

Special Notice

Reservations not required
Vaccinated—Masks optional
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Please maintain a minimum of 3 feet
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KOUNTZE

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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>

Today at Kountze

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Dr Gary & Judy Westerman in honor of their daughter, Lt Col/ Dr. Amy Dyer, on her retirement of 20 years of service with the United States Air Force Dental Corps .

Attendance and Giving

Saturday Attendance: 35

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 125

Wednesday Attendance: 8

Total: 168

Streaming Attendance: 69

Cox Cable Attendance: 210

Pantry Guests Served: 881

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 25

Offering:

\$13,565.00 (Regular) \$1,144.79 (Specials)

\$857.00 (Debt Reduction)

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).

Holy Play

Ages 3 yrs - 6th grade

Sundays through August 29

10:15 - 11:00 AM

Children from 3 years to 6th 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!

Congregation Meeting for Elections

**Our regular Election Meeting will be held on
Sunday, August 22nd
10:10 AM in the Fellowship Hall**

This year's nominating committee consists of outgoing Council members
Scott Henneman,
Kathe Andersen,
Donald Johnson, Jim Marcum, Bruce Nissen, and
Liz Pemberton.



The term of Scott Henneman ends and a replacement is needed. The terms of Mike Jensen, Ann Miller, and Steve Hinrichs are complete but all are eligible for re-election. Sarah Penn's term is up on the Endowment Board and she is eligible for another term.

Persons interested in any of these positions for themselves or to nominate someone else should forward name(s) to Pastor Olaf (olaf@kmlchurch.org).

Disciples trust in the power of Jesus.

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

Sunday	Mark 6:1-13	Jesus sends the twelve
Monday	Ezekiel 2:1-5	The Lord chooses Ezekiel
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Paul's vision
Wednesday	2 Peter 1:3-11	The Christian's call to love
Thursday	Luke 9:1-6	The disciples' mission
Friday	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Thanksgiving and encouragement
Saturday	Psalm 123	A prayer for mercy
Sunday	Mark 6:14-29	The death of John the Baptist



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But [God] said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NRSV)

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to trust that through weakness you show power and through our human frailty you do great acts of love and mercy through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Dear God, just as you feed us through the work of many hands, help us to be mindful of the kindness of others that blesses us daily. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the power and strength of God bless you with mercy and grace.

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

- Tell or think of a time that you needed the help of someone.
- What is it like to depend on the kindness of others when you need help?
- Jesus sends his disciples out into the world needing the kindness and hospitality of others. How is showing hospitality to others and receiving it ourselves the work of the church?

Read: Mark 6:1-13.

Jesus goes to his hometown and is astonished at the people's lack of trust and belief in him. Because of that, he was only able to use his power to heal a few sick people. The townspeople rejected his authority. Ironically, that same authority is given to his disciples and they are able to go out and do many great deeds of casting out demons and curing the sick. This passage makes at least three important points about discipleship: 1) followers of Jesus will experience the same rejection Jesus did, 2) Jesus' authority is enough to do great things in the reign of God, and 3) disciples go out defenseless, without needing extra provisions and depend on the hospitality and kindness of strangers. The third point is a difficult one for us today. We would rather be the host. However, Jesus calls us to receive the help and kindness of others, especially the stranger who welcomes us in and takes care of us. In our weakness, God's power is revealed. When have you been blessed by being the recipient of the hospitality of others, especially someone you don't know well?

Pray: Dear God, in human frailty and need your power is made known. Bless us in our relationships with others that your love may be made known through Christ our Lord. Amen.

It is a valuable gift to host others in your home. However, it is also an important gift to the outreach of the church to accept the hospitality of others. When have you been a guest of another person's hospitality? Did you feel you were the recipient of God's love as you received the hospitality of others? Explain.

Psalm 123 is a psalm for people making a pilgrimage to the temple in Jerusalem. Identify sacred places in your own pilgrimage or faith journey on earth as a follower of Jesus. Maybe it is a place in your own home, congregation, or the home of a loved one. Talk or think about what you like to do in that sacred space, and give thanks for God's presence in your life. Conclude by praying: **God of glory and might, thank you for revealing yourself to us and for special places that make us feel especially close to you through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

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