

KENT HAPPENINGS

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Overlooking the Lake of the Ozarks

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
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~ 1951—2013 ~

EACH SUNDAY

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
9:30 AM Worship Services

~ David R. Beese, Pastor ~

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

It's New Year's and for sports fans that means bowl games. Major bowl games serve as a reward for a college team's successful season and may lead to even greater honors – a high ranking or even a national championship. At the same time, bowl games act as a kind of springboard into the following season. A team in a lower bowl may build on that success to win more games and get a better bowl game the following year. A good showing in a bowl game often helps recruiting for future teams. And so the bowl games cap off the old season even as they help bring in the following season.

New Year's may serve a similar function for Christians. We are still in the holiday season, being right after Christmas, and in the church year between Christmas and Epiphany. So there is a festive atmosphere of ringing out the old and bringing in the new. At the same time, we often make resolutions for the new year. We take stock of our habits, waistlines, and all sorts of personality traits and decide what we'd like to change. We look optimistically forward to the future.

Presumably, we have been looking ahead already. Advent is when we prepare for Christmas. We do so by once again preparing room in our hearts for Christ but also by looking ahead to Christ's second coming and preparing our lives for that blessed event.

Do we follow Advent with actually making preparations for Christ's coming again?? Do we actually trade in some old bad habits for some new better ones? Do we actually take specific steps to become more Christ-like each year?

Thomas a'Kempis writes, "If each year we would root out one fault, we should soon become perfect."
(*Imitation of Christ*, Book 1, chapter 11)

Let us redeem the time at New Year's and throughout the new year to seek the Lord more fervently, to follow Christ's leading ever more willingly, that we may increasingly more perfectly live a life worthy of the gospel of Christ.

A HAPPY AND BLESSED 2014!!

In Christ,
Pastor Dave BZ

Nancy and I thank all the members of Kent for your gracious Christmas gifts both individually and corporately. We really appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness!! **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!**

We Are A People Changed By Love, Sent In Love, To Serve

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2014 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Committee Assignments

Jim Melody President
 Sheryl Boos Vice President; Social Ministry
 Barb Yount Evangelism
 Pat Larson Long Range Planning
 Margo Strothmann Worship & Music
 Andrew Renken Finance & Stewardship
 Brian Kuckler Christian Education
 Bill Blomberg Property
 Gary Esbeck Social Ministry
 Gail Kruse Youth/Kent Krew
 Carol Hansen Christian Education
 Jim Clements Finance & Stewardship

Council Appointed Positions

Carol Hanson Recording Secretary
 Gail Kruse Treasurer
 Warren Pray Financial Secretary
 Ken Gerardy Building Fund Treasurer
 Linda Kimberling Building Fund Financial Secretary

JANUARY SCRIPTURE LESSONS

January 5, Epiphany

1st Reading Jeremiah 31:7-14
 Psalm Psalm 147:12-20
 2nd Reading Ephesians 1:3-14
 Gospel John 1:1-18

January 12, Baptism of Our Lord

1st Reading Isaiah 42:1-9
 Psalm Psalm 29
 2nd Reading Acts 10:34-43
 Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

January 19, 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

1st Reading Isaiah 49:1-7
 Psalm Psalm 40:1-11
 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
 Gospel John 1:29-42

January 26, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

1st Reading Isaiah 9:1-4
 Psalm Psalm 27:1, 4-9
 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
 Gospel Matthew 4:12-23

WORSHIP LEADERS IN JANUARY

9:30 AM

Altar Guild Sheryl Boos
 Greeters

 Lector Teri Stout
 Ushers

 Coffee 1/5 Brian & Judy Kuckler

 Sound Technicians 1/5, 19 Ken Gerardy;
 1/12, 26 Lester Clark

GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR JANUARY

01/05 Michael Wagner, Toni Wagner
 01/12 Linda Kimberling, Ken Gerardy
 01/19 Rosie Keeney, Gerry Williams
 01/26 Don Peterson, Gloria Peterson

