



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2020

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION JULY 12 AT 9:00 A.M. The Kent Council recently confirmed a pastoral recommendation as proposed by the call committee. The next step is to meet this candidate in an informal setting. The Kent Council will sponsor a “Meet and Greet” on July 8, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. At the event, the candidate will offer a short devotional, followed by a question and answer period. Biographical materials will be provided to the congregation when permitted. We will also Zoom the Meet and Greet.

After the meet and greet we will have a congregational vote for the purpose of extending a Call and Financial package on Sunday July 12, 2020, between services at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

As more information becomes available for publication, it will be provided.

The Kent Memorial Council
Bill Work, President

FROM BILL WORK

We are entering a new phase of the life of Kent Memorial. I encourage all Kent Members to attend the Meet and Greet, scheduled July 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm and the Special Congregational Meeting scheduled for 9:00 am Sunday July 12, 2020. Of these meetings the most important is the Congregational Meeting.

In order to successfully call a minister at the Special Congregational Meeting we will need a physical quorum. Voting for a candidate by proxy is not permitted. (As stated in our Constitution, Page 29, section C10.05.)

The Special Congregational meeting will have only two questions that require resolution. Question One is: Shall the person approved by the Call Committee and by Kent Church Council, be called to serve as Pastor of Kent Memorial Church. The Second Question is: Shall the initial annual compensation: (an itemized list of compensation, based on CSS-ELCA guidelines) be approved? Questions One and two will be by written ballot. All actions approved by the congregation shall be by majority vote of those voting members present and voting.

This year of Covid 19 has and continues to be a challenge to us all. Everyone's safety at these meetings is first and foremost. I believe we will be safe if we maintain social distancing. Masks are optional but may be worn as a personal preference.

Again, looking forward to seeing you in person at the upcoming meet and greet, and Special Congregational Meeting.

In Christ, Bill Work

FROM PASTOR GAUCK

“May you live in interesting times.” They say it is a Chinese curse. And there are days in which, I believe, we are living in “interesting times.” Of course we are excited about the prospects of our meeting our pastoral candidate a week from today for that will be an “interesting time” for us. But we are also living in another more scary “interesting time” with this COVID-19. Reading of the surge in many states, including Missouri, even though our numbers are lower than many of these states, it does bring concerns for each of us. I appreciate our members who do come to worship for practicing social distancing and for those who wear masks. I still wear a mask when I am out and about and often wish others did also. But people are tired of the lockdown and mask wearing and I really don’t blame them. But when we are out in a crowd it is just wise to wear them.

Last week I attended two funeral services, one I conducted for Bev Brumm and another Jan and I attended for good friends whose son died. In both situations only a few wore masks and did not practice social distancing. At the memorial service, not only didn’t they wear masks, but they sang two meaningful songs which are against all published guidelines. Jan and I sat in the last row away from people and when they started singing, I was glad we had chosen to sit back there. And now we are glad we wore masks, but are a little concerned until a week from this coming Friday. We did all the right things but there is always that slight possibility of having been exposed, especially when we are indoors. As I said we are “living in interesting times.” But as I preached a while back “Do not be afraid...” God is truly here for us and we are to trust always in the Lord whatever the future may hold for us.

So embrace these “Interesting times” for they do make life Interesting. And trust always in the Lord.

Pastor Gauck

WE WILL ZOOM OUR 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP IN ADDITION TO BEING IN-PERSON

Zoom Worship

To join a worship service, call the church office to get the code and instructions.

Welcome to Worship

The mystery of God’s ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God’s mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ’s invitation: “Come to me, all you that are weary.” Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

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Prelude (8am)

Joyce Wanamaker

(10am)

Margo Strothmann

You are invited to use this time of musical offering to prepare for worship, to open yourself to God, our Father, his Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, present in this place.

Welcome

Call to Worship

P: Our Lord Jesus says, "Come and rest."

C: We are too busy. We have too much to do.

P: Our Lord invites the weary to come to him.

C: We have too many burdens. We are too weary to come to him.

P: He promises rest.

C: But we might miss out on something.

P: Stop. Set down the burdens. Find rest for your souls.

C: His yoke is easy. His burden is light. He is gentle and humble of heart.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Liturgy (spoken)

Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house and for all who offer their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Canticle of Praise

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

Prayer of the Day

All: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

Bible p. 909 Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:8-14 (*Congregation reads responsively*)

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

Second Reading

Romans 7:15-25a

Bible p. 149 New Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Carl Gauck

P: The gospel according to Matthew, the eleventh chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Bible p. 11 New Testament

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Carl Gauck

Special Music

America the Beautiful

Eldeen Hanke

Profession of Faith–Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Holy Communion (10am)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choir of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy (spoken)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Consecration of the Elements

Words of Institution (10am)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink. Communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is our savior.

