

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 at least through the end of May.

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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Alleluia!

Kountze Food Pantry Volunteers

**Mondays, 7:30 - 9:00 AM; 9:00 - 11:00 AM;
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Fridays, 5:00 - 8:00 PM—note additional day & time (Friday Pantry hours are 6:00 - 8:00 PM).

The Kountze Food Pantry is operating as usual during the COVID-19 closings. We have modified our service to protect the volunteers and guests. It is important to limit the number of volunteers we have in the building at one time, so it is important you sign up at the link below, for a specific time if you plan on volunteering. We are in need of volunteers in May. You may sign up for 7:30—9:00 AM, which is specifically for unloading trucks and restocking. 9:00—11:00 AM is for filling sacks and distribution. 11:00 AM—1:00 PM is for distribution to guests. We also have a Friday evening service from 5:00—8:00 PM. We will be closed on Memorial Day. Please consider joining us!

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Today at Kountze

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

Attendance and Giving

Online Attendance: 208

Pantry Guests Served: 322

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 23

Offering:

\$14,855.04 (Regular) \$3,927.94 (Specials)

\$467.00 (Phase 2)

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 for details.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Pat & Robert Ranney in honor of their wedding anniversary; by Myrna Esluer in memory of her mother's 100th birthday.



This past Tuesday was a great day at deFreese Manor. The residents had a great lunch from the Company Kitchen at Physician Mutual and then got to watch these lights! On May 1st they will bring May Day bags and will do some chalk art on our sidewalks. (Pictured at right)

Followers of Jesus shepherd one another.

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

Sunday	John 10:1-10	Christ the shepherd
Monday	Acts 2:42-47	Life among believers
Tuesday	1 Peter 2:19-25	Example of Christ's suffering
Wednesday	Galatians 6:1-10	Bear one another's burdens
Thursday	Ezekiel 34:11-31	God, the true shepherd
Friday	Romans 12:9-18	Marks of the true Christian
Saturday	Psalms 23	The Lord is my Shepherd
Sunday	John 14:1-14	Jesus is the way, truth, and life



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Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. **Acts 2:46-47a (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

God our Savior and Good Shepherd, keep us close to your care, and in our times of suffering may we trust in you. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank you for preparing a table for us that we may be strengthened for our journey as we follow you, the Good Shepherd. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the shepherd and protector of your souls forgive you and give you peace forevermore. (1 Peter 2:24-25)

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

- How does a shepherd care for the sheep?
- In what ways can we care for one another as a shepherd does the sheep?
- How is Jesus a shepherd to you?

Read: Acts 2:42-47.

Every year the Fourth Sunday of Easter is the "Good Shepherd Sunday." Psalm 23 reminds us that the Lord is our shepherd. 1 Peter 2:25 states that Jesus is "the shepherd and guardian of your souls." John 10 speaks of the sheep who follow because they know the voice of the shepherd (v. 4). Acts 2 gives a picture of what the community of the Good Shepherd looks like. It is a people who shepherd one another by sharing their possessions (v. 45). Together they study the word of God, have fellowship, break bread and pray. Fellow shepherds of the soul do these things. Daily they worship publicly but also break bread in homes with "glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people" (vv. 46b-47a). The result is a community that by its very way of life and by the power of God adds "to their number those who [are] being saved" (v. 47b). A community of people caring for one another witnesses to God's love and results in more souls in the sheepfold. How is your home a place to shepherd souls?

Pray: Good Shepherd, thank you for calling out to us through a community that cares for one another publicly and also in our daily lives. Amen.

"They would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need" (Acts 2:45). There are many in our communities who are in need of food, clothing, and household goods. Organize or have a yard sale in your neighborhood with the proceeds going to those in need. If possible, place an ad in the local paper.

Draw or find a picture of a sheep. Imagine you are the shepherd for this sheep. Make a list of things you would do to take care of the sheep. Psalm 23 begins with the words, "The Lord is my shepherd." Read Psalm 23 and compare your list with the ways the Lord cares for sheep. Think about someone in your life who needs love and care. How can you be a shepherd for them?

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14