

KENT HAPPENINGS

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A WORD FROM PASTOR DAVE



A Blessed and Joyous New Year to each and every one of you! Nancy and I thank all the members of Kent for your gracious Christmas gifts both individually and corporately (\$1140). We really appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Throughout the last three years Kent has been learning how to be a Missional Church. But that does not mean we are completed with the task. I would ask all of you to keep praying:

Missional God, may your Spirit keep urging us to ask, What is God up to and how can we help? What are you up to among us? What are you up to in our community? What are you calling us to be? What are you calling us to do?

Missional God, may your Spirit keep urging us to reach out. Give us eyes to see the partners you have prepared for us. Give us the courage we need to reach out to those partners. Give us ears to hear their stories and their witness to your power at work through them.

Missional God, may your Spirit keep urging us to explore possibilities. Give us wisdom, insight, creativity and harmony as we seek to work together with our partners in the community. Give us the courage to attempt challenging ventures.

Missional God, may your Spirit keep urging us forward. When we try something new and fail, help us to learn from it and press on with the mission you have given us.

Missional God, may your Spirit keep urging us to seek your preferred and promised future. Keep our dream centered in your dream and keep us passionate to live into that dream.

Missional God, may your Spirit keep urging us to dwell in your Word. May your Word challenge us, change us, correct us and conform us to the image of Jesus who showed us your mission and gave his life for it.

Missional God, may your Spirit keep urging us to pray: "Your kingdom come!" Your kingdom comes, indeed, without our praying for it. Nevertheless, we ask in this prayer that it may come also to us. Amen.

—Commissioning Service: St Louis PMC Cluster

**In Baptism, we are marked with the cross of Christ forever.
We are claimed, gathered and sent for the sake of the world.**

Our PMC venture continues! So we will go by faith, Go with courage, and Go in peace.

Pastor Dave

The Mission Statements of Kent, our Synod, and our Church
*Hearing God's Call And Responding In Love, We Share Jesus With All
We Are A people Change By Love, Sent In Love, To Serve
God's Work - Our Hands*

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2012 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Committee Assignments

Michael Wagner President
 Chuck Wanamaker Vice President;
 Social Ministry, Ministry Fund
 Denise Kralina Christian Education
 Jerry Husbands Evangelism
 Dave Curchy Finance & Stewardship
 Barb Yount Evangelism
 Sheryl Boos Social Ministry
 Linda Kimberling .. Finance & Stewardship, Ministry Fund
 Don Johnson Property
 Pat Larson Long Range Planning
 Margo Strothmann Worship & Music
 Gail Kruse Youth

Council Appointed Positions

Toni Wagner Recording Secretary
 Gail Kruse Treasurer
 Richard Strothmann Financial Secretary
 Ken Gerardy Building Fund Treasurer
 Barbara Patterson Building Fund Financial Secretary

GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR JANUARY

1/1 Michael Wagner, Toni Wagner
 1/8 Linda Kimberling, Ken Gerardy
 1/15 Marilyn Hays, Gerry Williams
 1/22 Don Peterson, Gloria Peterson
 1/29 Ken Gerardy, Brian Kuckler

JANUARY SCRIPTURE LESSONS

January 1, Name of Jesus Sunday

1st Reading Numbers 6:22-27
 Psalm Psalm 8
 2nd Reading Galatians 4:4-7
 Gospel Luke 2:15-21

January 8, Baptism of Our Lord

1st Reading Genesis 1:1-5
 Psalm Psalm 29
 2nd Reading Acts 19:1-7
 Gospel Mark 1:4-11

January 15, 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

1st Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-20
 Psalm Psalm 139:13-18
 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
 Gospel John 1:43-51

January 22, 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

1st Reading Jonah 3:1-5, 10
 Psalm Psalm 62:5-12
 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
 Gospel Mark 1:14-20

January 29, 4th Sunday of Epiphany

1st Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20
 Psalm Psalm 111
 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
 Gospel Mark 1:21-28

