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~ The Reverend Edward L. Foster, Pastor ~

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FROM THE PASTOR

Asking the right question:
Does this love my neighbor.

In 1527 the plague struck northern Germany, arriving in Wittenberg around the end of July. The situation so concerned Elector John of Saxony that on 10 August he ordered Martin Luther and his family to leave the city. Luther refused, convinced that it was his duty and his calling to care for the sick, and to bring the comfort of God to those who were suffering, dying, and grieving.

I have heard many people say that we are living in unprecedented times, and to be sure, this is the first time that any of us have had to deal with plague and pestilence. But it is surely not the first time the world, or the Church has faced a pandemic, nor the first time (even in many of our lifetimes) that the world and the people of God have faced crisis. Fear, anger, violence, division and death have all too often been the canvas on which God's people have lived out our faith. One might, then, rightfully ask if there is anything we can learn from those previous crises of both life and faith, or if we must make it all up as we go. I am convinced we have a few lessons we can learn.

The plague was horrific. It caused an ugly and painful death, was incredibly contagious, and by some estimates wiped out 60% of Europe as it ravaged the land. To make things worse, people didn't really know how it was spread or how best to protect themselves from it. It was truly terrifying.

A pastor friend of Luther's wrote and asked him if it was acceptable to flee from the plague. (***Whether One May Flee from a Deadly Plague*** (1527)(LW 43: 119-138)) Luther wrote back to him, and had the letter published as a pamphlet so that others could read his thoughts on the subject. It is a fascinating letter, much of which sounds eerily familiar today. On the one hand it expresses a profound faith in God and God's care and on the other hand it shows the wisdom of not giving a simple answer to a complex question for which there is no simple answer. Instead, and I am paraphrasing here, Luther insists that we ask the right question: Does this do love to my neighbor? If no one needs your help, if all of your responsibilities to your neighbor are fulfilled, not only can you, but you should head out for safer places. And indeed, to the best of your ability you should protect yourself from the disease and not be foolhardy or tempting of fate and God by putting yourself in unnecessary danger. But first of all, you should love your neighbor as yourself, you should love your neighbor as God in Christ has loved you. Luther doesn't presume to judge how others answer the question in their own circumstance, but points their conscience and their faith towards God and their neighbor.

As we head into a second fall with the Corona Virus killing people and disrupting our world, hoping and praying that we are seeing an end to our pandemic, I would agree with Luther, with Jesus and with all of those who have struggled in the midst of the crisis that people of faith have faced through out history. Let's ask the right question first, does this love my neighbor.

There will be disagreement, as we have seen aplenty, about how we best love one another. The science and evidence will change, the implications and our understanding of the consequences of different actions and responses will change and will grow, the needs of our neighbors will change. The answers will not be easy either to get right, or to actually do. But we are still left to ask that most important question. Does this love my neighbor?

I have said all of this before, mostly at the beginning of the pandemic, but I think now as it continues to affect our lives a year later and as we have grown weary of the pandemic, the reactions to the pandemic, and all of the fighting the pandemic has caused, I think that I and maybe all of us need to be reminded, that what really matters, what is most important is that we love one another. That we take care of one another. Look out for one another. Yes indeed, forgive one another. What is most important is that we live out the faith that has been commended to us, loving God, and loving our neighbor.

There are lots of other questions that we have and can ask about the crisis we are now living in, other people can and will expound upon them, I am sure, but I think I will stand with Luther on this one, how should we respond, what should we do? We should ask the right question. Does this love my neighbor?

May God bless us all, bringing a speedy end to this pandemic and these days of struggle, closing the gaps that have risen between us, and opening out eyes to the goodness that God continues to give us everyday.

