

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

February 8, 2015

**KENT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNRISE BEACH, MO 65079**

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**63rd ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
PART II
FEBRUARY 8, 2014**

AGENDA

Call to Order – Jim Mellody, Council President

Devotions (*inside front cover of Annual Report*) – Pastor Beese

Approval of Minutes - Annual Congregational Meeting, 11/9/2014 – Jim Mellody

President's Report – Jim Mellody, Council President

Pastor's Report – Pastor Beese

Treasurer Reports

- General Fund – Gail Kruse
- Building Fund – Ken Gerardy
- 2015 Budget – Gail Kruse

Committee Reports

- Altar Guild
- Christian Education
- Columbarium
- Evangelism
- Finance & Stewardship
- Long Range Planning
- Mutual Ministry
- Property
- Social Ministry
- WELCA
- Worship & Music
- Youth

New Business

Adjourn – Closing Prayer

KENT MEMORIAL STAFF

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
David R. Beese	Pastor
Tracy Garrett	Office Secretary & Newsletter Editor
Kathleen Marco	Organist, Director of Vocal Choir
Toni Wagner	Director of Handbell Choir
Tracy Garrett	Coordinator of Worship & Artistic Ministries
Joyce Wanamaker	Assistant Organist
Gail Kruse	Custodian
Jim & Diane Ziehl	Kids Klub
Gail Kruse	Kent Kids
Helen Oldham	Prayer Chain
Sheryl Boos	Phone Tree
Lester Clark, Dan Garrett, Ken Gerardy, Michael Wagner	Sound Technicians
Don Brohm	Webmaster

**CHURCH COUNCIL
2015**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position, Committee</u>	<u>Term Exp.</u>
Jim Mellody	President, Property	12/2016
Gary Esbeck	Vice President, Social Ministry	12/2015
Bill Blomberg	Property	12/2015
Brian Kuckler	Christian Education	12/2015
Andrew Renken	Finance & Stewardship	12/2015
Jim Clements	Long Range Planning	12/2016
Carol Hansen	Christian Education	12/2016
Gail Kruse	Youth	12/2016
Lynn Burke	Property	12/2017
Eldeen Hanke	Evangelism	12/2017
Mark Kelly	Social Ministry	12/2017
Joyce Wanamaker	Worship & Music	12/2017

COUNCIL-APPOINTED POSITIONS

Carol Hansen	Recording Secretary
Gail Kruse	Church Treasurer
Warren Pray	Financial Secretary
Ken Gerardy	Building Fund Treasurer
Linda Kimberling	Building Fund Financial Secretary

COMMITTEES

(Pastor Beese & Council President are Ex Officio Members of all committees)

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ALTAR GUILD

Gladys Bohling
 Sheryl Boos
 Janet Harger
 Kandy Husbands
 Deb Kelly
 Jan Lacas
 Ingrid Niemann
 Bea Pray
 Sue Rosenthal
 Judy Ward
 Joy Whitlow
 Joan Wilken

President

Chuck Wanamaker

MUTUAL MINISTRY (Appointed by)

Janet Harger (Council)
 Carolyn Wiles (Council)
 Gerry Williams (Council)
 Susan Olson (Pastor)
 Eric Rosenthal (Pastor)
 Michael Ward (Pastor)

Chair

PROPERTY

Bill Blomberg
 Jim Mellody
 Lynn Burke
 Bob Ballard
 Earl Cowher
 Barry Olson
 Curtis Reams
 Chuck Wanamaker
 Vince Yount

Co-Chair, Council
 Co-Chair, Council
 Council

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Brian Kuckler
 Carol Hansen
 Dorothy Engelstad, Librarian

Council
 Council

COLUMBARIUM MINISTRY (Ad-hoc Committee)

Jerry Husbands
 Don Peterson

Dick Barker
 Dave Cauton
 Larry Fair
 Jerry Husbands
 Allen Kimberling
 Brian Kuckler
 Wayne Langton
 Floyd Wait
 Don Wilken
 Allan Burke
 Jim Clements
 Bob Harger
 Don Johnson
 Jack King
 Helmut Lacas
 Charlie Peterson
 Gary Wiles
 Jim Ziehl

EVANGELISM

Eldeen Hanke
 Wendy Blomberg
 Jan Gauck
 Bob Harger
 Pat Larson
 Joyce McHenry
 Barb Yount
 Carolyn Wiles

Chair, Council

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Phil Keeney
 Andrew Renken
 Gail Kruse, Treasurer
 Warren Pray, Financial Secretary
 Ken Gerardy, Building Fund Treasurer
 Linda Kimberling, Building Fund Financial Secretary

Council

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Sheryl Boos
 Gary Esbeck
 Mark Kelly
 Melba Bangert
 Evelyn Clements
 Jan Gauck
 Ann Say (partial year)
 Judy Ward

Chair, Council
 Council
 Council

LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Jim Clements
 Don Peterson
 Karen Pragman
 Ann Johnson
 Don Johnson
 Pat Larson
 Jim Ziehl

Council
 Co-Chair
 Co-Chair

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Joyce Wanamaker
 Joyce Burke
 Gary Wiles
 Linda Williams
 Kathleen Marco, Organist & Choir Director
 Toni Wagner, Handbell Director
 Tracy Garrett, Music Coordinator

Council

MINISTRY FUND

Stan Brandmeyer
 Phil Keeney
 Don Peterson

YOUTH

Gail Kruse
 Diane Ziehl

Chair, Council

**Kent Memorial Lutheran Church
63rd Annual Meeting Part I
November 9, 2014
10:30 a.m.**

MINUTES

65 Voting Members present

Meeting called to order at 11:20 a.m. by Council President Jim Mellody.

Pastor David Beese opened with a prayer.

Motion by Pat Poretta to approve the minutes from the Annual Meeting Part 2, February 9, 2014 as presented seconded by Warren Prey.

President's report was presented by Jim Mellody. Jim thanked outgoing Council Members Sheryl Boos, Pat Larson, Margo Strothmann and Barb Yount. Jim introduced and welcomed incoming Council Members Lynn Burke, Eldeen Hanke, Mark Kelly and Joyce Wanamaker.

Charles Peterson made a motion to close and accept nominations. Carolyn Wiles seconded and all approved.

Gail Kruse presented the 2015 budget. Warren Pray made a motion to approve the 2015 budget as presented. Maria Reth seconded and all approved.

No New Business to discuss.

Bob Ballard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alan Kimberling. All approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hansen

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

January, 2015

Greetings to Kent family and friends...

2014 has passed quickly! A reflection back on the year demonstrates how this church family and friends continues to serve the needs of our brothers and sisters with actions and with prayer. Time is given to visit those in need and assist with life needs. You continue to serve the community through Community for Christ, The Westside Senior Center, The Laurie Care Center, Share the Harvest, the Hurricane Deck School, South School, CADV, The Pregnancy Help Center and many others. All this and you continue to enhance the worship and fellowship experiences which continue making this a meaningful and spiritual place for members, families and guests. We are truly blessed to have a caring and giving congregation.

