

2016 ANNUAL REPORT
KENT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNRISE BEACH, MO 65079

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KENT MEMORIAL STAFF

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
David R. Beese	Pastor
Tracy Garrett	Office Secretary & Newsletter Editor
Joyce Wanamaker, Margo Strothmann	Organists
Tracy Garrett	Director of Vocal Choir
	Director of Handbell Choir
Tracy Garrett	Coordinator of Worship & Artistic Ministries
Gail Kruse	Custodian
Linda Williams	Prayer Chain
Sheryl Boos	Phone Tree
Lester Clark, Dan Garrett, Ken Gerardy, Allen Kimberling, Michael Wagner	Sound Technicians
Don Brohm	Webmaster

CHURCH COUNCIL**2017**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position, Committee</u>	<u>Term Exp.</u>
Gerry Williams	President, Property	12/2019
Don Peterson	Vice President, Long-Range Planning	12/2018
Lynn Burke	Property	12/2017
Eldeen Hanke	Evangelism	12/2017
Joyce Wanamaker	Worship & Music	12/2017
Charles Niemann	Christian Education	12/2018
Andrew Renken	Finance & Stewardship	12/2018
Allen Kimberling	Mutual Ministry	12/2018
Curtis Reams	Property	12/2019
Carol Hansen	Christian Education	12/2019
Donna Young	Social Ministry	12/2019

COUNCIL-APPOINTED POSITIONS

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

2017 COMMITTEES

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

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ALTAR GUILD

Melba Bangert
 Nancy Beese President
 Sheryl Boos
 Janet Harger
 Kandy Husbands
 Jan Lacas
 Ingrid Niemann
 Ruth Osterbur
 Judy Ward
 Diane Ziehl

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Carol Hansen Council
 Brian Kuckler
 Charles Niemann Council
 Gerry Williams

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
 Donna Young

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

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

LONG-RANGE PLANNING

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

MINISTRY FUND

Stan Brandmeyer
 Phil Keeney
 Don Peterson
 Chuck Wanamaker

MUTUAL MINISTRY (Appointed by)

Janet Harger (Council)
 Carolyn Wiles (Council)
 Gerry Williams (Council) Chair
 Wendy Blomberg (Pastor)
 Allen Kimberling (Pastor)
 Mike Ward (Pastor)

PROPERTY

Bob Ballard
 Allan Burke
 Lynn Burke Council
 Jim Melody
 Barry Olson
 Curtis Reams Council
 Chuck Wanamaker
 Vince Yount
 Gerry Williams

Dick Barker	Bill Blomberg
Larry Fair	Bob Harger
Jack King	Brian Kuckler
Helmut Lacas	Wayne Langton
Charlie Peterson	Larry Lutjen
Joe Poretta	Gary Wiles
Don Wilken	Jim Ziehl

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Sheryl Boos Chair, Council
 Sharon Ballard
 Melba Bangert
 Evelyn Clements
 Jan Gauck
 Judy Ward
 Donna Young Council

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Tracy Garrett, Music Coordinator, Vocal Choir Chair
 Katie Heaford
 Toni Wagner
 Joyce Wanamaker Council
 Linda Williams

YOUTH

Gail Kruse Chair

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church
64th Annual Meeting Part 2
February 21, 2016

Minutes
Approved November 13, 2016

Meeting called to order at 10:18 a.m. by Council Vice President Mark Kelly.

63 Voting Members present

Pastor David Beese opened with the Devotional Litany, prayer and song.

Motion by Linda Kimberling to approve the minutes from the Annual Meeting Part 1, November 8, 2015 as presented seconded by Gail Kruse. All approved.

Pastors Report- Pastor spoke about the upcoming Area Ministry "Palooza" on April 17th. This year the event is open to anyone that would like to attend. Pastor has been given permission from the Council to look into sponsoring a Syrian refugee Family. If you have any questions or concerns you may speak to Pastor or any Council member. Only research is being done at this time.

Gail Kruse presented the Treasurer's report and Budget. Nothing to approve.

Building Fund Report- Pastor presented. New balance is \$92,082.67.

Committee Reports- Detailed Committee Reports can be read in the Annual Report or monthly in the Newsletter. All Committees have room for more Members.

New Business- Carpet in the Fellowship Hall will be replaced. Council members are presently looking at carpet samples. The next Annual Meeting the congregation will vote on not having an Annual Meeting Part 2 in February. All business will be conducted in one meeting. Pastor presented some possible options for the 65th anniversary of the Church in 2016. A committee will be formed, anyone interested in being on that committee contact Pastor. Cheryl Vinkavich commented on installing a lighted sign to replace the portable one currently in use. Council Vice President Mark Kelly said Council will look into it.

Gail Kruse made a motion to adjourn seconded by Eldeen Hanke. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Next annual meeting will be held November 13, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church
65th Annual Congregational Meeting Part 1
November 13, 2016
Unapproved Minutes

Meeting called to order 11:15 by Eldeen Hanke.

64 Voting Members present.

We opened with singing "God Bless America". Prayer led by Pastor Dave Beese.

Eldeen Hanke introduced Committees, giving time for a committee member to explain what they do.

A motion was made by Bill Blomberg to approve the minutes from the Annual Meeting Part 2, February 14, 2016 as presented, seconded by Gail Kruse. All approved.

We welcomed new members. Welcome, Joanne Blaney, Leo & Katherine Lindeman, Tom & Karen Ringsdorf and Nancy Williams.

Pastors Report- Pastor Dave Beese stated it was a pleasure to serve as our Pastor. He has been joining the Central States Synod in study about Stewardship. Stewardship is not about the money, it's more about everything we do every day. In 2017, each committee should ask themselves, "How does what we do proclaim the gospel to us and to our community?" Special thanks to Bill Blomberg for his service to the property committee. He has dedicated many hours to various projects noticed and unnoticed. Thank you! Chuck Wanamaker and Lynn Burke have taken over for Bill. Thank you both! Chuck will report to council about the work needed in the parsonage.

Thank you to all outgoing council members, Jim Clements, Carol Hansen, Gail Kruse and Jim Melody.

Nominations for council are Carol Hansen, Curtis Reams, Gerry Williams and Donna Young. Charles Peterson made a motion to close and accept nominations, seconded by Linda Kimberling. All approved.

We had discussion of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution & By-Laws. Gail Kruse made a motion to accept all proposals, seconded by Wendy Blomberg. All approved.

Gail Kruse presented the Treasurers Report and 2017 Budget. Tracy Garrett made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Charles Niemann seconded the motion and all approved.

Old Business- None

New Business- Because of the amount of work to be done in the parsonage Brian Kuckler suggested that it be hired out.

Eldeen Hanke thanked everyone for coming. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Cheryl Vinkavich, seconded by Dan Garrett. All approved. Meeting adjourned 11:55 a.m. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

January 2017

Greetings to Kent Lutheran family and friends...

A reflection back on 2016 continues to demonstrate how the Kent Lutheran family and friends continue to service the needs of our brothers and sisters, with action, love and prayer. Always, 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, blue box, buddy packs and many other services. All this and you continue to enhance the worship and fellowship experiences that make Kent Lutheran a meaningful and spiritual place for members, families and guests. We are truly blessed to have a caring and giving congregation.

This past year Kent Lutheran was blessed to celebrate our 65th year as a place to worship and give thanks to our Lord. Thank you to everyone that helped in this celebration.

Let us not forget the passing of congregational members, family and friends, now with Christ, who made living on this earth a better place, they 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 \$50,000 in 2016. Thank you for your faithful giving. The current balance is just over \$55,000 on December 2016 and should be paid in full in just over one year or sooner.

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 last three years. I wish the best of luck to our new Council President Gerry Williams. Thank you for putting your trust in me and giving me the responsibility to help the congregation.

In closing, 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!

A humble servant in Christ,
Jim Mellody

PASTORAL REPORT

This report will never make the “best seller” list of books, but that doesn’t mean that it has no value. It doesn’t have an exciting story-line or contain some startling new information, but that doesn’t mean that it is unimportant. This collection of reports and statistics is a tool to help us all evaluate our ministry together at Kent Memorial. Its purpose is to help us look forward in planning a more effective ministry to each other and to our community under the grace of God’s Spirit.

An annual report looks backward in review so that we can look forward in planning. What will we do in the year ahead – and how can we do better? Will we continue to grow spiritually in Bible Study? Will we respond to our Savior’s invitation to be his guest at his table? How will we continue to respond to our Father’s love through our words and actions and in using the abilities God has given to us? What opportunities do we have (as individuals and as a congregation) to win people for Christ through our witness? How can we plan to be better stewards of the gifts God has given to us. What can we do to become a more caring community in expressing our Christian love to each other in times of need, and how can our concern for others who are not part of our congregation help make the Gospel-promise real for them? All these and possibly a few more that you can think of are questions that we need to continually ask ourselves as we seek to be more faithful and effective in fulfilling our responsibilities as disciples of Christ in this place.

A highlight of 2016 for me are all the times we gathered together to pray, to listen to the Word read and proclaimed, to worship and to sing praises to the God we love in Jesus Christ, especially the new hymns we learned, (let’s do more of that in 2017!) and most important to receive Christ himself in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion! What a joy it is to witness to our community in the Easter Pageant every year. It is those times in worship that have strengthened us to serve God in and through this spirit-led congregation.

Receiving new members is always a blessing. This year we welcomed: Joanne Blaney, Leo and Katherine Lindeman, Tom and Karen Ringsdorf and Nancy Williams. We also remember our sainted members: Sue Rosenthal, Betty Bennett, Judy Swigart, Carolyn Durkin, Irene Straub and former members Rod Lambie and Paul Boswell. We will miss all those moving away from the Lake: Gary and Teresa Jones, Bob and Janet Kuecker, Keith and Susan Lingwall, Terry and Judie Robertson, Stan Rohde, Warren and Bea Pray and Conrad Vinkavich.

Other highlights for me are the times we met together in council and committees to plan and carry out the mission of God in this place. What a joy it was to celebrate our 65th anniversary through our “Stayin’ Alive at 65” Wellness Fair and the worship service the following day as we welcomed former Pastor Jim Trutwin and Mary and Daniel and family, and Pastor Gene Moll and Gladys, and then several months later to actually meet Richard Delaney who has worshiped with us since then and who actually went to school with Kent Zimmerman! Thank you to Gerry Williams and his task force who organized the Saturday event!

Another highlight was the Sunday we listened to Nicole Reimer from the Catholic Refugee Service speaking to us about how to help the refugees fleeing from Syria and other places. It is always good to be open to God calling us to do new things!!

Our Fellowship events are always a highlight. Nancy and I had to miss our congregational trip to Branson to see “Moses,” but we know all of you really enjoyed that day. Our Social Ministry Fundraiser was a delight, as are all the WELCA luncheons and fundraisers and even the Rummage Sale! The Easter Breakfast, sandwiched between the Sunrise Service and Easter Pageant, is a time to rejoice in the Good News of the Resurrection as we share a meal together.

Thank you WELCA and Buddy Pack staffers for continuing to carry out our mission to Hurricane Deck

School's staff, teachers and students.

We said farewell to Kathleen Marco-Cox, who served as organist and choir director for many years, but were gratified when Margo Strothmann and Joyce Wanamaker and Tracy Garrett were willing to fill the void before advertising these positions. With Kathleen leaving the congregation that meant leaving the parsonage as well – so thank you especially to Chuck Wanamaker, Lynn Burke and Eldeen Hanke who are overseeing the needed repairs and refurbishing, and to Jack King for caulking and painting the entire main floor. There is a lot of work still to be done!!!

As always the year was jam-packed (I think that's a word) with all kinds of activities. And I say a personal word of thanks to you, the members of Kent who love the Lord and continually find ways to express that love. Thank you for your time, talents and your treasures. A special thank you to the wonderful people who make up the staff of Kent Memorial; I am blessed to be able to serve my Lord with you: Tracy, Gail, Margo, Joyce and Toni.

And thank you NANCY!!! You are my life-partner and I know you try to make me a better organizer! You make me a better pastor and husband, and father!!

AND THANK YOU LORD FOR YOUR UNBELIEVABLE LOVE AND GRACE!!!!!!

P: GO IN PEACE!! SERVE THE LORD!!