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

INCOME & EXPENSE

Offerings and Income for December, 2013	\$12,226
Actual Expenses for December, 2013.....	\$11,500
Monthly Budget Needs	\$15,080
Offerings and Income for January-December, 2013	\$156,576
Actual Expenses for January-December, 2013.....	\$157,919

Average Sunday Morning Attendance in December was 105
 Average Sunday School/Bible Study Attendance in December was 11
 Average Midweek Advent Service Attendance was 60
 Christmas Eve Attendance was 203

DECEMBER 2013 BUILDING FUND REPORT KENT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Bank Balance 12-1-13	\$4,250.52
Deposits, Interest, and Adjustments	3,468.61
Payment to Mission Investment Fund	4,000.00
Bank Balance 12-1-13	\$3,719.13
Mortgage Payment to MIF	\$4,000.00
Interest Paid	799.75
Principal Paid.....	\$3,200.25
Mortgage Balance 11-1-13	\$199,595.06
Principal Paid in November.....	3,200.25
Mortgage Balance 12-1-13	\$196,394.81

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2013

Leave your articles in the church office, or e-mail your news to Tracy at Office@KentMemorial.com.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING TOUCH

Ron Baltzer
 Melaine Bohning
 Phil Brooks
 Chris Brown
 LeeAnne Brumm
 Courtney Cowan
 AJ Dodwell
 Bill Ehelebe
 Ben Gerardy
 Al Glickley
 Rick Griffith

Jack Hollingsworth
 Hank & Pat Kirchhoff
 Gerry & Roger Kirkeide
 Nancy Kriebel
 Lesta Martin
 Christine Montgomery
 Ken Mueller
 Jill New
 Nancy O'Hara
 Claude Page

Aretha Peterson
 Rob Riggins
 Pat Shank
 Marshall Sherlock IV
 Richard Viets
 Dennis Williamson



Christian condolences and hope are extended to Margo Strothmann & her family as they mourn the death of Richard on December 7.

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY IN PRAYER

Ben Brammeier
 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



Jason Ites
 Nicole Johnson
 Benjamin Kyle Jones
 Cameron Keaton

Adam Kralina
 Glenn Maddock
 Dustin McCormick
 Nathan Meir
 Shawn Moorhead
 Will Pierce
 John Waddell
 Jon Weiss
 Paul Wiles
 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 Berniece Lansing

Pleasant Hill Health & Rehabilitation Center

1300 Broadway
 Pleasant Hill, MO 64080

Don Hays

Good Samaritan Care Center

403 W. Main Street
 Cole Camp, MO 65325

Mary Gordon

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 Carolyn Garrett
- 01/05 Don Wilken
- 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
Carl Gauck
Shelly Carolus
- 01/22 Janay Renken
- 01/27 LaRoy Vinkavich
Karen Mellody
- 01/29 Bill Blomberg
- 01/30 Ada Terry
Jeff Carolus

ANNIVERSARIES

01/03/2009	Vince & Barb Yount	5 years
01/07/1995	Bill & Joy Whitlow	19 years
01/12/1952	Don & Marilyn Hays	62 years
01/21/1962	Bob & Janet Harger	52 years
01/27/1967	Eric & Sue Rosenthal	47 years
01/27/1990	Bob & Lillian Bueker	24 years

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

CHURCH COUNCIL

Unapproved Council Minutes - December 17, 2013

In Attendance: Andrew Renken, Brian Kuckler, Bud Kidder, Sheryl Boos, Gail Kruse, Bill Blomberg, Jim Mellody, David Curchy, Pat Larson, Gary Esbeck, and Pastor Dave.

Absent: Barb Yount, Margo Strothmann, and Don Johnson.

Meeting called to order at 6:01 P.M.

Dwelling in the Word: Pastor read to us an article about what Advent means to each of us.

Minutes: Motion to approve the November minutes was made by Andrew, seconded by Gail. All approved the motion.

Treasurers Report: We reviewed the report and Gail said that all large bills were reflected in the report for this year. Bill made a motion to approve, Pat seconded and all approved the motion.

