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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 EvansSocial Ministry
 Kathy Fair.....Mutual Ministry
Christian Education
 Katherine Lacroix Long Range Planning/Scholarship
 Al Mohling..... Finance
 Karen StanzeSocial Ministry
 Michael Wagner Stewardship

Council Appointed Positions

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

Pastor's Thought

May 2020

It has been a strange time and we have stayed home and protected ourselves so that we might stay healthy. We did so because we were afraid of the reports about Covid 19 which said those who are elderly and those who have a precondition are vulnerable. Now the Governor has said that on May 4th he was ready for us to ease into recovery. So with many of us suffering from "quarantine fatigue" we are so ready for that. But everywhere we read we are to do so with caution. And we will do so as a congregation.

As I said during the zoom cast, I really miss seeing and greeting you all and so want to do that again. And so do the members of the Worship and Music committee who are planning a special service when we get back. Right now we are looking at a Sunday later in May, so we can get the materials and practice we need to have such a service. We are looking at doing so with social distancing and will encourage people to wear mask for a little while longer, just to be on the safe side. The church council will also be discussing this in the days ahead and make their recommendations. And we will announce all these plans in the days ahead.

So we find ourselves moving from a time of being afraid and entering a time for rejoicing. As St. Paul writes to the church in Philippi: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" and this is what we as a people of God need to do. What a splendid attitude to bring into our worship of the Lord. It's time to lay aside our worries, lay aside our heartaches, be done with our resentments, dry our tears, and forget about our fears. Be not afraid for truly God is in charge and we are call to trust in the Lord in all things, even during such a time as this. So let us focus on Christ and rejoice. For this is what I see as what God wills for us now. Rejoice.

Pastor Carl

MAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS

May 3—4th Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 2:42-47
Psalm Psalm 23
Second Reading 1 Peter 2:19-25
Gospel Reading John 10:1-10

May 10—5th Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 7:55-60
Psalm Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Second Reading 1 Peter 2:2-10
Gospel Reading John 14:1-14

May 17—6th Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 17:22-31
Psalm Psalm 66:8-20
Second Reading 1 Peter 3:13-22
Gospel Reading John 14:15-21

May 24—7th Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 1:6-14
Psalm Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
Second Reading 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
Gospel Reading John 17:1-11

May 31—Pentecost

First Reading Acts 2:1-21
Psalm Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
Gospel Reading John 20:19-23

GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR MAY

05/03 Joyce Wanamaker, Bill Blomberg
05/10 Michael Wagner, Toni Wagner
05/17 Linda Kimberling, Ken Gerardy
05/24 Rosie Keeney, Gerry Williams
05/31 Bob Karls, Bill Work

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE MONDAY, MAY 25, 2020

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

CHURCH CDUNCIL

Approved Church Council Minutes, April 5, 2020

In Attendance- Melba Bangert, Al Mohling, Carol Hansen, Bill Work, Katherine Lacroix, Michael Wagner, Pastor Gauck, Bob Karls, Karen Stanze, Mary Evans, Wendy Blomberg and Gail Kruse

Absent- Ken Gerardy, Kathy Fair

Discussion was held on services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Mary Evans made a motion to hold Maundy Thursday service and Good Friday services from the office, if possible Easter service will be held in the Sanctuary. Wendy Blomberg seconded the motion and all approved. Michael Wagner will look into an FM modulator for possible parking lot services.

Gail Kruse informed Council that the Credit Card Services would require a \$25.00 monthly fee. Al Mohling made a motion not to use the credit card services. Motion seconded by Wendy Blomberg and all approved.

Gail Kruse will look into the SBA loan to cover payroll expense during this time of the COVID-19.

Melba Bangert reported that letters are being sent to those that do not have computers. She will get with Tracy to see about future contact with Church Members that do not have access to internet.

Motion to adjourn was made by Al Mohling, seconded by Wendy Blomberg and all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 am.

Next meeting April 12, 2020

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hansen
Recording Secretary

CHURCH CDUNCIL-CONT.

Approved Church Council Minutes, April 12, 2020

In Attendance- Melba Bangert, Al Mohling, Carol Hansen, Bill Work, Katherine Lacroix, Michael Wagner, Pastor Gauck, Bob Karls, Karen Stanze, Mary Evans, Wendy Blomberg, Gail Kruse and Kathy Fair

Absent- Ken Gerardy

Bill Work informed Council of the resignation of Ken Gerardy. Council is asked to bring possible nominations to the next meeting.

Bill Work made a motion to hold the regular Council meeting next Sunday, April 19th instead of the 21st. Motion was seconded by Katherine Lacroix, all approved.

