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Overlooking the Lake of the Ozarks

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
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~ 1951—2020 ~

EACH SUNDAY

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

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

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Pastor's Thoughts January 2020

Closing 2019 and looking at 2020 I want to thank all of you for the wonderful Christmas Eve Service we shared together. It was a wonderful night which reminded me of a California Christmas with warm weather and sunny days and starry nights. The church was beautifully decorated and the music once again exceptional. So I am thankful for this time we spent singing and rejoicing in the Savior's birth. Jan and I also appreciated the various expressions of thanksgiving and the gifts we received that added to this special time. Being a Transitional Pastor usually means moving on after a short period of time, celebrating maybe one holiday season together and so this is unusual for me and not without a thankfulness for our extended time together. So again I give thanks for all of you and look forward to whatever time we have in 2020.

One thought I like to share with you for the New Year. To paraphrase my Christmas Eve message and the sermon from the Bishop's Wife: it is when you and I fill Christ's stocking with loving-kindness, warm hearts, and the stretched-out hand of tolerance that is so needed in our society where people will not listen to one another and if people think differently from the other violence erupts and guns are fired and people suffer and die. So there is much to be done for God's World. And if possible all the shining gifts which make up peace on earth are things we can do and ought to do. And when we do as Christ desires, Peace on Earth has a possibility to happen.

Let us join our presiding Bishop Eaton and our synodical Bishop Candea who both have offered prayers and concerns for our society and the world so that peace may abide and love and kindness prevail. Pope Francis said the birth of Jesus, which Christians commemorate on Christmas Day, was a reminder of God's unconditional love for everyone. It would be good if individually and together we join in those thoughts and prayers and actions in 2020 and be the people God created us to be.

Pastor Carl

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JANUARY SCRIPTURE LESSONS

January 5—2nd Sunday of Christmas

First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-14
 Psalm Psalm 147:12-20
 Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14
 Gospel Reading John 1:1-18

January 12—Baptism of Our Lord

First Reading Isaiah 42:1-9
 Psalm Psalm 29
 Second Reading Acts 10:34-43
 Gospel Reading Matthew 3:13-17

January 19—2nd Sunday of Epiphany

First Reading Isaiah 49:1-10
 Psalm Psalm 40:1-11
 Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
 Gospel Reading John 1:29-42

January 26—3rd Sunday of Epiphany

First Reading Isaiah 9:1-4
 Psalm Psalm 27:1, 4-9
 Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
 Gospel Reading Matthew 4:12-23

STAFF

The Rev. Carl Gauck..... Transitional Pastor
 Tracy Garrett..... Office Secretary & Newsletter Editor
 Joyce Wanamaker Organist
 Margo Strothmann Organist, Choir Accompanist
 Vanessa Hebrank..... Organist
 Tracy Garrett..... Vocal Choir Director,
 Coordinator of Worship & Artistic Ministry
 Katie Heaford Handbell Choir Director
 Linda Williams Prayer Chain Chairperson
 Larry Fair, Dan Garrett (Chair),
 Darrell Garrett, Gail Kruse, Al Mohling,
 Jim Saunders & Michael Wagner..... Sound Technicians
 Tracy Garrett..... Website

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2020 COUNCIL MEMBERS
Committee Assignments

Bill Work..... President
 Bob Karls..... Vice President; Property
 Carol Hansen Recording Secretary, Christian Education
 Melba Bangert..... Worship & Music
 Wendy Blomberg..... Evangelism
 Mary Evans Social Ministry
 Kathy Fair..... Mutual Ministry
 Ken Gerardy..... Christian Education
 Katherine Lacroix Long Range Planning
 Al Mohling Finance
 Karen Stanze Social Ministry
 Michael Wagner Stewardship

Council Appointed Positions

Gail Kruse Treasurer
 Jane Maher Financial Secretary

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019

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

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 Bill Work, Bob Karls

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING TOUCH

Butch Bayer
Delaney Brumm
J.C. Buck
Ken Buckingham
Cindy Campbell
JoAnn Carter
Kelly Covey
Nick David
Theresa Duddleston
Jenna Gonzalez

Will Hedgepeth
Linda Hicks
Bev Hollingsworth
Kay Hunt
Allen Kimberling
Linda Kimberling
Sharon Lutjen
Dave Newton
Chris Pieschl

Karen Pragman
Diane Reams
Susie Reid
Brian Roling
Pat Shank
Marilyn Sherfield
Jack Wagner
Linda Wagner

Ron Wagner
Floyd Wait
Nancy Williams
Clarion Winzenburg
Bob Worthley



Christian condolences and hope are extended to Larry Lutjen and his family on the death of Sharon on December 29, 2019.

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
Jason Judge



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

OUR FRIENDS IN CARE FACILITIES



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

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

Stanley Field
Helen Pragman

Marcia Heald

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



- 01/01 Ron Kornfeind
Toni Carolus
- 01/02 Carolyn Garrett
- 01/04 Ray Lacroix
- 01/06 Sydney Irwin
- 01/07 Denise Irwin
- 01/09 Ann Johnson
- 01/10 Barb Gidley
- 01/19 Chantal Enriquez
- 01/20 Allen Brumm
- 01/21 Dorothy Engelstad
Pastor Carl Gauck
Shelly Carolus
- 01/22 Janay Renken
- 01/27 Karen Mellody
LaRoy Vinkavich
- 01/29 Bill Blomberg
- 01/30 Jeff Carolus
Lyla Renken



ANNIVERSARIES

01/03/2009	Vince & Barb Yount	10 years
01/07/1995	Bill & Joy Whitlow	24 years

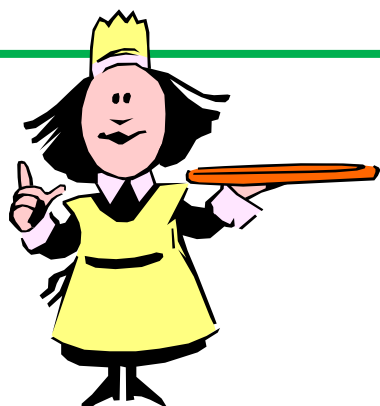
If your birthday or anniversary isn't listed, please contact the church office so we may include you in our congratulations!

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING REPORT

INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

	NOVEMBER	OCTOBER	SEPTEMBER
Offerings and Income for November, 2019	\$18,934	\$9,289	\$7,334
Pass-Through Income for November, 2019	\$992	\$650	\$270
TOTAL INCOME - JANUARY-NOVEMBER, 2019	\$19,926	\$9,939	\$7,604
Actual Expenses for November, 2019	\$12,577	\$11,802	\$14,124
Pass-Through Expenses for November, 2019	\$992	\$650	\$270
TOTAL EXPENSES - NOVEMBER, 2019	\$13,569	\$12,452	\$14,394
TOTAL OVERALL—NOVEMBER	\$6,357	\$-2,513	\$-6,789
Monthly Budget-Expenses	\$16,221		
Offerings and Income for January-November, 2019	\$126,040	\$107,063	\$97,734
Pass-Through Income for January-November, 2019	\$6,453	\$5,461	\$4,811
TOTAL INCOME JANUARY-NOVEMBER, 2019	\$132,493	\$112,524	\$102,545
Actual Expenses for January-November, 2019	\$157,719	\$145,142	\$133,340
Pass-Through Expenses for January-November, 2019	\$6,453	\$5,461	\$4,811
TOTAL EXPENSES JANUARY-NOVEMBER, 2019	\$164,172	\$150,603	\$138,151
TOTAL OVERALL JANUARY-OCTOBER	\$-31,679	\$-38,079	\$-35,606

* **Note** -We do not have an actual shortage for general fund donations in 2019. Donations of more than \$36,000 intended for calendar year 2019 were logged during calendar year 2018 and do not show in 2019 income. This is why the above report shows Outflows greater than Inflows of \$38,079.



VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT AT LUNCH AT THE WESTSIDE SENIOR CENTER

January 13-17, 2020
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.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Unapproved Church Council Minutes, December 19, 2019

In Attendance- Melba Bangert, Al Mohling, Carol Hansen, Bill Work, Wendy Blomberg, Gail Kruse, Curtis Reams, Gerry Williams, Bob Karls, Donna Young, Katherine Lacroix, Michael Wagner, Kathy Fair, Karen Stanze and Pastor Gauck

Absent- Mary Evans and Ken Gerardy

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Melba Bangert.

Dwelling in the Word: Gerry Williams opened with devotion.

Minutes- A motion to approve the November minutes was made by Katherine Lacroix, seconded by Donna Young, all approved.

Treasures Report- Gail Kruse presented.