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

Your Servant,

Pastor Dave Beese

STATISTICAL REPORT

Baptisms – 2

March 6 Renken, Lyla Marie
 April 9 Stidham, Carly Raelyn

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
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Confirmations – 0

<u>Baptized Members</u>				
357	369	372	376	354

First Communion – 0

<u>Confirmed Members</u>				
293	301	303	305	281

Deaths & Funerals – 6

April 23 Rosenthal, Sue
 April 27 Bennett, Betty
 June 23 Straub, Irene *
 July 9 Knight, Bill
 October 4 Swigart, Judith
 October 31 Durkin, Carolyn

<u>Average Weekly Attendance</u>				
133	122	105	103	98

* Associate Member

Members Received – 6

April 10 Blaney, Joanne
 Lindeman, Leo & Katherine
 Ringsdorf, Tom & Karen
 November 13 Williams, Nancy

Members Resigned or Released – 24

January 26 Brumm, Brenda
 Fee, Tom & Karen
 Gould, Fred & Suzanne
 Jones, Gary & Teresa
 Kasselmann, Dennis & Jean
 Killion, Gerald & Jean
 Lingwall, Keith & Susan
 Ousley, Russ & Carol
 Patterson, Barb
 Racen, Janet
 Robertson, Terry & Judith
 Spaulding, Dennis & Kathleen

Weddings – 4

April 9 Porter, Barney & Jeffries, Thalia
 April 24 Tabuas, Joseph & Catts, Megan
 August 20 Knowle, Christopher & Menke,
 Colissa
 October 22 Doolady, Kurt & Branch-Herwehe,
 Jennifer

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

	Category	1/1/2015 – 12/31/2015	1/1/2016 – 12/31/2016	Difference
INCOME				
	Building Use	400.00	625.00	225.00
	CD Interest Income	180.25	336.52	156.27
	Envelopes Regular	147,212.00	138,717.54	-8,494.46
	Interest Income	32.93	34.74	1.81
	KENT LOCAL	15,300.00	33,719.00	18,419.00
	Loose	14,788.22	14,134.74	-653.48
	LUTHERAN	0.00	10.00	10.00
	Other	407.00	409.00	2.00
	TOTAL INCOME	178,320.40	187,986.54	9,666.14
	PASS THROUGH INFLOWS			
	Advent	1,049.00	0.00	-1,049.00
	Building Fund	7,115.00	7,305.00	190.00
	Christmas Eve	1,079.00	0.00	-1,079.00
	Community for Christ	130.00	630.00	500.00
	Disaster Response	150.00	130.00	-20.00
	Lent	1,814.70	1,860.00	45.30
	Other	2,447.90	721.00	-1,726.90
	PASTOR'S GIFT	1,480.00	1,160.00	-320.00
	Social Ministry	2,795.80	6,827.50	4,031.70
	VBS	515.00	677.00	162.00
	World Hunger	968.72	786.00	-182.72
	YOUTH	200.00	0.00	-200.00
	TOTAL PASS THROUGH INFLOWS	19,745.12	20,096.50	351.38
	TOTAL INCOME	198,065.52	208,083.04	10,017.52
EXPENSES				
	Assembly Expense	690.15	125.00	565.15
	Benev			
	CADV	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00
	Community For Christ	1,950.00	2,500.00	-550.00
	Lake Area Helping Hands	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
	Share the Harvest	1,950.00	1,400.00	550.00
	Synod	20,870	21,163.00	-293.00
	Westlake Ministerial Alliance	240.00	240.00	0.00
	Westside Sr. Center	400.00	400.00	0.00
	TOTAL Benev	27,510.00	27,803.00	-293.00
	ChristEd			
	Adult Education	0.00	46.00	-46.00
	Home Devotions	562.55	559.65	2.90
	Living Lutheran Magazine	179.00	179.00	0.00
	Sunday School	55.28	157.35	-102.07
	Vac. Bible School	175.00	175.00	0.00
	TOTAL ChristEd	971.83	1,117.00	-145.17
	Dues Area Ministry 9	303.00	305.00	-2.00
	Evangelism			
	65 th Anniversary	0.00	551.97	-551.97
	Advertisement	690.33	561.66	128.67

Category	1/1/2015 – 12/31/2015	1/1/2016 – 12/31/2016	Difference
Fellowship Expn.	2,202.91	1,997.10	205.81
TOTAL Evangelism	2,893.24	3,110.73	-217.49
Office			
Phone	1,882.70	1,848.22	34.48
Postage	434.80	311.35	123.45
Software	455.00	455.00	0.00
Supplies & Equipment	1,445.70	2,333.19	-887.49
BANK CHARGE	10.00	0.00	10.00
TOTAL Supplies & Equipment	1,455.70	2,333.19	-877.49
TOTAL Office	4,228.20	4,947.76	-719.56
Pastor-EAM			
AutoExpn	2,232.60	1,968.64	263.96
Continuing Educ.	15.00	6.00	9.00
Disability Retirement Support	2,374.08	2,815.44	-441.36
Flexible Spending Acct	0.00	0.00	0.00
Housing Allowance	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Housing Equity Contribution	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00
Medical-Dental	15,122.40	11,711.68	3,410.72
Pension	7,122.00	7,507.80	-385.80
Prof. Expn.	0.00	67.96	-67.96
Pulpit Supply	1,165.65	673.20	492.45
Sal-SS Offset-Taxable	4,250.04	4,464.96	-214.92
Sal-Taxable	41,100.04	43,100.04	-3,000.00
TOTAL Pastor-EAM	87,381.81	89,815.72	-2,433.91
Payroll-Contractor & NonTaxable	1,846.00	2,273.34	-427.34
Payroll-Taxable			
Choir Dir-Bell	1,200.00	1,236.00	-36.00
Choir Dir-Vocal	2,400.00	2,472.00	-72.00
Cleaning	6,240.00	6,550.80	-310.80
Music Coord	1,200.00	1,236.00	-36.00
Organist	7,920.00	8,721.01	-801.01
Secretary	9,747.25	9,692.28	54.97
TOTAL Payroll-Taxable	28,707.25	29,908.09	-1,200.84
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	2,196.11	2,287.96	-91.85
STATE Employee Share	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Payroll-Withholding	2,196.11	2,287.96	-91.85
Property			
Alarm	269.46	269.46	0.00
Insurance	6,671.00	6,503.00	168.00
Other			
Appliance Maint.	0.00	99.50	-99.50
Maintenance	4,092.78	2,990.02	1,102.76
Outdoor Maint.	787.96	791.70	-3.74
Parsonage Repairs	0.00	152.57	-152.57
TOTAL Other	4,880.74	4,033.79	846.95
Utilities-City Water	1,435.06	1,246.37	188.69
Utilities-Electric	6,805.00	5,694.00	1,111.00
Utilities-Natural Gas	7,501.11	5,295.35	2,205.76
Waste Removal	577.30	636.00	-58.70

Category	1/1/2015 – 12/31/2015	1/1/2016 – 12/31/2016	Difference
TOTAL Property	28,139.67	23,677.97	4,461.70
Stewardship	526.32	593.61	-67.29
Training & Retreats	160.00	0.00	160.00
Worship & Music			
Altar supplies	172.50	189.79	-17.29
Choir - Handbell	85.00	90.00	-5.00
Choir - Vocal	528.40	135.77	392.63
Refurbishing Handbells	1,840.00	0.00	1,840.00
Worship	1,047.18	1,532.16	-484.98
TOTAL Worship & Music	3,673.08	1,947.72	1,725.36
TOTAL EXPENSE	189,226.66	187,912.90	1,313.76
PASS THROUGH OUTFLOWS			
ADVENT	1,049.00	0.00	1,049.00
Building	7,115.00	7,305.00	-190.00
Christmas Eve	1,079.00	0.00	1,079.00
COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST	130.00	630.00	-500.00
Disaster Response	150.00	130.00	20.00
LENT	1,814.70	1,860.00	-45.30
Other	2,447.90	721.00	1,726.90
PASTOR'S GIFT	1,500.00	1,160.00	340.00
Social Ministry	2,795.80	6,827.50	-4,031.70
VBS	515.00	677.00	-162.00
World Hunger	968.72	786.00	182.72
YOUTH	200.00	0.00	200.00
TOTAL PASS THROUGH OUTFLOWS	19,765.12	20,096.50	-331.38
TOTAL EXPENSES	208,991.78	208,009.40	982.38
OVERALL TOTAL	-10,926.26	73.64	10,999.90

Account Balances

As of 12/31/2016

Account	Balance
Bank Accounts	
CD 8445 General Fund	0.00
CD 8446 General Fund	0.00
KENT CHECKING 7105471	6,711.24
Trust checking	44,769.30
TOTAL Bank Accounts	51,480.54
Liability Accounts	
AED, TREES, FURNACE	-985.11
BACKGROUND CKS	0.00
BUS TRIP	-319.47
COLUMBARIUM FUNDS	-5,398.96
DARLEEN MUELLER MEMORIAL	0.00
EASTER PAGEANT FUNDS	-2,194.11
FLOOR FUNDING	0.00
HELPING KIDS FUND	-703.64
MEMORIAL FUNDS	-4,453.00
MINISTRY FUNDS	-150.00
MUSIC FUNDS	-2,155.80
OUTDOOR WORSHIP FUND	-1,459.00
PARSONAGE REPAIR FUND	-7,171.37
PICTORIAL	-428.00
SPECIAL PROPERTY FUND	-6,563.68
STAINED GLASS FUND	0.00
STEWART-MCFADDEN	-1,944.32
THRIVENT CHOICE	-6,727.95
TOTAL Liability Accounts	-40,654.41
OVERALL TOTAL	\$10,826.13

Budget to Actuals Comparison

Category	2016 Actuals	2016 Budget	Variance
INCOME	187,986.54	200,292.00	-12,305.46
INCOME	187,986.54	200,292.00	-12,305.46
EXPENSES	187,912.90	203,895.34	15,982.44
EXPENSE	187,912.90	203,895.34	15,982.44
Assembly Expense	125.00	800.00	675.00
Benev	27,803.00	25,639.66	-2,163.34
CADV	1,100.00	1,099.66	-0.34
Community For Christ	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Lake Area Helping Hands	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Share the Harvest	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00
Synod	21,163.00	19,000.00	-2,163.00
Westlake Ministerial Alliance	240.00	240.00	0.00
Westside Sr. Center	400.00	400.00	0.00
ChristEd	1,117.00	1,227.00	110.00
Adult Education	46.00	100.00	54.00
Confirmation	0.00	67.00	67.00
Home Devotions	559.65	550.00	-9.65
Living Lutheran Magazine	179.00	235.00	56.00
Sunday School	157.35	100.00	-57.35
Vac. Bible School	175.00	175.00	0.00
Dues Area Ministry 9	305.00	500.00	195.00
Evangelism	3,110.73	4,903.93	1,793.20
65 th Anniversary	551.97	1,103.93	551.96
Advertisement	561.66	700.00	138.34
Fellowship Expn.	1,997.10	3,000.00	1,002.90
Kent Klowns	0.00	100.00	100.00
Office	4,947.76	5,300.00	352.24
Phone	1,848.22	1,800.00	-48.22
Postage	311.35	500.00	188.65
Supplies & Equipment	2,333.19	2,500.00	166.81
Pastor-EAM	89,815.72	93,017.75	3,202.03
AutoExpn	1,968.64	1,200.00	-768.64
Continuing Educ.	6.00	500.00	494.00
Disability Retirement Support	2,815.44	2,374.00	-441.44
Housing Allowance	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Housing Equity Contribution	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Medical-Dental	11,711.68	15,432.00	3,720.32
Parsonage Phone	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pension	7,507.80	7,122.00	-385.80
Prof. Expn.	67.96	500.00	432.04
Pulpit Supply	673.20	825.00	151.80
Sal-SS Offset-Taxable	4,464.96	4,465.08	0.12
Sal-Taxable	43,100.04	43,099.67	-0.37
Payroll-Contractor & NonTaxable	2,273.34	0.00	-2,273.34
Payroll-Taxable	29,908.09	35,027.00	5,118.91
Choir Dir-Bell	1,236.00	1,236.00	0.00
Choir Dir-Vocal	2,472.00	2,472.00	0.00
Cleaning	6,550.80	6,427.00	-123.80

