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~ 1951—2020 ~

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Pastor's Thought

April 2020

As you read this you are aware that the church council has approved canceling our worship services, Sunday and Wednesdays and all other meetings at least until Holy Week which starts Palm or Passion Sunday (April 5th). That timeline, of course, depends on whether the USA can flatten the curve of the virus and get on the safe side of Covid 19. In the in between time we will continue to use Zoom as our means of worshipping together on Sunday mornings. (An email sent on March 18th has instructions on how to connect with me.) We are doing all this simply to help people to remain safe and keep others safe and stay connect on line or by phone with each other and in prayer with Christ. On Sunday morning I will leave time to make necessary announcement to keep you informed of what is going on.

On to other matters, the council got the feedback from the survey summary and analysis you graciously filled out. The survey reported that for the most areas examined Kent did well. The highest score of 92% was in our relationship with one another which makes for a "healthy social climate." Such a foundation, I have found, always makes for the possibility of transformation possible.

Another area that scored well was sense of mission. The work years ago started by the Partnership for a Missional Church placed us in 4.4 out of 5, just .1 below what is considered the ideal number.

On the concerned side there were a couple of areas that need improvement. One was the inspired leadership at Kent. Our overall score was only 34%. Some feel that we are in a transitional time & that the congregation is floating along until a new permanent pastor comes. There is some truth in that, although when I first started here and we looked at leadership the council strongly felt that it was the council who is leading the congregation and the pastor was the caretaker of our spiritual lives.

There can be a strong sense of leadership and mission when the council takes that responsibility seriously, as ours does. Yet in the survey the congregation indicated that it saw a weakness in a vision-directed leadership inspiring them. Rather what was perceived was simply our enjoying the continuing ministry from the goals from the Partners for a Missional Church. I can understand that for it was a transforming moment but it was from over 7 years ago and things have changed.

Kent needs and can have a vision for growing mission in our congregation & community during this transitional time, but it will require a strong leadership. A solid pastoral leader who is neither dictatorial nor passive, but one willing to take Kent into God's future would help. But we do not know when God will provide such a shepherd and we have work we must do now. So we need a council who is willing to lead and take on the challenges that God seems to be calling forth is the way our constitution defines their responsibilities.

The other area where we scored low was the congregation experiencing God's presence. It was a 27.7% which is a score that says we are in a position to transform Kent to be more spiritually connected to Christ individually and as a congregation. Spiritual renewal is a critical first step in congregational renewal and vitality. Some of the things I have used during worship were moments shared during the Bishop's convocation that aides individual and corporate worship to grow spiritually and we will do more in the days ahead.

I will be asking the church council after this Covid19 is over that we put together a Vital Church Action Team much like the Cottage team to help discern and direct our efforts. If you would like to be part of his team please let me or Bill Work know you desire to serve.

If you would like a printout of the survey we received from Pastor Nolde let us know and we will try to email a copy to you or when we get back to worshipping at Kent pick them up in my outer office.

In the meantime stay safe and call if we can help in some way and stay prayerfully connected to Christ and each other, online or on phone..

God's peace and healing presence be with all of us.

Pastor Carl

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2020 COUNCIL MEMBERS
Committee Assignments

Bill WorkPresident
 Bob Karls..... Vice President; Property
 Carol HansenRecording 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

APRIL SCRIPTURE LESSONS

April 5—Palm/Passion Sunday

Processional Gospel	Matthew 21:1-11
First Reading	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm	Psalm 31:9-16
Second Reading	Romans 5:12-19
Gospel Reading	Matthew 4:1-11

April 12—EASTER SUNDAY

First Reading	Acts 10:34-43
Psalm	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Second Reading	Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel Reading	Matthew 28:1-10

April 19—2nd Sunday of Easter

First Reading	Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm	Psalm 16
Second Reading	1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel Reading	John 20:19-31

April 26—3rd Sunday of Easter

First Reading	Acts 1:14a, 36-41
Psalm	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
Second Reading	1 Peter 1:17-23
Gospel Reading	Luke 24:13-35

GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR APRIL

04/05	Linda Kimberling, Ken Gerardy
04/12	Rosie Keeney, Gerry Williams
04/19	Bob Karls, Bill Work
04/26	Curt Reams, Diane Reams, Gail Kruse

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020

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

CHURCH COUNCIL

Unapproved Church Council Minutes, March 17, 2020

On March 17th, 2020 a tally of council members indicated there was insufficient number available to attend. The meeting was cancelled by email to all council members by President Bill Work

March 17th, 2020, via e-mail In attendance: Melba Bangert, Wendy Blomberg, Mary Evans, Bob Karls, Carol Hansen, Pastor Gauck, Kathy Fair, Katherine Lacroix, Karen Stanze, Michael Wagner and Al Mohling. Ken Gerardy was absent.

A motion was made by Bob Karls, seconded by Al Mohling: Effective immediately we suspend all church functions for the next fifteen (15) days, to be reviewed by Kent Council via a weekly vote to extend or discontinue the church closure. In addition, all scheduled employees should be paid. The motion was approved by all.

March 25, 2020 via email – Present were Melba Bangert, Wendy Blomberg, Mary Evans, Bob Karls, Carol Hansen, Pastor Gauck, Kathy Fair, Katherine Lacroix, Karen Stanze, Michael Wagner and Al Mohling. Ken Gerardy was absent. Pastor Gauck and Bill Work agreed to make the following three motions which were seconded by Bob Karls:

1st, Council will vote to reopen the church for services, meetings and other business when the Governor releases us from the current limit of assembly of no more than 10 people, and approval of church council.

2nd The Property Committee has approved renting the Parsonage by engaging Sunwest Property Management to lease and manage the property for us. Their Fee is 10%.

3rd Finance Committee would like to be able to take offerings via credit card. The cost is 2.5% . The credit card service would just provide another vehicle to receive offering. The email was approved by all.

March 29, 2020 a Zoom meeting was held after the streamed worship service, approximately 10:10 am. Present were Melba Bangert, Wendy Blomberg, Mary Evans, Bob Karls, Gail Kruse, Carol Hansen, Pastor Gauck, Kathy Fair, Katherine Lacroix, Karen Stanze, Michael Wagner and Al Mohling. Ken Gerardy was not present. Virtual communion of various types were discussed. Mary Evans made a motion to do virtual communion with members own wine or juice and bread or cracker. Bob Karls seconded the motion and all approved. Further discussion on communion will be held next Sunday April 4th.

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:42 am by Al Mohling, seconded by Wendy Blomberg and all approved.

Next meeting April 21, 2020 and will be a Zoom Meeting

Bill Work will have Devotions

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hansen
Recording Secretary

Church Council Special Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2020

In Attendance- Melba Bangert, Al Mohling, Carol Hansen, Bill Work, Katherine Lacroix, Michael Wagner, Kathy Fair, Pastor Gauck, Bob Karls, Karen Stanze, Mary Evans, Jan Gauck, Gerry Williams, Katie Heaford, Joyce Wanamaker and Jane Maher

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Bill Work. Bill welcomed Pastor Kendra Nolde

Pastor Nolde opened with devotion and prayer.

Pastor Nolde shared survey results in sections. The survey measures the strengths and challenges of a congregation according to three dimensions: the congregation's connection with God, each other and the world and one concerning some of the factors that contribute to vitality. All scale items range from 1(poor) to 5(great). The target is to score higher than 4.

Section one: Connecting with God- Survey focused on how well the congregation connects people with God through prayer, study, spiritual practices, education, experience, etc. How the congregation as a whole connects with God through its clear sense of mission, sense on God's presence, willingness to try new things and excitement about the future. Overall rating was 4.2.

Section two: Connecting with each other- This section focused on how the congregation connects people with one another. How well we seek out and use each other's gifts, build community, include new people and youth in leadership, incorporate newcomers and manage disagreements. Overall rating was 4.4.

