



13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2020

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

I have been thinking about this, the end of my Transitional Interim with you and what it has been like. It drew me to something Roy Oswald, a leader at the Alban Institute, relates from his boyhood in rural Canada. As a young boy, Roy and his two older brothers often took a shortcut to school through an enormous thistle patch. In some places the prickly patches were 50 to 100 feet wide. The boys rarely wore shoes to school in the summertime, hence their dilemma: how to cross the thistle patch in bare feet. The option of taking the long way around and avoiding the thistles was quickly overruled. The only other option was to back up and run as fast as possible through the narrowest spot. Oswald recalls "running full speed in bare feet across 20 feet of prickly thistles, yelping in pain all the way. When the three of us reached the black soil on the other side, we would immediately hit the dirt and start pulling out the few thistle ends that stuck in our feet."

When we face crucial changes in our lives, like Oswald, we often wish we could have gone through the transitions as quickly and as painlessly as possible. I know when I first started my ministry here there were some of you who couldn't imagine why I would be coming here to start a yearlong transitional ministry. After 8 previous transitional interims I was very used to hearing this, yet I knew there was work that needed to be done so that Kent would be ready for the prompting of the Spirit in calling a new pastor. Some of it is painful but, like all endings, is fully necessary. And I am grateful for your going through the 5 developmental stages to get us where we now are. The one thing I didn't expect was it would take the Holy Spirit 2 and 2/3rds years to bring this about. But here we are and it is a time of mixed feelings for me as I embrace the joy of a new pastor for Kent beginning next week and a bit of sadness in bringing this special time we have had together and the things we have positively gone through and did together to a close.

In other words, it is time for closure, and to "Say Goodbye in order to Say Hello." Usually I would write a sermon about "Not an end but a Bend in the road." For one thing is certain: ministry will continue here at Kent by beginning a new chapter with Pastor Ed's leadership

But I do want to say, as I have so often, I give thanks to God for each of you and the ministry we have shared together. I am grateful for the church council and the various committees and the ministries here for continuing the caring and sharing Kent is known for. Jan and I have often talked how wonderful it is to be part of such a caring congregation. But, as many of you know, with Pastor Ed's gracious consent Jan and I will continue our membership here. The good news for us is that we will not have to leave Kent but be able to give and support all that happens here but in new and different ways. So, thanks Ed.

But to assist this transition I will be worshipping at different congregations in the next couple of months. While I'm gone, I know that you will welcome and embrace Pastor Ed as your new Pastor because that is

who you are.

So, I end my ministry with a thankful heart and the farewell that is open ended: “May God be with you till we meet again.”

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 30-September 6

Today	8:00 a.m.	Worship (outside)
	9:00 a.m.	Farewell Celebration for Pastor & Jan Gauck
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (inside)
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	WELCA – Crafts
	9:45 a.m.	Community for Christ
	11:00 a.m.	WELCA Business Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
Thursday	9:45 a.m.	Community for Christ
Saturday	9:45 a.m.	Community for Christ
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (outside)
	9:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time (coffee & donuts)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (inside & via Zoom)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (inside)

Prayer Concerns

OUR MEMBERS

Delaney Brumm—prayers for good results at Mayo Clinic

Bev Kidder—continued recovery from sprained ankle

Bill Work—recovering from second heart surgery

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Calia—severe burns on hands (granddaughter of a friend of Blomberg’s)

Ann Holm—health concerns (Mary Foster’s mother)

Ava Blomberg—diagnosed with juvenile diabetes

Tracy Kidder—fractured elbow; prayer for proper healing and 100% range of motion

Yo Williams—cancer (Maxine Williams’ sister-in-law)

Tammy Gilpatrick—serious health concerns (friend of Warren & Rhonda Neighbour)

Ellen Moynihan—cancer surgery (secretary at Our Savior’s Lutheran, Sunrise Beach)

Christian condolences and hope are extended to the family & friends of Gary Wahler, Parish Ministry Associate at Pymont Trinity and Immanuel, Brauersville, who died August 18.