Pastor's Report- Pastor Gauck reported he had seven drop in's, conferences and visits, attended seven committee meetings/congregation wide meetings, three community/area ministry meetings and four worship services, one being at the Laurie Care Center. Services are planned out through Epiphany. Pastor discussed the Vital Congregation Program. The purpose: To help our congregations view our changing culture as an opportunity and invitation to refocus energy and resources toward becoming communities of Jesus that nurture life changing relationships with God, one another, and the world. Bill Work made a motion to participate in the Congregational Vitality Survey for the amount of \$100.00. Al Mohling seconded the motion. Bob Karls made a motion to table the survey until further information can be provided. Wendy Blomberg seconded the motion and all approved.

Committee Reports- Evangelism reported the celebration of Ingrid and Charles Niemann 50th Anniversary on December 8th. Christmas Eve, goodie bags will be passed to all the children. Long Range Planning reported they will be awarding \$5000.00 in scholarships. Property reported the leaves have been removed or burned and the timbers in back have been removed. Sign is up and running. Gerry spoke with Tim from MoDot; some of the wash out areas could be on state property. They will get a survey and fix the wash-out. Thank you to all that have volunteered their time. Social Ministry stated bell ringing was going well working with Ozark Methodist. Budget and Finance reported they now have 16 sets of counters and three over-lookers. They have had a meeting with the counters and the Process for Counting Offerings was accepted. Ameritrade email will be sent out for year-end tax planning. Al Mohling discussed Thrivent Partnership and stated they will have a representative come and explain Action Teams, what can be done with the monies, Choice Dollars and how they can be used and insurance.

Old Business- Year-end reports due to Tracy no later than January 15, 2020.

New Business- New Members Welcomed. Gerry Williams made a motion to Welcome New Members Bibi (Pearl) and Paul Tauscher and Marianne Howley. Bob Karls seconded the motion and all approved. Annual Review- Pastor Gauck requested removing from Membership Mary Maples, Dillon LaRock, Gerry and Jean Killion (will remain Friends), Jerry and Dee Hamman (will remain Friends), Florence Bachman and Barry and Sue Olson (will remain Friends). Wendy Blomberg seconded the request and all approved. Finance Committee presented the Covenant Agreement for Pastor Gauck. Al Mohling made a motion to accept the Covenant agreement as presented. Bill Work seconded the motion and all approved. The suggested nominations for one year appointments for Recording Secretary- Carol Hansen, Treasurer- Gail Kruse, and Financial Secretary- Jane Maher. Wendy Blomberg made the motion to accept presented nominations, seconded by Katherine Lacroix, all approved. Election of Officers- Al Mohling made a motion to nominate Bill Work to be President. Mi-

chael Wagner seconded the motion and all approved. Wendy Blomberg made a motion to nominate Bob Karls as Vice President. Katherine Lacroix seconded the motion and all approved. Thank you to all outgoing Council Members for your years of service, Gerry Williams, Curtis Reams, Donna Young and Carol Hansen. A Thank You to Melba for acting as Council President for the past two years.

Correspondence- We received a Christmas card from the Pregnancy Help Center.

Motion to adjourn was made by Wendy Blomberg, seconded by Bill Work, all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next meeting: January 21, 2020

Devotion- Kathy Fair

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hansen,
Recording Secretary

Thank you to all who shared their many talents throughout this
 Christmas season! From potlucks to cookies to music, it was a truly joyous
 time at Kent Memorial.
 An extra special thanks to our organists, Vocal Choir and Handbell Choir for
 making the time so wonderful.



SOCIAL MINISTRY CORNER

BLUE BOX UPDATE

for Community for Christ Food Pantry

Kent Members are encouraged to bring pantry and household items to the church and place them in the Blue Boxes located in the narthex and fellowship hall entry. These items are then donated to Community for Christ which then distributes them at no charge to those in need. I

n 2019 a total of 443 families were assisted.

Social Ministry thanks all that contribute to the Blue Box program.

Our goal is 200 items each month.

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

Thank you for your continued support!!!

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELCA)

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

KENT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 3, 2019

WELCA'S December meeting was our annual Christmas party. The second graders from Hurricane Deck School entertain us with a program of Christmas songs. We enjoyed a hot chocolate bar, appetizers, and a potluck luncheon. The ladies played Christmas games and sang carols.

We brought in 121 food items to be donated to Community for Christ. The Christmas Stocking offering was for ELCA Good Gifts. With matching funds on 'Giving Tuesday', WELCA was able to purchase 6 pigs, 4 goats, 40 chicks and 4 water filters for global families.

