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What REALLY matters

*And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;
and the greatest of these is love. 1 Cor. 13:13*

Rich was a hard charging young technology whiz. In his late 30's he was a partner in a growing business that he was determined to make not only thrive but excel. Sixty, seventy and even eighty hour weeks were common for him and indeed much of his time away from the business was still devoted to work whether that was working at home or entertaining clients, Rich was always working.

Rich also had two young boys and admirably he devoted what time was left in his day to them and his wife. Rich was a good husband and father, but he was also driven to succeed.

I took Rich's sons fishing one Saturday morning. He had said that he was coming too, but everyone, Rich, his wife, and the boys knew that wasn't really going to happen, and sure enough when I rolled up at O dark-thirty, he packed the boys in the pickup and said that he had a problem at work that he had to go deal with. And then he told me, "I don't know how you do it? How can you just sit on the side of lake and wait for a fish to bite a worm? I would feel so unproductive."

I bet you can guess where Rich's story goes from here. Just a few months after this he developed a stress related illness that laid him up for weeks and his doctors insisted that he cut back on his workload before what was just an annoyance became something fatal.

His boys started taking him fishing, and teaching him about what really mattered.

One of the things that I hope comes out of the pandemic and all of the turmoil it has created for our world, is a sense of clarity about what really matters. After a year of not being able to do so many things it became obvious to me which things I valued, and what things I didn't care about so much as I thought. I really need to be with people, to see them smile, to hear them sing, to shake their hands. I don't need unnecessary meetings. I need friends and family and a church family. I can do without a whole bunch of the material things that I couldn't use when we were all locked in.

What about you? Did you find that this time helped you see what things really mattered to you and what things weren't as important as you once thought?

Our faith provides some insight to this of course. What really matters? Well, what God has done for us in Jesus is what really matters. Beyond everything else, it is God's decision to forgive us, save us and give us eternal life that matters. And because of that, as Paul wrote to the Church in Corinth, it is faith, hope and love that matter. Oh yes, all of the other things are important. Our lives and especially our lives as Christians are filled with important and valuable expectations, responsibilities and missions, but ultimately, it is faith, hope and especially love that matter.

And that has been my experience with the pandemic. It has been faith and hope and love that have REALLY mattered. It has been God. It has been one another. It has been loving both. It is these I think the pandemic has taught me really matter.

Have a blessed month,
God Bless You All,
Pastor Ed

P.S. VBS is coming, and there is nothing that is more about faith, hope and love than VBS!

2021 CENTRAL STATES SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT Bob & Karole Karls, Congregation Representative

The 2021 Synod Assembly was held online via Zoom on June 4-5, with the theme being "United in Christ in Baptism; One Body - Many Members."

Friday evening opened with worship and Keynote Speaker Ms. Judith Roberts. She is the Senior Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at the ELCA.

Saturday's session began with morning prayer and the Report from the Bishop to the Synod, Bishop Susan Candea. The remainder of the morning was filled with nominations, constitutional amendments, the budget report, and resolutions.

After lunch break, election results were given, followed by a presentation on Disaster Relief, and on the Bethany Home.

The Assembly closed with the Sending Worship.

The virtual assembly seemed to work, but was cumbersome at times as things moved from one presentation to another. The content was interesting but missing personal interaction took away some of the intent and fun of the event. Christ was definitely present as we gathered from afar.

JULY SCRIPTURE LESSONS

July 4 ~ 6th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading..... Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm Psalm 123
Second Reading.....2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Gospel Reading Mark 6:1-13

July 11 ~ 7th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading..... Amos 7:7-15
Psalm Psalm 85:8-13
Second Reading..... Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel Reading Mark 6:14-29

July 18 ~ 8th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading..... Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm Psalm 23
Second Reading..... Ephesians 2:11-22
Gospel Reading Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 25 ~ 9th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading..... 2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm Psalm 145:10-18
Second Reading..... Ephesians 3:14-21
Gospel Reading John 6:1-21

GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR JULY

07/04 Rosie Keeney, Gerry Williams
07/11 Bill Work, Bob Karls
07/18 Curt Reams Diane Reams Gail Kruse
07/25 Wendy Blomberg, Joyce Wanamaker

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE MONDAY, JULY 19, 2021

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

CHURCH COUNCIL

In Attendance- Bill Work, Al Mohling, Pastor Ed, Karen Stanze, Carol Hansen, Katherine Lacroix, Bob Harger, Gail Kruse, Wendy Blomberg, Sheryl Boos, Michael Wagner and Bob Karls

Absent- Barb Yount and Kathy Fair

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

Dwelling in the Word: Sheryl Boos opened with devotion.

