchurch.org. The pastors, eucharistic ministers, or altar guild (flower deliveries) would be more than happy to call on you at any time. Thank you.

Help Deliver Altar Flowers to the Sick & Homebound

After the 11:00 AM service on Sundays, donated altar flower bouquets are taken to hospitalized members, nursing homes or care



centers. This is a great way to brighten someone's day and to grow friendships! Typically, the time commitment is only three Sundays a year.

Contact the church office at 402- 341-7761 or via email at info@kmlchurch.org if you are interested in volunteering.

Blood Pressure Checks

Saturday, November 2
4:30-5:00 PM
Bride's Room near Sanctuary

Sunday, November 17
10:00-11:00 AM
Fellowship Lounge



Trained volunteers provide blood pressure checks free of charge on the 1st Saturday and 3rd Sunday of each month.

Yesterday's Youth

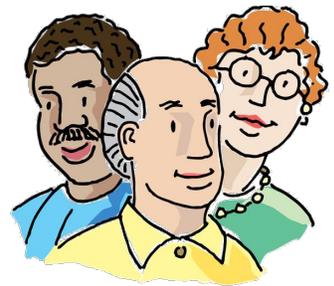
Tuesday, November 5, 12:00 PM

\$4.00 for Lunch

All ages are welcome!

Please join us for fun and fellowship! We will be making cute, yet simple crafts. You won't want miss out on our delicious lunch, served at noon. We will be serving scalloped potatoes and ham for our main dish, tasty sides, and pumpkin pie for dessert!

Please RSVP to the church office by Friday November 1, (402-341-7761). All ages are encouraged to attend! We will be collecting canned goods for the Food Pantry. If you have any questions, please call Sheri Tipton at 402-415-6033. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Kountze Women of the ELCA (W-ELCA)

Fall Brunch

Saturday, November 9

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend! No charge. Musical Entertainment. Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, November 6.

- The W-ELCA board met on October 10. Offerings are for the Pantry. November offerings will be the Thank offerings. The board will also meet on November 7 (note date change) and December 12.
- The quilt gathering made 21 quilts in October.
- For the Fall Brunch on November 9, the board will be make egg casseroles and the circles will bring sweet breads,



KMLC Men's Luncheon

Thursday, November 21, 11:30 AM (Please RSVP by October 19)

Suggested donation is \$10.00.

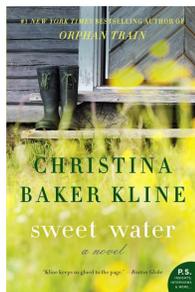
Our November speaker will be Steve McCoy who is director of the Omaha Airport Authority.

You never know what is going to be on the menu but you can bet it will be good. Please RSVP to the church office or jim@kmlchurch.org the Tuesday prior to the lunch.

Book Group

Sunday, November 10, 12:00 PM

"Sweet Water" by Christina Baker Kline



Cassie Simon an artist living in New York City, is willed a house & 60 acres of land in Sweetwater, Tennessee by her grandfather who she never knew. She decides to move to the town where her mother died when she was 3. Cassie begins to discover a tangle of family secrets. A compelling psychological study of bitterness, guilt and fear.

Calendar...



November 2 Saturday

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

November 3 Sunday

All Saints Sunday
Daylight Savings—fall back 1 hour
Homebound Communion
7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
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-6)
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:10 AM Adult Forum
12:00 PM Grief Seminar

November 4 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

November 5 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
11:00 AM Devotions @ deFreese Manor
12:00 PM Yesterday's Youth

November 6 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Confirmation Supper
6:30 PM Confirmation Class
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM Confirmation Worship

November 7 Thursday

8:30 AM Hosting Cluster Pastors
9:30 AM WELCA Board
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

November 9 Saturday

11:00 AM Women's Brunch
5:00 PM Worship

November 10 Sunday

7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
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-6)
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:10 AM Adult Forum
12:00 PM Book Group

November 11 Monday

Veterans Day
10:00 AM Pantry

November 12 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

November 13 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group
12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Confirmation Supper
6:30 PM Confirmation Class
7:30 PM Confirmation Worship

November 14 Thursday

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

November 15 Friday

Good News Deadline
6:00 PM Thanksgiving Potluck

November 16 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

November 17 Sunday

7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
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-6)
10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:10 AM Adult Forum
10:30 AM Executive Committee

November 18 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

November 19 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group
6:00 PM Congregation Council

November 20 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Confirmation Supper
6:30 PM Confirmation Class
7:30 PM Confirmation Worship

November 21 Thursday

11:30 AM Men's Luncheon
1:30 PM Circle 4
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
7:00 PM Circle 5

November 23 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship

November 24 Sunday

Christ the King
7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir
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-6)
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
10:10 AM Adult Forum
12:00 PM Stephen Ministry

November 25 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

November 26 Tuesday

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

November 27 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

November 28 Thursday

Thanksgiving
OFFICE CLOSED
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Thanksgiving Meal @ St. Peters

November 29 Friday

OFFICE CLOSED

November 30 Saturday

Homebound Communion
9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
Breakfast (offsite)
5:00 PM Worship