WORSHIP LEADERS IN JANUARY

9:30 AM

Acolyte 1/8 David Hansen; 1/15 Delaney Brumm;
 1/22 Sydney Irwin; 1/29 Abby Kruse
 Altar Guild Nancy Beese
 Greeter 1/1 Teri Stout & Joyce McHenry;
 1/8 & 22 Lynn & Joyce Burke;
 1/15 Charles & Ingrid Niemann
 Lector 1/1 Tom Porter;
 1/8-29 Charles Niemann
 Ushers 1/1 Jim & Diane Ziehl;
 1/22 Charles & Ingrid Niemann
 Coffee 1/1 Teri Stout & Shirley Clark
 Sound Technicians 1/1, 15 & 29 Lester Clark;
 1/8 & 22 Ken Gerardy

***NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE
 FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2012***

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

THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Offerings and Income for November	\$11,396
Actual Expenses for November	\$11,840
Budget Needs for November	\$14,880
Offerings and Income—January-November, 2011	\$158,947
Expenses—January-November, 2011	\$156,297
<p><i>Average Sunday Attendance in November ~ 118</i> <i>Average Adult Bible Study Attendance in November ~ 20</i></p> <p>THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE AND FOR YOUR CONTINUING GIFTS !</p>	

OCTOBER 2011 BUILDING FUND REPORT (Corrected)	
KENT MEMORIAL CHURCH	
Bank Balance 10-1-11	\$4,161.30
Deposits, Adjustments and Interest	4,413.04
Payment to Mission Investment Fund	4,000.00
Bank Balance 11-1-11	\$4,574.34
 Mortgage payment to MIF	 \$4,000.00
Interest Paid	1,263.87
Principal Paid.....	\$2,736.13
 Mortgage Balance 10-1-11	 \$305,520.99
Principal Paid in October	2,736.13
Balance due on Mortgage 11-1-11.....	\$302,784.86

NOVEMBER 2011 BUILDING FUND REPORT	
KENT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH	
Bank Balance 11-1-11	\$4,574.34
Deposits, Adjustments and Interest.....	3,584.05
Payment to Mission Investment Fund.....	4,000.00
Bank Balance 12-1-11	\$4,158.39
 Mortgage Payment to MIF	 \$4,000.00
Interest Paid.....	1,211.76
Principal Paid	\$2,788.24
 Mortgage Balance 11-1-11	 \$302,784.86
Principal paid in November	2,788.24
Balance due on Mortgage 12-1-11	\$299,996.62

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING TOUCH

Florence Bachman
 Judy Bailey
 Ron Baltzer
 Terry Brown
 Peggy Canales
 Charles Corrigan
 Don & Trisha Dittmer
 Pat Ellis
 Krista Harger

Ron Harms
 Jerry Holloway
 Jeri Hunter
 Carol Jewel
 Donna Johnson
 Brendon Kasselman
 Brian Kelly
 Bud Kidder
 Dick Kirchner
 Donna Maddox

Lee Mannisi
 Nancy Maloan
 Coty Mayberry
 Sandy McClain
 Jane McKown
 Matt Nelson
 Nancy O'Hara
 Peggy Patterson
 Millie Pelfrey
 Karen Pragman

Sherry Ray
 Diane Reams
 Dolores Robinson
 Marshall Sherlock IV
 Wayne Stauss
 Rose Tolby
 Korina & Richard Tweed
 & baby Evan
 Charlene Stringer
 Rich Wilson



Our ELCA Sister Congregations: St. Mark Lutheran in Cape Girardeau; Trinity Lutheran in Chesterfield; Chinese Ministry in Creve Coeur; Hebron Lutheran in Burdick, KS; Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS.

Christian condolences and hope are extended to the family of Helen Garagnani, who died on December 4.

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY IN PRAYER

Aaron Davis
 David DeJarnette
 Joseph W. Ellis
 Sam D. Ellis
 Travis Ervin
 Brian Fitzgerald
 J. R. Frakes
 Tom Gidley
 Joalene & Joe Grissel, Jr.
 Brandon Gronhoff



Nicole Johnson
 Benjamin Kyle Jones
 Cameron Keaton
 Adam Kralina

Glenn Maddock
 Dustin McCormick
 Nathan Meir
 Shawn Moorhead
 Will Pierce
 Timothy Price
 John Waddell
 Jon Weiss
 Mark Woodfin
 Bryan Wright

OUR FRIENDS IN AREA CARE FACILITIES



Laurie Knolls & Laurie Care Center
 610 Highway O
 P.O. Box 1068
 Laurie, MO 65038

Betty Bennett
 Bill Knight
 Mary Gordon
 Wayne Stauss

Summit Villa Lifecare
 229 Karen Drive
 Holts Summit, MO 65043

Lillian Wohlt

If you are aware of anyone being admitted to or discharged from the hospitals or nursing homes, please notify the church office.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

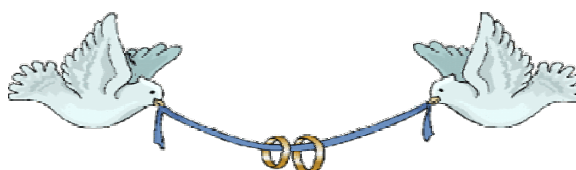


- 01/01 Toni Carolus
- 01/02 Richard Strothmann
Carolyn Garrett
- 01/06 Sydney Irwin*
- 01/07 Denise Irwin
- 01/09 Ann Johnson
- 01/10 Barb Gidley*
- 01/11 Mary Marose
- 01/19 Chantal Enriquez
- 01/20 Allen Brumm
- 01/21 Dorothy Engelstad
Jeri Hunter
Shelly Carolus
- 01/27 Karen Hardwick*
- 01/29 Bill Blomberg
- 01/30 Ada Terry*
Jeff Carolus

* Psst. This is a BIG birthday!
(5, 13, 16, 21, 40, 50, 65, 70, 75...)

ANNIVERSARIES

- 01/03/2009 Vince & Barb Yount
- 01/12/1952 Don & Marilyn Hays
- 01/21/1962 Bob & Janet Harger
- 01/27/1967 Eric & Sue Rosenthal
- 01/27/1990 Bob & Lillian Bueker



ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

- 60 years plus**
Don & Marilyn Hays 60 years
- 50 years plus**
Bob & Janet Harger 50 years
- 40 years plus**
Eric & Sue Rosenthal 45 years
- 20 years plus**
Bob & Lillian Bueker 22 years

If your birthday or anniversary isn't listed, please contact the church office so we can include you in our congratulations!



KENT CHOIR & HANDBELLS



Kent Handbells

Wednesdays

5:30 PM

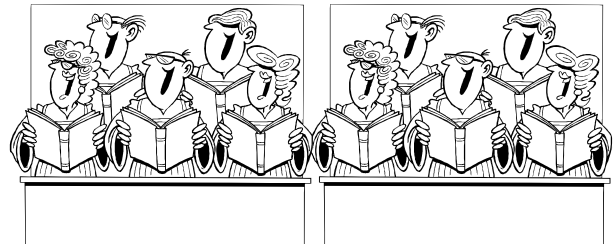
in the Sanctuary

Kent Adult Choir

Wednesdays

6:30 PM

in the choir room



NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

TO REMEMBER ME

by Robert N. Test

Even in her death Helen Garagnani is making a difference in people's lives. Helen strongly believed in organ donation and she wished to instill this in everyone. So many of you requested a copy of the poem she wanted to be read at her funeral that I thought it would be best to include it here in the newsletter. The following is from the poem "To Remember Me" by Robert N. Test, with some slight edits per Helen's wishes.

TO REMEMBER ME

by Robert N. Test

At a certain moment a doctor will determine that my brain has ceased to function and that, for all intents and purposes, my life has stopped.

When that happens, do not attempt to instill artificial life into my body by the use of a machine. And don't call this my deathbed. Let it be called the Bed of Life, and let my body be taken from it to help others lead fuller lives.

Give my sight to the man who has never seen a sunrise, a baby's face or love in the eyes of a woman. Give my heart to a person whose own heart has caused nothing but endless days of pain.

Give my kidneys to one who depends on a machine to exist from week to week.

Take my bones, every muscle, every fiber and nerve in my body and find a way to make a crippled child walk.

Explore every corner of my brain. Take my cells, if necessary, and let them grow so that someday, a speechless boy will shout at the crack of a bat and a deaf girl will hear the sound of rain against her window.

Along with me, bury my faults, my weaknesses and all prejudice against my fellow man.

Give my sins to the devil. Give my soul to God.

If by chance, you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you. If you do all I have asked I will live forever.

*Thanks Helen, for all your love, caring and inspiration!
Michael Wagner*

SIMPLY GIVING® – THE EASY OFFERING

The *Simply Giving Program*® is a modern-day stewardship program. It's a convenient, safe and simple way for individuals to make automatic payments to non-profit organizations through electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly from checking or savings accounts.

