



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2020

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

While in seminary I had to read some of the works of St. Augustine. His work was brilliant but didn't quite fit in with my greater appreciation for the existential theology of Paul Tillich's systematic theology. But there were some stories from studying St. Augustine's life that I appreciated. Some of them were about his mother, Monica, who was a fervent believer who prayed constantly for her son's salvation. She devoted her whole life to praying for Augustine's conversion. At one point, when Augustine was following a heretical philosophy, Monica begged a holy man to speak to Augustine, and show him why their beliefs were not true. The holy man refused but assured her that her son was too smart to deceive himself much longer. At this, Monica began to cry. The holy man sent her away, saying, "Go, go! Leave me alone. It is not possible that the son of such tears should be lost." After many years and both a wayward life and fierce inner struggle, Augustine was touched by a revelation in Scripture, and became a Christian. Monica's son whom she fervently prayed for went on to affect the whole world.

In Sunday's Gospel we hear about a woman who was like Monica, persistent in asking Jesus for help; she was an outsider but was aggressive in getting the help she needed for her daughter. Monica was persistent and never quit asking God for help for her son. And any of us who are concerned for the lives of our children must keep on asking God for help. Don't let your tears quench the flame of your faith and trust in God. It may seem like God is ignoring you, as Jesus seemed to be ignoring the Canaanite mother, but I assure you that is not the case. Don't give up. Keep asking. And keep on trusting. For with God all things are possible.

Pastor Carl

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

Sunday Zoom Worship

To join a worship service, contact the church office, 573-374-5267. Please mute your phone and turn off video when you join the meeting to will ensure everyone can hear.

COMING THIS WEEK

August 16-23

Today	8:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (outside)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (inside)
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Worship & Music Committee
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship (outside)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (inside)

Prayer Concerns

OUR MEMBERS

Mary Foster—health concerns
Bev Kidder—continued recover from sprained ankle
Bill Work—recovering from pacemaker surgery
Jim Mellody – recovering from knee surgery
Gene Melton – recovering from lung cancer surgery

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Tracy Kidder—fractured elbow; prayer for proper healing and 100% range of motion
Jo Williams—cancer (Maxine Williams' sister-in-law)
Tammy Gilpatrick—serious health concerns (friend of Warren & Rhonda Neighbour)
Pastor Kimberly Cunningham—prayers for good test results (Teri Stout's sister)
Ellen Moynihan—cancer surgery (secretary at Our Savior's Lutheran, Sunrise Beach)
Butch Bayer—serious health concerns (friend of Bill & Wendy Blomberg)
Will Hedgepeth – on hospice (friend of Dan & Tracy Garrett)
Julie Patterson – prayers for good test results (friend of Wendy & Bill Blomberg)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Stephanie Ballard
Lonnie Billings
Mary Bowton
Delaney Brumm
J.C. Buck
Shirley Clark
Kelly Covey
Karen Gardner
Gavin
Marianne Howley
Kay Hunt
Mike Janesch
Linda Kimberling
Luke Kornfeind
Jim Lane
Allyne Nieburgh
Karen Pragman
Diane Reams
Pat Shank
Bob Stanze
Joan Wilken
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
Tristan Morgen
Adam Peterson

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 16

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. Personal hearing assistance devices are available in the sound room for services in the sanctuary. First time here? Please introduce yourself to Pastor at the end of the service.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Gail Kruse, celebrating Abby & Tristan's 1st anniversary.

CARE CORE for August is Sheryl Boos, 573-346-9778.

IF YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE please come to the pulpit microphone. We want everyone to be able to hear them.

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 for those who prefer or are not able to attend 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.

FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR PASTOR & JAN On Sunday, August 30, we will say farewell to our transitional pastor, Pastor Carl, and say thank you for 2 ½ years of guidance and service at Kent Memorial. Please join us for fellowship (and cake) at 9am, between services, in the fellowship hall. There will be a card basket.

And (shhh! It's a secret!) if you would like to make a monetary gift for Jan & Pastor Carl, please drop it in the offering plate or by the church office by AUGUST 25.

DONATIONS TO FESTIVAL OF SHARING 2020 (formerly known as Dental Kits) To assist with world hunger, poverty and injustice, donations to FESTIVAL OF SHARING **will be accepted through next Sunday, August 23rd**. A suggested gift of \$15 or any amount is appreciated. Envelopes are available on the front entry table or you may mail a check to the church office; please make checks payable to Kent Social Ministry. The families in need in Missouri thank you for your continued generosity.

9-11 COOKIES Attention Bakers: As you all know, we give cookies on 9-11 to all our police, medical, and first responders. We will be adding the hospital this year so we will need MORE! So, if you bake and want to start now and freeze them, go for it. I would like to have them to the church by Wednesday, September 9th so we can box them on the 10th to deliver on Friday, September 11. Pastor Ed will be helping with the delivery. Thank you in advance!

VOLUNTEER HOURS Remember we're still tracking our volunteer hours. Those of you who helped with the Rummage Sale should have a bunch! Blank sheets are on the table in the entry.

A TABLE between the main sets of doors into the church has individual communion servings, face masks, the latest newsletter, the daily devotional materials, and a lot of other goodies. 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) Kent Memorial week at CFC is Sept. 1, 3 and 5th. We need volunteers to fulfill the commitment made to CFC. Please signup at Kent or sent text message to Chuck W. at 573-745-0684 or Jim Melody at 913-269-3375.....Any volunteers can also call and leave a message. Your help enables CFC to assist those in need in the area. School will be in session, the need for help has increased. Help the children of the area with food and essentials so they may learn. Thanks and GOD bless!

Items needed in August:

Fruit

More Fruit!

Men's deodorant

Men's shampoo

Did I say fruit??

Condiments of any kind, catsup, mustard, mayo, salad dressing etc...