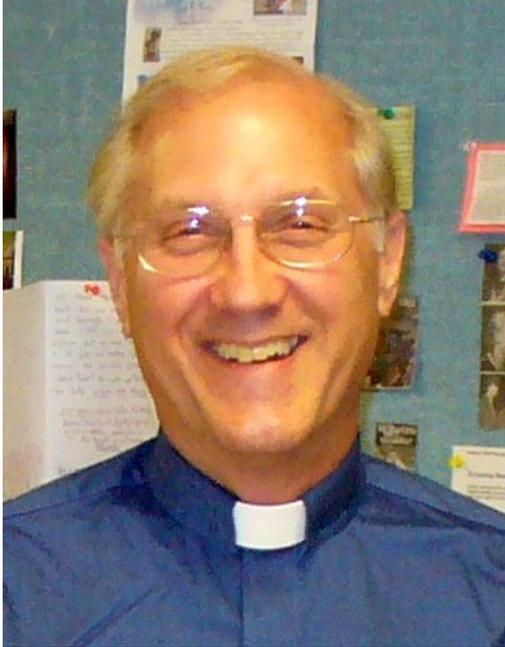

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Will you pray with me? Gracious God, you raised Jesus from the dead that we might have life with you. May our Easter celebration show its effects in the way we live each and every day. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

Easter is not just another spring holiday, along with Mother's day and Memorial Day. Easter is not just an annual rite of spring. Easter is not just about the past. The prayer is right on target. Easter is about changing the way we live.

So come on! Let's do it. Let's open our lives to the power of the Holy Spirit who breathes the life of Christ into us. Let's rise to a new life with our Lord Jesus Christ! Let's sing the praises of God who will not stop at anything, not even death, to be with us!

In my visiting with Kent people over the last two years I have been deeply touched by what I have been hearing. The people of Kent love the Lord and they their church. I have found that people want to support their church and do what they can to enhance our ministry.

Kent is a strong congregation. We are blessed with tremendous people. We certainly aren't a perfect church; we have our deficiencies. But good things are happening in our midst. Prayers are being answered. The Holy Spirit is moving among us. I am thankful for each of you. Most of all, I am thankful for our Good Lord who continues to pour countless blessings upon us!

I have been challenged by participation in the Partnership for the Missional Church and its emphasis on community. Like others, I am influenced by the world in which we live. And the world in which we live is a world which prizes the individual. So more often than not when I read the Bible I think in terms of the individual rather than the community.

The more I study, though, the more I realize the Bible "thinks corporately." The emphasis is on community. We read 1 Peter 2:9: "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people." These are words describing a community. Just think of other images the Bible uses: the body of Christ, the Vine and the Branches, a spiritual house made up of many stones.

The truth is, we are in it together. It is not "God and Me," but "God and US." It seems to me that this has some rather profound implications for our life together here at Kent Memorial. What do you think? May Easter show its effects in the way we live each and every day! Have a great Easter Season!

Pastor Dave

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Mission Statement: To Share Jesus With All !

Prayer List

The following members and friends were in need of God's healing touch this past month.

Dan Brooks	Joyce Hadler
Jeremy, James & Andrea Brown	Debbie Billing
Cline Humphrey	Susan Hardy
Scott & Cyndy Kamin	Cherylynn Gronhoff
Norma Estes	Buddy McDaniel
Bob Schoolfield	Star Habibi
Flo Leetch	Melanie Bohing
Kimberly Brunkhorst	Erika Sitze
Robert Green	LaDean Vigola
	Jan Jones
	Madelyn Wiscoor



Sympathy and Christian Hope is extended to

...Joyce McHenry and family at the death of Ralph (Mack) on March 23.

...the family of Carol Reeder and family at the loss of Tom on April 13.

...Pastor Dave and Nancy at the passing of Pastor's mother, Helen, in Mundelein, Illinois on Friday, April 24.

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY IN PRAYER



Glenn Maddock	John Waddell
Benjamin Kyle Jones	Blake Richardson
Tom Gidley	Kyle Towles
Will Pierce	John Kuenzi
Tony Kiefer	Mark Woodfin
Shawn Moorhead	Sam D. Ellis
Dustin McCormick	Joseph W. Ellis
Michael Rudolph	William Cohen
Brandon Gronhoff	Everett T. Ervin
Gregory Bird	Travis Ervin
Brian Fitzgerald	J. R. Frakes
David DeJarnette	Joalene & Joe Grissel, Jr.
Bret Jefferson	Bryan Wright

Thank You....

Thank you so much for all the lovely cards and well wishes on our anniversary. You helped make our 50th truly special. Thanks again. **Dick & Shirley Kirchner**

Dear Kent Church Family, I would like to express my sincerest thanks for your prayers, cards and visits during my recent surgery for my knee replacement. I continue to do well and should be done with therapy in one more month. Fondly, **Barb Gidley**

Thank you for having me on your prayer list for so many weeks. I am happy to report I am cancer free. Prayer does, indeed, work! **Debbie McCormick**

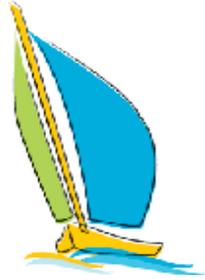
A big hug of thanks goes to our Kent family from **Diane Ziehl**. Everything was greatly appreciated! The many cards, phone calls, visits, and food... words can't express our appreciation for your thoughtfulness. God's blessings to all!

