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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This issue of the Kent News will reach you on the day of or after our congregational meeting on October 1. As I said last month August was a good month at Kent Memorial - we had a lot of fun and raised money for worthy causes. September, on the other hand has not been as much fun for us as we wrestle with some controversial issues in the ELCA. And I know many of you have struggled too. So, let me say a few things about the statement which you can read at www.elca.org.

The social statement is a theological and teaching document that builds on key Lutheran principals of justification by grace and Christian freedom to serve the neighbor. It emphasizes that the building and protection of trust is vital in relationships. It therefore affirms that we are called to be trustworthy in our human sexuality and to build social institutions and practices where trust and trustworthy relationships can thrive. The social statement addresses marriage, families, protection of children, and friendships. With regard to same-gender committed relationships, the social statement says this church is not in agreement.

The assembly adopted resolutions to make it possible for those in committed same-gender relationships to serve as rostered leaders in the ELCA and for congregations that choose to do so to recognize, support, and hold publicly accountable life-long monogamous same-gender relationships.

Much attention was given by the assembly to the matter of "bound consciences" The assembly resolved "that in the implementation of any resolutions on ministry policies, the ELCA commit itself to bear one another's burdens, love the neighbor, and respect the bound-consciences of all."

It is evident that the ELCA is divided on the matter of same-gender relationships. People of faith on both sides of the issue have deeply held convictions that are based on much prayerful study of the Scriptures. "Respect the bound consciences of all" means that we respect the convictions people have, even when we disagree, and that we respect the decisions people make based on their consciences.

"Respect the bound consciences of all" also means that the larger church will respect the convictions of congregations. Each congregation, therefore will be free to choose who will serve as their pastor and will not be forced to have someone not of their choosing.

People, including folks in our congregation, will no doubt react to these decisions in a variety of ways. Some will be angry and hurt while others will not. I ask that we give ourselves the gift of time so that we may pray about this, talk to one another, and help each other determine the best course of action that we can take as individuals and as a congregation.

Remember, the ELCA is still Christ's church. Jesus Christ is still the Lord and Savior of the church. Christ is in charge. Christ will see us through. Christ will preserve us. Therefore let us trust our Lord and Savior, take courage and have hope for the days to come. Please remember that the mission and ministry at Kent will continue to move forward as we reach out to the world to make disciples for Christ.

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I am very grateful for this congregation, for the many wonderful people in this congregation, and for the caring relationships we continue to have with one another. I pray that we will continue to value these relationships in the days to come, and do all that we can to care for one another and to support and strengthen each other. For indeed, we are all valued children of God! This is a time when we really need one another!

On another subject, I really want to stress the importance of our mission of outreach here at Kent Memorial. The PMC Steering Committee held it's second congregational get together last Sunday afternoon. After hearing summaries of the three reports 1) the Congregational Future Finder, 2) the Listening Leaders, and 3) the Timeline Event we divided into three groups and ask the questions: What is your experience in the congregation and what are some possibilities to reach out to our community in addition to Community For Christ, Share The Harvest and Lake Area Helping Hands ? What are the gifts of this congregation and how can we use them to Share Jesus With All? These are important questions and we ask you to think about them and share your thoughts with the Steering Committee: Melba Bangert, Dan Johnson, Gerry Williams, Sheryl Boos, Virgil Norris, Gloria Peterson and Lois Gonseth. You can stop by and pick up any of these reports from the church office.

*In God's Tender Embrace,
Pastor Dave*

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Our Mission Statement: To Share Jesus With All!

GRIEF SUPPORT

We are interested in starting a grief support group here at Kent. If you have suffered the loss of a loved one and would like to get together with others to share your grief and support one another, please attend an initial meeting on Thursday, October 8th at 1:00 PM in The Fellowship Hall.

If you cannot attend this meeting but would like to participate in this group, please give Pastor Dave a call.

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



Jeremy, James & Andrea Brown
 Scott & Cindy Kamin
 Norma Estes
 Flo Leetch
 Debbie Billing
 Don Brohm
 Joan Marshcke
 Kimberly Brunkhorst
 Charline Stringer
 Marilyn Perry
 Laura Feller
 Lori Splinter
 Makayla Markus
 Karen Pulcher
 Mel McKeown

Michelle Ann Bennett
 Haley Walls
 Jerry Killion
 Alison Gillum
 Becky LaRock
 Tina Waddell
 Shelly Yates
 Gary Limpus
 Wiody & Sandy Jerrit
 Jim & Donna Rak
 Joe Garrett
 Shirley Parsley
 Kim Six
 Jeff Williams
 Sandy Monrey
 Chuck Burkholder
 Carolyn Hinkle

Thank you.....

The potluck on WELCA Day was wonderful! I could not believe my ears when Linda Williams called both Shirley Cark and me up for recognition. I had been told the potluck was to honor Shirley, and I thought it was a good idea. Little did I know that I was going to be thanked also. You all did a very good job of keeping it a secret. Love you all, **Jan Kennedy**

Dear Ladies and Pastor Beese, Thank you so much for the beautiful luncheon. It was wonderful. The food was delicious as usual! ...and it was a great surprise. Thank you. Thank you. **Shirley Clark**

MOTHER'S DAY OUT

With school starting again, West Lake Ministerial Alliance's Mother's Day Out will be resuming on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 9:00 AM to noon. Located at the West Lake Christian Church Building on "O" Highway, the community based program welcomes children from 4 months through preschool ages. For a low cost of \$10.00 per session the program provides a loving, stimulating environment for children, enabling family members to schedule doctor appointments, grocery shopping or social events. The director and teachers have many years of preschool and elementary teaching experience. Call 374-0647 for more information and enrollment forms.

Christian Hope and Sympathy go out to ...



Major and Erna Thomas at the death of Major's brother, Eldred, on Wednesday 9/16 and the family and friends of Bob Schoofield who has been on our prayer list for several weeks, friend and neighbor of the Kimber-



REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY IN PRAYER

Glenn Maddock
 Benjamin Kyle Jones
 Tom Gidley
 Will Pierce
 Tony Kiefer
 Shawn Moorhead
 Dustin McCormick
 Michael Rudolph
 Brandon Gronhoff
 Gregory Bird
 Brian Fitzgerald
 David DeJarnette
 Bret Jefferson
 Timothy Price

John Waddell
 Blake Richardson
 Kyle Towles
 John Kuenzi
 Mark Woodfin
 Sam D. Ellis
 Joseph W. Ellis
 William Cohen
 Travis Ervin
 J. R. Frakes
 Joalene & Joe Grissel, Jr.
 Bryan Wright
 Aaron Davis

CURRENTLY IN CARE FACILITIES



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

Esther Bryan
 Don Carter
 Mary Gordon
 Sam Palmer
 Harvey Rasmussen
 Lucille Theleman

If you know of others who are not listed here, please contact the church office so they may be included in this list.

THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Offerings and Income for August	17,498
Budget Needs Each Month	16,480
Offerings and Income—January—August	114,255
Budget Needs—January-July	132,120
Average Attendance for August — 192	

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL
 ATTENDANCE AND FOR YOUR GIFTS !!!**
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August 2009 Building Fund Report

Bank Balance 8-1-09	\$ 4,027.73
Deposits in August	10,780.91
Total	14,808.64
Payment to Mission Investment	10,000.00
Bank Balance 9-1-09	4,808.64
Payment to Mission Investment	\$10,000.00
Interest Paid	2,297.46
Principal paid	7,702.54
Balance due on mortgage to Mission Investment on 8/1/09	416,522.80
Principal Paid	7,702.54
Balance due on mortgage 9/1/09	408,820.26

Stained Glass Window Drawings Unveiled

This past summer, the Stained Glass Window Committee, the Long Range Planning Committee and Pastor Dave met with Sandy Johnson to begin the process of selecting designs for the stained glass windows at Kent. Under the guidance of Sandy, the artist chosen to design Kent's stained glass windows, Pastor Dave and the committee members selected a theme for each set of windows. The theme for the three sets of windows will include God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.



After perfecting the designs, Sandy invited Pastor Dave and all committee members to her workshop to preview the drawings. After the votes were counted, discussion among the group and suggestions were offered. The designs are now ready for production as soon as the glass arrives.

Sandy will notify us when she is prepared to have Kent members drop by to see this project in progress. Completion and installation of the windows should happen before the end of the year. Memorial contributions are completely funding this project.

Greetings from WELCA

Our September 1st WELCA Craft Day was lots of fun and productive with 25 workers who made 124 stuffed animals, 17 cancer turbans, 12 preemie blankets, 5 sets of baby hats/booties, and 4 single sets of booties. Thanks to everyone who brought food to the luncheon, it was great!

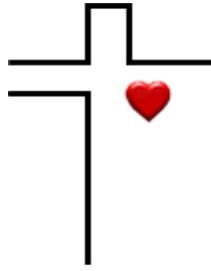


image by ChristArt.com

Laurie Care Center November Birthdays

Anyone wishing to give a Birthday Gift to someone at the Laurie Care Center please have your gift wrapped with a card from Kent Memorial Lutheran and your name. These need to be in before the end of October. See the sign-up sheet or Nelda Chapman.

Blood Pressure Checks

The Senior Center does blood pressure checks every Monday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Chili/Soup, Bazaar, Bake Sale: Saturday, November 14 10:00 to 4:00 p.m.

We need everyone's participation to make our annual WELCA fund raiser a success. If you like to make crafts, we'll need items for the Bazaar and also people to make baked goods.

Community Needs

Community for Christ and Share the Harvest need volunteers and food for their pantry:

- Non-Perishable Food
- Personal Cleanliness Items
- Clothing

Dates to Remember

- Chili/Soup/Bazaar/Bake sales, Saturday, November 14th
- Cookie/Candy Sale Saturday, December 5th
- Ladies Christmas Luncheon, Tuesday, December 8th

Thank You from your WELCA Board
"God's Work. Our Hands"

Your Social Ministry Committee in Action...

What is the Festival of Sharing?

The third Saturday of October is the day that people of faith, from many different denominations all over the state, gather at the **Missouri State Fairgrounds**, in Sedalia. This year the date is October 17th. The groups and families bring money that has been raised and "kits" that have been assembled during the year. Volunteers help to sack rice, beans and potatoes for distribution to Missouri agencies. In the afternoon state agencies bring their trucks and trailers to receive the kits, rice, beans and potatoes to distribute to their clients. **Kits, assembled for Church World Service**, are loaded on a semi truck to continue their journey to other parts of the world.

The Festival is now in its 28th year and generates approximately \$1 million annually.

The interfaith event is an expression of mission support and involvement that has helped improve the lives of countless individuals in Missouri and around the world.

THE PURPOSE AND MISSION

The Festival of Sharing seeks to:

- generate financial, material, and personnel resources for hunger, poverty, crisis, and injustice,
- meet and challenge injustice through advocacy and systemic change,
- promote awareness of hunger and justice issues, local and international outreach opportunities, and resource stewardship possibilities, encourage and enable hands-on experience with mission projects and local outreach agencies.

This year we will again gather the **Dental Kit Materials** and the youth will assemble the "kits" on Sunday, October 11th. Several members of the Social Ministry Committee will deliver them to Sedalia for the Festival on October 17th. We need your assistance by donating the material and putting them in the grocery cart beginning now and through October 11th.

ITEMS NEEDED ARE:

- 46 soft toothbrushes (include 2 child size)
- *unopened packages: extra brushes for family members
- 1 dental floss-any size
- 1 fluoride toothpaste, 6 Oz. or more

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



- 1 Jim Hynick
- 4 Carolyn Durkin
- 4 Phil Keeney
- 5 Jan Ellis
- 5 Chuck Wanamaker
- 7 Dale Freelove
- 9 Janet Harger
- 9 Jan Kennedy
- 9 Edith Venzke
- 10 Dick Kirchner
- 10 Beth Waite
- 11 Bill Hunter
- 12 Kowan Covey

- 12 Joan Marschke
- 14 Richard Gonseth
- 16 Makenna Enriiquez
- 16 Janet Kuecker
- 16 Jim Hennick
- 17 Vivian Brandmeier
- 18 Kris Gryte
- 19 George Patterson
- 18 Krisofer Gryte
- 19 Ray Bronner
- 26 Bruce Bramon
- 26 Marlene Brumley
- 27 Bill Moore
- 27 Gary Bachman
- 29 Nancy Moore
- 30 Goeff Spaulding
- 31 Devin Gilliam
- 31 Tom Porter

Anniversaries

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| 10/02/1993 | Bill & Vicky Ferretti |
| 10/02/1993 | Paul & Denise Irwin |
| 10/02/1980 | Steve & Linda Latham |
| 10/10/1958 | Joe & Peggy Proch |
| 10/11/2008 | David & Christy Jones |
| 10/16/1954 | Bud & Bev Kidder |
| 10/16/1993 | Jim & Stacy O'Neal |
| 10/28/1980 | Bill & Nancy Moore |



ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

50 years plus:

Bud & Bev Kidder, 55 years
 Joe & Peggy Proch, 51 years

20 years plus:

Steve & Linda Latham, 29 years
 Bill & Nancy Moore, 29 years

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Jacob Fitzhugh
 P O Box 1304
 Laurie, MO 65038
 660-723-5243

Eldeen Hanke
 814 Jupiter Road
 Camdenton, MO 65020

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 Gravois Mills, MO 65037
 573-207-0090

Kathy & Bill Hankins
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 Greenville, TX 75401
 816-405-5796

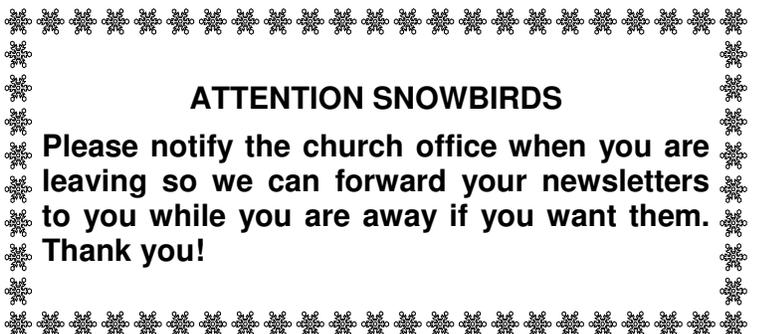
Joan Marschke
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 Vandalia, MO 63382

These changes will be made to the online membership directory on the Kent website. Our webmaster, Don Brohm, makes the changes monthly for us.

You can download a current directory from the Kent website:
www.kentmemorial.com



**Daylight Savings Time
 Ends
 The first Sunday in November...
 November 1**



ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS

**Please notify the church office when you are leaving so we can forward your newsletters to you while you are away if you want them.
 Thank you!**

FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD TO KENT

Community Blood Center of the Ozarks Blood Drive sponsored by Kent Thrivers will be held on Friday, October 23 from 1:30 - 6:00 pm.

Yummy Halloween treats and a t-shirt for all donors are on hand for all donors. Bring your friends and neighbors, and let's go for a new record and beat our June drive of 55 units collected!!!

Thank you in advance for giving the gift of life!

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

- October 1 Bud
- October 8 Gerry
- October 15 Dan
- October 22 Ken
- October 29 Pastor

Save the Date!

October 4 7:00 PM

An Evening of Music Act II

Featuring
Tracy Garrett
Kathleen Marco
Margo Strothmann...

And a host of friends including **Michael Lindeman**

Save the Date!



NEW STUFF ON WWW.KENTMEMORIAL.COM

Watch for the next issue of the *Kent News* on-line a week or so before you usually get it in the mail.

8 PHOTOS FROM 9/20/09 "KENT KLOWN" WORSHIP SERVICE POSTED 9/22/09

AUG. 18, 2009 Council Minutes - Posted 9/16/09

9 PHOTO SLIDE SHOW FROM 8/15/09 SOCIAL MINISTRY HOE DOWN POSTED 9/16/09

WELCA PAGE UPDATED - 9/10/09 ADDING SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES & OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

UPDATE TO THE "online" Alphabetical Directory on 9/8/09 - CHANGED ONLINE COPY TO NEW VERSION PROVIDED BY PAT DAU

SEPTEMBER 2009 ISSUE OF THE KENT NEWS AND CALENDAR ADDED ON 8/26/09

TRUNKS FOR TREATS!

The Evangelism Committee will have a "trunk" for Trick or Treat night on Saturday, October 31st and the Kent Klowns will be on hand. **If you'd like to donate candy to be handed out please leave in the box in the office.**

Also, if you would like to join us.....there is a sign up sheet in the gathering room – just so we have an idea of how many trunks we will have at Kent. Decorate your trunk... or not, dress up in costume....or not ... or... just come and enjoy all of the children dressed up in costume!

Let's be a witness to our community that we care for all and want to share Jesus with all! Happy Halloween and a blessed Reformation Day.

OCTOBER SCRIPTURE LESSONS

October 4, 18th Sunday After Pentecost

1st Reading.....Genesis 2:18-24
 The Psalm..... Psalm 8
 2nd Reading..... Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
 The Gospel..... Mark 10:2-16

October 11, 19th Sunday After Pentecost

1st Reading..... Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15
 The Psalm..... Psalm 90:12-17
 2nd Reading..... Hebrews 4:12-16
 The Gospel..... Mark 10:17-31

October 18, 20th Sunday After Pentecost

1st Reading Isaiah 53:4-12
 The Psalm..... Psalm 91:9-16
 2nd Reading Hebrews 5:1-10
 The Gospel..... Mark 10:35-45

October 25, 21st Sunday After Pentecost-Reformation

1st Reading Jeremiah 31:7-9
 The Psalm..... Psalm 126
 2nd Reading Hebrews 7:23-28
 The Gospel..... Mark 10:46-52

WORSHIP LEADERS IN OCTOBER

8:00 AM

Acolytes..... 10/4 Glen Kralina; 10/11 Abby Kruse
 10/18 Kaitlyn Jones; 10/25 Rachel Johnson
 Altar Guild..... Helen Oldham
 Lector Pat Dau
 Greeters
 Ushers 10/4 Dick & Shirley Kirchner
 10/11 Helmut & Jan Lacas;
 10/25 Toni & Michael Wagner
 Coffee Fellowship.....10/4 Gary & Carolyn Wiles
 10/11 Charlie & Marilyn Peterson
 Sound 10/05 & 10/19 Ken Gerardy
 10/12 & 10/26 Lester Clark

10:30 AM

Altar Guild..... Sheryl Boos
 Lector 10/4 & 10/18 Melba Bangert
 10/11 & 10/25 Helen Oldham
 Greeters
 Ushers 10/4 Merv & Eileen Moeller
 10/11 Charles & Ingrid Niemann
 10/18 Bolton Family; 10/25 Cline/Chapman
 Coffee Fellowship10/4, 10/18 & 10/25 Jennifer Bolton
 Sound10/05 & 10/19 John Bolton
 10/12 & 10/26 Wayne Stauss

GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR OCTOBER

10/04 Don & Gloria Peterson
 10/11 Ken Gerardy & Merv Moeller
 10/18 Harvey & Nancy Lembke
 10/25 Michael & Toni Wagner

STAFF

Pastor David R.Beese
 Office Secretary Pat Dau
 Organist Kathleen Maraco
 Assistant Organist..... Joyce Wanamaker
 Vocal and Hand Bell Choirs Director Jan 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,
 John Bolton, Ken Gerardy & Wayne Stauss
 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 Kathy Spaulding
 Long Range Don Peterson
 Ministry Fund Ken Gerardy, Chuck Wanamaker
 Ministry Fund & Finance Ken Gerardy
 Property Jim Kennedy
 Social Ministry..... Melba Bangert, Chuck Wanamaker
 Stewardship Virgil Norris
 Worship & Music..... Charles Niemann
 Youth Diane Ziehl

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

OCTOBER
 NEWSLETTER ARTICLE
 DEADLINE
 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

*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 OCTOBER
 Helen Oldham—374-5242**

**KENT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Jennifer Bolton, Chairperson. Devotion was led by Diane Ziehl.

Members Present: Jennifer Bolton, Ken Gerardy, Bob Harger, Shirley Kirchner, Charles Niemann, Virgil Norris, Don Peterson, Kathy Spaulding, Chuck Wanamaker, Diane Ziehl and Pastor Beese

Member Excused: Melba Bangert, who was attending the ELCA's National Meeting in Minneapolis

The *minutes of July 21, 2009* were reviewed. The following changes in the minutes will be made. Chuck Wanamaker should be included as a Council member present. Under the *Mutual Ministry Committee* section, the minutes should be changed to reflect the fact that the results of the evaluations received from the congregation on the subject of pastoral ministry emphasis were very similar to those received "... when the last survey was done in 1997." A motion was made by Chuck Wanamaker and seconded by Kathy Spaulding to accept the minutes with the changes outlined above. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The report was reviewed. Jennifer provided a breakdown on property expenses thus far this year, which includes the cost of property insurance. A motion was made by Kathy Spaulding and seconded by Ken Gerardy to accept the report as written.

