

Special Notice

If you plan to attend Worship in person, please call/e-mail the church office no later than noon on the Thursday before the Saturday or Sunday you want to attend. Please note that the plans set forth are subject to immediate change. You may still join us for Worship on Cox channel 13 or live streamed at <https://www.kmlchurch.org/live-streaming/>



KOUNTZE

Memorial Lutheran Church

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February 6 & 7, 2021

Kountze Food Pantry

Volunteers Needed

Mondays, 7:30 - 9:00 AM;

9:00 - 11:00 AM;

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Fridays, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

The Food Pantry is greatly in need of volunteers that can work 7:00 AM - 9:30 AM. This is when we get our deliveries and the heavy lifting is done. We are moving approximately 10,000 pounds of food each week. We still need volunteers to carry out food to the cars of our guests. We have shopping carts to assist the volunteers, so you only have to lift into and out of the cart. You will be paid handsomely with coffee and Barb's cookies! Please consider helping them out by volunteering at the link below:

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

Youth Summer Trip

Summer Trip Planning will take place through a Zoom Meeting with youth and parents on February 10 at 7:30 PM. If you are interested and did not get an information letter with Zoom access, please inform the church office so one can be sent to you.

Register for Summer Camp!

Go to <https://www.caroljoyholling.org/schedule> to register. Note: all deposits are fully refundable for the 2021 summer camp season. All summer camp registrations are done on a secure online registration site called UltraCamp. Directions for registration will be on the camp website.

Attendance and Giving

Saturday Attendance: 16

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 77

Total: 93

Online Attendance: 148

Pantry Guests Served: 351

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 23

Offering:

\$17,040.00 (Regular) \$5,540.46 (Specials)

\$1,447.00 (Debt Reduction)

Today at Kountze

Altar Flowers and Eternal Candle are given to the glory of God in memory of Joyce E Hahn by Wayne A Hahn and family.

Official Notice

Budget Q & A—Sunday, February 7

10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Annual Meeting—Sunday, February 14

10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

(& the Fellowship Hall if needed)

A Question and Answer Session on the 2021 Budget (included in the February Good News) will be held on **Sunday, February 7**

at 10:30 AM. This will also be

live-streamed. The Annual Meeting will be held in-person and will also be live-streamed and zoomed. If you have questions regarding the budget please e-mail them to our treasurer, Tim Backora (tbackora@cox.net) or to Pastor Olaf (olaf@kmlchurch.org).



Online Sunday School

Lessons are videotaped and posted on the KMLC Parents Facebook page as well as our Kountze Facebook Page.

Youth Forum

In-Person & Zoom on Sundays, 10:15 - 11:00 AM

All 9th – 12th Graders are invited to join us!

We will meet in person in the Fellowship Lounge and on Zoom each week

1st Sunday: Current Events (non-Covid related)

2nd Sunday: Bible Ponderings

3rd Sunday: Serving in the World and Games

4th Sunday: Checking In and Sharing Hopes

5th Sunday: Adventures (if on Zoom, we will carry you along with us.)

Contact Pastor Shari (402-341-7761 or

shari@kmlchurch.org if you need the Zoom Link info.

We will continue to be masked and social distanced for all meetings in person at the church.

Jesus heals as he preaches and teaches.

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

Sunday	Mark 1:29-39	Jesus heals many people
Monday	Isaiah 40:21-31	The Lord gives strength
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	For the sake of the gospel
Wednesday	Psalms 41	A prayer in time of sickness
Thursday	James 5:13-18	Remember to pray
Friday	Proverbs 3:1-8	Trust God
Saturday	Psalms 147:1-11, 20c	Praise the Lord
Sunday	Mark 9:2-9	Transfiguration of Jesus



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But those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31 (NRSV)

A Prayer for the Week:

Everlasting God, you strengthen the powerless; send us out with your message of love and healing through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Isaiah 40:29)

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you feed us with care and put rain upon the earth that your love we may share that gives all a new birth. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord renew your strength with wings like eagles, that you may run and not be weary, that you shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

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

- Talk or think about a time you have felt sick or weary?
- When you or someone you know has been ill, what has helped the recovery?
- Jesus brings good news that is filled with acts of love that heals lives. What is something in your life that you would like healed?

Read: Mark 1:29-39.

Does Jesus make a difference in this world or is he just a great guy with a sweet message and philosophy for a successful life? The world wants to know and the church needs to be able to answer in the affirmative: Yes, Jesus makes the difference for our world. This story from Mark 1 certainly believes it. The message that Jesus announces is more than words. It comes with actions that change lives. The hurts of the world find themselves at Jesus' feet again and again. Jesus doesn't have to go out and search for people in need. We all have a need for the kingdom that Jesus announces and lives. Demons are cast out, people are healed, Jesus prays, and his march forward into a world of need continues. Faith in Jesus is believing—at least wanting to believe—that Jesus makes the difference we need for hope and healing, peace and love. How does faith in Jesus make a difference in your world and the world of others?

Pray: **God of hope and healing, lead us into the world with good news that serves and loves others through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Caring for the sick is a special way of showing Jesus' love. Think of someone you know who is in need of healing. Send that person a card to let them know you are thinking of them or call, if possible, and take time to brighten their day through conversation. Bring their needs to Jesus in prayer throughout the week.

Christians are a praying people. There are many traditions we can introduce into our homes to remind us to pray and to help make prayer a routine part of our lives. Jesus gives us a model for a faithful prayer life when he seeks out time to be alone in prayer (Mark 1:35-37). Set aside time to be alone in prayer this week to give God thanks and pray for Jesus' healing for others. Close your prayer time with the Lord's Prayer.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: