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Overlooking the Lake of the Ozarks

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
P. O. Box 155
Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

~ 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 Thought March 2020

William Willimon, professor at Duke Divinity School, wrote in his 1992 book *Peculiar Speech*, his remembering when a friend of his visited the Soviet Union in the 1970s. Upon his return he announced that the church behind the Iron Curtain was mostly "irrelevant because the only people there are little old ladies." Dr. Willimon writes, "Looking back now at the collapse of communism, the difficulties of rebuilding the Soviet Union after a long period of spiritual bankruptcy, I hope my friend would now say, 'Thank God for the little old ladies.' Their existence provided a continuing, visible, political rebuke to the Soviets."

I read constantly about many pastors who write about how old the membership of their congregation is and how it is mainly women and how with the Millennial's, who are avoiding the church today, are struggling. In many congregations in US they have only a few young people in them. I understand what they are saying but for me I say thank God for those little old ladies. They are the ones who are often the witnesses for the church today. I constantly hear how God has been active in their life and they are often the ones who are the teachers of the lessons God has taught them. Sometimes it wasn't until later in their lives that they came to appreciate how God was there for them. Sometimes they would tell stories of their lives seeing their parents as witnesses to Christ and the Lord's presence during difficult times. Sometimes they would share how during the death of their parents or a love one that they saw how peacefully they approached death for they trusted in Christ's promise.

So I say again how much I appreciate Kent's ladies for they have much to teach all of us and they are so energized by their faith that they give freely of themselves to young and old alike. And they often fully get their spouses involved in varied ministries here as well but the truth be told most of their husbands are just as committed as they are. Whatever may happen in the future of Kent one thing I am certain it will be a place where people witness to Christ in a needed variety of ways and for which their witness is truly visible here at Kent and in our community.

Pastor Carl

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MARCH SCRIPTURE LESSONS

March 1—1st Sunday in Lent

First Reading Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
 Psalm Psalm 32
 Second Reading Romans 5:12-19
 Gospel Reading Matthew 4:1-11

March 8—2nd Sunday in Lent

First Reading Genesis 12:1-4a
 Psalm Psalm 121
 Second Reading Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
 Gospel Reading John 3:1-17

March 15—3rd Sunday in Lent

First Reading Exodus 17:1-7
 Psalm Psalm 95
 Second Reading Romans 5:1-11
 Gospel Reading John 4:5-42

March 22—4th Sunday in Lent

First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13
 Psalm Psalm 23
 Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14
 Gospel Reading John 9:1-41

March 29—5th Sunday in Lent

First Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14
 Psalm Psalm 130
 Second Reading Romans 8:6-11
 Gospel Reading John 11:1-45

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 (coordinator),
 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/Scholarship  
 Al Mohling ..... Finance  
 Karen Stanze ..... Social Ministry  
 Michael Wagner ..... Stewardship

**Council Appointed Positions**

Gail Kruse ..... Treasurer  
 Jane Maher ..... Financial Secretary

***NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE***  
***MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020***

*Leave your articles in the church office, or e-mail your news to Tracy at [Office@KentMemorial.com](mailto:Office@KentMemorial.com).*

**GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR MARCH**

03/01 Rosie Keeney, Gerry Williams  
 03/08 Bob Karls, Bill Work  
 03/15 Curt Reams, Diane Reams, Gail Kruse  
 03/22 Bill Blomberg, Joyce Wanamaker  
 03/29 Michael Wagner, Toni Wagner, K. Lacroix

## MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING TOUCH

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Ethelyn Baker  
Butch Bayer  
Delaney Brumm  
J.C. Buck  
Ken Buckingham  
Cindy Campbell  
Kelly Covey  
Theresa Duddleston  
Bill Edwards  
Will Hedgepeth  
Linda Hicks

Bev Hollingsworth  
Kay Hunt  
Roland & Connie Isernhagen  
Allen Kimberling  
Linda Kimberling  
Dave Newton  
Charles Niemann  
Chris Pieschl  
Karen Pragman

Diane Reams  
Susie Reid  
Brian Roling  
Ron A.  
Pat Shank  
Marilyn Sherfield  
Jack Wagner  
Linda Wagner

Ron Wagner  
Floyd Wait  
Clarion Winzenburg  
Bob Worthley



*Christian condolences and hope are extended to Jan & Helmut Lacas on the death of her brother, Harold Schroeder.*

*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

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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

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**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.*

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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- 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
- 03/22 Bev Kidder



## ANNIVERSARIES

- |            |                        |          |
|------------|------------------------|----------|
| 03/07/1971 | Jerry & Kandy Husbands | 49 years |
| 03/22/1975 | Floyd & Carol Wait     | 45 years |
| 03/25/1967 | Helmut & Jan Lacas     | 53 years |

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

# FINANCE CORNER

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## INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

|                                         | JANUARY         | DECEMBER        | NOVEMBER        |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Offerings and Income for January, 2020  | \$19,956        | \$15,075        | \$18,934        |
| Pass-Through Income for January, 2020   | \$125           | \$3,698         | \$992           |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME - JANUARY, 2020</b>     | <b>\$20,081</b> | <b>\$18,773</b> | <b>\$19,926</b> |
|                                         |                 |                 |                 |
| Actual Expenses for January, 2020       | \$14,227        | \$16,088        | \$12,577        |
| Pass-Through Expenses for January, 2020 | \$125           | \$3,698         | \$992           |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES - JANUARY, 2020</b>   | <b>\$14,352</b> | <b>\$19,786</b> | <b>\$13,569</b> |
| <b>Monthly Budget-Expenses</b>          | <b>\$16,634</b> |                 |                 |
| <b>TOTAL OVERALL—JANUARY</b>            | <b>\$5,729</b>  | <b>-\$1,013</b> | <b>\$6,357</b>  |

### Financial Notes:

- A. Current Financial Situation** - The Finance Committee and Council continue to monitor giving and expenses monthly. January was a good giving month due to two annual gifts. The cash balance is currently adequate for paying bills and salaries, and is also closely monitored. As communicated in the past few months, please prayerfully and cheerfully consider increasing your contributions and/or inviting friends and neighbors to Kent.
- B. Annual Thrivent Choice Dollar Designation** - Eligible members can recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding by directing Choice Dollars®. Members become eligible for Thrivent Choice based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent volunteer leadership. **Log on now to the Thrivent website to direct your Choice Dollars to Kent Memorial by March 31.** If you have questions about this, please contact Joyce Wanamaker, Kathy Fair, or Al Mohling.
- C. Thrivent Action Teams** – Thrivent provides \$250 per project to kick-start a fundraiser, educational event, or service project for Kent or the community. Each qualifying Thrivent member can submit two projects per year for approval by Thrivent. This is an excellent way to provide funds to do projects and not have to use Kent budgeted monies. If you have questions about this, please contact Joyce Wanamaker, Kathy Fair, or Al Mohling.
- D. TD Ameritrade Account** - As you make distributions from your retirement IRA's or investments, please visit with your financial planner/accountant about the possibility of transferring some of those funds to the Kent TD Ameritrade account. The transfer might be able to be made with no capital gains tax consequence to you. Discussions surrounding the TD Ameritrade account have resulted in two contributions to date. If you have questions about this, please contact Gail Kruse or Al Mohling.

# CHURCH COUNCIL

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## Unapproved Church Council Minutes, February 18, 2020

**In Attendance-** Melba Bangert, Al Mohling, Carol Hansen, Bill Work, Gail Kruse, Katherine Lacroix, Michael Wagner, Kathy Fair, Pastor Gauck, and Bob Karls

**Absent-** Wendy Blomberg, Karen Stanze, Ken Gerardy and Mary Evans

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Bill Work.

**Dwelling in the Word:** Katherine Lacroix opened with devotion.

**Minutes-** A motion to approve the January minutes was made by Michael Wagner, seconded by Al Mohling, all approved.

**Treasures Report-** Gail Kruse presented.

**Pastor's Report-** Pastor Gauck reported he made one hospital call, had eight drop in's, conferences and visits, attended six committee meetings, five worship services including Lutjen funeral and two council meetings. Services are planned out through Easter. Upcoming vacation dates are March 21-28<sup>th</sup>, May 18 - June 1<sup>st</sup>, Reunion June 18 -22<sup>nd</sup>, September to be determined, and November 14- 22<sup>nd</sup>, coverage is still to be determined.

**Committee Reports-** Budget and Finance presented council with three options to increase interest income. After review Al Mohling made a motion to go with option two. They will move \$20,000.00 from the Mutual Investment checking into Mission Investment CD's. Funds will be split, \$10,000.00 into a one-year Mission Investment CD and \$10,000.00 into a two-year Mission Investment CD. This will increase our current rate interest by \$148.00. Bob Karls seconded the motion and all approved. Long Range Planning reported Katherine Lacroix has scheduled an appointment with attorney Gene Melton and Don and Gloria Peterson to discuss the Steward McFadden scholarship fund. She is also looking to speak with the ELCA about how and where the money is invested. Stewardship reported they will continue to focus on the different ways of Stewardship with Temple Talks and newsletters. Property reported they installed LED lights in first two pendants central to entering the church. Property was encouraged to do the remaining pendants as this will bring the church area closer to being fully LED. Easter Pageant walkways will be getting some gravel work, but the drainage ditch won't be improved till the area dries out. Worship and Music reported the Seder meal service will be in the fellowship hall. Sign-ups will be requested for this meal.

**Old Business-** Tentative date for Council to meet with Rev. Kendra Noble about the results of the Church Vitality Survey was set for March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**New Business-** Annual Synod Assembly will be held June 4-6<sup>th</sup> at the Renaissance Hotel in St. Louis. The Theme is "God's Vitality Among Us: We are Church". It is requested that each congregation send two voting members, one man one woman. If interested contact Bill Work or any council member. Room, board and Assembly fees are paid for including mileage reimbursement. Pastor and Jan will be attending. Lenten offering was discussed. Al Mohling made a motion to allocate Lenten offerings between the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response and Kent Memorial's General fund. Michael Wagner seconded the motion and all approved. Audit Committee reported all records were found to be current, correct and properly maintained.

**Correspondence-** Thank you note from Joyce Wanamaker for the gift card. Thank you note received from Lake of the Ozarks Idiot Club for the donation of \$682.90 taken from the Darlene Mueller Memorial.

Motion to adjourn was made by Al Mohling, seconded by Katherine Lacroix, all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: March 17, 2020

Devotion- Michael Wagner

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Hansen  
Recording Secretary

# LENT

## 2020

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## “By His Wounds We Are Healed”

### MID-WEEK WORSHIP

|          |                                                          |                                                                                                    |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| March 4  | <i>Violating the Sabbath</i>                             | Worship at 6pm followed by potluck meal<br>Meal hosted Budget/Finance, Worship & Music             |
| March 11 | <i>Dishonoring Authority</i>                             | Worship at 6pm followed by potluck meal<br>Meal hosted Altar Guild, Christian Education            |
| March 18 | <i>Murder</i>                                            | Worship at 6pm followed by potluck meal<br>Meal hosted Property, Mutual Ministry                   |
| March 25 | <i>Associating with Tax Collectors &amp; Prostitutes</i> | Worship at 6pm followed by potluck meal<br>Meal hosted by Evangelism, Social Ministry, Stewardship |
| April 1  | <i>Stealing</i>                                          | Worship at 6pm followed by potluck meal<br>Meal hosted by Long Range Planning, Audit               |
| April 5  | Palm Sunday                                              | Worship at 9:30am                                                                                  |
| April 9  | Maundy Thursday                                          | Seder Meal at 6pm                                                                                  |
| April 10 | Good Friday                                              | Choir Cantata at 6pm—“The Seven Last Days”                                                         |
| April 21 | <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>                                     |                                                                                                    |
|          | 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                                                                        |

### **It's time once again to begin planning for the annual Easter Pageant, "He Is Risen!"**

If you have previously been in the Pageant, you know what a wonderful experience it is to share with the community the story of Jesus' resurrection.

I am inviting all to participate and join us as we present this inspirational pageant on Easter Sunday morning, at 8:30 a.m. - rain or shine!

We have wonderful costumes and props, and a pre-recorded soundtrack for our presentation.

There will be 2 rehearsals:

Saturday, April 4 at 11 a.m. at the pageant site, and

Saturday April 11 at 1 p.m. (dress rehearsal)

If you would like to have a role in the pageant, please contact Toni Wagner, 573-216-9286 or [bell-ringer1953@hotmail.com](mailto:bell-ringer1953@hotmail.com)

If you would like to help behind the scenes, please contact Michael Wagner, 573-216-8540 or [jayhawk767@hotmail.com](mailto:jayhawk767@hotmail.com)





## STEWARDSHIP FOCUS

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Everything we have is a gift from God, and stewardship is our response to these gifts!

“O Lord, you are great, mighty, majestic, magnificent, glorious, and sovereign over all the sky and earth! You have dominion and exalt yourself as the ruler of all. You are the source of wealth and honor, you rule over all. You possess strength and might to magnify and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your majestic name! But who am I and who are my people, that we should be in a position to contribute this much? Indeed, everything comes from you, and we have simply given back to you what is yours.” 1 Chronicles 29:11-14

When someone asks you about your giving, what do you think of? Money, right? But that’s not all that God has given to us to share with others or entrusted us with. We have ourselves. We have our health (even though we complain about our ills more often than not.) We have our beautiful planet with its lakes, streams, mountains and forests, the fish, the deer, the birds. And yes, we have our financial means. God’s blessings, are everywhere and entwined in our daily lives!

In response we should be grateful for all these gifts and show our thankfulness daily. Stewardship is how we choose to act daily, and what we do daily and what we give daily. And what we give is not just dollars, it’s our time, our knowledge, our compassion. Let’s strive to respond to all of God’s gifts graciously!

In Christ,  
Michael Wagner

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

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Join us to celebrate Jesus' life and traditions through a

### **SEDER SERVICE**

*Gather 'Round the Table of the Lord*

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

April 9, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Jesus and his disciples shared their Passover meal the night he was betrayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. This service is the beginning of our celebration of Holy Communion.

Come and learn the traditions of the Passover Seder and how they relate to us today.

Because we will need to know how many tables to set up a sign-up sheet will be in the fellowship hall by Sunday, March 22.

See Sight & Sound's

### **JESUS**

While Jesus' story may be familiar, His actions are unexpected. He befriends outcasts and heals the hurting. He challenges social norms and confronts hypocrisy, and the lives He touches will never be the same. Filmed in front of a live audience, Sight & Sound's JESUS brings you right in the middle of the greatest rescue story of all time! Experience the action-packed musical adventure on the big screen!

**Tuesday, April 7**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Marcus Theater, Lake Ozark**

**Tickets are \$15 per person**

Seating is limited so sign up today! Sheet is in the fellowship hall.

## Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELCA)

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### RUMMAGE SALE JULY 31 - AUG 1

It seems early to talk about the sale but it will be here sooner than we think.

Changes were suggested for the Boutique room such as having baked goods, nice jewelry (anyone having repairable items, we can take of that), designer purses, scarves, new or nearly new & designer clothes, decorator item or anything worthy of Boutique quality. We would ask that items be clean, washed & pressed. They will be stored in the youth room (downstairs, off of the storage room). There will be a box in the social hall for drop off of smaller items.

Any questions please call Eldeen 873-3579



### 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!**

**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!

**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!**

## SOCIAL MINISTRY CORNER

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

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

**January, 2020** (number of needs calls):

Electric - 3

Rent - 2

Gasoline - 8

Lodging - 1

**Total Assistance from Kent to our Community this month: \$927.28**

*We Share Jesus with All!*



# **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.

A cut in food stamps on January 1—and another coming April 1—means the need is growing.

## **MARCH NEEDS:**

- Men's deodorant
- Protein drinks
- cereal of any kind
- canned fruit in lite syrup
- canned meats - like chicken or tuna
- whole wheat spaghetti
- box of instant potatoes
- powdered milk

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

Everything donated is given away for free to those families that need it.

**Thank you for all you do for Community for Christ!!!**