Have a wonderful and blessed September,
Pastor Ed

SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURE LESSONS

September 5 ~ 15th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm Psalm 146
Second ReadingJames 2:1-17
Gospel Reading Mark 7:24-37

September 12 ~ 16th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm Psalm 116:1-9
Second ReadingJames 3:1-12
Gospel Reading Mark 8:27-38

September 19 ~ 17th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading..... Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalm Psalm 54
Second Reading James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a
Gospel Reading Mark 9:30-37

September 26 ~ 18th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading..... Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
Psalm Psalm 19:7-14
Second Reading James 5:13-20
Gospel Reading Mark 9:38-50

GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR SEPTEMBER

09/05 Toni Wagner, Michael Wagner, Kat Lacroix
09/12 tbd, Carol Hansen
09/19 Rosie Keeney, Gerry Williams
09/26 Bill Work, Bob Karls

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

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

CHURCH COUNCIL

Unapproved Minutes August 17, 2021

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

Absent- Katherine Lacroix

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

Dwelling in the Word: Bill Work opened with devotion.

Minutes- A motion to approve the July Council meeting minutes was made by Al Mohling, seconded by Wendy Blomberg, all approved.

Treasurers Report- Gail Kruse reported.

Pastor's Report- Pastor Ed reported he has conducted six worship services, one Wednesday service, and the 4th of July service. He has had three home visits, three shut-in visits, three hospital visits, and one counseling visit. Pastor thanks everyone for the opportunity to visit his family in Colorado. Sam will be going back to college the 20th. After they have a chance to put everything back in order they will be welcoming visitors!

Committee Reports- Evangelism reported they will be delivering cookies to the hospital September 10th and the Fire and Police on the 11th. September 12 will be "God's Work Our Hands", sign-ups will be available for stage cleaning at the for the City of Laurie, CFC power washing, Hurricane Deck school stuffing binders, and church stuffing trimming and stuffing animals. Guess Who's coming to Dinner on September 17th & 18th. They are planning a Branson trip to see "Jesus" in October. - Budget & Finance reported they will be revising the counter schedule due to open positions. They are also working on the 2022 budget. - Stewardship reported they will focus on "God's Work Our Hands" showing how we do stewardship every day. -Property reported Tom's Heating and Cooling have installed the new AC unit has been installed. Thanks to all the volunteers! -Social Ministry reported they will host BIN-GO September 10th. Tickets are on sale now. Silent auction items will be available for bidding starting September 2nd. Proceeds will be split between CADV, Lighthouse Mission and Medical Mission for Christ. - WELCA reported they made \$8,000.00 from the rummage sale donated \$3,278.78 to the general fund. -Worship and Music- Next Cruise Worship September 15th.

Old Business- Pastor Ed put together a job description for the Columbarium management committee and has submitted it for review to Dan Garrett. Pastor has received a request from Bishop Candea that we re-

turn to wearing a mask due to rising COVID numbers. Pastor stated he has already let it be known that he will wear a mask where it is appropriate and invites the congregation to wear masks, but masks will not be required at this time.

New Business- Council members Bob Karls, Katherine Lacroix, Al Mohling and Carol Hansen have terms that end December 2021. If interested in being on Council contact a council member or Tracy in the office.

Correspondence- None

Motion to adjourn was made by Wendy Blomberg, seconded by Sheryl Boos, all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: September 21, 2021

Devotion- Bob Karls

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hansen
Recording Secretary

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS

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

Sometimes Stewardship is hard, it can be a real sacrifice. Can I spare those few extra dollars? With my busy schedule, do I really have the time to volunteer?

But can Stewardship actually be Fun and Rewarding? Yes, it can!!! September gives us several opportunities for us to demonstrate our thanks and praise to God through our Stewardship in fun and rewarding ways. Here are a couple of examples.

September 10th is Bingo night, the annual Social Ministry "Fun"draiser. This not only allows us to enjoy each other's company and good food, but raises funds so that we can help others in our community.

September 12th is "God's Work Our Hands." Through this annual day of service, we again demonstrate our good Stewardship. This year we have the opportunity to help Community for Christ, The City of Laurie, Hurricane Deck School, Laurie Care Center among others. These tasks give us satisfaction that we are helping and caring for our fellow citizens.

Proverbs encourages us this way, 3:7 "Do not withhold good from those who need it, when you have the ability to help." And 19:17 "The one who is gracious to the poor lends to the Lord, and the Lord will repay him for his good deed."

We don't typically think about Stewardship when we are participating in these activities, but at Kent we do many things that demonstrate our good Stewardship and thus help us to live out our motto to "Share Jesus with All!"

Other verses to ponder: John 13:34-35

Peace and Blessings!
Michael Wagner

FINAL SUMMER CRUISE WORSHIP

September 15, 2020

Lake House 13 Restaurant

M.M. 13, Main Channel

4:00 p.m.

Join us August 18 for next Cruise Worship. We will gather at Lake House 13 (98 Oasis Circle, Sunrise Beach) at 4:00 p.m. to get on the boats, raft up and worship together. Then we will return to the restaurant for dinner.

The sign-up sheet will be in the fellowship hall. 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.

For questions about the September Cruise Worship, see Ruth & Randy Osterbur or Bob & Karole Karls.



THANK YOU

On August 10, the heavens received another angel home—my loving, caring, and awesome niece, Lisa Lind lost her battle with brain cancer.

Ray and I would like to thank everyone in our Kent community and beyond for all the prayers and love we and her family have received these past 10 months. All of your daily support makes this almost bearable.

Thanks again Pastor Ed and Kent Memorial family.

Blessings of love and peace,
Ray and Katherine Lacroix

Thank you for our wonderful 50th anniversary celebration. The delicious cake, lovely cards and warm wishes were very special to us. We feel blessed!

Karen & Tom Ringsdorf

SEPTEMBER 2021

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| | | | 8am Minister 9am Worship 9am <input type="text"/> |
| 5 8am Worship (outdoors) 9am Fellowship 10am Worship (inside, livestream) - Communion | LABOR DAY 6 Office Closed | 7 9:30am Altar Guild 11am WELCA Meeting | 9am Worship 5:30pm Church |
| GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. 12 8am Worship (outdoors) - Communion 9am Fellowship 10am Worship (inside, livestream) - Communion 11am GWOH Activities | 13 9am Social Ministry | 14 9am Mutual Ministry | 9am Worship 11am New 4pm Church |
| 19 8am Worship (outdoors) 9am Fellowship 10am Worship (inside, livestream) - Communion | 20 6pm Chorale Rehearsal | 21 6pm Church Council Community for Christ | 9am Worship |
| 26 8am Worship (outdoors) - Communion 9am Fellowship 10am Worship (inside, livestream) - Communion | 27 | 28 | 9am Worship |

| WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Asterial Alliance Women's Bible Study 10am Evangelism | 2 10am Men's Devotion 6pm Jazz Band Reh. | 3 | 4 |
| WESTSIDE SENIOR CENTER | | | |
| 8 Women's Bible Study Choir Rehearsal | 9 10am Men's Devotion 11:30am Worship & Music | 10 5:30pm BINGO! Social Ministry Community Fundraiser | 11 GWOH Cookie Distribution |
| 15 Women's Bible Study Newcomers Lunch Meeting Cruise Worship | 16 10am Men's Devotion 4pm Finance Comm. 6pm Jazz Band Reh. | GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER | |
| 22 Women's Bible Study | 23 10am Men's Devotion Community for Christ | 24 | 25 Community for Christ |
| 29 Women's Bible Study | 30 10am Men's Devotion | 1 | 2 |

FINANCE CORNER

| <u>INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT</u> | <u>JULY</u> | <u>JUNE</u> | <u>MAY</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | <u>2021</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2021</u> |
| Offerings and Income-Month | \$ 22,538 | \$ 14,982 | \$ 17,217 |
| Pass-Through Income-Month | <u>\$ 595</u> | <u>\$ 319</u> | <u>\$ 25</u> |
| TOTAL INCOME-MONTH | \$ 23,133 | \$ 15,301 | \$ 17,242 |
| Actual Expenses-Month | \$ 18,016 | \$ 17,817 | \$ 13,002 |
| Pass-Through Expenses-Month | <u>\$ 597</u> | <u>\$ 319</u> | <u>\$ 25</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES-MONTH | \$ 18,613 | \$ 18,136 | \$ 13,027 |
| TOTAL OVERALL-MONTH | \$ 4,520 | \$ (2,835) | \$ 4,216 |
| Monthly Budget-Expenses | \$ 17,807 | \$ 17,807 | \$ 17,807 |
| Offerings and Income-Y-T-D | \$ 115,060 | \$ 92,523 | \$ 77,541 |
| Pass-Through Income-Y-T-D | <u>\$ 3,680</u> | <u>\$ 3,085</u> | <u>\$ 2,766</u> |
| TOTAL INCOME-Y-T-D | \$ 118,740 | \$ 95,608 | \$ 80,307 |
| Actual Expenses-Y-T-D | \$ 119,428 | \$ 101,412 | \$ 83,595 |
| Pass-Through Expenses-Y-T-D | <u>\$ 3,682</u> | <u>\$ 3,085</u> | <u>\$ 2,766</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES-Y-T-D | \$ 123,110 | \$ 104,497 | \$ 86,361 |
| TOTAL OVERALL-Y-T-D | \$ (4,369) | \$ (8,889) | \$ (6,054) |

FINANCIAL NOTES:

- A. Current Financial Situation** – Kent’s financial situation has improved slightly since last month although we are still \$4,369 in the red for 2021. Our expenses are right on budget through July 2021. Even though our giving is similar to past years for January through July, 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: 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 August 10, 2021

The August WELCA meeting was called to order by President Karen Ringsdorf; there were 19 members present. Karen thanked Joyce Burke and Ruth Osterbur as August hostesses. Melba Bangert presented devotion from Pastor Kim Zeller, "Abundant Love."

July Minutes were read by Mary Evans; motion to approve minutes was made by Jane Maher, second Linda Kimberling, motion carried. Correspondence was read and will be posted on bulletin board. Treasurer Joyce Wanamaker reported treasury balance as of 7/31/2021 was \$5,341.33

The Greater Church: Melba Bangert reported Central States WELCA Convention will be 9/10 and 11 via zoom. If you would like more information on the Convention, please contact Melba. Lutheran World Relief Ingathering is 9/10 and 11 in Columbia and Cluster Meeting will be in Russellville this year. Kent will be doing the closing prayer this year.

Christian Action: Kathy Fair reported hospital has enough hats and booties for a year.

Community for Christ: Eldeen Hanke reported closed until August 17th which is Kent's week. Signup sheet on board.

Senior Center: Jane Maher announced our week at the center is August 30 to September 3.

Sunshine Lady: Lorraine Boyd sent 4 get well cards.

Publicity: Karen Stanze reported she is getting pictures of rummage sale ready for the bulletin board.

Care Core: Eldeen Hanke reported she made several calls but had no requests. Care Core for August is Sheryl Boos.

Box Tops/Buddy Pack: Wendy Blomberg reported 2 box tops; also 2 families picked up buddy packs.

Treats for Schools: List going around for next year.

Birthdays: Birthday wishes were sung to Sharon Ballard, Karen Stanze and Kathy Fair.

Special Events: Wendy Blomberg reported the rummage sale was a success and brought in \$8,051.67. Shirley's Boutique brought in \$1,494.11 of this amount. Money divided as followed:

Boutique money goes to WELCA \$1,494.11

Balance \$6,557.56:

½ goes to Kent General fund \$3,278.78

½ divided 3 ways (\$1,092.93 each):

- 1/3 Greater church (\$364.30 each) Bethany College, Camp Tomah Shinga and Lutheran Disaster Response
- 1/3 to Community Projects: Teacher Gift Cards (\$25 each), Morgan County Back to School Fund (School Supplies), Ivy Bend Food Pantry
- 1/3 WELCA

Wendy thanked everyone for their help. Jane Maher was announced as the rummage sale Queen for all her work.

In-house bake sale August 15th Joyce Wanamaker and Cindy Mohling will set-up and take care of sale.

Eldeen Hanke announced Newcomers Luncheon will be 9/15. It will be a salad and dessert luncheon. Signup sheets will be on bulletin board soon.

New Business: Melba Bangert made motion to send \$100 Love gift to Central States WELCA Convention, second Pat Poretta, motion carried. Melba made motion to send \$100 to Lutheran World Relief kits and quilts for shipping, second Joyce Wanamaker, motion carried.

Hostesses for September: Sharon Ballard and Carolyn Wiles

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

Respectfully submitted, Mary Evans, Secretary



BOX TOPS & LABELS & POP TOP RINGS

Don't care what brand you buy? Then SAVE-A-LABEL!

By redeeming the Box Tops & Labels, we help our partner schools, Hurricane Deck Elementary & South Elementary, to purchase things like library books and playground/sports equipment.

The Save-A-Label™ program helps non-profit organizations and schools easily raise money. More than 8,900 non-profit groups have utilized the program. These groups earn \$0.3 for each UPC symbol redeemed from the Best Choice® family of brands. Not only are participants supporting the organizations they love, but they are also supporting their communities by shopping at their local independent grocers!



Those Best Choice UPC codes, Box Tops for Education, & pop top rings are important to the kids. (The labels must show the bar code.) For every 1000 labels, WELCA gets \$30 for community projects!

Don't forget to Save-a-Label!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

09/04 Shirley Hamm
Vince Yount
09/07 Maxine Williams
09/09 Cindy Mohling
09/12 Lorraine Boyd **
09/13 Jane Kornfeind
09/14 Bill Hebrank
09/18 Joe Poretta
09/19 Tracy Garrett
09/21 Tiana Enriquez
09/29 Warren Neighbour
09/30 Kandy Husbands



ANNIVERSARIES

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| 09/01/1973 | Lynn & Joyce Burke | 48 years |
| 09/05/1965 | Curtis & Diane Reams | 56 years |
| 09/09/1961 | Phil & Melba Bangert | 60 years |
| 09/12/1953 | Claude & Janet Page | 68 years |
| 09/15/2008 | Don Tyler & Dorothy Englestad | 13 years |
| 09/17/1994 | Bill & Vanessa Hebrank | 27 years |
| 09/17/2005 | Andrew & Janay Renken | 16 years |
| 09/21/1996 | Don & Teri Stout | 25 years |
| 09/26/1992 | Linda & Allen Kimberling | 29 years |
| 09/27/2008 | Paul & Bibi Tauscher | 13 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
Jania Bauer
Marcille Bohling
Brumm Family
Shirley Clark
Kelly Covey
Kelsey Erickson
Jerry Green
Shirley Hamm
Linda Harris
Marianne Howley
Linda Kimberling

Lisa Lind
The Newtons
Ingrid Niemann
Mike Page
Julie Patterson
Diane Reams
Sandy Robinson
Loren Saathoff
Pat Shank
The Smiths
Ellie Torres

Ted Turner
Brian Urbano
Cindy Wilde
Joan Wilken
Judy Winter
Clarion Winzenburg



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.

July, 2021 (number of needs calls):

Rent - 1

Lodging - 1

Total Assistance to our Community this month: \$230.00

We Share Jesus with All!

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

SEPTEMBER 17th & 18th

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

Sign up in the fellowship hall!

SOCIAL MINISTRY'S
“FOR THE COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER”
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 10th, 6:00 p.m.
\$10.00 per person

We are asking Kent people to:

- ◆ Buy a ticket for \$10
- ◆ Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share -
- ◆ Sign up to donate a new or “like new” item-bakery items—perform a service for someone-host a dinner, etc.
- ◆ Have a fun time with your church partners while helping others

To Provide Items for the Silent Auction:

- ◆ Add your name and item on our sign-up sheet
- ◆ Take a bid form from the basket and complete it, listing your item and, if you want, a suggested starting price.
- ◆ Take your items to the Faith Room between August 10 and Sept. 1.
- ◆ Donating baked goods? Just complete a bid sheet for your bakery items and leave it in the Faith Room. We will put the bid sheet with your goodies the night of the event.

Tickets will be available each Sunday beginning August 15th. Sign up as a table of eight or individually and we'll match you to a table.

The plan is to mingle, eat, play bingo, and bid on Auction Items. Our main goal, of course, is to raise money to help the people in the community through out the year.

Questions? See Judy Ward or Sharon Ballard, or any Social Ministry Committee member.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES NEWS

BLUE BOX NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER—