

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—2017 ~

EACH SUNDAY

8:30 AM Bible Study & Sunday School
9:30 AM Worship Service

~ David R. Beese, Pastor ~

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Fellow Members and Friends,

Happy New Year!! Christmas will soon fade for most people into sounds of “Auld Lang Syne” and ringing in the New Year with parties. Some take down Christmas decorations on the 26th, or even the afternoon of the 25th! Bowl games, basketball, and NFL playoffs are watched and people once again turn to New Year resolutions.

Resolutions are well and good, and helpful if kept. New Year resolutions are famous for their short life, however. Any change that is good and permanent is hard to make. Writing down what we intend to do is helpful. So is telling others what you are going to do, and when. But the fact is, few of us make any significant changes until we are sick of the status quo, the way things are without change. Until we are sick and tired of being overweight we won't begin or sustain that diet and exercise plan. Until we're sick and tired of being uneducated, we won't sign up for more schooling. Until we're sick and tired of being ill or fatigued we won't develop healthy life-style habits.

This is most certainly true of our spiritual life as well. Unless we get sick and tired of the consequences of sin we won't repent. Unless we get sick and tired of a powerless spiritual life we won't draw nearer to God. Unless we get sick and tired of being immature Christians we won't devote more time to prayer, Bible study, and worship.

Do we ever get tired of the way things are, individually or together as the Church?? Do we truly wish we would grow in numbers, be a more lively spiritual flock, be a greater witness for Christ in our community??

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” (Matthew 5:6) “Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.” (James 4:8) Are we willing to change, or more accurately, for God to change us?? Jesus asked the sick, “Do you want to get well?” (John 5:6). God will change us, but not against our wills.

If we are at least open and honest with God, willing for God to change us, giving ourselves to God, dedicated to wanting what God wants and doing God's will, God will make us ever more into God's image. God will fill us and enable us to fulfill our holy callings whatever they may be.

Let us pray that we may be willing for God to change us, and discerning enough to follow God's leading.

Nancy and I want to take this time to say “THANK YOU” Kent Memorial for all your wonderful cards and goodies but especially for your gracious Christmas check. We appreciate all that you do all year long not only for us and for our wonderful congregation but all that you do for our community, for our dedicated Central States Synod and for the mission we share to “HEARING GOD'S CALL AND RESPONDING IN LOVE WE SHARE JESUS WITH ALL! May we continue to be the church of GOD'S WORK - OUR HANDS in the world God gave us to serve.

Pastor Dave

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Sent In Love,
To Serve*

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

January 15, 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 22, 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

January 29, 4th Sunday after Epiphany

1st Reading.....Micah 6:1-8
 Psalm.....Psalm 15
 2nd Reading.....1 Corinthians 1:18-31
 Gospel.....Matthew 5:1-12

STAFF

Rev. David R. Beese..... Pastor
 Tracy Garrett.....Office Secretary & Newsletter Editor
 Joyce Wanamaker..... Organist
 Margo Strothmann..... Organist
 Tracy Garrett..... Vocal Choir Director,
Coordinator of Worship & Artistic Ministry
 Toni Wagner.....Handbell Choir Director
 Linda Williams..... Prayer Chain Chairperson
 Lester Clark, Dan Garrett,
 Ken Gerardy & Michael Wagner..... Sound Technicians
 Don Brohm..... Webmaster
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2017 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Committee Assignments

Gerry Williams.....President
 Don Peterson..... Vice President; Long Range Planning
 Lynn Burke..... Property
 Eldeen Hanke..... Evangelism
 Carol Hansen.....Christian Education
 Allen Kimberling.....Mutual Ministry
 Charles Niemann.....Christian Education
 Curtis Reams..... Property
 Andrew Renken..... Finance & Stewardship
 Joyce Wanamaker.....Worship & Music
 Donna Young.....Social Ministry

Council Appointed Positions

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

GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR JANUARY

01/01 Michael Wagner, Toni Wagner
 01/08 Linda Kimberling, Ken Gerardy
 01/15 Rosie Keeney, Gerry Williams
 01/22 Don Peterson, Gloria Peterson
 01/29 Curtis Reams, Diane Reams

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

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|---|------------------|
| Offerings and Income for November, 2016 | \$11,881 |
| Pass-Through Income for November, 2016 | \$730 |
| TOTAL INCOME-NOVEMBER, 2016 | \$12,611 |
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| Actual Expenses for November, 2016..... | \$13,796 |
| Pass-Through Expenses for November, 2016 | \$730 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES-NOVEMBER, 2016..... | \$14,526 |
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| Monthly Budget Needs-Income..... | \$16,691 |
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| Monthly Budget Needs-Expenses..... | \$22,952 |
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| Offerings and Income for January-November, 2016..... | \$177,642 |
| Pass-Through Income for January-November, 2016..... | \$16,966 |
| TOTAL INCOME..... | \$153,643 |
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| Actual Expenses for January-November, 2016..... | \$170,801 |
| Pass-Through Expenses for January-November, 2016..... | \$16,966 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | \$156,907 |

NOVEMBER 2016 BUILDING FUND REPORT KENT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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| Bank Balance 11-1-16..... | \$3,338.97 |
| Deposits, Interest and Adjustments | 4,530.45 |
| Payment to Mission Investment Fund..... | 4,000.00 |
| Bank Balance 12-1-16..... | \$2,529.42 |
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| Mortgage Payment to Mission Investment Fund..... | \$4,000.00 |
| Interest Paid..... | 202.54 |
| Principal Paid in October..... | \$3,797.46 |
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| Mortgage Balance 11-1-16..... | \$60,309.92 |
| Principal Paid | 3,797.46 |
| Mortgage Balance 12-1-16..... | \$56,512.46 |

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016

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

Joan Anderson
 John Behnen
 Sue Breyer
 Delaney Brumm
 Mike Cash
 Chessie
 Jason Cundiff
 Allen Dale
 Carolyn Gentry
 Charles Gerardy
 Sue Gould
 Bob Hebrank
 Jack Hollingsworth
 Bob Hoofnagle
 Jack King

Bob Kuecker
 William LaCroix
 Kieran LaRock
 Larry Lynch
 Richard Metter
 Jane Needles
 Julie Patterson
 Paul
 Ashley Pierson
 Maria Reth
 Cyndi Rush
 Rudi Schaefer
 JoAnn Schick

Anne Claire Schuler
 Carla Sims
 Karina Tweed
 Diane Waggoner
 Floyd Wait
 Jim Williams
 Pam Wills



REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY IN PRAYER

Christopher Babcock
 Eric Blomberg
 Ben Brammeier
 Travis Crites
 Aaron Davis
 Tanner Glodt



Kristine Hubbard
 Jason Ites
 Adam Kralina
 Glenn Maddock
 Joe Marco
 Adam Peterson

OUR FRIENDS IN CARE FACILITIES



Laurie Knolls Assisted Living
 610 Highway O / P.O. Box 1068
 Laurie, MO 65038

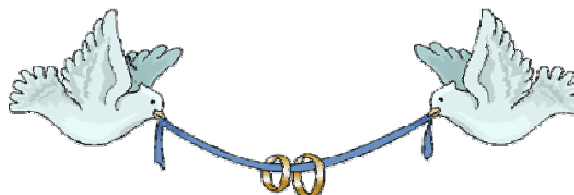
Stanley Field Bernice Lansing
 Bill & Ada Terry

Pleasant Hill Health & Rehabilitation Center
 1300 Broadway
 Pleasant Hill, MO 64080

Don Hays

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
- 01/15 Heather King
- 01/19 Chantal Enriquez
- 01/20 Allen Brumm
- 01/21 Dorothy Engelstad
Carl Gauck
Shelly Carolus
- 01/22 Janay Renken
- 01/27 Karen Mellody
LaRoy Vinkavich
- 01/29 Bill Blomberg
- 01/30 Ada Terry
Jeff Carolus
Lyla Renken

ANNIVERSARIES

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|------------|----------------------|----------|
| 01/03/2009 | Vince & Barb Yount | 8 years |
| 01/07/1995 | Bill & Joy Whitlow | 22 years |
| 01/12/1952 | Don & Marilyn Hays | 65 years |
| 01/21/1962 | Bob & Janet Harger | 55 years |
| 01/27/1990 | Bob & Lillian Bueker | 27 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 6, 2016

In Attendance- Pastor Dave, Joyce Wanamaker, Carol Hansen, Eldeen Hanke, Don Peterson, Andrew Renken, Gail Kruse, Donna Young, Chuck Wanamaker, and Jim Mellody.

Absent- Lynn Burke, Jim Clements, Charles Niemann, Gerry Williams, Allen Kimberling and Mark Kelly

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. by President Jim Mellody.

Dwelling in the Word: Pastor opened with a devotional from an issue of "The Living Lutheran" by Elizabeth Eaton entitled Hear The Good News.

Minutes- A motion was made to approve November minutes by Andrew Renken, seconded by Gail Kruse. All approved.

Treasures Report- Gail Kruse presented. A motion to approve the November treasure's report was made by Eldeen Hanke, seconded by Don Peterson. All Approved

Pastor's Report- Pastor reported on the first Advent service. 45 people attended. Pastor will continue to use the call tree for cancelations.

Building Fund Report – Pastor Dave presented. New balance 56,512.46.

Committee Reports- Parsonage Committee reported the Jack has started painting and should be about finished. Work is coming along. Evangelism reported Don and Marilyn Hayes have an anniversary in January. They will be sending a cards signed by the congregation.

Presidents Report- Jim wanted to personally thank everyone for their time and wished us all well on the upcoming years. Thank you Jim Mellody for your years of service as Church Council President!

Old Business- Committee reports due to Tracy by January 10, 2017.

New Business- The job description for the Organist/Accompanist will be reviewed next month. Thrivent Choice dollars will also be discussed next month. Don Peterson made a motion to approve all council appointed positions. Motion was seconded by Joyce Wanamaker and all approved. Council appointed positions are Secretary- Carol Hansen, Treasurer- Gail Kruse, Financial Treasurer- Gail Kruse, Building Fund Treasurer- Ken Gerardy, Building Fund Secretary- Linda Kimberling. The Election of officers was held. Eldeen Hanke made a motion to nominate and elect Gerry Williams as President and Don Peterson as Vice President for 2017. Motion was seconded by Donna Young and all approved.

Correspondence- Christmas card from the Pregnancy Help Center.

Motion to adjourn was made by Don Peterson, seconded by Andrew Renken. All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: January 17, 2017

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary



Kent Memorial Parsonage Fund

Remodeling of the Kent Parsonage is well underway, with all the carpet and old linoleum out, wiring repaired, lighting updated, and lots more. The big ticket items—stove, refrigerator, furnace, air conditioner—are new or in good shape. Now it's time to put it back together and get it ready to rent out in the spring.

The interior painting got underway the last few days of November. The carpet and flooring is chosen... And that's where you come in.

With a generous initial donation, a fund has been established to pay for the repairs and updating of the parsonage. That \$1,000 pays for the first few projects, but more donations are welcome.

If you would like to give to the Parsonage Fund, please write a check to Kent Memorial and put "Parsonage Fund" on the memo line. Any amount is welcome.

Questions may be directed to Chuck Wanamaker, 573-374-0113.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

BLUE BOX UPDATE

Our January goal is 200 items

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

If you prefer, a cash donation will always be gratefully accepted.

BLANKET DRIVE—

For January, let's bring in warm, fuzzy blankets for Community for Christ!

Any size, any color. They're always needed!

You may also bring in those cold weather foods, like pork & beans, canned soups, chili beans, and casserole-making items.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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

Here's how your contributions met some of the need in our community.

NOVEMBER, 2016 (number of needs calls):

Electric - 10

Rent - 5

Water - 1

Gasoline - 3

Food Certificates - \$400

Total Assistance to our Community for the month: \$2,028.14

We Share Jesus with All!

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELCA)

WELCA will meet on January 3, 2017

- + 9:30am Stuff animals for Lake Regional Hospital
- + 11:00am Business Meeting



KEEP BRINGING IN THOSE BOX TOPS, UPC CODES & LABELS

Save the label before you throw that bottle, box, or can into the recycle bin.

By redeeming the Box Tops & Soup Labels for Education, we help our partner schools, Hurricane Deck Elementary & South Elementary, to purchase things like library books and playground/sports equipment.

We had a banner year in 2016. Let's keep those box tops and labels coming!

WELCA also collects Best Choice UPC codes & pop top rings. For every 3000 WELCA gets \$30 for community projects!



Thanks for your help!