Section three: Connecting with the world- This section focused on how the congregation connects with its neighborhood and the world outside the place of worship. How we impact the community and are part of the neighborhood and it is a part of you. How we feel connected to the rest of the ELCA and the wider Christian community. Overall rating was 4.3

Section four: Sustainability- This section explains two resources are needed to achieve sustainability, money (to pay for staff, fund ministries and maintain facilities) and people (to engage in ministries). There was not a rate available but where told it was rated very well.

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Section five: Leadership and Gods active presence- This score represents the percentage of all respondents who gave the strongest ratings possible for Gods active presence in the congregation. Goal being 20% our overall rating was 27.7%. Leadership- Vital, sustainable congregations most often have leadership that inspires others to action. Ideal number 50%, our score was 34%.

Relationships: This field shows 92% of the respondents describe a healthy social climate (harmony or respectful disagreements). Ideal score is over 80%.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hansen
Recording Secretary

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS

Stewardship Focus - April

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

This month's focus from the S.T.E.W.A.R.D. model is the letter S, representing stewardship to Self. St. Paul asks in 1 Corinthians 3:16 "Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? He then exhorts us in Romans Chapter 12 to "present our bodies as a sacrifice- alive, holy, and pleasing to God." We must take care of our physical bodies not only to show God our commitment to Him, but so that we are able to help & serve others.

Similarly, we must take care of our spiritual health. "Pursue love and be eager for the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy." 1 Cor. 14:1 By immersing ourselves in His Word and gaining knowledge we not only please God but equip ourselves to be more prepared and able to SHARE JESUS WITH ALL.

Other verses to ponder: Proverbs 3:5-10, Proverbs 2:1-6, Ephesians 1:3-5

In Christ,
Michael Wagner

From Our Partner...

CITIZENS AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic Violence doesn't discriminate, it affects all walks of life. Citizens Against Domestic Violence (CADV) is here to help those who are experiencing Domestic and Sexual Violence and their families. We offer Emergency Shelter as well as Outreach Services. Our free and confidential services include: 24-hour Hotline, 28-bed Emergency Shelter, Legal Advocacy, Hospital Advocacy, Transportation, Support Groups, Crisis Intervention and intensive Case Management. While we focus our business planning in Camden, Miller and Morgan Counties, CADV helps families from everywhere!

In 2019, Citizens Against Domestic Violence (CADV) served just over 1,100 victims. A little under 50% needed emergency shelter services, the other victims needed outreach services. We received 702 hotline calls and provided 6,679 of bed nights for victims of violence and their families. We turned away 164 victims due to lack of resources.

The national statistics on Domestic Violence are staggering.

1 in 4 women have suffered severe violence from an intimate partner.

1 in 7 men have suffered severe violence from an intimate partner.

Every day, 3 women are killed by an intimate partner.

55% of female homicides were related to domestic violence.

Every 98 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted.

1 in 3 women are survivors of sexual violence.

2 out of 3 sexual assaults go unreported to the police.

60% of survivors know the person who assaulted them.

CADV serves many families and needs a lot of support providing these services. If you are interested in volunteering for our organization, please call Amy Thompson at (573) 346-9630. Additionally, we can provide informative training to groups.

For further information or to refer someone to our services please call (888) 809-SAFE (7233).

www.cadv-voc.org

FINANCE CORNER

INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

	FEBRUARY
Offerings and Income for February, 2020	\$8,641
Pass-Through Income for February, 2020	\$65
TOTAL INCOME - FEBRUARY, 2020	\$8,706
Actual Expenses for February, 2020	\$12,514
Pass-Through Expenses for February, 2020	\$35
TOTAL EXPENSES - FEBRUARY, 2020	\$12,549
TOTAL OVERALL—FEBRUARY	\$-3,843
Monthly Budget-Expenses	\$16,634
Offerings and Income for January-February, 2020	\$28,640
Pass-Through Income for January-February, 2020	\$190
TOTAL INCOME JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 2020	\$28,830
Actual Expenses for January-February, 2020	\$26,742
Pass-Through Expenses for January-February, 2020	\$160
TOTAL EXPENSES JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 2020	\$26,902
TOTAL OVERALL JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 2020	\$1,928.04

Financial Notes:

Current Financial Situation - The Finance Committee and Council continuing month. The cash balance is currently adequate for paying bills and consider increasing your contributions during these challenging times.

Thrivent Action Teams – Thrivent provides \$250 per project to kick-start ty. Each qualifying Thrivent member can submit two projects per year projects and not have to use Kent budgeted monies. If you have questions, contact Al Mohling.

TD Ameritrade Account - As you make distributions from your retirement about the possibility of transferring some of those funds to the Kent TD gains tax consequence to you. Discussions surrounding the TD Ameritrade account, please contact Gail Kruse or Al Mohling.

JANUARY

\$19,956

\$125

\$20,081

\$14,227

\$125

\$14,352

\$5,729

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ue to monitor giving and expenses monthly. February was an adequate giv-
d salaries, and is also closely monitored. Please prayerfully and cheerfully

a fundraiser, educational event, or service project for Kent or the communi-
t for approval by Thrivent. This is an excellent way to provide funds to do
stions about this, please contact Joyce Wanamaker, Kathy Fair, or Al

t IRA's or investments, please visit with your financial planner/accountant
D Ameritrade account. The transfer might be able to be made with no capital
ritrade account have resulted in two contributions to date. If you have ques-

IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING TOUCH

Ethelyn Baker
Butch Bayer
Bev Brumm
Delaney Brumm
J.C. Buck
Ken Buckingham
Cindy Campbell
Kelly Covey
Theresa Duddlestone
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 Carol Wait and her family on the death of Floyd on February 26

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

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

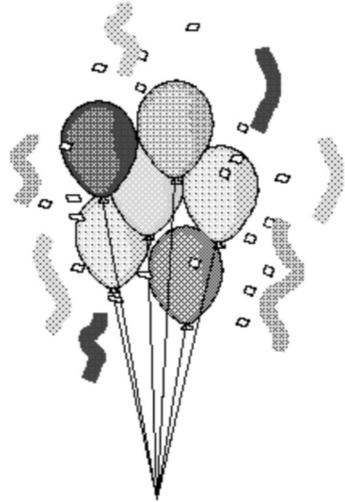


Nathan Karls
Adam Kralina
Jordan Lindeman
Glenn Maddock
Joe Marco
Tristan Morgan
Adam Peterson

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

04/01 Ingrid Niemann
04/02 Phil Bangert
Allan Burke
Paula Diemer
Barb Yount
04/03 Al Johnson
04/08 Bill Work
04/12 Geri Riley
04/13 Katie Heaford
04/14 Bob Karls
04/15 Joanne Blaney
04/16 Eunice Langton
Barb Gislason
04/18 Vanessa Hebrank
04/19 Lynn Burke
04/20 Bob Harger
04/22 Darleen Barker
Delaney Brumm
04/23 Janet Page
04/24 Brenda Brumm
Elizabeth Bramon
04/26 Kathy Saunders
Barry Fisher
Dan Garrett
04/29 Eldeen Hanke
04/30 Bev Brumm



ANNIVERSARIES

04/04/1970	Dennis & Sheryl Boos	50 years
04/18/1965	Chuck & Joyce Wanamaker	55 years
04/18/2009	Katherine & Ray Lacroix	11 years
04/27/1963	Joe & Pat Poretta	57 years

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELCA)

President Eldeen Hanke opened our meeting in prayer. She welcomed Jane Boyce who is joining Kent. Jane Maher and Kathy Fair were thanked as March hostesses. Kathy Fair gave the devotion 'Kent Memorial's Ministry of food and fellowship'.

The January secretary's report was read by Karen Ringsdorf. Linda Kimberling made a motion we accept the minutes. Lorraine Boyd seconded the motion. The correspondence was passed around.

Joyce Wanamaker gave the treasurer's report. Linda Kimberling said the WELCA audit had been completed and the books were correct with no errors found. Transactions for January and February were handed out. We have a February 29th balance of \$4,774.55. Joyce also hand out a spreadsheet to show the ladies how our income was made and spent.

Christian Action: Kathy Fair reported 7 ladies helped stuffed 42 Easter critters. 10 sets of hats and booties will also be taken to Lake Regional.

Community for Christ: Eldeen Hanke noted they needed cereal, canned fruit, powdered milk, whole wheat spaghetti, and men's deodorant. Change over schedule: bag sale March 17–April 3, give away & box up on April 4, bring up spring clothing is April 6.

Kent Klowns: Kathy Fair said the Klowns will be entertaining at the Laurie Aquatic Center on June 13th.

Laurie Care Center: Eldeen Hanke reported bingo is March 10. The guild meeting is April 22nd, as is the volunteer luncheon. The Care Center's fundraiser will be on June 5th, tickets are \$25.

Senior Center: Jane Maher thanked all who helped at the center. Our next week to work is April 6th.

Sunshine Lady: Lorraine said she had sent 7 get well & sympathy cards during January and February.

Care Core: Linda Williams reported there were no services needed in February. Kathy Fair will lead Care Core in March.

Labels and Box Tops: We collected 60 Box Tops for our schools.

Buddy Backpack: Eldeen Hanke thanked the committee that packs the weekend food for children in need.

Treats for Schools: Mary Evans and Karen Stanze will provide teacher treats in March to Hurricane Deck and Jan Gauck will take treats to

South School.

Special Events: Mary Evans and Karen Ringsdorf said the spring luncheon is being planned for May 1st. The rummage sale begins the week of July 27th. Karen Pragman is looking for new ideas for the boutique room. Possible ideas might be craft items, baked goods, designer clothing or nice jewelry.

Birthdays: Happy Birthday for Feb/Mar birthdays was sung to Linda Kimberling, Karen Ringsdorf, Jan Gauck and Linda Williams.

Old Business: Please keep Shirley Clark in your thoughts and prayers. Joyce Wannamaker will coordinate her rides to church.

New Business: Hurricane Deck's leadership day is March 12th. Please call the school to sign up. The synod convention is Aug. 7th – 9th.

Announcements: Joyce Wanamaker gave us an update on Delaney Brumm & had her address for cards. Kathy Fair asked for prayers for Larry as he starts his cancer treatments. WELCA has a cluster meeting the end of April.

Hostesses for April will be Mary Evans and Karen Stanze. Devotions will be led by Karen Pragman.

Our circle of friendship was formed with the 22 ladies present and we closed our meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Ringsdorf, Secretary



**WELCA ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON
scheduled for May 5, 2020
HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

Questions: Mary Evans 816-506-7995

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

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.



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!



THANK YOU

Charles Niemann would like to thank the pastor for his two visits (one with communion) in the hospital. Also, for all the prayers and cards from his friends while recovering from a hernia operation.



SOCIAL MINISTRY CORNER

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

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

February, 2020 (number of needs calls):

Electric - 2

Rent - 2

Gasoline - 1

Total Assistance from Kent to our Community this month:

\$356.00

Total Assistance in 2020: \$1,283.28

We Share Jesus with All!

BLUE BOX UPDATE

for Community for Christ Food Pantry

Community for Christ is closed to shopping for now, but we continue to distribute food and other necessities. Kent Members are encouraged to bring food and household items to the church.

APRIL NEEDS:

- Boxed cereals
- Canned fruit
- Canned fruit in lite syrup
- Chef Boyardee items
- Bread of any kind (the deliveries are not coming)
- Buns, hamburger and hotdog
- Cake mixes and frosting (for the kids' at-home birthday parties)
- Home cleaning products

Please drop off at CFC on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Come to front door... Thanks...

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

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