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*Overlooking the Lake of the Ozarks*

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## **New Year – New You?**

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

—2 Corinthians 5.17

I can't imagine that anyone is going to be sad to see 2020 become history. For we have truly been living history that will be taught and remembered for a very long time. At this point it's probably superfluous to recount all of the misery of the last 12 months, and it will be nice to say goodbye to it. Of course, there isn't anything magical about New Year's Day and flipping the calendar. 2021 is going to begin with all the difficulties that 2020 ended. I have to keep reminding myself of that so as not to be let down when a couple of weeks into the new year it doesn't feel all that different than the old year.

Of course, there is also plenty of reason to hope that the year we are beginning will be far better than that one that it is replacing. We have learned a great deal in the last year, about viruses and how to deal with them, about community and economics and even racism and inequality. I am sure that there is much left to learn, but we clearly begin this year better able to face our challenges than we were a year ago. Our common desire for a better world and better year, even if we so adamantly disagree about how to achieve that, makes that better, healthier, happier and more just future seem much more attainable.

It is a new year and an enduring and renewed hope comes with it.

Our problems won't magically disappear, but we can, and indeed we will be changed – not by the changing of the calendar – but by the power of God's grace – and in that I find even greater reason to hope.

For God does indeed intend to transform us. Through forgiveness, love and grace, we are new each and every day. The mistakes, errors, miscalculations, unwise choices, incorrect opinions, and yes, the sins of yesterday no longer dominate and rule us. We may not be free of the effects of what we did and thought yesterday, but we are surely free to do and to be better today.

So too... the pandemic, division and social discord of 2020 is still with us, but we can react differently to all of it. We can individually and as a community and a nation do better and be better. We can

grow.

This is one of the places where I hope the people of God, those who are in Christ, can lead the way. 2021 can be better, because of course, we can and we will be better.

May your new year be filled with joy and happiness, and may we all discover that in this new year we truly are a new creation!

God bless you all,  
Pastor Ed

Dear Kent Family,

Mary, Sam and I thank you all again for your generosity and kindness to us. Your Christmas gift to us was moving and marvelous, and we also so appreciate all of the other wonderful treats and treasures you have shared with us. New Years resolutions for exercise are being increased at an incredible rate (grin). We feel so welcome and at home!

Thank all of you and each of you!

God Bless you  
The Fosters



# **JANUARY SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

## **January 3—2nd Sunday of Christmas**

First Reading .....	Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm.....	Psalm 147
Second Reading.....	Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel Reading.....	John 1:1-18

## **January 10—Baptism of Our Lord**

First Reading .....	Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm.....	Psalm 29
Second Reading.....	Acts 19:1-7
Gospel Reading.....	Mark 1:4-11

## **January 17—2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

First Reading .....	1 Samuel 3:1-20
Psalm.....	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Second Reading.....	1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Gospel Reading.....	John 1:43-51

## **January 24—3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

First Reading .....	Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm.....	Psalm 62:5-12
Second Reading.....	1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Gospel Reading.....	Mark 1:14-20

## **January 31— 4th Sunday after Epiphany**

First Reading .....	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm.....	Psalm 111
Second Reading.....	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Gospel Reading.....	Mark 1:21-28

### **GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR JANUARY**

- 01/03 Michael Wagner, Toni Wagner
- 01/10 Linda Kimberling, Carol Hansen
- 01/17 Rosie Keeney, Gerry Williams
- 01/24 Bill Work, Bob Karls
- 01/31 Curt Reams, Diane Reams, Gail Kruse

### ***NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021***

*Leave your articles in the church office, or e-mail  
your news to Tracy at [Office@KentMemorial.com](mailto:Office@KentMemorial.com).*

# CHURCH COUNCIL

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## **Unapproved Minutes—December 15, 2020 via Zoom**

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

### **Absent-**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by President Bill Work.

**Dwelling in the Word:** Bob Harger opened with devotion.

**Minutes-** Correction to the November minutes, Meeting date should read December 15, 2020, Social Ministry will be making the monetary donation to the Salvation Army. A motion to approve the November meeting minutes as corrected was made by Al Mohling, seconded by Michael Wagner, all approved.

**Treasures Report-** Gail Kruse presented.

**Pastor's Report-** Pastor Ed he has conducted five worship services, attended two men's bible studies and two Sunday school classes, one home visits, 1.5 shut in's, and thirty-three phone conferences. Pastor Ed reported he will be out of town January 11<sup>th</sup> through January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to make the move from Kansas. He will return for Sunday services weather permitting. Alternate plans will be in place if weather becomes an issue. Pastor is happy Mary and Sam will be joining him for Christmas. Mid-week service is going well, he asked we share our thoughts on coffee hour. Everyone that has attended has enjoyed it.

