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2020 COUNCIL MEMBERS
Committee Assignments

Bill Work President
 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
 Bob Harger 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

Pastor's Thought

June 2020

This coming Sunday we celebrate Pentecost Sunday and on this day we remember it as the birthday of the church. When Peter and the disciples began to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ the people were astonished. Our text puts it they were "Utterly amazed," so they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native tongue?" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of the disciples and said, "They have had too much wine." At this point Simon Peter addresses the crowd. "These men are not drunk, as you suppose," he says. "It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams . . .'"

Pentecost is, as I mentioned, the birthday of the church. Before Pentecost, the disciples had been a rag-tag crew of well-meaning but ineffectual followers of Jesus. After Pentecost these same disciples became such powerful witnesses that it was said of one of the disciples, Simon Peter, that his mere shadow passing over a physically distressed person could bring healing. Before Pentecost, the disciples were fearful, fickle followers who could not be depended upon even to stay awake while their Master was praying. After Pentecost, they were willing to face persecution, even surrender themselves to torture and face horrible deaths in order to testify that the Jesus of Nazareth whom they crucified, was the same Jesus who had been raised from the dead. After Pentecost they were filled with the power of the Spirit, and they went out to win the world. This was Christ's gift to the world: a Spirit-filled church. And that, of course, is who we are intended to be today, making a dramatic difference in our corner of the world.

As I mentioned the last couple of Sundays, Kent needs to look at it's discipleship and determine what more we can do. So, Pentecost is a good day for us to take account of our discipleship, both individually and corporately. Are we the kind of force in the world that Christ has called us to be? To do that we need our spiritual lives to be nourished and our faith enhanced by the Holy Spirit, it is the only way forward. Assuming that I will be here in the Fall, I want to offer a course on meditative prayer and spiritual growth so as to enrich Kent's spirit filled faith. But more about that later. Right now, let us pray for the Spirit to touch Kent so that our discipleship may grow. It is Pentecost, of course.

Pastor Carl

JUNE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

June 7—Holy Trinity

First Reading Genesis 1:1—2:4a
Psalm Psalm 8
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Gospel Reading Matthew 28:16-20

June 14—2nd Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm Psalm 100
Second Reading Romans 5:1-8
Gospel Reading Matthew 9:35—10:8-23

June 21—3rd Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm Psalm 69:7-18
Second Reading Romans 6:1b-11
Gospel Reading Matthew 10:24-39

June 28—4th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Second Reading Romans 6:12-23
Gospel Reading Matthew 10:40-42

GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR JUNE

06/07 Curtis Reams, Diane Reams
06/14 Bill Blomberg, Joyce Wanamaker
06/21 Michael Wagner, Toni Wagner, Kat Lacroix
06/28 Linda Kimberling, Ken Gerardy

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE MONDAY, JUNE 22, 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, May 3, 2020

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-

Meeting called to order by President Bill Work at 10:13. Bill opened with prayer.

Wendy Blomberg made a motion to accept Bob Harger as replacement for Ken Gerardy on Council. Motion was seconded by Mary Evans and all approved.

Council reviewed draft letter to Bishop Candea concerning the reopening of the Church. A motion was made by Al Mohling to approve the letter with changes. Church services will resume on May 24th with only one indoor service requiring mask be worn, Zoom service will continue, maintain social distancing in the pews, communion will be served from the tray separating the cups to limit touching, Pastor will wear gloves and mask, no fellowship until further notice, no handshaking or elbow bumps, offering will be received on plates in the gathering area and will be counted later in the week to allow time for the virus to die, small groups will continue to meet by phone, email or Zoom, Council will continue Pastors Covenant. Motion was seconded by Bob Karls and all approved. Letter will be edited and sent to Council and Worship & Music for approval. All approved.

Pastor will check with Bishop Candea about an alternate date to visit due to "God's Work Our Hands".

Gail Kruse gave a brief update on the budget.

Motion to adjourn was made by Wendy Blomberg, seconded by Karen Stanze and all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 am.

Next meeting May 10, 2020

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary

CHURCH CDUNCIL-CONT.

Approved Church Council Minutes, May 10, 2020

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

Absent-

Meeting called to order by President Bill Work at 10:18. Bill opened with prayer.

All information is in and the Oak Star bank card is complete.

Bishop Candea sent a response to our letter on "how to return" thanking us for the time and effort during this time.

Thank you to Tracy Garrett and Bob Harger for the electronic media. Thank you to Dan Garrett, Al Mohling and Tracy Garrett for the upgrade to the sound system.

Discussion was held on the Blood drive and local election. Wendy Blomberg made a motion to allow the use of the facility for the Blood Drive on June 12th as scheduled using CDC guidelines. Cleaning will be done before and after and all snacks will be individually wrapped. Michael Wagner seconded the motion and all approved. Al Mohling made a motion to allow the use of the facility for the local election on June 2nd. Wendy Blomberg seconded the motion and all approved.

Bishop Candea will be visiting on September 27th. Committee recommends that all individuals review and respond to the "Draft Social Message on Government and Civic Engagement". Michael Wagner will do a Stewardship talk Sunday May 17th. Worship and Music will continue to discussion on returning. Email blast on Wednesday's will continue indefinitely. A message on the Church answering machine will indicate Zoom Services are available.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 am.

Next meeting May 17, 2020

Devotion: Carol Hansen

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary

CHURCH CDUNCIL-CONT.

Unapproved Church Council Minutes, May 19, 2020

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

Guest- Dan Garrett

Absent-

Meeting called to order by President Bill Work.

Dan Garrett presented council with recommendations for a permanent solution for Zooming or broadcasting Church services. Total estimated cost is \$5190.00. Michael Wagner made a motion for Dan to take his recommendation to the Finance committee in order to check with possible funding for the purchase of the needed equipment to make the updates. Bob Karls seconded the motion and all approved.

Dwelling in the Word: Carol Hansen opened with devotion.

Minutes- A motion to approve minutes from Council meetings May 3rd and 10th was made by Bill Work, all approved.

Treasures Report- Gail Kruse presented.

Pastor's Report-

Committee Reports- Worship & Music reported they will be using the individual prefilled Communion sets. Ushers will be seating in alternating pews and dismissing by row to allow for distancing, there will be no singing or fellowship following services. Masks must be worn. Evangelism reported they have five families and thirteen kids signed up for the summer Buddy Pack program. Stewardship will do a Temple talk on Sunday May 24th. Property reported general maintenance is taking place. The Church is no longer accepting cans, a sign will be posted. Gerry Williams will gather a small group to prepare the outdoor worship area. Randy & Ruth Osterbur will clean the Alter.

Old Business- Safety booklet will be reviewed when stabilization occurs concerning COVID-19. Paycheck Protection program was discussed. Monies will be used for payroll, payroll taxes and Pastor's pension. Utilities can also be paid with these funds but will not be used for this unless needed. Pastor Gauck and Melba Bangert will attend the Congregational Vitality workshop "Nurturing Life Changing Relationships with God and One Another" on August 15th.

New Business- Central States Synod grant information was shared and will be passed to Finance committee for discussion. Cruise Worship services are tentatively planned for June. Vacation Bible School has been canceled this year. Michael Wagner requested the use of the facility for Rotary

CHURCH CDUNCIL-CONT.

Club to meet temporarily until they can find a new location. Church will be used for Voting on June 2nd and the Blood Drive on June 12th. Bishop Candea will visit on September 27th.

Correspondence- Thank you from Share the Harvest for our donation of \$200.00, Westside Senior Center for our donation of \$100.00, Lake Area Helping Hands for our donation of \$250.00, CADV for our donation of \$375.00 Community for Christ for our donation of \$500.00. We received a letter from Lake Regional highlighting the "Lake Regional COVID-19 Response fund". You can donate at LakeRegional.com/donate-now. Type COVID-19 in the comment section.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: June 16, 2020 Devotion- Melba Bangert

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary

On May 22, 2020 Church Council voted to accept the following motions from the Finance Committee via Email:

1. Funding Alternatives for Extra Equipment for On-Line Services: In order to provide quality on-line services going forward, a high-speed laptop and an enhanced camera are needed. A. Mohling provided background as follows: (a) the sound room will run the camera and the laptop; (b) the laptop requires an extra fast processor for streaming; (c) the cost for the equipment is approximately \$5190.00 with additional money for cables. Sources to fund the project were reviewed including a request to the Congregation to fund the project. K. Lacroix made the motion that a maximum of \$6000.00 be taken from the Thrivent Choice fund, as required, to acquire the camera, laptop, and cables. G. Kruse seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll Protection Program (PPP): G. Kruse reported that the application for the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) was made and \$21,100.00 was received. It was decided that a recommendation to Council was in order. After discussion, J. Maher made the motion that the Finance Committee make recommend to Council to use the \$21,000.00 for payroll and utility obligations as required. And that the regular giving received from the Congregation which is normally used for these obligations, be used to assist the needy in our community (a threecounty area). K Lacroix seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion carried.

Wendy Bloomberg moved we accept the motions as presented, seconded by Mary Evans, no discussion ensued and although not all Council Members responded, sufficient number responded, and the Motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Work, Council President

IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING TODAY

Ron A.
Stephanie Ballard
Butch Bayer
Bev Brumm
Delaney Brumm
J.C. Buck
Shirley Clark
Kelly Covey
Pr. Kim Cunningham
Theresa Duddleston
Max & Anita Durslee
Bill Edwards
Larry Fair
Brittany Garza
Bev Hollingsworth
Marianne Howley
Kay Hunt
Roland & Connie Isernhagen

Allen Kimberling
Linda Kimberling
Allyne Nieburgh
Karen Pragman
Diane Reams
Brian Roling
Pat Shank
Tristan Tolnay
Jack Wagner
Linda Wagner
Ron Wagner
Clarion Winzenburg
Bob Worthley



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
Shade Bullock
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

	APRIL
Offerings and Income for April, 2020	\$11,244
Pass-Through Income for April, 2020	\$1,082
TOTAL INCOME - APRIL, 2020	\$12,326
Actual Expenses for April, 2020	\$11,494
Pass-Through Expenses for April, 2020	\$1,921
TOTAL EXPENSES - APRIL, 2020	\$13,415
TOTAL OVERALL—APRIL	\$<1,089>
Monthly Budget-Expenses	\$16,634
Offerings and Income for January-April, 2020	\$59,062
Pass-Through Income for January-April, 2020	\$2,416
TOTAL INCOME JANUARY-APRIL, 2020	\$61,478
Actual Expenses for January-April, 2020	\$56,455
Pass-Through Expenses for January-April, 2020	\$2,416
TOTAL EXPENSES JANUARY-APRIL, 2020	\$58,871
TOTAL OVERALL JANUARY-APRIL, 2020	\$2,607

Financial Notes:

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

MARCH	FEBRUARY
\$19,538	\$8,641
\$1,564	\$65
\$21,102	\$8,706
\$18,220	\$12,514
\$1,594	\$35
\$19,814	\$12,549
\$1,288	\$<3,843>
\$48,218	\$28,640
\$1,753	\$190
\$49,971	\$28,830
\$44,962	\$26,742
\$1,753	\$160
\$46,715	\$26,902
\$3,256	\$1,928

continue to monitor giving and expenses monthly. The cash balance is current. Please prayerfully and cheerfully consider increasing your contribu-

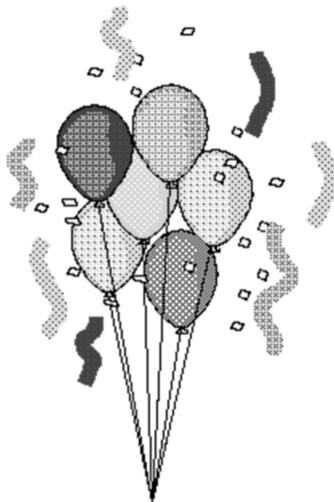
start a fundraiser, educational event, or service project for Kent or the community year for approval by Thrivent. This is an excellent way to provide funds to those in need. If you have any questions about this, please contact Joyce Wanamaker, Kathy Fair, or Al

For more information on how to transfer from your traditional IRA's or investments, please visit with your financial planner/accountant or contact Thrivent. A transfer from a traditional IRA to a Thrivent Ameritrade account. The transfer might be able to be made with no capital gains tax. Transfers from other Ameritrade accounts have resulted in two contributions to date. If you have ques-