Thank you so very much for all the flowers, cards, prayers, best wishes and memorials from my friends at Kent. My family raved about the food! I told them we have really good cooks at Kent. Your kindnesses are very much appreciated. **Joyce McHenry**

The **Westside Seniors Association** would like to thank you for your contribution to our program. The support you give to our organization helps to pay for local expenses such as utilities, insurance, paper supplies and food costs. We provide a nutritious noontime meal to our participants 60 years and over. We also provide meals to homebound participants. Thank you again for your continued support to our program. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for making me feel so welcomed. The bread is wonderful, I will cherish my cross. Have a blessed day! **Susan Hotchkiss**

Special Note: There will be no Building Fund Report due to the death of Tom Reeder. Ken Gerardy is the new Building Fund Treasurer. He will have something prepared next month.



PARTNERSHIP FOR MISSIONAL CHURCH

As Kent Congregation moves along in the Partnership for Missional Church process there are two activities that every member of the congregation is asked to participate in. One is Prayer and the other is Dwelling in the Word. **Dwelling in the Word** is a term that may not be familiar. Dwelling is a practice of daily scripture reading that helps each of us to deepen our spiritual lives, to listen for what God is saying to us, to ask what God is up to in our lives, and to discern where God might be leading us. The process includes beginning with a prayer, quiet reading, and reflection. Reflections may be on one or two words, a phrase, or the entire passage. One then asks, "What is God up to?" "What is God saying in this passage?" "What is God saying to "me" personally?" "What is God saying to our congregation, our community, or to our world?"

Dwelling in the Word also works in group settings. Here at Kent the council, all committees, and other groups that meet are being encouraged to dwell in the word together, to listen to each other, to discuss and maybe even wrestle with what God might be up to in the passage for that group on that day. The common passage being used for the coming months is Luke 10: 1-12. Look it up – Give it a try.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly."

Melba Bangert

THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Offerings and Income for March	15,478
Budget Needs Each Month	16,480
Offerings and Income—January—March	41,390
Budget Needs—January—March	49,441

Average Attendance for March 149

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE AND FOR YOUR GIFTS !!!

Kent Memorial's Parish Evaluation & Pastoral Priorities Survey

When is a church an effective Christian community? In what areas of our ministry do we need to focus more attention today? How can we better live to our Mission Statement to "Share Christ with Others"?

To evaluate our effectiveness as a Christian community, the Mutual Ministry Committee is asking that all members of Kent Lutheran Church fill out a Parish Evaluation and Pastoral Priorities & Time Commitment Survey. Your input will help the pastor and the congregation as we plan for the coming years.

The forms will be available after both services and in the Gathering Area beginning May 10. If you are unable to pick up the forms on a Sunday morning, please contact the church office to receive a survey.

Please sign and return your completed surveys by June 14. The input of every member is important to Pastor Beese and to our congregation as a whole.

Thank you,
Mutual Ministry Committee

INVITE A GUEST SUNDAY

Our Evangelism Committee has been focusing their attention on how to reach out into the community with the Good News about Christ and opportunities to get involved at Kent. On Sunday, May 31st we are encouraging everyone to "Bring A Guest." What a way to share our warmth, friendliness and beautiful facilities to our community! But most important, what a way to witness to our faith and our love to God for sending his Son, Jesus to be our Savior and to let our world know that we worship a Risen and Living Lord. So, invite a guest, offer them a ride, and come to worship the ONE who opens his arms to all with grace, mercy and forgiveness.

SOCIAL MINISTRY CORNER

As most everyone is aware, our church provides Christmas gifts to the children at Citizens Against Domestic Violence (CADV) through our Loving Gifts Tree. The 2008 CADV Christmas program helped 33 families with 79 children. Your gifts are always much needed and appreciated.

There continues to be an increase in domestic violence at the lake. 2006-2007 had an 11% increase. In 2008 there were 137 women and 188 children assisted through the shelter. This is a 45% increase from 2007 which is HUGE! The shelter not only assists women/families needing temporary housing, but also those leaving for permanent housing, and those who never come into the shelter.

CADV is a 22 bed facility with four bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, kitchen, and laundry. If a mother with children needs temporary housing they will generally be given a bedroom by them. Single women will share a room. Clients are provided with food, hygiene and laundry needs for their stay at the home.

There are many facets of help for these abused women and children:

- Legal advocacy, paper work and going to court with the women.
- Weekly support group with 2 counselors every Tuesday evening in the lower level of Central Bank in Camdenton.
- Goal planning and safety planning is provided on a case-by-case basis.
- Assistance in finding jobs.
- Help with finding low income housing.
- Those wishing to leave the lake area are given a ride to Lebanon to catch the bus. If CADV can afford it, they may help with bus fare.
- Once women are able to leave the shelter they can select from donated furniture, kitchen and other household items.
- At Christmas these families are given gifts as they are available.

