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JUNE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

June 4 ~ Holy Trinity Sunday

First Reading.....Genesis 1:1—2:4a
Psalm Psalm 8
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Gospel ReadingMatthew 28:16-20

June 11 ~ 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading..... Hosea 5:15—6:6
Psalm Psalm 50:7-15
Second Reading Romans 4:13-25
Gospel Reading Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18 ~ 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading..... Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm Psalm 100
Second Reading Romans 5:1-8
Gospel Reading Matthew 9:35—10:8-23

June 25 ~ 4th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading..... Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm Psalm 69:7-18
Second Reading Romans 6:1b-11
Gospel Reading Matthew 10:24-39

GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR JUNE

06/04 Bill Heaford, Joan Wilken
06/11 Marsha Gust, Eldeen Hanke
06/18 Bill Work, Bob Karls
06/25 Wendy Blomberg, Joyce Wanamaker

JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023

Email your news Office@KentMemorial.com.

Peace be with you!

On Easter evening when Jesus met with the disciples in the upper room, he twice gave them the gift of peace (shalom in Hebrew). Their world was upside down, shattered and in tatters. The events of the last week had destroyed everything. Jesus had been crucified. They were in hiding. And people were saying crazy things like Jesus' tomb was empty and that he was raised from the dead. And there in that upper room, in the midst of their terror and despair, Jesus appeared to them and He gave them the gift of peace. Not just once did he offer that gift. He gave it to them twice, a double dose of peace!

As we enter into the season of Pentecost with its focus on living out our faith in our daily lives, I am becoming more and more aware of how in need we are of that shalom, that peace. It has been over 3 years now since Covid 19 shook up our world, and while the virus seems to be under control at the moment, the changes that came with it, the stress, the worry, the anger and the violence, it is still here. To be sure, not all of our present struggles can be blamed on the pandemic: the violence, the injustice, the wars, the economic uncertainty, the social divisions, distrust and anger were already there before we had ever heard about the Corona virus, but the pressure cooker of the pandemic seemed to amplify all of that. I wonder if any of us have had a moment of peace in the last 3 years?

Jesus' resurrection is the promise of peace. It is the gift of God's love and grace which sets us free. It sets us free from sin and death. It sets us free from the worries and the cares of this life. It sets us free to love one another so that we can share that peace, that shalom, with one another.

As we share the peace with one another each Sunday, we are indeed giving that gift to one another. As we share the peace, we are proclaiming that Christ is risen, and because he is risen, we have life and that life is eternal. As we share the peace with one another, we are committing to making that peace a reality for one another, for our community, and for our world.

Peace be with you! In these days of struggle and discontent, of anger and fear, may the presence of our risen Lord give you comfort and peace, courage and faith.

Peace be with you, always!

Shalom,
Pastor Ed

VINNY IS TURNING 50

Vaclav Stepanik, or Vinny as most know him, is turning 50 on July 25. He has done so much for our Buddy Pack program, from sponsoring the golf tournament to collecting donations, that I thought it would be fun to collect something for him.

He is always so generous at Christmas for the Hurricane Deck Christmas store that I would like to collect 50 toys, games and puzzles now that I know he will donate to the Christmas Store in December. He will be surprised and also thrilled that the Christmas Store at Hurricane Deck will have a good start for Christmas. Any donations are appreciated and can be put in the Buddy Pack room.

Thank you, Wendy Blomberg



“QUEEN ESTHER” AT SIGHT & SOUND

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:30 A.M.

On Wednesday, October 11, Kent will be taking a trip to Branson to see *Queen Esther* at the Sight and Sound Theater. We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. on a chartered bus, eat lunch at the Branson Golden Corral, attend the 3:30 p.m. show, and then travel home after the show (with a quick stop at Braum's in the Springfield area). The price will be \$105 per person which includes the show ticket, the bus ride, and the Golden Corral Lunch.

Sign up today.

