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- Love is... the most confused, abused, misused word in the English language.
 the simplest but most complex of words, causing the highest
 joy and deepest sorrow, depending on how it is used.
 ... the emotions whose shades of feeling are greater in number
 than the hues of the rainbow.
- Love is... the subject of numerous popular songs, mushy movies and
 true romance magazines, because what the world needs now is love, sweet love.
 ... what makes the world go round.
 what is wonderful the second time around.
- Love is the fulfilling of God's law.
 the virtue which bears all things, believes all things, hopes
 all things, endures all things.
 What Paul calls a more excellent way,
- Love is..... ... the joy of making someone else happy with a surprise small
 gift presented for no reason at all.
 ... staying up all night pacing the floor with your sick child.
 ... doing the ironing, the washing, the cleaning, the cooking, the
 mending, the fixing, the grass cutting, the snow shoveling
 without a "please" or a "thank you."
- Love is the glow in another's eyes when you've just shared a special moment.
 ... being willing to give in on an argument even though you know you're right.
 ... patience with the pace of another when you want to hurry
 ahead, knowing that a give and take is involved.
- Love is.... ... the cry of a Baby in Bethlehem, born into the cold of a smelly animal barn.
 the concern of a young carpenter for the hurting and hungry
 and helpless and even the dead, a concern that led him to a cross
 ... the promise of a risen Lord, who left us so that we might be free in
 His Spirit to share his love and grace with all people.
 ... and love isn't love, and grace isn't grace until you give it away with
 no strings attached, no conditions to meet, risking yourself as Christ
 risked Himself in love, that others may know through you and me,

THAT GOD IS LOVE AND IN THAT LOVE IS LIFE !!

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17 Our theme is "The Sign of Jonah." Jonah...for Lent? Sounds fishy, but it's a natural fit. When the Jews asked Jesus for a sign, he said, "I will give you only the sign of Jonah." After three days in the belly of the earth, Jesus rose with news of God's prodigal grace. This series of special services for Lent explores the meaning of The Sign of Jonah as we follow Jonah on his journey...and Jesus on his way to the cross.

In God's Love and Grace

Pastor Dave

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Our Mission Statement: To Share Jesus With All !

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STAFF

David R.Beese Pastor
 Pat DauOffice Secretary, & Newsletter Editor
 Kathleen Marco Organist
 Joyce Wanamaker..... Assistant Organist
 Jan Ellis Vocal & Hand Bell Choirs Director
 Dorothy Englestad, & Bill Ferretti
 Parish Ministry Associates
 Brad BrummSunday School Director
 Gail Kruse..... Kent Kids
 Helen Garagnani Prayer Chain Chairperson
 Lester Clark, John Bolton,
 Ken Gerardy, & Wayne Stauss Sound Technicians
 Don Brohm WEB Master

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2010 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Committee Assignments

Jennifer Bolton President
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 Bob Harger Christian Education
 Jerry Husbands Evangelism
 Ken Gerardy
Finance, Ministry Fund, & Building Fund Treasurer
 Don Peterson Long Range Planning
 Jim Kennedy..... Property
 Melba Bangert..... Social Ministry
 Chuck Wanamaker..... Social Ministry
 LeeAnne Brumm Stewardship
 Virgil Norris..... Stewardship
 Diane Ziehl Youth

Council Appointed Positions

Toni Wagner.....Recording Secretary
 Gail Kruse..... Treasurer
 Jean Killion Financial Secretary
 Barbara Patterson ...Building Fund Financial Secretary

FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE LESSONS

February 7—5th Sunday after Epiphany

1st Reading Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)
 The PsalmPsalm 138
 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 The Gospel..... Luke 5:1-11

February 14—Transfiguration of Our Lord

1st Reading Exodus 34:29-35
 The PsalmPsalm 99
 2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2
 The Gospel..... Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

February 21—1st Sunday in Lent

1st ReadingDeuteronomy 26:1-11
 The Psalm Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
 2nd Reading Romans 10:8b-13
 The Gospel..... Luke 4:1-13

February 28—2nd Sunday after Epiphany

1st Reading Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
 The PsalmPsalm 27
 2nd Reading Philippians 3:17—4:1
 The Gospel..... Luke 13:31-35