As we continue in the roughest economic downturn in the past 30 years violence seems to increase as more stress is put upon families. Please continue to keep CADV and their clients in your thoughts and prayers.

“God's Work, Our Hands”

The Social Ministry Committee



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

*SHARE THE HARVEST
AND
COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST*

All Non-Perishable Food Items:

Canned vegetables, fruit,
pancake mix and syrup, etc.

Laundry Soap / Dish Soap
Hand Soap / Shampoo
Toilet Tissue / Paper Towels
Tooth Paste / Tooth Brushes

Dollar General and Dollar Junction are good sources for most of these items.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW PROJECT



Our existing Stained Glass Window fund was handsomely enhanced in March with a check presented by Kevin Gerschevske in memory of his parents, Gene and Carol, in the amount of \$28,213. The majority of this money was specifically designated for stained glass windows on the roadside of the sanctuary.

On April 20 the Stained Glass Window Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee met to formulate parameters for several artists to present their displays on May 3 and May 10 for the congregation's choice of the craftsman to proceed with the work. Their displays will be available on the 3rd with an invitation for them to be available between services on May 10 to visit and address questions. You may place your ballot in the selection box *only once* on either of these two dates or during the week.

All funds for the windows will be from Memorials designated for this purpose.

ELW HYNMAL DONATIONS

Additional hymnals have been donated since last month. Thank you to all who contributed new ELW Hymnals!

Joyce McHenry (2) in memory of Ralph McHenry and in honor of those who donate stem cells, blood or organs that give the gift of life.

Building Fund Drive 2009:

"Blessed To Be A Blessing!"

It has now been six years since the *"Beginning The Next Fifty Years"* Building Fund Program. Those first years were busy years as you planned for and completed the expansion of the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. What a time that was and a grand celebration when the new building was dedicated. And now the second 3 year pledge drive, *"Overflowing With Blessings and Thanksgiving!"* is coming to a conclusion and we look forward to the next challenge as we continue to pay off the remainder of our building debt.

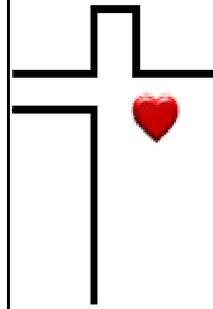
Our Kick-off Day for our next pledge drive will be in mid-June. During the six weeks following we will have opportunity to journey together in prayer and conversation. Reserve Wednesday, July 15. We are planning a celebration potluck event for the entire congregation. Pastor Keith Lingwall, our interim pastor in 2006 will be present as our guest speaker. Then reserve Sunday, July 26. This will be the day we gather our new commitments for the Building Fund for the next three years

Our theme for this year is *"Blessed To Be A Blessing!"* God has indeed blessed us over the last fifty six years. How thankful we are for the blessings of God's grace, committed people, new faces and a beautiful facility in which to worship and fellowship and serve God. God has **BLESSED US** so that we can continue to be **A BLESSING TO OTHERS**.

We will soon be asking a number of you to assist with this Building Fund pledge drive. Thank you in advance for saying "Yes" if you may be asked to assist. As we work together, we can accomplish great things for God and for God's Mission in this community and in our world.

Pastor Dave

Greetings from WELCA



The 17 workers at the WELCA Craft Day on April 7 had a productive day. They made 97 stuffed animals, 10 turbans, 18 booties with hats, 10 booties without hats, and 3 baby blankets. Thanks to everyone!

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If anyone is feeling "crafty" Melba Bangert has made some cross-stitch that can be used on pillows. She needs someone who can sew the pillows with ruffles, etc. for our November Bazaar. See Melba.

Laurie Care Center can use our help for various projects this year. The May 7th Mother's Day Spa needs a volunteer to do nails for the residents. If you have someone at the care center, don't forget the May 8th Mother's Day Tea at 9:45 a.m. Questions, see Nelda Chapman.

Community Needs

The needs throughout the lake area continue to grow so remember to bring items for **Community for Christ** and **Share the Harvest** as you are able. If you can volunteer at either one, they really need our help including the following items:

- Non-Perishable Food
- Personal Cleanliness Items
- Clothing

Fund Raisers

- WELCA is going to be putting together a combination Salad/Soup/Appetizer Cookbook for our November Bazaar and other fund raisers. Please get your recipes to Pat Dau as soon as you can.

Dates to Remember

- May Ladies Luncheon "Blossoms and Lunch" is May 1st **bring 1 salad and 1 dessert**
 - Rummage Sale is August 7th & 8th start setting aside what you'll be donating
 - Chili/Soup/Bazaar/Bake sales are November 14th
 - Cookie/Candy Sale is December 5th
 - Ladies Christmas Luncheon is December 8th
- Thank You from your WELCA Board

"God's Work. Our Hands"



Central States Synod, ELCA

SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2009

June 4-7, 2009

Bethany College ☩ Lindsborg, Kansas

MAY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Richard Durkin | 15 Helen Garagnani |
| 2 Dennis Spaulding | 15 Merv Moeller |
| 4 Shannon Bullock | 15 Pat Poretta |
| 5 Sharon Johnson | 15 Sheryl Boos |
| 8 Keegan Bullock | 16 Brad Brumm |
| 8 Joyce Wanamaker | 17 Robert Brumm |
| 9 Jerry Williams | 20 Jann Bramon |
| 10 Bill Gronhoff | 20 Fred Tettley |
| 10 Karen Pragman | 22 Cheryl Baremore |
| 11 Katie Schad | 23 Susan Olson |
| 11 Bittie Sutton | 26 Virgil Norris |
| 12 Evelyn Palmer | 29 Jackie Porter |
| 12 Diane Ziehl | 30 Mary Evans |
| 13 Lois Gonseth | 31 Lillian Bueker |
| 13 Kate Clever | |

ANNIVERSARIES

- 05/04/1963 David & Carolyn Cauton
 05/12/2001 John & Beth Moorefield
 05/13/1972 Lee & Pat Dau
 05/15/1976 Ray & Pat Bronner
 05/18/1957 Robert & Beverly Brumm
 05/20/1995 John & Joan Chick
 05/28/1990 Tom & Jackie Porter
 05/31/1958 Dan & Sharon Johnson



ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

50 years plus: Robert & Beverly Brumm, 52 years
Dan & Sharon Johnson, 51 years

40 years plus: David & Carolyn Cauton, 46 years

30 years plus: Lee & Pat Dau, 37 years
Ray & Pat Bronner, 33 years

If your birthday or anniversary has been left out, please contact the church office so we can include

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 7, 2009 at noon
at the Westlake Christian Academy
Westlake Ministerial Alliance will lead
Us in prayer for our nation and its leaders.

CURRENTLY IN CARE FACILITIES

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Laurie Knolls & Care Center
610 Highway O
Laurie, MO 65038

- Muriel Burke
 Esther Bryan
 Don Carter
 Mary Gordon
 Sam & Evelyn Palmer
 Harvey Rasmussen
 Lucille Theleman

If you are aware of anyone being admitted to or discharged to hospitals or nursing homes it would be helpful if you would notify the church office or speak with Pastor Dave.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Outdoor worship services will begin Memorial weekend—sooner if the weather allows.

VACATION TIME IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER



Mid-Missouri ELCA Bible Camp is reminding the youth of Area Ministry 9 con-

gregations to mark their calendars and plan for an exciting week of adventure and enjoying the great outdoors. This is an opportunity to grow spiritually, see old friends and meet new ones. Camp will be held July 19-24, 2009 at Lake of the Ozarks State Park—Camp Rising Sun. Youth eligible for camp are those who have completed grade 4 but have not yet entered grade 10.

Hope to see you there!

MAY LUNCHEON
"Blossoms 'n Lunch"

On Friday, May 1st the annual "Salad and Dessert" May Luncheon hosted by WELCA will be held here at Kent Memorial. (This includes all of the women of Kent.) The social time begins at 11:30 with lunch beginning at noon.

We are extending this verbal invitation to all the women of Kent to attend this luncheon and please invite your friends and/or invite someone that you do not know from Kent. If you are going to attend please sign up on the registration sheets found on the table in the "Gathering Place" or the table in the "Fellowship Hall". Tell us how many will be attending. Please bring a salad or dessert. Both can be brought if you have guests.

The May Luncheon committee is looking forward to filling up our fellowship hall and **"Sharing Jesus With All"**. There is no cost for the luncheon, except your attendance.

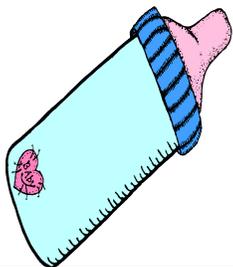
—The May Luncheon Committee



The "Baby Bottles" are back!

Baby Bottle Bonanza began on April 19 and ends on May 17. This fundraiser supports the **Pregnancy Help Center** to carry out its mission to assist young women with an unexpected pregnancy.

Baby bottles can be found in The Fellowship Hall. Just fill the baby bottle with change or write a check to PHC and return the bottle to the Kent office by May 17.



Questions? Call Karen Pragman at 374-6778.



**NEW STUFF ON
 THE KENT WEB
 SITE**

- **MARCH 16TH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES POSTED 4/23/09**
- **WELCA PAGE UPDATED 4/11/09 - ADDED 4/7/09 MEETING MINUTES & MAY 2009 NEWSLETTER**
- **UPDATE TO THE Alphabetical Directory on 3/26/09 - adding CHANGES published in March & April Kent News**
- **COLUMBARIUM APPLICATION, RULES & REGS. POSTED TO VIEW OR PRINT ADDED ON 3/19/09**
- **DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS AN EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF EASY TO VIEW ARCHIVED PHOTOS ON THE KENT WEB SITE? CLICK HERE FOR AN INDEX OF THE ARCHIVE**

All this and more can be found at

www.kentmemorial.com

The Kent newsletter is now being published online! Check it out!

