

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

February 14, 2016

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

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**64<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
PART 2  
FEBRUARY 14, 2016**

**AGENDA**

Call to Order – Mark Kelly, Council Vice-President

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

Approval of Minutes - Annual Congregational Meeting, 11/8/2015 – Mark Kelly

Pastor's Report – Pastor Beese

- Area Ministry "Palooza" April 17
- Sponsoring a Syrian refugee family

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**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>
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
Linda Williams	Prayer Chain
Sheryl Boos	Phone Tree
Lester Clark, Dan Garrett, Ken Gerardy, Michael Wagner	Sound Technicians
Don Brohm	Webmaster

**CHURCH COUNCIL****2016**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position, Committee</u></b>	<b><u>Term Exp.</u></b>
Jim Mellody	President, Property	12/2016
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
Joyce Wanamaker	Worship & Music	12/2017
Mark Kelly	Vice-President, Social Ministry	12/2017
Charles Niemann	Christian Education	12/2018
Andrew Renken	Finance & Stewardship	12/2018
Allen Kimberling	Mutual Ministry	12/2018
Don Peterson	Long-Range Planning	12/2018

**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)

Revised 01/22/2016

ALTAR GUILD

Melba Bangert  
 Nancy Beese  
 Sheryl Boos  
 Janet Harger  
 Kandy Husbands  
 Deb Kelly President  
 Ingrid Niemann  
 Bea Pray  
 Judy Ward  
 Ruth Osterbur

MUTUAL MINISTRY (Appointed by)

Janet Harger (Council)  
 Carolyn Wiles (Council)  
 Gerry Williams (Council) Chair  
 Susan Olson (Pastor)  
 Allen Kimberling (Pastor)  
 Mike Ward (Pastor)

PROPERTY

Bob Ballard  
 Lynn Burke Council  
 Jim Mellody Council  
 Barry Olson  
 Curtis Reams  
 Chuck Wanamaker Chair  
 Vince Yount

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Dorothy Engelstad Librarian  
 Carol Hansen Council  
 Brian Kuckler  
 Charles Niemann Council  
 Gerry Williams

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

COLUMBARIUM MINISTRY (Ad-hoc Committee)

Jerry Husbands  
 Don Peterson

EVANGELISM

Eldeen Hanke Chair, Council  
 Wendy Blomberg  
 Shirley Clark  
 Jan Gauck Secretary  
 Wayne Langton  
 Diane Reams  
 Carolyn Wiles

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Sheryl Boos Chair, Council  
 Sharon Ballard  
 Melba Bangert  
 Evelyn Clements  
 Jan Gauck  
 Mark Kelly Council  
 Judy Ward

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

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

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Tracy Garrett, Music Coordinator Chair  
 Katie Heaford  
 Kathleen Marco, Organist & Choir Director  
 Toni Wagner, Handbell Director  
 Joyce Wanamaker Council  
 Linda Williams

LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Jim Clements Council  
 Pat Larson  
 Don Peterson Co-Chair  
 Gloria Peterson  
 Karen Pragman Co-Chair  
 Jim Ziehl

YOUTH

Gail Kruse Chair, Council  
 Diane Ziehl Kids Klub

MINISTRY FUND

Stan Brandmeyer  
 Phil Keeney  
 Don Peterson  
 Chuck Wanamaker

**Kent Memorial Lutheran Church  
64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Part 1  
November 8, 2015  
10:30 a.m.**

**Unapproved Minutes - Annual Meeting Part 1 - November 8, 2015**

70 Voting Members present

Meeting called to order at 10:50 a.m. by Council President Jim Mellody.

Pastor David Beese opened with a prayer.

Motion by Gail Kruse to approve the minutes from the Annual Meeting Part 2, February 8, 2015 as presented, seconded by Charles Niemann and Linda Kimberling. All approved.

President Jim Mellody asked for a moment of silence for lost loved ones.

Jim thanked all outgoing committee members. Floor was opened for nominations for council seats. No nominations were brought to the floor. Ballot vote was collected and counted by Bill Blomberg, Eldeen Hanke and Charlie Peterson.

Gail Kruse presented the 2016 Budget for review. Keith Lingwall made a motion to amend the presented budget to include a 3% increase of salary per employee. Diane Ziehl seconded the motion and all approved. Motion passed. Michael Wagner made a motion to approve the amended budget to include a 3% salary increase per employee, seconded by Bob Harger and all approved.

Next annual meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2016.

New Business- Advent meals will now be a Potluck. Committees will be in charge of setting up and clean up after the meal.

Elected council members announced. Allen Kimberling, Charles Niemann, Don Peterson & Andrew Renken, who will be returning for another term. Term begins January 2016.

Floyd Wait made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave Curchy. All approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary

**Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**  
**63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting Part 2**  
**February 8, 2015**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Minutes - Annual Meeting Part 2 – February 8, 2015**

40 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 Chuck Wanamaker to approve the minutes from the Annual Meeting Part 1, November 9, 2014 as presented seconded by Tracy Garrett. All approved.

President Jim Mellody thanked all committee members and all those that just come and get stuff done! See a letter from Jim with the annual report.

Jim announced that the council has considered having the Annual meeting in one part instead of two. We will revisit the idea at the next Annual meeting in November.

Pastors Report- Pastor recognized past Baptisms and deaths. We welcomed ten new church members, released three and performed four weddings at Kent this year. Please see the Pastoral Report with the Annual report.

Treasurers report was presented by Gail Kruse. Nothing to approve.

Jim Mellody reported the building could be paid off in 3 to 4 years but we need to remain vigilant with our gifts.

Annual Committee Reports are available in the Annual Report handout.

Evangelism welcomed new committee members Diane Reams, Shirley Clark and Wayne Langton.

If you would like to become a Kent Clown please contact Kathy Fair.

Apology to Gloria Peterson her name was omitted from the front of the Annual Report.

Property Committee- Pastor Dave reported that they are going to spruce up the parsonage this spring.  
Social Ministry reported Sharon Ballard has joined.

Eldeen Hanke wanted to remind every woman that they are a WELCA member. Anyone is welcome to come anytime!

New Business- Kathy Fair spoke about Thrivent. Thrivent has developed a new form of distributing funds. Every Thrivent Member can apply for 2 action teams per year. An Associate can apply for one. If anyone needs help with applying please contact Kathy Fair.