This past year has seen the passing of congregational members, family and friends. All of those that are now with Christ made living on this earth a better place and will be missed.

From a financial standpoint we do need to remain vigilant. On a positive note, we do continue to lower the building fund loan balance. The building loan was reduced by over \$43,500 in 2014. Thank you for your faithful giving. The current balance is just over \$149,500, and the loan should be paid in full in just over 4 years.

Thanks to the generosity and leadership of the congregation an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) was purchased. This tool can be a life saving device and a welcome addition to the church. Also rights to a software package have been purchased to assist in the record keeping of the Church. This was a year-long research project and will be a welcome addition. Thanks to all who contributed their time and efforts for this project.

In closing, thank you to all those who have contributed time, sacrifices and effort to not only make this Church a better place to worship, but continue to share Gods love with all.

It has been an honor and a pleasure being Kent's Council President for the past year. Thank you for putting your trust in me and giving me the responsibility to help the congregation. Of course, a special thank you to Pastor Beese and Tracy Garrett for all their help and support. I thank all the members of the Council and all the church committees and organizations. And thanks to all of you!

In Christ,
Jim Mellody

PASTORAL REPORT

In the constitution for congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America the following is said concerning the work of the pastor:

“Consistent with the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, every ordained minister shall preach the Word, administer the Sacraments, conduct public worship, provide pastoral care, and shall speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, calling for justice and proclaiming God’s love for the world. Each ordained minister with a congregational call shall, within the congregation, offer instruction, confirm, marry, visit the sick and distressed, and bury the dead; supervise all schools and organizations of the congregation; shall install regularly elected members of the Congregational Council, and with the council administer discipline.

“Every Pastor shall seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel and strive to extend the Kingdom of God in the community, in the nation, and abroad; shall impart knowledge of this church and its wider ministry through distribution of its periodicals and other publications; and shall endeavor to increase the support given by the congregation to the work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and of the Synod of the ELCA.”

During 2014 I have been privileged to serve you in Word and Sacrament ministry as defined above. I thank God for this privilege of serving as your pastor and I want you to know what a joy it has been!

The year has brought many opportunities for ministry for us as a congregation. The reports contained in this booklet highlight many of these ministries. While I will not elaborate on them in this report, I do want to express my deep gratitude to the many people who served so faithfully throughout the year in these ministries and especially to the members of the council and the council chairperson, Jim Melody, who led and guided the congregation in 2014. The ministry of Kent Memorial Lutheran Church is a team effort. The ministry of this congregation happens because a host of people contribute generously of their time, talents and treasures. I am very grateful for each and every person who served the Lord through this congregation in 2014.

We received five new families into our church family this last year: Pat Embich, Connie Johnston, Jack and Heather King, Ron and Jane Kornfeind, and Terry and Judie Robertson. For these signs of new life we give thanks to God. We were saddened by the loss of Verlyn Bohling, Ken Mueller, Bud Kidder, Tom Porter, and former member Hair Brown. We give thanks to God for these saints who witnessed to their faith in countless ways and now rest in the Lord.

As we look back at 2014, did we renew our participation in worship? Did we renew our participation in the study and application of God’s Word? Did we renew our desire to love and care for one another? Did we renew our commitment to give of time, talent and financial resources? Did we renew our determination to reach out to the community and the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Each of us must give answer to these questions. Hopefully, seeds of renewal were planted in the lives of all of us. Hopefully, we have all grown and matured as followers of Jesus Christ. God willing, the process of renewal will continue in 2015 for each of us personally and for us as a congregation.

As I look to the new year, 2015, I am very mindful of the many gifts with which God has blessed Kent Memorial. Each person who is part of this congregation is richly blessed with gifts from God. This means that we as a congregation are blessed with a multitude of diverse gifts. In a variety of ways this year let us focus our attention in 2015 on “the gifts of God for the people of God.” As we do that, how exciting it will be to discover anew the gifts God gives which enable us to do ministry not only as Kent Memorial at the lake but also in our ministry in Area 9 and the Central States Synod.

Before I bring this report to a close I want to publicly express my thanks for the staff of this congregation: Tracy, Kathleen, Toni, and Gail. We can be proud of the work they do on our behalf. I also want to say a word of thanks for Nancy. She has been a constant source of joy and encouragement to me. Her patience and understanding, her support and assistance constantly undergird my ministry, and I am grateful.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
2 Corinthians 13:14

Pastor Dave

STATISTICAL REPORT

Baptisms –

October 5 Eric Maxwell Sutton

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

2010 2011 2012 2013 2014

Confirmations – 0

Baptized Members
345* 354 357 369 372

First Communion – 0

Confirmed Members
286* 292 293 301 303

Deaths & Funerals – 6

January 9 Gerald Brumley
February 22 Ken Mueller
April 19 James Lansford (Assoc.)
May 28 Verlyn Bohling
August 16 Wallace “Bud” Kidder
November 13 Tom Porter

Average Weekly Attendance
133 130 133 122 105

** Membership count corrected in Parish Records*

Members Received – 8

March 23 Embich, Pat
Johnston, Connie
King, Jack & Heather
Kornfeind, Ron & Jane
Robertson, Terry & Judie
September 28 Metz, Steve & Rita

Members Released – 3

November 12 Mueller, Peggy
December 31 Say, William & Ann

Weddings – 4

June 21 Tom Kisor & Renee O’Neal
August 2 Cody Schmutz & Brittany Hansen
September 13 Terry Larson & Shannon Kosnopfal
October 18 William Whitworth & Alexis Renfroe

GENERAL FUND & TREASURER'S REPORT**Year over Year Cash Flow Comparison**

	1/1/2013 – 12/31/2013	1/1/2014 – 12/31/2014	Difference
INCOME			
Building Use	200.00	950.00	750.00
CD Interest Income	394.12	0.00	-394.12
Envelops Regular	127,940.00	136,994.04	9,054.04
Interest Income	20.91	30.23	9.32
KENT LOCAL	27,864.45	23,612.14	-4,252.31
Loose	14,588.54	14,569.62	-18.92
Other	26.00	12,783.82	12,757.82
TOTAL INCOME	171,034.02	188,939.85	17,905.83
PASS THROUGH INFLOWS			
Advent	788.00	792.00	4.00
Building Fund	6,335.00	6,430.00	95.00
Christmas Eve	1,582.00	888.86	-693.14
Community for Christ	100.00	40.00	-60.00
Disaster Response	25.00	0.00	-25.00
Lent	2,300.00	1,956.00	-344.00
Other	375.00	323.00	-52.00
PASTOR'S GIFT	1,485.00	1,455.00	-30.00
SHARE THE HARVEST	100.00	25.00	-75.00
Social Ministry	11,436.57	4,429.00	-7,007.57
VBS	277.00	205.00	-72.00
World Hunger	810.00	871.00	61.00
YOUTH	0.00	165.00	165.00
TOTAL PASS THROUGH INFLOWS	25,613.57	17,579.86	-8,033.71
TOTAL INCOME	196,647.59	206,519.71	9,872.12
EXPENSES			
Assembly Expense	590.00	780.88	-190.88
Benev			
CADV	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00
Community For Christ	1,700.00	1,950.00	-250.00
Lake Area Helping Hands	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Share the Harvest	1,700.00	1,950.00	-250.00
Show-Me-Home	500.00	0.00	500.00
Synod	19,082.00	19,273.53	-191.53
Westlake Ministerial Alliance	240.00	240.00	0.00
Westside Sr. Center	400.00	400.00	0.00
TOTAL Benev	25,722.00	25,913.53	-191.53
ChristEd			
Adult Education	110.43	132.90	-22.47
Home Devotions	521.00	542.95	-21.95
Lutheran Magazine	179.00	179.00	0.00
Sunday School	96.74	163.03	-66.29
Vac. Bible School	175.00	150.00	25.00
TOTAL ChristEd	1,082.17	1,167.88	-85.71
Dues Area Ministry 9	293.00	293.00	0.00
Evangelism			
Advertisement	866.74	761.26	105.48

Category	1/1/2013 – 12/31/2013	1/1/2014 – 12/31/2014	Difference
Fellowship Expn.	2,269.54	2,063.95	205.59
Kent Klowns	46.62	0.00	46.62
TOTAL Evangelism	3,182.90	2,825.21	357.69
Office	0.00	0.00	0.00
Phone	2,332.80	1,838.63	494.17
Postage	328.63	334.97	-6.34
Supplies & Equipment	2,030.13	2,342.64	-312.51
TOTAL Office	4,691.56	4,516.24	175.32
Pastor-EAM			
AutoExpn	1,027.00	1,456.80	-429.80
Disability Retirement Support	1,326.54	809.04	517.50
Flexible Spending Acct	175.00	0.00	175.00
Housing Allowance	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Medical-Dental	12,694.75	13,912.14	-1,217.39
Parsonage Phone	180.00	0.00	180.00
Pension	7,207.57	6,788.91	418.66
Prof. Expn.	-1.87	79.99	-81.86
Pulpit Supply	772.20	477.40	294.80
Sal-SS Offset-Taxable	3,549.00	4,250.04	-701.04
Sal-Taxable	37,100.04	40,100.04	-3,000.00
TOTAL Pastor-EAM	79,030.23	82,874.36	-3,844.13
Payroll-Contractor & NonTaxable	1,846.80	1,862.75	-15.95
Payroll-Taxable			
Choir Dir-Bell	1,250.00	1,200.00	50.00
Choir Dir-Vocal	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00
Cleaning	6,290.00	6,240.00	50.00
Music Coord	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
Organist	8,250.00	8,288.00	-38.00
Secretary	8,307.29	8,859.85	-552.56
TOTAL Payroll-Taxable	27,697.29	28,187.85	-490.56
Payroll-Withholding			
FEDERAL Empl. Share	0.00	0.00	0.00
SS_MED Empl. Share	0.00	0.00	0.00
SS_MED Kent Share	2,118.86	2,164.03	-45.17
STATE Employee Share	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Payroll-Withholding	2,118.86	2,164.03	-45.17
Property			
Alarm	269.46	269.46	0.00
Insurance	8,623.00	6,163.00	2,460.00
Other			
Appliance Maint.	308.75	0.00	308.75
Maintance	3,244.69	3,196.06	48.63
Outdoor Maint.	298.24	782.80	-484.56
TOTAL Other	3,851.68	3,978.86	-127.18
Utilities-City Water	895.17	1,136.81	-241.64
Utilities-Electric	5,682.09	6,967.00	-1,284.91
Utilities-Natural Gas	5,092.14	9,341.59	-4,249.45
Waste Removal	524.60	555.80	-31.20
TOTAL Property	24,938.14	28,412.52	-3,474.38
Stewardship	344.00	498.99	-154.99
Training & Retreats	27.00	0.00	27.00

Category	1/1/2013 – 12/31/2013	1/1/2014 – 12/31/2014	Difference
Worship & Music			
Altar supplies	0.00	229.51	-229.51
Choir - Handbell	135.25	85.00	50.25
Choir - Vocal	159.64	125.63	34.01
Worship	1,426.28	1,545.68	-119.40
TOTAL Worship & Music	1,721.17	1,985.82	-264.65
TOTAL EXPENSE	173,285.12	181,483.06	-8,197.94
PASS THROUGH OUTFLOWS			
ADVENT	788.00	792.00	-4.00
Building	6,335.00	6,430.00	-95.00
Christmas Eve	1,582.00	888.86	693.14
COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST	100.00	40.00	60.00
Disaster Response	25.00	0.00	25.00
LENT	2,300.00	1,956.00	344.00
Other	375.00	323.00	52.00
PASTOR'S GIFT	1,485.00	1,455.00	30.00
SHARE THE HARVEST	100.00	25.00	75.00
Social Ministry	11,436.57	4,429.00	7,007.57
VBS	277.00	205.00	72.00
World Hunger	810.00	871.00	-61.00
YOUTH	0.00	165.00	-165.00
TOTAL PASS THROUGH OUTFLOWS	25,613.57	17,579.86	8,033.71
TOTAL EXPENSES	198,898.69	199,062.92	-164.23
OVERALL TOTAL	-2,251.10	7,456.79	9,707.89

Account Balances

As of 12/31/2014

Account	Balance
Bank Accounts	
CD 8445 General Fund	17,362.19
CD 8446 General Fund	17,884.16
KENT CHECKING 7105471	24,194.13
TOTAL Bank Accounts	59,440.48
Liability Accounts	
AED, TREES, FURNACE	-985.11
BACKGROUND CKS	0.00
BUS TRIP	-246.84
COLUMBARIUM FUNDS	-5,481.00
DARLEEN MUELLER MEMORIAL	0.00
EASTER PAGEANT FUNDS	-1,516.11
HELPING KIDS FUND	-856.91
MEMORIAL FUNDS	-3,445.56
MINISTRY FUNDS	-150.00
MUSIC FUNDS	-1,369.19
PARSONAGE REPAIR FUND	-6,400.00
PICTORIAL	-503.00
ROOF REPAIR	0.00
STAINED GLASS FUND	0.00
STEWART-MCFADDEN	-1,339.29
THRIVENT CHOICE	-11,510.00
TOTAL Liability Accounts	-33,803.01
OVERALL TOTAL	25,637.47

Budget to Actuals Comparison

Category	2014 Actuals	2014 Budget	Variance
INCOME	188,939.85	187,810.00	1,129.85
ADULT EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	0.00
Building Use	950.00	0.00	950.00
CD Interest Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Envelops Regular	136,994.04	0.00	136,994.04
Interest Income	30.23	0.00	30.23
Other Interest Income	30.23	0.00	30.23
KENT LOCAL	23,612.14	0.00	23,612.14
Loose	14,569.62	0.00	14,569.62
EXPENSES	181,483.06	187,810.76	6,327.70
Assembly Expense	780.88	800.00	19.12
Benev	25,913.53	22,140.00	-3,773.53
CADV	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00
Community For Christ	1,950.00	1,950.00	0.00
Lake Area Helping Hands	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Share the Harvest	1,950.00	1,950.00	0.00
Synod	19,273.53	15,500.00	-3,773.53
Westlake Ministerial Alliance	240.00	240.00	0.00
Westside Sr. Center	400.00	400.00	0.00
ChristEd	1,167.88	977.40	-190.48
Adult Education	132.90	100.40	-32.50
Confirmation	0.00	67.00	67.00
Home Devotions	542.95	350.00	-192.95
Library	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lutheran Magazine	179.00	235.00	56.00
Sunday School	163.03	50.00	-113.03
Vac. Bible School	150.00	175.00	25.00
Dues Area Ministry 9	293.00	499.80	206.80
Evangelism	2,825.21	3,800.00	974.79
Advertisement	761.26	700.00	-61.26
Fellowship Expn.	2,063.95	3,000.00	936.05
Kent Klowns	0.00	100.00	100.00
Office	4,516.24	4,800.00	283.76
Phone	1,838.63	1,600.00	-238.63
Postage	334.97	700.00	365.03
Supplies & Equipment	2,342.64	2,500.00	157.36
Pastor-EAM	82,874.36	85,253.84	2,379.48
AutoExpn	1,456.80	1,200.00	-256.80
Continuing Educ.	0.00	500.00	500.00
Disability Retirement Support	809.04	890.00	80.96
Housing Allowance	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Medical-Dental	13,912.14	14,867.00	954.86
Pension	6,788.91	7,122.00	333.09
Prof. Expn.	79.99	500.00	420.01
Pulpit Supply	477.40	825.00	347.60
Sal-SS Offset-Taxable	4,250.04	4,250.17	0.13
Sal-Taxable	40,100.04	40,099.67	-0.37

Category	2014 Actuals	2014 Budget	Variance
Payroll-Contractor & NonTaxable	1,862.75	0.00	-1,862.75
Payroll-Taxable	28,187.85	32,968.00	4,780.15
Choir Dir-Bell	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
Choir Dir-Vocal	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00
Cleaning	6,240.00	6,240.00	0.00
Music Coord	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
Organist	8,288.00	9,760.00	1,472.00
Secretary	8,859.85	12,168.00	3,308.15
Payroll-Withholding	2,164.03	2,522.00	357.97
FEDERAL Empl. Share	0.00	0.00	0.00
SS_MED Empl. Share	0.00	0.00	0.00
SS_MED Kent Share	2,164.03	2,522.00	357.97
STATE Employee Share	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property	28,412.52	30,249.72	1,837.20
Alarm	269.46	500.00	230.54
Insurance	6,163.00	9,000.00	2,837.00
Other	3,978.86	3,250.00	-728.86
Maintance	3,196.06	2,000.00	-1,196.06
Outdoor Maint.	782.80	1,000.00	217.20
Parsonage Repairs	0.00	250.00	250.00
Utilities-City Water	1,136.81	899.72	-237.09
Utilities-Electric	6,967.00	8,000.00	1,033.00
Utilities-Natural Gas	9,341.59	8,000.00	-1,341.59
Waste Removal	555.80	600.00	44.20
Stewardship	498.99	600.00	101.01
Training & Retreats	0.00	100.00	100.00
Worship & Music	1,985.82	2,600.00	614.18
Altar supplies	229.51	400.00	170.49
Choir - Handbell	85.00	350.00	265.00
Choir - Vocal	125.63	450.00	324.37
Worship	1,545.68	1,400.00	-145.68
Youth Ministries	0.00	500.00	500.00
Kent Kids	0.00	250.00	250.00
Kent Krew	0.00	250.00	250.00
Net Difference:	7,456.79	-0.76	7,457.55

BUILDING FUND

Bank Balance 1-1-14	\$3,673.65
Deposits, interest and adjustments	50,690.15
Payments to MIF	51,000.00
Payment for Offering Envelopes	169.85
Bank Balance 1-1-15	\$3,193.95

Payments to MIF	\$51,000.00
Interest Paid in 2014.....	7,302.61
Principal Paid in 2014	\$43,697.39

Mortgage Balance 1-1-14	\$193,208.39
Principal Paid in 2014	43,697.39
Mortgage Balance 1-1-15	\$149,511.00

2015 Budget

Approved 2014-11-09

Category	2014 Individual Line Items	2014 Budget Totals	2015 Budget	2015 Budget Totals
BENEVOLENCE				
Community for Christ	1,950		1,950	
Show-Me-Home	0		0	
Share The Harvest	1,950		1,950	
Westside Senior Center	400		400	
Lake Area Helping Hands	1,000		1,000	
CADV	1,100		1,100	
Synod (13% of undesignated receipts)	15,500		19,000	
Westlake Ministerial Alliance	<u>240</u>		<u>240</u>	
TOTAL BENEVOLENCE		22,140		25,640
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION				
Adult Education	100		100	
Confirmation	67		67	
Home Devotions	350		350	
Lutheran Magazine - 20 @ \$11.75	235		235	
Sunday School	50		50	
Vacation Bible School	175		175	
Library	<u>67</u>		<u>0</u>	
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION		977		977
ASSEMBLY/CONVENTION EXPENSES				
	800		<u>800</u>	
TOTAL CONVENTION EXPENSES		800		800
DUES - AREA 9 MINISTRY				
	500		<u>500</u>	
TOTAL AREA 9 MINISTRY		500		500
EVANGELISM				
Advertisement	700		700	
Fellowship Expenses	3,000		3,000	
Kent Klowns	100		100	
New Members and Visitors	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
TOTAL EVANGELISM		3,800		3,800
OFFICE				
Phone	1,600		1,600	
Postage	700		700	

Approved 2014-11-09	2014 Individual Line Items	2014 Budget Totals	Proposed 2015 Budget	Proposed 2015 Budget Totals
Category				
Software			500	
Supplies and Equipment	<u>3,600</u>		<u>2,500</u>	
TOTAL OFFICE		4,800		5,300
PASTOR				
Auto Mileage & Tolls	1,200		1,200	
Continuing Education Allowance	500		500	
Professional Expense Allowance	500		500	
Pastoral Supply/mileage	825		825	
Medical and Dental	14,867		15,432	
Pension Contribution	7,122		7,122	
Disability/Retirement Support (to Synod)	890		2,374.40	
Salary-Housing Allowance	15,000		15,000	
Base Salary - Taxable	40,100		40,100	
Salary-Social Security (FICA)Offset - Taxable	<u>4,250</u>		<u>4,250</u>	
TOTAL PASTOR		82,254		87,303
STAFF PAYROLL - TAXABLE				
Choir Director - Bells (12 mos. @ \$100 per mo.)	1,200		1,200	
Choir Director - Vocal (12 mos. @ \$200 per mo.)	2,400		2,400	
Music Coordinator (12 mos. @ \$75 per mo.)	1,200		1,200	
Organist (\$126 for 52 two-service Sundays, \$68 for 16 single services, 40 rehearsals @\$53)	9,760		9,760	
Custodian Cleaning (\$120/week)	6,240		6,240	
Office Secretary @ \$12.70 per hour - 20 hrs./wk.	<u>12,168</u>		<u>13,208</u>	
TOTAL STAFF PAYROLL		32,968		34,008
STAFF PAYROLL WITHHOLDING (7.65% OF STAFF PAYROLL)	<u>2,522</u>		<u>2,601.61</u>	
TOTAL STAFF PAYROLL WITHHOLDING		2,522		2,602
PROPERTY:				
Insurance & Workers Comp	9,000		7,000	
Other: Appliance and Building Maintenance	2,000		2,000	
Outdoor Equipment Maintenance	1,000		1,000	
Parsonage Maintenance	250		250	
Total Other:	\$3,250			
Utilities: Electric	8,000		8,000	

