

Special Notice

Reservations not required
Vaccinated—Masks optional
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KOUNTZE

Memorial Lutheran Church

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August 14 & 15, 2021

Kountze Food Pantry Volunteers Needed:

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

Fridays, 4 - 7 PM

If you are able to volunteer, please sign up by using the link below:

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

The Kountze Food Pantry is in dire need of an 11:00 am to 1:00 pm volunteer. This brave soul is needed to assist our guests with taking their groceries to their vehicles. It is a physically demanding, yet infinitely rewarding opportunity to serve. Thank you Jacob Rump and Anna Kidder for your summer service.

The Kountze Food Pantry is collecting school supplies to assist our guests. We have begun keeping statistics on the number of children we are serving, and found it is about one third of total individuals. Please leave your school supplies donations in the box in Fellowship Hall. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated!

Senior High Youth Back to School Lock In

Friday, August 20, 7:00 PM

Talk to Pr. Shari if you have questions.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, August 22, 10:10 AM in the Fellowship Hall

The Committee is nominating the following:

Congregation Council: Dr. Steve Hinrichs, Michael Jensen, Ann Miller and Bruce Nissen.

Endowment Board: Sarah Penn

deFreese Manor Board: With the possibility of impending sale of deFreese Manor, all Board members will remain.

Baptism Seminar

August 29, 10:10 AM

If you are interested in having your child baptized and have not been through a Baptism Seminar before, please join us. We will meet in the Nave. The purpose of the seminar is to introduce parents to the theology of baptism, walk through the baptismal liturgy, discuss scheduling for the baptism, and address any questions the parents might have. Please call the church office to register at 402-341-7761.

Confirmation Orientation

**Wednesday, August 25 starting at 6 PM with a meal
7th & 8th grade students and parents**

You are invited to attend an orientation meeting. We hope to be finished with our meeting time by 7 PM. Registration will take place during this meeting. If you are unable to attend, please make sure you are registered by August 26 in order to help our planning for the year to come and to be sure you have the information you need for the Confirmation year.

Today at Kountze

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Pr. Olaf for his birthday by Bill & Madaline Christensen; in memory of my parents, Anne & Charles Forslund given by Christine Forslund

Blessing of the Backpacks

Saturday, August 14 & Sunday, August 15

We are sending our teachers and students back to school with prayers and blessings. We welcome students and teachers of all ages to bring their backpacks, book bags, or briefcases to church on Saturday, August 14 or Sunday, August 15. Let's begin the new school year in prayer to celebrate God's gift of learning and bless those in their academic endeavors.

Summer Youth Trip Sharing

August 15th at 10:10 AM in the Fellowship Hall

There will be a presentation of the Tulsa trip and we will be honoring trip sponsors. Special treats will be part of the Fellowship hour. It is the hope that you will consider joining in this sharing opportunity.

'22 Youth Gathering Info Meeting

August 15th at 12:15 PM in the Youth Center

Noon meal will be provided

For all youth (8th to 12th grade this fall)

You and your parents are invited to attend an informational meeting on the Youth Gathering that will be taking place in Minneapolis from July 24 - 28, 2022.

Attendance and Giving

Saturday Attendance: 32

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 129 11:00: 37

Wednesday Attendance: 14

Total: 212

Streaming Attendance: 81

Cox Cable Attendance: 220

Pantry Guests Served: 783 (includes 268 children)

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 23

Offering:

\$20,749.00 (Regular) \$3,992.85 (Specials)

\$4,527.00 (Debt Reduction)

Jesus as the bread of life binds us together.

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

Sunday	John 6:51-58	Christ, the true food and drink
Monday	Proverbs 9:1-6	Wisdom's feast
Tuesday	Ephesians 5:15-20	Be filled with the Spirit
Wednesday	Acts 2:41-47	Life among believers
Thursday	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	The Lord's Supper
Friday	Matthew 26:17-30	The Passover with the disciples
Saturday	Psalms 34:9-14	God teaches the fear of the Lord
Sunday	John 6:56-71	Many disciples desert Jesus

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"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." John 6:51 (NRSV)

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, we thank you for your love that unites us in Christ and promises us life everlasting. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for the gift of this food today, just as we thank you for Jesus Christ and the gift of his presence to know and to share with one another. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May Jesus, the bread of heaven, bless you with life and faith now and always.

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

- What are some ways you enjoy spending time with family and friends?
- How does having meals together help build relationships?
- How does the Lord's Supper help you experience and feel the closeness of the Christian community?

Read: John 6:51-58.

John's Gospel does not have the words adapted for the Lord's Supper that one finds in Matthew, Luke, or 1 Corinthians. However, here you have Jesus speaking in terms that clearly reflect the Lord's Supper. John's Gospel interprets the meal's significance as a new manna, the bread from heaven that the Israelites received in the wilderness. While the Israelites would continue to complain and turn away from God, those who receive Jesus in the Lord's Supper, the bread from heaven, will live forever. They will abide with Jesus and Jesus with them. Jesus, as the bread from heaven, binds us together as the community of disciples. Such is the power and meaning of this meal for all generations. In the Lord's Supper Jesus has a relationship to his followers and his followers enjoy a relationship to each other. How does the Lord's Supper strengthen your relationship to other Christians? How does the Lord's Supper help you in your relationship with Jesus?

Pray: **Living God, we thank you for Jesus and the Lord's Supper that binds us to him, to one another, and to the promise of eternal life with you. Amen.**

Sharing a meal together is a valuable way to nurture relationships. Invite friends, family, especially those who live alone to have a meal with you, so that you may get to know them better and bless them with your care. Talk about your recent highs and lows and then pray together.

Ephesians 5:19 encourages us to *"sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your heart."* Think of some of your favorite hymns, children's songs, and psalms from the Bible. Sing them, read them as an offering to God, or listen to them online as music strengthens you in your life of faith.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69**