

NOVEMBER, 2020

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
1 ALL SAINTS 9am Bible Study Handbell Reh. 10am Worship (Zoom)	2 9:30am Evangelism	3 ELECTION DAY 6am WELCA Bake Sale 9:30am Altar Guild	4 9am Women's Bible Study	5 9am Men's Dev. & Bible Study	6	7
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Gail Kruse Treasurer
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IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING TOUCH

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Christian condolences and hope are extended to Pastor Ed & Mary Foster & their family on the death of her mother, Ann Holm, on September 25.

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 Morgan
 Adam Peterson

BLUE BOX UPDATE

for Community for Christ Food Pantry

The need is GREAT. The store and food pantry are open from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Masks are required.

Volunteers needed at Community for Christ in November! Kent volunteer days are November 10, 12 and 14. Sign-up sheet located on volunteer cork board. Need a minimum of four each of our assigned days. So far in 2020 CFC has aided 553 families, including nearly 250 with food needs. If you are looking for a great opportunity to help others, please sign up. CFC retail has been busy; remember retail sales are a large part of what it takes to provide assistance.

You may still place items in the Blue Box in the church entries.

Help us help those less fortunate in our community. Questions contact Chuck Wanamaker or Jim Mellody. Thanks to all who have volunteered in the past.

**A big thanks to all that have helped in 2020!
Come share Gods love to all.**

A Covid Thanksgiving?

Push the door, I'm home at last
And I'm soaking through and through
Then you handed me a towel
And all I see is you
And even if my house falls down now
I wouldn't have a clue
Because you're near me

And I want to thank you
For giving me the best day of my life
Oh, just to be with you
Is having the best day of my life
THANK YOU – DIDO

God's Word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!
A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD
– Martin Luther

Who could have imagined a year ago what 2020 would bring us? This year has been so filled with horror and misery that I have become tired of recounting it and I suspect most of you have become tired of hearing the litany of terrible things that have befallen our world, our nation, our community and all of our lives. It often seems like everything has changed, like nothing is the same, and to listen to how it is being described by nearly everyone, not only will nothing ever be the same, but it will never be good again either. It makes one wonder if we have anything to be thankful for this year?

Oh, I think we do!

Yes, so much has changed. From the wearing of masks and social distancing to the canceling and restricting of gatherings and activities, to the violence, fear and anger that has erupted, the world we live in looks and feels very different than it did for me a year ago. I can't imagine that it doesn't feel different for everyone. But, the truth is, I don't think that the things that matter the most have changed much at all. God still and will always love us. Disease will not change that. A struggling economy will not change that. Social unrest, murder and rioting will not change that. A political season that ranks with the nastiest ever will not change that.

God's love for us is sure and our God is present with us, even and especially in this year of our suffering.

I am so thankful for God's grace and the promise that gives us hope even in the very worst of circumstances.

And of course, we also have one another. We are not suffering this alone. (Nearly) Everyone on earth has had their lives turned upside down by the virus, in spite of all the things that divide us and keep us apart, we are all today in the same boat. We are grieving the terrible loss of life and the sickness that has hurt so many. We are concerned for those who have lost their livelihoods, or who are struggling to make ends meet. Oh yes, we are divided in our ideas on what to do about all of it, but we are all experiencing it together regardless of our opinions. In a way that I don't remember in my lifetime, we are one world. I am sad that we are suffering, and glad for those places where the suffering is less, but I am thankful that in this tragedy we can also affirm our unity and our solidarity. We are one world, we are ALL God's children.

And of course, we especially have one another, here, in our congregation, in our families and in our communities. I have been so amazed at the level of kindness and compassion I have witnessed through this year, people reaching out to one another with compassion and kindness, filling food pantries, checking on neighbors, reconnecting with friends and family near and far. In spite of how divided we are in some ways, we have also grown closer together in this tragic time. I am so thankful for that. I have seen families for the first time in years, spending time together just enjoying one another's company. I have heard that the use of the telephone and things like Skype and Facetime have grown exponentially as people have made the effort to stay connected and to reconnect with family and friends.