Building Fund Report – The report was reviewed. Ken Gerardy reported a check for approximately \$4,000 had been received from WELCA which reflected a portion of the proceeds of the recent rummage sale. A motion was made by Kathy Spaulding and seconded by Bob Harger to accept the report as written.

Pastor's Report – The ELCA church wide assembly is meeting in Minneapolis this week. Pastor asked that we keep the assembly in our prayers. Members can follow the activities of the assembly on line at ELCA.org. Pastor provided an update on the stained glass window project. Pastor expressed appreciation for the generosity of the congregation during the recent fund raisers. The Social Ministry Fair

was held between services last Sunday. Pastor will begin another Bible Study in September. Evenings seem to work better for the participants. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 13. An example of the suggested Kent Youth logo design was shared with the Council members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education – Bob Harger reported that Virgil Norris had attended a Leadership Conference in Kansas City with Dorothy Englestad. Rick Warren (*A Purpose Driven Life*) is expected to be a speaker at the 2010 conference. Leaders of the church were encouraged to attend. Brad Brumm, the Superintendent of our Sunday School, will be asked to provide a list of the ages & grades of the children in Sunday School, in order to mail out cards inviting the children to the beginning of Sunday School on September 13. Lee Dau will continue his study of the *Gospel of John* and Dorothy Englestad will begin a study of *The Prodigal God*.

Evangelism - A list will be prepared for new members outlining the committees of the church and their functions, if they should wish to volunteer or be asked to serve on a committee. Members should be encouraged to wear their name tags and to reach out to visitors during coffee fellowship. It was suggested that members place their name tags in a basket following coffee fellowship and a volunteer would be asked to place the name tags back on the board in alphabetical order. Ken Mueller, Property Chair, will be asked to consider designing a larger board for the name tags, which would improve the "on and off process" and may encourage members to wear their name tags more regularly.

Finance – No meeting to report.

Long-Range Planning – No meeting this past month, but Don Peterson continues to follow the stained glass window project.

Ministry Fund – No meeting.

Mutual Ministry – The Committee met in July to review the results of the recent pastoral survey. In the area of music, Pastor discussed how hymns are selected and ways to improve the congregation's familiarity with the hymns. Results of the survey will be included in the September Newsletter. There was discussion of ways to follow new members after they join the church. It was suggested that we become more aware of members who are not attending regularly and ways in which we

(Council Minutes continued)

might encourage attendance. Kathy Spaulding volunteered to bring this subject to the Evangelism Committee for study.

Property – Ken Mueller provided a summary of activities during the past month including treatment of an ant infestation of trees near the outdoor worship area. Volunteers continue to keep the grass mowed and flower beds weeded and watered in the front of church and in the area of the Columbarium. Service was required for the air conditioner in the church office. Another work day will be scheduled for the Easter Pageant area before leaves begin to fall. The Committee is working on a request to prepare a platform and move the keyboard back to the front of the outdoor worship area.

Social Ministry – The Committee responded to nine recent calls for assistance. The Hoedown on August 15 was a success, adding approximately \$6,800 to the Social Ministry fund.

Stewardship – Virgil Norris reported on his trip to Kansas City to attend the Leadership Conference.

Worship and Music – Charles Niemann reported difficulty in recruiting ushers. A new list has been prepared. Acolyte training is planned for September.

Youth – The youth sold hot dogs and drinks during the WELCA rummage sale. Gail Kruse used her grill to cook hot dogs for the Hoedown. Materials were available for review for the New mulch will be put down under the playground equipment after the weeds are sprayed. Gail reported on the trip to New Orleans and the positive experience of working side-by-side with ELCA church leaders on service projects related to damage remaining from Hurricane Katrina.

PMC – Pastor reported the committee will be meeting toward the end of the month. An informative meeting will be held for the congregation on September 20, 2009. The cluster group will be meeting in St. Louis October 16-17. Attendees will be staying in ELCA member homes to reduce the cost.

OLD BUSINESS - The Building Fund Pledge Drive #3 was considered a great success.