Life Line Screening

Tuesday, May 12, 2009, will be at Kent Memorial Lutheran Church offering Ultrasound tests to screen for Stroke and Vascular Disease as well as Osteoporosis. These simple non-invasive tests detect arterial abnormalities BEFORE they cause a stroke or other serious illness. Blood tests are also offered for complete lipid panel, high sensitivity C-Reactive Protein and diabetes. These are conditions of the blood that put us at higher risk of developing vascular and heart disease.

You must pre-register for an appointment to take advantage of these tests. The screening will fill up quickly, so please call to schedule soon and use this special number 1-800-324-1851 when calling for an appointment.

MAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS

May 3— Fourth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading..... Acts 4:5-12
The Psalm..... Psalm 23
2nd Reading..... 1 John 3:16-24
The Gospel..... John 10-18

May 10 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading..... Acts 8:26-40
The Psalm..... Psalm 22:25-31
2nd Reading..... 1 John 4:7-21
The Gospel..... John 15:1-8

May 17 — Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading Acts 10:44-48
The Psalm..... Psalm 98
2nd Reading 1 John 5:1-6
The Gospel..... John 15:9-17

May 21 — Ascension of Our Lord

1st Reading Acts 1:1-11
The Psalm..... Psalm 47
2nd Reading Ephesians 1:15-23
The Gospel..... Luke 24:44-53

May 31 — Day of Pentecost

1st Reading Acts 2:1-21
The Psalm..... Psalm 104:24-24, 35b
2nd Reading Romans 8:22-27
The Gospel..... Luke 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

WORSHIP LEADERS IN MAY

8:00 AM

(Outdoor services scheduled to resume May 24)

Acolytes..... 5/3 Sarah Carlyle; 5/10 David Hansen
..... 5/17 Rachel Johnson; 5/24 Sydney Irwin
..... 5/31 Samantha Shannon
Altar Guild.....Kandy Husbands
Coffee Fellowship....5/3 Johnson; 5/10 Gonseth; 5/17 Wilken
Greeters5/3 Wilken; 5/31 Dau
Lector Tom Porter
Sound Technician..... 5/3, 5/17 & 5/31 Ken Gerardy
.....5/10, 5/24 Lester Clark
Ushers5/3 Richardson; 5/10 Terry; 5/24 Wagner;
.....5/31 Halvorson

10:00/10:30 AM

(Summer hours scheduled to resume May 25)

Acolytes.....5/3 Adam Kralina; 4/10 Allen Brumm
..... 5/17 Delaney Brumm; 5/24 Aaron Bolton
.....5/31 Abby Kruse
Altar Guild.....Jeri Hunter
Communion AssistantBob Harger
Coffee Fellowship5/3 S. Clark & F. Harris; 5/17 Langton
Greeters5/3 Niemann
Lector DeAnne DeJarnette
Sound Technician..... 5/3, 5/17, 5/31 John Bolton
.....5/10, 5/24 Wayne Stauss
Ushers5/3 Gronhoff; 5/10 Langton; 5/17 Bolton
.....5/24 Moeller; 5/31 Niemann

GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR MAY

5/03 Harvey & Nancy Lembke
5/10 Michael & Toni Wagner
5/17 Linda Kimberling, Ken Gerardy
5/24 Jim Kennedy, Gerry Williams
5/31 Don & Gloria Peterson

STAFF

PastorDavid Beese
Office Secretary Pat Dau
Organist Kathleen Marco
Assistant Organist..... Joyce Wanamaker
Vocal and Hand Bell Choirs DirectorJan Ellis
Parish Ministry Associate Dorothy Englestad
..... Bill Ferretti
Sunday School Director..... Brad Brumm
C.I.A. Youth Group Director.....
Kent Kids Gail Kruse
Prayer Chain Chairperson Helen Garagnani
Sound Technicians: Lester Clark, Wayne Stauss,
..... John Bolton & Ken Gerardy
Newsletter Editor Pat Dau
WEB Master www.kentmemorial.com Don Brohm
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2009 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Committee Assignments

President Jennifer Bolton
Vice President & Finance Shirley Kirchner
Christian Education..... Bob Harger
Evangelism
Long Range Don Peterson
Ministry Fund Ken Gerardy, Chuck Wanamaker
Ministry Fund & Finance..... Ken Gerardy
Property Helmut Lacas
Social Ministry..... Melba Bangert, Chuck Wanamaker
Stewardship Virgil Norris
Worship & Music..... Charles Niemann
Youth Diane Ziehl
Building Fund Treasurer Don Brohm
Building Fund Financial Secretary ... Barbara Patterson

Not on Council

Recording Secretary (appointed)..... Darleen Mueller
Treasurer (appointed) Gail Kruse
Financial Secretary (appointed)..... Jean Killion
Building Fund Treasurer (appointed)..... Ken Gerardy
Building Fund Financial Secretary (appointed)
..... Barbara Patterson

