

KENT HAPPENINGS

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Overlooking the Lake of the Ozarks

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
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Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

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EACH SUNDAY

8:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:30 AM Fellowship Time

~ The Rev. Carl R. Gauck, Transitional Pastor ~

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In an online sermon from Sermon.com this illustration appeared: Do you recall Ash Wednesday, 2018? Ironically, last year Ash Wednesday fell on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. I said at the time that it seemed to be a strange juxtaposition--Valentine's and Ash Wednesday. But Valentine's Day 2018 was different for another reason. It was the day when a shooting took place at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. Seventeen students and staff were fatally shot and seventeen others were wounded in that shooting, surpassing the Columbine High School massacre as the worst high school shooting in the United States. It was a day of enormous heartbreak. In an online sermon Father Michael K. Marsh, an Episcopal priest, tells about the first picture that he saw from that horrendous scene. It was a woman with her arms around another woman, two moms crying and waiting for news about their children. We've seen those kinds of pictures before, notes Father Marsh, too many times. This one, however, was different. The thing that caught Father Marsh's attention was a cross. One of the women in the photo had ashes on her forehead in the shape of a cross. Evidently she had attended an Ash Wednesday service earlier in the day.

"She had been marked with a sign of mortality and the fragility of life," writes Fr. Marsh, "the same sign with which you and I will be marked in a few moments, and she now stood among the ashes of uncertainty, fear, death, sorrow, and loss. My guess is that when those ashes were being put on her forehead earlier in the day she never thought she would be standing where she was. Probably none of us would have either. We don't want to consider that possibility, let alone face that reality. And yet, that's the truth Ash Wednesday holds before us. 'Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.' It was a sobering day, a day we never hope to see repeated."

Victims and perpetrators of crimes are certainly part of our life and it has been such since creation when God convicted Adam and Eve, who disobeyed God and were found guilty of sin. And that set in motion the need for God to send forth his son to redeem his people and restore humankind's relationship with God. And since then, having a way to confess our sins and be forgiven and being absolved from sin is provided us every Sunday. Each year we look at our mortality and fragility and our need of God. We do so with a season called Lent which offers us a face to face confrontation with Jesus and what he did so we might confess our sin and know that through him redemption is made possible.

On March 6th at 6 PM we will begin our journey through Lent with our confession of our sins and the imposition of ashes. We will also begin the Jury trial of the usual suspects of Lent that more clearly lays out what Jesus did that makes Lent so needed for us his children.

Pastor Carl

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING TOUCH

Avery
Delaney Brumm
Kelly Covey
Barb Daniels
Dr. Scott Ezell
Carolyn Garrett
Kelly Gephardt
Barb Gislason

Floralie Harris
Sharon Lutjen
Mark
Rhonda McClure
Gene Melton
Karen Mellody
Lisa Monroe

Jane Needles
Ruth Osterbur
Diane Reams
Pat Shank
Dean Thonesen
Floyd Wait

Jack Wagner
Clarion Winzenburg



Christian condolences and hope and extended to Bob Harger and his family as they mourn the death of Janet on February 4.

Daily pray for the Call Committee & the congregation as we seek to learn God's purpose for Kent Memorial.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock
Eric Blomberg
Ben Brammeier
Aaron Davis
Tanner Glodt
Kristine Hubbard
Jason Ites



Nathan Karls
Adam Kralina
Justin Lawler
Jordan Lindeman
Glenn Maddock
Joe Marco
Adam Peterson

OUR FRIENDS IN CARE FACILITIES



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

Helen Pragman

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

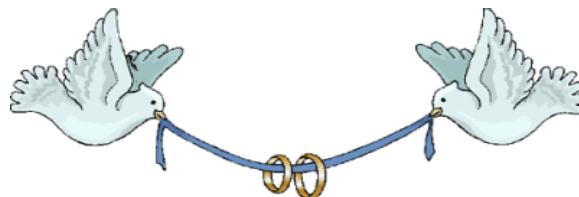
Stanley Field
Mildred Hemme

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



- 03/02 Karole Karls
Gene Melton
- 03/03 Abby Kruse
- 03/08 Shirley Clark
- 03/10 Leo Lindeman
- 03/11 Jerry Husbands
- 03/13 Charlie Peterson
- 03/14 Sally Burke
- 03/18 Gloria Peterson
Kaitlyn Jones
- 03/20 Lester Clark
- 03/22 Bev Kidder
- 03/23 Don Johnson



ANNIVERSARIES

03/07/1971	Jerry & Kandy Husbands	48 years
03/13/1976	Larry & Sharon Lutjen	43 years
03/22/1975	Floyd & Carol Wait	44 years
03/25/1967	Helmut & Jan Lacas	52 years

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

	JANUARY	DECEMBER	NOVEMBER
Offerings and Income for January, 2018	\$13,549	\$43,383	\$11,063
Pass-Through Income for January, 2018	\$60	\$3,937	\$170
TOTAL INCOME - JANUARY, 2018	\$13,609	\$47,320	\$11,233
Actual Expenses for December, 2018	\$15,585	\$21,635	\$12,023
Pass-Through Expenses for December, 2018	\$60	\$3,967	\$170
TOTAL EXPENSES - JANUARY, 2018	\$15,645	\$25,602	\$12,193
TOTAL OVERALL—JANUARY	\$15,645	\$21,718	\$ -960
Monthly Budget-Expenses	\$16,221		

CHURCH COUNCIL

Unapproved Minutes, February 19, 2019

In Attendance- Melba Bangert, Gerry Williams, Al Mohling, Wendy Blomberg, Gail Kruse, Curtis Reams, Donna Young, Carol Hansen, Bob Karls, Katherine Lacroix, Ron Kornfeind and Pastor Gauck

Absent- Mary Evans and Bill Work

Meeting called to order at 5:16 p.m. by President Melba Bangert.

Dwelling in the Word: Donna Young opened with devotion.

Minutes- Motion to approve the January minutes was made by Donna Young, seconded by Wendy Blomberg. All approved.

Treasures Report- Gail Kruse presented.

Pastor's Report- Pastor Gauck reported he has made sixteen hospital calls and one Nursing Home visit. He has had eight drop in's, conferences and visits, attended two committee meetings, had four worship services and one council meeting. Worship services are planned out through Easter. Pastor has planned his vacation for March 18th through March 25th. Other vacation dates are pending.

Committee Reports Evangelism reported they will be hosting a New Member Pot Luck April 28th. Budget & Finance reported a Statement of Intent has been sent to the Synod. They have reviewed Memorials and all looks to be in order. Gerry Williams has visited with CoMo about a tree in the outdoor Worship area that is falling and the possibility of setting a new pole for the cross. Property Committee will further address the issue. Worship & Music reported the Lent and Holy week schedules have been set. Gail reported the Call Committee has completed a mock interview.

Old Business- Gerry Williams brought forth information from Red Cross on the requirements and needs of a Disaster Shelter. Wendy Blomberg made a motion to complete the Facility use agreement with the Red Cross with the purpose to use our facility as a Service Center, place for storage of supplies and the parking of vehicles. Bob Karls seconded the motion and all approved. Pastor reported the blood drive collected 21 units of blood. Goal is 25 units.

New Business- Gail Kruse presented insurance information. A motion was made by Gerry Williams to increase the deductible to \$2500.00 for a savings of \$944.00. Donna Young seconded the motion and all approved. Synod Assembly will be June 6th through the 8th at the Marriott in Overland Park, Kansas. Melba is looking for an interested couple to attend. Lenten meal Committee schedule- Ash Wednesday March 6th- no meal, March 13th- Worship & Music and Budget & Finance, March 20th- Altar Guild and Christian Education, March 27th- Property and Mutual Ministry, April 3rd- Evangelism, Social Ministry and Stewardship, April 10th- Long Range Planning and Audit Committee. No meals for Holy week. Al Mohling brought up the possibility of looking into an electronic sign to replace the one by the highway. Wendy Blomberg, Curtis Reams, Al Mohling and Gerry Williams all agreed to be on the Task Force to look into and gather information on an electronic sign. Ron Kornfeind reported not everyone was called for the cancelation of church. He suggested maybe a blanket text or email be sent?

Correspondence- Thank you from Katie Heaford and Joyce Wanamaker for the Christmas gift. Thank You from the City of Laurie and Enchanted Village of Lights for our continued support. Thank You from the Westside Senior Center for our donation of \$100.00, Share the Harvest for our donation of \$200.00, CADV for our donation of \$375.00 and Community for Christ for three donations with the combined amount of \$535.00.

Motion to adjourn was made by Wendy Blomberg, seconded by Donna Young, all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: March 19, 2019

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary

THANK YOU!

Thank you for the prayers, cards and calls received during my recent cancer surgery. God has answered many prayers, blessing me as cancer free.

Karen Pragman

Thank you for all the prayers and cards following my stroke. I'm home and doing very well.

Nancy Beese

On behalf of Janet: thank you to all our family at Kent Memorial Lutheran Church for a wonderful Celebration of Life tribute for Janet.

Janet was not afraid of death, she was at peace with God, and her promise of Life eternal, no more pain or suffering.

Special thanks to Pastor Gauck, our handbell choir, Margo, Vanessa, and Tracy for volunteering their time in order to make this the most memorable occasion in my life. A big thank you to all the Kent friends and family members for preparing the abundance of food. The meal was excellent.

Thanks to all my Kent family and friends for all the prayers and beautiful cards

In order to get me through this time of sorrow and grief, our God is a loving God. One of Janet's favorite saying is:

*Where your pleasure is, there is your treasure; where your treasure,
there your heart; where your heart, there your happiness.*

Thank you to my Christian family.

Bob Harger



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CONVICTED

MID-WEEK WORSHIP

March 6	Ash Wednesday: Defamation of Character	Worship at 6pm with imposition of ashes
March 13	Convicted: Dereliction of Duty	Worship at 6pm followed by potluck meal Meal hosted Budget/Finance, Worship & Music
March 20	Convicted: Treason	Worship at 6pm followed by potluck meal Meal hosted Altar Guild, Christian Education
March 27	Convicted: Perjury	Worship at 6pm followed by potluck meal Meal hosted Property, Mutual Ministry
April 3	Convicted: Obstruction of Justice	Worship at 6pm followed by potluck meal Meal hosted by Evangelism, Social Ministry, Stewardship
April 10	Convicted: Rebellion	Worship at 6pm followed by potluck meal Meal hosted by Long Range Planning, Audit
April 14	Palm Sunday	Worship at 9:30am
April 18	Maundy Thursday	Worship at 6pm
April 19	Good Friday	Tenebrae "Service of Shadows" at 6pm
April 21	EASTER SUNDAY	
	6:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	7:30am	Pancake Breakfast
	8:30am	Easter Pageant
	10:00am	Easter Egg Hunt
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

A big thank you goes out to Denise and Steve Kralina for their time and efforts in the Salvation Army bell ringing project. Total funds collected for the three county area of Morgan, Camden and Miller is \$69,680. These funds will be divided among these counties for distribution to those in need. Thank you to all the Kent bell ringers and to all those that made contributions.

Please remember our church members that are unable to attend services, give them a call. May God bless all of you for your continued generosity.

Community for Christ:

Kent has a week this month to volunteer. Kent again has a pledge to assist CFC on March 12,14 and 16. Please signup to volunteer your time. In 2018, CFC assisted 1021 families, including 547 with food. Over half the operating funds needed at CFC come from sales in the thrift store.

Any questions? Contact Jim Mellody, Chuck Wanamaker or any of those who have volunteered.

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

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

January, 2019 (number of needs calls):

Electric - 10

Rent - 3

Gasoline - 1

Total Assistance to our Community for the month: \$1,344.50

2019 Assistance to the Community to date: \$1,344.50

We Share Jesus with All!

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELCA)

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

KENT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 5, 2019

The February meeting was called to order by Eldeen Hanke, President, with 18 members and 2 guests present. Eldeen asked for a moment of silence in prayer for those who needed healing, followed by the WELCA prayer. Linda Williams and Linda Kimberling were thanked for being February's hostesses. Eldeen introduced Becky Bahl as a guest. Kathy Fair gave the devotion from The Daily Grace, and email sent by the ELCA.

The November minutes were read by the new secretary, Karen Ringsdorf, and approved. Correspondence was passed around and posted on the bulletin board.