And I am thankful for all of you. What a wonderful blessing it is for me, and soon for Mary and Sam to become a part of such a marvelous church family. The view out from Kent Memorial is beautiful, but the view in on this congregation is even more lovely.

What are you thankful for this year? In spite of or even because of all the things that have happened this year? Where have you seen evidence of God's love, of God's grace, of God's presence and care?

Do we have anything to be thankful for in 2020? Oh, yes, I know I have. My Covid Thanksgiving may be my best, most thankful ever. How about you?

May our God continue to bless us, even and especially in these most trying of times. May God give you so much to be thankful for.

God bless you all,
Pastor Ed

SOCIAL MINISTRY CORNER

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

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

September, 2020 (number of needs calls):

Electric - 4

Gasoline - 4

Donation - 1 (Festival of Sharing)

**Total Assistance from Kent to our Community this month:
\$921.07**

Total Assistance in 2020: \$4,828.99

We Share Jesus with All!

Social Ministry would like to thank ALL who contributed funds, prayers, donations and thoughts to help those in need. We all know that 2020 has been an unusual and trying year. Yet with the help and guidance of God we have all been blessed. Social Ministry has received calls for assistance and with your generosity has helped 40 families in need. There are others that have been helped by cooperating with other like agencies in the area.

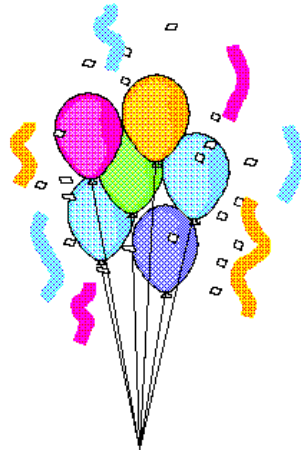
With your blue box donations some 250 families have been provided food through Community for Christ food bank. Donations in the amount of \$450 were given to Festival of Sharing for the purpose of buying needed dental kits. Many of you may not be aware that that the funds contributed were returned and multiplied to our area. Community for Christ picked up a large trailer of food boxes, blankets, dental kits, hygiene supplies and other necessities.

Social Ministry is available to our congregation and all in the area for assistance. Thanks to all for your prayers and support. GOD bless all of you.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

- 11/02 Sandra Gilbert
- 11/03 Denise Cover
- 11/05 Marcia Heald
Paul Tauscher
- 11/08 Carolyn Cauton
Judy Kuckler
Dave Curchy
- 11/13 Leanne Bunger
- 11/14 Dylan LaRock
- 11/16 Carol Wait
- 11/18 Floralie Harris
Glenda Jones
- 11/21 Steve Latham
Brian Kuckler
Marsha Gust
- 11/23 Jim Mellody
- 11/25 Dale Hanke
- 11/26 Rosie Keeney
- 11/28 Bill Heaford
- 11/29 Marjorie Grossman
Kahlan Enriquez



ANNIVERSARIES

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|------------|---------------------------|----------|
| 11/04/1956 | Darrell & Carolyn Garrett | 64 years |
| 11/18/2000 | Larry & Kathy Fair | 20 years |
| 11/19/1950 | Dick & Darlene Barker | 70 years |
| 11/30/1963 | Gerry & Linda Williams | 57 years |

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE LESSONS

November 1—ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

First Reading Revelation 7:9-17
 Psalm Psalm 34:1-10, 22
 Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3
 Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1-12

November 8—23rd Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading Amos 5:18-24
 Psalm Psalm 70
 Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 Gospel Reading Matthew 25:1-13

November 15—24th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
 Psalm Psalm 90:1-12
 Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
 Gospel Reading Matthew 25:14-30

November 22—CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
 Psalm Psalm 95:1-7a
 Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23
 Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46

November 29—1st Sunday of Advent

First Reading Isaiah 64:1-9
 Psalm Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
 Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
 Gospel Reading Mark 13:24-37

GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR NOVEMBER

- 11/01 Linda Kimberling, Carol Hansen
- 11/08 Rosie Keeney, Gerry Williams
- 11/15 Bill Work, Bob Karls
- 11/22 Curt Reams, Diane Reams, Gail Kruse
- 11/29 Joyce Wanamaker, Bill Blomberg

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2020

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

**Kent Memorial Lutheran Church
Annual Congregational Meeting
November 10, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 11:15 by Church Council President Melba Bangert

57 Voting Members

Confirmation of Quorum- Gail Kruse and Carol Hansen.

A motion to approve Congregational Meeting minutes of November 11, 2018 was made by Diane Ziehl. Carole Karls seconded the motion and all approved.

Pastor thanked the Congregation for all their hard work and ministries. He thanked Council members and Staff. He has enjoyed working with Committee members and thanked them for their dedication to ministries and activities. He announced he will stay on as Transitional Pastor and will continue to work with us on our Ministries. Pastor's written report will be printed in the Annual Report.

Council President Melba Bangert thanked all Kent members, Staff, Council, Pastor and the Call Committee. Melba recognized outgoing Council members Gerry Williams, Curtis Reams, Carol Hansen and Donna Young. Announcement of the new Kent Memorial sign soon to be up and running. Sign was paid for with memorials and special designated funds. There are now three Bible study classes. Women meet on Wednesday at 9 am, Men on Thursday at 10am and Bob Harger does Bible study Sunday morning at 8:15. Thank you Bob! She reported that income over the past months has been down and encouraged regular, faithful giving. She asked that the congregation continue to be patient during the call process.

Call Committee Report- Gail Kruse reported the MSP has been posted since February 2019 and was updated in September. At this time there has not been any interested candidates. Keep Praying!

Melba Bangert introduced Council Seat recommendations, Kathy Fair, Ken Gerardy, Michael Wagner and Karen Stanze. A motion to accept council recommendations by acclimation was made by Tracy Garrett. Motion seconded by Linda Kimberling and all approved.

Al Mohling presented the 2020 Budget. Al Mohling made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Marie Reth seconded the motion and all approved.

Pastor introduced the Volunteer Service Hours form. No names are necessary, just hours. You can include hours you spend in the Church, Community, home, meetings etc.

Bill Blomberg requested all Veterans stand and be honored with "God Bless America".

A motion to adjourn was made by Maria Reth, seconded by Charles Peterson. All approved.

Meeting adjourned 12 noon.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary

Birthdays: We sang happy Birthday to Carolyn Wiles.

Special Events: Our election day bake and craft sale will begin at 6 a.m. on November 3rd. President Eldeen requested our items be wrapped and at the church by Monday. Please help with sale set up on Monday afternoon.

Christmas Cookie and Candy Sale will be Dec. 12th. Set up will be 9 a.m. Friday. Joyce Wannamaker and Linda Williams, co-chairs, decided not to have the group cookie decorating this year because of Covid-19.

Old Business:

Joyce Wannamaker reported that health and school kits for Lutheran World Relief were assembled and Eldeen Hanke will deliver them to Columbia. Melba Bangert made a motion we donate \$50 towards shipping costs, 2nd by Sharon Ballard.

Lynn Burke gave us information concerning the gas stove in the kitchen, which sometimes has issues of emitting gas odors. Some of the burners have no pilot shut offs which causes the problem. CARE in Camdenton has offered \$500 for our old commercial stove. WELCA ladies decided to check around for a new stove, preferably electric, and find out costs.

New Business:

Kent will have a blood drive on Oct. 23rd from 1 - 6 p.m. No cookies will be needed, they will bring their own snacks due to Covid-19

WELCA Officers 2021 were nominated:

President: Karen Ringsdorf

Vice President: Katherine LaCroix

Secretary: Mary Evans

Treasurer: Joyce Wannamaker

A motion was made by Sally Burke, seconded by Diane Reams, to accept the slate of officers. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Pastor Ed Foster thanked the ladies for the groceries during his move in and said he appreciated all WELCA does.

WELCA Thankoffering envelopes were handed out. We give in thanksgiving for blessings received. Thankofferings support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization. Please bring your offering back for the November meeting. Extra envelopes are posted on the WELCA bulletin board.

Hostesses for November are Lorraine Boyd and Cindy Mohling.

Devotions for November will be given by Wendy Blomberg.

We closed our meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Ringsdorf, Secretary



WELCA

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Kent Memorial Lutheran Church
October 6, 2020

President Eldeen Hanke opened our meeting in prayer. She thanked hostesses Jan Gauck and Marcia Gust. We had 22 ladies in attendance and Pastor Ed was our guest. Barb Yount gave the devotion on Noah's Ark.

The secretary's minutes were read by Karen Ringsdorf. Mary Evans made a motion to accept the minutes, 2nd by Linda Kimberling. Correspondence was read and posted on bulletin board.

Joyce Wannamaker presented the treasurer's report. We have a September 30th balance of \$4,489.46.

Christian Action: Kathy Fair reported 3 ladies made Christmas ornaments for the craft sale. Linda Williams has crocheted 10 hats and booties for Lake Regional Hospital.

Kent Klowns: Kathy Fair announced the Klowns will participate in the Nov. 15th service and a 'noisy offering' will be taken. Kent Klowns would welcome new members!

Community for Christ: Eldeen Hanke said it is our week to work, please volunteer. The change-over to fall/winter clothing went great. CfC needs cereal, oatmeal, soup, and fruit.

Laurie Care Center: Eldeen Hanke thanked the ladies who donated birthday gifts for the residents.

Sunshine Lady: Lorraine Boyd mailed a get well card to Jim Ziehl.

Publicity: Karen Stanze has made posters for the bake and craft sale. Please take several to post around the community.

Care Core: Linda Williams reported on members needs in September. Carolyn Wiles had visited Shirley Clark. Nancy Williams received a ride to Lake Regional and Geri Riley received a ride to eye doctor in Jeff City.

Box Tops: Wendy Blomberg sent a report of 67 Box Tops and 27 soup labels have been collected. Barb Yount mentioned 3,000 Best Choice labels have been mailed in.

Buddy Backpack: Eldeen reported the golf tournament raised a record \$5,060 for Hurricane Deck's Buddy Backpack program. The attendees said they had a lot of fun golfing!

Treats for Schools: Carolyn Wiles will take treats to Hurricane Deck. Diane Reams will take treats to South School in October.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sunday November 8, 2020

Kent Memorial Annual Meeting

In the Sanctuary immediately following worship
WE WILL ZOOM THE MEETING FOR THOSE MEMBERS
NOT ABLE TO ATTEND IN PERSON

AGENDA

Call to Order

- recognition of Zoom members in attendance

Confirmation of a Quorum

Approval of the Previous Meeting's Minutes

Pastor's Report

Congregation Council President's Report

Election of New Council Members

- Sheryl Boos
- Wendy Blomberg
- Bill Work
- Barb Yount

Approval of the 2020 Budget

Other Business

Adjournment

Fellowship with coffee & donuts following the meeting

CHURCH COUNCIL

Unapproved Minutes—October 20, 2020

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

Absent- Bob Karls

Meeting called to order at 6pm by President Bill Work.

Dwelling in the Word: Wendy Blomberg opened with devotion.

Minutes- A motion to approve the September meeting minutes was made by Wendy Blomberg, seconded by Mary Evans, all approved.

Treasures Report- Gail Kruse presented.

Pastor's Report- Pastor Ed he has conducted six worship services, attended two men's bible studies and 3 women's, four home visits, seventeen phone conferences, and has participated in the Ministerial Alliance, Zoom Conference Gathering, ELCA Clergy Coaching Network, 9-11 cookie delivery and God's Work Our Hands. Pastor Ed brought to council the increased concern of mask wearing. Discussion was held and will continue with current requirements. It is strongly encouraged to wear a mask especially if you cannot social distance.

Committee Reports- Evangelism reported Trunk or Treat is still planned, gloves and masks will be required to pass out candy. We will celebrate the Dick and Darlene Barker's 70th wedding anniversary with cards that are available to sign at the church. Budget & Finance reported the counter instructions have been updated. Long Range Planning will be meeting with Pastor Ed on November 10th. Stewardship will do a short Temple Talk November 1st. The focus will be Food & Funds. Property reported they along with WELCA have decided to replace the gas stove with a residential electric stove. Property had a lot of people do various jobs this month from mowing, rock work, internet/phone cable running, weed eating, gutters, shelves in the basement, new section of driveway in front of parsonage and the pageant area. Please see the Property Committee report for the full list. Thank you all that have volunteered your time! Social Ministry reported they will have the giving tree up in time for the congregational meeting. Worship & Music reported the Installation Service went well. They donated the leftover sandwiches from the service to the Helping Hands Homeless Shelter. Worship & Music made recommendations for Advent services. Pastor Ed made a motion to accept the committee's recommendations, seconded by Bob Harger and all approved. Plans are to have mid-week Advent services with the theme being "It's a Wonderful Life". Services will be December 2, 9,

BOX TOPS & LABELS & POP TOP RINGS

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.



6 box tops were brought in last month! Every one helps!

WELCA also collects 3,000 Best Choice UPC codes & pop top rings. The labels must show the bar code. For every 1000 labels, WELCA gets \$30 for community projects!

All those pop top rings go to the American Legion. So far they've collected more than 900 pounds of them!



Keep bringing in those Box Tops, labels & pop top rings!

REMEMBER TO CLIP OR SCAN & SAVE THOSE POP TOP RINGS!

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS

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

Jesus said a third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that Jesus asked him a third time, "Do you love me?" and said "Lord you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus replied, "Feed my sheep." John 21:17

November is a month that we traditionally focus on giving thanks for all our blessings, so that is where we will be placing our Stewardship focus this month. How Blessed are we? How can we share our Blessings with others?

In this unprecedented time of COVID with its necessary restrictions, several places in our community that in past have served free Thanksgiving meals for those in need cannot, or will not, be able to serve them this year. So, there will be an even greater need than normal this holiday season. This is our chance to step up to the plate (pun intended.)

We can do this by providing meal ingredients or funds to purchase meals to Community for Christ. Karen Mellody has provided a list of items that are typically needed or suggestions for those who wish to purchase holiday meals:

- Turkeys, hams (they have freezers, but don't have refrigerators)
- Potatoes/sweet potatoes, Stovetop dressing, boxed mashed potatoes
- Soups, canned sweet potatoes, veggies, fruit or pie filling, Jello/pudding
- Baking supplies: flour, sugar etc. (regular size packages)

Please place non-perishables in the blue boxes in the entryway. For turkeys, hams or other perishable items please contact Karen 913-558-3544 or CFC 573-374-4425 in order to make arrangements.

If you would rather, you can make a monetary donation so that CFC can purchase the items that they need. There will be a "Blessings Basket" in the narthex in which you can place a monetary gift. On the envelopes I encourage you to share how or why you feel Blessed as you make your contribution.

This is a great opportunity for us to live out our motto to Share Jesus With All, especially those in our community who are in need this holiday season. Let's feed His sheep!

Verses to ponder: Psalm 95:2, Psalm 100:4, 2 Cor 9:11, Philipians 4:6, Colossians 4:2

In Christ,
Michael Wagner

and 16th. A light meal provided by the host committee will be served. Host Committee schedule- Dec. 2- Evangelism, Worship & Music, Finance, Dec. 9- Alter Guild, Long Range Planning, Audit, Dec. 16- Social Ministry, Property, Mutual Ministry. Advent services will be ZOOMED. All future plans are pending COVID numbers.

Old Business- PPP funds update- All paperwork is complete and ready for submission. We will celebrate Pastor Gauck's fifty year ordination anniversary November 22nd with cake after services. Al Mohling presented the proposed budget for 2021. Al Mohling made a motion to accept the proposed budget as presented. Michael Wagner seconded the motion and all approved. Nominating Committee presented nominees, Barb Yount, Sheryl Boos, Wendy Blomberg and Bill Work. Melba Bangert made a motion to accept the presented nominees, seconded by Mary Evans and all approved.

New Business- No Pot Luck for the Congregational meeting on November 4th, coffee and donuts will be served. Meeting will be ZOOMED and those members will be able vote via ZOOM. The Congregational meeting was discussed. Kathy Fair made a motion to hold the Congregational meeting in the sanctuary immediately after services. Wendy Blomberg seconded the motion and all approved. Discussion was held on designation of Advent service offerings. Melba Bangert made a motion to split the offering between Community for Christ and Helping Hands Homeless Shelter. Bob Harger seconded the motion and all approved. Committee Chairs are requested to update rosters and provide year-end report to Tracy by January 15th. It was decided due to COVID we will have the Council Christmas Party in the fellowship hall on December 4th at 6pm.

Upcoming events include- Trunk or Treat October 31st and the Annual meeting November 8th.

Correspondence- Thank you from Tracy recognizing her 10th year at Kent. Thank you from Pastor Carl and Jan for his Celebration. Thank you letters from Lake regional for the cookies, Community for Christ for \$10.00 donation, CADV for our donation of \$70.00 and \$375.00, and Share the Harvest \$200.00.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: November 17, 2020 Devotion- Karen Stanze

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary

FINANCE CORNER

<u>INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT</u>			
	SEPTEMBER	AUGUST	JULY
Offerings and Income-Month	\$ 8,290	\$ 16,840	\$ 18,517
Pass-Through Income-Month	\$ 395	\$ 965	\$ 375
TOTAL INCOME-MONTH	\$ 8,685	\$ 17,805	\$ 18,892
Actual Expenses-Month	\$ 21,581	\$ 14,412	\$ 13,307
Pass-Through Expenses-Month	\$ 570	\$ 825	\$ 340
TOTAL EXPENSES-MONTH	\$ 22,151	\$ 15,237	\$ 13,647
TOTAL OVERALL-MONTH	\$ (13,466)	\$ 2,568	\$ 5,245
Monthly Budget-Expenses	\$ 16,634	\$ 16,634	
Offerings and Income-Y-T-D	\$ 124,807	\$ 116,517	\$ 99,677
Pass-Through Income-Y-T-D	\$ 4,491	\$ 4,096	\$ 3,131
TOTAL INCOME-Y-T-D	\$ 129,298	\$ 120,613	\$ 102,808
Actual Expenses-Y-T-D	\$ 133,986	\$ 112,405	\$ 97,992
Pass-Through Expenses-Y-T-D	\$ 4,491	\$ 3,921	\$ 3,096
TOTAL EXPENSES-Y-T-D	\$ 138,477	\$ 116,326	\$ 101,088
TOTAL OVERALL-Y-T-D	\$ (9,179)	\$ 4,287	\$ 1,720

FINANCIAL NOTES:

- A. **Current Financial Situation** - The Finance Committee and Council continue to monitor giving and expenses monthly. September was a month of reduced giving and increased quarter end expenses as well as pastoral expenses. We have been blessed to have Pastor Ed start his call and need to increase giving 10% to cover increased expenses. Please prayerfully and cheerfully consider increasing your contributions during this exciting time.
- B. **Thrivent Action Teams** – Thrivent provides \$250 per project to kick-start a fundraiser, educational event, or service project for Kent or the community. Each qualifying Thrivent member can submit two projects per year for approval by Thrivent. This is an excellent way to provide funds to do projects and not have to use Kent budgeted monies. If you have questions about this, please contact Joyce Wanamaker, Kathy Fair, or Al Mohling.
- C. **TD Ameritrade Account** - As you make distributions from your retirement IRA's or investments, please visit with your financial planner/accountant about the possibility of transferring some of those funds to the Kent TD Ameritrade account. The transfer might be able to be made with no capital gains tax consequence to you. Discussions surrounding the TD Ameritrade account have resulted in two contributions to date. If you have questions about this, please contact Gail Kruse or Al Mohling.