**JUNE NEWSLETTER ARTICLE
DEADLINE
FRIDAY, JUNE 19**
*Leave your articles in the Newsletter box in
the office, or e-mail your news to
office@kentmemorial.com*

**KENT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN
CARE CORE MONTHLY COORDINATOR
FOR MAY**
**Gladys Bohling
873-3278**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST
AND BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE**

May 7 Jerry Husbands
 May 14 Gerry Williams
 May 21 Hair Brown
 May 28 Virgil Norris



CHURCH SECURITY

Recently, an attempt to break into the church office was discovered. In checking all the doors, it was found that the side door next to the drive way to the north was left unlocked. Nothing appears to have been taken at this point.

PLEASE, if you open a door, lock it! This is especially important now that Pastor is not next door to make sure we are doing our jobs. We are all adults and need to take responsibility for this.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Special Congregational Meeting has been scheduled by the Church Council on Sunday, May 3, between services, to decide on whether or not to have only one service on Sunday mornings in January and February beginning in 2010.

As we prepare to do that we ask that everyone take this matter to heart, listen to one another, we are all God's sons and daughters. Pray about it: ask, "Lord, what are you calling us to do at Kent Memorial? What is your will in this matter? Not my will, but yours be done. Be open to God! The Church Council prayerfully trusts that God will guide us in this decision and are deeply committed to the unity of this church.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Pastor Dave & Nancy Beese
 P O Box 860 (mailing)
 Laurie, MO 65038
 103 Indian Rock Avenue
 Gravois Mills, MO (physical address)
 Telephone Number is the same

Heidi Bolton
 14045 Milifork Road
 Gravois Mills, MO 65037
 378-0700

Robert Green
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 Sunrise Beach, MO 65079
 Phone: 569-5433

Glenda Jones
 Telephone: 374-1450

Gene & Betty Johnson
 phone disconnected

Nadean Shannon
 Telephone: 280-6030

Gary and Carolyn Wiles
 P O Box 249 (mailing)
 127 Grand Cayman Drive (physical)
 Sunrise Beach, MO 65079
 374-8349

NOTE: *Each month when these changes are noted in the newsletter, our amazing Webmaster, Don Brohm, copies these changes into the online Members and Friends Directory. This is in PDF format, so you can print off a new directory any time you wish. Updated copies from the church are done twice a year and will be made available sometime in June and December.*

**KENT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 16, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Jennifer Bolton, Chairperson. This was one day earlier than the usual schedule. Pastor Beese led the devotion utilizing Luke 10:1-12.

Council members present: Melba Bangert, Jennifer Bolton, Ken Gerardy, Bob Harger, Helmut Lacas, Charles Niemann, Virgil Norris, Don Peterson, Diane Ziehl and Pastor Beese Members excused: Shirley Kirchner, Ralph McHenry and Tom Reeder

A motion was made by Diane Ziehl and seconded by Bob Harger to accept the minutes of February 17, 2009 as written. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Gail Kruse will attend the April meeting of the council to answer any questions regarding the reporting process. Jennifer Bolton will determine who is on the Columbarium Committee. A motion was made by Don Peterson and seconded by Charles Niemann to accept the report as written. Motion carried.

Building Fund Report – Pastor Beese reported that Tom Reeder is currently hospitalized. The monthly payment was made on the building fund note. No formal Building Fund Report was available at this time, due to Tom's illness.

Pastor's Report – Pastor explained his Lenten theme of "Be Open to God." Attendance at the Wednesday night services and suppers has been good. The Youth Choir directed by Tracy Garrett is coming along well and is scheduled to sing on March 29. Holy baptisms will be bestowed on one adult and seven children on Sunday, April 19.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education – Lee Dau's Sunday morning Adult Bible Study class has 18 members. Pastor Beese's seven-week Bible Study had 28 participants. Pastor anticipates continuing this Bible Study after Easter. Children's Sunday School classes have had up to 15 in attendance. Westside Ministerial Alliance Vacation Bible School will be July 13-17 at West Lake Christian Academy.

Evangelism - "Invite a Guest" Sunday will be May 31. Various ways to publicize Kent to the community are planned. A New Member Dinner is planned for May 14. Seven couples in the church will be celebrating "significant" wedding anniversaries during 2009. Arrangements will be made by the Evangelism Committee for a celebration with cake between services in the couples' honor if they choose.

Finance Committee – No report.

Long-Range Planning – The Gerschefske Estate has donated \$28,000 toward the stained glass windows for the east side of the sanctuary. Bids with design proposals will be received from three stained glass companies. A new member class will begin after Lent.

Ministry Fund – No report.

