

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>

Rally Day & the First Day of Sunday School!

August 23rd 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. 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

Attendance and Giving

Online Attendance: 137

9:00 AM Attendance: (Reservation Only) 49

Pantry Guests Served: 603

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 22

Offering:

\$8,301.04 (Regular) \$14,529.40 (Specials)

\$6,333.30 (Phase 2)

kristin@kmlchurch.org. All the lessons are scripted and materials are provided. Thank you!

From Bishop Mass and Nebraska Synod Staff

In light of the cancellation of the 2020 Nebraska Synod Assembly, Bishop Maas would like to take this opportunity to share more about what it means to be the Nebraska Synod. Bishop Maas will be presenting, in three brief videos, how the synod is Growing Disciples, Walking Together, and Serving God's World. These videos will be available at <https://nebraskasynod.org/events/events-directory/whats-next.html>

As a follow up to the videos, the Bishop and Synod Staff would also like to invite congregations to join them on Wednesday, August 19 at 7:30 PM CST or Sunday, August 23 at 7:30 PM CST live online to discuss "What's Next". We encourage congregations to watch and share the videos, then attend one of the discussion sessions. It's in this time of physical distancing that it is more important than ever for us to connect and find ways to continue to be the church together.

Today at Kountze

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of my mother, Lois Soll for her birthday given by Barb Chrisman; in loving memory of my mom & dad's birthdays, Don & Jean Nippert, given by Marv & Kris Olson

Eternal Candle is given to the glory of God in memory of Randall S. Fike by Mary Jo Fike and family.

Sunday School

Each Sunday Kristin will post a video of the Children's sermon on the KMLC Parent Group Facebook Page. In addition, she will provide 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!

Beautiful are those who bring good news!

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

Sunday	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus walks on water
Monday	1 Kings 19:9-18	The Lord appears to Elijah
Tuesday	Romans 10:5-15	Anyone can be saved
Wednesday	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Joseph is sold by his brothers
Thursday	Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	God's faithfulness to Israel
Friday	1 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Timothy brings good news
Saturday	Psalms 85:8-13	Restoration of God's favor
Sunday	Matthew 15:21-28	A woman's faith



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And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” **Romans 10:15 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, just as you saved Peter from the stormy waves, we praise you for saving us from the things that overwhelm us. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

You who walked upon the sea, come and join our meal, we plea. Thank you for your care this day; lead us, Jesus, in your way. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord give you what is good and make a path for your steps. (Psalm 85:12-13)

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

- Would you use the word beautiful to describe feet? Why or why not?
- Describe something you think is beautiful. What makes it beautiful?
- The Apostle Paul quotes an Old Testament passage about someone who is beautiful because he or she brings good news. What is beautiful to you about the message of Christ?

Read: Romans 10:5-15.

Paul continues an intricate dance of balancing the covenant given to Abraham, Moses, and the larger Jewish community with the new covenant given in Jesus. Finally, it is the same God and the same promise: salvation is meant for all (v. 10). Therefore, our job is not to judge (vv. 6-7) but to proclaim the good news that Christ is the fulfillment of the law. That message only helps if it is heard (vv. 8 and 14). What is so beautiful is not really people's feet—perhaps the least attractive part of a person's body—but the person him/herself. People cannot receive this message of salvation without hearing. We are those sent to share good news with others. We are the beautiful souls not because of feet or noses or eyes, but because of the good news of Christ told to others. Who in your life is beautiful because of his or her sharing Christ with you?

Pray: **Living God, may we see the beauty of the gospel and the beauty of those who share your saving message with others through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Serving others reminds us of the breadth of the Kingdom of God and that our faith is personal but not private. Faith motivates us to serve the world in love. In what ways do you serve in your home, your congregation, and in the community?

Jesus died for us. That is how much God loves us. This is good news! “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:13). Trace your foot on a piece of paper. Write a list of ways you can use your feet to tell others about the good news of Jesus. On another piece of paper draw lips. Write a list of ways you can use your lips to tell others about the good news of Jesus. Keep your drawings as a visual reminder of the good news.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28