**Committee Reports-** Evangelism reported they served 64 kids and 35 families at the Hurricane Deck Christmas store and provided 15 families with food purchased with Buddy pack funds. Finance Committee reported \$1,700.00 was disbursed from the Gibson fund for sound equipment updates. \$40.00 was received for the Holm fund. Funds for Pastor's moving expenses will be available in January. Stewardship reported they will focus on support and members for the committee. Property reported wiring is complete for the stove including an additional outlet, plaster repair and paint. The snow blade is on the tractor, and the sewer project is complete. They will be seeking bids for the removal of the large pine tree in the outside worship area. Social Ministry reported all tags were taken from the Giving Tree and gifts have been delivered to CADV. Worship & Music reported Advent services are going well. Christmas Eve Service at 6 pm. They recommend a parking lot service at 10 am December 27<sup>th</sup> so we can have our annual Christmas Hymn sing. Melba Bangert moved we approve their recommendation and Wendy Blomberg seconded, all approved. Switching to YouTube is still in progress. Melba Bangert made a motion to record ZOOM service and upload to YouTube for future viewing. Wendy Blomberg seconded the motion and all approved

**Old Business-** Discussion was held on resuming in person service. Bob Karls made a motion to continue ZOOM services through January 3<sup>rd</sup> and special council meeting will be held after this service to return to in-person meetings

and services at the church. Mary Evans seconded the motion and all approved. Concern was brought as to the amount of people in the church for ZOOM services. Pastor will address and will work to reduce the numbers. Because members are having trouble hearing, during zoomed church, Pastor will not wear a mask but will maintain social distancing. Election of Officers, Al Mohling nominated Bill Work to remain as President. Seconded by Bob Karls and all approved. Wendy Blomberg nominated Bob Karls as Vice President seconded by Al Mohling and all approved. The suggested nominations for one year appointments for Recording Secretary- Carol Hansen, Treasurer- Gail Kruse, and Financial Secretary- Jane Maher. Melba Bangert made a motion to accept the presented nominations, seconded by Bob Harger, all approved. Bill Work thanked outgoing Council Members Melba Bangert and Mary Evans. Pastor Gauck's fifty-year ordination reception was tabled.

**New Business-** Finance Committee made a recommendation to use the PPP savings to reimburse Kent Committees and related Kent organizations that have suffered due to canceled or reduced fundraisers. Committees and organizations will need to fill out a request form for lost funds. Bob Karls made a motion to accept the Finance Committees recommendation's for the use of PPP savings. Wendy Blomberg seconded the motion and all approved. Snow procedure update- Pastor and Bill Work will decide by 6:00 am if services are to be canceled due to weather. Bill Work will let Lynn Burke, Cheryl Boos and Tracy Garrett know if we cancel. Church security cameras and installation on three exterior doors ranged in price from \$1,200.00 to \$2,900. Property will refine options and provide a plan for council approval. Devotion list will be available for council to sign up at January's Regular Meeting. Christmas gifts for paid staff discussed. Melba Bangert made a motion to gift Tracy, Margo, Joyce Katie, Vanessa and Gail Kruse a \$50.00 Visa gift card. Motion was seconded by Bob Harger, all approved.

### **Correspondence-**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Zoom Special Council Meeting after Church: January 3, 2021

Next Regular Council Meeting: January 19, 2021      Devotion- Michael Wagner

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary

# JANUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>3 10am Worship (Zoom) 11:15am Church Council (Zoom)</p>	4	<p>5 9:30am Altar Guild Undecorate the church</p>	<p>6 9am Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>7 10am Men's Devotion</p>	<p>1 OFFICE CLOSED 8</p>	<p>2 9</p>
<p>10 10:00am Worship (Zoom) -Installation of Council</p>	<p>11 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	12	<p>13 9am Women's Bible Study 10am Worship &amp; Music</p>	<p>14 10am Men's Devotion</p>	15	16
<p>17 10:00am Worship (Zoom)</p>	<p>18 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>19 6:00pm Church Council  Community for Christ</p>	<p>20 9am Women's Bible Study 10am CFC Board Mtg.</p>	<p>21 10am Men's Devotion  Community for Christ</p>	22	<p>23  Community for Christ</p>
<p>24 10:00am Worship (Zoom)</p>	<p>25 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	26	<p>27 9am Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>28 10am Men's Devotion</p>	29	30
<p>31 10:00am Worship (Zoom)</p>	<p>1 9:30am Evangelism</p>	2	<p>3 9am Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>4 10am Men's Devotion</p>	5	6