Property – Two platforms that will be used by the organist and choir director in the outdoor worship area have been raised. The entire area has been cleaned and prepared for summer worship. Pre-emergent with fertilizer has been applied to the grassy areas around the church and parsonage. The Easter Pageant area has been prepared. A handrail has been installed on the steps leading from the downstairs storage area to the youth room. A need for emergency lighting in the basement area will be addressed by the Property Committee. Pastor Beese will be vacating the parsonage sometime after Easter. Helmut Lacas volunteered to assess the parsonage and coordinate any needed repairs prior to making it available for a new tenant. It was suggested that there be a set of "landlord" type requirements for usage of the parsonage. A motion was made by Melba Bangert and seconded by Helmut Lacas to accept the bid for asphalt sealing of the 43,000 sq. ft. parking lot. Fifty-percent (\$2,157) must be paid at the time the bid is accepted. Motion carried.

Social Ministry - No meeting was held in March but an "assistance report" was available.

Stewardship – Committees involved in the third Building Fund Drive will be meeting to coordinate plans. There was discussion of how best to handle offering envelopes that have not yet been picked up by members. Some of the members have been out of town since the beginning of the year. Other members may choose not to use envelopes. Further discussion will be required to determine how best to reduce the cost of ordering envelopes next year in view of the number of envelopes not being picked up by members.

Worship and Music – The new bulletin format is undergoing some changes. Training of acolytes and ushers was discussed. Sound problems associated with the new organ are being addressed. The Youth Choir is practicing on Thursdays between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. A light snack is served, since the 4-5 enthusiastic children come directly from school. Matching shirts will be the dress of choice rather than formal choir robes. Volunteers are needed as acolytes, as well as for greeting and ushering on Sunday mornings.

Youth – A special trip is planned to St. Louis with the Kent Kids via round-trip by train from Jefferson City to Kirkwood, then a two-block walk to the Magic House (an outstanding, local “hands on” attraction). Cost is \$45/person for the train ride plus the Magic House admission. Twenty-one children and ten adults will be going. Brown bag lunches will be prepared by the Youth Committee and served on the train. The Youth Committee is excited about the increased interest of the youth in Sunday School attendance and participation in the youth choir.

PARTNERSHIP FOR THE MISSIONAL CHURCH – Melba Bangert updated the Council on the progress of this process. A potluck is planned for April 26 with temple talks on Sunday mornings to keep the congregation updated.

OLD BUSINESS

There was discussion of the draft for the Special Congregational Meeting on May 3, 2009 on the subject of the proposal for one worship service during the months of January and February beginning in 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

- First National Bank has asked that a written authorization from the Church Council be given for those on the signature card for the church's Safety Deposit Box.. Jennifer Bolton is handling this request.
- Since Council members are receiving most monthly agenda information via E-mail prior to the meetings, and in order to facilitate the flow of information during the meeting, it was suggested that Council members be better prepared by having read all Committee minutes and Treasurer's Reports prior to each monthly Council Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you was received from Community for Christ expressing their appreciation for Kent's contributions to their program in 2008.

NEXT MEETING - April 21, 2009 with Ken Gerardy providing the devotion.

ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Don Harger and seconded by Helmut Lacas that the meeting adjourn at 9:00 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer. Motion carried.

Darleen Mueller
Recording Secretary

HABITAT VOLUNTEER NEEDED

As the spring building season begins for Habitat, we have an urgent need for volunteers to work in our Re-Store on South 5 in Camdenton on Saturday mornings to relieve some of our construction crew who have been helping to staff the store in the winter months.

This is a fun assignment just assisting customers on the floor of our wonderful store. No particular skills are required as we have volunteers to work behind the sales counter. Helping load items sold into customer vehicles may be as complicated as this job gets.

If you have no construction skills, this is a terrific way to help us build a house since the sales from our Re-Store will fund the building of a house very year.

Can you work one Saturday a month from 9-1:00? If so, contact tom Reth at 317-1843. Habitat and our partner families will be grateful.



Featuring M*A*S*H Star
William Christopher

Coming to Jefferson City
September 2-6

www.troupeamerica.com

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in The Fellowship Hall if you would like to join in the fun with some ladies at Kent to go to see this theatre production.

ARE YOU A STAINED GLASS ARTIST/HOBBYIST?

Email received by Sandy Johnson, Glass with a Mission in Sunrise Beach:

As many of you know, I routinely make and donate windows for places that find a special place in my heart. I've got a new one, and would like to invite you all to participate!

Background:

Those of you that are local and on Co-Mo Electric's mailing list, which in turn gets you the Rural Missouri Newsletter, may have read the story in April's issue about a little boy, Mackintyre, that died from a brain aneurysm. In his short life he always planned and dreamed of having his church built on a portion of his grandparents farm. If you didn't have a chance to read it, you can read the story online at

<http://ruralmissouri.coop/09pages/09AprilMackintyre.html>.

I understand the KC Star also has done a story, and this last weekend Katie Couric had a feature story. Bless his little heart - he's working hard in heaven!

Well, of course, this hit close to home, losing my first-born son, Tyler. I've been in communication with them and have offered to make & donate the windows for his church. After all, what is a church without stained glass windows?! We are accepting donations and will be making windows and taking them up for installation.