Through Simply Giving, your offerings and gifts are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. You determine the frequency of your automatic gift and the date it will be withdrawn.

Because your gifts are given consistently, you won't need to play "catch up" when you come back in the spring or worry about forgetting your checkbook or weekly envelope.

Consider giving *Simply Giving*® a try. There brochure with more information and an enrollment form on the Welcome Table in the Gathering Place.



JANUARY 22, 2012—Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Visits Kent

On Sunday, January 22, Steve Lekar and Emily Heimsoth, your Thrivent Representatives, will be at Kent Memorial to speak with current Thrivent members and anyone curious about what Thrivent offers. Steve and Emily will join the Adult Sunday School class and will also speak briefly after worship. They will be available during the fellowship time as well to answer your questions.

MEET KENT'S NEWEST MEMBERS

On Sunday, December 18, we welcomed three new members into the Kent family:

Larry & Kathy Fair

Larry & Kathy moved to Sunrise Beach from Muscatine, Iowa, at the end of September, 2011. Larry worked for USDA-Rural Development for 21 years before retiring. He enjoys riding his motorcycle, camping, and Cowboy Action Shooting. He is a private pilot and used to fly Radio Controlled airplanes. He enjoys shooting—both target and prairie dogs.

Kathy is a small town girl at heart, having grown up in northeast Iowa. Between the, Kathy & Larry have three daughters, one son, two sons-in-law, two granddaughters, one grandson, and four granddogs. Kathy enjoys reading and needlework (just not at the same time!) . While she considers herself barely computer literate, she also enjoys touching base with friends and family on Facebook.

Larry & Kathy join us from Zion Lutheran Church in Muscatine, Iowa.

Peggy Ellerbusch Mueller

Peggy was born in St. Louis, Missouri, the youngest of 7 children (5 sisters and 1 brother). Her father died of cancer when she was 5 years old and her mother raised all of them on her own. Peggy met Ron Ellerbusch her senior year of high school and they were married on November 26, 1966. Ron had been transferred to Chicago 6 weeks before they were married and they lived there for 3 years. Their daughter Margo was born in November 1967. They moved back to St. Louis in 1969 and their son, Mark, was born in 1970. Ron worked in sales and in 1981 the family moved to Mt. Vernon, IL where he was asked to manage an electric motor repair shop. Their children attended grade school and high school in Waltonville, IL. Margo received her master's degree in education/administration and is currently the curriculum director at Bluford Grade School in Bluford, IL. She lives in Mt. Vernon, IL with her husband, Scott who is principal at Pinckneyville Grade School. Peggy's pride and joy are Margo's 2 children, Mason (18) and Malorie (15). Peggy's son, Mark, received his advanced degree in geo-science from Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, MO. He is married to Jana and they live in St. Louis, MO. He is a project manager for Paric Construction and Jana is a human resource director for Alberici Construction. Peggy has worked as an optician, paralegal and registered nurse. In March, 2010, Ron, was diagnosed with cancer in and lost his battle in August of that same year. A year later, Peggy retired from CorVel Corporation where she was a medical nurse case manager. She has known Ken Mueller for over 50 years. He was married to Peggy's sister, Darleen, who went to her heavenly home in February 2010. After sharing the loss of their spouses and over 50 years of memories, they were married on October 1, 2011 with the blessings of their children and families. That is what brought her to the lake and Kent Memorial. Peggy enjoys reading, playing games, crocheting, traveling and any time spent with their children and grandchildren.

Peggy joins us from Faith Lutheran Church in Mt. Vernon, Illinois.



CHURCH COUNCIL

Approved November 15, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Michael Wagner, Ken Gerardy, Gail Kruse, Don Johnson, Jerry Husbands, David Curchy, Linda Kimberling, Don Peterson, Chuck Wanamaker, Pastor David Beese, Gary Wiles, and Melba Bangert. Absent: Denise Kralina.

Guest: Barbara Yount.

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Pastor David Beese presented the devotion.

Motion by Gail Kruse to approve the minutes from the October council meeting, second by Melba Bangert, motion carried.

Motion by Don Peterson to approve the Treasurer's report, second by Chuck Wanamaker, motion carried.