Building Fund Report: There was no report to approve.

Pastor's Report: Pastor brought up the need to approve his salary split. He proposed that \$15,000.00 of his base salary be designated as an allowance for housing. His base salary would remain the same, no change in dollar, but it would include this designation. Motion was made by Andrew to accept this, Gail seconded. All approved the motion.

Pastor thanked the Long Range Planning Committee for the work done to get the pictorial directory updated. Getting Dee Smith from the Camera Club to take the pictures free of charge and making the necessary scheduling of times for everyone to come. Discussion was held to make a donation to the Camera Club for Dee's efforts and time in helping us accomplish this task. Motion was made by Pat for a \$150.00 donation. Andrew seconded. All approved the motion.

Pastor also reflected that weather helped play a positive outcome and turnout for Rich Strothmann's Memorial Service. The family was greatly appreciative for the turn out and for the wonderful potluck following the service.

Old Business: Property Insurance – Guide One has the bid we are accepting by their due date. It was a better bid by quite a bit. Andrew made a motion to accept their bid, Pat seconded. All approved the motion to accept Guide One's bid. Refinance of the Church Loan – Gail has sent the request material for refinancing. We are waiting for that approval.

New Business: Council Officers for 2014:

President: Gail Kruse nominated. Bud made motion, Gary seconded.

Vice-President: Sheryl Boos nominated. Bud made motion, Andrew seconded.

Recording Secretary: Carol Hansen nominated. Gail made motion, Gary seconded.

Treasurer: Gail nominated. Sheryl made motion, Bud seconded.

Financial Secretary: Warren Pray nominated. Bill made motion, Pat seconded.

Building Fund Treas.: Ken Gerardy nominated. Sheryl made motion, Gail seconded.

Building Fund Financial Secretary: Linda Kimberling nominated. Bill made motion, Pat seconded.

These were all approved by council members present. It was noted that we need to check the constitution on whether Gail can be both President and Secretary.

Addition: Pastor checked the constitution and we cannot have one person hold two positions of office for council officers. An e-mail was put out on Weds. to all board members asking for a volunteer for President. Jim Mellody has accepted. An e-mail was sent out by David Curchy for the nomination and approval. Andrew made a motion for Jim to be President, Gary seconded. All approved via e-mail.

Christmas Bonuses for paid staff was reviewed and approved.

Thrivent Choice Dollars: Discussion was made to take \$650.00 of the Thrivent Choice Dollars and move it into the budget as a new line item for Pictorial Directory. \$150.00 of this would be distributed now as the donation discussed earlier to the Camden Co. Camera Club for Dee Smith's work. The other \$500.00 as a seed amount used for future updating. It was discussed that we would need to spend money shortly to make the needed new pages for the recent pictures taken to put in all directories currently in use. Motion was made by Gary, seconded by Andrew. All approved this motion.

No new correspondence.

Motion to adjourn made by Andrew, seconded by Bud.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: January 21st, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Boos for Cindy Curchy

ANNUAL MEETING PART 2

Sunday, February 9

10:30 a.m.

We will share a Potluck Brunch/Lunch prior to the meeting

Copies of the 2013 Annual Report will be available by January 26, 2014

NEEDED ~

Ushers, Greeters & Fellowship Hosts seem to be in short supply for January.

It takes 10-12 volunteers every Sunday to have our services and fellowship. And that doesn't count the handbell ringers or the choir members. Ushers, greeters, sound techs, hosts/hostesses for our coffee and donut fellowship...

Please sign up if you can help. Sheets on on the bulletin board as you enter the fellowship hall from the Sanctuary. Just look for the blank lines.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Kent is seeking a new person for cleaning/custodial work. If you are interested in this position please contact Tracy in the church office, 573-674-5267, and provide your contact information. You will be contacted to arrange an interview. Interviews will be conducted in January.

