

## Special Notice

Reservations not required  
Vaccinated—Masks optional  
Not vaccinated—Masks required  
Please maintain a minimum of 3 feet  
between non-family members

You may still join us for Worship on Cox  
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# KOUNTZE

Memorial Lutheran Church

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**June 26 & 27, 2021**

## Kountze Food Pantry

### Volunteers Needed:

**Mondays, 7:30 - 9 AM, 9 - 11 AM, 11 AM - 1 PM**

**Fridays, 4 - 7 PM**

The Kountze Food Pantry is pleased to announce that our fresh produce boxes from the Farmers to Families program has been re-upped. This program provides a 25 lb. box for each person, filled with fresh vegetables and fruit. This will go through the rest of the year. The program is free for the congregation.

We are 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>

## Moving Forward!!

- No reservations for worship are required.
- Face masks will not be required. We support an individual's choice to wear a mask if desired for personal protection for any reason. We are taking

this position to encourage anyone who has not been vaccinated to wear a mask without any negative implications. Indeed, many people will feel safer attending services wearing a mask.

- Those who have not been vaccinated are requested to wear a mask. We will operate under the honor system, assuming that all who attend will abide by this stipulation.
- All pews will be available for seating (the ropes have been removed) but we are recommending that non-family members sit and remain three feet apart from each other.

## Today at Kountze

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God in memory of Bill & Marjorie Sears by their children, Ron, Lois, and Claude

**Television Broadcast** is sponsored by Mary Olson in memory of mother, Betty's birthday and Father, Edward

## Coffee Hour

Please feel free to stop for coffee in the Fellowship Hall following service today. We need volunteers to help serve coffee and cookies. If you can help, please see Jim Smejkal (402-341-7761 or [jim@kmlchurch.org](mailto:jim@kmlchurch.org)).

## Attendance and Giving

**Saturday Attendance:** 37

**Sunday Attendance: 9:00:** 121

**Wednesday Attendance:** 10

**Total:** 168

**Streaming Attendance:** 67

**Cox Cable Attendance:** 270

**Pantry Guests Served:** 861

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 26

### Offering:

\$18,743.00 (Regular)      \$1,712.03 (Specials)

\$3,607.00 (Debt Reduction)

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Children from 3 years to 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join Pastor Shari and the Middle and High School Youth in the Kountze Green Space each Sunday. (June 20 – August 29) We will be playing games, singing songs, sharing a snack, and getting to know each other better. Parents are encouraged to share coffee time with others or join in the fun!

## Healing and salvation begin now.

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

Sunday	Mark 5:21-43	Jesus heals and raises to life
Monday	Lamentations 3:22-33	There is still hope
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Generous giving
Wednesday	Acts 4:23-31	Believers pray for boldness
Thursday	Isaiah 57:14-19	The Lord helps the helpless
Friday	Luke 4:31-41	Jesus heals many people
Saturday	Psalms 30	God turns mourning into dancing
Sunday	Mark 6:1-13	Jesus sends the twelve



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*[Jesus] said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." Mark 5:34 (NRSV)*

### A Prayer for the Week:

Come Lord Jesus, in the midst of difficult times touch us with your love and send us your peace and hope in our daily lives. Amen.

### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food and pray that all may receive food to live, serve, and love you and others through Jesus, the great healer. Amen.

### A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you to know the saving grace given to you through Jesus Christ.

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

- When have you or someone you know had difficult times? Explain.
- Where do you find comfort when you are going through difficult times?
- Not all illnesses are cured and not all difficulties are resolved. How has faith in God eased your pain or that of a friend's pain during an illness?

*Read:* Mark 5:21-43.

On the way to restore Jairus' daughter to life, Jesus realizes that healing power had gone from him to someone in the crowd. He inquires who touched him to receive the healing. A woman comes forward and explains that for 12 years she had suffered with hemorrhages (a flow of blood) that did not cease. Not only did it make her weak, it made her ritually unclean and unfit to be with others. In other words, not only did she experience physical suffering, she experienced isolation and social suffering. She was desperate and thought she might be healed through touching Jesus' garment. Jesus' first word of response was to call her "daughter," that is, someone who belongs to the community. He then adds, "*your faith has made you well*" (v. 34). The Greek text can equally be translated as "your faith has saved you." The same word for healing is the word for being saved. Salvation and healing begin for this woman because of her faith, a faith borne out of desperation. Her faith was not an expression of confidence and trust; it was simply an openness to hope against hope. With Jesus' response, she is brought into community and healed. When has faith felt more like taking a risk than a show of confidence and trust?

*Pray:* **Healing God, we thank you that you touch us with your saving grace now and always through Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The woman who touched Jesus' clothes and was healed was an outcast among her own people. Her illness meant that others saw her as unclean and avoided her. Who are the people in your community that are often looked down upon or left out? What act of kindness can you do for someone who may be feeling left out in some way?

Appropriate touch is a way of expressing love and care for others. Research has shown that as humans we need the touch of others to stay healthy in body, mind and spirit. Holding hands while praying and blessing someone with the sign of the cross on their hand or forehead are forms of a healthy touch. Hold hands while praying the Lord's Prayer. Then bless one another:

**May God bless you to know that Jesus has touched you with peace today.**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13**