Linda Kimberling made a motion to adjourn seconded by Vanessa Hebrank. All approved.  
Meeting was adjourned at 12:05.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

January 2016

Greetings to Kent family and friends...

A reflection back on 2015 again demonstrates how the church family and friends continue 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. Sacrifices are continually made 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, blood drives 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 need to remain vigilant. Our weekly offerings to support this church in our mission are necessary. As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

On a positive note, the building loan was reduced by over \$45,000 in 2015. Thank you for your faithful giving. The current balance is just over \$104,000, and the loan should be paid in full in just over 2 years.

In closing, a 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 God's 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 Melody

## PASTORAL REPORT

As I reflect on my years in ministry in Cleveland, Haven, Manhattan, Marquette and here at the Lake I see some parallels. Even though we know better, especially as Lutheran Christians, we sometimes want to earn our way into heaven. That old Adam and Eve (Satan) in us is constantly at work to make us think we have to do something to make God love us. While it is true that we can't ever measure up to God on our own, God still loves us and wants us as his very own – that's what baptism is all about – God calling us into God's kingdom and being with us all the time, reminding us what has been done for us in Jesus Christ.

I think all this carries over into the church. I believe we sometimes think that we are not the church until we get our act together, just like our personal lives, there's something we have to do to make ourselves worthy of God. Again that's the old Adam and Eve in us. Mark Allan Powell, professor of New Testament at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, said, "We don't have to strive to become the body of Christ, WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST. We are all part of one body...what happens to one of us affects the whole body whether we realize it or not. The mission of the church...is not to achieve unity....but to act as the united entity that we are. In other words how shall we be the church we already are?"

Yes, how shall we strive to be the church we already are? How shall we be in relationship to our neighbor? Will we be an evangelizing church inviting colleagues, neighbors, friends to come and see Jesus or will we be turned in upon ourselves? Will we be a church willing to be changed by the presence of those from other cultures, those who have felt excluded from the church because of race or different abilities, or young adults who have differing expectations of being church? Will we be a church committed to faith formation through worship and study? Will we continue to build on the strong themes of the Lutheran Reformation even as we expand our relationships with global companions and ecumenical partners? How shall we be the church as we relate to one another?

I am the church! You are the Church! We are the church together! How shall we be the church at Kent Memorial in 2016? How shall we relate to one another? How shall we relate to the world around us? We are One Body united together in Christ. Whether it's the ELCA or Kent Memorial, if we keep that fact centered in our hearts and minds we will move forward as the people we already are - The Church.

As we look back at the year now over we can see that by the grace of God good things have happened. The Lenten services in the spring, along with the festival Easter services and Pageant, Christmas Eve service and the worship each Sunday, pointed us to Christ, the foundation of our life and ministry.

The love of Christ was experienced in our midst in many ways as we continued our mission of Sharing Jesus With All: Share the Harvest, Community For Christ and the Blue Box, CADV and the Loving Gifts Tree, the Sr. Center, Laurie Care Center, Lake Area Helping Hands and our ministry at Hurricane Deck, South School and Dogwood Elementary through our volunteering in the classroom, the Buddy Pack Program through the school year and again helping out during the summer months and our caring for the teachers and staff. And let's not forget our Kent Klowns and "God's Work – Our Hands" Sunday, and ringing the bell for The Salvation Army. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You for the many hours you take out of your week to Share Jesus With All. Also a special thanks to WELCA and all the ways they support Kent and the community.

At the same time let's not forget the ministry we do in the larger church through the ELCA. What we cannot do by ourselves we do together with 3.7 million people in the United States and the Caribbean within the ELCA. Together, through our offerings we support 26 colleges and universities and 8 seminaries, support 220+ missionaries in more than 40 countries. We work for justice – support social ministry organizations, and we seek unity in faith and life with all Lutherans and six full communion partners.



I am confident that by the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit we will again be a church in mission. I invite all of you to join together in renewing our commitment to carry out God's mission of Worship, Witness, Learning, Service and Support to the best of our abilities. May the Lord help us to pursue God's mission here at Kent Memorial.

In Christ,

Pastor Dave

**STATISTICAL REPORT**

**Baptisms – 2**

October 4 Hermann, Paxon David  
 October 4 Worland, Braelyn Marie

**Confirmations – 1**

May 17 Reth, Micaela “Micah”

**First Communion – 0**

**Deaths & Funerals – 7**

February 7 Mary Gordon  
 April 30 Jeri Hunter  
 May 28 Leona Harper  
 June 27 Edith Venzke  
 October 15 Charles Evans  
 November 7 Earl Cowher  
 November 21 Frank LaRock

**Members Received – 10**

June 21 Gary Cover  
 Denise Cover  
 Bill Heaford  
 Katie Heaford  
 Keith Lingwall  
 Susan Lingwall  
 Eugene Melton  
 Randy Osterbur  
 Ruth Osterbur  
 Conrad Vinkavich

**Members Released – 2**

Kuecker, Bob & Janet

**Weddings – 7**

April 1 Wesley Hilton & Cassi Cover  
 May 2 Chuck Arney & Patricia Adams  
 May 30 Alec Carroll & Sarah Hover  
 July 18 Tim Schatersman & Eileen Krei  
 September 4 Ed Henry & Debbie Monteleoni  
 September 10 James Phillips & Dana Moeller  
 December 12 Kyle Larson & Rachel Johnson

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
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Baptized Members

354	357	369	372	376
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Confirmed Members

292	293	301	303	305
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Average Weekly Attendance

130	133	122	105	103
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**GENERAL FUND & TREASURER'S REPORT****Year over Year Cash Flow Comparison**