Thank You,
Kent Memorial Church Council

WELCA - Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

WELCA's January meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 8, 2014**. Members will meet to work on stuffed animals at 9:00 a.m. Dessert will be served by our hostesses at 12:30 p.m., and the business meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.



THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who baked, bought, or helped in any way with the 11th Annual Christmas Cookie/Candy Sale that WELCA had in December. We made \$1,643.42 in sales. Together with the \$675 matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, we made the total of \$2,318.42 to be donated to the Nursing Scholarship Fund at Lake Regional Hospital.



WELCA COLLECTS BOX TOPS & LABELS FOR SCHOOLS

By redeeming the Box Tops & Labels for Education, our partner schools, Hurricane Deck Elementary & South Elementary, are able to purchase things like sports equipment and library books for their students.

Please—save the label before you throw that bottle, box, or can into the recycle bin.

Thanks for your help in advance!



IN NOVEMBER, WE COLLECTED 113 CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS & 96 BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Music

Kent Handbells Toni Wagner, Director Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.	Kent Adult Choir Kathleen Marco, Director Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.
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Wednesday evening rehearsals resume January 8, 2014



THANK YOUs

Thank you for all your cards and prayers while I was convalescing from surgery. It's so comforting to have a caring loving church family.

May you have a blessed New Year!

Bev Kidder

We want to thank Kent Memorial for keeping our nephew, Capt. Paul Wiles, on the prayer list during this past year. Paul left his wife and three small children (4, 3, 1) for Afghanistan where he has been serving since Dec 2012 and thankfully he is home safe with his family and a new assignment.

Gary & Carolyn Wiles

Our heartfelt thanks for all your care, support, cards, calls, food and hugs! Our family has been blessed by the outpouring of your love for Richard and for us. And your presence at the memorial service and potluck touched all our hearts. We're so glad we made our church home at Kent.

Margo Strothmann, Jeff & Jana Strothmann, Vanessa & Bill Hebrank, Tracy & Dan Garrett

Thanks to the 25 families who endured bad weather in order to have a picture for the directory update. Special thanks to Dee Smith and Tricia Williamson who donated their time to shoot pictures on Sunday and Monday, 12-08 & 12-09.

Long-Range Planning Committee

NOTE: If you would like your pictures on a cd disc, please contact Tracy in the church office.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

LOVING GIFTS TREE



The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank all of you who participated in our Loving Gifts Tree this year.

We had 100% success in your generous giving to CADV, and all the lovely gifts were brought to Kent and delivered to CADV in Camdenton by our deadline. Thank you so much for showing your love to the boys and girls in need at this Christmas time.

Thank you, Kent members, for helping in our community outreach for the Salvation Army!

This year's effort was very successful. We joined this year with New Hope Lutheran and Unity at the Lake to support the Salvation Army bell ringing at the Save A Lot grocery store in Laurie. The shorter time period to solicit donations did not result in fewer funds collected. While our total days of ringing were fewer the donations per day were up from last year.

The total generated by our efforts was \$2473.71 which averaged about \$102.00 per day surpassing last years average of \$70.00 per day. This year's total was helped by several sizable checks and large denomination bills put in the buckets.



All of our efforts support the Salvation Army with 90 % of the funds staying local. We appreciate your support of the Salvation Army as many people benefit from the generosity of your time.

BLUE BOX UPDATE
January Goal: 200 items

December was a banner month ending an amazing year of giving. Thank you.

Let's make 2014 even better!

Add a couple of Blue Box items to your basket when you shop this month.

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

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

NOVEMBER, 2013 (number of needs calls):

- Electric - 2
- Rent - 3
- Water - 1
- Lodging - 2
- Medication - 1
- Gasoline - 6

Total needs filled for the month: 15

Total Dollars to our Community for the month: \$821.05



We Share Jesus with All!



Kids Klub

January 15th

3:15-5:00 p.m.

ALL Kids from pre-K through 5th grade

After school snacks

New friends

Loads of fun games & crafts

Learn new stuff

Kids Klub is open to the community!

Any questions? Call Diane Ziehl, 372-5223. Thank you!!