Motion by Gail Kruse to approve the Building Fund report as presented, second by Linda Kimberling, motion carried.

Pastor's report: *The theme for the Advent services will be: "Proclaim the Wondrous Birth", a series of dialogues. *Pastor Beese will attend the Bishops' Convocation to be held at Lodge of the Four Seasons this month. *Pastor Beese, Nancy Beese, Melba Bangert and Sheryl Boos attended the Area IX Fall Gathering in Sedalia on Saturday, November 12. *Pastor Beese checked with Church Mutual, our insurance carrier, regarding having background checks on our members who work with youth, both in church and in the community. Church Mutual is sending 2 DVD's for our use to guide us in this activity.

Available committee reports were presented. Dates to remember include: EVANGELISM: *The committee is making arrangements for a trip to the Main Street Opry for the Christmas show on Thursday, December 1. WORSHIP AND MUSIC: *The Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at the Westside Senior Center on Route O in Laurie on Thanksgiving Day. *The sanctuary will be decorated for the Christmas season on Thursday, December 1. A meal will be served. SOCIAL MINISTRY: *Chuck Wanamaker will again head up our Salvation Army bell ringing. YOUTH: *Kids Klub will meet November 16, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. *The Youth will go ice skating on December 3, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Old Business: *Committees report that they are securing names of members who have agreed to serve on committees. *The Congregational Meeting, Part 1, held November 13, went well.

New Business: *Motion by David Curchy that Advent and Christmas Eve offerings be designated for the Youth to help with expenses for their trip to New Orleans, second by Linda Kimberling, motion carried. *Committee Annual Reports need to be given to Tract by December 15. *After discussion, motion by Don Peterson to not have Sunday School but hold just one worship service, at 9:30 a.m., on Christmas Day and New Years' Day, and to continue with just one service on all Sundays in January and February, alternating between the liturgical service and the more relaxed service, and to have Sunday School at 8:45 a.m. in January and February, second by Gary Wiles, motion carried. *Tracy Garrett stated a need to update the software for the church office computer. The new software will make it necessary to acquire a new computer to support it, at a cost of approximately \$1500. Motion by Gail Kruse to purchase a new computer and software, at a cost not to exceed \$1500, second by Linda Kimberling, motion carried. *The Columbarium committee presented options regarding what to do regarding niches that have been purchased, but then the purchaser decides that they would rather not utilize them. Motion by Gary Wiles that we implement an 80% buy-back stipulation, with appropriate exceptions made for those who have already purchased niches, so that the stipulation only affects purchases from this date forward, second by Jerry Husbands, motion carried.

Correspondence received: *Thank You from Share the Harvest Food Pantry, for our continued support. *Thank you from Representative Diane Franklin for our congregation's volunteer work at the elementary schools, through PMC.

Motion by Don Peterson to adjourn, second by Linda Kimberling, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m., followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting December 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Wagner

Unapproved December 20, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Michael Wagner, Ken Gerardy, Gail Kruse, Don Johnson, David Curchy, Linda Kimberling, Chuck Wanamaker, Pastor David Beese, and Denise Kralina. Absent: Don Peterson, Melba Bangert, Jerry Husbands and Gary Wiles

Guests: Newly elected council members for 2012: Pat Larson and Margo Strothmann

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pastor David Beese presented the devotion, dwelling in the Word, Luke 2:1-20.

Michael Wagner thanked the outgoing council members, (Ken Gerardy, Gary Wiles and Melba Bangert) and welcomed the incoming council members (Pat Larson, Margo Strothmann and Barb Yount).

Motion by Linda Kimberling to approve the minutes from the November council meeting as presented, second by Chuck Wanamaker, motion carried.

Motion by Linda Kimberling to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, second by Ken Gerardy, motion carried.

Motion by Gail Kruse to approve the Building Fund report as presented, second by Denise Kralina, motion carried.

Pastor's report: Pastor Beese thanked the outgoing council members for their service.

Available committee reports were presented. *Property committee reports that the furnaces have been inspected, and repairs will be made as necessary. *Social ministry reports that they received three calls for assistance in November. Salvation Army bellringing is going well, with donations up from last year, even with the current economic situation.

Old Business: Motion by Linda Kimberling to approve the minutes from the special council meeting held December 9, 2011 as presented, second by Gail Kruse, motion carried.

