

# KENT HAPPENINGS

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## March 2023



*Overlooking the Lake of the Ozarks*

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# MARCH SCRIPTURE LESSONS

## March 5 ~ 2nd Sunday in Lent

First Reading..... Genesis 12:1-4a  
Psalm ..... Psalm 121  
Second Reading .....Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
Gospel Reading ..... John 3:1-17

## March 12 ~ 3rd Sunday in Lent

First Reading..... Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm ..... Psalm 95  
Second Reading .....Romans 5:1-11  
Gospel Reading ..... John 4:5-42

## March 19 ~ 4th Sunday in Lent

First Reading..... 1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm ..... Psalm 23  
Second Reading ..... Ephesians 5:8-14  
Gospel Reading ..... John 9:1-41

## March 26 ~ 5th Sunday in Lent

First Reading..... Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm ..... Psalm 130  
Second Reading .....Romans 8:6-11  
Gospel Reading ..... John 11:1-45

### GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR MARCH

03/05 Bill Work, Bob Karls  
03/12 Wendy Blomberg, Joyce Wanamaker  
03/19 Kathy Fair, Carol Hansen  
03/26 Bill Heaford, Joan Wilken

**MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023**  
*Email your news Office@KentMemorial.com.*

## Lenten Thoughts

I would venture to bet that Lent is not most people's favorite season of the church year. It is surely a more somber time, a time of reflection and introspection. The hymns often aren't quite so lively as during other times of the year, and looming over Lent is the dark cloud of Good Friday. Indeed, some denominations don't observe Lent at all, and many churches give it much less attention than they did in the past.

I believe that Lent remains an important part of our life of faith. It surely provides an opportunity for us to grow: to grow spiritually, to grow in our understanding of ourselves, and to grow closer to God and to our brothers and sisters.

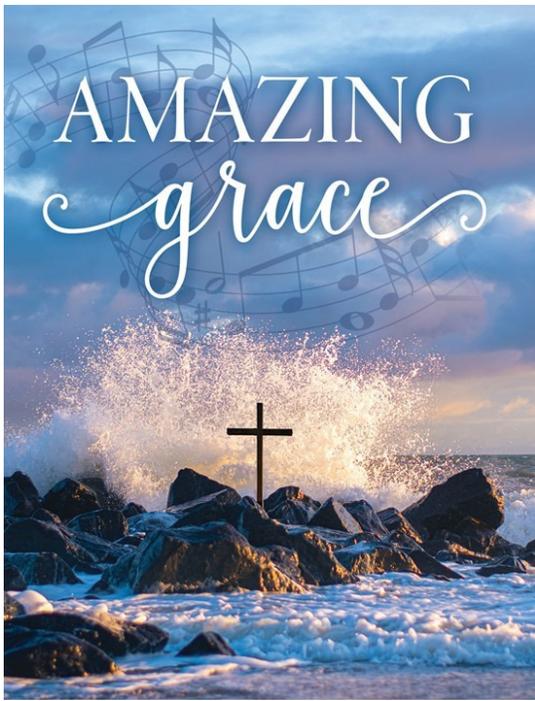
We are challenged during Lent to become more aware of our faults and failings, our sins and our missteps. That is rarely a fun activity, but it is certainly a valuable one. As we become more in tune with our need for Christ's grace and forgiveness, we are driven to cling ever more closely to our savior. A healthy benefit to becoming more aware of our own need for grace is often having more compassion for our brothers and sisters who stand in need of that same love of God.

As much as I look forward to Easter which shines the bright light of Christ's glory into the darkness of Lent, I encourage you to take full advantage of the gifts Lent offers. With both humbleness and gentleness to yourself, allow this season to do its work. Consider the ways God is still working in your life, the places where God is working to change you, the places where there is still some work for you to do was well. Wrap yourself in God's mercy and grace, and turn away from those things that are hurtful, and embrace all of the good things that God has prepared for you.

These 40 days of Lent can be a powerful and holy preparation to the joys of Easter. Taken together, Lent and Easter, and the gracious God working through them, can change our lives.

May the season of Lent be a time of blessing and growth for us all.

God bless each of you,  
Shalom,  
Pastor Ed



## **MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES**

6:00 p.m.