WORSHIP LEADERS IN FEBRUARY

8:00 AM

Acolytes 2/07 Sydney Irwin; 2/14 Alexx Bennett
 2/21 Jenni Kruse; 2/28 Shade Bullock
 Altar Guild..... 2/14 & 2/28 Sue Rosenthal;
 2/17 (Ash Wednesday) Janet Harger
 Lector Pat Dau
 Greeters 2/07 Joyce McHenry
 2/14 Charlie & Mary Evans
 Ushers 2/7 Gerry & Linda Williams;
 2/14 Lee & Pat Dau; 2/21 Michael & Toni Wagner
 2/28 Allen & Linda Kimberling
 Coffee Fellowship..... 2/07 Bill & Ada Terry
 2/14 Pat Garrett; 2/21 Rick & Beth Waite
 Sound Technicians..... 2/07, 2/14 & 2/28 Lester Clark
 2/21 Ken Gerardy

10:30 AM

Altar Guild..... 2/7 Kathy Spaulding; 2/21 Nancy Beese
 Lector 2/7, 2/21 & 2/28 Toni Wagner
 2/14 Helen Oldham
 Greeters 2/07 Karen Hardwick; 2/14 Nancy Beese
 2/21 Barb Patterson & Karen Pragman
 Ushers 2/07 & 2/14 John & Jennifer Bolton
 2/21 Shirley Clark & Joyce McHenry
 2/28 David & Cindy Curchy
 Coffee Fellowship..... 2/07 John & Jennifer Bolton
 2/21 Barb Patterson & Karen Pragman
 Sound Technicians..... 2/7 & 2/21 John Bolton
 2/14 & 2/28 Wayne Stauss

**MARCH
 NEWSLETTER ARTICLE
 DEADLINE
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

*Leave your articles in the Newsletter
 box in the office, or e-mail your news*

GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR FEBRUARY

02/07 Chuck & Joyce Wanamaker
 02/14 Michael & Toni Wagner
 02/21 Linda Kimberling & Ken Gerardy
 02/29 Jim Kennedy & Gerry Williams

Our faithful soundman, Wayne Stauss, would like to retire from his duties. If you are interested in helping out with sound a couple times a month, please talk to Wayne or Lester. No experience needed—young or old, male or female.

THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Offerings and Income for December	19,331
Budget Needs Each Month	16,480
Offerings and Income—January—December	163,635
Budget Needs—January—December	198,145

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE AND FOR YOUR GIFTS !

Average Attendance for December 136

These ‘thank yous’ are on the Stewardship Corner this month for a reason. Kent members have historically done a good job of an extending themselves out into the community. You have done an outstanding job especially at this past holiday time. “Well done, thy good and faithful servants.”

These are excerpts from letters received by the Social Ministry Committee:

“Our young people were blessed through the loving generosity of Christians who care this Christmas. How thankful we are each one could experience the love of others in this special way, reminding them just how special they really are. - Thank you for your loving generosity throughout the year “ - **Gale and Karen Culler Show Me Christian Youth Home**

“On behalf of everyone at CADV/VOC we would like to thank you for your recent donation of \$162.50 – In addition to the support and services provided year round, during the month of December CADV also provides assistance to these victims and their children with food , necessities, and gifts for Christmas. This year showed an even greater need than the last and with the help from your donation we were able to give to 38 women and 91 children through our Christmas program – CADV is thankful for your support and counting you as one of our blessings” – **Heather Durbin, Outreach Coordinator, Citizens Against Domestic Violence**

“We appreciate and thank you for your continued support of Share the Harvest Food Pantry – Even if one child has to go to bed cold and hungry, that is one child too many.- As Christians it is a commitment we must make, to take care of God’s people. Thank you for your commitment”. – **Judy Wimmer, Director, Share the Harvest**

The Social Ministry Committee wants to say “Thank you, Kent Members”, for your volunteer hours, and financial support on behalf of those in need in our community.

“We can do no great things - only small things with great love” Mother Teresa

The Westside Senior 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. **WESTSIDE SENIORS ASSOCIATION**

We appreciate and thank you for your support of Share the Harvest Food Pantry. Place your self trying to console a mother that knows today her electricity is going to be disconnected. Two small children and a husband that has been laid off for the winter; or the single mother who has had her hours cut for the winter months and her landlord is knocking at her door. These are situations that we encounter weekly.

Because of your gift and many others, we are able to fill that gap part of the time. If we do not have the funds, we try to find help for them elsewhere. Even if one child has to go to bed cold and hungry, that is one child too many. As Christians, it is a commitment we must make—to take care of God’s people Thank you for your commitment. **Judy Wimmer, Director of Share the Harvest**

Just wanted to let you know that God has again blessed us. We collected \$72,245.78 this year. I want you to know that first the credit goes to God. He has allowed us donations there right up there near record levels for our unit. I am so proud to be an associate of a super-super dedicated and committed group of volunteers. (YOU) THANK YOU-THANK YOU. **Doug Miller, Salvation Army**

THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER (continued)**December 2009 Kent Memorial Lutheran Church
Building Fund Report**