	<b>Category</b>	<b>1/1/2014 – 12/31/2014</b>	<b>1/1/2015 – 12/31/2015</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
	Building Use	950.00	400.00	-550.00
	CD Interest Income	354.71	180.25	-174.46
	Envelops Regular	136,994.04	147,212.00	10,217.96
	Interest Income	30.23	32.93	2.70
	KENT LOCAL	23,612.14	15,300.00	-8,312.14
	Loose	14,569.62	14,788.22	218.60
	Other	12,783.82	407.00	-12,376.82
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>189,294.56</b>	<b>178,320.40</b>	<b>-10,974.16</b>
	<b>PASS THROUGH INFLOWS</b>			
	Advent	792.00	1,049.00	257.00
	Building Fund	6,430.00	7,115.00	685.00
	Christmas Eve	888.86	1,079.00	190.14
	Community for Christ	40.00	130.00	90.00
	Disaster Response	0.00	150.00	150.00
	Lent	1,956.00	1,814.70	-141.30
	Other	323.00	2,447.90	2,124.90
	PASTOR'S GIFT	1,455.00	1,480.00	25.00
	SHARE THE HARVEST	25.00	0.00	-25.00
	Social Ministry	4,429.00	2,795.80	-1,633.20
	VBS	205.00	515.00	310.00
	World Hunger	871.00	968.72	97.72
	YOUTH	165.00	200.00	35.00
	<b>TOTAL PASS THROUGH INFLOWS</b>	<b>17,579.86</b>	<b>19,745.12</b>	<b>2,165.26</b>
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>206,519.71</b>	<b>198,065.52</b>	<b>-8,808.90</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
	Assembly Expense	780.88	690.15	90.73
	<b>Benev</b>			
	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
	Show-Me-Home	500.00	0.00	500.00
	Synod	19,273.53	20,870	-1,596.47
	Westlake Ministerial Alliance	240.00	240.00	0.00
	Westside Sr. Center	400.00	400.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL Benev</b>	<b>25,913.53</b>	<b>27,510.00</b>	<b>-1,596.47</b>
	<b>ChristEd</b>			
	Adult Education	132.90	0.00	132.90
	Home Devotions	542.95	562.55	-19.60
	Lutheran Magazine	179.00	179.00	0.00
	Sunday School	163.03	55.28	107.75
	Vac. Bible School	150.00	175.00	-25.00
	<b>TOTAL ChristEd</b>	<b>1,167.88</b>	<b>971.83</b>	<b>196.05</b>
	Dues Area Ministry 9	293.00	303.00	-10.00
	<b>Evangelism</b>			
	Advertisement	761.26	690.33	70.93

<b>Category</b>	<b>1/1/2014 – 12/31/2014</b>	<b>1/1/2015 – 12/31/2015</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Fellowship Expn.	2,063.95	2,202.91	-138.96
TOTAL Evangelism	2,825.21	2,893.24	-68.03
Office	0.00	0.00	0.00
Phone	2,332.80	1,838.63	494.17
Postage	328.63	334.97	-6.34
Software	0.00	455.00	-455.00
Supplies & Equipment	2,342.64	1,445.70	896.94
BANK CHARGE	0.00	10.00	-10.00
TOTAL Supplies & Equipment	2,342.64	1,455.70	886.94
TOTAL Office	4,516.24	4,228.20	288.04
<b>Pastor-EAM</b>			
AutoExpn	1,456.80	2,232.60	-775.80
Continuing Educ.	0.00	15.00	-15.00
Disability Retirement Support	809.04	2,374.08	-1,565.04
Flexible Spending Acct	0.00	0.00	0.00
Housing Allowance	15,000.00	15,000	0.00
Medical-Dental	13,912.14	15,122.40	-1,210.26
Pension	6,788.91	7,122.00	-333.09
Prof. Expn.	79.99	0.00	79.99
Pulpit Supply	477.40	1,165.65	-688.25
Sal-SS Offset-Taxable	4,250.04	4,250.04	0.00
Sal-Taxable	40,100.04	41,100.04	0.00
TOTAL Pastor-EAM	82,874.36	87,381.81	-4,507.45
Payroll-Contractor & NonTaxable	1,862.75	1,846.00	16.75
<b>Payroll-Taxable</b>			
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	7,920.00	368.00
Secretary	8,859.85	9,747.25	-887.40
TOTAL Payroll-Taxable	28,187.85	28,707.25	-519.40
<b>Payroll-Withholding</b>			
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	2,196.11	-32.08
STATE Employee Share	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Payroll-Withholding	2,164.03	2,196.11	-32.08
<b>Property</b>			
Alarm	269.46	296.40	0.00
Insurance	6,163.00	6,671.00	-508.00
<b>Other</b>			
Maintance	3,196.06	4,092.78	-896.72
Outdoor Maint.	782.80	787.96	-5.16
TOTAL Other	3,978.86	4,880.74	-901.88
Utilities-City Water	1,136.81	1,435.06	-298.25
Utilities-Electric	6,967.00	6,805.00	162.00
Utilities-Natural Gas	9,341.59	7,501.11	1,840.48
Waste Removal	555.80	577.30	-21.50
TOTAL Property	28,412.52	28,139.67	272.85
Stewardship	498.99	526.32	-27.33
Training & Retreats	0.00	160.00	-160.00

<b>Category</b>	<b>1/1/2014 – 12/31/2014</b>	<b>1/1/2015 – 12/31/2015</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Worship &amp; Music</b>			
Altar supplies	229.51	172.50	57.01
Choir - Handbell	85.00	85.00	0.00
Choir - Vocal	125.63	528.40	-402.77
Refurbishing Handbells	0.00	1,840.00	-1,840.00
Worship	1,545.68	1,047.18	498.50
<b>TOTAL Worship &amp; Music</b>	<b>1,985.82</b>	<b>3,673.08</b>	<b>-1,687.26</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>181,483.06</b>	<b>189,226.66</b>	<b>-7,743.60</b>
<b>PASS THROUGH OUTFLOWS</b>			
ADVENT	792.00	1,049.00	-257.00
Building	6,430.00	7,115.00	-685.00
Christmas Eve	888.86	1,079.00	-190.14
COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST	40.00	130.00	-90.00
Disaster Response	0.00	150.00	-150.00
LENT	1,956.00	1,814.70	141.30
Other	323.00	2,447.90	-2,124.90
PASTOR'S GIFT	1,455.00	1,500.00	-45.00
SHARE THE HARVEST	25.00	0.00	25.00
Social Ministry	4,429.00	2,795.80	1,633.20
VBS	205.00	515.00	-310.00
World Hunger	871.00	968.72	-97.72
YOUTH	165.00	200.00	-35.00
<b>TOTAL PASS THROUGH OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>17,579.86</b>	<b>19,765.12</b>	<b>-2,185.26</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>199,062.92</b>	<b>208,991.78</b>	<b>-9,928.86</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>7,811.50</b>	<b>-10,926.26</b>	<b>-18,737.76</b>