New Business: *Election of officers for council for 2012, motion by Gail Kruse that officers remain the same (Michael Wagner, President and Chuck Wanamaker, Vice-President), second by Linda Kimberling, motion carried. Michael and Chuck agreed to remain in their positions. Appointed positions for 2012, motion by Chuck Wanamaker to appoint Gail Kruse as Treasurer, Rich Strothmann as Financial Secretary, Toni Wagner as Recording Secretary, Ken Gerardy as Building Fund Treasurer and Barb Patterson as Building Fund Secretary, second by Denise Kralina, motion carried. All parties have agreed to remain in their positions. *Council discussed Christmas bonuses for paid staff. Motion by Linda Kimberling to give a \$50 Christmas bonus to each paid staff person (Jennifer Bolton, Kathleen Marco, Tracy Garrett and Jan Ellis), second by Ken Gerardy, motion carried. *Council has decided to table designation of Thrivent ChoiceDollars for now.

Correspondence received: *Thank you from Peace Lutheran Church in Joplin for our financial support following the May 22, 2011 tornado. Thank you from CADV for our continued financial support. Thank you from Show-Me Christian Youth Home for our continued financial support.

Motion by Ken Gerardy to adjourn, second by David Curchy, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m., followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting January 17, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Wagner

Unapproved Special Council Meeting December 9, 2011 Minutes

In attendance: Michael Wagner, Ken Gerardy, Gail Kruse, Don Johnson, David Curchy, Linda Kimberling, Don Peterson, Chuck Wanamaker, Pastor David Beese, Gary Wiles, and Melba Bangert. Absent: Denise Kralina and Jerry Husbands.

Meeting called to order at 8:24 p.m.

Two additional Resolutions were presented to council. These are resolutions that will incorporate the 2011 Church-wide Assembly updates to the model constitution into the Kent Memorial constitution.

Motion by Don Peterson to present the additional resolutions to the congregation at the February congregational meeting, second by Linda Kimberling. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Wagner

**Proposed Amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions
Kent Memorial Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting Part 2
February 12, 2011
11:30 a.m.**

Fellow members of Kent,

As was mentioned at Part 1 of the annual meeting in November there are a couple more resolutions that will need to be passed in order to bring Kent's constitution in line with the ELCA model constitution. These two remaining resolutions are in response to changes that were made at the Churchwide Assembly earlier this year. The Congregation Council of Kent Memorial Lutheran Church recommends adoption of these resolutions.

Below you will find summaries of these resolutions. To minimize the cost of mailing the document containing their complete wording, we are requesting that members either download it from the church website, www.KentMemorial.com, or pick up a copy at the church. If neither of those options works for you, please call the church office at 573-374-5267 or email at Office@KentMemorial.com to request a copy

In addition to these two resolutions, we will be voting again on Resolutions 1, 2, 5 & 6 at the February meeting in order to officially ratify them. As long as Resolution 1 is ratified, resolutions 9 & 10 will not require a second vote.

See you at the Congregation Meeting on February 12, 2012.

Regards,
Michael Wagner

**Summaries of the
Proposed Amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions
Approved by the Congregation Council on December 9, 2011**

Resolution Nine

As that Kent Memorial Lutheran Church is a congregation within the churchwide body of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the ELCA requires the following constitutional provisions updated in the most recent version (2011) of the Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America be approved without alteration or amendment of the text in any manner (neither additions nor deletions). This is in keeping with provision 9.52. in the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the ELCA.

Congregation Council Recommendation: The Congregation Council of Kent Memorial Lutheran Church recommends adoption of Resolution Nine.

Resolution Nine Effective Date: February 12, 2012

Resolution Ten

As that Kent Memorial Lutheran Church is a congregation within the churchwide body of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the ELCA provides congregations with a model constitution that contains wording for optional provisions. The following constitutional amendments are taken without alteration or amendment of the text in any manner (neither additions nor deletions) from the most recent version (2011) of the Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Congregation Council Recommendation: The Congregation Council of Kent Memorial Lutheran Church recommends adoption of Resolution Ten.

Resolution Ten Effective Date: February 12, 2012

SOCIAL MINISTRY

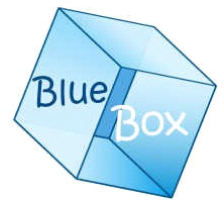
BLUE BOX UPDATE

The total for the month of December was way over 200, surpassing our goal for the **third month in a row!** Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Keep looking for those store specials to pick up that extra item to place in the blue box. *Community for Christ* and *Share the Harvest* are count on our donations more than ever.