March 1 — Isaiah of Babylon

Hosted by Worship & Music, Budget & Finance Committees

March 8 — The Prodigal Son

Hosted by Altar Guild, Christian Education

March 15 — The Blind Man

Hosted by Property, Mutual Ministry

March 22 — The Woman at the Well

Hosted by Evangelism, Audit, Stewardship

March 29 — Paul

Hosted by Long Range Planning/Social Ministry.

# CHURCH CDUNCIL

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## Unapproved Minutes for February 21, 2023

**In Attendance-** Pastor Ed, Carol Hansen, Bob Karls, Michael Wagner, Al Mohling, Jim Mellody, Mike Ward, Bill Work and Katherine Lacroix

**Absent-** Sheryl Boos, Barb Yount, Wendy Blomberg, Gail Kruse and Kathy Fair

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Vice President Michael Wagner

**Dwelling in the Word:** Katherine Lacroix opened with devotion.

**Minutes-** A motion to approve the January Council meeting minutes was made by Bill Work, seconded by Bob Karls, all approved.

**Treasures Report-** Al Mohling reported

**Pastor's Report-** Pastor Ed reported he has conducted five worship services. He has had two home visits and one shut-in visit. He attended the meetings of Altar Guild, Evangelism, Finance, Long Range Planning, Worship & Music and Congregational Council. He has attended the men and women's Bible study and the Wednesday evening Bible study. He participated in WELCA, Buddy Packs and "Zero the Hero". Pastor reported "Zero the Hero" gave 100 pennies to each kindergartner in celebration of counting and 100 days of school. Thank you to those that donated. Pastor discussed setting up a meeting with Stephen Phelps from the ELCA foundation to present information on how to set up an endowment fund here at Kent.

**Committee Reports-** Evangelism reported they had 26 people for the blood drive, 21 were able to donate. New Members will be Welcomed Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup>. -Budget & Finance reported they have begun to work with the new software program. An upgrade would be needed to access the budget report program. It was decided they will export budget figures to Excel and will present the budget quarterly rather than monthly. Upon the request of the Audit Committee, they will audit the main bank account on a quarterly basis and the committee accounts semiannually. Budget & Finance recommended Westside Aquatic Center and Social Ministry split Lenten offerings. -Long Range Planning reported Scholarship letters have been sent to the schools. Five of the six scholars have received their checks. Katherine has not heard from one student and will continue to try to contact. -Stewardship reported they will focus on Wisdom and Sobriety. They will talk about forty days of giving, "Don't Give up for Lent, Just Give". -Property reported the security light in the back of the church has been repaired. Anyone needing free firewood contact Lynn Burke. Easter Pageant backdrop will be put up the last full week in March. -Social Ministry reported they have helped 8 families with utilities bills totaling \$796.00. -Worship & Music reported plans are made for Lent services and the Seder meal, April 6<sup>th</sup>. -WELCA reported the cluster meeting will be April 29<sup>th</sup>. The theme is "The Lord is Our Light of Salvation and Strength". Hurricane Deck Principal, Christie, will give the afternoon program on "The Leader within Us". They will have four quilts for donation when finished. Linda Williams has completed 78 sets of baby hats and booties. Eldeen attended the luncheon at the Laurie Care Center. She reported they are reopening the ice cream shop and are looking for help. They are also in need of personal care items. Spring Luncheon will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>

and will be a mother/daughter event with the theme as “Seeds of Spring and Offspring”.

**Old Business-** Photo directory is almost ready for print. Lenten supper hosts schedule: March 1st- Worship & Music/Budget & Finance, March 8<sup>th</sup>- Altar Guild/Christian Education, March 15<sup>th</sup>- Property/Mutual Ministry, March 22<sup>nd</sup>- Evangelism/Audit / Stewardship, March 29<sup>th</sup>- Long Range Planning/Social Ministry. Council received a letter from the Property Committee concerning the curb cut. After lengthy discussion over the items presented concerning the curb cut, it was decided to table the issue until the next meeting March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**New Business-** Lenten offerings discussed; Jim Mellody made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee that Lenten offerings be split between Westside Aquatic Center and Social Ministry. Bill Work seconded the motion and all approved. -Discussion was held regarding Easter breakfast. Jim Mellody made a motion to make the Easter Breakfast a “Free Will Donation” for all with those funds going to the Easter Pageant. Al Mohling seconded the motion and all approved.

**Correspondence-** Thank you card from Community for Christ for our donation of \$250.00, \$500.00 and \$90.00 in memory of Ted Turner. Thank you from One We Were Refugees for \$500.00. Thank you from Westside Senior Center for our continued support.

Motion to adjourn was made by Pastor Ed, seconded by Al Mohling and all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

We closed the meeting with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next meeting: March 21, 2023

Devotion- Bill Work

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary

You heard it here first, folks: **Kent's 75th Anniversary** is in the not too distant future!  $1951 + 75 = 2026$

The Long Range Planning committee is going to get the ball rolling of Kent's celebration by asking for your help. What do you remember of anniversary celebrations at the churches you belonged to before coming to Kent? Special guests? Special services? Special projects? Special meals? Memorabilia displays?

Please email your memories to any member of the committee.

Pastor Foster [pastored@kentmemorial.com](mailto:pastored@kentmemorial.com)

Bill Work [jmww1203@gmail.com](mailto:jmww1203@gmail.com)

Herb Worker [youkon905@sbcglobal.net](mailto:youkon905@sbcglobal.net)

Kathy Fair [fairlady365@yahoo.com](mailto:fairlady365@yahoo.com)

Keep your eyes open for celebration planning progress & additional pleas for help.

# 55<sup>th</sup> Performance of *He Is Risen!*

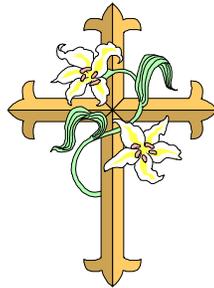
**2023 Easter Pageant  
Sunday, April 9, 8:30 a.m.**

Kent Memorial brings the Easter story to life for the community at 8:30 a.m. on Easter morning. The performance takes lots of cast members, both in front of the “wall of Jerusalem” and behind the scenes.

## **CAST MEMBERS NEEDED**

Want to get in on the action? Rehearsals begin soon! New cast members are always welcome!

If you have questions—or are ready to sign up—contact Gail Kruse, 573-286-0562. And bring your friends!



# Holy Week

at

## Kent Memorial

### **PALM SUNDAY**

April 2 at 10:00 a.m.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**Seder Meal & Worship**

April 6 at 6:00 p.m.

### **GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP**

April 7 at 6:00 p.m.

We walk with Christ through his suffering and death on the cross through the words & songs of the Passion.

### **Easter Sunday—April 9**

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service and Holy Communion

7:30 a.m. Easter Pancake Breakfast

8:30 a.m. 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Pageant  
*"HE IS RISEN!"*

9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion



## 40 Days of Giving

Make a difference in our church, our community, and  
our world.

“Let your light so shine...”

Most of the time when we think of Stewardship we think of big sacrifices or big burdens we must bear. But that’s not always the case. We hear how Jesus was tempted by the devil and fasted for 40 days and 40 nights. While that is surely something to aspire to, we don’t need to be so dramatic to make a difference in the lives of others. Stewardship can be the small things we do daily that show our thankfulness and praise for God’s blessings.

Maybe the 40 days of this Lenten season can be a time when we can find new ways to “Let our lights shine.” Maybe we can find 40 ways, or even 2 or 3 ways ten or twenty times, to give of our ourselves and make others lives better. It could be a gift of our time, like making a phone call to someone we haven’t spoken to for a while, or sending an Easter card to one of our shut-ins. It might be a gift of your talents, from smiling at the waiter or waitress at the café to making someone a card, or knitting something special—giving of our talents makes an impact on peoples hearts. Or it might indeed be a gift of our treasures, supporting a new organization or agency, giving a special gift to someone in need.

These 40 days of Lent might be 40 days of giving, growth and love. It might be 40 days of “letting our lights shine, so that others may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven.”

### WANT SOME SUGGESTIONS?

For our world—

- Turn your thermostat down one degree.
- Save something for recycling.
- Start a plant to replant this spring.

For our community—

- Thank a teacher that you remember.
- Save your change and donate it.
- Volunteer at Community for Christ.

For yourself—

- Read the words to your favorite hymn- think about the meaning
- Count your blessings.
- Make a list of all the things you are thankful for.
- Go for a walk and really look at nature.

And pray daily!

# Thank You

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Dear Kent Family,

I want to thank all of you for the prayers, cards, gifts, food, phone calls, and especially visits I had while I was in Stover at the care center. At first I was very mixed up and I might have called you the wrong name. If so I am sorry but I still knew who you were and where you came from. I still have issues and still need your prayers. Without all you caring people I might not have made it. Thank you so much.

I especially want to thank Allen who only missed 2 days of visits in 4 months.

Love,  
Linda Kimberling

We had another successful blood drive on Friday, February 17th - 27 signed in; we had 21 donors able to help our blood bank. Thank you to all Kent members who helped in achieving our goal by volunteering your time for setting up/cleaning up the fellowship hall; assisting donors, baking cookies; placing and retrieving signs; and being a donor when possible. Again THANK YOU ALL!!

God's blessings and peace to all. Kat

# MARCH 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNE
			9am Wc 6pm Lente
5 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship (livestream) - Communion 11am Fellowship Handbells Rehearsal	6 9:30am Evangelism 6pm Chorale Rehearsal	7 9:30am Altar Guild 11am WELCA Meeting	9am Wc 10am Wors 6pm Lente
12 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship (livestream) - Communion 11am Fellowship Handbells Rehearsal	13 9:30am Social Ministry	14	9am Wc 6pm Lente
19 10am Worship (livestream) - Communion 11am Fellowship Handbells Rehearsal	20 6pm Chorale Rehearsal	21 6pm Church Council	9am Wc 6pm Lente
		<b>WESTSIDE SENIOR CEN</b>	
26 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship (livestream) - Communion 11am Fellowship Handbells Rehearsal	27	28	9am Wc 6pm Lente

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Women's Bible Study Ten Worship & Potluck	2 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm Lake Jazz Band  <b>Community for Christ</b>	3	4  <b>Community for Christ</b>
8 Women's Bible Study Worship & Music Ten Worship & Potluck	9 10am Men's Bible Study 3pm "Love Abides" Grief Support Group	10	11
15 Women's Bible Study Ten Worship & Potluck	16 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm Lake Jazz Band	17	18
22 Women's Bible Study Ten Worship & Potluck	23 10am Men's Bible Study	24	25
ENTER (10:20am-12:30pm)			
29 Women's Bible Study Ten Worship & Potluck	30 10am Men's Bible Study	31	1

# Women of the ELCA

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## WELCA Minutes

February 7, 2022

The February meeting was called to order by President Karen Ringsdorf; there were 15 members present. Kathy Fair presented a devotion titled *The Light of the World*.

**Secretary's Report/Correspondence:** The January minutes were read by Jane Maher; a motion to approve was made by Eldeen Hanke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sally Burke, motion carried. Correspondence was read and will be posted on the bulletin board.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joyce Wanamaker gave the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$5863.32 as of January 31, 2023. Additionally, she provided a summary report of the WELCA income & expenditures for 2022.

**The Church at Large:** Karen reported that they met with 3 officers working on the cluster meeting for April 29<sup>th</sup>. The theme is "The Lord is Our Light of Salvation and Strength". Pastor Ed will be a speaker and lead the Bible Study. The principal of Hurricane Deck (Christie) will give the program in the afternoon on "The leader within us." Kent is responsible for morning refreshments and lunch.

Sally reported that when finished there will be four (4) quilts for donation. There are plans to display the quilts prior to donation. They will request others to bring quilts that have been made for display as well.

**Christian Action:** Kathy Fair reported that the hospital needs more critters. Twenty-two were finished today & will be taken there. She will gather the 'kid' friendly fabric in the WELCA closet to make more critters. Additionally, it was reported that Linda Williams completed 78 sets of baby hats & booties.

**Community for Christ:** Eldeen reported CFC's week is 2/28, 3/2, and 3/4. Additionally, she reported they are overstocked with winter clothes and need help sorting.

**Laurie Care Center:** Eldeen reported she attended a luncheon at the home in January. She also reported that the ice cream shop will reopen; they are looking for help and in need of personal items. Additionally, she reported that Patty Ypya – the new Administrator will speak at the March WELCA meeting. Additionally, we are looking for a new chairperson for this committee.

**Senior Center:** Jane Maher passed out the sign-up sheet. Kent's week is February 13 – 17.

**Sunshine Lady:** Ingrid Nieman sent 3 cards in January to Marsha Gust, Linda Kimberling, and Carolyn Garrett.

**Care Core:** Joyce Burke handled January and reported she and Joyce took meals to Linda Kimberling. Cindy Mohling has February and Kathy Fair, March.

**School Liaison:** Kathy reported that 68 Valentines Buddy Pack treat bags were filled.

**Treats for Schools:** Linda and Karen provided treats for January; Eldeen and Pat will provide treats in February.

**Pastor's Remarks:** Pastor reported that Zero the Hero's final day is this coming Friday. He also reminded us that there will be a refresher course for ushers and sound room workers this coming Saturday at 10:00 a.m. with snack to follow. He reminded us that Lent is about to begin and that Ash Wednesday is February 22.

**Birthdays:** There were two birthday girls present, Linda Williams and Karen Ringsdorf.

**Special Events:** Eldeen reminded us that the Spring Luncheon will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> and will be a mother/daughter event with the theme as "Seeds of Spring and Offspring". Invitations will be sent to 8 other churches. Questions can be directed to Eldeen or Joan.

**Old Business:** Karen reported that the "Stay Birds" outing was held in Camdenton on Friday, January 27 with 14 in attendance.

Karen announced that Amazon Smile is being discontinued at the end of February 2023

**Announcements:**

Sally Burke reminded all that there are cards on the table to be signed for Charlie Peterson.

Devotions in March will be Sally Burke

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Maher



**Faith, Hope and Love Abide,  
And the greatest of these is Love!**

## **Love Abides... Grief Support Group**

Love is the most precious of God's gifts. Through God's gift of love, God blesses us in every way imaginable. Love brings life. It brings joy. Love gives us support when we are weak, and it gives us courage when we are fearful. Love fills our lives and our hearts with the beloved. But when we lose someone we love, the hole in our lives is also love-shaped.

Learning to live with our grief is something most of us will have to do in our lives to one degree or another and it isn't something most of us have much experience with. To help all of us on our journeys through grief we are going to start a grief support group here at Kent. Our first gathering will be Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.

It will be a laid back and comfortable time to honor those we are grieving, share ways we can cope with our feelings and the challenges our losses have brought us, and examine what resources our faith and our church family can bring to our experience of loss.

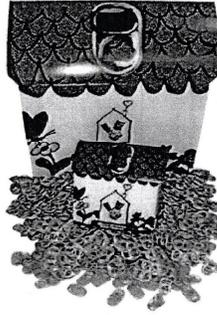
This is a work in progress. Times and locations, even our format are subject to change as we figure out what works best for us, but we have to start somewhere, so we will start on a Thursday afternoon in March. Anyone and everyone who is grieving is welcome.

# HURRICANE DECK KINDERGARTEN CLASS

## Pop Tab Collection Time!

Kindergarten is once again collecting tabs for the Ronald McDonald House of Columbia, which serves our local community.

We can use tabs off of tuna cans, soup cans, soda cans, any metal tabs will work! Please make sure to only send in the tab, not the can or lid as it can be sharp.



There will be a collection bin in the front lobby to put your tabs in. You can turn them into the office or into your classroom teacher.

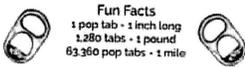
Kindergarten appreciates you helping us make a win-win. We are learning about recycling and serving others!

We will collect until April 1. You can also drop off your tabs when you come to visit for 3rd Grade Market Day on March 24th.

Invite Family, Friends and Local Businesses to collect with us! We have a big goal this year and the more involvement the better!

Thank you for your help and support!

Hurricane Deck Elementary  
Kindergarten Teachers and Students



Fun Facts  
1 pop tab - 1 inch long  
1,280 tabs - 1 pound  
63,360 pop tabs - 1 mile

### What does it take to help families?

136 lbs of pop tabs will house a family for one night at the Ronald McDonald House in Birmingham. That means, 950 lbs of pop tabs houses a family for a whole week at the House!  
**Remember every little bit helps.**



Find all the details on our website: [RMHCA.org](http://RMHCA.org)

# FINANCE CORNER

<u>INCOME &amp; EXPENSE REPORT</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>
Offerings and Income-Month	\$ 15,434	\$ 34,366	\$ 14,436
Pass-Through Income-Month	\$ 145	\$ 3,453	\$ 330
<b>TOTAL INCOME-MONTH</b>	<b>\$ 15,579</b>	<b>\$ 37,819</b>	<b>\$ 14,766</b>
Actual Expenses-Month	\$ 18,716	\$ 21,406	\$ 13,560
Pass-Through Expenses-Month	\$ 120	\$ 3,453	\$ 330
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES-MONTH</b>	<b>\$ 18,836</b>	<b>\$ 24,859</b>	<b>\$ 13,890</b>
<b>TOTAL OVERALL-MONTH</b>	<b>\$ (3,257)</b>	<b>\$ 12,960</b>	<b>\$ 877</b>
Monthly Budget-Expenses	\$ 19,295	\$ 18,127	\$ 18,127
Offerings and Income-Y-T-D	\$ 15,434	\$ 217,692	\$ 183,326
Pass-Through Income-Y-T-D	\$ 145	\$ 10,167	\$ 6,714
<b>TOTAL INCOME-Y-T-D</b>	<b>\$ 15,579</b>	<b>\$ 227,859</b>	<b>\$ 190,040</b>
Actual Expenses-Y-T-D	\$ 18,716	\$ 205,629	\$ 184,223
Pass-Through Expenses-Y-T-D	\$ 120	\$ 10,167	\$ 6,714
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES-Y-T-D</b>	<b>\$ 18,836</b>	<b>\$ 215,796</b>	<b>\$ 190,937</b>
<b>TOTAL OVERALL-Y-T-D</b>	<b>\$ (3,257)</b>	<b>\$ 12,062</b>	<b>\$ (897)</b>

## FINANCIAL NOTES:

- A. Current Financial Situation** – Kent’s giving started slowly to begin 2023. Our January expenses were slightly under the 2023 budget to start the year. Please make the extra effort to contribute even without the benefit of your offering envelopes. We are making efforts to get this remedied as soon as possible. Thank you to all those who prayerfully gave 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

- 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.
- D. Thrivent Life Insurance and Investment Owners** - Now is the time of year to reaffirm your Thrivent charitable assignment to Kent Memorial. Thrivent donates a portion of their profits as “Choice Dollars” back to the charities that are named. If you have questions about this, please contact Joyce Wanamaker, Kathy Fair, or Al Mohling.

# MARCH 2023

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

As we are now in Lent it's a time for reflection and repentance. So we are going to look at one of the areas that Gina Calvert writes about in her blog at Vison2.com called "11 Traits of Good Stewardship in Scripture." So this month we'll look at "Wisdom and Sobriety." Her verse to contemplate is from Ephesians 5:15-18, "Be careful, then, how you live-not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery, instead be filled with the Spirit..."

Other verses we can reflect on this season:

- Job 11:13-14, "Now for you, if you will prepare your heart, spread out your hands to him. If you have any iniquity, throw it far away. Don't let evil live in your residence."
- Psalm 34:13, "Then keep your tongue from doing evil and your lips from spreading lies,"

So, during this season of Lent and repentance let's focus on doing and saying the right things.

Peace and Blessings!  
Michael Wagner

**2023 GIVING ENVELOPES ARE HERE!**

Pick yours up in the Gathering Place.

# SDCIAL MINISTRY CDRNER

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

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

**January, 2023** (number of needs calls):

Electric - 5

Gasoline - 1

Rent - 1

Gas (for heating) - 1

**Total Assistance to our Community this month: \$796.92**

*We Share Jesus with All!*

### **SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Social ministry has been busy helping those in need. During January a total of 8 families were assisted with utilities, rent and gasoline. A total of \$796 was distributed to aid these families. Of the families assisted 4 are single family homes with 2 to 4 children.

In addition to assistance, these families are added to our prayers. Thanks to all for your continued generosity.

If anyone is interested in joining the committee our first meeting of 2023 is scheduled for Monday, March 13 at 9:30 AM.

Jim Mellody, Chair

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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## BIRTHDAYS

03/02 Karole Karls  
03/03 Abby Kruse  
03/08 Shirley Clark  
Susan Clark  
03/10 Leo Lindeman  
03/11 Jerry Husbands  
03/13 Charlie Peterson #90  
03/14 Sally Burke  
03/18 Gloria Peterson  
Kaitlyn Jones



## ANNIVERSARIES

03/07/1971	Jerry & Kandy Husbands	52 years
03/25/1967	Helmut & Jan Lacas	56 years

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

# IN NEED OF GDD'S HEALING TOUCH

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Dana Anderson  
Pam Babcock  
Cody Blasberg  
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*Christian condolences & prayer are offered to Gail Kruse & her family on the death of her mother, Betty Buss.*

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