Approved 2014-11-09	2014 Individual Line Items	2014 Budget Totals	Proposed 2015 Budget	Proposed 2015 Budget Totals
Category				
Natural Gas	8,000		11,000	
City water	900		900	
Waste Removal	600		600	
Alarm	<u>500</u>		<u>500</u>	
TOTAL PROPERTY		30,250		31,250
STEWARDSHIP	600		<u>600</u>	
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP		600		600
TRAINING & RETREATS	100		<u>100</u>	
TOTAL TRAINING & RETREATS		100		100
WORSHIP & MUSIC:				
Altar Supplies	400		400	
Choir-Handbells:	350		350	
Choir - Vocal	450		450	
Worship	<u>1,400</u>		<u>1,400</u>	
TOTAL WORSHIP & MUSIC		2,600		2,600
YOUTH MINISTRIES:				
Kent Krew	250		250	
Kent Kids	<u>250</u>		<u>0</u>	
TOTAL YOUTH MINISTRIES:		500		250
TOTAL BUDGET		\$187,811		\$195,550

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild of Kent Memorial serves under the auspices of the Worship & Music Committee and is responsible for all things having to do with the liturgical space and its furnishings. The Guild meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m.

The leadership and committee assignments were as follows: President, Sheryl Boos; Vice President, Janet Harger; Secretary, Kandy Husbands; Treasurer, Ingrid Niemann. In charge of Sunday flowers was Ingrid Niemann; Special Flowers (poinsettias, lilies, carnations, geraniums, etc.) Deb Kelly; Communion Assistants, Janet Harger; and Communion Supplies, Sue Rosenthal; Sunday Flower Chart, Sue Rosenthal.

Joan Wilken made many corsages for new members to wear at their reception of new members services. A big thank you to her for her donated time, skill, and material resources to supply Altar Guild these items.

The Altar Guild usually operates without budget funding if we have enough money income from the sale of flowers during the year. This year we are asking for a small budget allowance, but only to be used if we run short.

2014 ALTAR GUILD MEMBERSHIP:

Pastor Dave Beese
Sheryl Boos, President
Janet Harger, Vice President
Ingrid Niemann, Treasurer
Kandy Husbands, Secretary
Gladys Bohling
Floralie Harris
Deb Kelly
Jan Lacas
Sue Rosenthal
Judy Ward
Joy Whitlow
Joan Wilken
Bea Pray

In God's Service,

Your Altar Guild,
Sheryl Boos, President

ALTAR GUILD**Income/Expense Report
01/01/2014 – 12/31/2014**

Beginning Balance:	\$310.22
<u>Income:</u>	
Altar Flowers (contributions)	872.50
WELCA (contribution)	181.00
Easter Lilies	300.00
Christmas Poinsettias	468.00
Gift (Memorial): Paraments	<u>3,200.00</u>
Total Income	\$5,481.50
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Altar Flowers	910.25
Easter Lilies	180.00
Sue Rosenthal (reimburse)	86.94
1. Wine	86.94
2. Candles	32.90
Donnelly (Palms)	23.80
Christmas Gift to President, Sheryl Boos	30.00
Poinsettias	<u>605.00</u>
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$1,868.89</u>
Total Income / Expenses	\$3,612.61
Ending Balance 12/31/14:	<u>\$3,922.83</u>

Prepared by:
Ingrid Niemann, Altar Guild Treasurer
Sheryl Boos, Altar Guild President

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

I begin with these words from Pastor Dave several years ago:

The seeds of faith are planted in us at Baptism. Water pours over us as God calls each of us by name, making the seeds of faith come alive. We become sisters and brothers in the body of Christ, where we can grow in our faith together.

The choices we make affect the growth of faith. Think about your choices this past year. How committed have you been to receiving the gift of Scripture, Worship, and Prayer? How active have you been in fellowship, service and learning. Cherish the seeds of faith within you.

We thank, Carol Hansen, Diane Ziehl and her helpers who have, for quite some time now, been instrumental in seeing that the youth of our congregation and some from our community are taught the stories of our faith in the Old and New Testaments. Years from now these children will look back and remember how these teachers helped them grow in their faith. Thank you for your dedicated and inspiring teaching! Carol has taught Sunday School for many years and Diane Ziehl has led our Kids Klub, after school program for at least 4 years now.

We have had one student in our Confirmation Class this last year – Micah Reth. Pastor Dave led her through the Bible in the fall of 2013 and the spring of 2014. This fall Micah has joined the Adult Class as we have been reviewing Luther's Small Catechism. Pastor Dave has said that studying Luther's Small Catechism is a good way to learn what the Christian faith is all about.

Last winter the Adult Class addressed the topic of Anger and How to Control It. It was well received and the class learned quite a bit. Last spring they studied: "How to Develop a Powerful Prayer Life." Study included 1) Understanding the three foundations of a powerful prayer life. 2) Understanding the 5 basic prayer types. 3) Approaching God through daily praise and worship. As we said above, this fall and going into next year we are reviewing Luther's Small Catechism.

The Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Class has been studying the 4 Gospels these last few years. In January of 2014 they discussed Mark's Gospel. During the summer and on into this last fall and winter they are into Luke's Gospel. They are only half way into this Gospel, and encourage the Women of Kent to join them in studying this most orderly account of the life of Jesus.

The Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study has been reading through the New Testament this past year. They concluded their study in December. Join this group as they begin something new and different this new year.

The Christian Education Committee

COLUMBARIUM COMMITTEE

There are a total of sixty-three niches in the Columbarium; thirty-one are sold.

An increase in the rates was approved by the committee due to increased charges from Homecoming, Inc., who supplies the engraved granite name plaques.

As of December 31, 2014, there is \$5,481.00 in the Columbarium Fund.

All of the rules and regulations governing the use of the Columbarium are on the Kent website or may be obtained in the church office.

Committee Members:

Jerry Husbands

Don Peterson

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Evangelism Committee assists the Pastor and Church Council with a multitude of ministries that serve the various needs of our community as well as social needs of our congregation.