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

The Dismissal

P: Hearing God's call and responding in love,

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Joyce Wanamaker

WORSHIP LEADERS

Transitional Pastor..... Carl Gauck
Organist/Pianist Joyce Wanamaker/Margo Strothmann
Choir Director..... Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

8:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Katie Heaford
Greeters/Ushers Linda & Gerry Williams
Lector..... Sally Burke
Sound Technician Michael Wagner

10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Sheryl Boos
Greeter/Usher.....
Lector..... Jan Gauck
Sound Technician Jim Saunders
Zoom Technician..... Vanessa Hebrank

COMING THIS WEEK

July 5-12

Today	8:00 a.m.	Worship (outside)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (inside)
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Evangelism Committee
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Worship & Music Committee
	6:00 p.m.	Meet & Greet with Pastoral candidate
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (outside)
	9:00 a.m.	Special Congregational Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (inside)

Prayer Concerns

OUR MEMBERS

Gene Melton – recovering from lung cancer surgery
Ingrid Niemann – recovering from breast cancer surgery
Jan Gauck – recovering from surgery for skin cancer
Toni Wagner – recovering from back surgery 6/18
Stephanie Ballard – recovering from broken back; in rehabilitation
Shirley Clark – recovering at home
Karen Pragman – for healing
Larry Fair – recovering from stroke; radiation treatments are over

Christian condolences and hope are extended to Joyce & Chuck Wanamaker, Roland Isernhagen and their families on the death of Joyce's sister-in-law, Connie Isernhagen, last week.

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

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Gavin – undergoing treatment for Burkett Lymphoma (young client of CfC)
Lori Covington (Hurricane Deck Librarian)—on the death of her 13-year-old daughter
Joan Wilken – non-Hodgkin lymphoma (former member)
Lonnie Billings – stage 4 esophageal cancer (friend of Jane & Ron Kornfeind)
Mike Janesch—cancer (friend of Bill & Wendy Blomberg)
Bob Stanze—esophageal cancer (Karen Stanze's brother-in-law)
Marta Kerkman—kidney cancer, surgery 6/5 (Jan Lacas' sister-in-law)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Delaney Brumm
J.C. Buck
Kelly Covey
Pastor Kimberley Cunningham
Karen Gardner
Marianne Howley
Kay Hunt
Roland Isernhagen
Linda Kimberling
Allyne Nieburgh
Diane Reams
Jack Wagner
Linda Wagner
Ron Wagner
Clarion Winzenburg
Bob Worthley

REMEMBERING THOSE 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 Morgen
Adam Peterson

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 5

WELCOME TO KENT MEMORIAL Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. Communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is our savior. First time here? Please introduce yourself to Pastor at the end of the service.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Al & Cindy Mohling in celebration of granddaughter Eva's first year and our country's Independence Day.

CARE CORE for July is Eldeen Hanke, 573-873-3579.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND--

- Masks are optional at both services.
- Remember to keep some distance during and as you leave worship.
- Organized fellowship after the services will not be allowed for the time being.
- Please deposit your offering in the plate at the top of the center aisle.
- Communication to members and friends will continue via weekly email blast concerning upcoming services and associated guidelines.
- Communion will be celebrated with the pre-filled wafer/cup combination. Pick yours up as you come into the church. As you leave the service, deposit the empty cup in the receptacle at the top of the aisle.
- We will continue to share the 10:00 a.m. worship service via Zoom. Because some of us are not able to be at church in person, we will celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. zoom service. We will also celebrate communion at the 8:00 a.m. service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED We will receive new members next Sunday, July 12. If you are planning to join Kent, please talk with Pastor Gauck or with Tracy in the church office.

SUSPENDED UNTIL FALL - VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY – DEVOTIONS & DONUTS Summer is just too busy for so many of us, we have decided to suspend Devotions & Donuts until the fall. We will start back up in September.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN The Pregnancy Help Center's annual Baby Bottle Campaign to raise funds for the center, runs today through July 26. Please pick up an empty bottle in the church entry, over the next month fill it with loose change or cash or write a check, and return it by July 26. Checks should be made out to The Pregnancy Help Center.

KING AND COUNTRY AT OZARK AMPHITHEATER The 2020 Crossover Music Festival is bringing in the premier Christian band, King and Country, for one concert on July 24. Tickets are available via Ticketmaster.com, or can be purchased at face value (no added fees) at Bridal Cave. Prices are \$77, \$42, and \$22. Also, there is a \$5 discount per ticket for group orders of 11 or more by calling Mary Kay at 573-346-0000. There will be cleanliness measures taken, and plenty of room for self-distancing for those who need it. Crossover Music Festival: *Building community with music and hope.*

SUNRISE BEACH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT are working to distribute fire and safety information to the community. They welcome the financial support of Contributing Sponsors like you. If you would like more information, contact Tracy in the church office.

SHOWME CHRISTIAN YOUTH HOME has launched a Summer Matching Challenge. Now through June 30, every dollar given to ShowMe Home will be matched, up to \$20,000. For more information, contact Tracy in the church office.

A TABLE has been placed between the main sets of doors into the church. Individual communion servings are there for you to pick up as well as face masks, the latest newsletter and the daily devotional materials. Also, there is a basket for you to drop off your giving envelopes. If you need the door code, leave Tracy a message in the church office, 573-374-5267, or call her at 214-206-5807. Or you may mail

your offering to the church:

Kent Memorial

PO Box 155

Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST UPDATE (573-374-4425) The need is GREAT. The store and food pantry are open from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Masks are required ALL those entering the store. A limit of 10 people allowed upstairs and 10 downstairs. Thank you for all you do!

Items needed in July:

Personal hygiene items

shampoo

deodorant – both men's and women's

Fruit in lite syrup

Ready-to-eat meals (for children)