Melba Bangert reported the Calling Tree made all the calls to remind Members of Easter Services.

Michael Wagner will do a Temple talk Sunday, April 26th.

Thank you to Nancy Williams and Kathy Fair and all those that are sewing masks for the congregation. Thank you to Chuck Wanamaker for opening the tomb and making the sign indicating the tomb was empty.

Motion to adjourn was made by Wendy Blomberg, seconded by Mary Evans and all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Next meeting April 19, 2020

Devotion- Michael Wagner

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary

CHURCH CDUNCIL-CONT.

Approved Church Council Minutes, April 19, 2020

Via Zoom

In Attendance- Melba Bangert, Al Mohling, Carol Hansen, Bill Work, Gail Kruse, Katherine Lacroix, Michael Wagner, Kathy Fair, Pastor Gauck, Bob Karls, Karen Stanze, Wendy Blomberg and Mary Evans

Absent- Ken Gerardy

Meeting called to order by President Bill Work.

Dwelling in the Word: Michael Wagner opened with devotion.

Minutes- A motion to approve minutes from Council meetings February 18th, March 10th, 17th and 29th was made by Melba Bangert, seconded by Bob Karls, all approved.

Treasures Report- Gail Kruse presented.

Pastor's Report- Pastor Gauck reported his plans have changed and he will be here Memorial Day weekend. The Zoom Church services are going well with good attendance. Easter Service had approximately 81 in attendance.

Committee Reports- Lenten offerings to date totaled \$914.00 and will be split between the Lutheran Disaster Fund and Kent Memorial general fund. Worship & Music reported they are planning a festive comeback with special music and
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bells. They plan is to host this event in one service providing gloves and masks for all. They will continue discussion on the return to “normal”. Zoom Bible study is going well and will again meet on Thursday's at 6pm. Budget and Finance reported the counters will be returning to count offering. Stewardship reported they will do a Temple talk on Sunday April 26th. Property reported Gail has cleaned the Parsonage and it is ready to show. Thank you to ALL the volunteers that continue to keep our property looking good! Social Ministry reported they have put the Blue Box between the doors with information for those that do not care to shop at this time. Long Range Planning reported three candidates for the Stewart-McFadden scholarship have been chosen. One student for each of the following schools Camdenton, Versailles, and Lake West Christian Academy.

Old Business- Discussion was held on including an insert from the CDC to the Safety booklet with information on COVID-19. Bill Work will discuss this with Gerry Williams. Central States Synod Assembly will be held virtually. Mary Evans made a motion to have Bob Karls follow the event virtually, seconded by Wendy Blomberg and all approved.

New Business- Gail Kruse reported that all paperwork has been submitted for the grant to recover “Employees not working”. Bill Work will contact to possible nominations to fill the vacant seat on Council. Melba Bangert will be making calls to all those without email. Gail Kruse informed Council that the Oak Star

CHURCH CDUNCIL-CONT.

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signature card needs updating. Michael Wagner made a motion to remove Melba Bangert, Ken Gerardy and Don Peterson and add Al Mohling, Bill Work, and Bob Karls. Motion was seconded by Katherine Lacroix and all approved.

Correspondence- There was no correspondence, due to the virus.

Motion to adjourn was made by Al Mohling, seconded by Wendy Blomberg, all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: May 19, 2020

Devotion- Carol Hansen

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary



IN NEED OF GDD'S HEALING TOUCH

Ethelyn Baker
Butch Bayer
Bev Brumm
Delaney Brumm
J.C. Buck
Shirley Clark
Kelly Covey
Theresa Duddleston
Bill Edwards
Larry Fair
Bev Hollingsworth
Kay Hunt
Roland & Connie Isernhagen
Allen Kimberling
Linda Kimberling
Diane Reams
Brian Roling
Ron A.

Pat Shank
Esther Strothmann
Sharon Strothmann
Rev. Jim Trutwin
Jack Wagner
Linda Wagner
Ron Wagner
Clarion Winzenburg
Bob Worthley



Christian condolences and hope are extended to Glenice Gibson and her family on the death of Dick on April 26. Memorials may be made to Kent Memorial in memory of Dick.

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

FINANCE CORNER

INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

	MARCH
Offerings and Income for March, 2020	\$19,538
Pass-Through Income for March, 2020	\$1,564
TOTAL INCOME - MARCH, 2020	\$21,102
Actual Expenses for March, 2020	\$18,220
Pass-Through Expenses for March, 2020	\$1,594
TOTAL EXPENSES - MARCH, 2020	\$19,814
TOTAL OVERALL—FEBRUARY	\$1,288
Monthly Budget-Expenses	\$16,634
Offerings and Income for January-March, 2020	\$48,218
Pass-Through Income for January-March, 2020	\$1,753
TOTAL INCOME JANUARY-MARCH, 2020	\$49,971
Actual Expenses for January-March, 2020	\$44,962
Pass-Through Expenses for January-March, 2020	\$1,753
TOTAL EXPENSES JANUARY-MARCH, 2020	\$46,715
TOTAL OVERALL JANUARY-MARCH, 2020	\$3,256

Financial Notes:

- A. **Current Financial Situation** - The Finance Committee and Council continue to encourage faithful giving. The cash balance is currently adequate for paying bills and we do not consider increasing your contributions during these challenging times.
- B. **Thrivent Action Teams** – Thrivent provides \$250 per project to kick-start a new ministry in the community. Each qualifying Thrivent member can submit two projects per year. You can do projects and not have to use Kent budgeted monies. If you have questions, contact Al Mohling.
- C. **TD Ameritrade Account** - As you make distributions from your retirement account, please consider about the possibility of transferring some of those funds to the Kent TD Ameritrade account to avoid gains tax consequence to you. Discussions surrounding the TD Ameritrade account options about this, please contact Gail Kruse or Al Mohling.

FEBRUARY	JANUARY
\$8,641	\$19,956
\$65	\$125
\$8,706	\$20,081
\$12,514	\$14,227
\$35	\$125
\$12,549	\$14,352
\$-3,843	\$5,729

\$28,640	\$19,956
\$190	\$125
\$28,830	\$20,081
\$26,742	\$14,227
\$160	\$125
\$26,902	\$14,352
\$1,928	\$5,729

continue to monitor giving and expenses monthly. March was buoyed by faith-salaries, and is also closely monitored. Please prayerfully and cheerfully

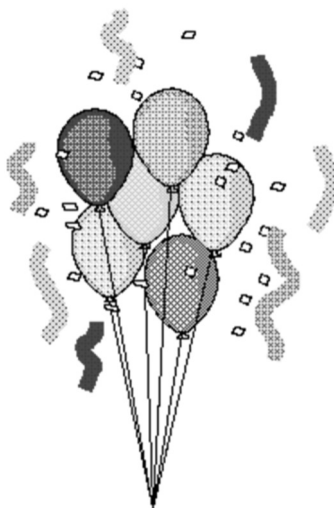
start a fundraiser, educational event, or service project for Kent or the com-year for approval by Thrivent. This is an excellent way to provide funds to questions about this, please contact Joyce Wanamaker, Kathy Fair, or Al

ment 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-

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

05/04 Shannon Bullock
05/08 Joyce Wanamaker
Keegan Bullock
05/09 Gerry Williams
Pat Embich
05/10 Karen Pragman
05/12 Diane Ziehl
05/15 Pat Poretta
Sheryl Boos
05/16 Brad Brumm
05/17 Bob Brumm
Don Stout
05/18 Larry Fair
05/29 Mary Evans



ANNIVERSARIES

05/04/1963	David & Carolyn Cauton	56 years
05/04/1984	Bob & Karole Karls	36 years
05/18/1957	Bob & Beverly Brumm	62 years
05/19/1972	Charles & Pat Embich	47 years
05/22/2004	Al & Sara Johnson	15 years
05/26/2012	Carl & Jan Gauck	7 years

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS

Stewardship Focus - May

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 T, representing stewardship of our TIME. As we've emphasized, stewardship is more than money.

Again, we turn to Paul for his inspiration. In 2 Timothy 1:7 Paul encourages by saying, "For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of Power, and Love and Discipline."

My Kent family, you have always been shining examples of how to be good stewards of Time. While this virus and pandemic have been a difficult time for many, being "locked down" hasn't meant that we have been locked down from being good stewards. Quite the contrary! Many of you have been taking time to focus on others, from making masks, by taking food and vital supplies to family and neighbors. Some have taken time to make sure that we can have a meaningful worship experience each Sunday. And even though we haven't been able to meet at the Church, many of you have taken the time to make sure that the Church building and property are well cared for. I could go on and on.

If you haven't been already, I also encourage you to open you Bible during this time, if only for a few extra minutes. See what God is saying to you. Can he encourage and inspire you to be an even better steward of your time?

Getting back to Paul's words from 1Timothy, a big Thank You to you all, for not being timid during this unprecedented time, for showing your Power, your Love and your Discipline, by being such great Stewards of your time!

