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Karen Stanze	Social Ministry
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Bill Work	Property
Barb Yount	Worship & Music

Council Appointed Positions

Gail Kruse	Treasurer
Jane Maher Financi	ial Secretary

Friends

12 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15I do not call you servants* any longer, because the servant* does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16You did not choose e but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. —John 15:12-17

It is utterly amazing that Jesus declares that we are his friends and that he is ours. What an amazing declaration, that we are indeed those friends that he loves so much that he laid down his life for. What an amazing thing to contemplate, that Jesus is not just our master, our savior, our teacher and our God, Jesus is our friend. The implications of such a relationship are life changing. Our relationship with our God isn't one of duty, obligation, and obedience so much as it is a relationship of love, of friendship and concern.

If it is a big deal that Jesus is our friend, then friendship itself must also be a big deal. Those people in our lives whom we call friends, those people we love, those people we think about, do things with, share ourselves and our lives with, those people and those relationships are indeed special, they are even holy.

Friends are a gift from God. Friends make our lives fuller, richer and more meaningful. Friends provide for us the support and encouragement and often the correction that no one else would give to us. They inspire us. They nurture us. They often entertain and bring joy to us. And they are, along with our family, the people that we get to share the gift of love with first and most meaningfully. Indeed, the first neighbors that we love like we love ourselves, are often our friends. And that counts!

Oh yes, we are called to love neighbors who aren't our friends as well. Jesus probably wouldn't have had to command us to love our friends. But that truth doesn't diminish the value and the blessing of loving and being loved by those we call our friends. Don't neglect others, but do, do love and care for that special community of special people, your friends.

One of the terrible casualties of our present tumultuous world is, we are being told, friendship. As we become more polarized, as we are being distanced socially, we are also being distanced emotionally. Friendship is taking a beating and we are all becoming poorer for it.

Loving our friends is work, it turns out, just like loving our family and strangers is work. Loving our friends takes time, and effort, commitment,

grace and forgiveness. Loving our friends takes sacrifice. Loving our friends, might even require our lives. Our friends are surely among the neighbors we are called to love as God in Christ has loved us.

So here is my invitation, dear friends: Celebrate this blessed and wonderful gift of friendship. Make time for your friends. Give them a call. Send them a card. Post to them on your social media of choice. Love them. Bless them. Share your life with them. It may be trickier these days than it has ever been, but we need one another, especially our friends, even more now than we ever have.

God bless you, my friends. Pastor Ed



THANK YOU

Dear Kent Family,

It was quite a surprise and honor that you took the time to celebrate my 90th birthday. I am grateful that the church gave me such a special party! What a pleasure it was to see so many of my Kent friends again. The cards I received in Omaha and here at the lake brought me great joy. I truly felt loved by you all.

Kent Lutheran Church has been a very important part of my life as my husband, Bud, and I spent our retirement years here at the lake. I will always be thankful for the church and the wonderful friendships and ministries I was privileged to be a part of. Thank you again for blessing me with such a beautiful party.

God Bless You, Beverly Kidder

AUGUST SCRIPTURE LESSONS

August 7 ~ 9th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading	Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm	
Second Reading	
Gospel Reading	

August 14 ~ 10th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading	Jeremiah 23:23-29
	Psalm 82
Second Reading	Hebrews 11:29—12:2
	Luke 12:49-56
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August 21 ~ 11thSunday after Pentecost

First Reading	Isaiah 58:9b-14
	Psalm 103:1-8
Second Reading	Hebrews 12:18-29
	Luke 13:10-17
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August 28 ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading	Proverbs 25:6-7
Psalm	
Second Reading	Hebrews 13:1-8. 15-16
Gospel Reading	
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GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR AUGUST

08/07 Bill Work, Bob Karls
08/14 Wendy Blomberg, Joyce Wanamaker
08/21 Michael Wagner, Toni Wagner, Kat Lacroix
08/28 Kathy Fair, Carol Hansen

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2021

Email your news Office@KentMemorial.com.

SUMMER CRUISE WORSHIP August 17 & September 21

Join us on the water for our Summer Cruise Worship. We will gather each month at 4:00 p.m. at a specified location 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 the week before each Cruise Worship. 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.

Watch the bulletin for more information.

For questions, see Barb Yount.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study

6:00 p.m.

The Books of Leviticus & Numbers

Led by Pastor Ed

We will resume **August 10**, taking off the Wednesday nights there is Cruise Worship (see that schedule above).



Social Ministry's *"FOR THE COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER"*

BINGO

SEPTEMBER 9

5:30 p.m.

There will be a Silent Auction, gasoline gift certificates, a 50/50 raffle and lots of fun!

You're invited to-

- 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.
- Come and have fun!

Tickets are \$10 and will be sold between services beginning August 14.

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 8 and Sept 4.
- Donating baked goods? Just complete a bid sheet for your bakery items and leave it in the Faith Room, then bring your donation the night of the event. We will put the bid sheet with your goodies.



CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council Minutes - July 19, 2022

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

Absent- Sheryl Boos, Michael Wagner

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by President Kathy Fair.

Dwelling in the Word: Wendy Blomberg opened with devotion.

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

Treasures Report- Gail Kruse reported

Pastor's Report- Pastor Ed reported he has conducted eight worship services, one Memorial and worship at the Laurie Care Center. He has had one home visit, two shut-in visits and one counseling visits. He attended the meetings of Altar Guild, Evangelism, Finance, Worship & Music, Social Ministry and Council meeting. He has attended the men and women's Bible study and the Wednesday evening Exodus Bible study. He has also helped with Buddy packs. Pastor reported attendance is great with an average of 100 people this summer. Photos are still being taken with hopes to finish up by the first of September. Pastor put a great ad on Facebook for the Rummage sale, please be sure to view and share. Pastor shared thoughts as we continue to witness shootings around our country. People on every side of the issue agree that guns need to be stored safely and securely. Could we help provide trigger locks for people that need them? He is in the process of checking with the Chief of Police and the Sheriff and researching possible partners in this. Pastor has new information about mental health services in the area that he will make available and will share that information with others who may be interested. Pastor visited Quality Industries in Versailles and enjoyed visiting with the staff and employees. They are on the list for "God's Work Our Hands" to fix restroom doors.

Committee Reports- Evangelism reported they took a field trip to Quality Industries in Versailles. They are the group that takes the leftover rummage sale items to sell in the store or ship to countries in need. Karen Thompson and Perry Worker are new members. There is now a credit card to use when picking up donuts. "God's Work Our Hands" will be Sept.11th. -Budget & Finance reported Audit Committee is putting the finishing touches on the audit procedures. Memorial details were shared. Peggy Worker is a new member of the Budget & Finance Committee. -Long Range Planning reported they have heard from four of the seven

scholarship recipients, checks to follow. -Property reported the have changed furnace filters, taken care of weeds, sprayed the outdoor worship area for bugs, made repairs to the keyboard shelter, replaced sprinkler heads in the Columbarium area and had the leaky urinal in the unisex restroom repaired. Thank you all that donated your time and talents! Please see Property report for a complete list of work completed. -Social Ministry reported they will donate \$250.00 for school supplies. Bingo tickets will go on sale August 14th. Bingo fundraiser on September 9th. -Worship & Music reported the Cruise Worship was at Carmelita's due to heat. Discussion on how long outside service should continue was tabled. -WELCA reported they have been working on quilt squares and preparing for the rummage sale.

Old Business-The Audio and Visual committee reported due to conflict of regular work schedule the person could not accept the position of AV Tech.

New Business- Finance Committee will be working the schedule for budget reports that will be due in September.

Correspondence-

Motion to adjourn was made by Al Mohling, seconded by Wendy Blomberg and all approved.

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 6:55.

Next meeting: August 16, 2022

Devotion- Sheryl Boos

Respectfully submitted, Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary

AUGUST 2022

WEDNI	TUESDAY	MONDAY	SUNDAY
	ELECTION DAY 2 Rummage Sale Setup	1 Rummage Sale Setup	
g 10am Wors 6pm Evening	9 11am WELCA Meeting Community for Christ	8 9am Social Ministry 9:30am Evangelism Quality Industries pickup	7 8am Worship (outside) 9am Fellowship 10am Worship (livestream) - Communion
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-	16 6pm Church Council	15	14 8am Worship (outside) - Communion 9am Fellowship 10am Worship (livestream) - Communion
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NESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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orship & Music ng Bible Study	10am Men's Bible Study		
	Community for Christ		Community for Christ
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17 Cruise Worship	18 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm Jazz Band Reh.	19	20
24 Women's Bible Study ng Bible Study	25 10am Men's Bible Study	26	27
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	Community for Christ		Community for Christ

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS -AUGUST 2022

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

This month I just want to take time to Thank all of you for your Stewardship. Kent is so good at Stewardship you probably don't even think about Stewardship as you are doing it.

In August we have the rummage sale. By raising funds we can use to support various causes in our community, we are demonstrating our Stewardship to others. Proverbs 3:27 encourages us this way: "Do not withhold good from those who need it, when you have the ability to help." That's good Stewardship!

It also shows our Stewardship of the environment. Through our sale we are doing our part to reduce, reuse and recycle by keeping these items out of our landfills. That's good Stewardship!

Yet another way we show our Stewardship is by how friendly we are with our shoppers. By this "you shine as lights in the world." Philippians 2:15

And that's just the start of All that you do! Coming up in September we have "God's Work. Our Hands." and the annual Social Ministry fundraiser. All of these events are ways that we show our good Stewardship.

For all of this we say a big THANK YOU! Well done, you Good and Faithful Stewards!

Verses to ponder: Hebrews 13:16, John 13:34-35

Peace and Blessings! Michael Wagner

WELCA's ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE August 5 & 6

Our Annual Rummage Sale is THIS WEEK!!! Friday, August 5 (8am-3pm) and Saturday, August 6 (8am-noon). If you still have treasure to bring, please have them here by Wednesday, August 3.

Now, then. We need help! On Monday the 1st we will bring stuff up from the basement. (Scouts should be here.) On Wednesday the 3rd we will set up tables and empty the rooms. On Thursday the 4th 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 on Saturday, August 6 at 12:00 p.m. to carry things to the basement. 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



FINANCE CORNER

INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT	JUNE	MAY	APRIL
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>
Offerings and Income-Month	\$ 12,024	\$13,921	\$ 11,668
Pass-Through Income-Month	<u>\$ 352</u>	\$ 330	<u>\$ 1,819</u>
TOTAL INCOME-MONTH	\$ 12,376	\$14,251	\$ 13,487
Actual Expenses-Month	\$ 18,120	\$15,469	\$ 17,592
Pass-Through Expenses-Month	<u>\$ 352</u>	<u>\$ 330</u>	<u>\$ 3,041</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES-MONTH	\$ 18,472	\$15,799	\$ 20,633
TOTAL OVERALL-MONTH	\$ (6,096)	\$ (1,548)	\$ (7,146)
Monthly Budget-Expenses	\$ 18,127	\$18,127	\$ 18,127
Offerings and Income-Y-T-D	\$ 90,346	\$78,322	\$ 64,401
Pass-Through Income-Y-T-D	<u>\$ 4,953</u>	<u>\$ 4,601</u>	<u>\$ 4,271</u>
TOTAL INCOME-Y-T-D	\$ 95,299	\$82,923	\$ 68,672
Actual Expenses-Y-T-D	\$105,117	\$86,997	\$ 71,528
Pass-Through Expenses-Y-T-D	<u>\$ 4,953</u>	\$ 4,601	\$ 4,271
TOTAL EXPENSES-Y-T-D	\$110,070	\$91,598	\$ 75,799
TOTAL OVERALL-Y-T-D	\$ (14,771)	\$ (8,676)	\$ (7,128)

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FINANCIAL NOTES:

- A. Current Financial Situation Kent's giving has now continued to fall short of expenses for the fourth straight month. Our year to date 2022 expenses continue to be slightly under budget. Please take the time to prayerfully review your 2022 giving in order to support Kent's mission.
- **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.

Recent Action Team Projects:	
Independence Day Cookout and Service	June 2022
Water/Gatorade for SBFPD	May 2022
New Purple Choir Stoles	April 2022
Christmas Store Board Games	December 2021
Counters Offering Process/Materials Upgrade	December 2021
Soup on Sunday	December 2021
Helping Children Have a Meaningful Christmas	November 2021
LRW School Supply Kits	August 2021
Back to School Supplies	August 2021
Independence Day Cookout and Service	June 2021
Seder Service Supplies	March 2021
Computer Monitor for Editing/Posting Online Services	March 2021

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.

Women of the ELCA

WELCA Minutes July 2, 2022

The July meeting was called to order by President Karen Ringsdorf, there were 17 members present. Jane Maher gave a devotion about Wisdom and Understanding.

June minutes were read, motion to approve made by Jane Maher, 2nd by Wendy Blomberg. Joyce Wanamaker reported the treasury had \$7,169.50 as of June 30, 2022.

The Church at Large: Melba Bangert reported that we will not have anyone attending the Central States Synod in Overland Park, KS.

They will be collecting items to fill backpacks for children at Safe Home, which is similar to CADV, one item they are requesting is small stuffed animals. We will be sending some of our supply that we have for the hospital.

Community for Christ: Signup sheet is posted.

Senior Center: Jane Maher reported our week to work is August 8th.

School Liaison: Wendy said 10 of the 13 signed up for the summer Buddy Pack program picked up their Buddy Packs.

Publicity: Karen Stanze has posters made for the rummage sale, please post around town a couple of weeks before sale. She will be sending information to radio stations soon.

Care Core: No requests for June, Linda Williams has July.

Birthdays wishes: We sang happy Birthday to Karen Thompson.

Special Events: Rummage Sale is coming up August 5th and 6th, there are signup sheets on the board.

Old Business: Cindy Mohling said funeral for Kathy Hankins went very good and the family really appreciated it. Diane Nielson from Heart to Heart brought a list of classes they will be offering soon, it is on the WELCA bulletin board.

New Business: Next in house bake sale will be July 17, signup sheet going around.

We will work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief on July 18 at 9am.

Devotions: August Devotion Barb Yount.

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

Respectfully submitted by Mary Evans, Secretary



SOCIAL MINISTRY CORNER

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

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

June, 2022 (number of needs calls):

Electric - 2

Total Assistance to our Community this month: \$153.93

We Share Jesus with All!

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST

CFC has been off to quite a start! Busy at the thrift store which is always a good thing!! If you are interested in volunteering for a few hours a month contract either Jim Mellody 913-269- 3375 or Chuck Wanamaker 573-745-0674.

This is all for a good cause to help our community, store proceeds support the CFC food bank and assist with electricity, rent, Rx, water and many other needs.

These are some items CFC could use in our food bank. These are items that can not be bought with food stamps.

NEEDS FOR AUGUST:

Cereal Peanut butter & jelly Catsup, mustard, mayo, salad dressing Canned fruit Canned veggies (spinach, lima beans, carrots, sauerkraut, beets) Canned meat Cake mixes & frosting (kids have birthdays) Boxed potatoes of any kind Taco & chili seasoning Chef Boy-R-Dee canned items Pork & beans Refried beans Rice flavored packets of any kind Brown rice Spaghetti &/or soup type noodles Mac & Cheese

Hygiene & Cleaning Items:

Deodorant (men & women) Men's body wash Toilet paper Paper towels Cleaning items for kitchen, floors & bathrooms

Items currently NOT needed:

Elbow macaroni Canned soup Canned corn or green beans

Karen Mellody Thrift Store & Outreach Director Community for Christ

IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING TOUCH

Pam Babcock Shirley Clark Evelyn & Dick Clements Ezra Elcock Mary Beth Fair Terri George Ken Gerardy Barbara & Bob Gislason Shirley Hamm Jerry Hansen Baby Harlow Linda Harris Bryan Hastings Mike Holmes Steve Hoskins Marianne Howley Tom Howley Linda Kimberling Kayla LeBarge Terry Miller Steve O'Connor Mike Page Rev. Bill Peterson Ron Roberts Don Stout Karen Tischnor Ellie Torres Bernie Wiegel Melissa Wiles Larry Wilson Michael Wright & Family



SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock Eric Blomberg Ben Brammeier Shade Bullock Aaron Davis Tanner Glodt Kristine Hubbard Jason Ites Jason Judge



Adam Kralina Matt Lee Jordan Lindeman Glenn Maddock Tristan Morgan Adam Peterson Trent Simmons

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

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08/08 Larry Lutjen	е
Carol Gill	е
08/09 Jennifer Kruse Surface	-
08/15 Al Mohling	
08/16 Pat Garrett	
John Ballard	
08/17 Bob Ballard	
08/19 Mike Reth	
08/20 Jennifer Bolton	
08/23 Ken Gerardy	
08/24 Tucker Renken	
08/25 Jake Jacobson	
08/27 Stanley Field	
Sam Foster	
LeeAnne Brumm	
08/28 Mary Foster	
08/31 Beth Moorefield	
Karen Stanze	



ANNIVERSARIES

08/02/1980	AI & Cindy Mohling	41 years
08/06/1988	Marty & Carol Hansen	33 years
08/09/1980	Rick & Beth Waite	41 years
08/13/1983	Matt & Leeanne Bunger	38 years
08/15/1981	Steve & Tracey Atzeni	41 years
08/18/1979	John & Jennifer Bolton	42 years
08/21/1965	Bill & Karen Pragman	56 years
08/21/1971	Tom & Karen Ringsdorf	50 years
08/23/1964	Mike & Judy Ward	57 years
08/27/1988	Jim & Gail Kruse	33 years
08/31/1992	Mike & Maria Reth	29 years
08/31/1996	Travis & Shannon Bullock	25 years
08/31/1968	Ron & Jane Kornfeind	53 years

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