

**2021 ANNUAL REPORT**  
**KENT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**SUNRISE BEACH, MO 65079**

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**KENT MEMORIAL STAFF**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>
The Rev. Edward L. Foster	Pastor
Tracy Garrett	Office Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Website
Joyce Wanamaker, Margo Strothmann, Vanessa Hebrank	Organists/Pianists
Tracy Garrett	Director of Vocal Choir, Coordinator of Worship & Artistic Ministries
Katie Heaford	Director of Handbell Choir
Gail Kruse	Custodian
Linda Williams	Prayer Chain
Sheryl Boos	Phone Tree
Dan Garrett (coordinator), Gail Kruse, Al Mohling, Michael Wagner, Mike Ward	Sound & Zoom Technicians
MSW Interactive Designs	Webmaster

**CHURCH COUNCIL****2022**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Committee Assignment</u></b>	<b><u>Term Exp.</u></b>
Kathy Fair	President, Mutual Ministry	12/2022
Bob Harger	Christian Education	12/2022
Karen Stanze	Social Ministry	12/2022
Michael Wagner	Stewardship	12/2022
Wendy Blomberg	Evangelism	12/2023
Sheryl Boos	Social Ministry	12/2023
Barbara Yount	Worship & Music	12/2023
Bob Karls	Vice President, Property	12/2024
Carol Hansen	Recording Secretary, Christian Education	12/2024
Katherine Lacroix	Long Range Planning	12/2024
Al Mohling	Finance	12/2024

**COUNCIL-APPOINTED POSITIONS**

Gail Kruse	Church Treasurer
Jane Maher	Financial Secretary

**2022 COMMITTEES**

(The Pastor & Council President are Ex Officio Members of all committees)

ALTAR GUILD

Melba Bangert  
 Sheryl Boos  
 Mary Foster  
 Katie Heaford  
 Kandy Husbands  
 Karole Karls  
 Ingrid Niemann  
 Ruth Osterbur  
 Judy Ward  
 Joy Whitlow  
 Joan Wilken  
 Linda Williams  
 Diane Ziehl

Chair

AUDIT COMMITTEE

David Curchy  
 Marsha Gust  
 Toni Wagner

Chair

BUDGET & FINANCE

Bob Karls  
 Gail Kruse, Treasurer  
 Katherine Lacroix  
 Jane Maher, Financial Secretary  
 Al Mohling

Council  
  
Chair

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Carol Hansen  
 Bob Harger  
 Gail Kruse

Council

EVANGELISM

Wendy Blomberg  
 Jan Gauck  
 Marsha Gust  
 Eldeen Hanke  
 Cindy Mohling  
 Ruth Osterbur  
 Karen Ringsdorf

Co-Chair, Council  
Co-Chair, Secretary

LONG-RANGE PLANNING/SCHOLARSHIP

Bill Gust  
 Marsha Gust  
 Katherine Lacroix  
 Randy Osterbur

Chair, Council

MUTUAL MINISTRY (Appointed by)

Kathy Fair (Council)  
 Jim Melody (Council)  
 Gerry Williams (Council)  
 Wendy Blomberg (Pastor)  
 Cindy Mohling (Pastor)  
 Mike Ward (Pastor)

Council  
  
Chair

PROPERTY

Bob Ballard  
 Lynn Burke  
 Bob Karls  
 Raymond Lacroix  
 Randy Osterbur  
 Curtis Reams  
 Tom Ringsdorf  
 Chuck Wanamaker  
 Gerry Williams

Chair  
Council

STEWARDSHIP

Michael Wagner

Council

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Melba Bangert  
 Sheryl Boos  
 Sharon Ballard  
 Mary Evans  
 Jan Gauck  
 Jim Melody  
 Karen Stanze  
 Judy Ward  
 Donna Young

Council  
  
Secretary  
Chair

WELCA

Karen Ringsdorf  
 Katherine Lacroix  
 Mary Evans  
 Joyce Wanamaker

President  
Vice-President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Melba Bangert  
 Tracy Garrett  
 Katie Heaford (Altar Guild Liaison)  
 Jane Maher  
 Al Mohling  
 Joyce Wanamaker  
 Barb Yount

Chair  
  
Secretary  
Council

**70<sup>th</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**November 14, 2020**  
**Unapproved Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 11:05 by Church Council President Bill Work

50 Voting Members in attendance

Confirmation of Quorum- Gail Kruse and Carol Hansen

Pastor Ed Foster opened with prayer.

A motion to approve Congregational Meeting minutes of November 8, 2020 was made by Kathy Fair. Gail Kruse seconded the motion and all approved.

Pastor Ed reported we are doing all of the things that a healthy congregation does, by every measure of congregational vitality, we are working in the correct direction. We are indeed reaching out, caring and loving one another. We have entrusted three of our members to the Lord and have welcomed two new brothers. Pastor thanks all that serve on committees, sing in the Choir, Bell Ringers, Organist's, Tracy for holding it all together, Gail for keeping the church clean and all those who volunteer for sound, donuts, coffee and the many other activities we do.

Council President Bill Work stated it's been a different year due to the variations of COVID. He thanked Pastor Ed and Council for doing a great job working through it. He thanked all Kent members, committee members and the staff that makes it all happen. Special thanks to those who participate in our men's and women's Bible Studies and especially to Bob Harger who is leading Bible Study Class on Sunday. Thanks to WELCA for the quarterly donation of \$500.00 to the Kent general fund. Council will see this money is well spent.

Bill Work introduced Council Nominees, Carol Hansen, Bob Karls, Katherine Lacroix, and Al Mohling. Bill Work asked if there were nominations from the floor and seeing none, a motion to accept council recommendations was made by Eldeen Hanke. Motion seconded by Wendy Blomberg and all approved.

Al Mohling presented the 2022 Budget. Budget changes were reviewed. Dave Curchy made a motion to accept the Council approved proposed budget as presented. Wendy Blomberg seconded the motion and all approved.

Bill Work presented two resolutions for congregational voice vote as approved by council. The resolutions were explained and voted upon individually.

Resolution #1- These amendments bring the Constitution of Kent Memorial Lutheran Church up to date with the 2019 Model Constitution for Congregations. Michael Wagner made a motion to accept proposed amendment. Gail Kruse seconded the motion and all approved.

Resolution #2- This amendment places oversight of the Columbarium Committee under the Property Committee. Toni Wagner made a motion to accept the proposed amendment, seconded by Lynn Burke, all approved.

In other business President Bill Work stated the need to staff the Audit Committee. As of now Dave Curchy is the only member of the Committee. If interested see Pastor Ed, Bill Work or Dave Curchy.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gail Kruse, seconded by Vanessa Hebrank. All approved.

Meeting adjourned 11:25.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*So, Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."  
John 20:21*

Source: 20 Bible verses about Peace to You (knowing-jesus.com)

This year marked the return of our liturgical church service, doughnut fellowship, luncheons, "the" rummage sale, bake sales and carry-in meals at Kent. We are thankful for the safe return of these events this year.

This has been Pastor Ed's first complete year of service and we thank him for his leadership. His calling has been a blessing. Special thanks to Pastor Ed and Family.

Special thanks to Kent Church members who provided wise recommendations to Kent Council. Likewise, the church council should be commended for their follow through as well as their service and commitment. Kent Memorial should be proud of our all that was done last year to the benefit of Kent and those in need in the regional area. Thanks also to my Council Officers Bob Karls, Gail Kruse, and Carol Hansen who served as Kent Council Vice President, Bob Karls; Treasurer, Gail Kruse; and Secretary Carol Hansen. Bob was there when needed and a vital representative of Properties Committee. Gail kept us in touch and updated on our financial position and Carol helped by recording meeting minutes.

Thanks to Tracy Garrett, Margo Strothmann, Joyce Wanamaker, Katie Heaford, Vanessa Hebrank, and Gail Kruse, our staff members who have served us well this year. Our church staff is phenomenal! Thanks for your efforts. We are blessed.

Bob Karls, Carol Hansen, Katherine Lacroix, and Al Mohling completed their terms on council as of December 31, 2021. All have chosen to remain on council for an additional term and were re-elected. We look forward to their continued exemplary service.

We of Kent continue to provide outreach to the local community helping those in need via Community for Christ, our work with local schools and civic organizations. We continue to maintain our Bible Study classes with the women meeting on Wednesday at 9 am, men on Thursday at 10am and a bible study on Sunday mornings with Pastor and Bob Harger at 9:00. These groups are a blessing to Kent Memorial.

All the above contributed to a successful and memorable year as Kent Council President. Thanks to all for their contribution to this success.

In Christ,

Bill Work  
2021 Church Council President

## PASTOR'S REPORT

Who would have thought that a year later we would still be living in a Covid world? The world around us continues to struggle with ALL the emotions: Grief, fear, anger, frustration and yes, fatigue are just a few of them. The economy is weird, supply chains are a tangled mess, people are still getting sick, and people are still dying from the virus but also from every manner of disaster and violence. And as hard as we have tried to make things as normal as possible, the truth remains that we are living in a world that has been turned upside down.

This is the world we have been called to do ministry in again this year. A world that needs us to share the love and grace of God in ways both small and large. A world that needs compassion. A world that needs hope.

And we too have needed to be loved and cared for, to be consoled even as we are consoling, to be encouraged when the way ahead seems so uncertain.

It is this world that we have been called to do ministry in. We have continued to proclaim the Gospel and to administer the sacraments. We have studied God's word. We have cared for one another, and we have served our community and our world. We have laughed and we have cried. We have said goodbye to a number of our beloved members, and we have welcomed a few into God's family through baptism.

This is the world we have been called to do ministry in again this year. Online worship services have been a source of comfort and spiritual care for some of us, while others of us have been able to be together in fellowship and in service. I'm pretty sure none of us would have imagined that 2 years ago, indeed I didn't think a year ago that it would continue to be such an important part of our ministry together.

This is the world we have been called to do ministry in again this year. And I think we have done well. Oh yes, there are many things we (read I) could have done better. There are so many things that we may be hoping to do, and places where we surely can continue to grow. But in this upside-down world, we have done and we are doing what we are being called to do. Living in this Covid world isn't an excuse for not being or doing all that we have been called to do, but I do think it has created new challenges, new opportunities and lots of new options and new priorities.

It surely has been confusing, even frustrating at times. We haven't been able to do some things the way we used to do them. We have had to be creative. We have had to be patient. We have had to have faith. Confusing and frustrating, yes, but also a healthy exercise of our faith.

I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us in these uncertain and unique days, that we might better do the ministry we have been called to in this world, a world that needs us and surely needs God.

Thank you all for your ministry. For your kindness, your generosity, your willingness to work and to play in this world, the world that God loves so much. Thank you for letting me be your partner in this ministry and thank you for all your kindness to me and to my family.

God bless you all,  
Respectfully submitted, Rev. Edward L. Foster

## STATISTICAL REPORT

### **Baptisms – 3**

May 9            Surface, Collin James  
 May 30          Donnellan, Dexter Willard  
 December 26    Worland, Graeden Joseph

### **Confirmations – 0**

### **First Communion – 0**

### **Deaths & Funerals – 5**

January 26      McHenry, Joyce  
 April 10        Fisher, Geraldine  
 April 14        Blomberg, Bill  
 October 16     Ziehl, James  
 November 27   Reams, Diane

### **Members Received – 7**

April 19        Jacobson, Jake  
                     Jacobson, Linda  
 October 3      Evans, Pauline  
                     Wilken, Don  
                     Wilken, Joan  
                     Worker, Herbert  
                     Worker, Peggy

### **Members Resigned or Released – 0**

### **Weddings – 0**

### **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

<u>2019</u>	<u>2020*</u>	<u>2021</u>
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#### Baptized Members

320	298	303
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#### Confirmed Members

244	222	237
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#### Average Weekly Attendance

84	83	89
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#### Easter Attendance

134	90	133
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#### Christmas Eve Attendance

106	99	134
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\* COVID Restrictions in effect



**GENERAL FUND & TREASURER'S REPORT****Year over Year Cash Flow Comparison**

Category	1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020	1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021	Difference
<b>INCOME</b>			
ADULT EDUCATION	11.99	0.00	-11.99
Building Use	400.00	200.00	-200.00
CD Interest Income	97.59	207.18	109.59
Envelopes Regular	120,104.47	151,566.38	31,461.91
Interest Income	641.41	360.92	-280.49
KENT LOCAL	48,925.23	46,706.90	-2,218.33
Loose	3,220.39	6,806.26	3,585.87
Other	85.62	6,224.77	6,139.15
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>173,486.70</b>	<b>212,072.41</b>	<b>38,585.71</b>
<b>PASS THROUGH INFLOWS</b>			
Advent	1,605.00	2,221.00	616.00
Christmas Eve	2,420.00	1,148.80	-1,271.20
Community for Christ	55.00	20.00	-35.00
Disaster Response	567.00	230.00	-337.00
Lent	1,134.00	1,389.00	255.00
Other	185.00	135.00	-50.00
PASTOR'S GIFT	1,890.00	1,555.00	-335.00
Social Ministry	2,145.00	3,181.00	1,036.00
World Hunger	255.00	391.00	136.00
<b>TOTAL PASS THROUGH INFLOWS</b>	<b>10,256.00</b>	<b>10,270.80</b>	<b>14.80</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>183,742.70</b>	<b>223,343.21</b>	<b>38,600.51</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>			
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Assembly Expense	0.00	195.00	-195.00
<b>Benev</b>			
CADV	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Community For Christ	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Lake Area Helping Hands	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00
Refugee	500.00	500.00	0.00
Share the Harvest	300.00	300.00	0.00
Synod	18,116.00	23,346.00	-5,230.00
Westlake Ministerial Alliance	100.00	100.00	0.00
Westside Sr. Center	400.00	400.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL Benev</b>	<b>24,316.00</b>	<b>29,546.00</b>	<b>-5,230.00</b>
<b>ChristEd</b>			
Adult Education	98.66	-48.00	146.66
Home Devotions	512.20	504.65	7.55
Living Lutheran Magazine	81.00	117.50	-36.50
<b>TOTAL ChristEd</b>	<b>691.86</b>	<b>574.15</b>	<b>117.71</b>
<b>Evangelism</b>			
Advertisement	685.64	413.40	272.24
Fellowship Expn.	984.65	1,305.39	-320.74
<b>TOTAL Evangelism</b>	<b>1,670.29</b>	<b>1,718.79</b>	<b>-48.50</b>

Category	1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020	1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021	Difference
<b>Office</b>			
Communications	2,864.35	3,695.80	-831.45
Postage	393.00	446.00	-53.00
Software	624.47	874.49	-250.02
Supplies & Equipment	1,444.17	2,169.81	-725.64
Website	549.85	464.00	85.85
TOTAL Office	5,875.84	7,650.10	-1,774.26
<b>Pastor-EAM</b>			
AutoExpn	4,177.03	0.00	4,177.03
Disability Retirement Support	363.20	1,089.60	-726.40
Housing Allowance	10,240.00	0.00	10,240.00
Housing Equity Contribution	1,210.68	3,632.04	-2,421.36
Life Insurance	169.48	508.44	-338.96
Medical-Dental	10,771.55	31,143.77	-20,372.22
Parsonage Phone	132.95	0.00	132.95
Pastoral Phone	0.00	355.96	-355.96
Pension	6,353.80	8,716.92	-2,363.12
Prof. Expn.	50.00	0.00	50.00
Pulpit Supply	0.00	293.20	-293.20
Sal-SS Offset-Taxable	5,149.18	5,623.32	-474.14
Sal-Taxable	49,318.48	50,255.04	-936.56
TOTAL Pastor-EAM	87,936.35	101,618.29	-13,681.94
Payroll-Contractor & NonTaxable	300.00	350.00	-50.00
<b>Payroll-Taxable</b>			
Choir Dir-Vocal	2,657.88	2,657.88	0.00
Cleaning	6,910.28	6,910.28	0.00
Music Coord	1,329.00	1,329.00	0.00
Organist	8,814.31	8,847.49	-33.18
Secretary	12,716.25	12,866.25	-150.00
TOTAL Payroll-Taxable	32,427.72	32,610.90	-183.18
<b>Payroll-Withholding</b>			
FEDERAL Empl. Share	0.00	0.00	0.00
SS_MED Empl. Share	0.00	0.00	0.00
SS_MED Kent Share	2,480.72	2,494.73	-14.01
TOTAL Payroll-Withholding	2,480.72	2,494.73	-14.01
<b>Property</b>			
Alarm	913.22	165.71	747.51
Insurance	7,533.00	8,078.00	-545.00
<b>Other</b>			
Appliance Maint.	216.86	0.00	216.86
Maintenance	3,206.53	2,424.15	782.38
Outdoor Maint.	1,312.58	467.91	844.67
TOTAL Other	4,735.97	2,892.06	1,843.91
Utilities-City Water & Sewer	715.44	1,171.62	-456.18
Utilities-Electric	4,264.00	5,216.00	-952.00
Utilities-Natural Gas	5,493.29	5,717.95	-224.66
Waste Removal	615.31	749.15	-133.84
TOTAL Property	24,270.23	23,990.49	279.74
Stewardship	369.16	370.00	-0.84
Training & Retreats	100.00	0.00	100.00
<b>Worship &amp; Music</b>			
Altar supplies	0.00	167.07	-167.07

<b>Category</b>	<b>1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020</b>	<b>1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Choir – Handbell	0.00	44.95	-44.95
Choir – Vocal	124.39	-36.52	160.91
Refurbishing Handbells	850.00	922.00	-72.00
Worship	649.68	1,274.91	-625.23
TOTAL Worship & Music	1,624.07	2,372.41	-748.34
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>182,062.24</b>	<b>203,490.86</b>	<b>-21,428.62</b>
<b>PASS THROUGH OUTFLOWS</b>			
ADVENT	1,605.00	1,687.40	-82.40
Christmas Eve	2,420.00	1,682.40	737.60
COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST	55.00	20.00	35.00
Disaster Response	567.00	230.00	337.00
LENT	1,134.00	1,389.00	-255.00
Other	185.00	135.00	50.00
PASTOR'S GIFT	1,890.00	1,555.00	335.00
Social Ministry	2,145.00	3,181.00	-1,036.00
World Hunger	255.00	391.00	-136.00
TOTAL PASS THROUGH OUTFLOWS	10,256.00	10,270.80	-14.80
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOW</b>	<b>192,318.24</b>	<b>213,761.66</b>	<b>-21,443.42</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-8,575.54</b>	<b>8,581.55</b>	<b>17,157.09</b>

**Account Balances**

As of 12/31/2021

<b>Account</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
CD -40843 1 yr 1.739	0.00
CD-40851 2 yr 2.133	10,380.05
KENT CHECKING 7105471	35,795.35
PPP Checking-2059053	0.00
Trust checking	28,939.47
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts</b>	<b>75,114.87</b>
<b>Liability Accounts</b>	
BUS TRIP	245.00
COLUMBARIUM FUNDS	-8,562.99
EASTER PAGEANT FUNDS	-3,572.92
GRAND PIANO	0.00
HELPING KIDS FUND	0.00
KENT CALL COMMITTEE	0.00
KENT KIDS SAVING ACCT	-2,407.25
KENT KLOWNS ACCOUNT	-522.00
MEMORIAL FUNDS	-9,448.28
MINISTRY FUNDS	-150.00
MUSIC FUNDS	0.00
PARSONAGE REPAIR FUND	0.00
PICTORIAL	-248.00
PPP LOAN	0.00
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FUND	-31,066.86
STEWART-MCFADDEN	-5,858.70
THRIVENT CHOICE	-8,888.79
VIRTUAL CHURCH	-500.00
<b>TOTAL Liability Accounts</b>	<b>-71,470.79</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>3,644.08</b>

**Budget to Actuals Comparison**

Category	01/01/2021 Actual	-- Budget	12/31/2021 Difference
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
EXPENSE	<b>203,490.86</b>	<b>213,683.09</b>	<b>10,192.23</b>
Assembly Expense	195.00	900.00	705.00
Benev	<b>29,546.00</b>	<b>28,250.02</b>	<b>-1,295.98</b>
CADV	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Community For Christ	2,000.00	1,999.66	-0.34
Lake Area Helping Hands	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00
Refugee	500.00	500.00	0.00
Share the Harvest	300.00	300.00	0.00
Synod	23,346.00	22,050.00	-1,296.00
Westlake Ministerial Alliance	100.00	100.36	0.36
Westside Sr. Center	400.00	400.00	0.00
ChristEd	<b>574.15</b>	<b>890.00</b>	<b>315.85</b>
Adult Education	-48.00	250.00	298.00
Home Devotions	504.65	450.00	-54.65
Living Lutheran Magazine	117.50	90.00	-27.50
Vac. Bible School	0.00	100.00	100.00
Dues Area Ministry 9	0.00	0.00	0.00
Evangelism	<b>1,718.79</b>	<b>3,200.00</b>	<b>1,481.21</b>
Advertisement	413.40	700.00	286.60
Fellowship Expn.	1,305.39	2,500.00	1,194.61
Office	<b>7,650.10</b>	<b>6,100.00</b>	<b>-1,550.10</b>
Communications	3,695.80	2,500.00	-1,195.80
Postage	446.00	400.00	-46.00
Software	874.49	800.00	-74.49
Supplies & Equipment	<b>2,169.81</b>	<b>1,800.00</b>	<b>-369.81</b>
Other Supplies & Equipment	2,169.81	1,800.00	-369.81
Website	464.00	600.00	136.00
Pastor-EAM	<b>101,618.29</b>	<b>97,273.77</b>	<b>-4,344.52</b>
AutoExpn	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Continuing Educ.	0.00	500.00	500.00
Disability Retirement Support	1,089.60	1,089.00	-0.60
Housing Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Housing Equity Contribution	3,632.04	3,632.00	-0.04
Life Insurance	508.44	508.44	0.00
Medical-Dental	31,143.77	24,360.00	-6,783.77
Pastoral Phone	355.96	330.00	-25.96
Pension	8,716.92	8,717.41	0.49
Prof. Expn.	0.00	500.00	500.00
Pulpit Supply	293.20	825.00	531.80
Sal-SS Offset-Taxable	5,623.32	5,557.00	-66.32
Sal-Taxable	50,255.04	50,254.92	-0.12
Payroll-Contractor & NonTaxable	350.00	0.00	-350.00
Payroll-Taxable	<b>32,610.90</b>	<b>38,568.94</b>	<b>5,958.04</b>
Choir Dir-Bell	0.00	1,266.00	1,266.00
Choir Dir-Vocal	2,657.88	2,657.94	0.06
Cleaning	6,910.28	6,911.00	0.72
Music Coord	1,329.00	1,329.00	0.00
Organist	8,847.49	10,805.00	1,957.51

Category	01/01/2021 Actual	-- Budget	12/31/2021 Difference
Secretary	12,866.25	15,600.00	2,733.75
Payroll-Withholding	<b>2,494.73</b>	<b>2,950.00</b>	<b>455.27</b>
FEDERAL Empl. Share	0.00	0.00	0.00
SS_MED Empl. Share	0.00	0.00	0.00
SS_MED Kent Share	2,494.73	2,950.00	455.27
Property	<b>23,990.49</b>	<b>31,400.00</b>	<b>7,409.51</b>
Alarm	165.71	900.00	734.29
Insurance	8,078.00	10,600.00	2,522.00
Other	<b>2,892.06</b>	<b>4,300.00</b>	<b>1,407.94</b>
Appliance Maint.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maintenance	2,424.15	3,000.00	575.85
Outdoor Maint.	467.91	1,200.00	732.09
Parsonage Repairs	0.00	100.00	100.00
Utilities-City Water & Sewer	1,171.62	2,000.00	828.38
Utilities-Electric	5,216.00	6,000.00	784.00
Utilities-Natural Gas	5,717.95	7,000.00	1,282.05
Waste Removal	749.15	600.00	-149.15
Stewardship	370.00	400.00	30.00
Training & Retreats	0.00	100.36	100.36
Worship & Music	<b>2,372.41</b>	<b>3,650.00</b>	<b>1,277.59</b>
Altar supplies	167.07	300.00	132.93
Choir – Handbell	44.95	150.00	105.05
Choir – Vocal	-36.52	350.00	386.52
Refurbishing Handbells	922.00	850.00	-72.00
Worship	1,274.91	2,000.00	725.09
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>212,072.41</b>	<b>213,683.00</b>	<b>-1,610.59</b>
<b>Net Difference:</b>	<b>8,581.55</b>	<b>-0.09</b>	<b>8,581.64</b>

## Approved 2022 Budget

Approved Budget for 2022				Budget 2021	Budget 2022	Difference 2021-2022
<b>BENEVOLENCE</b>						
	CADV			1,500.00	1,500.00	-
	Community for Christ			2,000.00	2,000.00	-
	Lake Area Helping Hands			1,400.00	1,400.00	-
	Refugee			500.00	500.00	-
	Share The Harvest			300.00	-	(300.00)
	Ivy Bend Food Pantry			-	300.00	300.00
	Synod (14.75%/15% of undes. receipts)			22,050.00	23,250.94	1,200.94
	Westlake Ministerial Alliance			100.00	100.00	-
	Westside Senior Center			400.00	400.00	-
		<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>28,250.00</b>	<b>29,450.94</b>	<b>1,200.94</b>
<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>						
	Adult Education			250.00	250.00	-
	Confirmation			-	-	-
	Home Devotions			450.00	450.00	-
	Lutheran Magazine			90.00	90.00	-
	Sunday School			-	-	-
	Vacation Bible School			100.00	100.00	-
	Library			-	-	-
		<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>890.00</b>	<b>890.00</b>	-
<b>ASSEMBLY/CONVENTION EXPENSES</b>				900.00	900.00	-
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>900.00</b>	<b>900.00</b>	-
<b>DUES - AREA 9 MINISTRY</b>				-	-	-
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	-
<b>EVANGELISM</b>						
	Advertisement			700.00	700.00	-
	Fellowship Expenses			2,500.00	2,500.00	-
	Kent Klowns			0.00	0.00	-
	New Members and Visitors			0.00	0.00	-
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,200.00</b>	<b>3,200.00</b>	-
<b>OFFICE</b>						
	Phone & Internet			2,500.00	3,500.00	1,000.00
	Postage			400.00	450.00	50.00
	Software (Payroll & Powerchurch			800.00	800.00	-

Approved Budget for 2022				Budget 2021	Budget 2022	Difference 2021-2022
	Supplies and Equipment			1,800.00	1,500.00	(300.00)
	Bank Charge			-	-	-
	Website Hosting			600.00	500.00	(100.00)
<b>OFFICE</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6,100.00</b>	<b>6,750.00</b>	<b>650.00</b>
<b>PASTOR</b>						
	Auto Mileage & Tolls			1,000.00	1,000.00	-
	Continuing Education Allowance			500.00	500.00	-
	Professional Expense Allowance			500.00	500.00	-
	Pastoral Supply/mileage			825.00	900.00	75.00
	Life Insurance			508.44	508.44	-
	Medical and Dental	Silver Plan		24,360.00	25,308.00	948.00
	Pastoral Phone			330.00	330.00	-
	Pension Contribution (12% - Base, HA, SS)			8,716.92	8,716.92	-
	Disability Support (to Synod)			1,089.60	1,089.60	-
	Salary-Housing Allowance 5% HEA			3,632.04	3,632.04	-
	Base Salary - Taxable			50,255.25	50,255.25	-
	Salary-Social Security (FICA)Offset - Taxable			5,557.06	5,557.06	-
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>97,274.31</b>	<b>98,297.31</b>	<b>1,023.00</b>
<b>STAFF PAYROLL - TAXABLE</b>						
	Choir Director - Bells (12 mos. @ \$108.11 per mo.)			1,265.66	1,297.31	31.64
	Choir Director - Vocal (12 mos. @ \$228.14 per mo.)			2,657.89	2,737.63	79.74
	Music Coordinator (12 mos. @ \$114.07 per mo.)			1,328.95	1,368.82	39.87
	Organist (\$139.47 for 52 two-service Sundays, \$75.30 for 16 single services, \$58.71 for 35 rehearsals)			10,805.49	10,135.44	(670.05)
	Sound/Zoom Technician 90 services @ \$50/service			-	4,500.00	4,500.00
	Custodian Cleaning (\$136.88/week)			6,910.53	7,117.84	207.32
	Office Secretary @ \$15.45 per hour - 20 hrs/wk.			15,600.00	16,068.00	468.00
				<b>38,568.52</b>	<b>43,225.03</b>	<b>4,656.51</b>
<b>STAFF PAYROLL WITHHOLDING (7.65% OF STAFF PAYROLL)</b>						
				2,950.49	3,306.72	356.22
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,950.49</b>	<b>3,306.72</b>	<b>356.22</b>
<b>PAYROLL-CONTRACTOR (Sub for office)</b>						
				-	-	-
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>PROPERTY:</b>						
	Insurance & Workers Comp			10,600.00	9,000.00	(1,000.00)
	Other: Appliance and Building Maintenance			3,000.00	3,000.00	-
	Outdoor Equipment Maintenance			1,200.00	1,200.00	-



Approved Budget for 2021				Budget 2020	Budget 2021	Difference 2020-2021
	Parsonage Maintenance			100.00	100.00	-
	Utilities:	Electric		6,000.00	5,000.00	(1,000.00)
		Natural Gas		7,000.00	7,000.00	-
		City water		2,000.00	1,300.00	(700.00)
	Waste Removal			600.00	800.00	200.00
	Alarm			900.00	800.00	(100.00)
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>31,400.00</b>	<b>28,200.00</b>	<b>(3,200.00)</b>
	<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>			400.00	400.00	-
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>400.00</b>	<b>400.00</b>	-
	<b>TRAINING &amp; RETREATS</b>			100.00	100.00	-
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	-
	<b>WORSHIP &amp; MUSIC:</b>					
	Altar Supplies			300.00	300.00	-
	Choir-Handbells:			1,000.00	150.00	(850.00)
	Choir - Vocal			350.00	350.00	-
	Worship			2,000.00	2,000.00	-
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>3,650.00</b>	<b>2,800.00</b>	<b>(850.00)</b>
	<b>YOUTH MINISTRIES:</b>					
	Kent Krew			-	-	-
	Kent Kids			-	-	-
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	-
	<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>			<b>213,683.33</b>	<b>217,520.00</b>	<b>3,836.67</b>

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## ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild of Kent Memorial servers under the auspices of the Worship and Music Committee and is responsible for all things having to do with the liturgical space and its furnishings. The Guild meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 9:30 a.m.

The leadership and committee assignments were as follows: President, Ruth Osterbur; Vice President, Diane Ziehl; Secretary, Kandy Husbands/Katie Heaford; Treasurer, Sheryl Boos. In charge of Special Flowers (lilies, poinsettias, carnations, geraniums, etc.) and the Sunday Flower Chart, Karole Karls. Communion Supplies, Ruth Osterbur.

The Altar Guild usually operated without budget funding if we have enough money income from flowers during the year. We did not use any budgeted money this year.

### 2021 Altar Guild Membership:

Melba Bangert  
Sheryl Boos  
Mary Foster  
Katie Heaford  
Kandy Husbands  
Karole Karls  
Ingrid Niemann  
Ruth Osterbur  
Judy Ward  
Joy Whitlow  
Joan Wilken  
Linda Williams  
Diane Ziehl

In God's Service,  
Your Altar Guild  
Ruth Osterbur, President

**ALTAR GUILD****Income/Expense Report  
01/01/2021 – 12/31/2021**

Beginning Balance: \$1,837.59  
01/01/21

Income:

Altar Flowers	710.00
WELCA (contribution)	299.00
Special Gift	200.00
Re-imburement	58.85
Easter Lilies	355.00
Poinsettias (Dep from 2019)	<u>404.50</u>
Total Income:	\$2,027.35

Expenses:

Altar Flowers	<795.82>
Easter Lilies	<200.00>
Poinsettias	<440.00>
Altar Supplies	< <u>257.58</u> >
Total Expense:	<\$1,693.40>

Ending Balance 12/31/19: \$2,171.54

Prepared by:  
Sheryl Boos & Ruth Osterbur

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**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of Kent Memorial Lutheran Church, the Audit Committee conducted the annual audit of the organizations of the church on January 30, 2022. The books and records for the calendar year 2021 of the Social Ministry Committee, the Kent Klowns, WELCA, the Altar Guild, Buddy Packs, and the General Fund of the church have all been audited and records verified.

The books and records of each organization were found to be current, correct and properly maintained. Receipts, checkbooks, bank statements, journals, and reconciliation statements were checked and compared. No errors or discrepancies were found.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Curchy, Chair

2021 Audit Committee Members: David Curchy (chair), Marsha Gust, Toni Wagner

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## BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Purpose:**

The Budget and Finance Committee shall exercise oversight of all financial affairs of the congregation to ensure they are conducted efficiently and in accordance with the constitution, bylaws and continuing resolutions of this congregation. This committee shall:

- a. Ensure prompt payment of all obligations.
- b. Subject to approval of the Congregation Council, be responsible for the congregation's investments.
- c. Be responsible for preparing a draft budget for the year including this congregation's share in the support of the mission of the ELCA and the Central States Synod. This draft budget shall be submitted to the Congregation Council for its action and later presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

The Treasurer and Financial Secretary are ex officio members of the Budget and Finance Committee.

**Members:**

Al Mohling (Committee Chair & Council Rep), Gail Kruse (Treasurer), Jane Maher (Financial Secretary & Recorder), Katherine Lacroix, Bob Karls, Bill Work (Council President), and Ed Foster (Pastor).

**Highlights of 2021:**

1. COVID-19 related items:
  - a. Provided guidelines to Kent organizations and committees for requesting funds that were saved when PPP funds paid salaries. These organizations and committees requested \$10,046 funds for fundraisers that were cancelled during the 2020. This was recommended to council.
  - b. Recommended to council to create an ad hoc committee to decide how to donate the remaining \$11,054 giving that was saved when PPP funds paid salaries.
2. Utilized current procedures successfully for committee budgeting and preparing the annual budget draft for council.
3. Updated and implemented policies and procedures for counting offering, along with setting up a specific offering collection bin and counting area. Training sessions were scheduled for new and current counters.
4. Created a procedure for collecting, documenting, and disbursing memorial funds given to Kent.
5. Created procedures for the following treasurer functions:
  - a. Bill paying.
  - b. Audit preparation.
6. Communicated to the congregation via newsletter and weekly email blast on the giving and expense situation.
7. Provided support to the Treasurer and Financial Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Al Mohling, Chair

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In 2021, we both continued to provide the educational opportunities that have been a part of the faith life of our congregation for many years, Men's and Women's Bible Studies and our Sunday School classes and we held our own Vacation Bible School as well beginning the process of rebuilding that vital part of our congregation's ministry. In 2022, we will continue to do these things that are already working so well, and we will also continue to grow in the opportunities we provide to grow in our faith.

Sunday morning Bible Studies and Adult Education sessions challenged and enriched the adults of our congregation. Bible study on the Book of Ruth was completed this year. We would like to thank Bob Harger for leading us this past year.

The Women's Bible Study group continues to meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m., spending time in Bible study and prayer. Consider joining them this year. Our thanks to Linda Williams for faithfully leading the group.

The Men's Devotion & Bible Study meets on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Our thanks to Bill Work for leading this group. Men, you are all invited to join!

Community Vacation Bible School was cancelled again this year due to Covid. Pastor Ed said we could do our own and be outside! What a great idea, we had 6 kiddos and several helpers. It was great fun and we learned about Jesus! Thank you to all that participated.

Educational and devotional materials are available in the Gathering Place, front door entrance and the fellowship hall.

Submitted by Carol Hansen & Gail Kruse

## EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The Evangelism Committee assists the Pastor and Church Council with many ministries that serve the various needs of our community as well as the social needs of our congregation.

2021 Committee Members: Wendy Blomberg (2022) Co-Chair, Jan Gauck (2023) Co-Chair, Ruth Osterbur (2022), Cindy Mohling (2023), Karen Ringsdorf (2022), Marsha Gust (2022), Eldeen Hanke (2024) & Pastor Ed (Note: the years in parenthesis denotes when each committee member's term ends on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> of that year)

The committee meets the first Monday of the month at 9:30.

### EVANGELISM MINISTRIES:

- Homemade bread and church literature given to 1<sup>st</sup> time visitors along with a handmade wooden cross (79 given)
- Visitor follow-up with cards or calls by Karen Pragman/Marsha Gust
- Schedule coffee fellowship hour, order donuts and sugar free cookies
- Celebrated : Jerry & Kandy Husbands 50<sup>th</sup>, Bob & Sharon Ballard 60<sup>th</sup> Tom & Karen Ringsdorf 50<sup>th</sup>, Phil & Melba Bangert 60<sup>th</sup>, Don & Teri Stout 25<sup>th</sup> , Card Shower to Charlie & Marilyn Peterson 65<sup>th</sup>
- Blood Drives- 3 times a year in February, June, and October
- Kent Clown Ministry
- Electronic Sign--updating Al & Cindy Mohling
- Photo Moments and Newspaper Ads-Bob Harger
- Member Location Map and Chart
- Distribute flyers promoting Kent to Resorts, Businesses, and the Chamber
- Support of Hurricane Deck Elementary & South. We provide treats for the teachers at both schools. Birthday cards to teachers. Thrivent Action Team for School Supplies & Christmas Store. Goodie bags for Halloween and Christmas for all children. Extra food for the Buddy Pack Program.
- God's Work Our Hands- At least 80 people working over 143 hours helping at Community for Christ, City of Laurie, Hurricane Deck Elementary, and work at Kent
- September 11<sup>th</sup>- At least 50 dozen cookies taken to 5 fire stations, 2 police departments, 2 ambulance units, the resource officer at Hurricane Deck, the workers at Lake Regional Hospital.
- Guess Who is Coming to Dinner Sept. 17 or 18 (19 attended)
- Oct 3 Welcome New Members Potluck Brunch (5 New Members)
- October 31- Trunk or Treat- Soup afterwards for adults. The police and fire dept. were there but left before soup. 239 children this year. 22 adults in 11 decorated cars (Beautiful weather)
- Organized a bus trip to Branson to see "Jesus" at the Sight and Sound Theater
- Christmas Eve bags handed out to 18 children on both Christmas Eve and the 26<sup>th</sup> when Curchy's had a baptism

Submitted by Wendy Blomberg Co-Chair

**KENT KLOWNS**

2021 was a very quiet year for the Kent Klowns. We were not able to share the love of Jesus through a Klown Sunday worship service and had no other events on our calendar. Our small but willing group is looking forward to a more active year and are always hopeful that other will want to join in the fun.

Head Klown,  
 Ups E Daisy  
 (aka Kathy Fair)

2021 Kent Klowns:

- Bella Rina* ..... Teri Stout
- Flutterby* ..... Vanessa Hebrank
- Smiley* ..... Sally Burke
- Ups E. Daisy*..... Kathy Fair

**2021 BALANCE SHEET**

<b>Starting Balance for 2021</b>	<b>\$522.00</b>
Deposits	
N/A	\$ 0.00
Expenses	
8/21/21	\$ 522.00
(Closing Kent Klowns Account and put Money into a Liability Account in the Church's Main Account – wrote Check to Kent Memorial to close account)	
<b>Ending Balance for 2021</b>	<b>\$ 00.00</b>

Prepared by "Flutterby", aka Vanessa Hebrank



## **LONG RANGE PLANNING SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

(a sub-committee of the Long-Range Planning Committee)

The Scholarship Committee, a sub-committee of the Long-Range Planning Committee, was established in 2011 with funds from Clifford Stewart's estate; establishing the Stewart-McFaden Endowment Fund. His wishes were to provide scholarships for area seniors, stating that Kent Memorial seniors have first chance of receiving a scholarship. Scholarships have been presented each year since 2011; along with a reception in the Spring honoring the recipients and their families.

2021 Committee Members: Katherine Lacroix, Randy Osterbur, Bill and Marsha Gust, and in May 2021 new members Mary Foster and Tom Ringsdorf. A sincere thank you to Karen Pragman for her many years of guidance and service to this committee; she will be greatly missed. Also, in memory of our Brother-in-Christ, Jim Ziehl.

The Scholarship Committee is responsible for selecting recipients for the Stewart-McFaden Scholarship using guidelines established by Clifford Stewart. The committee reviewed applications from two area High Schools. Available funds for 2021 were \$7,200; six (6) \$1,200 scholarships were awarded to the following students:

Versailles High School:            Klarissa Franzisko, Sydney Kays

Camdenton High School        Clayton Cowen, Reily Dilks, Joshua Oliver, Blake Roettgen

The committee held a meeting on March 30, 2021, in which we reviewed and accepted our November 2020 minutes, discussed finances for the current year and reviewed the many applications from two area High Schools, selecting two from Versailles and four from Camdenton (listed above).

We held our annual Scholarship reception Sunday, April 25, 2021, following our church service. It is always a blessing to meet our recipients and their families. Thank you to all our Committee members and Pastor Ed for making this a fun and successful event.

Camdenton High School's Awards Assembly was May 14, 2021 @ 11am; unfortunately, no committee members were available to attend.

However, Karen Pragman attended the Versailles High School Awards Assembly on May 5, 2021, at 6:30 pm. Karen reports how enlightening it is to see our recipients accept their numerous awards for their determination and hard work. Klarissa was honored with the Glory Missouri award. She was also selected for the Progress Virtue, as she has exemplified positive and progressive change. Blessings to them all.

Again, a heartfelt Thank You to Karen Pragman for all the hours spent sharing her wonderful love, devotion and hugs with our Kent family; as well as the many committees she served on. Good luck, we miss you, and we hope we see you soon!

Submitted by Katherine Lacroix

**MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE**

Members of the committee include: Wendy Blomberg, Cindy Mohling, Mike Ward, Kathy Fair, Gerry Williams, Carolyn Wiles and Pastor Foster.

The committee met quarterly as the liaison between pastor, the other church employees and the congregation. As part of our duties, we conducted the annual review of all church employees. Information from this is passed on to the church council and any requests for help by employees are followed up on. The committee also monitors pastor's continuing education and encourages him to pursue further education.

We find all church employees are well qualified for their position and doing an exemplary job. Kent is indeed fortunate to have our current work force.

Gerry Williams, Chairperson

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee is responsible for maintaining the church, parsonage and the grounds. The committee may consist of eight to ten members. We handle routine maintenance but, when necessary, we schedule professional contractors and obtain bids as appropriate and present options, and recommendations to the council for approval of major expenditures.

It was voted that the Columbarium Committee will now be responsible to the Property Committee.

**2021 COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Lynn Burke (Chairman), Chuck Wanamaker, Curtis Reams, Bob Ballard, Bob Karls, Raymond Lacroix, Gerry Williams, Tom Ringsdorf and Randy Osterbur. In memory of long-standing member and helper, Bill Blomberg

**PROPERTY HELPERS:** Allan Burke, Dennis Boos, Vince Yount, Jim Mellody, Warren Neighbors, Bill Work, Larry Lutjen, Jake Jacobson, Larry Fair, Al Mohling, Bill Hebrank and Ron Smith.

Every committee member has the responsibility of overseeing a particular task, such as the lawn mowing, weed control and leaf removal, snow removal, caring for the outdoor worship area, garage, columbarium and pageant area along with the maintenance of the parsonage and church building. Every year we prepare the grounds and set up and take down the backdrop panels for the Easter Pageant and the outdoor Christmas Nativity set. The Committee has volunteer church members to help with maintaining the flower beds and yard work.

### **JOBS THAT WERE HIRED COMPLETED:**

Oasis Tree Service removed two large trees from the property.

Lakewood Alarm installed a monitor/security system with a monitor and five cameras.

Tom's Heating and AC replaced one of the outside AC units for the Sanctuary.

Bill Hebrank, Discount Lawn and Landscape Service, spread salt on the parking lot for ice removal.

### **JOBS COMPLETED BY PROPERTY MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEER HELP:**

- Again, this year Allan and Sally Burke, Warren and Rhonda Neighbors and Kathy Fair maintained the flower beds located around the church.
- The old rubber baseboard in Pastor's office was replaced with wood baseboard and painted, along with a fresh coat of paint on the walls.
- A wall section of the Fellowship Hall was given a fresh coat of paint.
- For the outdoor Worship Area, a section of landscape timber retaining wall and railing was replaced. Landscape timbers for the front retaining wall have been strengthened with metal straps. The front railing was reinforced with additional boards and stained. The flag poles have been repositioned so the flags are clear from hitting the aerial fiber cable. A section of lattice has been replaced. The pulpit and altar were given a fresh coat of stain.
- Window sills in the Sanctuary were given a fresh coat of paint or sealer.
- The parking lot light pole that was rotten at the base was replaced with a post and GFCI outlet.
- Park benches have been repaired and painted.
- Sections of sidewalk were either repaired or ground down for safety reasons.
- Numerous other small jobs were completed involving painting, wood working, general maintenance, mechanical work, electrical, plumbing, landscaping and many other skills.

There are probably many small jobs and tasks completed by members that I'm not aware of. Personally, I want to **THANK EVERYONE** who volunteered their time, either being a few minutes or many hours.

Submitted by Lynn Burke, Property Committee Chairman

## SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

To all of Kent Memorial's congregation, family and friends. The year 2021 has been a challenge, again. Thanks to your Faith and Love of God this committee was able to assist many families and outreach ministries with financial and spiritual support.

The goals of Social Ministry are in keeping with the guidance of congregation, church council and Constitution of Kent Lutheran.

- Responding to needs of the poor and distressed in our community and society
- As Christians support outreach organizations as volunteers, prayers and financially
- Encourage members of Kent to support and comfort those that are ill and their caregivers
- Committee will be good stewards of financial resources entrusted to our care
- Inform congregation of service opportunities in which they might engage as Christians
- Listen and react to the changing needs of our family and community

Funds available, to assist those in need, represent the generosity of our congregation. Designated envelope offerings, special gifts, and fund raisers enable the committee to answer needs calls during the year. Committee members have the responsibility to serve as good stewards when responding to individuals and outreach ministries. Therefore, the committee works in cooperation with other area Churches, Westside Ministerial Alliance and outreach facilities to combine available funding for the best outcome. During 2021 a total of families 78 were assisted with rent, utilities, gasoline, medications, car repairs and other needs. In addition to financial assistance provided individuals, they are offered spiritual guidance, prayers and encouragement to attend church services of their choosing.

Included here is a brief financial statement of expenditures and offerings for 2021. A monthly report is shared with the council and in the newsletter. Beginning balance January 1, 2021 was \$5,601.58, with an ending balance December 31, 2021 of \$5,302.65.

MONTH	AID DISPENSED	DONATIONS	BALANCE END OF MONTH
JANUARY	\$1,383.00	\$5,997.19	\$10,251.77
FEBURAY	\$ 819.61	\$ 855.81	\$10,251.97
MARCH	\$1,045.00	\$ 0	\$ 9,206.97
APRIL	\$ 250.00	\$ 380.82	\$ 9337.79
MAY	\$1,856.01	\$ .78	\$ 7,482.56
JUNE/MAY	\$ 66.00	\$ 110.74	\$ 7,527.30
JULY	\$ 230.00	\$ 267.64	\$ 7,564.94
AUGUST	\$1,404.06	\$1,088.36	\$7,249.24
SEPTEMBER	\$4,039.01	\$2,820.00	\$ 6,030.23
OCTOBER	\$ 535.00	\$ 580.70	\$ 6,075.93
NOVEMBER	\$1,170.20	\$ 585.66	\$ 5,491.39
DECEMBER	\$ 896.80	\$ 708.06	\$ 5,302.65
TOTAL	\$13,694.69	\$13,395.76	

The only fundraiser held to benefit Social Ministries is the card bingo night. After the disappointment of 2020 this event was held in 2021. The event was a success, thanks to all who participated. Total funds raised were \$2,820. These funds were distributed to: CADV, Lighthouse-FTC and Medical Missions for Christ, in the amount of \$1,000 each.

Kent Memorial supports several outreach ministries through the budget in benevolence. Agencies included in the approved 2021 budget are, Community for Christ, Share the Harvest, Westside Senior Center, Lake Area Helping Hands, CADV, and Once We were Refugees.

Additional activities supported by the congregation in 2021:

- **BLUE BOX** – The congregation is encouraged to bring pantry and household items to the church and place them in the Blue Boxes located in the narthex and fellowship hall. An approximate total of 2600 items were donated. These items are then donated to Community for Christ which then distributes them at no charge to those in need. In 2021 a total of 334 families have been assisted through the CFC food pantry. Needs vary monthly and are published in the monthly newsletter and bulletin. Thanks to Sharon and Bob Ballard, for the time and effort spent.
- **FESTIVAL of Sharing** – This is an ecumenical effort through which there is a state-wide gathering of food and goods. Distribution is broken down in area segments. This year Kent donated \$310.00.
- **Bingo Night** – See note above.
- **The Loving Gifts Tree** – In 2021 the congregation again generously provided gifts for 50 children/mothers through CADV. These people are starting their lives over without anything from their previous homes. These gifts help provide some normalcy as they start a new abuse free life.
- **Salvation Army Bell Ringing** – A gift of \$700 was made to Salvation Army in 2021.

The Committee is thankful and appreciative for all the support offered by congregation and friends for outpouring of heartfelt caring for your community. The Committee thanks Pastor Ed for his support, prayers and leadership. Also, the committee gives a special thanks to Bill Work for his commitment during 2021.

The 2021 Social Ministry Committee – Karen Stanze, Judy Ward, Jan Gauck, Mary Evans, Sheryl Boos, Sharon Ballard, Melba Bangert, Donna Young and Jim Mellody.

Submitted by Jim Mellody, Chair

## **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

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

In 2021 we showed again how Stewardship is about so many things, it is not just about money which is how most people think of it. Of course, it can be about money, and you were there for Kent Memorial throughout the year and when called upon. Thank you!

It is about so much more, here are just a few examples we talked about in 2021:

Taking care of others and the environment.

Being respectful of others, praying for others

Spreading the joy of Christ and sharing the Word

Being a good citizen

Showing thanks for our Blessings

Let's make 2022 another year where we show our grateful response to God's gifts to us!

Peace and Blessings!

Michael Wagner

## **WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (WELCA)**

President: Karen Ringsdorf  
Vice President: Katherine Lacroix  
Secretary: Mary Evans  
Treasurer: Joyce Wanamaker

WELCA is the Women's ministry organization of the ELCA. The women of Kent Memorial meet monthly for business meetings and come together other times for special projects and church events. We commit ourselves to grow in faith and support one another.

Covid 19 was still placing restrictions and cancelled some of our yearly events in 2021. Our Spring Luncheon was again cancelled for the community ladies. Places remained closed to visitors so our lady volunteers at The Laurie Care Center, Senior Center, Community for Christ and Lake Regional were not always able to do so.

Fundraisers for WELCA's charitable giving's were held, including hosting 2 Newcomers luncheons, 3 in-house bake sales, a rummage sale and the Christmas cookie & candy bake sale. With these funds WELCA was able to contribute to Hurricane Deck Elementary School, Camp Tomah Shinga, Bethany College, Kent general fund, and Lake Regional nursing scholarships. Quarterly donations are also given to Share the Harvest, Community for Christ, Oaks Indian Mission, and CADV. Our ladies were also able to purchase a new computer and monitor for Pastor Ed's use.

Busy WELCA hands also make stuffed critters, hats and booties for Lake Regional Hospital to give to hospitalized children. We save Best Choice Labels for redemption. The Buddy Pack program provides food for children in need. Our ladies are also the best cooks! We provide food for funeral luncheons and church events. Every month Hurricane Deck and South School teachers are given treats. A teacher appreciation breakfast is also provided each spring.

Churchwide events included a Central Eight Cluster meeting and a convention via Zoom this past year. A donation to Lutheran World Relief for Covid vaccine was made. Our Thankofferings in November go to the churchwide Women of the ELCA. We also donate to the ELCA Good Gifts at our Christmas Party.

All women of Kent are encouraged to participate in WELCA! We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 11 A.M. WELCA Wednesday is a new gathering where we occasionally meet at a restaurant or business to learn & enjoy friendships.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Ringsdorf, President

**WELCA Income/Expense Report**  
**01/01/2021 – 12/31/2021**

<b>Income:</b>	<b>2021 Totals</b>
Bazaar/Chili/Soup/Bake Sale:	\$687.00
Birthday Offering:	\$77.00
Cash In:	\$1,151.00
Christmas Sock Offering:	\$267.00
Cookie Sale:	\$1,298.30
Donations:	\$4,475.00
Interest	\$7.67
KMLC /Coffee Reimbursement:	\$500.00
Regular Offering:	\$238.49
Rummage Sale:	\$8,392.37
Thank Offering:	\$255.00
Newcomers	\$1,336.00
Total Monthly Income:	\$18,684.83
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>Year End Totals</b>
Area Schools:	\$774.96
CADV Sunshine House:	\$300.00
Cash Out:	\$1,151.00
Christmas Luncheon Gifts:	\$150.00
Cluster Meeting:	\$100.00
Community for Christ:	\$300.00
Farmer Brother's Food Service:	\$416.26
Funeral Meals:	\$41.98
Kent Altar Guild:	\$329.00
Kent Office Supplies:	\$150.00
Kitchen Equipment	\$52.60
Kitchen Supplies:	\$397.99



KMLC General Fund:	\$3,778.78
Name Tags:	\$9.53
Lutheran World Relief / ELCA Good Gifts:	\$555.00
Women of ELCA:	\$119.25
Women of ELCA Churchwide Thanksgiving	\$255.00
Oaks Indian Mission:	\$200.00
Postage:	\$82.55
Share the Harvest:	\$300.00
Treasurer Supplies:	\$39.14
Nursing Scholarship Fund at Lake Regional Hosp.	\$3,798.30
MISC: Window Blinds for Pastor's office	\$243.00
MISC: Bethany College Donation	\$364.30
MISC: Camp Tomah Shinga	\$364.30
MISC: Lutheran Disaster Response	\$364.30
MISC: CSS Women of the ELCA	\$100.00
MISC: Ivy Bend Food Bank	\$200.00
MISC: Computer Equipment for Pastor's office	\$1,807.31
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$16,744.55</b>

Submitted by Joyce Wanamaker, WELCA Treasurer

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

*The Worship & Music Committee strives to bring meaningful worship services to the congregation of Kent Memorial Lutheran Church.*

**PURPOSE:** This Committee assists the pastor and church council in assuring that the worship services are conducted regularly and in accordance with the liturgy of the ELCA. They are responsible for the provision and maintenance of the musical instruments, hymnals, pew Bibles, and other devotional materials. They supervise the effectiveness of the choir(s) and hymn selections for the services. The recruitment and training of ushers, greeters, acolytes, and lectors is an ongoing process. The Altar Guild, functioning within its own guidelines, is responsible to this committee.

2021 Committee Members: Melba Bangert, Tracy Garrett (Chair), Katie Heaford (Altar Guild), Jane Maher, Al Mohling, Joyce Wanamaker (Secretary), and Barb Yount (Council); Pastor Ed Foster and Council President Bill Work were adjunct members.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021:**

2021 was a year of joy, challenge, and opportunity for Kent Memorial as we explored new ways to worship our Lord and "Share Jesus With All." We continue to offer online worship for those unable to attend in person, and weekly share our services via YouTube for others to discover Kent Memorial.

We offer our sincere thanks to the musicians of Kent, who have provided solos, ensembles and other special music during this challenging time: Joyce Burke, Sally Burke, Tracy Garrett, Eldeen Hanke, Jerry Hawk, Katie Heaford, Vanessa Hebrank, Jane Maher, Al Mohling, Margo Strothmann, Michael Wagner, Toni Wagner, Chuck Wanamaker, Joyce Wanamaker, the Kent choir and the Kent Handbells.

Our thanks to the Property Committee, Altar Guild and all others who prepare the sanctuary and church building, for decorating for our special seasons, for preparing the pageant area, moving walls, and set up sound equipment, only to take it down a week later. And to those who prepared the Ireland Chapel for our outdoor worship. Worship at Kent Memorial takes many hands, and you, our volunteers, keep us going.

A special thanks to the volunteer sound and video technicians who run the board for us for the ninety regular services each year, along with any weddings, funerals and special events that use our facility: Dan Garrett (Chair), Gail Kruse, Al Mohling, Michael Wagner and Mike Ward.

Lent was a wonderful journey in 2021. An average of 31 worshippers attended each week, then gathered in the Fellowship Hall for a meal and fellowship time.

On Maundy Thursday, the Worship & Music Committee hosted a traditional Seder meal for 50. All who attended shared the traditions of our Jewish sisters and brothers, learning quite a bit during the evening. We hope to make this an every-other-year tradition at Kent Memorial.

Palm Sunday began Holy Week and the journey to the cross, then a joyous Easter Sunday morning as we proclaimed our Savior risen! Our 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Easter Pageant, "He Is Risen!", returned this year and was a rousing success. One of our largest crowds ever turned out for the performance.

Midweek Advent Services began December 2 online, with average attendance of 35 both in the sanctuary and online. The theme was *Wait Upon the Lord with Hope.* We worshipped together, then adjourned to the fellowship hall for a meal and time together. Our appreciation is extended to Joyce Burke, Tracy Garrett, Katie Heaford and Joyce Wanamaker for providing music to enhance our Advent worship, and to Dan Garrett for manning the sound booth and video equipment.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service was a beautiful experience. We welcomed 134 worshippers both in our sanctuary and online. Our thanks to Margo Strothmann, Joyce Wanamaker, the singers, the handbell players, and instrumentalists for sharing their gifts that evening.

We finished 2021 with a Lessons and Carols style Hymn Sing. Worshippers had fun singing as many favorite hymns as possible that morning.

It was, indeed, a wonderful year, and with God's help, mercy and guidance, we were able to worship our God and our Savior every week and every day of 2021.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tracy Garrett, Chair