Minutes- A motion to approve the May Council meeting minutes was made by Michael Wagner, seconded by Wendy Blomberg, all approved.

Treasures Report- Gail Kruse reported

Pastor's Report- Pastor Ed reported he has conducted ten worship services, four home visits, five shut in visits and four counseling visits. He has attended four men's bible study classes and two women's bible study classes. Pastor reminds us that we need to commend one another and continue to encourage and support one another as we make our way back to something that more resembles a normal world.

Committee Reports- Christian education reported signup sheets for Vacation Bible School are available for both volunteers and children.

-Evangelism reported they will serve root beer floats for Father's day. They have distributed flyers and business cards to area chamber and resorts, etc. They are also planning a trip to Branson in the fall. -Budget & Finance reported giving remains behind and budget in on track. The committee wants to assure members there are funds available for special projects or purchases through Thrivent Choice, property and memorials. -Long Range Planning shared Thank you notes from scholarship recipient's Reily Dilks and Clayton Cowan. -Stewardship reported they will hold a temple talk. -Property reported Lakewood Security has installed the fifth monitoring camera in the gathering area/Sanctuary. Mowing and weed killing is being kept up by many. Thanks to all those that volunteer. -Social Ministry reported they will host BINGO September 10th. -Worship & Music reported the Hand Bells has been shipped off for maintenance. Cruise Worship dates are July 21st, August 18th, and September 15th. Plans are underway for a 4th of July service at 7:30 followed by a light meal of hot dogs, chips and homemade ice cream before the Bear Bottom fireworks display. -Katherine Lacroix will check with WELCA to see if they would like to have a "representative" with council.

Old Business- Bob Karls will prepare a report on the Central States Synod Assembly. Al Mohling made a motion to send \$250.00 to Synod on behalf of Kent Memorial. Bob Karls seconded the motion and all approved. -AV Tech Ad Hoc tabled.

New Business- Columbarium update- Bill Work will contact Don Peterson to review what he knows about the Columbarium Regulations. Pastor will talk with the company that installed the columbarium and Gail will check the safe deposit box for any documentation. He has found some issues that will need to be addressed however there may be more documents that have not been reviewed. Al Mohling and Bill Work agreed to work with Pastor to find any remaining documents.

Correspondence- Thank you notes from Once We Were Refugees for \$500.00 donation and \$125.00 donation.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: July 20, 2021

Devotion- Wendy Blomberg

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hansen
Recording Secretary

WORSHIP, FOOD & FIREWORKS

Join us Fourth of July evening for a fun worship experience in the Ireland Outdoor Chapel followed by hotdogs, maybe even a campfire at the parsonage, and of course the fireworks display over The Lake.



There will be a taxi (a golf cart) to ferry people from the parking lot down to the worship area and the patio at the parsonage, we will have the youth room open so that there will be air conditioned space available for eating for any who would like that.

We will have hotdogs, chips and drinks. If you would like to bring other things feel free! There is a signup sheet in the fellowship hall so that we can keep track of what one another might bring. Bring your family if they are here. Bring your neighbors if you want. It is going to be a wonderful time!

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS

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

As we celebrate our Nation's independence this month it's a good time to think about how we are and can be good stewards to this country that has been the most prosperous yet generous and caring nation in human history.

How do we do this? It's pretty simple. We do it all the time. Jesus said in Matthew 22:21 "then give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." We pay our taxes, local, state and federal. We exercise our right and vote, in local jurisdictions, city, county, state and federal elections. And we pray for and care for our fellow citizens.

We don't normally think of these things as it relates to Stewardship, but they sure qualify. So let's strive to be good citizens and thus we are good Stewards!

God Bless the U.S.A.

Peace and Blessings!

Michael Wagner



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



CAMPING WITH JESUS

JULY 15 & 16, 2021

9AM-NOON

Invite your children and grandchildren and the neighbor kids for VBS at Kent Memorial!

