

## Special Notice

In compliance with government regulations restricting large gatherings we have canceled all worship services (Saturday, Sunday and Wednesdays), Sunday School, all meals, and other church activities through April 30. In the meantime, join us for Worship on Cox channel 13 or live streamed at <https://www.kmlchurch.org/live-streaming/>



# KOUNTZE

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## E-News and Social Media

If you would like to receive our weekly e-news and monthly e-newsletter, you can sign up by emailing [info@kmlchurch.org](mailto:info@kmlchurch.org) or text your e-mail address to 22828.

## Kountze Food Pantry

In response to the coronavirus threat we will be temporarily changing our distribution system at the Kountze Food Pantry, to allow for extra protection for our volunteers, as well as our guests. Volunteers are still needed to fill the bags, and unload the trucks. Guests will not be allowed in the building, and the volunteers can stay inside the pantry if they choose. Volunteers may also hand out bags if they are so called. Please consider coming to help on Monday morning. You may come anytime between 7:30 AM and 1:00 PM. People still need their food, and it is our mission to feed the poor in Christ's name. I pray you will feel called to help with this mission as usual on Monday.

## LYSO (Lutheran Youth Serve Omaha)

June 8—12

8:30—Noon

Grades K-12

Lutheran Youth Serve Omaha, or LYSO, is Vacation Bible School with a twist. It features faith formation, servant-hood, fellowship and fun! Children and youth will gather at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church for breakfast and devotions. Everyone is then divided by grade and sent out into the community to serve at sites around the Omaha-Metro area. Upon returning to Kountze, the youth will join together for reflection and a closing worship. Email Kristin Boe at [kristin@kmlchurch.org](mailto:kristin@kmlchurch.org) with questions. Registration coming soon!

## Today at Kountze

**Eternal Candle** is given to the glory of God in memory of Kelcey Renae Fike given by Mary Jo Fike and Family.

**Laurine Savine's** 95<sup>th</sup> birthday is today! Happy birthday Laurine!

## Sunday School

This Sunday I will post a video of the Children's sermon on this page (KMLC Parent Group). In addition, I will be providing some printable activities that relate to the lesson. Take a picture of your child's work and post it in the comments. Let's stay as connected as possible while we can't gather together. Stay tuned for more fun activities! In Peace, Kristin

**Youth Forum** will be at 10:30 AM via Zoom. Contact Mike Jensen at [mwjensen@yahoo.com](mailto:mwjensen@yahoo.com) for details.

## Attendance and Giving

**Saturday Attendance:** 36

**Sunday Attendance:** 9:00: 89 11:00: 62

**Total:** 187

**Pantry Guests Served:** 201

**Medical Clinic Guests Served:** 35

**Offering:**

\$6,726.54 (Regular) \$2,226.03 (Specials)

\$497.00 (Phase 2)

## *Evangelism is relational.*

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

Sunday	John 4:5-42	Jesus and the woman at the well
Monday	Exodus 17:1-7	The Lord gives water from a rock
Tuesday	Romans 5:1-11	Right with God
Wednesday	John 1:35-42	Come and see Jesus
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 2:5-12	Paul's relational ministry
Friday	Romans 12:9-21	Caring relationships
Saturday	Psalms 95	Call to worship
Sunday	John 9:1-41	The man born blind

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“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” John 4:29 (NRSV)

A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious God, thank you for reaching out to me and to all your people with steadfast love and faithfulness, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, just as you fed the people in the wilderness, we thank you for feeding us today. In the name of Jesus our Savior, amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1)

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

- How would you introduce yourself to a stranger?
- Who has introduced you to (or taught you about) Jesus? How did this happen?
- The woman at the well introduced Jesus to her townspeople. Who can you introduce to Jesus?

*Read:* John 4:5-42.

Jesus meets with a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. It's the place where Jacob met Rachel more than a millennium before. It is now the place where Jesus shows what it means that "God so loved the world" (John 3:16) by caring for a non-Jewish woman, someone who was alone and likely abandoned by her own people. The woman is so impressed by Jesus and their conversation that she goes to her townspeople and says, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" (v. 29) The Samaritan woman does three things that are essential traits of evangelism: 1) she invites ("Come and see"); 2) she tells her own story of her encounter with Jesus ("I just met a man who . . ."); and 3) she wonders if this is the awaited Messiah (Her question in the original Greek suggests she really doesn't think so.). Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships. How do you have conversations with others about Jesus?

*Pray:* Merciful God, just as Jesus stopped to talk to the woman at the well, help me to stop, listen, and talk to others and be an example of your love for them. Amen.

The Daily Bible Reading for Friday this week is about caring relationships. "Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers" (Romans 12:13). Think about what it feels like to be the new person on the block. Make a list of things you can do to extend a welcome to someone who is new in your community. Making a meal, giving rides, and introducing them to neighbors are a few ideas. What will you do to extend hospitality to a stranger this week?

During the third week in Lent, light three of the six purple candles on your Lenten Candle Cross. The acronym ACTS (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) is being introduced as a way to pray. This week represents "T", for Thanksgiving, meaning to express thanks and gratitude to God.

*Pray:* Dear God, I am thankful for all that you have given me. I thank you for . . . , in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41