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

06/05 Evelyn Clements
06/11 Dennis Boos
06/13 Nancy Larson
06/14 Sue Bergman
Abraham Enriquez
06/16 Curtis Reams
Carol Hansen
Jaxon Bullock
06/17 Dick Gibson
06/21 Tom Ringsdorf
06/25 Gladys Bohling
06/27 Melba Bangert



ANNIVERSARIES

06/07/2003	Gary & Denise Cover	17 years
06/15/1985	Allan & Sally Burke	35 years
06/22/2013	Jim & Karen Mellody	7 years
06/23/1961	Bob & Sharon Ballard	59 years
06/23/1963	Don & Gloria Peterson	57 years
06/24/1956	Charlie & Marilyn Peterson	64 years
06/27/1964	Phil & Rosie Keeney	56 years
06/30/1979	Bill & Katie Heaford	41 years

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS

Stewardship Focus - June

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

This month we focus on the next letter from the S.T.E.W.A.R.D. model, the letter “E” representing stewardship of the Earth. How are we taking care of the magnificent gift of creation that God has entrusted to us?

Everyone is familiar with the story of creation and of Adam and Eve. God created everything, the Earth, the stars, the trees & flowers, the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. And then he created man and woman to tend it all. We all also know how the story of Adam & Eve turned out, human nature caused sin to come into the world.

In this “throw away” world are we focusing on what we can do to ensure the continuation of this gift of creation? Or is it possible that in some ways we are contributing to its demise. The landfills are filling up, the oceans are teeming with trash and plastic. Are we recycling whenever possible? Are we reducing the amount of pollution we emit? Are we planting native trees and plants?

Needless to say, if we neglect or abuse the wonderful gifts of creation that God has given us they can and will disappear. It makes me think of the portion of the Hippocratic oath that says “First, do no harm.” And, National and State Parks encourage visitors to “Leave no trace behind.” So, when it comes to being Stewards of the Earth, let’s strive to be more like doctors and park rangers!

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.



SAVE LIVES
Join the Adventure
GIVE BLOOD

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

Friday, June 7

1:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

Give blood—get a t-shirt!



Appointments are encouraged to manage donor flow. Call 417-227-5006 or visit www.cbco.org/donate-blood to make yours.

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELCA)

WELCA will meet on Tuesday, June 2, in the south half of the fellowship hall (by the kitchen).

We will not be stuffing critters this month.

If you have question, please call Eldeen Hanke, President, 573-873-3579.



RUMMAGE SALE JULY 31 - AUG 1

The rummage sale is in the planning stages. If we are able to have it, it will be July 31 and Aug. 1. Sign up sheets will be up in July, but please get it on your calendars. We will be in need of lots of help Tues, July 28-Sat. Aug. 1. We will also be in need of brown paper grocery sacks for the Saturday sale.

HOLD ONTO THOSE RUMMAGE SALE TREASURES!

Please do not bring any more Rummage Sale items to the basement. In fact, if you could wait to bring your treasures until closer to the rummage sale, that would be most helpful.

Any questions please call Eldeen, 873-3579, or Wendy, 573-374-2371.

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!

Last month you brought in 16 labels. Thanks!

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 will re-open Tuesday, June 2, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays - 10 AM to 2PM. Kent's next week to volunteer will be June 23rd. CFC will practice social distancing - only 10 individuals upstairs or downstairs at a time (including volunteers), volunteers & customers will wear face mask or covering, and hand sanitizer administered before entering. Hand washing at all times, please. CFC will provide masks to volunteers.

MOST NEEDED FOR JUNE ~

Paper products

Shampoo

Deodorant

Toothpaste

Fruit in lite syrup or in their own juices

Cereal

Place items in the Blue Box in the church entry.

Thank you everyone for all the donated items for the past months!!! We live in a wonderful community and CFC is so very blessed to have your support!!

**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.

April, 2020 (number of needs calls):

Electric - 2

Gasoline - 2

Bus Transportation - 1

Total Assistance from Kent to our Community this month:

\$286.99

Total Assistance in 2020: \$2,190.77

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.