Bank Balance 12-1-09	\$7,104.77
Deposits, interest, and adjustments	7,350.87
Payment to Mission Investment (ELCA)	8,000.00
Bank Balance 1-1-10	6,455.64
Payment to Mission Investment	\$8,000.00
Interest Paid	2,128.85
Principal Paid	5,871.15
Balance due on mortgage to Mission Investment 12-1-09	\$385,749.79
Principal Paid	5,871.15
Balance due on mortgage 1-1-10	379,878.64
Balance Due on Mortgage 1-1-09	\$440,362.88
Balance due on Mortgage 1-1-10	379,878.64
Principal paid in 2009	60,484.24

A big thank you goes out to all of you who rang, many more than once, to raise money for the Salvation Army before Christmas. We raised over \$2,500. In all, over \$75,000 was raised in Camden, Miller and Morgan counties. Of that, about 83% of it will go to those in need in those counties. Thanks again, with love, **Chuck Wanamaker, Social Ministry Committee**

Save 3 lives with one donation

GIVE BLOOD

KENT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 12, 2010

1:30-6:00 PM

Free Cholesterol Screening!

Please bring photo identification

Sponsored by
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CARE CORE

Care Core is a serving group of members who are ready to bring meals, give rides to the doctor or make visits to shut-ins or those in need.

If you know of someone who has a need, please call your monthly Care core Chairperson. Her name is in the newsletter each month.

- Audrey Halvorson

**KENT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN
CARE CORE COORDINATOR
FOR FEBRUARY
B. Jo Binder, 346-2832**



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

Jeremy, James & Andrea Brown
 Cyndy Kamin
 Don Brohm
 Charline Stringer
 Makayla Markus
 Debbie Billing
 Courtnee Else
 Darleen Mueller
 Dick Kirchner
 Taylor Pheifer
 Jackie Porter
 Cindy Hogman
 Butch Matthys
 Ashley Morgan
 Don Carter
 Kimberly Brunkhorst
 Kathy Mitchell
 Betty Wiley
 Susie Rawlings

Skip Allison
 Morgan McGurk
 Harvey Matthip
 Lisa McAdams
 Les Hinkle
 Eric Tichy



Sympathy and Christian Hope is extended to...

...the family Bob Estes as they mourn the death of his wife, Norma.

...the family of Barry and Sue Olson at the recent loss of Barry's father, Alvar (Oli) Olson.



Thank You

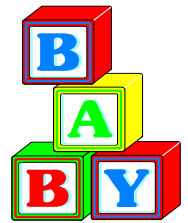
A big thank you for all the phone calls and cards during my gall bladder surgery. It was very sud-

den and I'm healing fine. **Merv Moeller**

I say THANK YOU to all my special Kent Memorial friends for your continued prayers, cards, letters and delicious food. I must tell you that God hears your prayers, and I have received a few of the answers that have been a blessing. I know that I have a long road ahead, and so I ask that your prayers continue. **Darleen Mueller**

We have a new great-granddaughter! April Elise was born December 30th to Casey and Janel Wills of Olathe, Kansas.

-Verlyn & Gladys Bohling



Directory Update

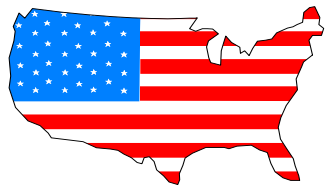
Stanley Field
 Telephone # change to 216-4706

Bob Estes
 Alternate address
 8527 N. Chatham Circle
 Kansas City, MO 64154-2723

Eldeen Hanke (name was misspelled)

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

- February 4 Pastor
- February 11 Gerry Williams
- February 18 Jerry Husbands
- February 25 Ken Mueller



REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY IN PRAYER

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Glenn Maddock | John Waddell |
| Benjamin Kyle Jones | Blake Richardson |
| Tom Gidley | John Kuenzi |
| Will Pierce | Mark Woodfin |
| Tony Kiefer | Sam D. Ellis |
| Shawn Moorhead | Joseph W. Ellis |
| Dustin McCormick | Travis Ervin |
| Michael Rudolph | J. R. Frakes |
| Brandon Gronhoff | Joalene & Joe Grissel, Jr. |
| Gregory Bird | Bryan Wright |
| Brian Fitzgerald | Aaron Davis |
| David DeJarnette | Jason Ites |
| Bret Jefferson | Cameron Keaton |
| Timothy Price | Nadean Shannon |