# FINANCE CORNER

<b><u>INCOME &amp; EXPENSE REPORT</u></b>			
	<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>
Offerings and Income-Month	\$ 20,190	\$ 9,534	\$ 8,290
Pass-Through Income-Month	\$ 375	\$ 40	\$ 395
<b>TOTAL INCOME-MONTH</b>	<b>\$ 20,565</b>	<b>\$ 9,574</b>	<b>\$ 8,685</b>
Actual Expenses-Month	\$ 16,087	\$ 14,212	\$ 21,581
Pass-Through Expenses-Month	\$ 275	\$ 40	\$ 570
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES-MONTH</b>	<b>\$ 16,362</b>	<b>\$ 14,252</b>	<b>\$ 22,151</b>
<b>TOTAL OVERALL-MONTH</b>	<b>\$ 4,203</b>	<b>\$ (4,678)</b>	<b>\$ (13,466)</b>
<b>Monthly Budget-Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 16,634</b>	<b>\$ 16,634</b>	<b>\$ 16,634</b>
Offerings and Income-Y-T-D	\$ 154,531	\$ 134,341	\$ 124,807
Pass-Through Income-Y-T-D	\$ 4,906	\$ 4,531	\$ 4,491
<b>TOTAL INCOME-Y-T-D</b>	<b>\$ 159,437</b>	<b>\$ 138,872</b>	<b>\$ 129,298</b>
Actual Expenses-Y-T-D	\$ 164,285	\$ 148,198	\$ 133,986
Pass-Through Expenses-Y-T-D	\$ 4,806	\$ 4,531	\$ 4,491
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES-Y-T-D</b>	<b>\$ 169,091</b>	<b>\$ 152,729</b>	<b>\$ 138,477</b>
<b>TOTAL OVERALL-Y-T-D</b>	<b>\$ (9,654)</b>	<b>\$ (13,857)</b>	<b>\$ (9,179)</b>

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## FINANCIAL NOTES:

- A. **Current Financial Situation** - The Finance Committee and Council continue to monitor giving and expenses monthly. Progress was made in November towards balancing our current financial situation after a poor giving month of October and extra expenses incurred in September. Please prayerfully and cheerfully consider increasing your contributions during this holiday season.
- 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 three contributions to date. If you have questions about this, please contact Gail Kruse or Al Mohling.

# STEWARDSHIP FOCUS

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

In 2020 we focused on how Stewardship is about so many things, it is not just about money which is how most people think of it. We talked about how we are also stewards of our SELF, our TIME, the EARTH, the people of the WORLD, our ABILITIES, and yes finally, money, RE-SOURCES. If you would like to help continue spreading this message and be part of the stewardship team in 2021, please let me or Pastor know.

Peace and Blessings!  
Michael Wagner

# 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.



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!

As you make those New Year goodies and soups to keep warm, remember to look for the box tops. They're on zip top bag boxes, too!



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

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

## WELCA

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Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
at Kent Memorial

We will not meet in January.

**SEE EVERYONE ON  
FEBRUARY 9!**

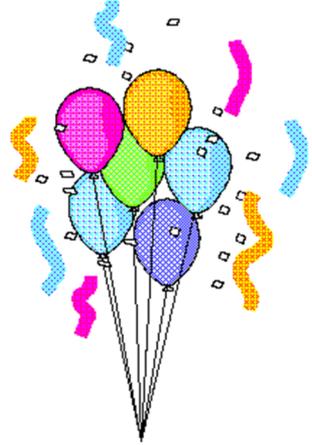


# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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## BIRTHDAYS

01/01 Ron Kornfeind  
Toni Carolus  
01/02 Carolyn Garrett  
01/04 Ray Lacroix  
01/06 Sydney Irwin  
01/07 Denise Irwin  
01/09 Ann Johnson  
01/10 Barb Gidley  
01/19 Chantal Enriquez  
01/20 Allen Brumm  
01/21 Dorothy Engelstad  
Pastor Carl Gauck  
Shelly Carolus  
01/22 Janay Renken  
01/27 Karen Mellody  
LaRoy Vinkavich  
01/29 Bill Blomberg  
01/30 Jeff Carolus  
Lyla Renken



## ANNIVERSARIES

01/03/2009	Vince & Barb Yount	12 years
01/07/1995	Bill & Joy Whitlow	26 years

# IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING TOUCH

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Mary Bowton  
Delaney Brumm  
J.C. Buck  
Shirley Clark  
Bill Corliss  
Kelly Covey  
Dave Deily  
Stacy Gongaware  
Marianne Howley  
Kay Hunt  
Mike Janesch  
Allen Kimberling  
Linda Kimberling  
Keith & Kathy Kresse  
Jim Lane  
Lisa Lind

Gene Melton  
Charles Niemann  
Ingrid Niemann  
Julie Patterson  
Helen Pragman  
Diane Reams  
Sandy Robinson  
Loren Saathoff  
Pat Shank  
Ellie Torres  
Rose Marie Unrein  
Joan Wilken  
Clarion Winzenburg  
Bob Worthley

Jim Ziehl



# SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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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

# SOCIAL MINISTRY CORNER

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

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

**November, 2020** (number of needs calls):

Electric - 2

Rent - 1

Gasoline - 2

Water - 1

Outreach - 1

**Total Assistance from Kent to our Community: \$762.12**

*We Share Jesus with All!*

**Social Ministries** wishes all a Happy New Year!

Thanks to all that have contributed with both volunteer time and financially. The year 2020 was challenging for many. Here is a brief summary of how Kent was able to assist those in need: over \$7000 was giving in assistance to 60 plus families with a variety of needs. Social Ministries partners with other churches, Ministerial Alliance and other agencies to combine efforts to maximize assistance. A detailed breakdown of yearly efforts will be published in the 2020 annual report.

The donations to the Blue Box helped to feed approximately 400 families, thanks for your continued generosity.

If you have a little time and would like to join Social Ministries committee please contact one of the committee members. Continue to give God thanks and bless all of us.