

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 collecting the following items: reusable shopping bags, toilet paper, cereal, and full-sized hygiene products. Please place your donated items in the shopping cart as you enter for church, in the donation box in the Fellowship Hall, or in the church office. Your contributions are greatly appreciated! If you are able to volunteer, please sign up by using the link below:

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

Faith is Inspired at Camp!

Summer Camp is an awesome faith-inspiring and confidence-building experience! Your child will explore God's call to live FEARLESS through Joshua 1:9. At Carol Joy Holling Camp, no child is turned away due to their inability to pay thanks to the support of congregations, families, and individuals across the state. Contact Jessica Weltz at JWeltz@NLom.org or 402-944-2544 for campership information. Click on the picture for the schedule and registration page. COVID-19 safety precautions will be followed. All campers and staff will be required to

wear a mask, and physical distancing will be practiced whenever possible. For the schedule and to register for camp, go to

<https://www.caroljoyholling.org/schedule>

Home Devotion on Generosity for the 7 Weeks of Easter

During the Easter Season, the Live it Out resource from the Nebraska Synod and the ELCA Generosity Project, have provided a faith formation at home resource for you to use. It is provided to help in Growing God's Generous Generations. For seven weeks, a resource for you to work through on your own or with others in your home, will be provided. It centers our attention on God's generosity to us and our response to God's graciousness. Go to <https://www.elca.org/generosityproject> for more information. Go to: <https://files.constantcontact.com/8c919081201/0d9dc7d5-1f81-4288-874f-24651dd7f537.pdf> for week 3.

Today at Kountze

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Marsha Conroy, given by Melissa Conroy

Youth Forum

In-Person & Zoom on Sundays, 10:15 - 11:00 AM

All 9th - 12th Graders are invited to join us!

We will meet in person in the Youth Room and on Zoom each week

- 1st Sunday: Bible Ponderings
- 2nd Sunday: High School Hang Out
- 3rd Sunday: Serving in the World
- 4th Sunday: Host Middle School Hangout
- 5th Sunday: Adventures (if on Zoom, we will carry you along with us)

Contact Pastor Shari (402-341-7761 or shari@kmlchurch.org if you need the Zoom Link info. We will continue to be masked and physically distanced for all meetings in person at the church.

Attendance and Giving

Saturday Attendance: 29

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 114

Total: 143

Streaming Attendance: 103

Cox Cable Attendance: 363

Pantry Guests Served: 753

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 30

Offering:

\$19,212.14 (Regular) \$6,610.70 (Specials)

\$1,529.50 (Debt Reduction)

As Jesus shepherds us, we shepherd one another.

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

Sunday	John 10:11-18	The Good Shepherd
Monday	Acts 4:5-12	Peter and John before the council
Tuesday	1 John 3:16-24	Love one another
Wednesday	Genesis 49:22-28	Jacob blesses his sons
Thursday	Mark 6:30-44	Jesus the compassionate shepherd
Friday	Ezekiel 34:20-31	God the true shepherd
Saturday	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Sunday	John 15:1-8	Jesus the true vine



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*I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. **John 10:11 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God, we thank you for pursuing us with your goodness and mercy all the days of our lives through Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of abundance, as a shepherd you provide us with daily food; give us the faith and love to care that others have daily food on their tables, too. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May Jesus the Good Shepherd pursue you with goodness and mercy all the days of your life.

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

- What does a shepherd do?
- What does Jesus do to shepherd us?
- How can we shepherd fellow Christians in the faith and in daily life?

Read: 1 John 3:16-24.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as the Good Shepherd Sunday. John 10 and Psalm 23 give clear attention to this shepherd theme. However, so does 1 John 3. Just as Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11), so we as brothers and sisters who follow Jesus are to lay down our lives for one another (1 John 3:16). We lay down our lives—we shepherd one another—by loving one another “in truth and action”—not just words (v. 18). We, as fellow shepherds, abide in the Good Shepherd by believing in Jesus Christ and loving one another with our whole being. As we give thanks for Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we also give thanks that we are surrounded by a community of faith that shepherds one another to believe in Jesus Christ and to lay down our lives for one another. Why is it important that Christians not only care for the needs of the world but also care for each other as followers of Jesus Christ?

Pray: **Almighty and living God, strengthen us in faith and love to shepherd one another to live with hope and good courage through Christ, the Good Shepherd. Amen.**

Be a servant this week by shepherding someone. Make a visit and listen to the person. Read Psalm 23 together. Talk about what it means to have Jesus as our shepherd and close with the Lord's Prayer.

The sheep listen to the voice of the shepherd. There will be one flock, one shepherd. (John 10:16) If there are children in your home, play “Follow the Leader.” Blindfold the followers and have the leader guide them by using only their voice. Think about what it means to listen to Jesus' voice and to follow him as sheep of the Good Shepherd.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8**