## KOUNTZE STAFF

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| Pr. Olaf Roynesdal | Senior Pastor |
| Pr. Ashley Hall | Associate Pastor |
| Pr. Inba Inbarasu | Visitation Pastor |
| Kristin Boe | Christian Ed Coordinator |
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| Sarah Jewell | Administrative Assistant |
| Noni Cambridge | Staff Treasurer |
| Judi Boe | Financial Secretary |
| Jim Smejkal | Bldg. Super./Dir. of Cong. Activities |
| Søren Johnson | Custodian |
| Kayla Slaight | Housekeeper |
| Barbara Carlsen | Dir. of Music & Fine Arts |
| Donna Moessner | Dir. of Children's Music |
| Mark Jones | Organist |
| David Gerard | Saturday Accompanist |
| Sheri Lynn Tipton | Night Security Manager |
| Norma Pafford | Nursery Superintendent |
| Joyce Palmer | Director of the Weber Clinic |
| Susann Henry | Food Pantry Director |
| Taylor Brown | Exec. Dir. Kountze Commons |

**SATURDAY, 5:00 PM**

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| Lector | Kathy Englert |
| Ushers | Kathy Englert |
| | Theresa Gruber |
| Comm. Set-up | Donna Reinig |

**SUNDAY, 9:00 AM**

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| Comm. Asst. | Jill Gittler |
| | Scott Henneman |
| | Jane Ross |
| | Darlene Anderson |
| Lector | Pamela Johnson |
| Ushers | Glenn Anderson |
| | Dan Collett |
| | Gary Westerman |
| | Bob Woodworth |
| | Ted Kaasch |
| | Marcy Madison |
| Greeters | Sharon Anderson |
| | Carole Woodworth |
| | Karen Wolf |
| Crucifer | John Groenjes |
| Acolytes | Dannika Rees |
| | Kaitlyn Munguia |

**SUNDAY, 11:00 AM**

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| Comm. Asst. | Deb Hinrichs |
| | Norm Sack |
| Lector | Bruce Nissen |
| Ushers | James Holzer |
| | Linda Hoagland |
| | Julie O'Doherty |
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| | Rosemary Tessin |
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# KOUNTZE Memorial Lutheran Church

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**402-341-7761** **www.kmlchurch.org**

**February 29 & March 1, 2020**

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 over 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**: The Creed: He Suffered and Died **NEXT WEEK**: No Forum (Fellowship)

## CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

**JOYFUL SOUNDS CHILDREN'S CHOIR** Join us each Sunday from 9-9:30 AM. All children (K-6th grade) who want to praise our Lord by singing, meet in the Joyful Sounds Studio on the 2nd floor.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Join us on Sundays on the 2nd floor for Sunday School. Preschool 1 (2-4 yrs) meets from 9:00—10:00 AM (child care for those too old for the nursery). Sunday School (2 yrs-8th grade) is held from 10:10—10:50 AM.

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

**March 8, 2020**
Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night, March, 7.

**March 1 Sunday**
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

**March 2 Monday**
10:00 AM Pantry

**March 3 Tuesday**
11:00 AM Devotions @ deFreese Manor
12:00 PM Yesterday's Youth

**March 4 Wednesday**
9:00 AM Staff Meeting
11:00 AM Lenten Lunch
12:15 PM Worship
5:30 PM Lenten Dinner
6:30 PM Worship
7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

**March 5 Thursday**
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

**March 7 Saturday**
4:30 PM Blood Pressure Checks
5:00 PM Worship

**March 8 Sunday**
Daylight Savings—spring ahead 1 hour
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)
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10:10 AM Adult Forum
12:00 PM Book Group

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**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.

**NURSERY** is available from 9 AM—noon for children 0—2 years. Please ask an usher if you are unsure as to where our nursery is and would like to use it.