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays



4	Tom Fee	17	Jan Lacas
5	Melissa Bennett	18	Dee Hamman
5	Spencer O'Neal	20	Pat Larson
9	Don Peterson	23	Alysia LaRock
11	Brenna Enriquez	23	Marilyn Peterson
13	Jerry Brumley	24	Margo Strothmann
13	Audrey Halvorson	24	Carol Ousley
13	Glenice Gibson	24	Joan Zemke
13	Linda Kimberling	25	Bud Kidder
13	Janet Racen	25	Jim Kruse
15	Rick Waite	26	Nancy Beese
15	Jennifer Zemke	26	Allen Kimberling
		27	Linda Williams
		28	Shade Bullock
		28	Matt Bunger
		28	Courtney Morgan



Anniversaries

2/04/1995	Merle & Judith Swigart
2/08/1964	Brian & Judy Kuckler
2/12/1994	Brad & LeeAnne Brumm
2/14/2008	Rod & Linda Lambie
2/19/1988	Bill & Ada Terry
2/26/1983	Virgil & Kathy Norris

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ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

40 years plus: Brian & Judy Kuckler, 46 years

20 years plus: Bill & Ada Terry, 22 years
Virgil & Kathy Norris, 27 years

If your birthday or anniversary has been left out or isn't correct, please contact the church office so we can make a note of it. Thank you!



CURRENTLY IN CARE FACILITIES

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

Don Carter
Sam Palmer
Lucille Theleman

Esther Bryan
Harvey Rasmussen
Mary Gordon

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.



The 2010 Flower Calendar is available in The Fellowship Hall for those who wish to furnish flowers in the coming year.

Sign up for the dates you would like to furnish flowers, and if there is a special occasion, please note that on the calendar. It would be helpful to sign up at least 2 weeks in advance of the date you would like flowers on the altar.

The cost of the flowers is \$18.00 per Sunday. Checks should be made out to the Altar Guild and may be left in their mailbox.

Thanks for helping to add fresh flower beauty to our worship area!

If you have donated flowers for the altar, you may take them home after the 10:30 service. Flowers not claimed are made into smaller arrangements for the nursing home, hospitalized or shut-ins.

If you aren't able to take them home with you after the 10:30 service but wish to take them home at a later time, contact the church office and a reserved sign will be placed in the refrigerator with the flowers for you.

Lent begins this month...

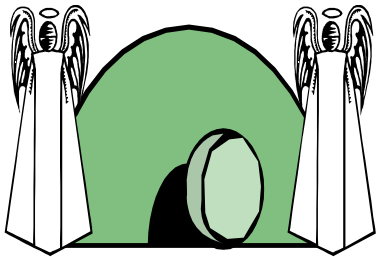
Lent Schedule

Services are being held at Kent Memorial during the Lenten Season on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM followed by a light supper. *Choir practice will follow the supper.*

Following are the committees scheduled for the suppers:

February 24	Property and Youth
March 3	Social Ministry, Ministry Fund & Mutual Ministry
March 10	Stewardship and Worship & Music
March 17	Long Range Planning & Finance
March 24	Evangelism & Christian Education

CASTING CALL



**ANYONE INTERESTED
IN BEING IN THE
2010 EASTER PAGEANT**

Easter is April 4, and rehearsals will be starting soon. We need all kinds of volunteers - from cast members to those willing to help behind the scenes.

Contact Michael or Toni Wagner at 873-1112 and reserve your spot!

**20th ANNUAL
WILD GAME FEED**

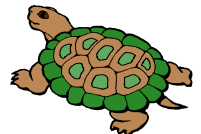


The Annual Kent Memorial Wild Game Feed is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16 at 6:00 PM.

This is the 20th year this popular event has been held. As a potluck, members will bring wild game, other meat, side dishes, salads and desserts. Drinks are provided, and there will be some exotic delicacies.



Members are encouraged to invite guests, and be sure to add your name to the sign-up sheet in The Gathering Place for planning purposes.



INDOOR EASTER GARDEN

The sanctuary will be adorned with lilies, and to enjoy even more of God's splendor, we are planning a flower garden in The Gathering Place for Easter Sunday.

On Saturday, April 3, from 9:00AM-2:00 PM, you can bring a potted plant of your choice (tulips, jonquils, hyacinths, etc.) to the church. *(Please include a saucer.)* You may take them home or donate to the church to be planted on the grounds at Kent Memorial.

Please contact Margo Strothmann at 280-8815 if you have questions.



Exploring our Denominational Options

Three meetings were held in January to explore our options to the ELCA. An average of 87 people attended. Audio cassettes of each meeting are available by contacting office@kentmemorial.com.

Bishop Mansholt of the **ELCA** spoke on Sunday, 1/10. More information on the **ELCA** is available at www.elca.org and of the Central States Synod at www.css-elca.org.