Remember St. John’s Lutheran Church in Salina, KS, as they enter this time of transition and begin their search for a new pastor.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Butch Bayer
Mary Bowton
J.C. Buck
Shirley Clark
Kelly Covey
Pr. Kimberly Cunningham
Gavin
Will Hedgepeth
Marianne Howley
Kay Hunt
Mike Janesch
Linda Kimberling
Jim Lane
Gene Melton
Allyne Nieburgh
Julie Patterson
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 23

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.

FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR PASTOR & JAN TODAY Please join us for fellowship (and cake) at 9am, between services, in the fellowship hall to thank Pastor Carl and Jan for their service to Kent Memorial.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Jane & Ron Kornfeind in celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary (8/31).

CARE CORE for September is Carolyn Wiles, 913-488-8072.

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 resume September 6.
- 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.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. PROJECT - Parsonage Landscaping Project – August 28 at 8:00AM

1. Plant 7 Deer Resistant perennial plants in the front yard. Take out the 2 hosta and replace 5 plants that died.
2. Add mulch to the bare and thin spots.
3. Plant deer resistant butterfly attracting perennial plants in the raised bed in the backyard.
4. Power wash the sidewalks.
5. Replace the railroad ties in the backyard raised bed with small retaining wall blocks

Mohlings are organizing this project (with Thrivent Action Team monies) to be completed prior to Pastor Ed arriving on September 1. We will have the plants, supplies, equipment, and treats ready at 8:00 AM this Friday morning (August 28).

Please let us know if you can join us by responding to Al (319-493-8796) or Cindy (319-269-9853). Please bring your gloves, spades, etc.

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE Beginning Sunday, September 13, we return to one service, with a change: the service will be at 10:00 a.m., as it has been through the summer. We will continue to share the service on Zoom.

FELLOWSHIP TIME RESUMES on Sunday, September 6, with proper protocols. Plan to stick around for coffee and donuts between services. Beginning September 13, fellowship will be after worship.

WE NEED USHERS & COFFEE HOSTS Now that we're restarting fellowship, we will need coffee hosts each Sunday. And there are plenty of open spots to usher. Sign up in the fellowship hall.

90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION On Sunday, September 13, before we scatter into the community to do God's work with our hands, we will celebrate Lorraine Boyd's 90th birthday (9/12). Join her for cake, coffee and conversation.

9-11 COOKIES Attention Bakers: On 9-11 we will deliver 44 dozen cookies to all our police, medical, and first responders on the west side, and to Lake Regional Hospital. Please sign up so Wendy knows who's baking and how many cookies to expect. Have them at 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!

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. On Sunday, September 13, we will join other Lutheran's in reaching out to our neighbors. Please sign up for one of the opportunities to reach out to the community. The sheets will be on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

- Hurricane Deck School - assemble leadership notebooks (10 spots)
- City of Laurie – clean up the park (6-10 spots)
- At Kent – pack school supplies for Lutheran World Relief (4-6 spots)
 - count and group Best Choice Labels (2-4 spots)
- Property – ready the outdoor worship area for winter (4-6 spots)
- Community for Christ – wash windows and hang clothes

WE HAVE GWOH T-SHIRTS If you need a “God’s Work. Our Hands.” t-shirt with Kent Memorial on the back, we have a few available for purchase. Make checks payable to Kent Memorial with t-shirt in the memo line. Adult L & XL = \$7.75; Adult XXL = \$9.75

BEST CHOICE LABELS We need to have all your Best Choice Labels at the church by September 13 – we count them as part of “God’s work. Our hands.” Please drop them into the white canvas bin in the corner of the fellowship hall.

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 sign up at Kent or send a text message to Chuck Wanamaker at 573-745-0684 or Jim Mellody 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 September:

Canned Fruit in Lite Syrup
Shampoo & deodorant (for both men and women)
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels