

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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April 10 & 11, 2021

Kountze Food Pantry Volunteers and Clothing Needed Mondays, 7:30 - 9:00 AM

9:00 - 11:00 AM

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Fridays, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Have you ever bought what you needed at Kohl's or JC Penney, received either Kohl's Cash or a Penney's Reward, and then wondered "What should I use this for?" Use it to buy underwear, socks, hats and gloves! If you wait until the end of a season and buy on clearance, you can get a lot for your money. There is a need for everything in our community! Please put your donations in the Food Pantry Box in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you very much! If you are able to volunteer, please sign up by using the link below:
<https://form.jotform.com/200834787701155>

Explore Day Retreat Saturday, April 17, 2021 9 AM - 3:30 PM

Grades 1-6

Carol Joy Holling Camp

Cost: \$25

If your child is missing camp or has never been to camp, Explore! gives them the perfect opportunity to experience a day of adventure and faith-building out

Attendance and Giving

Maundy Thursday: 53

Good Friday: Noon: 55 **7:00:** 43

Saturday: 38

Sunday: 9:00: 150 **11:00:** 149

Total Holy Week/Easter: 488

Streaming Attendance: 360

Cox Cable Attendance 3/28: 319

Offering:

\$36,722.10 (Regular) \$4,217.77 (Specials)

\$1,497.00 (Debt Reduction)

at CJH Camp. For more info. or to register, go to <https://www.cjhcenter.org/explore>

Camp Carol Joy Holling and Sullivan Hills Summer positions available

Do you want to make a difference this summer? Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries is inviting you to consider working at Camp Carol Joy Holling and Sullivan Hills. There are a variety of positions for 12 graders - College Age Adults looking for a summer job. Go to nlom.org/smt to get started.

Today at Kountze

Eternal Candle is given to the glory of God given in gratitude by Pam & Bob Johnson in honor of Pr. Roynesdal for navigating Kountze through the pandemic

Television Broadcast is sponsored by Mary Olson in memory of her sister, Donna Baker

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 Youth Room and on Zoom each week

1st Sunday: Bible Ponderings

2nd Sunday: High School Hang Out

3rd Sunday: Serving in the World

4th Sunday: Host Middle School Hangout

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 physically distanced for all meetings in person at the church.

Seeing is believing, and believing is seeing.

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

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| Sunday | John 20:19-31 | Come and see and believe |
| Monday | Acts 4:32-35 | The sharing of goods |
| Tuesday | 1 John 1:1-2:2 | The word of life |
| Wednesday | Hebrews 11:1-40 | The meaning of faith |
| Thursday | 2 Corinthians 4:7-18 | Living by faith |
| Friday | 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 | We walk by faith |
| Saturday | Psalms 133 | The blessing of unity |
| Sunday | Luke 24:36b-48 | Jesus appears to the disciples |



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Jesus said to [Thomas], "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." John 20:29 (NRSV)

A Prayer for the Week:

Come Holy Spirit, give us the eyes of faith that we may believe and have life in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let this food to us be blessed. Let there be a goodly share on every table, everywhere. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Holy Spirit give you eyes to see and believe in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

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

- Talk or think about something you need to see in order to believe it is real.
- What does the expression "seeing is believing" mean to you?
- Jesus wants us to see with the eyes of faith. How is this possible?

Read: John 20:19-31.

Thomas wants what the other disciples experienced: seeing the risen Lord. Seeing is a major theme in the Gospel of John. Jesus says to two disciples, "Come and see" (John 1:39). The woman at the well tells the townspeople to "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done" (John 4:29); the man born blind sees Jesus and says, "Lord, I believe" (John 9:38). Mary Magdalene sees the resurrected Jesus in the garden and tells the disciples, "I have seen the Lord" (John 20:18). Our reading for this week ends with sensitivity to those who will not see the resurrected Lord Jesus yet will come to believe. The Gospel of John wrote down enough signs from Jesus that people "may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God" and "have life in his name" (v. 31). Today's disciples, like the ones in the Gospel of John, believe because they see through the eyes of faith. We have the Holy Spirit that we may have a living relationship with Jesus through today's disciples, those who continue to tell the stories of the Scriptures that we may come "to see," to believe and have life in the name of Jesus. Who or what has helped you see with the eyes of faith?

Pray: Risen Lord, we thank you for blessing us with a community of faith and the Scriptures that we may see that you are the Messiah, the Son of God. Amen.

In Acts 4:32-35 the first Christians gave witness to their faith by how they lived and cared for one another so that there was no needy person in their midst. It is still important for Christians to care for the needs of others. How can you reach out to someone in need this week?

John 20:19-31 tells us that Thomas found it hard to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. Jesus appeared to him and invited Thomas to touch him. God's love is not turned away by our questions and doubts. Complete this statement: Something I wonder about the Christian faith is _____. Then pray: **Lord Jesus, please come to me so that I may see you and believe. Amen.**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48**