**Account Balances**

As of 12/31/2015

<b>Account</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
CD 8445 General Fund	17,558.79
CD 8446 General Fund	18,222.52
KENT CHECKING 7105471	36,130.23
Trust checking	0.00
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts</b>	<b>71,911.54</b>
<b>Liability Accounts</b>	
AED, TREES, FURNACE	-985.11
BACKGROUND CKS	0.00
BUS TRIP	-421.55
COLUMBARIUM FUNDS	-4,986.96
DARLEEN MUELLER MEMORIAL	0.00
EASTER PAGEANT FUNDS	-1,979.11
FLOOR FUNDING	1,703.00
HELPING KIDS FUND	-1,649.12
MEMORIAL FUNDS	-17,730.56
MINISTRY FUNDS	-150.00
MUSIC FUNDS	-1,875.19
OUTDOOR WORSHIP FUND	1,459.00
PARSONAGE REPAIR FUND	-7,093.43
PICTORIAL	-503.00
SPECIAL PROPERTY FUND	-5,963.68
STAINED GLASS FUND	0.00
STEWART-MCFADDEN	-2,318.34
THRIVENT CHOICE	-15,131.00
<b>TOTAL Liability Accounts</b>	<b>-63,949.05</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>7,962.49</b>

**Budget to Actuals Comparison**

<b>Category</b>	<b>2015 Actuals</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>178,320.40</b>	<b>187,810.00</b>	<b>-9,489.60</b>
ADULT EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	0.00
Building Use	400.00	0.00	400.00
CD Interest Income	180.25	0.00	180.25
Envelops Regular	147,212.00	0.00	147,212.00
Interest Income	<b>32.93</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>32.93</b>
Other Interest Income	32.93	0.00	32.93
KENT LOCAL	15,300.00	0.00	15,300.00
Loose	14,788.22	0.00	14,788.22
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>189,226.66</b>	<b>187,810.76</b>	<b>-1,415.90</b>
Assembly Expense	690.15	800.00	109.85
Benev	<b>27,510.00</b>	<b>22,140.00</b>	<b>-5,370.00</b>
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	20,870.00	15,500.00	-5,370.00
Westlake Ministerial Alliance	240.00	240.00	0.00
Westside Sr. Center	400.00	400.00	0.00
ChristEd	<b>971.83</b>	<b>977.40</b>	<b>5.57</b>
Adult Education	0.00	100.40	100.40
Confirmation	0.00	67.00	67.00
Home Devotions	562.55	350.00	-212.55
Library	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lutheran Magazine	179.00	235.00	56.00
Sunday School	55.28	50.00	-5.28
Vac. Bible School	175.00	175.00	0.00
Dues Area Ministry 9	303.00	499.80	196.80
Evangelism	<b>2,893.24</b>	<b>3,800.00</b>	<b>906.76</b>
Advertisement	690.33	700.00	9.67
Fellowship Expn.	2,202.91	3,000.00	797.09
Kent Klowns	0.00	100.00	100.00
Office	<b>4,228.20</b>	<b>4,800.00</b>	<b>571.80</b>
Phone	1,882.70	1,600.00	-282.70
Postage	434.80	700.00	265.20
Supplies & Equipment	<b>1,910.70</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>589.30</b>
Pastor-EAM	<b>87,381.81</b>	<b>85,253.84</b>	<b>-2,127.97</b>
AutoExpn	2,232.60	1,200.00	-1,032.60
Continuing Educ.	15.00	500.00	485.00
Disability Retirement Support	2,374.08	890.00	-1,484.08
Housing Allowance	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Medical-Dental	15,122.40	14,867.00	-255.40
Pension	7,122.00	7,122.00	0.00
Prof. Expn.	0.00	500.00	500.00
Pulpit Supply	1,165.65	825.00	-340.65
Sal-SS Offset-Taxable	4,250.04	4,250.17	0.13
Sal-Taxable	40,100.04	40,099.67	-0.37

Category	2015 Actuals	2015 Budget	Variance
Payroll-Contractor & NonTaxable	1,846.00	0.00	-1,846.00
Payroll-Taxable	<b>28,707.25</b>	<b>32,968.00</b>	<b>4,260.75</b>
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	7,920.00	9,760.00	1,840.00
Secretary	9,747.25	12,168.00	2,420.75
Payroll-Withholding	<b>2,196.11</b>	<b>2,522.00</b>	<b>325.89</b>
FEDERAL Empl. Share	0.00	0.00	0.00
SS_MED Empl. Share	0.00	0.00	0.00
SS_MED Kent Share	2,196.11	2,522.00	325.89
STATE Employee Share	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property	<b>28,139.67</b>	<b>30,249.72</b>	<b>2,110.05</b>
Alarm	269.46	500.00	230.54
Insurance	6,671.00	9,000.00	2,329.00
Other	<b>4,880.74</b>	<b>3,250.00</b>	<b>-1,630.74</b>
Maintance	4,092.78	2,000.00	-2,092.78
Outdoor Maint.	787.96	1,000.00	212.04
Parsonage Repairs	0.00	250.00	250.00
Utilities-City Water	1,435.06	899.72	-535.34
Utilities-Electric	6,805.00	8,000.00	1,195.00
Utilities-Natural Gas	7,501.11	8,000.00	498.89
Waste Removal	577.30	600.00	22.70
Stewardship	526.32	600.00	73.68
Training & Retreats	160.00	100.00	-60.00
Worship & Music	<b>3,673.08</b>	<b>2,600.00</b>	<b>-1,073.08</b>
Altar supplies	172.50	400.00	227.50
Choir – Handbell	1,925.00	350.00	-1,575.00
Choir – Vocal	528.40	450.00	-78.40
Worship	1,047.18	1,400.00	352.82
Youth Ministries	<b>0.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>
Kent Kids	0.00	250.00	250.00
Kent Krew	0.00	250.00	250.00
<b>Net Difference:</b>	<b>-10,906.26</b>	<b>-0.76</b>	<b>-10,905.50</b>