REMEMBER TO
FALL BACKWARDS

Daylight Savings Time
ends at 2:00 AM on
Sunday, November 3



Birthday Blessings

1. Myrtle Hinrichs, A Jones, Cameron McCarthy, Sherry Nickel, Daniel Reeves, Cody Schramm
2. Penny Matuszeski, Marilyn McEwan, Richard Nelson
3. Danna Grinnell, Anthony Robinson, Robert Siffring
4. Patricia Elson, Robert Whitehead
5. Lora Sarich
6. Kimberly Grassmeyer, Melissa Osentowski, Charlie Wachholtz, Sarah White
7. Patrick Kuehn, Tiffany Zaporowski, Corey Wagg
8. Randy Rolfe, Angela Svacina, Carol Herzog
9. Tyler Anderson, Gerald Clanton, Shirley Dietrich, Pamela Duffield, Leslie Hartmann, Paul Nippert, Carolyn Wheeler
10. Michael Dodge, Robin Jones, Paulette Luetje, Katrina Venn, Tyler Willson
11. Janette Catron, Scott Dixon, Hazel Hanson, Timothy Snyder, Dean Vancaster
12. Zeya Klemmensen, Deanna Lundin, Jameson McShane, Christina Raber, Ethan Ray, Jeanne Schramm
13. Anthony Jones, Kristine Olson, Eleanor Ward, Diana Wilkins
14. Sharon Anderson, JoDee Klinker, Christopher Vawter
15. Blake Gittler
16. Robin Ferguson, Christopher Fischer
18. Kristen Freier, Dwight Kurbis, Hailee Kjeldgaard, Judith Ryan, Cole Schramm
19. Vanessa Bang, Antonio Costanzo, Linda Peltz, Lynn Schneiderman, Jeanette Sikora, Sarah Willson
20. Kenneth Johnson, Garrett Zaporowski
21. Jamie Catron, Justin Diggins, Paul Gittler, Bryon Line, Matthew Minturn, Stacy Martin
22. Katharine Lefebvre, Joan Kassay-Farkas, Derek Reichert, Sarah Reida, Carol Stoltenberg
23. June Anderson, Kyle Johnson, Kent Rasmussen, Roberta Worm
24. Benjamin Brinkman, Emma Chand, Tristan Johnson, Lloyd Peters, Kyra Peterson, Douglas Reed
25. Damon Bartek, Linda Filbrandt, Jacob Stier, Benjamin Svacina
26. Evelyn Fialho, Jeremy Lange, Kara Radwan
27. Adam Arispe, Sean McLeod, Duane Retzlaff
28. Walter Nash, Donna Reinig
29. Albert Grage, Benjamin Hinrichs
30. Beverly Bannick, Carl Englert, Stefanie Ervin, Katie Harshbarger, Joshua Kellams, John Mertz, Debra Robinson

Pastoral Acts

(September 16 – October 15)

Baptisms:

William Russel Klug
October 12, 2019

Weddings:

Dale Gaver/Christine Partridge
September 21, 2019

Candlelight Carol Service

*Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus
with singing and worshipful reflection*

Kountze Memorial
Saturday, December 14, 2019
4:40 PM Prelude
5:00 PM Service

Nursery care provided
Dessert reception following service

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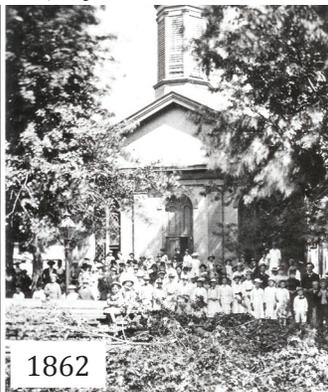
Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM
Wednesday at 12:15 PM

The 9:00 AM Sunday service is
televised live on Cox Cable Ch. 13
and live streamed on our website.

Kountze History from the



July 22, 1859—Rev. H. W. Kuhns, with 7 Charter



Members organized Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Dakota City, Nebraska Territory. In the spring and summer of 1860 Augustus Haase erected a house of worship at a cost of \$2,000. This would be the first Lutheran Church Building in the State of Nebraska.

Story from Warner's "History of Dakota County, Nebraska" published in 1893.

Rev. H. W. Kuhns, the pioneer minister from Omaha would ride his horse 90 miles to Dakota City to preach a Sunday service and he got caught in an early blizzard many years ago. When he got to the Salem Church he found C.F. Eckhart and J.B. Zeigler there, which constituted his congregation for that day, but he went on and delivered

a very impressive sermon, just as though the house was full. After his return to Omaha he was asked how he got along in Dakota City. "Well," replied the Rev. Kuhns, "I had a very large and intelligent audience," Mr, Zeigler, being a very large man, and Mr. Ekchart, a very intelligent man, corroborated him in his assertion.

Late 1920's—Kountze Church had moved from 12th and Douglas Streets and 16th and Harney Streets to escape the congestion of the business districts. In 1904 when they purchased the property at 26th and Farnam Streets, all of the area west of 20th Street were residential. By the late 1920's the Church was once again located on property valuable for business. Farnam Street was known as "Automobile Row" because of the many new and used car dealers located there. When asked if the church would have to move again, Rev. Oliver Baltzly (1911-1931) majestically declared. "The best kind of business is on that corner now and there isn't enough money in this town to buy that property so long as it is a good corner for the Lord to do business on."

1941 - 1948—The addition we know as Fellowship Hall was started in June of 1941 and dedicated in June of 1942. The mortgage was burned at an evening service six years later in 1948. Dr. Walter Traub (1931-1959) in his presentation, told the congregation that they were smelling "Holy Smoke."