On Sunday, 1/24 Pastor Mark Chavez of Lutheran **CORE** did a very detailed history of how ELCA came about and their resulting break off to Lutheran **CORE** and what it stands for. Information on **CORE** can be found online at www.lutherancore.org

A video with this information can be found at www.wordalone.org or checked out in the church office.

On Monday, 1/25, Pastor Bill Sullivan of Lutherans in Mission for Christ – **LCMC** - gave a little history and information on the church. This presentation is available on the internet at www.lcmc.net

Click on "Resources" and then DVD. You will be able to watch a three part presentation by Pastor Sullivan.

About your offerings...

It was decided at the January Council Meeting that those wishing to withhold any of their offerings from the benevolence sent to the ELCA, should designate such on the front of their offering envelopes. Those offerings will be recorded separately and deducted from the total before the 12% is applied, in order to arrive at the sum to be sent to the ELCA.

Members can designate by writing "**Kent only**" on their envelopes.

Notice of Annual Meeting Part II

February 14, 2010

The annual meeting, Part II, of Kent Memorial Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, February 14, 2010 following the 10:30 service. There will be a potluck meal followed by the meeting at 12:20 PM.

A copy of the Annual Report will be on the table in The Gathering Place on Sunday, February 7. Please take one to review **and bring back with you to the meeting on the 12th.**

In addition to the regular business, we will vote on an amendment to the constitution. The amendment reads as follows:

C9.14

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, understands that it has the right to call, or refuse to call, as a pastor or rostered lay leader any person who is on the roster of ordained ministers or lay rosters or any candidate approved for those rosters.

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church, in accordance with the 2009 Churchwide Assembly which resolved that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America "make provision in its policies to recognize the conviction of members who believe that this church should not call or roster people in a publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationship," declares that this congregation will not call a pastor or lay rostered leader who is or intends to be in such a same-gender relationship.

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church declares that marriages, civil unions, or blessings of persons in same-gender relationships will not be performed in this church building or authorized by this congregation.



THRIVENT NEWS

HAITI DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will announced a challenge that could result in a total of \$3 million for Lutheran World Relief, ELCA Disaster Response, LCMS World Relief/Human Care and the WELS Committee on Relief to support those who have been affected by this week's earthquake in Haiti.

Thrivent benefit and associate members 16 years and older who want to partner with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in responding to this disaster to make donations at www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti or by calling **800-236-3736** between **7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Central time, Monday through Friday**. When prompted, say "directory" and enter ext. 83003.

Thrivent Financial will add \$1 for every \$2 members donate for "Helping Haiti." Members may choose which of the four relief agencies they want their contribution to support, with Thrivent Financial adding up to \$250 per member contribution.

We expect that this response will result in more than \$3 million to support the earthquake survivors: \$2 million donated by members and an additional \$1 million from Thrivent Financial.

This information will be posted to Thrivent.com soon and will also be shared with chapter leaders and the media.

Share the news -- tools coming soon

- A template news release you can personalize will be available soon.

A bulletin insert will be posted next week on the Helping Haiti page at www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti.

The Thrivent members who donate will have a choice of picking Lutheran World Relief or ELCA Disaster Response for their donation.

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INK CARTRIDGES

Ink cartridges from your printers are still being collected in the far north entrance to The Fellowship Hall. Habitat for Humanity is collecting them now from us on a monthly basis.



**A New Year Greeting
From
WELCA**

Even Old man winter couldn't keep 21 members from coming together in January to create cancer hats, baby booties and stuffed animals for the hospital.

Community for Christ work week is February 23, 25 and 27. Kent is not slated to work at the Senior Center in February. Next week to need volunteers is the week of March 15. PLEASE sign up if you can help.

Kent Klowns spent Christmas at Laurie Knolls.

A trip in February to the Museum in Bolivar is in the planning stage.

Kitchen cleaning will be in February.

We hope to see you at the February 2nd meeting!

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**RECENT UPDATES
TO THE
KENT WEB SITE**

NOTE: See links in menu on the left side of this web-site for the Kent Directory, Council Minutes, and the Staff & Council lists.

- **ONLINE COPY OF KENT MEMBERS & FRIENDS DIRECTORY UPDATED - 1/6/2010**
- **JANUARY 2010 ISSUE OF THE KENT NEWS AND CALENDAR ADDED ON 12/31/09** Contains 11/17/09 Council Meeting Minutes
- **KENT CONSTITUTION UPDATED TO INCLUDE 12/9/09 CLARIFICATION TO CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS REGARDING MINISTRY FUND COMMITTEE**
- **November 17, 2009 Council Minutes - Posted 12/16/09**
Note: Future council minutes will not be posted SEPARATELY, but will STILL be available online each month in the **KENT NEWS**.
- **PHOTOS OF NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED 11/22/09 - POSTED 12/1/09**
- **WELCA PAGE UPDATED - 11/11/09 ADDED NOV. MEETING MINUTES; 11/17/09 ADDED DEC. NEWSLETTER**
Note: future WELCA NEWS LETTERS will not be posted SEPARATELY, but will STILL be available online each month in the **KENT NEWS**.

