

# KENT HAPPENINGS

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*Overlooking the Lake of the Ozarks*

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~ 1951—2023 ~

~ The Reverend Edward L. Foster, Pastor ~

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# JANUARY SCRIPTURE LESSONS

## January 1 ~ Name of Jesus Sunday

First Reading.....Numbers 6:22-27  
Psalm ..... Psalm 8  
Second Reading ..... Galatians 4:4-7  
Gospel Reading ..... Luke 2:15-21

## January 8 ~ Baptism of Our Lord

First Reading.....Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm ..... Psalm 29  
Second Reading ..... Acts 10:34-43  
Gospel Reading .....Matthew 3:13-17

## January 15 ~ 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading.....Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalm ..... Psalm 40:1-11  
Second Reading ..... 1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
Gospel Reading ..... John 1:29-42

## January 22 ~ 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading.....Isaiah 9:1-14  
Psalm ..... Psalm 27:1, 4-9  
Second Reading ..... 1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Gospel Reading .....Matthew 4:121-23

## January 29 ~ 4th Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading.....Micah 6:1-8  
Psalm ..... Psalm 15  
Second Reading ..... 1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Gospel Reading .....Matthew 5:1-12

### GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR JANUARY

01/01 Wendy Blomberg, Joyce Wanamaker  
01/08 Kathy Fair, Carol Hansen  
01/15 Bill Heaford, Joan Wilken  
01/22 Katherine Lacroix, Eldeen Hanke  
01/29 Bill Work, Bob Karls

### ***FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE***

***MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023***

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## A Brand New You

Does anyone really make New Year's resolutions anymore? I hear many folks who decry the habit as ineffective and childish, and to be honest I've not often found the changing of the calendar to coincide with my desire to make a lifestyle change. But whether or not we actually take on resolutions for the new year, there is something, I think, exciting about the prospect of leaving the old year behind and starting fresh.

Maybe 2023 will be a much better year than '22. Maybe Covid will become less of a threat to our lives and our way of life. Maybe we will grow closer together as a community, nation, and world? Maybe the world will be a kinder and gentler place. Standing on this side of 2023, I am still filled with hope. The future is filled with possibility and promise!

As Christians, loved and forgiven by God, every day is like New Year's Day. For indeed, we awaken each morning forgiven of our sins and a new and bright future lies ahead of us. We are not doomed to repeat the errors of our past, nor will we suffer for them eternally. To be sure, we still deal with the consequences of our mistakes and errors. God's forgiveness doesn't erase our responsibility to those around us. But even then, we deal with those consequences free from the weight of God's judgement and scorn.

We do, we awaken each morning, free to be the people God created us to be. Free to love, free to care, free to make a difference in the world for ourselves and for our neighbors. The forgiveness of our sins changes everything, it makes all things new, it has the power to transform us and make us new as well.

Maybe today I will be kind when my first impulse is to be grumpy. Maybe today I will help someone new. Maybe today I will find a way to make our community a better place for people to live and grow? Maybe, maybe today I can show someone how much God loves them? Maybe I can be a light for the world, or a better dad, husband or friend. Today, each today, is filled with possibility because the old has passed away and God has made all things new.

As this new year begins, I pray that the power of God's mercy and grace, the power of God's love and forgiveness will indeed make every day a bright new day for each of you.

Happy New Year, Happy Bright and Shiny New You!

God bless you all,  
Pastor Ed

# Women of the ELCA

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## **WELCA Minutes December 6, 2022**

The December meeting was our annual Christmas Party with 28 in attendance. The first graders from Hurricane Deck School entertained us with Christmas Songs. We had mulled cider and enjoyed a lunch of soup, salad and dessert. There was a craft project for the ladies to do and everyone did a great job.

The Christmas Stocking offering was taken up and, with matching funds from Giving Tuesday, WELCA was able to purchase several items for global families. We collected 79 food items for Community for Christ. We sang Happy Birthday to Pastor Ed, Katherine Lacroix, Jane Maher, Judy Ward, Marsha Gust and Marianne Howley.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Evans, secretary



# CHURCH COUNCIL

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## Unapproved Minutes for December 20, 2022

**In Attendance-** Pastor Ed, Kathy Fair, Carol Hansen, Bob Harger, Wendy Blomberg, Karen Stanze, Gail Kruse, Michael Wagner, Kathrine Lacroix, Al Mohling, Jim Mellody, Mike Ward and Bill Work

**Absent-** Bob Karls, Sheryl Boos and Barb Yount

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

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

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

**Treasurer's Report-** Gail Kruse reported

**Pastor's Report-** Pastor Ed reported he has conducted four worship services and one Wednesday evening service. He has had three shut-in visits, and two counseling visits. He attended the meetings of Altar Guild, Evangelism, Finance, Long Range Planning, Social Ministry, Worship and Music, and Congregational Council. He has attended the men's and women's Bible study and the Wednesday evening Bible study. He participated in WELCA, Buddy Packs, Zero the Hero, helped with the Christmas store at Hurricane Deck, and delivered food for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. They were able to provide the children two large buddy packs for the extended Christmas break; they had 102 parents benefit from the Christmas store, delivered 27 turkeys with milk and some other fixings, for Christmas they delivered 25 hams with some fixings. Funds coming from the Buddy Pack program. Pastor thanked Wendy Blomberg for all her hard work making this possible. Pastor stated he was humbled to be a part of this congregation, seeing all the gifts for the loving tree, the Christmas store at Hurricane Deck and the many ways we reach out through our Social Ministry committee. Pastor stated he thought it might be a good time to have a refresher course on ushering and running the sound booth. He is aiming for a Saturday morning with breakfast following. He will be starting a Grief Support Group in January. Pastor thanked graduating council members Bob Harger and Karen Stanze, and those starting out and those continuing. Your leadership, dedication and faithfulness are all a part of what makes Kent a special place.

**Committee Reports-** Evangelism reported they Wendy Blomberg is stepping down and Cindy Mohling will be the new Chairman. -Long Range Planning reported they are waiting to hear from the scholarship recipients and the checks will be sent in January. -Stewardship reported the January message will be on money. The committee will be asking

members to consider increasing their giving to help maintain a solid financial picture in light of the fact that all of the Kent staff have been given an 8.7% pay raise. -Property reported they have blown leaves twice, set up the nativity scene, and set up and took down cookie sale sign. Tom from HVAC repaired the furnace for Pastor's office and performed maintenance on all the remaining furnaces. Mark with Roofmasters, for free, fastened a section of flashing above Pastor's office and while up there inspected the shingles for wind damage. After CoMo removes the two pine trees he will return and clean the pine needles out. Lynn Burke thanked all those that have dedicated their time to maintaining Kent property. -Social Ministry reported they delivered the gifts to CADV. They have had two requests for needs. They have a balance of \$7,235.00. They will be sending checks to the Salvation Army and the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter giving to CFC. -WELCA reported they had the Christmas Party and some kids from Hurricane Deck came to sing. See committee reports for full details.

**Old Business**-The Audio and Visual committee reported they have had two people decline the position. -Curb cut discussion- Michael Wagner made a motion to look for bids for the curb cut and railings. Wendy Blomberg seconded the motion and all approved. Pastor will contact Jim Neilson. -Year-end reports are due to Tracy. -Gail Kruse will contact Church Mutual about the renewal of our upcoming insurance policy for Kent Memorial.

**New Business**- Election of Council President and Vice President- Bill Work made a motion to allow incoming council members to vote for council seats. Wendy Blomberg seconded the motion and all approved. Kathy Fair was nominated by Jim Mellody for another term as Council President. Bill Work made a motion to accept the nomination, seconded by Wendy Blomberg and all approved. Wendy Blomberg nominated and made a motion for Michael Wagner as Vice President. Seconded by Jim Mellody, all approved.

**Correspondence**- Thank you cards from the Kid's at Hurricane Deck School for the Christmas treat bags.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: January 17, 2023

Devotion- Michael Wagner

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Hansen,  
Recording Secretary

# JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNE
1	2	3 9:30am Altar Guild 11am WELCA Meeting	
8 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship (livestream) - Communion 11am Fellowship Handbells Rehearsal	9 9:30am Social Ministry	10	9am Wc 10am Wors 6pm Evening
15 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship (livestream) - Communion 11am Fellowship Handbells Rehearsal	16	17 6pm Church Council	9am Wc 10am CfC Bc 6pm Evening
22 10am Worship (livestream) - Communion 11am Fellowship Handbells Rehearsal	23 6pm Chorale Rehearsal	24  <b>Community for Christ</b>	9am Wc 6pm Evening
29 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship (livestream) - Communion 11am Fellowship Handbells Rehearsal	30	31	9am Women's 6pm Evening



WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4	5 10am Men's Bible Study	6	7 9:30am Undecorate the Church
11 Women's Bible Study Worship & Music Morning Bible Study	12 10am Men's Bible Study	13	14 10am Usher/Sound Refresher & Brunch
18 Women's Bible Study Board Meeting Morning Bible Study	19 10am Men's Bible Study	20	21
25 Women's Bible Study Morning Bible Study	26 10am Men's Bible Study  <b>Community for Christ</b>	27	28  <b>Community for Christ</b>
1 Women's Bible Study Morning Bible Study	2 10am Men's Bible Study	3	4

# FINANCE CORNER

<u>INCOME &amp; EXPENSE REPORT</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>
Offerings and Income-Month	\$ 14,436	\$ 17,236	\$ 16,317
Pass-Through Income-Month	\$ 330	\$ 193	\$ 443
<b>TOTAL INCOME-MONTH</b>	<b>\$ 14,766</b>	<b>\$ 17,429</b>	<b>\$ 16,760</b>
Actual Expenses-Month	\$ 13,560	\$ 14,915	\$ 19,598
Pass-Through Expenses-Month	\$ 330	\$ 193	\$ 443
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES-MONTH</b>	<b>\$ 13,890</b>	<b>\$ 15,108</b>	<b>\$ 20,041</b>
<b>TOTAL OVERALL-MONTH</b>	<b>\$ 877</b>	<b>\$ 2,321</b>	<b>\$ (3,281)</b>
Monthly Budget-Expenses	\$ 18,127	\$ 18,127	\$ 18,127
Offerings and Income-Y-T-D	\$ 183,326	\$ 168,889	\$ 151,653
Pass-Through Income-Y-T-D	\$ 6,714	\$ 6,384	\$ 6,191
<b>TOTAL INCOME-Y-T-D</b>	<b>\$ 190,040</b>	<b>\$ 175,273</b>	<b>\$ 157,844</b>
Actual Expenses-Y-T-D	\$ 184,223	\$ 170,664	\$ 155,748
Pass-Through Expenses-Y-T-D	\$ 6,714	\$ 6,384	\$ 6,191
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES-Y-T-D</b>	<b>\$ 190,937</b>	<b>\$ 177,048</b>	<b>\$ 161,939</b>
<b>TOTAL OVERALL-Y-T-D</b>	<b>\$ (897)</b>	<b>\$ (1,774)</b>	<b>\$ (4,095)</b>

## FINANCIAL NOTES:

- A. **Current Financial Situation** – Kent’s giving is very close to actual expenses at the end of November, and we appreciate where we are in our cash flow this close to the end of the year. Our year to date 2022 expenses continue to be slightly under budget. Thank you to those who prayerfully give offerings 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:

Hurricane Deck Christmas Store	December 2022
WELCA Christmas party	December 2022
Poinsettias for Altar Guild	November 2022
Ivy Bend Children Christmas Gifts	November 2022
Ivy Bend Food Pantry	November 2022
Soup on Sunday	November 2022
School Supplies	August 2022
Quilting Supplies for LWR Quilts	July 2022
Community VBS Golf Tournament	June 2022
Independence Day Cookout and Service	June 2022
Ladies Community Spring Luncheon	May 2022
Water/Gatorade for SBFPD	May 2022
Bell choir gloves and stoles	April 2022
New Purple Choir Stoles	April 2022
Cleaning supplies for CFC	December 2021
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.

# STEWARDSHIP FOCUS - JANUARY 2023

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

Well, we've made it through another year! Praise God! Can you believe its 2023?

And we recently got through our annual meeting in November. But we did get to have a potluck, Bonus! While these meetings are generally monotonous and boring they are a necessary part of creating and sustaining an environment where we can fulfill our mission.

At this year's meeting we willingly voted in favor of a budget with an 8% increase in expenses, which is reasonable in today's economy.

In the words of Martin Luther, "What does this mean?" Well it means we are going to have to increase our giving in 2023 in order to meet these additional expenses. So, this being a time of resolutions I challenge each of us to prayerfully consider how to increase our giving in 2023 by at least 8%. It sounds like a big number, but if each one of us pitches in what we are able, we CAN meet this challenge. God is faithful and blesses those who bless others.

Peace and Blessings for the New Year!

Michael Wagner

## **2023 GIVING ENVELOPES DELAYED**

Our giving envelopes for 2023 have not yet arrived. An equipment breakdown and parts caught in the supply chain problems have put the company way behind.

Until the envelopes arrive, please continue your weekly giving and write your envelope number on your check or your name on the envelope you use for cash. That will ensure your giving appears on your statement at the end of 2023.

If you wish your offering to go somewhere besides the general fund, please be sure that is noted.

Questions may be directed to Gail Kruse or Jane Maher.

# SOCIAL MINISTRY CORNER

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

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

**November, 2022** (number of needs calls):

Rent - 1

Electric - 1

**Total Assistance to our Community this month: \$226.85**

*We Share Jesus with All!*

# COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST

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## COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST NEEDS FOR JANUARY

Cereal (hot & cold)  
Condiments, like catsup, mustard, salad dressings, etc.  
Cleaning supplies  
Size 4 and 5 diapers (our babies are getting bigger!)  
Baby wipes  
Deodorant (Men & woman)  
Shampoo (Woman)  
Body wash (Women)

Again thank you so very much!! The food pantry has been very busy. Already this year we have greatly surpassed last year's stats on food, and really on everything.

Thank you so much!!!  
Karen Mellody, Thrift Store & Outreach Director

## **Report from Social Ministry**

From the Kent representatives on CFC Board, numbers of those helped by CFC from Jan. 2022 through Nov. 2022.....

- New clients in 2021 (102), new clients in 2022 (142) 40% increase
- Families assisted in 2021 (946), in 2022 (1336) 41% increase
- Food requests in 2021 (334), in 2022 (489) 45% increase

Thanks to all who have contributed to blue box and volunteered during Kent week. Community for Christ sends a big Thank You to all.

# IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING TOUCH

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Pam Babcock  
Shirley Clark  
Evelyn Clements  
Emma  
Mary Beth Fair  
Stacey Flect  
Ron Ferguson  
Ken Gerardy  
Barbara & Bob Gislason  
Carla Glusing  
Marsha Gust  
Jerry Hansen  
Debbie Hanshaw  
Linda Harris  
Bryan Hastings  
Mike Holmes  
Marianne Howley

CF Huff  
Teresa Joslin  
Linda Kimberling  
Barry Mabe  
Terry Miller  
Larry Mausbach  
Steve O'Connor  
Mike Page  
Rev. Bill Peterson  
Ron Roberts  
Marcia Robbins  
Dan Rogers  
Linda & Dan Smith  
Don Stout  
Karen Tischnor

Ellie Torres  
Bernie Wiegel  
Melissa Wiles  
Larry Wilson  
Jody Ziehl



*Christian condolences and hope are offered to the family and friends of Beverly Kidder, who died December 7, 2022.*

# SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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Christopher Babcock  
Eric Blomberg  
Ben Brammeier  
Shade Bullock  
Salathiel (Sal) Caudill  
Aaron Davis  
Tanner Glodt  
Kristine Hubbard  
Jason Ites



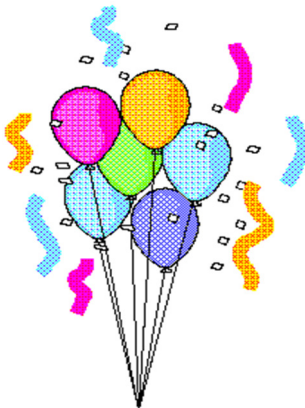
Jason Judge  
Adam Kralina  
Matt Lee  
Jordan Lindeman  
Glenn Maddock  
Tristan Morgan  
Adam Peterson  
Trent Simmons

# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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## BIRTHDAYS

01/01 Ron Kornfeind  
01/02 Carolyn Garrett  
01/04 Ray Lacroix  
01/10 Barb Gidley  
01/19 Chantal Enriquez  
01/20 Allen Brumm  
01/21 Dorothy Engelstad  
Pastor Carl Gauck  
01/22 Janay Renken  
01/27 Karen Mellody  
LaRoy Vinkavich  
01/30 Lyla Renken



## ANNIVERSARIES

01/03/2009	Vince & Barb Yount	14 years
01/07/1995	Bill & Joy Whitlow	28 years

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