2014 Committee Members: Eldeen Hanke (2016), Jan Gauck (2016), Bob Harger (2015), Joyce McHenry (2015), Pat Larson (2015), Barb Yount (2015) Council Chair, Wendy Blomberg (2016), Carolyn Wiles and Pastor Dave Beese.

The committee meets the first Tuesday of each month @ 9:00am. Among ministries are:

- Homemade Bread and Literature to be given to First Time Visitors – Ushers hand out 1 loaf & literature per family plus 1 handmade wooden cross per visitor as Pastor requests them to stand and be recognized. Approximately 50-60 loaves handed out in 2014.
- Scheduling for coffee fellowship hour, Ordering & pick-up Donuts and Sugar-free cookies for after Sunday AM service(s).
- Host & set up Receptions for 25th, 50th, 60th, 70th Wedding Anniversaries & 90th Birthdays:

Brian & Judy Kuckler – 50 yrs	Phil & Rosie Keeney – 50 yrs
Jim & Maxing Williams – 50 yrs	Mike & Judy Ward – 50 yrs
Abraham & Tammy Enriquez – 25 yrs	Dick & Glenice Gibson – 50 yrs
Michael & Toni Wagner – 25 yrs	Don Tyler – 90 th Birthday
- Wednesday Evening Lenten and Advent Suppers – Serving with one or two other committees to prepare & serve one meal out of four for each of these suppers.
- Blood Drive – Hosted in connection with the Community Blood Bank three times each year in the Fellowship Hall in February, June and October, at which we serve cookies and juice.
- Kent Clown Ministry’s Budget connected to ours and reported monthly on activities.
- Portable Road Sign – Posting events monthly or weekly as required for Events.
- Photo Moments, Web Page & Newspaper Ads – Kept current of events with announcements, pictures and New Members pictures for Church Directory.
- Renew, Revive, Rekindle and New Members – New members invited via post-cards (sent out by Tracy) & asked to share about their families. Announcements of duties given by Kent Committees along with church Potluck.
- Visitor Follow-up – with cards or calls to Kent Visitors by Karen Pragman.
- Member Location Map & Chart – Keep names and pins current (in need of new Map).
- Distribute 5x7 Flyers – to businesses & resorts in May; Tracy updates flyer annually.
- Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner – Several homes hosting 6-10 people of our Congregation for “Get Acquainted Dinner”, usually in August or September.
- Provide a Social Opportunity for the Church – Plan and organize Branson Bus Trips in the Fall to see Musicals. Also arrange group tickets to the Main Street Opry at Christmas time.
- “Trunk or Treat” – Organize this fun evening in October in church parking lot to handout pencils and candy and a welcome to children in the neighborhood. Open to anyone who would like to participate, may wear costumes & decorate trunk of car if you like.
- Christmas Goodie Sacks for Sunday School Children – Make up goodie sacks with an apple or orange, candy cane and small gift, and also gift from the Altar Guild: to hand out to the children at their Sunday School Christmas Program or Christmas Eve Service.

Submitted by Jan Gauck, Secretary

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee successfully completed all of its obligations as described in the Constitution and By-laws during 2014. In August budget worksheets were given to each committee of the church to determine their needs for 2015. These were compiled for the Church Council to review at the October meeting. The Church Council approved the proposed budget and presented it at the annual congregational meeting in November. The budget was approved by the congregation.

Gail Kruse served as the Treasurer, Warren Pray served as Financial Secretary, Linda Kimberling as Secretary of the Building Fund and Ken Gerardy served as the Treasurer of the Building Fund. We appreciate the fine work that they do to keep track of the donations and spending of these funds.

Six teams of two counters each and a few substitutes were scheduled to count the offerings during 2014. Thank you to those members who have agreed to perform this important service.

An internal audit was conducted by the Finance and Stewardship Committee of these organizations within the church: Altar Guild, Building Fund, Kent Klowns, Men's Breakfast Group, Social Ministry, WELCA, Buddy Packs, Scripts and the Youth Committee. We also completed the audit of the Treasurer's books and records for Kent Memorial Lutheran Church. We found all of these 2014 records to be correct and properly maintained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Kimberling
Chairperson, Finance and Stewardship Committee

KENT KLOWNS

OFFICERS:

Teri Stout, President

Kathy Fair, Secretary

Vanessa Hebrank, Treasurer

The Klowns had a good year.

- May 3 Columbia College Face Painting and Balloons
- September 19th the Klowns presented the skit Living Water and socialized afterward for the Women of the ELCA Central States Synod Convention September at Port Arrowhead.
- September 20th is the Camdenton Air Show. Tattoos, sharing bubbles and other clown antics from 10:00 to 2:00.
- October 18 Hospital Face painting and balloons
- October 31 Trunk or Treat
- November 9th Klown Sunday at Russellville.
- November 16th Klown Sunday at Kent Memorial Lutheran.
- December 11 Laurie Care Center. Singing, dancing and hula hoop ball.
- December 17th Kids Club. Face Painting, Story, song and Nativity program.

Ending Bank Balance is \$561.02.

Submitted by Teri "Bella Rina" Stout, President

LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Don Peterson and Karen Pragman co-chaired the Long Range Planning Committee in 2014. Additional committee members were Ann Johnson, Don Johnson, Pat Larson and Jim Ziehl. Gloria Peterson joined the committee to fill a vacancy. Gloria worked closely with Cliff Stewart regarding his wishes for scholarship selection guidelines. These guidelines are the basis for awarding the Stewart-McFadden Scholarships. Her input, during the process of selecting scholarship recipients was valuable. Pastor Beese offered his guidance throughout the year.

Scholarship applications were offered to Camdenton High School, Lake West Academy and Versailles High School.

Five scholarships were awarded in 2014 as follows:

Allen Brumm	Versailles High School	\$1,000
McKayla Humiston	Camdenton High School	\$500
Kaitlyn Jones	Versailles High School	\$500
Hannah McDaniel	Camdenton High School	\$500
Samuel McGowan	Versailles High School	\$500

Allen Brumm and Kaitlyn Jones are both members of Kent Memorial. On May 18, 2014, a reception to honor the graduates and their families was held at Kent. The Long Range Planning Committee and the Evangelism Committee hosted the celebration.

Updating the church directory was a project taken on by the LRP committee this past year. Pictures of new members were taken and Tracy completed a format for the directory with a very professional look. Thanks to Tracy and LRP committee members for completing "round one" of the directory update. This will be an ongoing project as we work to include new members in our church pictorial directory.

Submitted by Karen Pragman

MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Members of the committee include: Carolyn Wiles, Janet Harger, Susan Olson, Mike Ward, Allen Kimberling, Gerry Williams and Pastor Beese.

The committee met quarterly as the liaison between Pastor, the other church employees and the congregation. As part of our duties we conducted the annual review of all church employees. Information from this is passed on to the church council and any requests for help by employees are followed up on.

In September the committee distributed the surveys "Parish Evaluation" and "Pastoral Priorities and Time Commitment" to the congregation to fill out. The results were tabulated and reported September 28 at the annual "Renew, Revive, Rekindle". The ensuing discussion was productive and no major areas of concern were revealed.

Submitted by Gerry Williams-Chairperson

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The property committee is responsible for maintaining the Church building and grounds. The committee consists of nine members and is chaired by a member of the church council. We handle routine maintenance. When necessary we schedule professional plumbers, electricians, air conditioning and heating contractors etc. We obtain bids as appropriate and present options and recommendations to the council for approval of major expenditures.

2014

We helped prepare the grounds for the Easter pageant and set up and took down the panels for the pageant.

We had a great turn out for the general fall clean-up which included raking and burning leaves. The wind was in the right direction and we were able to burn the ravine by the Easter Pageant area. We expect the ditch along Highway 5 will be cleaned in the spring as the road is widened to three lanes.

Special thanks to Charlie Peterson and Allen Kimberling for keeping the large area mowed between the parking lot and the road. They were ably assisted by Dick Barker on "the weed eater".

As you remember we removed several trees last year. This year we ground the stumps, brought in fill dirt where needed and replanted grass.

Joyce McHenry generously donated a DR Brush mower and DR string mower. We were able to sell the brush mower for \$1600. The string mower works great and we continue to use it. Thank you, Joyce.

We were finally able to fix the drain in the basement. It would back up when the water softener discharged and leave moisture in the area around two of the furnaces. Now that it is repaired we are able to use the water softener again.

Bryan Kuckler caulked and painted the windows around Pastor's office and the back of the church which reduced lost energy and made the areas more comfortable.

We had the gutters cleaned on the back of the church as they were not draining properly and this washed out the mulch around the flowers. Chuck Wanamaker and Earl Cowher cleaned the gutters on the front of the church.

The posts rotted on the Kent sign on the north end of our property. We were able to save the sign and replace the posts. The posts will need to be stained in the spring.

We have a few property issues that will be requiring attention in the future. The parking lot needs to be repaired and sealed. The wall by the Columbarium is leaning and at some point will need to be fixed. Two of our nine furnaces are due to be replaced. The carpet in the Fellowship Hall should probably be replaced at some time.

Submitted by Bill Blomberg, Co-Chair

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Social Ministry Committee is to “Share Jesus With All” with a focus on outreach into the local community and in the broader ministries of the church.

To carry out this purpose the Committee has listed for itself several goals:

- Lifting in prayer those in our community who are in need
- Keeping Kent members aware of the needs in the community through the bulletin and newsletter. Inviting representatives of outreach ministries to speak to the congregation.
- Looking for service opportunities that might engage all members of Kent.
- Responding to needs as we are able.

Committee Activities supported and carried out by the congregation for 2014:

- **The Blue Box Effort** – Members of the congregation are encouraged to bring pantry and household goods to church and place them in the Blue Boxes located in the narthex and the fellowship hall. Each month the contents of the boxes are taken to Share the Harvest or Community for Christ. Kent has made this a fun effort by tracking the numbers each month and often beating the totals given.
- **Festival of Sharing** – This is an ecumenical effort through which there is a state wide ingathering of food and goods that are sorted and distributed across the state and sometimes around the globe. The event is held in October at the State Fair Grounds in Sedalia. Congregations are invited to participate by volunteering or by donating food or goods. Kent gathered items for 99 dental kits.
- **The Loving Gifts Tree** - In 2014 members of the congregation provided gifts for 50 children through the CADV.
- **Salvation Army Bell Ringing** – From Thanksgiving until Christmas Eve the members of Kent stood at Save A Lot and rang the bell for donations to the Salvation Army. The efforts this year were shared with 2 other congregations making scheduling ringing easier on Kent. We enjoyed this cooperative spirit. 80% - 85% of the collection stays in our community. This was our best year yet of raising funds thanks to all who rang!!
- **Bingo Night** – In October we had our annual night of fundraising for the purpose of raising money to be used for needs in the community. Many participated in a fun night of card bingo, prizes, and appetizers. Close to \$10,000.00 was raised from this event.
- **The Darleen F. Mueller Memorial Fund For Children-** The committee continues to pursue needs for children in our area through this fund. In 2014 we helped a child from South school with a medical bill. During the summer we helped 4 youth campers attend camp at Rocky Mount. Fall and school season began and we helped with the socks and underwear program through the Child Advocacy here at the lake.

Kent Memorial supports several outreach ministries through its budget in benevolence. These line items are recommended by the Committee and approved by the congregation at its annual meeting. In 2014 Kent supported Share the Harvest, Helping Hands Shelter, Westside Senior Center, CADV, Community for Christ, ELCA Synod, and The Ministerial Alliance.

Designated envelope offerings, special gifts and fund raisers enable the committee to answer needs calls throughout the year. Included here is a brief financial statement of offerings and expenditures. A monthly report is shared with the council and in the newsletter.

Balance January 1, 2014	\$10,808.99
Deposits	\$13,092.00
Expenditures	-\$14,044.13
Balance December 31, 2014	\$ 9,856.86

These funds were used to assist with:

Electric (97), Rent (35), Propane (4), Gasoline (33), Lodging (5), Natural Gas (1), Furnace Repair (1), Christmas food certificates for Community For Christ (27).

The committee is deeply thankful for all of the support offered by members and friends of the congregation.

Thank you to each member of this committee for the time and energy given to this part of Kent's ministry. And, the committee thanks Pastor Beese for his leadership.

The 2014 Social Ministry Committee – Melba Bangert, Evelyn Clements, Gary Esbeck, Judy Ward, Jan Gauck, Mark Kelly, Ann Say (part year), and Sheryl Boos.

GOD'S WORK – OUR HANDS

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (WELCA)

President – Kathy Fair
Vice-President - Linda Williams
Secretary – Janet Harger
Treasurer – Linda Kimberling

2014 was a busy year for the Women of the ELCA. We hosted 6 different fund raising events – two Newcomers luncheons, the annual rummage sale, the combination chili and soup luncheon, bake sale and bazaar, the Pampered Chef event, and the cookie and candy sale – continued one and launched one on-going fund raiser in collecting the Best Choice UPC labels and with the sale of gift cards through the Great Lake Scrip program. We also hosted two social events – our May luncheon and our Christmas luncheon.

We continue to provide comfort to the pediatric patients of Lake Regional Hospital in two different ways. Newborns are kept warm with the hat and bootie sets crocheted by members of our group. In 2014 our ladies provided 69 sets. Both ER and pediatric inpatients can snuggle with one of the small stuffed animals we make. This year we were incredibly fortunate to have a great deal of material donated for use in this on-going project. Thanks to two generous individuals we have eight months of critters traced and ready for the other steps in the project – sewn, trimmed, turned, pressed, faces drawn, stuffed, and closed. We are looking for someone to draw faces on our critters as the person who had been doing our artwork needs to step down. Anyone who feels artistically inclined – WELCA member or not – see Kathy Fair.