**KENT KIDS
HAVIN' SOME FUN**

Here's what's happening:



Kent Kids go to Jefferson City to ice skate at Washington Park on Sunday, February 14th from 2-5:00 PM. We will leave from church at 12:30.

Souper Bowl Sunday is Sunday, February 7. Please bring a can of soup or \$1.00 for our area food pantries. A Container will be in the Narthex from January 31 to February 7. Thank you for your contributions!

Remember Kent Kids after school On Wednesday, February 17 From 3-6:00 PM. BRING A FRIEND!

A Friendly Reminder

2010 Contribution Envelopes are available for pick-up in The Narthex

Envelopes remaining will be put away in the next couple of weeks if they are not claimed. If you find you would like them after they have been stored, please check with Pat in the office.

**KENT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Jennifer Bolton, Council President. Devotions were led by Bob Harger.

Members Present: Pastor Dave, Michael Wagner, Jim Kennedy, Don Peterson, Jennifer Bolton, Charles Niemann, Virgil Norris, Chuck Wanamaker, Melba Bangert, Diane Ziehl, Ken Gerardy, Kathy Spaulding, Bob Harger, Jerry Husbands, and Shirley Kirchner.

Thank You to outgoing church council members: Shirley Kirchner, Kathy Spaulding, Chuck Wanamaker, and Charles Niemann.

Welcome To the newly elected church council members: Lee Anne Brumm, Jerry Husbands, Michael Wagner, and Chuck Wanamaker.

Group Statement: A group of 51 congregation members had a statement to read to the council members regarding Kent's options and the ELCA. Nancy Lembke represented the group as speaker. There were 98 member's signatures, plus 7 associate members, that signed a petition presented before the council. This group wishes to learn alternatives available to our church, and made a request for representatives from LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ) and CORE (Lutheran Coalition for Renewal) to come to Kent to give presentations and answer questions from the congregation. **

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the last monthly Church Council meeting on November 17 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Gail Kruse was available to answer any questions regarding line items on the budget.

Building Fund Report: Ken Gerardy presented his report: \$3,919.98 of principal was paid in November, and the mortgage balance is now \$385,749.79

Pastor's Report: Pastor Beese noted that there has been good attendance at Advent services and fellowship on Wednesday evenings. There have been three group Bible studies at church, and more will be scheduled after the new year. Pastor's report detailed the number of services, Bible study classes, personal visits, counseling sessions, meetings, fellowship, baptisms, and funeral services for the month of November. Pastor also attended the Bishop's convocation 11/03 – 11/05/09.

Christian Education: Bob Harger shared the report from this committee's monthly meeting. The children's Christmas program was a success and was performed at both services last Sunday. Diane Ziehl will start attending monthly meetings to keep this committee up-to-date on the Kids Klub activities. Christian Education activities will also be advertised in the monthly newsletters.

Evangelism: Monthly report was available for review. More coffee servers are needed for December. WELCA continues to recruit new members. Evangelism committee coordinated cake and treats following the children's Christmas program. This committee is looking for two new members. The Kent Klowns entertained at Laurie Knolls on December 2, and the group is still active.

Finance: Jan Kennedy and Virgil Norris met at the request of Pastor Beese to come up with a recommendation to the council on how members can separate their offering if they choose to do so. Some people have said that they won't give to Kent Memorial if part of their offering will go to the ELCA. They will meet again in January on this. If there is a change, it will have to be voted on at the Annual Meeting Part II on February 14th. The congregation already approved the 2010 Budget that stated that 12% of the receipts go to the ELCA.

Long Range Planning: No monthly meeting. Don Peterson reported that the stained glass windows are finished and will be installed within the next week.

Ministry Fund: Ken Gerardy reported that this committee did not have a meeting.

Mutual Ministry: Pastor Beese reported that their next meeting will be in January.

Property: Jim Kennedy shared the property committee's report. The old well has been capped, and the water in the church is now from the public water system. There were several miscellaneous repairs to the roof and trim. Repair forms are now available in the church office. If there is a repair request, a form should be filled out and placed in the property committee's mailbox.

Social Ministry: Melba Bangert reported that there are two vacant positions on this committee. \$200 each was given to Community for Christ and Share the Harvest to assist needy families at Christmas. The SMCYH Christmas party held at Kent was very successful, with a total of 60 people attending, including children from the youth group homes and members of our congregation. Chuck Wanamaker reported that there has been much success with donations and people offering their time to ring the bell for the Salvation Army.

Stewardship: Virgil Norris advised the council that the offering envelopes for 2010 are now available for pick up.

Worship & Music: Charles Niemann reported that the hand bells have been refurbished and returned. Joyce Wanamaker will be in charge of the usher schedules. And Gloria Peterson has agreed to be the new chairperson for this committee.

Youth Ministry: The next Kids Klub after school program will be December 16th. Kids Klub will not meet in January, and will resume in February. Youth "fun night" activity: Ice skating party was held on December 12th. Next year's agenda: Youth will buy for a family at Christmas off the CADV or Show-Me Youth tree. Goal is community focus and teaching kids to give to the community. Kathy Norris has resigned from this committee, and they are recruiting a new member.

Partnership for Missional Church (PMC): Pastor Beese and Melba Bangert reported that a retreat was held November 14th at Kent, with focus on children and youth. There will be a PMC meeting in St. Louis on January 15-16.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Committee chairs were reminded that annual reports are due by January 15, 2010. All committees need to get new members to replace those with terms that are expiring.
- Webmaster: Don Brohm is resigning as volunteer webmaster for Kent, effective 12/31/09. He has offered to continue his services on a paid basis. Church council voted in favor of this, and a line item will be added to the budget.
- Continuing Resolution for the Ministry Fund: The council reviewed changes made to clarify continuing resolution involving the responsibilities of the Kent Memorial Church Ministry Fund. The changes were approved unanimously. This will be brought before the congregation for approval on February 14th.

NEW BUSINESS:

** Regarding the GROUP STATEMENT and requests made tonight, the council voted in favor of the following:

1. Bishop Gerald Mansholt of the ELCA will speak to the Kent congregation on Sunday, January 10th at 3:00.
2. Pastor Mark Chavez from CORE will speak to the congregation on January 24th.
3. Pastor Bill Sullivan from LCMC will also be scheduled in January. Date TBA.
4. A list of questions will be compiled by Pastor Beese, Jennifer Bolton, Bob Harger, Michael Wagner, and three members of the Kent congregation. This list will ensure that the questions and procedures will be consistent for all three groups.
5. Travel and lodging expenses for the representatives from CORE and LCMC will be paid for out of Kent's general funds.
6. It was pointed out that congregation members are welcome to checkout DVDs from the church office. These DVDs have information about the different Lutheran affiliations.

Election of Church Council Officers for 2010: (one year terms)

- Ø Jennifer Bolton, Chuck Wanamaker and Don Peterson were nominated for President. Chuck and Don declined their nomination. Jennifer was re-elected as President.
- Ø Michael Wagner was nominated and elected as Vice-President. There were no other nominations.

Appointments:

- Ø Treasurer: Gail Kruse
- Ø Financial Secretary: Jean Killion
- Ø Recording Secretary: Stacey O'Neal
- Ø Building Fund Treasurer: Ken Gerardy
- Ø Building Fund Secretary: Barb Patterson

Christmas Bonuses:

The council approved \$50 bonuses to be given to the paid staff of Kent Memorial.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Pastor Beese read a letter from the ELCA bishop regarding the Declaration letter that was sent to the synod in November. A copy of this letter will be included in the monthly newsletter.

NEXT MEETING: January 19, 2010 Devotions – Jennifer Bolton

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 and we held hands and prayed Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacey O'Neal, Recording Secretary

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church Church Council Meeting January 19, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Jennifer Bolton, President. Devotions were led by Jennifer.

Members Present: Jim Kennedy, LeeAnne Brumm, Jennifer Bolton, Ken Gerardy, Chuck Wanamaker, Don Peterson, Melba Bangert, Jerry Husbands, Michael Wagner, Virgil Norris, and Pastor Beese

The minutes of the December 15th Council Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurers Report was reviewed for the year of 2009 and it was noted that the income for the year of 2009 was \$22,000 less than the expenses if we disregard the "pass through" funds. The report was approved.

The Building Fund was reviewed and approved. It was noted that we paid \$60,484 more on the principal

in addition to our regular monthly payment. The balance on our loan is now \$379,878.

Pastors Report: Pastor reported on the Christmas Services and discussed the start of the Lent on February 17. There will be the usual Lenten Services on Wednesday with a light meal to follow. Pastor attended the PMC overview in St. Louis on January 15th along with 8 members of the congregation. He discussed the new Dwelling in the Word text.

Christian Education: The meeting was conducted via telephone as members were out of town or snow bound. The attendance for both of the Sunday School classes is down as members are away for the winter. Committee decided to wait until later in year to start another class. Pastor Beese is conducting weekly Bible Studies.

Evangelism: Members need to be encouraged to wear name tags and to hand out the business cards inviting people to attend Kent on a one on one basis. The committee is continuing to look for areas for placement of new road signs. Information about Kent is to be given to West Lake Chamber of Commerce to be placed in packets given to newcomers to the Lake. Coffee servers are needed.

Finance: An audit of the accounts of the church has been made and all was found to be in order. Virgil Norris of the Stewardship Committee met with the Finance Committee to see if there was a way for people to separate their offering if they chose to do so. It was decided that members wishing to withhold any of their offerings from the benevolence sent to the ELCA, should designate such on the front of their offering envelopes. Those offerings will be recorded separately and deducted from the monthly total before the 12% is applied, in order to arrive at the sum to be sent to the ELCA. People can designate by writing "Kent only" on the front of the envelope.

Long Range Planning: No meeting was held but it was reported that the stain glass windows are now in place and payment has been made. There is a remaining balance of \$17,658 in the fund. The funds will be held pending further determination by the committee and the council.

Ministry Fund: No meeting was held

Mutual Ministry: No meeting was held

Property: City water is now connected and in place and the old well has been plugged. The roof on the lake side of the church has been repaired. Furnace in parsonage has been repaired. Provisions for snow removal have been made.

Social Ministry: There were 11 outside calls for assistance in the month and one call for assistance for a member. Help was given for electric, propane, rent, mortgage, and gas requests. Bell Ringers collected over \$2,500 for the Salvation Army at Save-A-Lot. Discussion was held and dates tentatively set for events in 2010 to raise funds. Balance on hand at year end is \$5,369.92.

Stewardship: See Finance Committee

Worship and Music: Handbells have been returned after having been refurbished. Provisions are being explored to cover the sound equipment to prevent tampering. It was decided to have Communion at both services starting after Easter on a trial basis. Joyce Wanamaker will be in charge of obtaining ushers for both services. Gloria Peterson will be chairman of the committee for the year. A special Tenebrae service is being planned for Good Friday. Michael and Toni Wagner are beginning plans for the Easter Pageant.

Youth Ministry: No meeting was held. The Wednesday afternoon youth activities will resume in February.

Partnership for a Missional Church: A report was given about the cluster meeting held in St. Louis on January 15-16. Nine members from Kent attended and obtained information as we start the second year of our process

Old Business: A lengthy discussion was held concerning Kent's ELCA options. A motion was made and seconded to have a vote of the congregation on April 11th to determine if the congregation remains with the ELCA. Some wanted to have the vote taken as early as February 28th. The reasoning was to have it later in the year so the "snow birds" would have a chance to vote. The motion passed with 7 Yes votes, 2 No votes and 2 Abstentions. Notice will be given to the congregation in accordance with the constitution for a special meeting for this purpose only.

Don Peterson
Acting Secretary

******Minutes are subject to review and approval at the next council meeting.***

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CADV presents their...
Citizens Against Domestic Violence

2nd Annual Chili for Charity Cook-Off!

March 6, 2010
11:00am - 4:00pm
Tan-Tar-A Resort
 Salon C
Osage Beach, MO

Admission Tickets \$5
 Chili Sampling
 Chili Dogs
 Music
 Cash Bar
 Door Prizes
 Cake Walk/Face Painting



Come find out who makes the best chili at the lake. It is sure to be a fierce competition!

\$500 Grand Prize!
\$250- 2nd Place & \$100 - 3rd Place
More prizes for People's Choice Award & Best Team Theme!
 For tickets and information on entering a team call CADV at 573-346-9630


Sponsorship provided by






LAKE ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS

TO AMERICA WITH LOVE Annual Sweetheart Supper



Harper Chapel UMC
Osage Beach
6:00 PM
Sunday, February 14

Reservations \$20.00
964-6366
Before February 9

Entertainment by
SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY
Former USO Entertainers
As featured in
American Profile Magazine

WIT AND WISDOM

LOT'S WIFE

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, 'My Mommy looked back once while she was driving,' he announced triumphantly, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'


GOOD SAMARITAN

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, 'If you saw a person lying on the roadside, wounded and bleeding, what would you do?' A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, 'I think I'd throw up.'

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, 'Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?' 'No,' replied Johnny. 'How could he, with just two worms?'

Words of Wisdom



As you wander through life, Brothers,
Whatever be your goal,
Keep your eye upon the Donut,
And not upon the hole.