**BUILDING FUND**

Bank Balance 1-1-15 .....	\$3,193.95
Deposits, interest and adjustments .....	54,118.33
Payments to MIF .....	54,000.00
Bank Balance 1-1-16 .....	\$3,322.28

Payments to MIF .....	\$54,000.00
Interest Paid in 2015.....	5,217.14
Principal Paid in 2015.....	\$48,782.86

Mortgage Balance 1-1-15 .....	\$149,511.00
Principal Paid in 2015.....	48,782.86
Mortgage Balance 1-1-16 .....	\$100,728.14

## Approved 2016 Budget

Amended 11/8/15 and approved at Annual Mtg	Budget 2015	Proposed 2016	Difference 15-16
<b>BENEVOLENCE</b>			
Community for Christ	1,950.00	2,500.00	550.00
Show-Me-Home	0.00	0.00	0.00
Share The Harvest	1,950.00	1,400.00	-550.00
Westside Senior Center	400.00	400.00	0.00
Lake Area Helping Hands	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
CADV	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00
Synod (14% of undesignated receipts)	19,000.00	19,000.00	0.00
Westlake Ministerial Alliance	240.00	240.00	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>25,640.00</b>	<b>25,640.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>			
Adult Education	100.00	100.00	0.00
Confirmation	67.00	67.00	0.00
Home Devotions	350.00	550.00	200.00
Lutheran Magazine - 20 @ \$11.75	235.00	235.00	0.00
Sunday School	50.00	100.00	50.00
Vacation Bible School	175.00	175.00	0.00
Library	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>977.00</b>	<b>1,227.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>
<b>ASSEMBLY/CONVENTION EXPENSES</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>800.00</b>	<b>800.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>DUES - AREA 9 MINISTRY</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>EVANGELISM</b>			
Advertisement	700.00	700.00	0.00
Fellowship Expenses	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Kent Klowns	100.00	100.00	0.00
New Members and Visitors	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,800.00</b>	<b>3,800.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>OFFICE</b>			
Phone	1,600.00	1,800.00	200.00
Postage	700.00	500.00	-200.00
software	500.00	500.00	0.00
Supplies and Equipment	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,300.00</b>	<b>5,300.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Amended 11/8/15 and approved at Annual Mtg	Budget 2015	Proposed 2016	Difference 15-16
<b>PASTOR</b>			
Auto Mileage & Tolls	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
Continuing Education Allowance	500.00	500.00	0.00
Professional Expense Allowance	500.00	500.00	0.00
Pastoral Supply/mileage	825.00	825.00	0.00
Medical and Dental	15,432.00	15,432.00	0.00
Pension Contribution	7,122.00	7,122.00	0.00
Disability/Retirement Support (to Synod)	2,374.40	2,374.40	0.00
Salary-Housing Allowance	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Base Salary - Taxable	40,100.00	43,100.00	3,000.00
Salary-Social Security (FICA)Offset - Taxable	4,250.00	4,465.00	215.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87,303.40</b>	<b>90,518.40</b>	<b>3,215.00</b>
<b>STAFF PAYROLL - TAXABLE</b>			
Choir Director - Bells (12 mos. @ \$103 per mo.)	1,200.00	1,236.00	36.00
Choir Director - Vocal (12 mos. @ \$206 per mo.)	2,400.00	2,472.00	72.00
Music Coordinator (12 mos. @ \$103 per mo.)	1,200.00	1,236.00	36.00
Organist (\$129.78 for 52 two-service Sundays, \$70.04 for 16 single services, 40 rehearsals @\$54.59)	9,760.00	10,052.80	292.80
Custodian Cleaning (\$123.60/week)	6,240.00	6,427.20	187.20
Office Secretary @ \$13.08 per hour - 20 hrs/wk.	13,208.00	13,603.20	395.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34,008.00</b>	<b>35,027.20</b>	<b>1,019.20</b>
<b>STAFF PAYROLL WITHOLDING (7.65% OF STAFF PAYROLL)</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,601.61</b>	<b>2,679.58</b>	<b>77.97</b>
<b>PROPERTY:</b>			
Insurance & Workers Comp	7,000.00	7,300.00	300.00
Other: Appliance and Building Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Outdoor Equipment Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Parsonage Maintenance	250.00	250.00	0.00
Total Other: \$5,000 3,250			
Utilities: Electric	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
Natural Gas	11,000.00	10,500.00	-500.00
City water	900.00	1,100.00	200.00
Waste Removal	600.00	600.00	0.00

Amended 11/8/15 and approved at Annual Mtg	Budget 2015	Proposed 2016	Difference 15-16
Alarm	500.00	500.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,250.00</b>	<b>31,250.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>	600.00	600.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>600.00</b>	<b>600.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TRAINING &amp; RETREATS</b>	100.00	100.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>WORSHIP &amp; MUSIC:</b>			
Altar Supplies	400.00	400.00	0.00
Choir-Handbells:	350.00	350.00	0.00
Choir - Vocal	450.00	450.00	0.00
Worship	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,600.00</b>	<b>2,600.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>YOUTH MINISTRIES:</b>			
Kent Krew	250.00	0.00	-250.00
Kent Kids	0.00	250.00	250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	2015	2016 Proposed	
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>195,730.01</b>	<b>200,292.18</b>	<b>4,562.17</b>

## 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 10:00 a.m.

The leadership and committee assignments were as follows: President, Deb Kelly; 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.) Sheryl Boos; Communion Assistants, Janet Harger; and Communion Supplies, Sheryl Boos; Sunday Flower Chart, Bea Pray.

Joan Wilken made 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 these items.

The sale of lilies at Easter and poinsettias at Christmas each year allow the Altar Guild to operate without additional budget funding from the General Fund. This year we requested for a small budget allowance, but only to be used if we run short.

### 2015 ALTAR GUILD MEMBERSHIP:

Pastor Dave Beese

Deb Kelly, President

Janet Harger, Vice President

Ingrid Niemann, Treasurer

Kandy Husbands, Secretary

Gladys Bohling

Sheryl Boos

Jan Lacas

Sue Rosenthal

Joy Whitlow

Joan Wilken

Bea Pray

Melba Bangert

Nancy Beese

(Some of these members may have retired or moved during the course of the year, but were a big part of the Altar Guild while here.)

