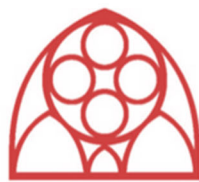


Special Notice

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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October 24 & 25, 2020

Q & A with Pastor Shari Duminy Thursday, October 29 from 7:00-8:30 PM (please note date change)

We will hold a Question and Answer session with Pastor Shari Duminy on Thursday, October 29 (please note date change) from 7:00-8:30 PM. It will take place in person in the sanctuary (and the Fellowship Hall if necessary) and will also be live-streamed. Tim Backora, Chair of the Call Committee, will lead the session. Those present will have the opportunity to ask Pastor Duminy questions.

- Those live-streaming can email their questions to the Chair of the Call Committee, Tim Backora (tbackora@cox.net) by Tuesday, October 27.
- Those planning to be in attendance must register by Noon on Tuesday, October 27.

As has been the custom, you will enter through the Kountze Commons Link (west side) and exit through the Farnam Street doors.

Special Congregation Meeting Sunday, November 1, 2020 at 10:30 AM

A special congregational meeting for the sole purpose of voting on calling The Reverend Shari Duminy as Associate Pastor will be held in the sanctuary. Attendance at the meeting will also be permitted through Zoom. Those physically present will cast a ballot on whether to call Pastor Duminy. Those who attend via Zoom will have until 12:30 PM to come to the west church parking lot, receive a ballot, and vote. Please note that those not physically present at the meeting must have first registered via Zoom in order to cast a ballot. This is in accordance with ELCA policy. Five percent (5%) of the voting members (those who are confirmed) shall constitute a quorum. That means that at least 75 confirmed members must attend the meeting either physically or via Zoom.

Zoom Codes: Meeting ID: 964 5627 3096
Passcode: 793541

Today at Kountze

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of the wedding of Sydney Feller and Nicholas Seaman; in honor of Amanda Schneiderman's birthday given by John & Lynn Schneiderman

Television Broadcast is sponsored in honor of Pastor Bob Johnson's 80th birthday given by Mary Ann Johnson

Bible Sunday

Sunday, October 25 - Blessing of Bibles
For Ages 2, 4, and 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades

Even though there are physical distancing restrictions, we will still honor the importance of this day and have provided

children with the Holy Scriptures. Children ages 2 and 4 years of age, and those in 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades, receive Bibles. There will be a Blessing of the Bibles during the televised church service this Sunday, October 25.

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 are 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.

Youth Forum

Sundays at 10:10 AM

IN-PERSON: The youth group will meet in-person in the green space on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. The 1st 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 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.

Adult Forum

Members and friends of the congregation will have the opportunity to study Martin Luther's "Freedom of a Christian" (1520). The ELCA is encouraging study of this monumental text on its 500th anniversary. Pr. Hall will post videos for this multi-week study on a Kountze Memorial designated channel on YouTube. The YouTube link to the videos is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChtalSdEjyMBKlZjbgGGIyFA/>. The text of "Freedom of a Christian" and the study guide are available for free on the ELCA's Reformation homepage: www.elca500.org.

Attendance and Giving

Saturday Attendance: 14

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 81

Total: 95

Pantry Guests Served: 865

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 27

Offering:

\$10,506.00 (Regular) \$2,490.63 (Specials)

\$962.00 (Debt Reduction)

Disciples have a trusted relationship with Jesus.

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

Sunday	John 8:31-36	The Son makes you free
Monday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	The new covenant
Tuesday	Romans 3:19-28	True righteousness
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Moses is buried in Moab
Thursday	Psalms 90:1-17	God is eternal
Friday	Galatians 2:15-21	Justified through faith
Saturday	Psalms 46	God is our refuge
Sunday	Matthew 5:1-12	The beatitudes



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Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” **John 8:31-32 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious God, keep your faithful people steadfast in your word so that we may receive your freedom and truth through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God of glory and might, with this gift of food we remember the gift of faith that strengthens us and renews us daily through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord bless you with a relationship to God through faith in Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:24)

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

- Talk or think about what it takes to have a strong, ongoing relationship with a friend.
- What gets in the way of a friendship?
- Talk or think about what it takes to have a strong, ongoing relationship with Jesus.

Read: John 8:31-36.

It is the power of the word that Jesus brings that gives us freedom from sin. That word is first and foremost Jesus, the Word that became flesh (John 1:14). Christian disciples “continue” or remain in the freeing and saving word of God. The Gospel of John emphasizes that the follower of Jesus has an ongoing relationship to him by continuing “in my word” (8:31). To know the truth that sets one free is more than to know information; it is to live in a relationship to Jesus through faith. The challenge at the time of the Reformation—and today as well—is for the church to promote a living relationship with God, a relationship that depends on faith in Jesus, the Son of God. We experience this relationship through worship, prayer, reading the Bible, and serving and loving one’s neighbor for the sake of Christ. How do you continue to live each day as a disciple of Jesus?

Pray: **Almighty God, help me to trust in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord and have life in his name. Amen.**

Martin Luther wrote, “God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does.” An important theme of the Reformation is that all Christians are called to serve others through their baptisms. Think about friends and neighbors in your community who may need help or support in some way. What good works can you do to serve them in Jesus’ name?

Martin Luther wrote the words for *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* and composed the melody. This well-known hymn is based on Psalm 46. After reading this psalm once, make a list of words from it that help you understand God as a mighty fortress. Read Psalm 46 again and pause for a moment when you read a word from your list. After finishing, say, “Amen.”

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Micah 3:5-12; Psalm 43
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12