

## 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 Saturday or 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 Needed Mondays, 7:30 - 9:00 AM; 9:00 - 11:00 AM; 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

### Fridays, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

The Kountze Food Pantry is short of volunteers and urgently needs your help. If you can, please consider



volunteering for one or more shifts. Volunteers are needed from 7:30 - 9:00 AM, 9:00 - 11:00 AM, and 11:00 AM-1:00 PM on Mondays. We are also open Friday evenings and could use your help from 4:00 - 7:00 PM. If you would like to help with this very important mission, please sign up for a time slot at the link below:

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

## deFreese Manor Service Coordinator Position Opening

This is a part time position, 20 hours a week. This position is to empower residents to age in place, to remain independent and self-reliant as long as possible. This position requires a degree in social work or a proven experience in service management working with the elderly. Please contact Sharon West at [swest@defreese Manor.org](mailto:swest@defreese Manor.org) for a job description and application.

## Saturday In-Person Worship

Beginning October 3, we will be resuming our Saturday 5:00 PM worship service. The same procedures will be followed as on Sunday mornings with the exception that everyone will enter through the handicapped entrance on the northeast corner of the church building. Wearing a mask during worship is still required as is physical distancing. You must also pre-register with the church office (by phone or email) by Noon on the Thursday before the service you wish to attend.

## Today at Kountze

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God in memory of Elaine Drickey on her birthday given by Emily Drickey; in memory of Verna Villella given by Richard Bock

## Online Sunday School

Lessons are 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).

## Youth Forum

### Sundays at 10:10 AM

IN-PERSON: The youth group will meet in-person in the green space on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month will be current event Sunday. Please bring an article or current event to share (must be non-COVID related).  
ZOOM: The youth group will meet via Zoom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.

## Attendance and Giving

**Online Attendance:** 180

**9:00 AM Attendance:** (Reservation Only) 79

**Pantry Guests Served:** 820

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 17

### Offering:

\$8,932.00 (Regular)      \$1,676.03 (Specials)

\$1,662.00 (Debt Reduction)

Happy  
Birthday

Happy birthday to Al Schewe who will be 95 years young on Wednesday, September 30

*God directs our ways.*

taking  
faith  
home

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

Sunday	Matthew 21:23-32	Parable of the two sons
Monday	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	God's ways are fair
Tuesday	Philippians 2:1-13	Christ shows us humility
Wednesday	Exodus 17:1-17	Water from the rock
Thursday	Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16	What God has done
Friday	James 1:19-27	Hearing and doing God's word
Saturday	Psalms 25:1-9	Prayer for guidance and help
Sunday	Matthew 21:33-46	Parable of the vineyard tenants

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“Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.” **Philippians 2:12b-13 (NRSV)**

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

Dear God, teach us to know your ways and to do them with humility and compassion for all that you have created through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 25:4)

### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Good and gracious God, we thank you for providing for our every need, including the gift of this food; we pray through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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

May God guide you in the way of truth and guard your life with steadfast love and faithfulness. (Psalm 25)

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

- Do you ask for help sometimes when making decisions? Why or why not?
- Is there a time when you asked for God's help in making a decision? If so, tell about it.
- How does reading the Bible and having conversations with other believers help guide your life?

*Read:* Philippians 2:1-13.

The Apostle Paul speaks to the church at Philippi and encourages the people to live with others with humility (vv. 3-4). He uses Christ as our model for this way of life as Christ Jesus took on our human existence and “humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death” (v. 8). With this as a guide, Paul exhorts believers to pursue the Christian life because it matters to others, to the world, and to God. Knowing how hard it is to live this life faithfully, he states, “work out our salvation in fear and trembling” (v. 12b). But this is not a fear that prevents us from acting. It is actually a sense of awe and reverence that frees us to live and act because God is with us, behind and in front of us in both our actions and our very desire to do the will of God (v. 13). It can be overwhelming to wonder how to live as a Christian. Paul encourages us to go forth with humility to love others and trust God. Think of a situation that is hard for you to know what you should do. When this happens, pray to God for wisdom and faith to act with love and humility.

*Pray:* **God of justice and mercy, guide our days and our deeds in the peace of Christ. Amen.**

In Philippians 2, Paul is asking us to imitate Jesus by being of the same mind and showing compassion, love, and humility to others. Showing interest in others by listening and praying for them is one way to be compassionate. Be mindful of listening closely to the conversations you have with others.

Lifting our hands is one way to show praise to God. In the Old Testament there are people (like Leah and Moses) who lift their hands in praise to God. This is an ancient pose of prayer and a motion used to open a person to receiving God's blessing. Lift your hands and pray daily this week: **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust. Amen.** (Psalm 25:1-2a)

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15  
Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46