In God's Service,

Your Altar Guild,

Deb Kelly, President

**ALTAR GUILD****Income/Expense Report  
01/01/2015 – 12/31/2015**

Beginning Balance:	\$3,922.83
<u>Income:</u>	
Altar Flowers (contributions)	824.50
WELCA (contribution)	179.00
Easter Lilies	420.00
2014 Poinsettias	298.00
2015 Poinsettias	<u>553.50</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,275.00</b>
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Altar Flowers	860.00
Easter Lilies	180.00
Poinsettias (2015)	550.00
Christmas Gift to President Deb Kelly	25.00
Living Grace (communion cups, 1000)	71.95
Augsburg Fortress (500 wafers)	59.28
KMLC Property – blacktop	869.30
Paraments – final pay	1,130.70
Sheryl Boos – pre-pay paraments	<u>1,200.00</u>
<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,946.23</u></b>
<b>Total Income / Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,671.23</b>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/15:</b>	<b><u>\$1,251.60</u></b>

Prepared by:  
Ingrid Niemann, Altar Guild Treasurer  
Sheryl Boos



## **COLUMBARIUM COMMITTEE**

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

As of December 31, 2015, there is \$4,986.96 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.

2015 Committee Members: Eldeen Hanke (2016) Council Chair, Jan Gauck (2016), Wayne Langton (2018), Diane Reams (2018), Shirley Clark (2018), Barb Yount, Wendy Blomberg, Carolyn Wiles and Pastor Dave Beese.

The committee meets the first Tuesday of each month @ 9:00am. Among our 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 2015.
- Scheduling for coffee fellowship hour, Ordering & pick-up Donuts and Sugar-free cookies for after Sunday morning service(s).
- Host & set up Receptions for 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversaries & 90<sup>th</sup> Birthdays.
- Wednesday Evening Lenten and Advent Suppers – Serving with one or two other committees to prepare & serve a meal.
- 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 Klown 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 church secretary) & 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 a "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 hand out candy, pencils 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 Eldeen Hanke, Chair

**FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee completed all of its obligations as described in the Constitution and By-laws during 2015. 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 amended and then approved by the congregation.

An audit was conducted on the financial books and records of all organizations within Kent Memorial in January, 2015. All records were found to be correct and properly maintained.

Gail Kruse served as the Treasurer, Warren Pray served as Financial Secretary, and 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 2015. Thank you to those members who have agreed to perform this important service.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Kimberling, Chair

**KENT KLOWNS**

The Kent Klowns had a very busy year in 2015.

- In January we met for an evening of fellowship and “klownstorming” (what anyone else would call “brainstorming”) to discuss ideas for Klown Worship skits.
- The first Saturday in May there were two events. The first was on the Lake Regional campus where three of us helped entertain the children of those running in the annual hospital fundraiser 5K. The other two of our group walked the 5K. Our own Bella Rina came in first in the hotly contested Klown division. Ups E Daisy took first and a half place. The second event that day was on the Columbia College campus for the annual Community Appreciation Day. We did face painting and made balloon animals for those in attendance.
- In June we led one of the Sunday afternoon worship services at the Laurie Care Center. We enjoyed the chance to share the Good News of our Savior with the residence of the care center.
- We shared in the fun (and heat) at Praise in the Park in July. At that event we interacted with the young and young at heart, played with bubbles and helped apply temporary tattoos.
- In September, on God's Work, Our Hands Sunday we participated in Klown Sunday with skits, special music and liturgical dance.
- Also in September we helped entertain at the Camdenton Air Show. Here again we had fun interacting with the young and young at heart, played with bubbles and applied temporary tattoos.
- On Halloween we participated in Trunk or Treat in the parking lot at Kent and had a great time with the children of our community.
- In November, we took Klown Worship to the people of God at Christ-Trinity Lutheran Church in Sedalia. We thoroughly enjoyed getting this opportunity, thanks in part to a Thrivent Action Team and to the support of WELCA.

While it looks like we've been very busy (and we have been) we've had to turn down several invitations from local community events. Currently there are only five members of our Kent Klown ministry team and the five of us can only do so much. We are always hopeful that others would like to join us and join in the fun we have sharing the love of our Savior.

Account balance as of 01/01/2015	\$561.02
Expenses	\$95.62
Income	<u>\$75.00</u>
Account balance as of 12/31/2015	<b>\$540.40</b>

Submitted by Kathy “Ups E. Daisy” Fair, President  
 Vanessa “Flutterby” Hebrank, Treasurer

## LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members of the 2015 Long Range Planning Committee were: Jim Clements, Ann Johnson, Don Johnson, Pat Larson, Don Peterson, Gloria Peterson, Karen Pragman and Jim Ziehl. Pastor Dave Beese attended our meetings and offered advice and guidance in the decisions that our committee made. Don Peterson and Karen Pragman served as co-chairs of the committee.

Each year our main task is to facilitate the distribution of funds accumulated from the Stewart-McFaden Endowment Fund. The fund is invested with the ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust. The earnings from this fund, \$2,500.00, were utilized to award scholarships to area high school seniors in 2015.

Following the wishes of Cliff Stewart, members of Kent are to be given priority in the selection process. After considering many applications that were submitted, the committee chose four recipients to receive scholarships:

Sydney Irwin, a member of Kent and a senior at Versailles High School, received \$1,000.00

Emily Tichy, who attends Lake West Academy, was awarded \$500.00

Lucas McGuire, Camdenton High School, received \$500.00

Rebecca Molt, Camdenton High School, received \$500.00

A reception, honoring these scholarship recipients, was held Sunday, April 26, 2015 following the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Our committee has recognized that Kent will have four seniors graduating from high school in 2016. The question was raised as to how the money from the Stewart-McFaden Scholarship Fund would be awarded. A suggestion was made that the Kent congregation be given the opportunity to contribute to this fund. Pastor Beese addressed this issue at the scholarship reception. An article in the May newsletter also provided information concerning this matter.

Ann Johnson has requested that she and Don Johnson be replaced on the Long Range Planning Committee.

Submitted by Karen Pragman

**MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE**

Members of the committee include: Janet Harger, Carolyn Wiles, 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. The committee also monitors Pastor's continuing education and encourages him to pursue further education.