Category	2016 Actuals	2016 Budget	Variance
Music Coord	1,236.00	1,236.00	0.00
Organist	8,721.01	10,053.00	1,331.99
Secretary	9,692.28	13,603.00	3,910.72
Payroll-Withholding	2,287.96	2,680.00	392.04
FEDERAL Empl. Share	0.00	0.00	0.00
SS_MED Empl. Share	0.00	0.00	0.00
SS_MED Kent Share	2,287.96	2,680.00	392.04
STATE Employee Share	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property	23,677.97	31,250.00	7,572.03
Alarm	269.46	500.00	230.54
Insurance	6,503.00	7,300.00	797.00
Other	4,033.79	3,250.00	-783.79
Appliance Maint.	99.50	0.00	-99.50
Maintance	2,990.02	2,000.00	-990.02
Outdoor Maint.	791.70	1,000.00	208.30
Parsonage Repairs	152.57	250.00	97.43
Utilities-City Water	1,246.37	1,100.00	-146.37
Utilities-Electric	5,694.00	8,000.00	2,306.00
Utilities-Natural Gas	5,295.35	10,500.00	5,204.65
Waste Removal	636.00	600.00	-36.00
Stewardship	593.61	600.00	6.39
Training & Retreats	0.00	100.00	100.00
Worship & Music	1,947.72	2,600.00	652.28
Altar supplies	189.79	400.00	210.21
Choir – Handbell	90.00	350.00	260.00
Choir – Vocal	135.77	450.00	314.23
Refurbishing Handbells	0.00	0.00	0.00
Worship	1,532.16	1,400.00	-132.16
Youth Ministries	0.00	250.00	250.00
Kent Kids	0.00	250.00	250.00
Net Difference:	73.64	-3,603.34	3,676.98

BUILDING FUND

Bank Balance 1-1-16.....	\$3,322.28
Deposits, Interest and Adjustments	49,717.54
Payment to Mission Investment Fund.....	50,700.00
Bank Balance 12-31-16.....	\$2,339.82
Mortgage Payment to Mission Investment Fund.....	\$50,700.00
Interest Paid in 2016	3,182.31
Principal Paid in 2016.....	\$45,517.69
Mortgage Balance 1-1-16	\$100,728.14
Principal Paid in 2016.....	47,517.69
Mortgage Balance 12-31-16	\$53,210.45

Approved 2017 Budget

Council-Approved Proposed Budget for 2017	Budget 2016	Proposed 2017	Difference 16-17
BENEVOLENCE			
Community for Christ	2,500.00	2,000.00	-500.00
Show-Me-Home	0.00	0.00	0.00
Share The Harvest	1,400.00	1,000.00	-400.00
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	1,500.00	400.00
Synod (14.5% of undesignated receipts)	19,000.00	19,100.00	100.00
Westlake Ministerial Alliance	240.00	240.00	0.00
Refugee	0.00	500.00	500.00
TOTALS	25,640.00	25,740.00	100.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION			
Adult Education	100.00	100.00	0.00
Confirmation	67.00	67.00	0.00
Home Devotions	550.00	550.00	0.00
Living Lutheran Magazine - 20 @ \$11.75	235.00	235.00	0.00
Sunday School	100.00	100.00	0.00
Vacation Bible School	175.00	800.00	625.00
Library	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	1,227.00	1,852.00	625.00
ASSEMBLY/CONVENTION EXPENSES			
TOTAL	800.00	800.00	0.00
DUES - AREA 9 MINISTRY			
TOTAL	500.00	535.00	35.00
EVANGELISM			
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
TOTAL	3,800.00	3,800.00	0.00
OFFICE			
Phone	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00
Postage	500.00	500.00	0.00
Software	500.00	500.00	0.00
Supplies and Equipment	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
TOTAL	5,300.00	5,300.00	0.00

Council Approved Proposed Budget for 2017	Budget 2016	Proposed 2017	Difference 16-17
PASTOR			
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	9,432.00	-6,000.00
Pension Contribution	7,122.00	10,122.00	3,000.00
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	43,100.00	43,100.00	0.00
Salary-Social Security (FICA)Offset - Taxable	4,465.00	4,465.00	0.00
TOTAL	90,518.40	87,518.40	-3,000.00
STAFF PAYROLL - TAXABLE			
Choir Director - Bells (12 mos. @ \$103 per mo.)	1,236.00	1,236.00	0.00
Choir Director - Vocal (12 mos. @ \$206 per mo.)	2,472.00	2,472.00	0.00
Music Coordinator (12 mos. @ \$103 per mo.)	1,236.00	1,236.00	0.00
Organist (\$129.78 for 52 two-service Sundays, \$70.04 for 16 single services, 40 rehearsals @ \$54.59)	10,052.80	10,052.80	0.00
Custodian Cleaning (\$123.60/week)	6,427.20	6,427.20	0.00
Office Secretary @ \$13.08 per hour - 20 hrs/wk.	13,603.20	13,603.20	0.00
TOTAL	35,027.20	35,027.20	0.00
STAFF PAYROLL WITHOLDING (7.65% OF STAFF PAYROLL)	2,679.58	2,679.58	0.00
TOTAL	2,659.58	2,679.58	0.00
PROPERTY:			
Insurance & Workers Comp	7,300.00	7,300.00	0.00
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: 3,250 \$5,000			
Utilities: Electric	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
Natural Gas	10,500.00	10,500.00	0.00
City water	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00
Waste Removal	600.00	600.00	0.00

Council Approved Proposed Budget for 2017	Budget 2016	Proposed 2017	Difference 17-18
Alarm	500.00	500.00	0.00
TOTAL	31,250.00	31,250.00	0.00
STEWARDSHIP	600.00	600.00	0.00
TOTAL	600.00	600.00	0.00
TRAINING & RETREATS	100.00	100.00	0.00
TOTAL	100.00	100.00	0.00
WORSHIP & MUSIC:			
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
TOTAL	2,600.00	2,600.00	0.00
YOUTH MINISTRIES:			
Kent Krew	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kent Kids	250.00	250.00	0.00
TOTAL	250.00	250.00	0.00
	2016	2017 Proposed	Difference
TOTAL BUDGET	200,292.18	198,052.18	-2,240.00

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 9:30 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, Ingrid Niemann.

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 as we are hoping to get new banners made for over the choir and bell choir areas, as well as a Pall for Urn for funeral services.

