

## Special Notice

If you plan to attend Worship in person, please call/e-mail the church office no later than noon on the Thursday before the Sunday you want to attend. Please note that the plans set forth are subject to immediate change. You may still join us for Worship on Cox channel 13 or live streamed at <https://www.kmlchurch.org/live-streaming/>



# KOUNTZE

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**Kountze Food Pantry Volunteers**  
**Mondays, 7:30 - 9:00 AM; 9:00 - 11:00 AM;**  
**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**Fridays, 5:00 - 7:00 PM**

The Kountze Food Pantry will continue to operate out of the garage door. We believe the open air environment is better to protect volunteers and guests from the virus.

The Kountze Food Pantry more than doubled in attendance in June over May. July is looking to keep pace with that increase. The volunteers are doing a wonderful job keeping up with higher numbers! If you wish to volunteer, please sign up at the link below. If you can't volunteer, but wish to help, we can always use toilet paper, ramen noodles, coffee, and canned fruit. When volunteering, please sign up for available slots at the link below. Thank-you!

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## Attendance and Giving

**Online Attendance:** 143

**9:00 AM Attendance:** (Reservation Only) 57

**Pantry Guests Served:** 529

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 33

**Offering:**

\$17,816.00 (Regular)      \$2,342.63 (Specials)

\$812.00 (Phase 2)



**Saturday, July 25**  
**Carol Joy Holling Camp Quilt Auction**

More info at: [CHJCenter.org/quilt-auction](http://CHJCenter.org/quilt-auction)

**CJH Camp Classic**

**Friday, August 21—Kearney, NE**

**Friday, September 25—Carol Joy Holling**

Register at: [cjhcenter.org/upcoming-retreats](http://cjhcenter.org/upcoming-retreats)

**Rally Day**

**Sunday, August 23**

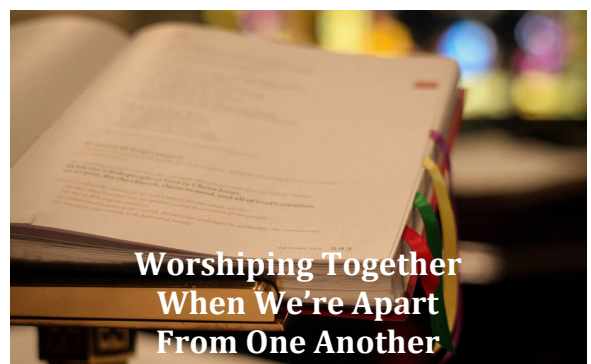
## Today at Kountze

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God in honor of Barb & Bruce Nissen's wedding anniversary; in honor of Jean Johnson's birthday

## Sunday School

Each Sunday I will post a video of the Children's sermon on the KMLC Parent Group Facebook Page. In addition, I will be providing some printable activities that relate to the lesson. Take a picture of your child's work and post it in the comments. Let's stay as connected as possible while we can't gather together. Stay tuned for more fun activities!

In Peace,  
Kristin



## Christians are people of hope.

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

Sunday	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Parable of the weeds
Monday	Isaiah 44:6-8	The Lord's promise to Israel
Tuesday	Romans 8:12-25	Future glory for God's people
Wednesday	Genesis 28:10-19a	Jacob's dream at Bethel
Thursday	Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24	The inescapable God
Friday	1 Peter 1:3-9	A living hope
Saturday	Psalms 86:11-17	Save me, Lord
Sunday	Matthew 13:31-32, 41-52	Parables of the kingdom



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For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Romans 8:24-25 (NRSV)

### A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, may the hope you have given us take away our fear and strengthen us for each new day through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Mealtime Prayer:

Lord God, we thank you for your goodness and for the good seed that falls into the soil to give us bread. Amen.

### A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord be gracious to you, and give you strength. (Psalm 86:16)

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think about something you want to see happen in the near future.
- What gives you hope?
- How does faith in God give you hope?

*Read:* Romans 8:12-25.

The Apostle Paul speaks about our death “by the Spirit” that we may live (v. 13). It is a baptismal theme he mentioned in Romans 6:4: “. . . we have been buried with [Christ] by baptism into death . . . so we too might walk in newness of life.” Paul speaks of living “according to the flesh” (v. 13). It is the life lived without hope in God. We live by the power of the Holy Spirit and are adopted as children of God (vv. 14-15). As children who can say, “Abba! Father!” we are heirs of God’s future in Christ. Being an heir does not mean we avoid disappointments and hurts. In fact, Paul reminds us that we “suffer with [Christ] so that we may also be glorified with him” (v. 17). We are people of hope as we suffer—just as Christ suffered and died—that we may rise with Christ to a new life. We wait for Christ’s final victory with hope and patience (v. 25). How does knowing you are an heir of God’s future in Christ help you have patience and hope?

*Pray:* Lord Jesus Christ, you give us a living hope; help us to have faith in you and trust in your saving work now and always. Amen.

“The good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one” (Matthew 13:38). We are planted by God as seeds on the earth. Though there may be “weeds” among us, good “seeds” make good decisions and reflect God’s love through acts of service. In what ways have you or someone you know been a “good seed” in your community?

Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships. Who has influenced your life of faith? Make a list of Christian rituals and traditions the person you named has taught you, like prayer and scripture reading. Have you taught some of these rituals and traditions to someone else? Pray using Psalm 86:11, “Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.” Amen.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136  
Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52