NEW BUSINESS

•A motion was made by Charles Niemann and seconded by Shirley Kirchner to approve Jim Kennedy to fill the unexpired term (12/31/11) of Helmut Lacas on the Church Council. Motion carried. Jim will serve on the Property Committee.

•The Nominating Committee met before the council meeting to offer replacements to the Church Council beginning January 1, 2010. Kathy Spaulding and Chuck Wanamaker who are filling the unexpired terms of Ralph “Mac” McHenry and Tom Reeder have agreed to remain on the Council and serve an additional three-year term. Shirley Kirchner & Charles Niemann will be going off of the council at end of this year.

•Jan Kennedy will be placing budget sheets in committee chairpersons’ mailboxes for completion in preparation for the 2010 budget process. The sheets need to be completed by the end of September so the council can approve the budget in October in anticipation of the Annual Meeting Part I on November 8, 2009.

•Committee chairpersons were reminded of the need to prepare written reports for the Annual Meeting Part II on February 14, 2010..

•Pastor will ask Pat Dau to prepare an update of the history and statistics of the church for the “Kent History” section on the website.

•In order to encourage better participation by the congregation in singing hymns, it was suggested that we consider using a “music leader” when the choir is not present during worship.

•Bob Harger mentioned that people have told them that they like having the choir and keyboard up front at the outdoor worship area instead in the back. It would be easier to hear them if they were at the front of the outdoor worship area.

NEXT MEETING – September 15, 2009 with Shirley Kirchner leading the devotion.

ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Kathy Spaulding and seconded by Don Peterson that the meeting adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried. Hands were held and The Lord’s Prayer was prayed.

Darleen Mueller, Recording Secretary

BOOK REVIEW

LEFT TO TELL

Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust

Author: Immaculée Ilibagiza
with Steve Erwin

2006 210 pp.

"This is the story of how I discovered God during one of the history's bloodiest holocausts.

She's here...we know she's here somewhere...Find her — find Immaculée.

There were many voices, many killers. I could see them in my mind: My former friends and neighbors, who had always greeted me with love and kindness, moving through the house carrying spears and machetes and calling my name."

Immaculée was born in western Rwanda to parents who believed that a good education would provide their children with a good life. Her parents were Christians and wanted their children to go further than they had in school. They spent many hours doing volunteer work and helping those in their community.

Immaculée was awarded a scholarship to attend a university and had come home to spend Easter with her family when the death of Rwanda's Hutu president sparked a three-month slaughter of nearly a million ethnic Tutsis.

This is the story of how Immaculée survived 91 days by hiding in a pastor's bathroom with the other women listening to sounds of hatred and being completely unsure if she would live.

She spent hours contemplating the meaning of forgiveness, faith and hope. She began to understand "what it means to surrender one's self to a Higher Power."

This story tells how she overcame hatred and found the strength to offer forgiveness.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study has chosen to study the book of Acts. Wednesday, September 30, was the day we began, but this is just the beginning, and we want you to feel welcome to come and join us. Acts is about how the apostles came together and went out to tell about Jesus to all around them.

Please join us on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 - 10:00.

**FUND
RAISER**

KENT AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

POTATO BAR

Sunday, October 18

11:30 AM

- Toppings:** Chili
 Sour Cream/Bacon Bits/Cheese
 Broccoli & Cheese
 Chicken Alfredo
 Salad, Dessert & Drinks will be served



\$5.00 Adults \$3.00 Kids 12 & Under
 See Gail Kruse or Christy Jones for Tickets

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Octoberfest

October 10, 2009
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Highway 54 at 4th Street
Camdenton, MO
(across from Taco Bell)

Starting time: 3:00PM
Dinner: 5:00-7:30 PM

Authentic German dinner; auction; Biergarten; concessions; 50/50 donation; Kindergarten (children's activities); music/Polka dancing

LAKE AREA CHORALE PERFORMANCES

November 29	3:00 PM	West Lake Christian Church, Laurie
November 30	7:00 PM	Harper Chapel UMC, Osage Beach
December 6	3:00 PM	Christ the King Lutheran Church, Lake Ozarks
December 7	7:00 PM	First Baptist Church, Eldon
December 13	3:00 PM	St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Camdenton
December 14	7:00 PM	Assembly of God, Versailles