

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

Memorial Lutheran Church

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May 22 & 23, 2021

Kountze Food Pantry
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 great need of toilet paper! We only provide it on request, but apparently there is a great need for it. Please leave your donations in the box in fellowship hall, or in the office. We also need new or like new reusable tote bags (we cannot reuse plastic grocery sacks), 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>

Sponsor Our Youth on the 2021

KMLC Summer Youth Trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma

Please consider sponsoring the 2021 Summer Youth Trip. Your donation can be placed in the offering or mail it to the church office. Make sure you mark in the memo that it is for the Mission Trip Sponsorship. Another option to give is to visit www.kmlchurch.org and click on "Online Giving" to donate on the web!

Again, you will find in the section for Children and Youth Ministries the line item for Mission Trip Sponsorship. Our gift back to you will be a time to gather and share our experience of this trip with you. It would be most helpful to receive all donations by June 1. Thanks for your consideration! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Shari at shari@kmlchurch.org or 402-341-7761.

Today at Kountze

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: 30
Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 116
Wednesday Attendance: 12
Total: 158
Streaming Attendance: 87
Cox Cable Attendance: 285
Pantry Guests Served: 824
Medical Clinic Guests Served: 23
Offering:
\$8,509.00 (Regular) \$16,500.10 (Specials)
\$1,427.00 (Debt Reduction)

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday June 13

10:15 AM

In-person Meeting in the Sanctuary

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information to interested members on the sale of deFreese Manor to the House of David Preservation Inc, a nonprofit corporation registered in the District of Columbia. The deFreese Manor Board plans to provide a summary of the sale conditions, followed by a Q & A period. The meeting will conclude with a vote of members in attendance at the meeting that Sunday.

The Spirit of God sustains all of life.

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

Sunday	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Work of the Holy Spirit
Monday	Acts 2:1-21	The Holy Spirit is given
Tuesday	Romans 8:22-27	The Spirit intercedes
Wednesday	Ezekiel 37:1-14	The valley of dry bones
Thursday	Joel 2:21-27	The Lord will bless the land
Friday	Ephesians 4:7-13	Equipping the saints
Saturday	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	All living things depend on God
Sunday	John 3:1-17	Born of the Spirit



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When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works. Psalm 104:30-31 (NRSV)

A Prayer for the Week:

Come Holy Spirit, lead us to be the body of Christ in the world and guide us into the truth that Jesus brings for the salvation of the world. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Creator God, we thank you for this food as you give all living things their food in due season, you open your hand and fill us with good things. (Psalm 104:27-28)

A Blessing to Give:

May you be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit to live in faith, hope, and love.

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

- ☑ What is something in creation that gives you joy?
- ☑ What is something that concerns you about the frailty of creation?
- ☑ In Psalm 104:31, God rejoices in the work of creation. How does that motivate you to care for what God has created?

Read: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b.

Pentecost Sunday is a day to celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit that enlivens the church to continue what the disciples learned and received through Jesus. The Holy Spirit makes Jesus Christ alive and real today as Savior, not just as a historical figure to recall from the past. Jesus' forgiving and renewing work is extended to the church of all times through the Spirit. What is worth remembering is that the Spirit is celebrated in Psalm 104 as the source of life for all of creation. Without God's Spirit there is no breath and creatures "die and return to their dust" (v. 29). We live in an age when the earth is being harmed by pollution of many kinds that endangers future generations, human and nonhuman alike. It is important to see the link between God's work of creating life through the Spirit and redeeming all life through Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God for life created, life redeemed, and life sustained through this one God in three persons. How does Pentecost lead you to care for and celebrate all that God has made?

Pray: **Dear God, you who love all that you create, give us that love through your Holy Spirit to care for the earth and tell others of the good news of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Pentecost reminds us that the world is full of many languages and different cultures. Jesus' promise to the disciples was fulfilled on this day. It enabled them to speak in other languages and spread the good news of Jesus Christ. How can you spread the good news to those who speak other languages and are from different cultures?

Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships – often in our own homes. The Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit is our helper in prayer (Romans 8:26-27). Prayer is one way to practice the Christian faith in our homes. The Spirit brings our needs and concerns before God, even when we do not know what or how to pray. Light a candle when you pray this week. Look upon the flame as a symbol of the Holy Spirit that lives in you.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17**