It will be an awesome time with fun and games and the love of God!

Do you want to help? Contact Gail Kruse and Carol Hansen.



SUMMER CRUISE WORSHIP

July 21, 2018, M.M. 1, Gravois Arms
at Blue Anchor Condominiums
4:00 p.m.



Join us July 21 for our July Cruise Worship. We will gather at Blue Anchor Condominiums (at the end of O Road, outside Laurie) at 4:00 p.m. to get on the boats, raft up and worship together. Then we will venture to a restaurant for dinner.

The sign-up sheet will be in the fellowship hall on July 11 & 18. If you have a boat, let us know if you're able to take on a few passengers. If you don't have a boat, we'll match you up with someone who has extra seats.

Mark the date in your calendar and watch the bulletin for more information.

Additional Cruise Worship dates are August 18 (Captain Ron's) and September 15 (Lake House 13).

For questions, see Jerry & Kandy Husbands or Gary & Carolyn Wiles.

JULY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>4</p> <p>8am Worship (outdoors) - Communion</p> <p>9am Fellowship</p> <p>10am Worship (inside, live-stream, Communion)</p> <p>7:30pm Worship & Fireworks</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30am Evangelism</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>9am Wo</p>
<p>11</p> <p>8am Worship (outdoors)</p> <p>9am Fellowship & WELCA Bake Sale</p> <p>10am Worship (inside, live-stream, Communion)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00am Social Ministry</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Community for Christ</p>	<p>9am Wo</p> <p>10am Wors</p>
<p>18</p> <p>8am Worship (outdoors) - Communion</p> <p>9am Fellowship & Communion Training</p> <p>10am Worship (inside, live-stream, Communion)</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6pm Church Council</p>	<p>9am Wo</p> <p>4pm Cr (Blue An C</p>
<p>25</p> <p>8am Worship (outdoors)</p> <p>9am Fellowship</p> <p>10am Worship (inside, live-stream, Communion)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>9am Wo</p>

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 10am Men's Devotions	2	3
7 Women's Bible Study	8 10am Men's Devotion 10am Worship & Music	9	10
14 Women's Bible Study Worship & Music	15 9am VBS 10am Men's Devotion Community for Christ	16 9am VBS	17 Community for Christ
21 Women's Bible Study Cruise Worship Anchor Condos, (O Rd, Laurie)	22 10am Men's Devotion	23	24
28 Women's Bible Study	29 10am Men's Devotion	30	31

FINANCE CORNER

<u>INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>
Offerings and Income-Month	\$ 17,217	\$ 12,197	\$ 11,211
Pass-Through Income-Month	<u>\$ 25</u>	<u>\$ 422</u>	<u>\$ 1,399</u>
TOTAL INCOME-MONTH	\$ 17,242	\$ 12,619	\$ 12,610
Actual Expenses-Month	\$ 13,002	\$ 17,003	\$ 20,962
Pass-Through Expenses-Month	<u>\$ 25</u>	<u>\$ 422</u>	<u>\$ 1,624</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES-MONTH	\$ 13,027	\$ 17,425	\$ 22,586
TOTAL OVERALL-MONTH	\$ 4,216	\$ (4,806)	\$ (9,976)
Monthly Budget-Expenses	\$ 17,807	\$ 17,807	\$ 17,807
Offerings and Income-Y-T-D	\$ 77,541	\$ 60,324	\$ 48,127
Pass-Through Income-Y-T-D	<u>\$ 2,766</u>	<u>\$ 2,741</u>	<u>\$ 2,319</u>
TOTAL INCOME-Y-T-D	\$ 80,307	\$ 63,065	\$ 50,446
Actual Expenses-Y-T-D	\$ 83,595	\$ 70,593	\$ 53,590
Pass-Through Expenses-Y-T-D	<u>\$ 2,766</u>	<u>\$ 2,741</u>	<u>\$ 2,319</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES-Y-T-D	\$ 86,361	\$ 73,334	\$ 55,909
TOTAL OVERALL-Y-T-D	\$ (6,054)	\$ (10,270)	\$ (5,464)

FINANCIAL NOTES:

- A. **Current Financial Situation** – Kent has made progress since last month on the financial situation but is still \$6054 in the red for 2021. Our expenses are right on budget through May 2021. Even though our giving is similar to past years for January through May, our budgeted expenses are now higher. Please examine if your giving is on track compared to your expectations since our journey started last September with our new pastor.
- 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. **Annual Thrivent Choice Dollar Designation** - Eligible members can recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding by directing Choice Dollars®. Members become eligible for Thrivent Choice based on insurance premiums, contract values, and Thrivent volunteer leadership. Log on now to the Thrivent website to direct your Choice Dollars to Kent Memorial. Log in with your ID and password, and then follow this path:
- What We Offer
 - Generosity
 - Thrivent Choice
 - Direct Choice Dollars
 - Pick/Confirm the Organization
 -
- D. **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. If you have questions about this, please contact Gail Kruse or Al Mohling.

WELCA

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Kent Memorial Lutheran Church June 1, 2021

The June WELCA meeting was called to order by President Karen Ringsdorf, there were 26 members present. Karen thanked Cindy Mohling and Marsha Gust as May hostesses. Linda Williams shared a devotion on "Jesus Honors You".

May Minutes were read; motion to approve minutes with two changes was made by Ingrid Nieman, 2nd Linda Williams, motion carried. Correspondence was read and will be posted on bulletin board. Treasurer Joyce Wanamaker reported the balance 5/31/2021 was \$6,029.79.

The Greater Church: Melba Bangert reported on several things: Virtual Cluster meeting for our region 9/10 & 11, "My Story, Your Story, Our Story"; kids and quilts; getting more information; and Lutheran World Relief; help with Covid vaccinations for 3rd world countries, storing vaccines, etc.

Christian Action: Kathy Fair reported hospital not taking critters yet, Linda Williams still making hats and booties.

Community for Christ: Eldeen Hanke reported they needed cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products.

Laurie Care Center: Katherine Lacroix reported they have a new activities director, she is just getting started; Guild giving \$6,000 to care center.

Senior Center: Jane Maher announced the center has opened up for inside meals. Sign-up sheet going around for our week, 6/7 to 6/11.

Sunshine Lady: Lorraine Boyd only sent one card, "Thinking of You".

Publicity: Karen Stanze reported working on blood drive information.

Care Core: Linda Williams said there were only 2 calls made, no services requested. June Care Core is Barb Yount.

Buddy Pack: Wendy Blomberg said only 3 families asked for help for the summer. Hurricane Deck breakfast went well; she took apples and breakfast bars to South School.

Birthdays: Birthday wishes were sung to Melba Bangert.

Special Events: Karen Ringsdorf thanked all who helped with the Chorale Reception and the Newcomers Luncheon. There are copies of recipes of salads brought for the luncheon available.

Old Business: Rummage sale—no more room in basement, rooms upstairs filling up. If possible please label things so they can be put out in

proper place. If you have something for the boutique, please give to Maryanne or Eldeen, so it can be kept separate. Please do not take things early for yourself. Sale hours Friday 8 to 3, Saturday 8 to 12.

New Business: Suggested division of rummage sale monies: ½ to Kent's General Fund, other ½ divided 3 ways: Community projects (teacher gift cards, Morgan Co back to school fund, School Supplies, Ivy Bend Food bank, etc.), Greater Church, split between Bethany College, Camp Tomah Shinga and Lutheran Disaster Response, and WELCA
Diane Ziehl made motion to accept suggested division, Karen Pragman 2nd, motion carried.

In-house bake sale June 13, sign-up list going around for June 13 and also for July 11 sale.

Melba made motion to send \$200 to Lutheran World Relief for Covid vaccines and pandemic relief, Marsha Gust 2nd, motion carried.

WELCA will be going to Higher Grounds coffee shop in Camdenton June 23, for lunch, and then over to "Pinch of Happiness" afterwards. "Pinch of Happiness" is a nonprofit that helps young children from Camdenton schools with learning disabilities. We will meet at Kent to carpool if wanted, also the old Woods store at 5 & 7 for those coming from that area. Sign-up sheet is going around.

Kathy Fair has started making doll clothes for Hurricane Deck Christmas Store, she needs 18" dolls to go with the clothes. These can be purchased at either Walmart or JoAnn's.

