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Friends in Christ,

Jonah 2:10 "And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land. "

Matt. 12:40 (Jesus is speaking) "For just as Jonah was three days and nights in the belly of the fish, so for three days and three nights the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth.

For Jonah it was a death followed by a resurrection. For Jesus, it would be the same. For both, the experience was followed by the vocation of preaching... a preaching that would affect their whole world. One was a little known prophet, the other was the world's creator.

In the case of Jonah, the whole city of Nineveh responded to his preaching with repentance, and turned to God. In the case of Jesus, his emergence from those three days and nights signaled a crucial event for the human race. His work became God's chief Word The saving Word of the Gospel to be preached as the central redeeming event of all time.

And it continues to be that as it comes to people through the central theme of Christian preaching the proclamation of the Gospel. The proclamation is now 2,000 years old, and the message is the same: that Jesus Christ, the Son of Man and the Son of God descended into the depths of separation from God to suffer the wrath and death that was rightfully ours. His death broke the grip of death, forcing death to release all who were held in its dominion. And the harvest he brought up, in his resurrection was that of all those souls, among which are yours and mine.

That's why the Lenten season has such a heavy significance for us. The cross is God's pivotal, crucial act of "shifting the blame" from our account to that of his blameless Son. After that payment is made God declares us to be sinless, in the body of his resurrected Son. It is that proclamation which gave us life, and which now continues to keep us alive.

That's why preaching is so important. And always will be. The message goes from the faith of one to the faith of the next, that the death-experience of God has become the life-experience of all who come with Him, out of the jaws of death into the full experience of life.

Come, worship with us this Lenten season as we focus our attention on Jonah's descent into the belly of the fish and on the sacrificial death of Christ on the cross for it is only through Good Friday that Easter has real meaning.

In God's Love and Grace,
Pastor Dave

**Our Mission Statement:
To Share Jesus With All !**

We are a people Changed by Love , Sent in Love, to Serve.

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, Parish Ministry Associate
 Brad BrummSunday School Director
 Gail Kruse Kent Kids
 Helen GaragnaniPrayer Chain Chairperson
 Lester Clark, John Bolton, Fred Gould
 Ken Gerardy, & Wayne Stauss Sound Technicians
 Don Brohm WEB Master

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2010 COUNCIL MEMBERS

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 Bob Harger Christian Education
 Jerry Husbands Evangelism
 Ken Gerardy
Finance, Ministry Fund, & Building Fund Treasurer
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 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 KillionFinancial Secretary
 Barbara Patterson ...Building Fund Financial Secretary

MARCH SCRIPTURE LESSONS

March 7—5th 3rd Sunday in Lent

1st Reading Isaiah 55:1-9
 The Psalm Psalm 163:1-8
 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
 The Gospel..... Luke 13:1-9

March 14—4th Sunday in Lent

1st Reading Joshua 5:9-12
 The Psalm Psalm 32
 2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
 The Gospel..... Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 21—5th Sunday in Lent

1st Reading Isaiah 43:16-21
 The Psalm Psalm 126
 2nd Reading Philippians 3:4b-14
 The Gospel..... John 12:1-8

March 28—Palm Sunday

1st Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a
 The Psalm Psalm 31:9-16
 2nd Reading Philippians 2:5-11
 The Gospel..... Luke 22:14—23:56

WORSHIP LEADERS IN MARCH

8:00 AM

Acolytes..... 3/07 Glen Kralina; 3/14 Allen Brumm
 3/21 Adam Kralina; 3/28 Delaney Brumm
 Altar Guild..... 3/14 Kandy Husbands
 Lector 3/7 Helen Oldham
 3/14, 3/21 & 3/28 Karen Pragman
 Greeters Allen & Linda Kimberling
 Ushers 3/7 Lee & Pat Dau
 3/14 Bob & Janet Harger ; 3/21 Phil & Rose Keeney
 3/28 Kruse Family
 Coffee Fellowship.....
 Sound Technicians..... 3/07, 3/21 Ken Gerardy
 3/14 & 3/28 Lester Clark

10:30 AM

Altar Guild..... Jeri Hunter
 Communion Assistant Shirley Clark
 Lector Nancy Beese
 Greeters 3/7 Karen Hardwick
 Ushers 3/07 Rich & Margo Strothmann
 3/14 Brian & Judy Kuckler;
 3/21 Michael & Toni Wagner; 3/28 Jim & Pat Larson
 Coffee Fellowship.....
 Sound Technicians..... 3/7 & 3/21 John Bolton
 3/14 & 3/28 Wayne Stauss

**APRIL
 NEWSLETTER ARTICLE
 DEADLINE
 FRIDAY, MARCH 19**

*Leave your articles in the Newsletter box
 in the office, or e-mail your news to
office@kentmemorial.com*

GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR MARCH

03/07 Don & Gloria Peterson
 02/14 Ken Gerardy & Merv Moeller
 02/21 Chuck & Joyce Wanamaker
 02/28 Michael & Toni Wagner

**CARE CORE COORDINATOR
 FOR MARCH IS
 Joyce McHenry
 Telephone # 372-2141**

THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Offerings and Income for January \$ 12,684
 Budget Needs each month \$16,016

Average Attendance for January 115

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

**JANUARY 2010 Kent Memorial Lutheran Church
 Building Fund Report**

Bank Balance 1-1-10	\$6,455.64
Deposits, interest and adjustments	6,498.77
Payment to Mission Investment Fund (ELCA)	6,000.00
Bank Balance 2-1-10	\$6,954.41
Payment to Mission Investment	\$6,000.00
Interest Paid	2,096.09
Principal Paid	\$3,903.91
Balance due on mortgage to Mission Investment 1-1-10	\$379,878.64
Principal Paid	3,903.91
Balance due on mortgage 2-1-10	\$375,974.73



**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 9:00 AM-2:00 PM, 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 Kent grounds.

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



You can celebrate a special person or event by placing flowers on the altar. A chart for this purpose is located on the bulletin board in The Fellowship Hall. Sign your name and the person or occasion to be remembered on the line corresponding to the desired date. Two vases are available per date. The cost is \$18.00. A check payable to the Altar Guild may be left in the church office. A two week notice would be appreciated.

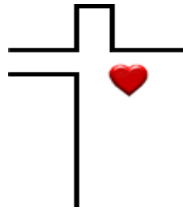
Flowers may be taken home after the late service or left at the church for distribution to an area nursing home or shut-ins. The green vase insert must be left at the church.

Please order and pay for the rose buds commemorating the birth of a child directly from Lake Florist. They will deliver the flower to the church. The cost is \$7.95 including a vase. If you supply your own vase, the cost is \$5.95. The church has vases available if you would like to borrow one. The flower may be picked up immediately after the late service. Please return the vase to the church when convenient.

Lake Florist does give a 10% discount to congregation members. When you are placing any order, please remember to tell them you are a member of Kent Memorial Church.

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

WELCA NEWS



The numbers of WELCA grew at our February 2nd meeting to a glorious 37 members present and a welcome to Margo Strothmann who will be our newest member soon. This “image by ChristArt.com” morning 18 ladies worked their magic to create 95 stuffed animals and 13 bootie/hat sets.

Our meeting started off with three speakers from Missouri River Hospice, Kathy Bradley, Coordinator; Jann Martin-Leckenby, MSW and Lacey Prater, MSW. These ladies were full of enthusiasm enlightening all of us with information about the philosophy of Hospice, how to have Hospice set up for the one you are caring for and how we can become a volunteer.

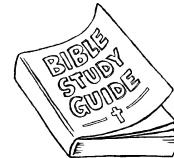
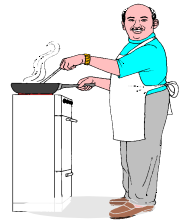
Our hostesses Lorraine Boyd and Shirley Hamm brought in delicious desserts of spice cake and cheese cake to keep up our strength while Nancy Beese read from Leaves of Gold a quote called Many Sidedness.

We wished a happy birthday to our February ladies, six of whom were present at our meeting.

Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 1:00 PM. *Come early for dessert* or at 9:00 AM to help with Christian Actions Creations that are given to cancer patients and children. All women are welcome!

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

March 4	Hair
March 11	Gerry
March 18	Stan
March 25	Bob



Directory Update

KUECKER, BOB & JANET
Change to Stover, MO 65078

Member status changed from Associate to Members by letter of transfer

DIEMER, AL & PAULA
Member status changed from Associate to Members (incorrectly listed in directory previously)

RAK, DONNA
Member status changed from Associate to Members (incorrectly listed in directory previously)

WILES, GARY & CAROLYN
Member status changed from Associate to Members by letter of transfer

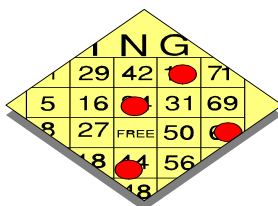
WAIT, Floyd & Carol
Incorrectly listed as members. They attend Regularly as 'friends of Kent.'

WELCA CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Community for Christ and Share the Harvest are in need of workers so if you have a couple of hours to spare, please volunteer your time with your community.

Sign up sheets are posted in The Fellowship Hall on the bulletin board.

Karen Hardwick needs bingo workers at Laurie Care Center on March 9th. Sign up or call her at 372-2275.



Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 14. So before you go to bed on Saturday night set your clock **AHEAD** one hour. Remember, in spring, jump forward.

LENT SERVICES CONTINUE

...every Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM. Each year we set aside forty days as a time for spiritual renewal. There is so much in life that pulls us away from God. Our faith is constantly challenged, and our love for God grows cold. We need to be revived! Lent is a time to be close to God—closer than we've ever been.

Join us as we follow the theme *The sign of Jonah*.

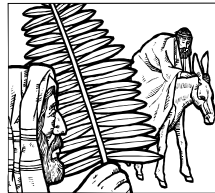
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Lent Schedule

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:

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| 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 |



Sunday of the Passion

Palm Sunday

Services will be held at Kent on Sunday, March 28 at 8:00 & 10:30 AM. A procession of palms will be held at both services.

EASTER PAGEANT REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

The (tentative) schedule for rehearsals is:

Speaking parts:

- Saturday March 6 *Men*, at the pageant site, 11:00 AM
- Saturday March 13 *Women*, at the pageant site, 11:00 AM

Entire cast:

- Saturday March 20 Walk-thru at pageant site, 11:00 AM
- Saturday, March 27 Rain date for walk-thru,
- Saturday, April 3 Dress rehearsal, 11:00 AM
- Sunday April 4 Pageant presentation 8:00 AM

Be at the tent, in costume by 7:30 AM!!!

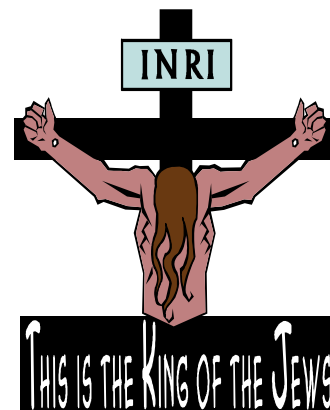
Holy Week

Maundy Thursday

Service begins at 7:00 PM here at Kent Memorial on April 1 and will include the celebration of Holy Communion.

Good Friday

A community wide Good Friday service on April 2 sponsored by the Westlake Ministerial Alliance will be held here at Kent Memorial at 7:00 PM.



He is not dead.....

He has risen!

CLARIFICATION of Statements made at Annual Meeting

In my address to the congregation at the annual meeting I mistakenly said that Pastor Trutwin and Pastor Moll did not want Kent to leave the ELCA. They do not want to be involved in the center of discussion at Kent. But they pray for our unity in Christ. Following are some thoughts that I have about the Human Sexuality Social Statement. I share these views with many of my colleagues in the ministry. These thoughts are not to be divisive but to let you know how your pastor feels about issues in the church. You deserve that.

It's a good social statement, and it affirms many things about human sexuality, which need affirmation. The decision to open the ministry of the church to gay and lesbian pastors living in committed, life-long relationships has proven to be very controversial.

It would have been good, for me anyway, if the decision would have come after my retirement. Other church bodies have made this decision in the past and others will be facing it in the future. Homosexuality is not an issue for many people today, even those who sit in pews on Sunday morning. They know and love the Bible and interpret everything through the lens of the Gospel, which is what Lutherans do.

As for myself, I do not intend to leave the ELCA, a church I still love.

Most of my colleagues in the ministry believe the vote to change the ministry policies of the ELCA did not involve a doctrinal issue which is basic to our Christian and Lutheran faith as we profess it in our creeds. That's where we would have drawn the line.

Over the years, human institutions have disappointed and angered me many times, including every church denomination and every congregation I've ever been a part of. Likewise, every pastor, I've ever met, including this one, has been found lacking, and sinful. And FYI, every single member I've ever known in all the congregations I've been associated with, I've found lacking, as well as sinners!

Let me also say this morning that, I don't pretend to understand some things about God's creation, like homosexuality. Over the years I've known many people who are gay. Some have been friends and co-workers in the kingdom. I know how much they love the Lord, and they have many wonderful gifts to share as pastors in the church - as St. Paul says in Romans chapter 10, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news."

No matter what we feel or think, this is still about love and being loving people as followers of Jesus Christ. Christians are to love like Jesus loved. "Love one another as I have loved you." If we don't, then how are we any different from the rest of the world?

I love and miss those who are not here on Sunday morning, and I pray that even in the midst of our disagreements we can come together to worship and serve the Lord we all love.

—Pastor Dave

IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE KENT MEMORIAL CONGREGATION WILL VOTE ON REMAINING AN ELCA CONGREGATION OR ALIGNING WITH ONE OF THE OTHER OPTIONS AT AN IMPORTANT SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING ON APRIL 11, 2010 AT 11:30 AM, FOLLOWING THE 2ND SERVICE. VOTING MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PLAN NOW TO ATTEND.

A voting member is a confirmed member. Such confirmed members shall have communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding year

The result of this vote will be posted at

www.kentmemorial.com

Absentee Voting

The topic of absentee voting was brought up at the Annual Meeting on February 14th. Overwhelmingly, the majority favored that absentee voting be allowed. There would have to be an amendment to the constitution and it would be voted on at our next Annual Meeting which is November 14th.

Please refer to Chapter 17 on page 18 of the Kent Memorial constitution. You can pick up a copy of the constitution on the table in The Gathering Place or see it online at:

www.kentmemorial.com/members/Constitution.htm

ELCA SUPPORT GROUP

There will be another gathering for those who are in support of keeping Kent Memorial Lutheran Church as an ELCA Congregation. The meeting will be on Sunday, March 14th at 4:00 PM in The Fellowship Hall.

If you have questions you may contact Pat Garrett at 280-4404 or pgarrett816@msn.com

MARCH BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS



- 2 Ione Sostak 13 Paul Boswell
2 Bill Terry 16 Don Carter
3 Abby Kruse 18 John Chick
4 Ryan DeJarnette 18 Kaitlyn Jones
6 Liz Martin 18 Gloria Peterson
7 Rachel Jung 20 Lester Clark
7 Shirley Kirchner 22 Bev Kidder
8 Shirley Clark 22 Evan Spaulding
8 Joan Wilken 23 Al Clever
7 Llani Graham 23 Donnie Johnson
9 David Moulton 26 Linda Lambie
12 Wayne Stauss 27 Jacob Garrett
13 Charles Peterson 30 Mary Hynick
30 Dan Johnson



- 3/07/1971 Jerry & Kandy Husbands
3/17/1950 Jerry & Marlene Brumley
3/25/1967 Stan & Vivian Brandmeier
3/25/1967 Helmut & Jan Lacas
3/29/1959 Ken & Marjorie Grossman
3/31/1998 Steve & Denise Kralina

ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

- 60 years plus: Jerry & Marlene Brumley, 60 years
50 years plus Ken & Marjorie Grossman, 51 years
40 years plus: Stan & Vivian Brandmeier, 44 years
Helmut & Jan Lacas, 43 years
30 years plus: Jerry & Kandy Husbands, 39 years



If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil, are at the moment, attacking, then I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is tested. —Martin Luther



CURRENTLY IN CARE FACILITIES

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

- Don Carter Esther Bryan
Sam Palmer Harvey Rasmussen
Lucille Theleman 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.

Book Review

Is it possible to be both gay and Christian? Joe Dallas thought so.

For six years he was both actively gay and a church attending Christian. But deep within, he was bothered by one huge question: "Am I basing my decision to embrace the 'gay and Christian' identity on the belief that this is God's will for my life... or on the hope that this is what God might allow?"

That question caused Joe to take another look: not just at what he wanted out of life – but at what God wanted for him.

From this unique personal perspective on the pro-gay Christian movement, Joe provides a

- Thorough background in the development and nature of the "gay gospel"
Concise, detailed understanding of pro-gay theology's beliefs
Clear, biblical response to each belief
Practical, compassionate plan to bring truth to people who believe "gay" and "Christian" are compatible

In The Gay Gospel? You'll find the crucial balance between conviction and compassion and a practical guide to communicating with those who have embraced pro-gay theology.

Joe Dallas, past president of Exodus International, lectures extensively at churches and seminars and directs a biblical counseling practice in Tustin, California. His articles have been featured in Christianity Today, Christian Research Journal and the Journal of the Christian Association of Psychological Studies.

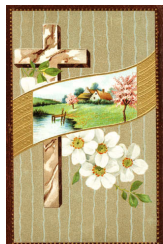
This book is available in the church library. "Must reading for all who sincerely seek the clearest explanation yet for the Christian attitude toward homosexuality. I pray that this work will have the impact on all segments of our society." D. James Kennedy, PH.D.—Review by Jennifer Bolton

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



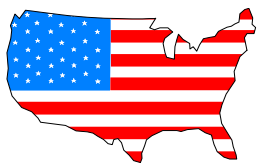
Jeremy, James & Andrea Brown
 Cyndy Kamin
 Don Brohm
 Charline Stringer
 Makayla Markus
 Debbie Billing
 Darleen Mueller
 Rich Binder
 Dick Kirchner
 Jackie Porter
 Don Carter
 Avery Christensen
 Harvey Matthip
 Lisa McAdams
 Betty Rudolph
 Cindy Province

Judy Irwin
 Lillian Wohlt
 Butch Matthys
 Les Hinkle
 Eric Tichy
 Jodi Cseay
 Jeri Hunter
 LEEANNE BRUMM
 Marcille Bohling
 Taylor Pfeifer
 Wayne Marshall
 Alisha Carrow
 Carolyn Beck
 Amy Emmer & mother
 Art Winkles & wife
 Shirley Schueler
 Cecilia Bish
 Lyndy Rudolph



Sympathy and Christian Hope is extended to...

The family and friends of Erin Scott, friend of the Boltons. Erin was on our prayer list for an extended period of time.



REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY IN PRAYER

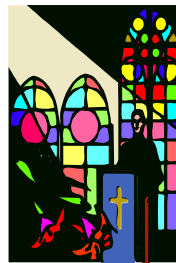
Glenn Maddock
 Benjamin Kyle Jones
 Tom Gidley
 Will Pierce
 Tony Kiefer
 Shawn Moorhead
 Dustin McCormick
 Michael Rudolph
 Brandon Gronhoff
 Gregory Bird
 Brian Fitzgerald
 David DeJarnette
 Bret Jefferson
 Timothy Price

John Waddell
 Blake Richardson
 John Kuenzi
 Mark Woodfin
 Sam D. Ellis
 Joseph W. Ellis
 Travis Ervin
 J. R. Frakes
 Joalene & Joe Grissel, Jr.
 Bryan Wright
 Aaron Davis
 Jason Ites
 Cameron Keaton
 Nadean Shannon



Thank you for your prayers that have been answered. I went into remission halfway through chemotherapy! Now all I need to do is address a crippling disease, and with your continued prayers, I will beat that also. Without your prayers and the help of the doctors, I don't think I'd have done so well. Thank you again, with all my love. **Charline Stringer**

STAINED GLASS WINDOW PROJECT COMPLETED



The stained glass window project originated in 2006 when a former member made a contribution to establish a fund for the roadside windows in the sanctuary. This fun was greatly enhanced in 2008 with a check for \$28,213. Kevin Gerschevske presented the check in memory of his parents, Gene and Carol.

The Stained Glass Window Committee, led by Lois Gonseth, worked closely with the Long Range Planning Committee to allow Kent members the opportunity to be involved in the process of selecting an artist. Sandy Johnson of Art Attack in Sunrise Beach was selected to complete the windows. Meeting with Sandy, the two committees approved the theme of Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Work on the stained glass began in late September. The completed windows were installed on Christmas Eve day. We thank Sandy for the beautiful windows and Lois for her leadership during the completion of this project.

The total cost of the windows was \$12,000 so the fund now has a balance of \$17,658. Long Range Planning discussed perhaps adding some decorative glass on the windows in the sanctuary lakeside but in talking to Kevin Gerschevske, he expressed a desire to dress up the Columbarium area including a rock with scripture from his father's memorial service as well as some shrubbery and concrete benches. Members are checking into the cost of these items. If there were monies available after improvement to the Columbarium it may still be possible to enhance the windows in the sanctuary.

**Kent Memorial Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
February 16, 2010**
(Minutes have not yet been approved)

In attendance: Jennifer Bolton, Diane Ziehl, Melba Bangert, Jerry Husbands, Michael Wagner, Ken Gerardy, Chuck Wanamaker, Don Peterson, LeeAnne Brumm, Bob Harger, Pastor David Beese, Jim Kennedy & Virgil Norris. Guest: Charles Niemann

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Virgil Norris presented the devotion.

Minutes of the January Council meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's report: Discussion regarding prepaid items, such as propane and insurance, making it appear that we are over budget for the year so far. Report approved as presented.

Building fund report: Approved as presented.

Pastor's report: Thank you to Jennifer for her leadership at the Annual Meeting. Clarified that Pastors Moll and Trutwin did not say that Kent Memorial should stay in the ELCA. Council approved the following to be received as new members to Kent Memorial in March: Dennis Boos, Bill & Wendy Blomberg and Associate Members Gary & Carolyn Wiles and Bob & Janet Kuecker.

Christian Education report: Sunday School attendance remains steady. Gail Kruse has indicated willingness to lead the high school class next fall. Adam Kralina graduated in December, and is joining the military in June. Bob Harger suggested recognition at church of Adam's graduation.

Finance report: There was no meeting

Long-Range Planning report: There was no meeting

Evangelism report: Minutes of their meeting were presented, encouraging new member recruitment, as well as disseminating information about Kent Memorial in the community via handing out business cards from Kent Memorial, PSA announcement on the radio, road sign possibilities and brochures to the local Chamber of Commerce.

Ministry Fund report: There was no meeting

Mutual Ministry: Committee will be revisiting responsibilities, considering long range goals for each committee and will meet every other month. They are in need of 2 members to replace Dan Johnson and Nancy Lembke. Council members are to bring suggestions to the March meeting.

Property report: Council approved 3 new members for committee. There was discussion regarding cost of snow removal from the parking lot. Kathleen Marco has been clearing the sidewalks with a snow blower; which is very much appreciated.

Social Ministry: Minutes of their meeting were presented, outlining their financial report, the needs requests for December 2009, and correspondence received.

Stewardship: There was no meeting

Worship & Music: There was no meeting

Minutes continued...

Youth: Diane mentioned the need for more committee members. 9 youth went ice skating in Jefferson City last Sunday afternoon.

Partnership for Missional Church report: They met to discuss assignments, need to find out needs of local youth through contacting the local elementary schools and determine how Kent Memorial might serve the community.

Old Business: Discussion regarding options available to Kent Memorial regarding our decision about remaining in the ELCA. The chart comparing the four choices needs to be reworded in a couple sections.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to designate that our Lenten offering be divided equally between Social Ministry and Lake West Christian Academy.

Suggestion was made to have a hymn leader, particularly when the choir is not singing. Michael will take this suggestion to Worship & Music.

New business: Council approved the appointment of Toni Wagner as recording secretary.

Discussion followed regarding the preparation of the ballot to be used for the April 11 vote regarding remaining with or leaving the ELCA.

Pastor Beese has received questions regarding whether Associate Members of Kent Memorial will be allowed to vote. Our constitution does not allow Associate Members to vote. There was discussion at the Annual Meeting in regards to absentee ballots, which our constitution also does not allow. Jennifer will put a note in the newsletter that the council will address absentee ballots later in the year, as no action can be taken on it until the next Annual Meeting in November per our Constitution.

Correspondence: Pastor Beese read Thank You notes from Community for Christ and Share the Harvest. Virgil mentioned that Wal-Mart will be increasing their food donations to Share the Harvest to three times a week.

Jennifer shared a written message regarding some of the things that have gone on at Kent Memorial during recent months.

There was discussion regarding the worship service being held at Lake West Christian Academy officiated by Bill Ferretti. Melba offered clarification of PMA education and the authority conferred upon PMA's. Chuck read a copy of the Certified Letter that Bishop Mansholt sent to Bill.

Jennifer described the book *Gay Gospel?* by Joe Dallas and brought a copy for anyone to read. There will be a Book Review in the March Newsletter, and it can be checked out in the church library.

The council joined hands and prayed the Lord's Prayer. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Next meeting March 16th

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Wagner

**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

Coming in March

*Greater Lake Area Chorale
and
The Lake Arts Council
Presents*



Performances by:

*Greater Lake Area Chorale
Michael Lindeman, Director
Kathleen Marco, Pianist*

and

*Kansas City Metro Men's Cho-
rus
Noel Fulkerson, Director
Brenda Yeates, Pianist*

*Camdenton High School
RC Worthan Auditorium Theatre
March 13, 2010 7:00 PM*

Tickets available at Paul's Supermarket
Lake Ozark & Osage Beach
Hy-Vee
Wilson Music, Eldon

*Lake Area Women's
Connection Luncheon*

*Tuesday, March 17
Old Kinderhook Resort
(Lake Road 54-80)
Plaza 111
Conference Center
11:30 AM-1:30 PM*

*Feature:
Lesley Jarrett
Nine West Shoes*

*Guest Speaker:
Jan Smith*

*Music:
Val Aubuchon*

For Reservations:
*Call Carol at 573-374-6680
Cost: \$12.00 all inclusive*



Excerpt from the Lake Regional Newsletter submitted by a member:



*Treat arguments like weeds...
nip them in the bud.*



*In everything you do, stay away from
complaining and arguing, so that no
one can speak a word of blame against you.*



WIT AND WISDOM



A child was asked to write a book report on the entire Bible.

The Children's Bible in a Nutshell

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, 'The Lord thy God is one, but I think He must be a lot older than that. Anyway, God said, 'Give me a light!' and someone did. Then God made the world. He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet.

Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden.....Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars. Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel.

Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something. One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check. After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable.

God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbor's stuff. Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humor thy father and thy mother.

One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town. After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me. After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore. There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, 'Close the door! Were you born in a barn?' It would be nice to say, 'As a matter of fact, I was.')

During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Democrats. Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him.

Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount. But the Democrats and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead. Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.

And in the words of our dearly departed Paul Harvey, "...and that's the rest of the story!"