We continue to support the hard working staff members of our local elementary schools. Our members take turn providing treats to the schools staff members as a way of saying thank you for everything they do to teach and lead our youth. This year we were able to provide Wal-Mart gift cards to each of the educators at South and Hurricane Deck schools to help purchase supplies for their classrooms. In 2014 we added a little touch to the Buddy Pack program and started providing a “birthday cake kit” and birthday card to those kids who receive Buddy Pack food.

Another way we support our local schools is through collecting and sharing both the Campbell's soup labels and Box Tops for Education labels. We invite not just WELCA members but everyone in the congregation to help support this effort. Check over every package before you toss it in the trash or the recycling bin. There may well be one of the labels that can help our schools. In 2014 we collected 736 Campbell's soup labels and 1457 Box Tops for Education. At a dime a piece, we saved a total of \$219.30 from landing in the trash. Money that our schools can use to help buy things that the school budget can't cover.

September 2014 was a very special (to say nothing of busy) time in that the Lake hosted the annual WELCA Central States Synod convention. Kent members were called on to act as greeters as convention attendees arrived and helped out in the hospitality suite. Eldeen Hanke went above and beyond with everything she did to provide hospitality to those attending the convention. Our Kent Klowns even got into the act when they were invited to participate in opening worship.

You can connect with your sisters in Christ locally at our monthly meetings, regionally at the cluster meeting held twice a year, synodically at the annual convention, nationwide at the triennial convention, and globally through the articles in Gather magazine and the on-line magazine Cafe. A great daily devotional resource is available through the Women of the ELCA web site. It's called Daily Grace and provides something to think about every day. And did I mention it's free?! We welcome all the women of the church to participate in the WELCA activities and monthly meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Fair, President

WELCA Income/Expense Report
01/01/2014 – 12/31/2014

Income:	Year End Totals
Bazaar/Chili/Soup/Bake Sale:	\$2,362.55
Birthday Offering:	\$29.00
Cash In:	\$1,411.00
Christmas Sock Offering:	\$260.00
Cookie Sale:	\$1,431.03
Cookbooks:	
Crafts:	
Donations:	\$537.26
KMLC /Coffee Reimbursement:	\$600.00
AWG/Save-a-Label:	\$120.00
Regular WELCA Meeting Offering:	\$267.00
Rummage Sale:	\$5,146.05
Thank Offering:	\$258.00
MISC: Buddy Packs	\$65.00
Newcomers Meal	\$1,725.00
Total 2014 Income:	\$14,211.89

Expenses:	Year End Totals
Annual Meeting:	\$61.43
Area Schools	\$2,776.30
Bazaar:	
Bazaar Soup/Chili supplies:	\$78.30
CADV Sunshine House:	\$300.00
Cash Out:	\$1,361.00
Center of Head Injury:	
Christmas Luncheon Gifts:	\$276.45
Cluster Meeting:	\$75.99
Community for Christ:	\$473.00
Craft Supplies:	\$197.95
Housekeeping:	
Farmer Brother's Food Service:	\$474.34
Funeral Meals:	
Kent Altar Guild:	\$204.00
Kent Building Fund: (Memorials)	
Kent Office Supplies:	\$100.00
Kent Youth:	
Kitchen Equipment:	
Kitchen Supplies:	\$724.96
KMLC General Fund: (Rummage Sale Proceeds)	\$2,588.02

Laurie Office Supply/name tags	\$15.21
Lutheran World Relief / Gifts:	\$370.99
Laurie Care Center:	\$99.92
May Luncheon:	\$34.15
Mid Mo Bible Camp:	
Women of ELCA:	\$133.50
Oaks Indian Mission:	\$200.00
Postage:	\$29.40
Ronald McDonald House:	
Share the Harvest:	\$300.00
Thanks Giving Donation:	\$258.00
Treasurer Supplies:	
Miscellaneous:	\$3,506.51
Messages:	
Total 2014 Expenses:	\$14,639.42

Submitted by Linda Kimberling, WELCA Treasurer

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Worship & Music Committee strives to bring meaningful worship services to the congregants of Kent Memorial Lutheran Church.

PURPOSE: This Committee assists the pastor and church council in assuring that the worship services are conducted regularly and in accordance with the liturgy of the ELCA. They are responsible for the provision and maintenance of the musical instruments, hymnals, pew Bibles, and other devotional materials. They supervise the effectiveness of the choir(s) and hymn selections for the services. The recruitment and training of ushers, greeters, acolytes, and lectors is an ongoing process. The Altar Guild, functioning within its own guidelines, is responsible to this committee.

Committee Members: Pastor Dave Beese, Joyce Burke, Tracy Garrett, Kathleen Marco-Cox, Margo Strothmann (Chair), Toni Wagner, Gary Wiles and Linda Williams.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2014:

Our thanks to the Altar Guild for the Easter lilies and poinsettias that added so much beauty to the sanctuary during our festival seasons.

This summer, worship was held both indoors and outdoors in the Ireland Chapel from May – September, when the weather permitted. Services were well attended with an average of 100 worshipers per Sunday outside and 44 per Sunday inside.

On August 10th, the 7th Annual *Evening With the Classics* was presented at Kent Memorial. Funds raised were shared with Community for Christ and the music programs of Harper Chapel United Methodist Church and Kent Memorial.

Joyce and Lynn Burke put together our 3rd Annual Fall Good Harvest display. It is a truly lovely way to remind us of the blessings we grow in our good earth.

Midweek Advent Services began December 3; average attendance was 55. The theme was “Let Us Adore Him.” Angel Crismons, made by member Kathy Fair, were given to each family attending Advent services. A meal was shared after each service, provided by different Kent committees each week. Our appreciation is extended to Joyce Burke, Tracy Garrett, Vanessa Hebrank and Kathleen Marco-Cox for leading the Holden Evening Prayer during worship.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service was another beautiful experience. The church was full with approximately 150 worshipers. The music prior to the service was beautiful. Special thanks to everyone who was involved.

Respectfully submitted,
Margo L. Strothmann, Chairperson

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Kid's Klub is our best outreach to our youth. The children learned the Lord's Prayer and we celebrated by spending an afternoon of fellowship at Miner Mikes. This school year we are teaching of Bible Heroes with great videos and stories.

Thank you to Jim and Diane Ziehl for all their hard work and to all the volunteers for their time and the meals they provide. A big thank-you to Kathy Fair who is working on new blackout curtains for the youth room. It gets very warm and hard to see the TV screen in the afternoons during Kid's Klub.

Our income was made of donations and can recycling income. Please keep saving cans!!

Kent Memorial Youth Accounts-2014

Savings acct balance 12/31/13	\$3,173.31
Interest Income	4.77
Balance in Savings -12/31/14	<u>\$3,178.08</u>

Checking acct balance 12/31/13	\$391.15
Can income	161.00
Donations	165.00
Bank Charge	5.00
CADV Christmas	-88.32
Kids Klub expenses	-293.21
Curtains expenses	<u>-293.69</u>
Balance in checking-12/31/14	<u>\$46.93</u>

Submitted by Gail Kruse