Hostesses for June: Sally Burke and Eldeen Hanke

Announcements: This is Karen Pragman's last meeting, they are moving to Lee's Summit.

No further business. Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Evans, Secretary



JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

07/02 Denise Kralina
07/06 Cindy Curchy
07/11 Joyce Burke
07/15 Mike Ward
07/17 Linda Latham
07/18 Donna Young
07/20 David Jones
Cheryl Vinkavich
07/21 Michael Wagner
07/22 Ruth Osterbur
07/23 Gary Wiles
07/27 Wayne Langton
Bill Whitlow
07/28 Bill Pragman
07/29 Jim Ziehl



ANNIVERSARIES

07/02/1977	Randy & Ruth Osterbur	44 years
07/02/2011	Robert & Barb Gislason	10 years
07/18/1981	Dan & Tracy Garrett	40 years
07/31/1965	Jim & Diane Ziehl	56 years

If your birthday or anniversary isn't listed, please contact the church office so we may include you in our congratulations!

IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING TOUCH

Georgi Anne
Joe Bauer
Pastor Dave Beese
Jack Berg
Marcille Bohling
Delaney Brumm
Shirley Clark
Kelly Covey
Kelsey Erickson
Jerry Green
Shirley Hamm
Bev Hollingsworth
Marianne Howley
Linda Kimberling
Lisa Lind

Ellen Moynihan
The Newtons
Ingrid Niemann
Julie Patterson
Diane Reams
Sandy Robinson
Loren Saathoff
Pat Shank
Ellie Torres
Rose Marie Unrein
Brian Urbano
Joan Wilken
Larry Wilson

Judy Winter
Clarion Winzenburg
Bob Worthley



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
Matt Lee
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.

May, 2021 (number of needs calls):

Electric - 4

Rent - 2

Gas - 1

CFC - 2 Quarters

Once We Were Refugees - Annual Donation

Total Assistance to our Community this month: \$1,856.01

We Share Jesus with All!

SOCIAL MINISTRIES NEWS

Kent congregation, our help is needed at Community for Christ! The week that our church has pledged to help those in need is coming — Tuesday July 13, Thursday July 15, and Saturday July 17. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall.

The store is featuring clothing for spring and summer. You may find something to add to your wardrobe! Don't forget jewelry. Please sign up to help those in our community.

Thanks to all that have helped, thanks to all that will sign up for this next opportunity. If you have questions, ask Jim Mellody or Chuck Wanamaker or the many that have volunteered. Always a great time to spend in fellowship with friends.

BLUE BOX NEEDS FOR JUNE—Our monthly goal is 200 items
Paper goods—toilet paper, paper towels & Kleenex or Puffs tissues
Shampoo & deodorant for men & women
Children's shampoo
Canned fruit in lite syrup

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

SEPTEMBER 13th to 18th

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner will be a bit different this year: the hosts and guests get to choose a date during the week—dinner or lunch—that suits all best.

Join your Kent friends, both new and "old" for a fun evening--or day--to socialize in a home and enjoy a meal together.

Watch the bulletin for more information.

KENT MEMORIAL



FESTIVAL OF SHARING DENTAL KITS

Throughout the month of July, we ask you to consider aiding the Missouri Festival of Sharing with monetary donations to purchase dental kits for those in need.

Envelopes marked FESTIVAL OF SHARING DENTAL KITS will be on the table in the entryway. There will also be a basket for returned envelopes. Deadline for donations is July 25.

If you have questions, contact Sharon Ballard.

WELCA's ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE August 6 & 7

Our Annual Rummage Sale is Friday, August 6 (8am-3pm) and Saturday, August 7 (8am-noon). We are ready to have your treasures brought in. The first room is already full and the second room almost is full! We will start on the far left room (the Puzzle Room) next.

More important.....we need help! On Tuesday the 3rd we will bring stuff up from the basement. (Scouts should be here.) We'll need men on Wednesday the 4th to set up tables and empty the rooms. On Thursday the 5th we will sort and price, and of course we need workers for Friday and Saturday. Don't forget we also have to take everything down and box it up.

As you can see there is plenty to do. Please consider helping out.

There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board. We need everyone to help to make this a success.

Thank you! Wendy & Eldeen