The sign-up sheet is posted. We hope you will join us for a wonderful day! If you have any questions, contact Cindy Mohling (319-269-9853).

CHURCH CDUNCIL

Unapproved Minutes for May 16, 2023

In Attendance- Pastor Ed, Carol Hansen, Michael Wagner, Jim Mellody, Mike Ward, Bill Work, Wendy Blomberg, Gail Kruse, Al Mohling, Sheryl Boos, Barb Yount, Bob Karls, Kathy Fair and Kathrine Lacroix

Absent-

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

Dwelling in the Word: Carol Hansen opened with devotion.

Minutes- A motion to approve the April 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 six worship services and Good Friday service. He has had two home visits and three shut-in visits. He attended the meetings of Altar Guild, Evangelism, Finance, Scholarship, Social Ministry, Worship & Music and Congregational Council. He has attended the Men's Bible Study, the Women's Bible study and Wednesday Evening Bible Study. He participated in the Seder meal and Maundy Thursday Services, WELCA Cluster meeting and Buddy Packs. Pastor reported we had a busy month with Holy Week, Easter, Wedding Anniversaries, New Members, Scholarship recipients and WELCA Cluster meeting. Pastor thanks everyone for all you do. He reminds everyone to be careful not to wear yourselves out and remember its okay to ask for help. Pastor hopes to meet with Stephen Phelps soon to discuss the process of establishing an endowment fund. Pastor is looking forward to outdoor worship. He may take vacation from Memorial Day thru Friday so there will be no need for a sub. Synod Assembly will be Saturday June 3rd from 9am to 3 pm. Kathy Fair will join Pastor. Contact Pastor if you are interested in attending.

Committee Reports- Evangelism reported they will serve 12 families and 37 children this summer with Buddy Packs. The first pickup will be June 2nd. There will be a Blood Drive on June 9th from 1pm to 5:30 pm. -Budget & Finance reported the safe deposit box was emptied and the contents were reviewed. There was a little more than \$80.00 in cash that was moved to loose income and \$33.00 cash from Social Ministry which will be passed on to that committee. There were multiple copies of deeds, titles, insurance, maps, VHS including inventory from 1995 & 1996 and copies of land purchases. All Items will be moved to the safe and the box at the bank will be closed. Al Mohling on behalf of the committee recommended that the current CD of \$10,000.00 be closed, the penalty paid, and any remaining interest be added to the checking account. It was also recommended that \$25,000.00 of the \$29,129.47 in the trust checking account be combined with the \$10,000.00 to purchase a \$35,000.00 one year CD at the higher interest rate of 5.1%. Wendy Blomberg seconded, and all approved. -Scholarship Committee reported six of the seven recipients attended the reception. -Long Range Planning reported they will be looking to replace the

emergency lights due to them being expired or close to it. Plans are moving forward for the 75th Kent Memorial Anniversary. -Stewardship reported they will focus on "Gratitude and Respect". -Columbarium committee reported they discussed current fees; no changes made, and reviewed the revised Columbarium form. There are 20 niches available. They made a suggestion that a granite bench would be a good thing to offer to someone who has memorial money to give. -Property reported they have been mowing; killing weeds, replaced the basketball goal, replaced bushes, planted flowers and did some painting in the outdoor worship area. Thank you all for volunteering! -Social Ministry reported they have assisted two families for electric and rent. Festival of Sharing will begin August 1st. -Worship & Music reported they would like to recommend Sam Foster for the sound technician position, both services through the summer. Recommendation was seconded by Wendy Blomberg and all approved. Tracy thanked everyone for helping with the Chorale and reception. A meeting to review ushering responsibilities for outdoor worship service will be scheduled. Cruise Worship will be held (weather permitting) June 21st, July 19th, August 16th, and September 20th. -WELCA reported the Cluster meeting went well. There were 22 in attendance bring a lot of In-kind gifts and donations of \$109.00. Hurricane Deck will receive \$658.00. Community for Christ has assisted 171 families with electric bills this year. Spring Mother/Daughter Luncheon will be May 5th. Newcomers Luncheon is May 17th.

Old Business- Property will/has met with concrete contractor.

New Business- Vacation Bible School discussion. Date to be determined. Synod Assembly will be June 3rd from 9am to 3pm and will be held online only.

Correspondence- Thank you note from Westlake Aquatic Center for our donation of \$1453.00. Thank you card from Westside Senior Center for our donation of \$100.00. Thank you note from Ivy Bend Food Pantry.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: June 20, 2023

Devotion- Barb Yount

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary

FINANPE PORNER

<u>INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u>
Offerings and Income-Month	\$ 15,433	\$ 16,416	\$ 26,923
Pass-Through Income-Month	\$ 870	\$ 2,335	\$ 609
TOTAL INCOME-MONTH	\$ 16,303	\$ 18,751	\$ 27,532
Actual Expenses-Month	\$ 17,806	\$ 24,008	\$ 18,575
Pass-Through Expenses-Month	\$ 3,234	\$ 480	\$ 100
TOTAL EXPENSES-MONTH	\$ 21,039	\$ 24,488	\$ 18,675
TOTAL OVERALL-MONTH	\$ (4,737)	\$ (5,736)	\$ 8,857
Monthly Budget-Expenses	\$ 19,295	\$ 19,295	\$ 19,295
Offerings and Income-Y-T-D	\$ 74,221	\$ 58,788	\$ 42,371
Pass-Through Income-Y-T-D	\$ 3,959	\$ 3,089	\$ 754
TOTAL INCOME-Y-T-D	\$ 78,179	\$ 61,877	\$ 43,125
Actual Expenses-Y-T-D	\$ 79,104	\$ 61,298	\$ 37,290
Pass-Through Expenses-Y-T-D	\$ 3,959	\$ 725	\$ 245
TOTAL EXPENSES-Y-T-D	\$ 83,063	\$ 62,023	\$ 37,535
TOTAL OVERALL-Y-T-D	\$ (4,883)	\$ (146)	\$ 5,590

FINANCIAL NOTES:

- A. Current Financial Situation** – Kent’s giving has deteriorated during the month of April. Our April expenses stabilized and, for the first 4 months, averaged close to the budget. 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:

New Handbell Music Folders	April 2023
Ladies Spring Luncheon Supplies	March 2023
WELCA Spring Cluster Supplies	March 2023
Seder Meal Supplies	March 2023
Soup on Sunday	November 2022
Social Ministry Bingo Supplies	September 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.

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm Lake Jazz Band	2 Buddy Pack Pickup	3 Central States Synod Assembly (online)
	WESTSIDE SENIOR CENTER		
7 Women's Bible Study ng Bible Study	8 10am Men's Bible Study	9 1pm-5:30pm BLOOD DRIVE	10
14 Women's Bible Study orship & Music ng Bible Study	15 10am Men's Bible Study 3pm "Love Abides" Grief Support Group 6pm Lake Jazz Band Community for Christ	16	17 Community for Christ
21 Women's Bible Study Cruise Worship	22 10am Men's Bible Study	23	24
28 Women's Bible Study ng Bible Study	29 10am Men's Bible Study	30	1

**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 next gathering will be Thursday, June 15th at 3:00 pm.

It is 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.



Did You Know...

Did you know that Social Ministries partners with Community for Christ, and five other churches', to provide aid to those in need? What this means is 540 families have been assisted thru April 2023! Did you know that funds donated to Festival of Sharing are used to purchase hygiene items, blankets, food, school supplies, diapers, which are giving to agencies in our area for distribution? Finally, did you know that when CFC is discussed this is short for Community for Christ? An outreach center and emergency food bank located in Sunrise Beach.

Is there something about the life of Kent that you'd like to know? Ask Kathy Fair then keep an eye out for the answer in an upcoming "Did You Know..."