2016 ALTAR GUILD MEMBERSHIP:

Pastor Dave Beese
Deb Kelly, President
Janet Harger, Vice President
Ingrid Niemann, Treasurer
Kandy Husbands, Secretary
Sheryl Boos
Melba Bangert
Nancy Beese
Jan Lacas
Ruth Osterbur
Judy Ward

In God's Service,

Your Altar Guild,
Deb Kelly, President

ALTAR GUILD**Income/Expense Report
01/01/2016 – 12/31/2016**

Beginning Balance:	\$1,251.60
<u>Income:</u>	
Altar Flowers (contributions)	859.00
WELCA (contribution)	194.00
Easter Lilies	270.00
Poinsettias	<u>647.50</u>
Total Income	\$1,970.50
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Altar Flowers	838.00
Easter Lilies	120.00
Poinsettias	550.00
Christmas Gift to President Deb Kelly	25.00
Sheryl Boos – pre-pay (wafers & wine)	68.03
Donnelly CO. Inc. for bag of palms	25.91
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$1,626.94</u>
Total Income / Expenses	\$343.56
Ending Balance 12/31/16:	<u>\$1,595.16</u>

Prepared by:
Ingrid Niemann, Altar Guild Treasurer
Sheryl Boos

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Our program here at Kent has no age boundaries. If you or some family member has some spare time during the week, or if you like traditional class on Sunday morning, it's here for you.

Two weekday groups meet on Wednesday and Thursdays, for women and men, respectively.

Kid's Klub has been discontinued, due to the school buses no longer being able to make extra stops.

We also celebrated Luther's Reform with a book order from Augsburg. The best seller was Luther's Small Catechism. Great reading and some wonderful prayers. Hard to believe it has been 500 years!

Here is a synopsis of our classes:

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

This last year the women read through the Book, Acts of the Apostles, which more adequately should be called "The Acts of the Holy Spirit," and are now studying Paul's Letter to the Romans. There are many who would hold that the Letter to the Romans is the greatest book in the New Testament. Certain it is that no book has had a greater influence on the theology of the Lutheran Church, and no book contains more of the mind of St. Paul. Consider joining them this year.

Thursday:

Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.

This last year after studying all four Gospels the men began reading through the letters of Paul. The men are now studying the letters to Timothy. Paul's letters to Timothy, Titus and Philemon are different from his other letters in that these are written to individuals rather than congregations. These are private rather than public. Join us as we learn more of the faith and life of St. Paul as he shares it with these early Christian leaders.

Sunday:

Sunday School 8:30 a.m.

This class is taught by Carol Hansen. Carol and Keegan study the Gospel Readings for each Sunday.

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.

This group, taught by Pastor Dave, is studying all three of the lessons that are read in worship each Sunday. This study really enriches the worship experiences of those who attend. Last year the main-line churches focused on Luke's Gospel. This year the Church is reading from Matthew's point of view as he writes mainly for Jewish Christians. We would like it very much if you would join us as we study the Old Testament, the New Testament and the Gospel Readings for each Sunday! NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!!

Monday:

Confirmation Class 4:30 pm

Jaxon Bullock and Keegan Bullock have been meeting with Pastor Dave on Monday evenings since September, Jaxon for a year before that. Jaxon and Pastor Dave did an overview of the Bible in 2015-16. This year Jaxon and Keegan are looking at Luther's Small Catechism.

Jaxon will be confirmed this coming May. Pray for them as the Spirit opens up their hearts as they study these six chief parts of Christian doctrine.

Submitted by Carol Hansen, Christian Education Committee

COLUMBARIUM COMMITTEE

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

As of December 31, 2016, there is \$5,398.96 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.

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.

2016 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 given to First Time Visitors – Ushers hand out 1 loaf & literature per family plus 1 handmade wooden cross per visitor as Pastor invites them to stand and be recognized. Approximately 50-60 loaves handed out in 2016.
- Visitor Follow-up – with cards or calls to Kent Visitors by Karen Pragman.
- Scheduling for coffee fellowship hour, Ordering & pick-up Donuts and Sugar-free cookies for after Sunday morning service(s).
- Host & set up Receptions for 25th, 50th, 60th, 70th Wedding Anniversaries & 90th Birthdays. There were four celebrations in 2016.
- Wednesday Evening Lenten and Advent Suppers – Serving with one or two other committees to set-up for potluck and clean up.
- 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.
- 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.
- "Trunk or Treat" – Organize this fun evening on Halloween 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. Many 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 2016. In August budget worksheets were given to each committee of the church to determine their needs for 2017. 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 on January 24, 2017. All records were found to be correct and properly maintained.

Gail Kruse served as the Treasurer, Warren Pray served as Financial Secretary until his resignation in May, Gail Kruse accepted the position for the remainder of the year, 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 were scheduled to count the weekly offerings during 2016. 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 good year in 2016 and we would like to take this opportunity to thank our church family for the love and support we receive.

Our small but mighty clown ministry troupe gets more requests for appearances than we can accept and we always hate to turn down a chance to share the love of Jesus. We welcome new klowns (no experience necessary!) to join our group & we will have you making a balloon animal with the best of us in no time flat. < insert balloon animal emoji here>. [no - i don't have a balloon animal emoji and don't expect that you do either. 😊 but just in case...]

Our 2016 events included the annual Clown Sunday in November when we participated in the worship service with our skits, liturgical dance and song. The "Importance of a Penny - the sequel" offering collected \$171.01 which was donated to Community for Christ.

We had fun with the attendees of Lake Regional's Kid Fest in October. At that event we limped along without our premier face painter and we stayed busy the entire time. Kids waited more patiently in line than did some of the parents for their turn to walk away with a one-of-a-kind face painted masterpiece or a balloon animal (most of which look a great deal like a dog).

We interacted with the crowd at the Camden Air Show in September and had fun applying temporary tatoos to the kids and maybe even a grownup or two.

Our group looks forward to 2017 and being able to share Jesus at these same events and who knows - maybe we'll be able to add a couple more to the list!

Account balance as of 01/01/2016	\$540.40
Income / Deposits	<u>\$0.00</u>
Expenses	\$0.00
Account balance as of 12/31/2016	\$540.40

Submitted by Kathy "Ups E. Daisy" Fair, Head Clown
Financials submitted by Vanessa "Flutterby" Hebrank, Treasurer

LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Working on the 2016 Long Range Planning Committee were Pastor David Beese, Nancy Beese, Jim Clements, Pat Larson, Don Peterson, Gloria Peterson, Karen Pragman and Jim Ziehl.