We find all church employees are well qualified for their position and doing an exemplary job. Kent is indeed fortunate to have our current work force.

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.

### 2015

Kent members continue to be cheerful volunteers and we had a great turn out for our fall clean up/ leaf burning, and in the spring as we stained the benches in the Outdoor Chapel.

We were fortunate this year as the widening of Highway 5 cleaned the ditch by the road and the property really looks nice. We sold our old string mower and Dick Barker bought a new one for the church to help us keep it trimmed.

Gerry Williams led the efforts to reduce moisture and odor in the church, basement, and crawl spaces. The air vents were cleaned. We removed sheet rock from an area in the basement that was damp and let the wall dry. We installed and run dehumidifiers in the basement. The wall is remaining dry. Several stained ceiling tiles were replaced. Furniture in the choir room was removed and or cleaned. The crawl spaces were treated.

Brian Kuckler repaired the outside keyboard canopy in the outdoor chapel area. Co-Mo removed several of the trees blocking the view of the lake from the chapel. Chuck Wanamaker then completed the project by removing several trees where needed. The view is great!

The outdoor sound system speaker on the steeple and the speaker in the nursery were repaired. We now have music as we enter the building on Sundays and parents with children in the nursery can hear the service. Allan Burke and Lynn Burke fixed the outdoor lights around the church and the steeple lights. Several furnaces and air conditioners were replaced this year.

We had the cracks in the parking lot repaired. There were over half a mile of cracks. Jack King repaired the gate on the trash dumpster enclosure. We repaired the front doors to the church so that they will lock properly. We replaced the glass in a large window in the gathering room.

Jim Mellody and Chuck Wanamaker replaced some of the memorial trees and planted new shrubs and landscaping at the parsonage. Chuck and Brian Kuckler also repaired and repainted one of the signs. A committee has been formed and is developing plans to replace the carpet in the fellowship hall. We have still not been able to fix the faucet on East side of the parking lot by the walking trail. We will figure it out!

As I conclude my time as Committee Chairman I would like to thank all of the Property Committee and church members for your help and assistance through the years. Chuck Wanamaker has graciously agreed to take on this responsibility and I know we will all help and support Chuck as we maintain our property to help us "Share Jesus with all."

Submitted by Bill Blomberg, 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 2015:

- **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 Community for Christ. We also did a special offering for one family this year to assist them during cancer treatments by supplying them with an enriched form of V-8 and Ensure.
- **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 dental kits and the Ballard family delivered them on October 17.
- **The Loving Gifts Tree** - In 2015 members of the congregation again generously provided gifts for 50 children through the Citizens Against Domestic Violence (CADV) organization. These children are starting their lives over without anything from home. The gifts you provide help bring them back to a little bit of normalcy as their mother’s seek to start a new abuse-free life.
- **Salvation Army Bell Ringing** – From Thanksgiving until Christmas Eve the members of Kent stood at Save A Lot in Laurie and rang the bell for donations to the Salvation Army. The efforts this year were shared with one other congregation making scheduling the ringing easier on Kent. We enjoyed this cooperative spirit. 80% - 85% of the collection stays in our community.
- **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. We again participated in a fun night of card bingo, prizes, and appetizers. \$7,149.00 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 2015 we did not have any requests for funding that we used through the fund. We would like to remind the congregation that this fund is also open for helping our Kent families who fit the criteria of the fund. Pastor Beese would be the contact to use and he would use confidentiality with any requests.

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 2015 Kent supported Community for Christ, Helping Hands Shelter, Westside Senior Center, CADV, Share the Harvest, our ELCA Synod, and The West Lake 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, 2015	\$ 9,856.86
Deposits	\$11,207.28

Expenditures	-\$11,266.24
Balance December 31, 2015	\$ 9,797.90

**These funds were used to assist with:**

Electricity (73), Rent (34), Gasoline (15), Lodging (3), Water (4), Medical (2), Family Assistance-Fire (1), Car Assistance (1), Phone Assistance (1), and \$400.00 towards food certificates to Save-A-Lot for turkeys or meat.

**The committee is deeply thankful** for all of the support offered by members and friends of the congregation. Your heartfelt caring for your community and the people near us who are struggling shows in these efforts!!

**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 2015 Social Ministry Committee – Melba Bangert, Evelyn Clements, Judy Ward, Jan Gauck, Mark Kelly, Sharon Ballard, Gary Esbeck (part year), and Sheryl Boos.

**GOD'S WORK – OUR HANDS**



**WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (WELCA)**

President – Pat Poretta  
Vice President – Sheryl Boos  
Secretary – Barb Yount  
Treasurer – Joyce Wanamaker

The women of Kent Memorial are brought together during the Church Year through the activities of WELCA. It gives them a chance to get to know each other better while participating in various endeavors that benefit our surrounding community. We are thankful for these opportunities and work that God gives to us.

In 2015 we spent time with many fundraisers. Serving the Newcomer's Club luncheons twice, the Annual Rummage & Boutique Sale, Christmas Cookie/Candy Sale, and Scrip Card sales, to mention some. Through these we raised money that was used for nursing scholarships at the hospital, money for Bible campers, gift cards for teachers to use when starting the school year for supplies they usually buy out of their own pockets, food for Buddy Packs backpacks, money for the synod for pastors just starting out after seminary, computer mice for the new school addition completion at Hurricane Deck Elementary, money towards new flooring for the fellowship hall when the time arises in the future, and money for an area pastor's family after a devastating fire.

We also turn fabric and stuffing into animals that children are given at our local hospital when they are admitted for emergency or hospital care. Bootie/Hat sets are knitted and crocheted for newborns at Lake Regional Hospital. There are many box tops, soup labels, and best choice labels cut out from our grocery supplies at home and sent in for redemption by the schools in our neighborhood. We spend time at the local schools reading, helping teachers, packing backpacks with food to take home, and encouraging others in the congregation to also volunteer at our local schools.

We take turns helping our church families with meals or rides when they need them through Care Core, and comfort families when they are mourning the loss of a loved one through a hot meal after a memorial service.

There are certainly things I am leaving out, but here at Kent this is some of what God calls us to do as the women of the ELCA when we become church members. We work together fulfilling that call. The year speeds by, but at the end we can look back and see many things accomplished!!

We welcome all the women of Kent Memorial to participate in this calling. We can do this at Kent, through our regional cluster meetings, and also nationally or on-line through the ELCA website. Check it out and join in the fun!

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheryl Boos, Vice President

**WELCA Income/Expense Report**  
**01/01/2015 – 12/31/2015**

<b>INCOME:</b>	<b>2015 Totals</b>
Bazaar/Chili/Soup/Bake Sale:	
Birthday Offering:	\$44.00
Cash In:	\$1,132.00
Christmas Sock Offering:	\$217.80
Cookie Sale:	\$1,745.47
Cookbooks:	\$10.00
Crafts:	
Donations:	
KMLC /Coffee Reimbursement:	\$600.00
AWG/Save-a-Label:	\$240.00
Regular Offering:	\$246.00
Rummage Sale:	\$5,988.04
Scrip Deposit	\$300.00
Spring Luncheon	\$419.00
Thank Offering:	\$250.00
MISC:	\$112.12
Newcomers-Luncheon Hosts	\$1,563.00
Newcomers-Bake Sale	\$206.55
<b>Total 2015 Income:</b>	<b>\$13,073.98</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	<b>Year End Totals</b>
Annual Meeting:	
Area Schools:	\$1,075.00
Bazaar:	
Bazaar Soup/Chili supplies:	
CADV Sunshine House:	\$300.00
Cash Out:	\$1,132.00
Center of Head Injury:	
Central States Synod Mission Endowment	\$1,703.34
Christmas Luncheon Gifts:	\$133.93
Cluster Meeting:	
Community for Christ:	\$528.34
Craft Supplies:	\$289.09
Housekeeping:	
Farmer Brother's Food Service:	\$374.96
Funeral Meals:	
Kent Klowns	\$88.04

Kent Altar Guild:	\$202.50
Kent Building Fund: (Memorials)	
Kent Office Supplies:	\$125.00
Kent Youth:	\$500.00
Kitchen Equipment:	
Kitchen Supplies:	\$317.37
KMLC General Fund: (Rummage Sale Proceeds)	\$1,703.00
KRAZO / Name Tags:	
Lake Regional Nursing Scholarship	\$2,164.47
Lutheran World Relief / Gifts:	\$217.80
Laurie Care Center:	\$168.47
May Luncheon:	
Mid Mo Bible Camp:	\$45.00
Women of ELCA:	\$123.00
Oaks Indian Mission:	\$200.00
Postage:	\$19.60
Ronald McDonald House:	
Share the Harvest:	\$300.00
Thanks Giving Donation:	\$250.00
Treasurer Supplies:	\$52.60
Trinity Lutheran WELCA:	
MISC:	\$407.05
MISC: Returned Check & Bank Charge	\$34.62
MISC: Rummage Sale Donuts	\$14.97
MISC: Pastor Graves donation	\$200.00
<b>Total 2015 Expenses:</b>	<b>\$12,670.15</b>

Submitted by Joyce Wanamaker, 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 (Chair), Kathleen Marco-Cox, Toni Wagner, Joyce Wanamaker (Council Representative and Secretary) and Linda Williams.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF 2015:**

Our thanks to the Altar Guild for decorating the Sanctuary and Gathering Place with Easter lilies and poinsettias in their respective seasons. They add such beauty during our festival seasons.

Our Midweek Lenten services focused on “Disordered Loves: Healing the 7 Deadly Sins.” Average attendance for Wednesday evenings was 43. On Palm Sunday, we opened the service in the Fellowship Hall and 144 worshippers processed into the Sanctuary waving palms and singing hosannas to our King. Easter Sunday saw us welcoming 213 to worship at Kent. The 47<sup>th</sup> performance of the Easter Pageant, “He Is Risen!” was a wonderful success.

This summer, worship was held both indoors and outdoors in the Ireland Chapel from Memorial Day until Labor Day, when the weather permitted. Attendance was down from previous years, averaging 81 worshippers per Sunday outside and 46 per Sunday inside. The roof covering the piano outdoors was dedicated in memory of Ken Mueller by his family.

On August 9<sup>th</sup>, the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual *Evening With the Classics* was presented at Kent Memorial. Funds raised were shared with Community for Christ and the Kent Memorial music program.

Joyce and Lynn Burke put together our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall 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 2; average attendance was 45. The theme was “Flames for the Faithful: Worship Around the Advent Wreath.” A potluck meal was shared after each service. Our thanks go to all the committees who assisted with set-up and clean-up for the meals. Our appreciation is extended to Joyce Burke, Tracy Garrett, Kathleen Marco-Cox and Vanessa Hebrank for leading the Holden Evening Prayer during Advent worship.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service was another beautiful experience. The church was filled with nearly 150 worshippers. The music prior to the service was beautiful and we thank our Vocal Choir, Handbell Choir and instrumental and vocal soloists for sharing their gifts that evening. A special thanks to Kathleen Marco-Cox and Toni Wagner for leading our choirs with such dedication this year.

A huge thank you to Joyce Burke for serving on the Worship & Music Committee for the last four years. Your willingness to serve is appreciated. We welcome Katie Heaford to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tracy Garrett, Chairperson

## YOUTH COMMITTEE

Kid's Klub is our best outreach to our youth. Diane Ziehl is incorporating how to use the stories from the Bible to situations at school. Our average attendance is 8.

A big thank you to all that provide meals. Thank you to Jim and Diane Ziehl for all their hard work and to Gerry Williams, Joyce Wanamaker and Floralie Harris, for volunteering their time

We have 4 seniors that are graduating in 2016. I know we have not seen much of them lately, but 14 years ago, they were here, making the church buzz! We wish them all the best!

Delaney Brumm  
Shade Bullock  
David Hansen  
Abby Kruse

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

### Kent Memorial Youth Accounts-2015

Savings Account Balance 12/31/14	\$3,178.08
Interest Income	<u>4.79</u>
Balance in Savings -12/31/15	<u>\$3,182.87</u>
Checking Account Balance 12/31/14	\$46.93
Income:	
Can income	36.40
Donations	450.00
Expenses:	
CADV Christmas	86.97
Kids Klub	100.55
Curtains	<u>6.42</u>
Balance in Checking 12/31/15	<u>\$339.39</u>

Submitted by Gail Kruse