SUMMER CRUISE WORSHIP

June 21, July 19, August 16 & September 20

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.



Women of the ELCA

WELCA Minutes May 2, 2023

The May meeting was called to order by President Karen Ringsdorf, there were 22 members present. Joyce Burke gave the devotion on "God the Gardener".

April minutes were read, motion to approve with one change made by Eldeen Hanke seconded by Pat Poretta, motion carried. Correspondence was read and will be posted on the bulletin board. Karen Stanze, treasurer, reported treasury balance as of April 30, 2023 was \$5,289.14.

The Greater Church: Melba Bangert reported the Cluster meeting went great, she thanked all for their help with a special thank you to the committee. There were a lot of In-kind gifts donated along with \$109. Hurricane Deck School will receive \$658 (50% of the Love offering and \$109 from the In-kind offering). There will be a quilt pick up in Jefferson City Oct 21, 2023 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, which will make it easy for us to get our quilts to Lutheran World Relief.

Christian Action: Kathy Fair reported 6 ladies stuffed 34 1/2 critters.

Community for Christ: Joyce Wanamaker reported 171 families have been helped with their electric bills this year. Signup sheet to volunteer is going around. Needs: spinach, rice, hygiene products, cleaning supplies, cake mixes and small packets of rice seasoning.

Senior Center: Jane Maher reported our next week to work will be the May 29th to June 2nd, signup sheet going around. She said the attendance at the lunches have really been down, but they are still in need of help.

Sunshine Lady: Ingrid Niemann sent 3 cards for the month of April.

Laurie Care Center:

Birthday: Birthday wishes were sung to Mary Evans, Joyce Wanamaker, Sheryl Boos, Pat Poretta and Diane Ziehl.

School Liaison: Wendy Blomberg announced there is one more month for buddy packs, letters have gone out for the summer program. She has delivered the teacher appreciation lunch to Hurricane Deck and it is all set up.

Publicity: Karen Stanze has pictures of Cluster meeting, Lake Chorale reception and will get them on bulletin board soon.

Care Core: Sharon Ballard is passing around information for care core, please check to be sure your information is correct and make any chang-

es you need to. Sharon Ballard has Care Core for May.

Special Events: Eldeen Hanke reminded us Spring Luncheon is May 5th, signup sheets still on bulletin board. Joyce Burke announced Newcomers Luncheon is May 17th, they will need 12 desserts and 32 salads. Joyce Burke and Sally Burke are in charge of this luncheon. Signup sheets are on bulletin board. It was brought up that we may need to raise the price we charge them per person, after discussion it was decided to leave fee where it is for now.

Old Business: Karen Ringsdorf thanked all for cookies for Chorale reception and the Cluster meeting. Also thank you to Mary Evans, Karen Stanze, Sharon Ballard and Linda Williams for taking care of the reception.

New Business: Karen Ringsdorf brought up our Sam's Club membership has run out. There was a discussion on whether to renew the membership. It was decided not to renew at this time, if we need it in the future we can renew it at that time.

Announcements: The reception for our Scholarship recipients is this Sunday. Kent Memorial will be giving out 7 scholarships and 6 of them will be at the reception Sunday.

Devotion for June is Ruth Osterbur.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Evans



STEWARDSHIP CDRNER

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

This month we are going to focus on the section of Gina Calvert's blog at Vison2.com called "11 Traits of Good Stewardship in Scripture" based on Gratitude and Respect.

Ms. Calvert begins with Deuteronomy 8:17-18, "You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced wealth for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today."

Colossians 3:17, "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

This message may sound very familiar. These verses reinforce our stewardship motto that precedes each of our Stewardship Focus messages. Yes, everything, including our ability to produce wealth, is a gift from God. And, so in response, we ought to give thanks to God the Father.

I give thanks for All of you. Let's All give thanks to God for all the gifts he has bestowed on us!

Michael Wagner

SDCIAL MINISTRY CDRNER

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

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

April, 2023 (number of needs calls):

Electric - 1

Rent - 1

Total Assistance to our Community this month: \$275.34

We Share Jesus with All!

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE REPORT

Social Ministry provided \$275 in aid to two families during the month of April. A total of 31 families have been helped in the first 4 months of 2023 in the amount of \$2,859.

Social Ministry has received grant funds from Lutheran Social Service in the amount of \$600. A reminder that Social Ministry works in conjunction with Community for Christ to provide greater help for families in need. The monthly Blue Box donations are forwarded to CFC for their emergency food pantry. If possible, remember to volunteer when the Kent week for CFC happens. Mark these dates on your calendar: Month of July, contribution envelopes for Festival of Sharing available. Remember that contributions will be returned to this area in the form of goods.

Friday September 8th, the annual Card Bingo charity event will be held. Buy tickets and join your friends. Social Ministry is still seeking additional members. Our next committee meeting is Monday June 12th at 9:30 AM, feel free to visit meeting to see what is being done.

Thanks to all for the continued support.
Jim Mellody, Chair

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

06/08 Terri Georg
06/10 Pauline Evans
06/11 Dennis Boos
06/13 Nancy Larson
06/14 Abraham Enriquez
06/16 Curtis Reams
Carol Hansen
Jaxon Bullock
06/17 Don Vinduska
06/21 Tom Ringsdorf
06/27 Melba Bangert



ANNIVERSARIES

06/07/2003	Gary & Denise Cover	20 years
06/08/1991	Bill & Marsha Gust	32 years
06/09/1972	John & Terri Georg	51 years
06/15/1985	Allan & Sally Burke	38 years
06/21/1998	Ed & Mary Foster	25 years
06/22/2013	Jim & Karen Mellody	10 years
06/23/1961	Bob & Sharon Ballard	62 years
06/24/1956	Charlie & Marilyn Peterson	67 years
06/27/1964	Phil & Rosie Keeney	59 years
06/30/1979	Bill & Katie Heaford	44 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

Cheryl Anderson
Dana Anderson
Pam Babcock
Cody Blasberg
Marcille Bohling
LeeAnne Brumm
Jennifer Pederson
Cindy Campbell
Shirley Clark
Adam Craig
Evelyn Clements
Pat Embich
Mary Beth Fair
Ron Ferguson
Stacey Flect
Leslie Foster & Owen
Shane Foster
Ken Gerardy
Barbara & Bob Gislason
Carla Glusing
Debbie Hanshaw

Linda Harris
Bryan Hastings
Marilyn Hayes
Mike Holmes
Marianne Howley
CF Huff
Dave Huntley
DeLynn & Nancy Hurley
Teresa Joslin
Marsha Kidwell
Linda Kimberling
Blanche Lacroix
Barry Mabe
Larry Mausbach
Christy Moulder
Dave & Sara Newton
Steve O'Connor
Mike Page

Rev. Bill Peterson
Geri Riley
Ron Roberts
Marcia Robbins
Dan Rogers
Karen Tischnor
Bernie Wiegel
Larry Wilson



SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock
Eric Blomberg
Ben Brammeier
Shade Bullock
Dylan Craig
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

19th Annual

Bleed Red

Blood Drive



FREE for donors! While supplies last.
Scan code for ticket details!

www.cbco.org/baseball



Give Blood

Joyce McHenry Memorial Blood Drive

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church - Fellowship Hall
184 Sunset Hills Drive, Sunrise Beach

Friday, June 9, 2023

1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Appointments are strongly encouraged to manage donor flow. To schedule your appointment call 417-227-5006 or go to www.cbco.org/donate-blood



Photo identification required. Please eat well and drink plenty of fluids prior to the blood drive.

Community Blood Center of the Ozarks is the exclusive provider of blood to ALL your area hospitals.