Selecting recipients for the Stewart-McFaden Scholarship Fund was our first project of 2016. When establishing guidelines for selecting scholarship recipients, Cliff Stewart specified preference should be given to members of Kent. Since first awarding these scholarships in 2011, there has been only one graduate per year, until 2016. Kent was blessed with three applicants this year: Shade Bullock, Delany Brumm and Abby Kruse. In past years, \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to a Kent graduating senior. The amount of yearly earnings from the Stewart-McFaden account was supplemented to award these three \$1,000 scholarships. A generous donation from WELCA plus one half of the offerings from Advent and Lent provided funds for three \$1,000 scholarships and four \$500 scholarships. Brooklyn Bryant, Austin Crowe, Christy Howard and Kandice Korn each received \$500.

Invitations were sent to the graduates and their families to attend a cake and punch reception at Kent Memorial Lutheran Church. The reception was held on Sunday, April 24, 2016 after the 9:30 service.

All seven graduates received their scholarships at the awards ceremony at Versailles High School on Tuesday, May 10, 2016.

The next project of the Long Range Planning Committee will be assembling photograph and bio pages of members who have joined Kent in recent months.

Submitted by,
Karen Pragman and Don Peterson

MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Members of the committee include: Janet Harger, Wendy Blomberg, Carolyn Wiles, Allen Kimberling, Mike Ward, 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.

Gerry Williams, Chairperson

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The property committee is responsible for maintaining the Church building and grounds. The committee consists of nine members, with at least one member of the church council serving. 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.

COMIITTEE MEMBERS: Bob Ballard, Allan Burke, Lynn Burke (Council), Jim Mellody, Barry Olson, Curtis Reams (Council), Chuck Wanamaker, Vince Yount & Gerry Williams;

ADDITIONAL PROPERTY HELP: Dick Barker, Dave Cauton, Jim Clements, Larry Fair, Bob Harger, Jerry Husbands, Allen Kimberling, Brian Kuckler, Helmut Lacas, Wayne Langton, Larry Lutjen, Charlie Peterson, Floyd Wait, Gary Wiles, Don Wilken, Jim Ziehl.

2016

1. Schedule the same four men to mow regularly
2. One member sprays weeds as needed
3. Schedule work day to prepare Outside Worship area
4. Power wash and clean up Columbarium area
5. Trim hedges regularly
6. Clean gutters at church and parsonage
7. Maintain and repair riding mower
8. Schedule work day and prepare Easter Pageant area
9. Put up and take down the backdrop for the Easter Pageant
10. Work on and install barn quilts on walking trail
11. One member maintains plants around the church
12. Had new air conditioning units installed at church
13. Schedule work day to remove leaves in the fall
14. Schedule group to put up manger scene at Christmas
15. Put up and take down signs along highway for ongoing events at church during the year
16. Repair stationary church road sign
17. Repair and replace outside church lighting
18. New benches for Columbarium area and old ones moved to walking trail
19. Had new carpeting installed in fellowship hall
20. Replace lights in fellowship hall and Pastor's study
21. Had gas leak repaired in kitchen
22. Had two garbage disposals installed
23. Kitchen faucet repaired
24. Replaced ceiling tiles in kitchen and fellowship hall
25. Replaced fence around dumpster
26. Started cleaning, repair and remodeling of parsonage

Submitted by Chuck Wanamaker, 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 2016:

- **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. Thank you to Donna Young and Sandy Gilbert for all their time spent with this effort each week!
- **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’s delivered them on Sept. 16th.
- **The Loving Gifts Tree** - In 2016 members of the congregation again generously provided gifts for 50 children/mothers through the CADV. These children are starting over their lives without anything from home and the gifts you provide help bring them back to a little bit of normalcy as they 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 and rang the bell for donations to the Salvation Army. 80% - 85% of the collection stays in our community. Thank you to Sandy Gilbert and Donna Young for making this year a success!
- **Bingo Night** – In September 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. \$6,846.00 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 2016 we used part of this fund to donate to the local Idiots Club. They are a non-profit organization that meets needs for kids and stretches dollars with the help from area business’ who reduce costs of products. We would like to remind the congregation that this fund is open for helping our Kent families also if fitting the criteria of the fund or if you know of a child in need. 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 2016 Kent supported Community for Christ, Share the Harvest, Westside Senior Center, Lake Area Helping Hands, CADV, ELCA Synod, and Westlake 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, 2016 \$ 9,797.90

Deposits	\$17,290.65
Expenditures	-\$15,086.21
Balance December 31, 2016	\$12,002.34

These funds were used to assist with:

Electric (109), Rent (30), Gasoline (48), Lodging (4), Water (7), Medical (2), Family Assistance (2), Prescription (1), Natural Gas (1), Funeral Expense (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!!

Another thank you to Warren and Bea Pray for their donation of a boat which was sold and the proceeds of \$5000.00 was given to use by Social Ministry!!

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 2016 Social Ministry Committee – Melba Bangert, Evelyn Clements, Judy Ward, Jan Gauck, Sharon Ballard, Nancy Beese, Pastor Beese, Mark Kelly, 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 2016, we spent time with many fundraisers. Serving the Newcomer's Club luncheons twice, the Annual Garage & Boutique Sale, Christmas Cookie/Candy Sale, Scrip Card Sales, & a Bake Sale on election day to mention some. Through these we raised money that was used for nursing scholarships at the hospital, money given to the Hurricane Deck Christmas store, gift cards for teachers to use for extras not supplied to them. We gave to the greater church by sending money to Bethany College at Lindsborg, KS. Money was also kept at Kent to help pay for new carpet in the Fellowship Hall and Pastor's office.

We also turn fabric and stuffing into an animal that children are given at our local hospital when they are admitted for emergency or hospital care. Bootie/Hat sets that newborns are given at birth at Lake Regional. There are many box tops, and soup 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 back-packs with food to take home, making snacks/food for the teachers and staff, and encouraging others in the congregation to also volunteer at school. This is all done by Welca's leadership and carried out by the whole congregation!!

We take turns helping our church families with meals or rides when they need them through Care Core. Comfort families when they are mourning the loss of a loved one through a shared 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 that were accomplished!!

We welcome all the women of Kent Memorial to participate in this calling. Every woman that joins Kent Memorial is a "member" of WELCA. It is not an exclusive club to be joined, but rather a calling of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. We can do this at Kent during monthly meetings and all the things we participate in doing through the year, 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
01/01/2016 – 12/31/2016

INCOME:	2016 Totals
Birthday Offering:	\$31.00
Cash In:	\$967.00
Christmas Sock Offering:	\$246.00
Cookie Sale:	\$1,513.26
Donations:	\$50.00
KMLC /Coffee Reimbursement:	\$600.00
AWG/Save-a-Label:	\$120.00
Regular Offering:	\$246.11
Rummage Sale:	\$6,362.83
Spring Luncheon	\$463.00
Thank Offering:	\$250.00
MISC:	\$112.12
Election Day Bake Sale	\$749.75
Scrip Card Pay back	\$125.00
Newcomers Luncheon	\$1,630.00
Total 2016 Income:	\$13,293.95
EXPENSES:	Year End Totals
Area Schools:	\$1,680.30
CADV Sunshine House:	\$225.00
Cash Out:	\$967.00
Christmas Luncheon Gifts:	\$105.00
Community for Christ:	\$225.00
Craft Supplies:	\$58.68
ELCA Good Gifts:	\$246.00
Farmer Brother's Food Service:	\$535.71
Kent Altar Guild:	\$207.50
Kent Building Fund: (Memorials)	
Kent Office Supplies:	\$125.00
Kent Youth & VBS:	\$50.00
Kitchen Equipment:	\$190.95
Kitchen Supplies:	\$317.37
KRAZO / Name Tags:	\$51.80
Lake Regional Nursing Scholarship	\$1,932.00
Laurie Care Center:	\$338.99
Mid Mo Bible Camp:	\$45.00

Women of ELCA:	\$312.50
Oaks Indian Mission:	\$150.00
Postage:	\$38.40
Share the Harvest:	\$225.00
MISC: Barn Quilt Project:	\$300.00
MISC: Bethany College Annual Fund	\$1,780.00
MISC: Carpet/Pastor's office & Carpet Fund	\$1,780.30
MISC: Laurie Tent – 65 th Anniversary	\$400.00
MISC: Rummage Sale Expense	\$94.32
MISC: Sam's Membership	\$45.00
MISC: Scout Pack #38 Donation	\$25.00
MISC: Scrip Card	\$125.00
MISC: Scrip Card gift for Renken baby	\$50.00
MISC: Westlake Ch Donation—clothes racks	\$25.00
Total 2016 Expenses:	\$12,384.73

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, Tracy Garrett (Chair), Katie Heaford, Toni Wagner, Joyce Wanamaker (Council Representative and Secretary) and Linda Williams.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016:

Our thanks to the Altar Guild for their dedication to preparing our sanctuary for worship each week.

In October, we bid farewell to Kathleen Marco-Cox, who resigned after nearly sixteen years of service to Kent as our organist, accompanist and choir director. Margo Strothmann and Joyce Wanamaker agreed to share the organist responsibilities, and Tracy Garrett will serve as the choir director, until a new organist/accompanist/choir director is hired.

The Midweek Lenten services focused on “Living Lent as People of the Resurrection.” Average attendance for Wednesday evenings was 39. Palm Sunday was early this year, but we opened a joyous service in the Fellowship Hall and 97 worshippers processed into the Sanctuary waving palms and singing hosannas to our King. Easter Sunday brought 155 to worship at Kent. The 48th performance of the Easter Pageant, “He Is Risen!” was a wonderful success.

Our thanks to Kathy Fair for designing our 6th Easter Garden. Also thanks to all who donated flowers and special items to make the display a gorgeous celebration of our Lord’s resurrection.

This summer, worship was held both indoors and outdoors in the Ireland Chapel from Memorial Day until Labor Day, when the weather permitted. We averaged 80 worshipers per Sunday outside and 42 per Sunday inside. Our thanks to the Property Committee and others who helped prepare the chapel for services.

On August 14th, the 9th 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 5th Annual Fall Harvest display. It is a truly lovely way to remind us of the blessings we grow in our good earth. Thank you to all who donated items to the display.

Worship & Music conducted a short survey about our midweek services and meals. The overwhelming consensus was to continue to worship at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and to share a potluck meal after each service.

Midweek Advent Services began December 7, with average attendance at 44. The theme was “From Heaven Above: The gifts of Hope, Love & Peace.” Our thanks go to all the committees who assisted with set-up and clean-up for the meals. Our appreciation is extended to Tracy Garrett, Vanessa Hebrank, Toni Wagner and Margo Strothmann for leading the Holden Evening Prayer during Advent worship.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service was another beautiful experience. The church was nearly full with 145 worshippers. Our thanks to our Vocal Choir, Handbell Choir and instrumental and vocal soloists for sharing their gifts that evening and throughout the year.

This year, Christmas Day fell on a Sunday. 40 worshipers gathered to sing carols and favorite hymns, then enjoyed fellowship, along with Christmas cookies and hot cocoa. It was a special and meaningful service.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Garrett, Chairperson

YOUTH COMMITTEE

2016 has been a challenging year for the youth. Buses will not drop off kids for Kid's Klub anymore. Diane Ziehl had to make the decision to cancel Kid's Klub after nearly sixteen years. I thank her for all her years of service to our youth.

Congratulations to the four seniors that graduated: Shade Bullock, Delaney Brumm, David Hansen and Abby Kruse.

Our income was made of can income. We no longer take cans. We were making very little interest in our savings account, so we closed it and moved it a regular account. We donated some and \$2,000 will be put in our account at Mission Investments, which will earn .70%. Hoping for a more eventful 2017!

Kent Memorial Youth Accounts-2016

Savings Account Balance 12/31/15	\$3,182.87
Interest Income	3.59
Closed Account	-\$3,186.46
Balance in Savings -12/31/16	<u>\$0.00</u>
Checking Account Balance 12/31/15	\$339.39
Income:	
Can income	32.00
Donations	900.00
Expenses:	
CADV Christmas	113.96
Sunday School CD Player	51.98
Balance in Checking 12/31/16	<u>\$2,250.99</u>

Submitted by Gail Kruse