**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 Sundays, April 19 & 26, 2020, from 12:15—2:00 PM. Please plan to attend both sessions. Lunch will be served and childcare is provided. New members will be received on May 3. Please indicate your attendance plans on your attendance card or call the church office by April 12 and let us know if you will need childcare when you register. We are also planning a Saturday New Member Class for those not able to attend on Sundays. Please mark April 18 & 25 from 3:00—4:15 PM on your calendars and mark your attendance card if you plan to attend. New members will be received on Saturday, May 2.

**KOUNTZE FOOD PANTRY** In February the pantry can once again use donations of toilet tissue. We do strive to make sure every Pantry guest receives one roll. Please leave your donations in the crate located in Fellowship Hall. Your gifts are mightily appreciated! Please consider volunteering for one of the regular shifts from 9:00—11:00 AM or 11:00AM—1:00 PM. The green sign-up book is in Fellowship Hall, meeting room A, by the kitchen.

**YESTERDAY'S YOUTH** Tuesday, March 3, 12:00 PM. $4.00 for lunch. All ages are welcome! Our speaker this month will be long-time Kountze member, Dr. Jerry Fischer. You won't want to miss this! Dr. Fischer will be talking about the coronavirus and answer questions on other topics of interest. Lunch will be served at noon. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, February 28. If you have questions, please call Sheri Tipton at 402-415-6033. Hope to see you there!

**COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT/SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY CHAMBER CHOIR** of Collegeville, Minnesota, will perform a Concert of Sacred and Secular Music on Tuesday, March 3 at 7:30 PM at Christ the King Parish (654 S 86th St). Free Admission but free will donations requested and welcomed. Conductor, Axel Theimer, a native of Austria and a former member of the Vienna Boy's Choir. He has been on the music faculty at Saint John's University and College of Saint Benedict since 1969.

**TABLE GRACE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER** Nourishing Hungry Bodies and Souls "Voices of Empowerment" with MC D. Kevin Williams on Friday, March 6, from 5:30—8:30 PM at St. Thomas Lutheran Church (17007 Q St). Heavy hors d'oeuvres, music, live and silent auction. This year's fundraiser is in memory of Tom Tentis. Individual tickets are $80 or sponsor a table (includes 8 tickets) for $640—$20,000. Tickets are available at tickets@tablegraceministries.com or call Simone at 402-965-1276. Reserve table or tickets by March 3.

**THE SPIRE CHAMBER ENSEMBLE,** under the baton of Founder and Artistic Director Ben A. Spalding, will perform the Bach Mass in B Minor on Friday, March 6, from 7-9 PM at St. Cecilia Cathedral (701 North 40th Street). The concert is free and open to the public. Now in their 10th season, Spire is one of the preeminent choral-orchestral chamber ensembles in the United States. The virtuoso choir and orchestra of distinctive solo artists are committed to the highest level of ensemble performance. Spire Chamber Ensemble inspires, educates, and enriches the Kansas City metropolitan community through the transformational power of great choral music performed at the highest artistic level. Be sure to add this to your calendar of events!

**LYSO** June 8-12, 2020, from 8:30-Noon. Grades K-12. Mark your Calendar for this exciting summer ministry opportunity at Kountze Memorial. JOIN US!! Invite your friends.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES** March 22 & 29, 12:15 PM. Communion is open to all baptized Christians. Those children who are already communing or those children interested in receiving Holy Communion are invited to a First Communion class. We will begin with lunch in the conference room followed by instruction in the Nave with Pastor Hall. Participants will receive their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 PM. A good guide for determining when your children are ready to receive Communion is when they begin to ask about receiving it during the liturgy. Please register with the church office at 402-341-7761 or info@kmlchurch.org.

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

**Saturday Attendance**: 44
**Sunday Attendance**: **9:00**: 189 **11:00**: 85
**Midweek - Noon**: 121 **Evening**: 172
**Total**: 611
**Pantry Guests Served**: 440
**Medical Clinic Guests Served**: 20
**Offering: 2/16**
$18,264.54 (Regular) $1,549.78 (Specials)
$822.00 (Phase 2)
**Offering: 2/23**
$15,495.50 (Regular) $2,058.75 (Specials)
$1,307.00 (Phase 2)

## SPENDING TIME WITH AN OLD FRIEND

Our midweek Lenten Worship will give us an opportunity to visit an old friend: The Lord's Prayer. Each week we will reflect on various petitions of this great prayer gaining insights from Martin Luther's Small Catechism. Pastor Roynesdal and Pastor Hall are looking forward to this special time and encourage you to come and hopefully gain a new perspective and a new appreciation for the prayer we say most often.