Remember, the next time you shop, pick up a couple of extra items and bring them to the church for **The Blue Box**. Your continued support of *Community for Christ* & *Share the Harvest* is greatly appreciated.

Our goal for January is 200 items



Let's beat our goal a fourth time!

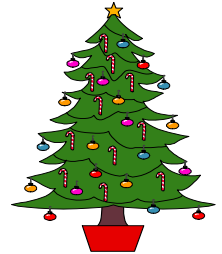
PAYING IT FORWARD

The Social Ministry committee received a unique communication from someone we helped with rent in March of 2010. She gave us a check for \$200.00 to re-pay the help she received. She was assured she did not have to do this, but she insisted. This money will be used to help another needy person in kind. This woman also paid back St. Pats and Community for Christ. What a wonderful outcome from spirit-filled giving!!

LOVING GIFTS TREE ~ THANK YOU!

The Social Ministry Loving Gifts Tree Committee would like to thank the people of Kent for such a wonderful response to mom's and their children who are in great need!!!! The Holy Spirit knocked at the doors to our hearts and we listened.

As we think about how much of a difference you all made in these lives at the end of 2011, we want to share something with you. Many people think that when someone is in an abusive situation, "why don't they just leave and get out?" What they don't know is how much COURAGE it takes to do just that. As hard as their lives are in the abuse, the prospect of starting over, usually with nothing and nowhere to go, is overwhelming and risky at best. They face finding a job, a home they can afford, setting up housekeeping, paying for food, acquiring a car to get to the job, fear of the past re-entering their lives, and just making a go of all this. Your help has made that journey into their new lives a little smoother and for the children a new, happy, closer to normal start. Thank you so much for making that possible.



God's Blessings to You!

Hearing God's Call and Responding in Love...

Here's a snapshot of the needs in our community & how we use your contributions.

NOVEMBER (number of calls):

Electric: 2

Rent: 1

Lake Oasis (gasoline)

Total Dollars to our Community for November: \$351.00

Thanks for the generous hearts & gifts of the people of Kent!

We Share Jesus with All!

THANK YOU NOTES

On behalf of the Social Ministry Committee, I would like to thank all of you who rang for the Salvation Army in the past thirty days. Many less fortunate in our area will benefit because of the giving of yourselves.

Thanks again,
Chuck Wanamaker

My heartfelt thanks to my newsletter crew for helping me get the Kent Happenings out on time this year: Carol Gerardy, Glenice Gibson, Floralie Harris, Jeri Hunter, Ann Johnson, Don Johnson, Ken Mueller, Peggy Mueller, Margo Strothmann, Richard Strothmann, Carol Wait & Carolyn Wiles

Tracy Garrett, Kent Secretary & Newsletter Editor

The WELCA 9th annual Cookie/Candy Sale was a success! **A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who helped in any way. We made \$1,229.51 in sales and received Thrivent matching funds of \$611. A total of **\$1840.61** has been donated to the Nursing Scholarship Fund at Lake Regional Hospital this year.

Joyce Wanamaker, Cookie Sale chairperson

Thanks so much to everyone who donated peanut butter for the buddy packs at Hurricane Deck School. We can always count on Kent!

The PMC Crew

REMINDER WELCA MEMBERS:

There will be no WELCA meeting in January, 2012. See you February 7.



Kent Krew

Our thanks to everyone for the Advent offerings and your other generous gifts that will send us to the ELCA National Youth Gathering next summer.

Gail Kruse
Kent Kids & Kent Krew Youth Leader

Kid's Klub

January 18, 2012

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

The Christmas party for "Kids Klub" was made a lot of fun thanks to Kent Clowns for the face painting, balloon designs, telling us the wonderful Bible stories, & even playing musical chairs with us!

Thank you Gail & Abbey for the yummy pancakes & apple nachos! We can't thank Floralie & Joyce for all the helping hands! It is greatly appreciated!

Kids Klub will be held January 18th. Our Bible lesson for January will be built around

"Being different isn't bad"

so start the new year right by coming to Kids Klub!

Have a Blessed New Year! Jim & Diane