Joyce Wanamaker, Treasurer, reviewed reports for the months of November, December, and January. She went over and discussed the budget for 2019. It was proposed we leave the budget as projected. Diane Ziehl moved we accept the budget, seconded by Jane Maher, motion carried. Joyce also said we passed our audit.

Christian Action reported that 5 ladies stuffed 52 critters and had 15 sets of hats and booties. Ingrid Niemann will deliver them to Lake Regional. Kathy Fair said next month they will be stuffing T-shirt pillows, a project with Hurricane Deck School.

Jim Mellody was present on behalf of the board for Community for Christ to thank WELCA for its community outreach. Our Blue Box provided 1,325 items in 2018. He reported that 1,021 families were assisted with needs of food, clothing, electricity, gas/fuel, medical/RX, rent money, or auto repair. The next week to work Community for Christ will be March 12, 14, 16. Some of the items requested for March are cleaning products, cereals, diapers and wipes.

Kent Klowns have met for their annual meeting. Kathy Fair reported they have been invited to a 4-H meeting in Iberia the 1st Friday of April. The Klowns will have breakout sessions with the kids, doing face painting, balloonning, etc.

Katherine Lacroix reported on the Laurie Care Center activities, She thanked the ladies for all they did for the General Store. Katherine said they were in need of gently used clothing, kitchen supplies, and requested donations of crafting materials. The Center is now using box cake mixes for birthdays of the residents. If you would like to help with bowling, please sign up!

Jane Maher thanked everyone who helped at the Senior Center. Please sign up for the week of Feb. 25th, sheets are posted on bulletin board.

Sunshine Lady Lorraine Boyd reported she had sent out 10 get wells, a thinking of you, and a sympathy card during the months of Nov., Dec., and Jan.

Linda Williams reported that rides had been given to Jan Gauck in December. Two others had been contacted but no requests at this time.

Wendy Blomberg reported that 24 box tops and 1 soup label were collected in January. 88 Buddy Packs had been given out.

Treats for Hurricane Deck teachers will be provided in February by Diane Ziehl and Melba Bangert. Karen Pragman will take treats to South School.

Special Events:

Linda Williams reported the profits for the Christmas Cookie/Candy sale were \$1,540.49. Linda said the leftover cookies were taken to the homeless shelter, which were very much appreciated. Eldeen offered discussion of ideas for the sale, such as a different time and less sugar cookies. Next year's Cookie/Candy sale will be December 14th. Joyce Wanamaker reported that \$32,561.06 has been donated to nursing scholarships at Lake Regional Hospital by WELCA.

Happy Birthday was sung to Wendy Blomberg, Linda Williams, and Karen Ringsdorf for February birthdays.

Old Business:

Joyce Wanamaker displayed the book bags that were purchased for the Lutheran World Relief school kits.

WELCA will also be putting together personal health kits. Joyce is typing up lists of items to go in the kits. More information to come.

New Business:

President Eldeen Requested that we give some thought to fund raising ideas, as we are down to \$3,400 in our treasury.

Diane Ziehl reported that we are in need of greeters, ushers, and coffee/donut people. Please sign up! "We all have a part in making our church run."

Joyce McHenry reported that a blood drive will be Friday, February 8th. She said to bring your blood and cookies!

Announcements:

Eldeen went over the calendar of future events in our new WELCA directory.

It was announced that Janet Harger's funeral will be February 16th at noon. More details to come.

Kathy Fair said Leadership Day at Hurricane Deck School will be March 22nd and lunch will be served. It is a great way to observe kids in action.

Hostesses for March will be Jane Maher and Kathy Fair. Jane will have the devotions.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned. All joined hands in our circle of friendship and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Ringsdorf, Secretary



**VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT AT LUNCH AT
THE WESTSIDE SENIOR CENTER**

February 25-March 1, 2019

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

The Westside Senior Center is located on O Road in Laurie, near the Indian Rock Golf Course.

BLUE BOX UPDATE

for Community for Christ Food Pantry

In February, you donated more than 130 items and Kent gave 1,325 items in 2018. Thank you!

MOST NEEDED FOR MARCH ~

**Hot and cold cereals, hearty soups, baby wipes & baby diapers (sizes 3, 4 & 5),
and household cleaning products**

Place items in the Blue Box in the church narthex or the east entry.

THANK YOU, KENT MEMORIAL!!!