Our tentative Schedule will be as follows:

**Wednesday, March 4**
THE SECOND AND THIRD PETITIONS
"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

**Wednesday, March 11**
THE FOURTH PETITION
"Give us this day our daily bread."

**Wednesday, March 18**
THE FIFTH PETITION
"And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

**Wednesday, March 25**
THE SIXTH PETITION
"And lead us not into temptation."

**Wednesday, April 1**
THE SEVENTH PETITION AND THE CONCLUSION
"But deliver us from evil. Amen."

Wednesday Services:
12:15 PM (with the Lord's Supper) and
7:00 PM

Lenten Meals:
Lunch, 11:00 - Noon
Supper, 5:30 - 6:30 PM

*Wanting to be like God.*

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These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this

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| Sunday | Matthew 4:1-11 | Temptation of Jesus |
| Monday | Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 | First sin and its punishment |
| Tuesday | Romans 5:12-19 | Adam and Christ |
| Wednesday | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 | Christ was raised to life |
| Thursday | 1 Peter 4:7-11 | Love wipes away many sins |
| Friday | Galatians 6:1-10 | Bear one another's burdens |
| Saturday | Psalm 32 | The joy of forgiveness |
| Sunday | John 3:1-17 | For God so loved the world |

But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." **Genesis 3:4-5 (NRSV)**

**A Prayer for the Week:**
Dear God, help us to trust in our Lord Jesus Christ, to know him as your Son, that we may live in the protection of your care, keeping us from all harm. Amen.
**Mealtime Prayer:**
Dear Lord, just as you freely fed Adam and Eve in the garden, we thank you for providing us with the fruit of the earth today. Amen.
**A Blessing to Give:**
May the Lord be your hiding place; may God preserve you from all trouble and give you peace. (Psalm 32:7)

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:
- Is it easy or difficult to talk about sin? Explain.
- Why do you think sin is not a popular word in today's culture?
- Sin is often seen as rebellion. It is also about being deceived. Give examples of how people deceive themselves in today's world.

*Read:* Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7.
The snake, part of God's own creation, was the first to create the temptation to move away from a trusting relationship with God. The world of sin is greater than what is experienced by humans. The snake gave a half-truth. Adam and Eve would learn the difference between good and evil; they just couldn't choose the good. The story of the "fall" is less about a fall from perfection and grace and more about a rebellion that wants to be like God. At some level, we may all want to be like God and to know the difference between good and evil. We tend to turn to our own prejudices, the preferred thinking that makes us most comfortable and most empowered. There are a lot of half-truths in our conversations, both public and private. A half-truth can be worse than a flat-out lie. Because it has the appearance of truth, it is more deceptive. We need a Savior who can turn us from our half-truth worlds that deceive and destroy life and relationships. We need Jesus. Can you think of a time when you heard a half-truth that deceived you? Explain.
*Pray:* **God of truth and grace, cleanse us from our sinful lives; give us glad hearts that know we have received grace upon grace, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, he responded with words from Scripture, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him'" (Matthew 4:10). One way of serving God is to care for your neighbor. How do you worship and serve God by caring for your neighbor?

To establish a ritual during Lent, make a Lenten Candle Cross. Place six purple tea-light or votive candles in the shape of a cross, using a white seventh candle for the center. Each week, a candle will be lit during prayer time in your home. The acronym **ACTS** (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) will be introduced as a way to pray. This first week in Lent represents "**A**" for Adoration, meaning love, respect, and worship. [Light a purple candle]
*Pray:* **Dear God, we praise your name and worship you. I praise you for . . . , in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17