Community Quilt Window

This morning I was thinking that it would be really nice to open it up for all of you fellow glassers out there....if any of you would like to make an 8" square panel, we could assemble all the pieces together to create a "patchwork" window for them. You have complete control over the contents of your piece. It could be geometric, dove, angel, something that Mackintyre would enjoy, etc. I simply ask that you wrap the entire edges in foil, but do not put a frame (zinc) around it, so it will be easier to assemble together.

Let's make it a goal to have the 8" pieces here to the studio by May 15th, and hopefully we can get it all put together and have it ready to deliver for Memorial Day. What a special gift that would be. Of course, the sooner you get it/them to me the sooner we can begin working on the assembly process.

If you have any questions, please give me a call or e-mail. And, of course, if there is anyone you know that would like to participate, please pass this info onto them. Thank you so much! -Sandy

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Wit ' N' Wisdom

SPRING HOUSE CLEANING

Last Week I threw out **worrying**, it was getting old and in the way. It kept me from being me; I couldn't do things God's way. I threw out a book on **MY PAST** (Didn't have time to read it anyway). Replaced it with **NEW GOALS**, started reading it today. I threw out **hate** and **bad memories**, (Remember how I treasured them so)? Got me a **NEW PHILOSOPHY** too, threw out the one from long ago. Brought in some new books too, called **I CAN, I WILL, and I MUST**. Threw out **I might, I think** and **I ought**. **WOW**, you should've seen the dust. I ran across an **OLD FRIEND**, I hadn't talked to in a while. His name is **GOD the Father**, and I really like **His** style. He helped me to do some cleaning and added some things **Himself**. Like **PRAYER, HOPE, FAITH** and **LOVE**, Yes... I placed them right on the shelf. I picked up this special thing and placed it at the front door. **I FOUND IT**- it's called **PEACE**. Nothing gets me down anymore. Yes, I've got my house looking nice. Looks good around the place. For things like *Worry and Trouble* there just isn't any space. It's good to do a little house cleaning, Get rid of the things on the shelf. It sure makes things brighter; maybe you should **TRY IT YOURSELF! BE BLESSED TODAY, AND BE A BLESSING TO SOMEONE ELSE!!!!** May the Lord open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that you will not have room enough to receive it all.

Lake Area Orchestra

May 26	Tan Tar A, Osage Beach
June 2	St. Michael's Catholic Church, Russellville
June 9	Ha Ha Tonka Castle Steps, Camdenton
June 16	Eldon Air Park (Community Center Rain Location)
June 23	West Lake Christian Church, Laurie
June 30	Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Jefferson City
July 14	Hope Lutheran Church, Osage Beach
July 21	New Life Assembly of God, Barnett
July 28	Versailles Royal Theatre
August 4	Christ The King Lutheran Church, Lake Ozark

All concerts are on Tuesdays and begin at 7:00 pm

Greater Lake Area Chorale

All Concerts begin at 7:00 PM and are free to the public. Free will donations accepted.

MAY

- 3 Lake of the Ozarks
St. Anthony Catholic Church
Camdenton, 3:00 PM
- 4 United Methodist Church,
Versailles, 7:00 PM

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Lake Area Women's Connection Luncheon

*Tuesday, May 19
Old Kinderhook Resort
Plaza III Conference Center
(Lake Road 54-80)
11:30 AM-1:30 PM*

*Guest Speaker:
Amanda Yarbrough
"Trading Places"*

For Reservations:

Call Barbara at 573-374-8994

Cost: \$14.50 all inclusive

May 8 **Style Show & Salad Luncheon**

Harper Chapel UMC, 5567 Highway 54,
Osage Beach

The fun begins at 11 am with a power point presentation regarding the fact that Barbie, the most fashionable icon in the style world, turned 50 years old in March. Some children and artists were asked to submit paper drawings of garments for Barbie. This "paper doll" presentation could become very interesting. At 12 noon there will be a salad luncheon provided by members of the Lake Arts Council, followed by a style show with merchandise from several local Women's Apparel shops. The proceeds will help to facilitate future programs of the Lake Arts Council. The ticket price is \$10, and reservations may be made by calling the Lake Arts Council office at 964-6366.

May 9 **Children's Choir Concert**

On this day before Mother's Day, what better way to celebrate than by listening to the voices of children? The Performing Arts Committee is sponsoring a concert of two awarding winning Children's Choirs. The Southwest Missouri Children's Choir based in Springfield, Mo. will bring a 20 voice ensemble of children from the fifth through the eighth grades. The Ensemble has traveled the U.S. and internationally in Japan, Italy, England, and France. Following their presentation, the 89 voice Camdenton Chorale, comprised of fourth graders from Hawthorn, and fifth and sixth graders from Oak Ridge Elementary Schools, will present their program. The two choirs will combine forces for a final number.

The performance will begin at 2:00 pm in the Worthan Auditorium at Camdenton High School. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for students. They may be purchased at the door. Bring a child, a mother, a grandchild. It promises to be an amazingly fine performance in a beautiful new facility.