The following 2020 officers were installed by Melba Bangert: Eldeen Hanke, President; Katherine Lacroix, Vice President; Karen Ringsdorf, Secretary; and Joyce Wanamaker, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Ringsdorf, Secretary



BRING IN THOSE BOX TOPS, UPC CODES & LABELS



Don't care what brand you buy? Then look for the "Box Tops" symbol!

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.

This month you donated 27 box tops & 2 soup labels!

WELCA also collects Best Choice UPC codes & pop top rings. The labels must show the bar code. For every 1000 labels, WELCA gets \$30 for community projects!

And keep bringing in those pop top rings! As of August, 2019, the American Legion Zack Wheat Post has collected 724 pounds of pop tops to support Ronald McDonald House. That's a LOT of pop top rings!



COMING SOON ~ No more clipping! Just scan your receipt to give the schools the labels.



If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. Box Tops are still worth 10¢ each for your school. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.

**REMEMBER TO CLIP OR SCAN
& SAVE THOSE POP TOP RINGS!**

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT KENT MEMORIAL

Sign-up sheets for these and more are in the Fellowship Hall.

- **Altar Guild** - Altar Guild is responsible for all things having to do with the worship space and its furnishings—sanctuary, altar, communion, Christmas decorating, etc. This committee works within Worship & Music. Altar Guild meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.
- **Bible Study** - Bible study and fellowship each week for both women and men. Women meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m.; Men's Fellowship gathers on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.
- **Community for Christ** - Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. during our scheduled weeks. Our first turn is January 19, 21 & 23. See Jim Mellody with questions.
- **Evangelism** - This committee meets the first Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m. They help us serve various needs in our community as well as the social needs of our congregation, such as receptions, fellowship times, etc. They organize outings to plays and musicals for the members and lead the support for the nearly 200 children at Hurricane Deck Elementary School and South Elementary School for Buddy Packs, Trunk or Treat, Christmas goody bags, the Christmas Store, the annual Cake Walk, etc. Each week they oversee:
 - **Coffee Host** - Volunteers are needed each Sunday to set up and clear away the goodies.
 - **Donut Pick-up** - Pick up the donuts from G2M in Laurie on Sunday mornings for our coffee fellowship.
- **Kent Klowns** - from leading worship to making children smile, this group's purpose is to Share Jesus With All. See Kathy Fair if you'd like to start clowning around.
- **Laurie Care Center/Laurie Knolls** - needs vary, from serving ice cream to helping with BINGO. See Karen Mellody if you want to get involved.
- **Long Range Planning** - this group currently helps administer the Stewart-McFaden Scholarship Fund, which provides college scholarships to deserving high school seniors. They also organize the church's pictorial directory. See Karen Pragman if you want more information.
- **Property Committee** - These folks make sure the grounds and buildings are kept cleaned up and in good repair. See Curt Reams with questions.
- **Social Ministry** - As our benevolence committee, this committee works to "Share Jesus With All" with a focus on outreach into the local community. See Jim Mellody if you're interested in helping.
- **Westside Senior Center** - We help serve lunch Monday through Friday during our scheduled weeks, from 10:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. See Joyce Wanamaker with questions.
- **Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA)** - All women at Kent Memorial are members of this group and are brought together during the church year through many activities, such as making stuffed animals and hats and booties for the local hospital, the Annual Rummage Sale in August and the Annual Cookie/Candy/Bake Sale in December. The activities support organizations both within and outside of Kent. Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month.
- **Worship & Music** - The committee, along with Altar Guild, assists the pastor and church council in assuring that the worship services at Kent are conducted regularly and in accordance with the liturgy of the ELCA. They also schedule guest concerts and performances at Kent. See Tracy Garrett, chair.
 - **Greeters** - Greeters are the first impression our visitors get on Sunday morning as you welcome worshippers to Kent.
 - **Ushers** - We need two ushers at every service on Sunday mornings. New volunteers can be paired with experienced ushers.
 - **Choir** - The adult choir rehearses on Sunday mornings at 8:00a.m. They sing for worship every Sunday.
 - **Handbells** - The handbell choir rehearses on Sunday mornings following worship, approximately 10:30 a.m. They play once per month and for festival services.

**JOIN US IN SERVICE TO OTHERS
AS WE SHARE JESUS WITH ALL!**