

## 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**

Thanks to DiAnn Kolkman, the Kountze Food Pantry received two CARES grants totaling \$62,000. About \$26,000 will be used for disinfecting the pantry to keep the volunteers safe. The rest is for food and must be used by the last day of the year. We are blessed to have such a gifted grant writer! Thanks also to The Barklage Foundation and Richard Sieling, and St. Michael Lutheran Church for their generous support. We will be short of volunteers on Friday, August 7. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at the following link. . Please sign up at the link below. Thank-you!

<https://form.jotform.com/200834787701155>

## KETV Board Update

Paul Sum's KETV Board term expired in August. On behalf of everyone at KMLC, the Endowment Fund Board would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for Paul's dedication and hard work over the last several years. He was indispensable to the successful construction and start-up of Kountze Commons and has been instrumental in bringing KETV, LLC to its new stage to support the missions of Kountze Commons. DiAnn Kolkman will join the KETV Board effective September 1, 2020. Thank you Paul and welcome DiAnn.

## Attendance and Giving

**Online Attendance:** 175

**9:00 AM Attendance:** (Reservation Only) 48

**Pantry Guests Served:** 594

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 23

**Offering:**

\$10,446.00 (Regular)      \$36,598.66 (Specials)

\$612.00 (Phase 2)

## Rally Day & the First Day of Sunday School!

August 23<sup>rd</sup> is Rally Day and With new social distancing protocols in place, we will begin the 2020/2021 Sunday school year online. Lessons will be videotaped and posted on the KMLC Parents Facebook page as well as the Kountze Memorial Facebook Page. In addition, there will be pintables and activity suggestions that complement the lesson. If you would prefer to receive the lessons by email, please contact Kristin Boe at [kristin@kmlchurch.org](mailto:kristin@kmlchurch.org). Register by completing the online registration at:

<https://form.jotform.com/Kristinboe/Registration>

If you are interested in volunteering your time to present a lesson, please contact [kristin@kmlchurch.org](mailto:kristin@kmlchurch.org). All the lessons are scripted and materials are provided. Thank you!

## Project Hope Food Pantry

### Family Indoor Miniature Golf Event

### Includes Lunch

**Sunday, August 30, 12—3 PM**

Register at: [www.projecthopeomaha.org](http://www.projecthopeomaha.org)

## Today at Kountze

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God in honor of Lynn & Nancy Meyer's 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary; in honor of Diane Nickeson-Ray'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

*God's generosity is like no other.*

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

Sunday	Matthew 14:13-21	Jesus feeds the five thousand
Monday	Isaiah 55:1-5	An invitation to abundant life
Tuesday	Romans 9:1-5	God's choice of Israel
Wednesday	Genesis 32:22-31	Jacob wrestles at Peniel
Thursday	Psalms 17:1-7, 15	Prayer for deliverance
Friday	1 Timothy 6:11-19	The good fight of faith
Saturday	Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21	The Lord is kind and merciful
Sunday	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus walks on water

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Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come buy wine and milk without money and without price. **Isaiah 55:1 (NRSV)**

### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God, we thank you for inviting us to the banquet feast that has no end and is filled with joy and life in your presence through our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, the eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. Amen. (Psalm 145:15-16)

### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the God of abundance fill you with joy and peace in believing.

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

- What is a dream you have for your future?
- Tell or think about a time you had a dream that came true.
- How do your dreams reflect your faith in Christ?

*Read:* Isaiah 55:1-5.

Feasting is a biblical image of God's providence and grace. In Matthew 14 we have Jesus feeding the masses, not just five thousand people, but five thousand men plus the women and children. It comes right after the beheading of John the Baptist at another feast, the banquet of King Herod. Just as Jesus' banquet is a far cry from other earthly feasts, so is God's invitation to eat and drink without payment unique to other economies we experience. Isaiah 55 includes a challenge to all who want glory and feasting: "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?" (55:2). Isaiah gets to the heart of the problem of life: pursuing that which is not important, not essential. And now, ever since Jesus fed the masses, God has reached out to all people with the promise of true joy envisioned in a banquet feast that never ends. What is it that you want to pursue in life? Does your pursuit reflect the faith and joy of being invited to God's banquet? Why or why not?

*Pray:* **God of abundant joy, help us to remember and believe that your kingdom gives us a joy like no other through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The crowds followed Jesus. Jesus "had compassion for them and cured their sick" (Matthew 14:14b). There are many organizations that are treating and researching cures for diseases. Think or talk about ways to support or donate to an organization that is doing this work.

God's love and care for people is shown in the Bible with stories of meals and feasts. Invite friends or someone you may not know very well for a meal in your home. Begin the meal with a prayer and engage in caring conversations as you enjoy the meal together. After guests leave, take time to think about what you enjoyed the most as you prepared and hosted the meal.

End your day with this or a similar prayer: **Lord, help me to find joy in your abundant care for us. Amen.**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13  
Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33