Other verses to ponder: Hebrews 13:15-16, James 2:14, 18 & 26, Ephesians 5:2, 15-17

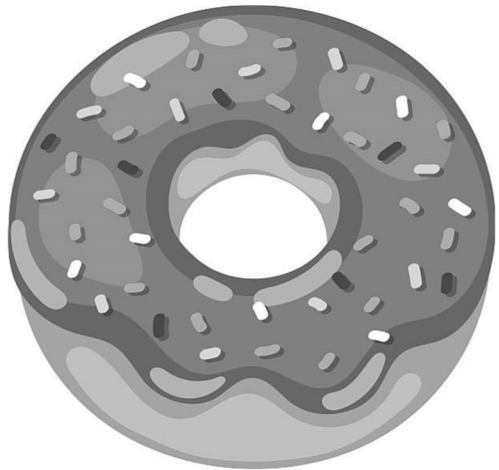
In Christ,
Michael Wagner

Devotion & Donuts Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

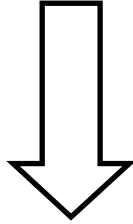
Join fellow members of Kent for this time of Bible study and fellowship on Zoom. This will be a casual voluntary gathering of Kent members every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. We will start with a short devotional and related discussion. We expect to wander to different topics that we would normally experience in the fellowship hall after church while enjoying coffee and donuts.

This meeting is set up differently than Sunday morning worship. Microphones and webcams (cameras) will be turned on so that we can see and hear each other to facilitate discussion.

For questions and to receive the Zoom code, contact Al Mohling.



Did you know Kent has a Summer buddy pack program?



Summer Buddy Pack Program



Since 2014, Kent Memorial has been providing summer food for students at Hurricane Deck Elementary. We usually send out a letter the first part of May, asking which families would like to participate in the program. Once they respond (usually 10-16 families), we contact them and tell them all the details of the program. If a family signs up, they are included. The families come to the church on the first Friday of the month and pick up a month's worth of food. As a result, they only have to come to the church three times during the summer. Kent Memorial has been blessed to have a wonderful partnership with Vinny's Café to help with this program. Every other year he sponsors a Golf Tournament in which most of the money goes to Kent's Buddy Pack program. This year will be a challenge for the Hurricane Deck Families and I expect a good number of sign ups. Just wanted to let you know the good things that Kent Memorial is working on. God's Work, Our Hands.

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELCA)

Wow, I really miss you. Maybe this is a good time slow down & reflect. I thought I would give you an up-date.

The May luncheon was postponed (may try to do it the fall). Newcomers pres. & I have been in contact about the newcomers luncheon May 20th but no answer yet. We do know there will be no CFC style show.

I know some of you have been sewing mask & thank you for that.

Nov 3rd is election day & we are planning a bake sale and craft items. Some of us have time on our hands & if you have some ideas for crafts. Let us know - we may have things in our craft closet that we can share. I have been working with wine corks, have made trivets and am getting ready to make bulletin board, coasters & a flag. If anyone had wine corks they are not using, call me. I found projects that need artistic painting, flower arranging, some wood craft and seamstress. Any questions call me.

Rummage sale - if you have nice items that we could use in the boutique(such as nice clothes, washed or cleaned- jewelry, knick knacks, purses, scarves, shoes, etc.) Please put them in the kids room downstairs.

When bringing things that go to the class rooms please try to arrange them using a small amt of space leaving room for the next load.

Please call me any time @873-3579 or 402-402-1184.

Forgive for any spelling or typing errors. I miss you. God bless you.

Eldeen Hanke, President



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!

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.

MAY NEEDS:

- Paper towels
- Baked beans
- Bag of potatoes
- Pudding & Jellos in individual cups (kids are home)
- Canned fruit
- Juice drinks
- If anyone can find it bacteria killing wipes or Purell type stuff
- Any kind of cleaner with bleach

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!!!**

SOCIAL MINISTRY CORNER

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

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

March, 2020 (number of needs calls):

Electric - 1

Gasoline - 2

Pantry Assistance for Community for Christ - 1

**Total Assistance from Kent to our Community this month:
\$620.50**

Total Assistance in 2020: \$1,903.78

We Share Jesus with All!

SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATE

Happy Mothers Day to all in our congregation, to all family and friends. Social Ministry thanks all who have donated food or monetary donations to Community for Christ. Your continued generosity is appreciated by all that are served. The status of the bingo fundraiser is unknown at this time. The committee will keep all updated. As always we pray and continue to aid all those in need. Until we can again meet, be safe and healthy.

A Note from Community for Christ

The retail side anticipates reopening as soon as conditions will allow. The store continues to be stocked ready for sale. When the store opens, as in the past, please be generous with your volunteer time. Thanks for all that Kent congregation has done for CFC and the people we are able to assist.

