

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, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

The Kountze Food Pantry is in need of volunteers. We were blessed to have some lovely, enthusiastic and energetic young people join us over the summer. As they have returned to school, we are short staffed. Please consider volunteering on Monday morning from 7:30 AM—9:00 AM, Monday 9:00 AM—11:00 AM, Monday 11:00 AM—1:00 PM, or Friday evening 4:00 PM—7:00 PM. We have a good time, and Barb still makes us cookies! You may sign up for a time slot at the link below:

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

Extra! Extra! Read All About it!

Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church to hold annual “modified” Picnic/Tailgate

Sunday September 27

5:30 PM - West Parking Lot

Mark your calendars, call in your reservation, pack the lawn chairs, card table, blanket, wet wipes, and the cooler. This year we will be having the picnic here at the Church in the West parking lot. When you arrive (Douglas Street “North” Entrance) the parking lot attendants will direct you to a parking spot and show you where you can unload and set up, there will be a car width between families/attendees. Giving

Attendance and Giving

Online Attendance: 166

9:00 AM Attendance: (Reservation Only) 43

Pantry Guests Served: 578

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 23

Offering:

\$5,035.04 (Regular) \$1,911.42 (Specials)

\$522.00 (Phase 2)

everyone plenty of physical distance.

Once you're settled in, someone will take your order (white or dark meat) and relay it to our servers. A Chicken dinner with scalloped potatoes and green beans along with a cookie for dessert (BYOD - bring your own drinks) will be delivered to your car. We'll picnic for an hour or so. Restrooms (in the lower Kountze Commons area) are for emergency use only. We need an accurate count of those attending for food planning and parking as we have a limited number of parking spots available. **Reservations need to be made no later than Noon on Friday September 18**, call the Church office or e-mail jim@kmlchurch.org to make your reservation, please indicate the number of people coming and general preference of white or dark meat chicken.

We could use a few volunteers to help with parking, trash, etc. Please let us know if you can help out when you make your reservations.

Church Office Closed—No Pantry

Monday, September 7 for Labor Day

Today at Kountze

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Inbarasu Family; in celebration of Jeff & Robin Perkins' 34th wedding anniversary; in memory of Bill Kee given by Debbie Kee

Eternal Candle is given to the glory of God by the Inbarasu Family

Television Broadcast is sponsored by Jean & Lee Johnson and Dayle Johnson in honor of mother, Lois Johnson, on her 95th birthday

Christians seek reconciliation with other Christians.

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

Sunday	Matthew 18:15-20	Seeking reconciliation
Monday	Ezekiel 33:7-11	God's judgment seeks repentance
Tuesday	Romans 13:8-14	Love for one another
Wednesday	Exodus 12:1-14	The first Passover
Thursday	Psalms 149	A new song of praise
Friday	Galatians 5:13-15	Love fulfills the law
Saturday	Psalms 119:33-40	A prayer for understanding
Sunday	Matthew 18:21-35	A parable about forgiveness



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“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” **Matthew 18:21-35 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, teach us your ways that we may live together in peace and see Jesus in the face of others. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Dear God, in the midst of violent storms and droughts we encounter in the world, we thank you for this gift of food and for those who have brought it to us. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus strengthen you to love your neighbor and be at peace with all.

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

- Think or tell about a time you felt badly treated by another individual or a group.
- What makes it hard to openly face conflict with someone?
- For Jesus and the church, we are to pursue others with love and grace. Does knowing this help you to resolve differences with others? Why or why not?

Read: Matthew 18:15-20.

All relationships experience conflict, even in the church. Jesus is aware of this and lays out a plan of action: out of love, be direct. It is the way of life of the people of God announced by Paul in Romans 13:10: “Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.” Being right is not good enough. Having your own way is not good enough. Be loving, be merciful, and pursue what is right; face conflict through a personal conversation to resolve the issue. But if the person who has hurt you does not repent, this is not an excuse to treat them badly. Treat them as Jesus would treat a Gentile or tax collector. He pursued them with his love. Jesus is present in all our relationships, even the stressful ones (v. 20). We are to seek them out with love and mercy. When have you been wronged by the harsh treatment of another? Did you face it directly with the other person to resolve it? Did you treat them as Jesus would? Explain.

Pray: Lord Jesus, when I am with others, remind me that you are present strengthening us to love one another anew each day. Amen.

“Love your neighbor as yourself” (Romans 13:9b) sums up the commandments. Who is your neighbor? It may be the person next door or someone in the community. Loving others, even when they are different from you, fulfills the law and motivates us to action. How does knowing this motivate you to show love to a neighbor?

Next Sunday is the beginning of a new Christian education year for many congregations. Psalm 119 is a lovely text that promotes learning God's will and word. Pray for all teachers and students involved in Christian education and mention those you can by name. Conclude with:

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Amen.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13
Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35