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2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS
Committee Assignments

Kathy Fair..... President, Mutual Ministry, Long Range Planning
Michael WagnerVice President; Stewardship
Carol HansenRecording Secretary, Christian Education
Wendy Blomberg..... Evangelism
Sheryl Boos.....Social Ministry
Bob Karls..... Property
Jim MelodySocial Ministry
Katherine Lacroix Long Range Planning/Scholarship
Al Mohling..... Finance
Mike WardMutual Ministry
Bill Work Property, Long Range Planning
Barb Yount Worship & Music

Council Appointed Positions

Gail Kruse..... Treasurer
Jane Maher Financial Secretary

MAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS

May 7 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading..... Acts 7:55-60
Psalm Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Second Reading 1 Peter 2:2-10
Gospel Reading John 14:1-14

May 14 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading..... Acts 17:22-31
Psalm Psalm 66:8-20
Second Reading 1 Peter 3:13-22
Gospel Reading John 14:15-21

May 21 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Reading..... Acts 1:6-14
Psalm Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
Second Reading 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
Gospel Reading John 17:1-11

May 28 ~ PENTECOST

First Reading..... Acts 2:1-21
Psalm Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
Gospel Reading John 20:19-23

GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR MAY

05/07 Kat Lacroix, Eldeen Hanke
05/14 Bill Work, Bob Karls
05/21 Wendy Blomberg, Joyce Wanamaker
05/28 Kathy Fair, Carol Hansen

JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023

Email your news Office@KentMemorial.com.

Who Is Being Served?

This gathering and event that we have and participate in every week is most often referred to as a "Worship Service." Have you ever wondered about that phrase? Worship Service? What does it mean to come together to worship God? And who is it that is being served? Who is doing the serving?

To be sure, this is an activity that is different from almost any other. It isn't a performance. It isn't a meeting. It isn't a concert or a lecture. It isn't a meal. But there are parts of all of those in our worship experience. It is surely a time spent in the presence of God, since Jesus did indeed promise to be here with us, when two or three of us are gathered in his name. It is also time spent with our church family, fellow Christians, siblings in Christ.

We call this gathering to worship, a service. So, once again, who is being served. The obvious answer is, well, all of us. We all come to be renewed and refreshed and blessed. It may, from the outside, look like this is mostly a passive kind of activity. We come to worship, and the pastor, assisting ministers, lector and musicians provide a service to us, which we observe and receive. But that isn't really how worship works.

We call this thing we do each week a worship service, because we are all serving one another, we are all active participants in making this an experience of worship for one another. Yes indeed the pastor and the musicians and others who have more focused parts of the service are important, but no more important than any one of the people sitting in the pews. Sure, some of that is by singing, and participating in the liturgy, but it is also in our prayer, in our listening, our gentle smile, helping hand, and even by our very presence. We serve one another. We create the conditions and the atmosphere where Christ can and does come and spend time with us. Who is served? We all are served. And who is serving? We are all doing that too.

I was reminded of this a couple of weeks ago when we had a few more children than usual in the congregation. Did you notice how much their presence and their participation added to the service? How much they gave us in their enthusiasm and their joy? I was reminded how much each of you give to me, and how much I see you giving one another. I was reminded that every Sunday, we are all being served, and we are indeed all serving.

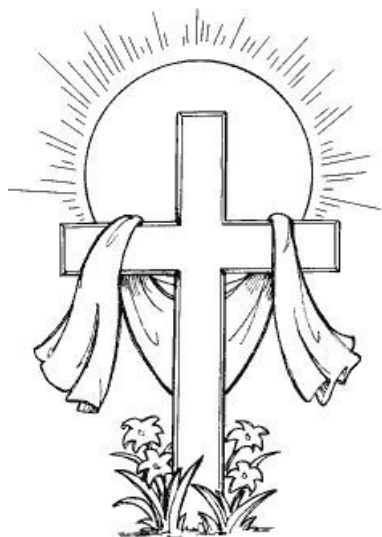
There is an implication to that. Do you see it? Our presence, your

presence matters. Coming to worship, we do indeed serve one another, and when we are missing, something special is missing for all the rest of us.

Who is being served in this Worship Service? We are all serving, and we are all being served.

May God bless and serve you all!

Shalom,
Pastor Ed



CHURCH CDUNCIL

Unapproved Minutes for April 18, 2023

In Attendance- Pastor Ed, Carol Hansen, Michael Wagner, Jim Mellody, Mike Ward, Bill Work, Wendy Blomberg, Gail Kruse and Al Mohling

Absent- Sheryl Boos, Barb Yount, Bob Karls, Kathy Fair, and Katherine Lacroix

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

Dwelling in the Word: Al Mohling opened with devotion.

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

Treasurers Report- Gail Kruse reported

Pastor's Report- Pastor Ed reported he has conducted four worship services and five Wednesday evening services. He has had one shut-in visit and one hospital visit. He attended the meetings of Altar Guild, Evangelism, Finance, Long Range Planning, Social Ministry, Worship & Music and Congregational Council. He has attended the men's and women's Bible study. He participated in WELCA and Buddy Packs. Pastor reported we had a wonderful Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Pastor thanked everyone for the hard work during this busy season. He shared that there were many pictures on Facebook with one commenting that it was an important part of their Easter Celebration. We need to remember what a big difference we make to the people of our community. It matters!

Committee Reports- Evangelism reported we will celebrate the Scholarship Recipients on Sunday, May 7th. They plan to see Queen Esther at Sight and Sound on Wednesday October 11th. Total cost will be \$110.00 per person this includes show ticket and meal at Golden Corral. -Budget & Finance reported Lenten offering were much larger this year allowing a \$1,453.00 contribution to Westlake Aquatic Center and \$1,453.00 to Social Ministry. Brief discussion on Memorial funds some are about to expire, contact will be made to see how remaining funds are to be handled. -Long Range Planning reported they have seven Scholarship Recipients each getting \$1,000.00. -Stewardship reported they will focus on "Spiritual gifts". -Property reported they removed the awning on the parsonage. The basketball goal was damaged by the wind. If anyone has one lying around they would like to part with contact Lynn Burke. Katie Heaford has been doing some painting in the outdoor worship area. They are in the process of getting bids for the handicap ramp. -Social Ministry reported they have assisted seven families and have an ending

balance of \$5,004.00. -Worship & Music reported the Seder meal was well attended with 52 in attendance. -WELCA reported the Spring Mother/Daughter Luncheon will be May 5th. They will have a quilt raffle. They will be treating the teachers with lunch for Teacher Appreciation week.

Old Business- Audio/Visual is still in the works. Photo directory is being proof read.

New Business- Synod Assembly will be June 3rd from 9am to 3pm and will be held online only.

Correspondence- Thank you card from CADV for our donation of \$375.00.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: May 16, 2023

Devotion- Carol Hansen

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary



FINANPE PORNER

<u>INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u>
Offerings and Income-Month	\$ 16,416	\$ 26,923	\$ 15,448
Pass-Through Income-Month	\$ 2,335	\$ 609	\$ 145
TOTAL INCOME-MONTH	\$ 18,751	\$ 27,532	\$ 15,593
Actual Expenses-Month	\$ 24,008	\$ 18,575	\$ 18,716
Pass-Through Expenses-Month	\$ 480	\$ 100	\$ 145
TOTAL EXPENSES-MONTH	\$ 24,488	\$ 18,675	\$ 18,861
TOTAL OVERALL-MONTH	\$ (5,736)	\$ 8,857	\$ (3,267)
Monthly Budget-Expenses	\$ 19,295	\$ 19,295	\$ 19,295
Offerings and Income-Y-T-D	\$ 58,788	\$ 42,371	\$ 15,448
Pass-Through Income-Y-T-D	\$ 3,089	\$ 754	\$ 145
TOTAL INCOME-Y-T-D	\$ 61,877	\$ 43,125	\$ 15,593
Actual Expenses-Y-T-D	\$ 61,298	\$ 37,290	\$ 18,716
Pass-Through Expenses-Y-T-D	\$ 725	\$ 245	\$ 145
TOTAL EXPENSES-Y-T-D	\$ 62,023	\$ 37,535	\$ 18,861
TOTAL OVERALL-Y-T-D	\$ (146)	\$ 5,590	\$ (3,267)

FINANCIAL NOTES:

- A. Current Financial Situation** – Kent’s giving has stabilized though the month of March. Our March expenses were higher than the average because of expected quarter end payouts. 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:

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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.

MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	1	2 9:30am Altar Guild 10am WELCA-Crafts 11am WELCA Meeting	9am Wc 6pm Evening
7 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship (livestreaming) 11am Scholarship Reception 11am Handbells Rehearsal	8 9:00 a.m. Evangelism 9:30am Social Ministry	9 Community for Christ	9am Wc 10am Wors 6pm Evening
14 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship (livestreaming) 11am Handbells Rehearsal	15	16 6pm Church Council	9am Wc 6pm Evening
21 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship (livestreaming) 11am Handbells Rehearsal	22	23	9am Wc 6pm Evening
28 8am Worship Outside 10am Worship Inside (livestreaming)	29	30	9am Wc 6pm Evening
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 Women's Bible Study ng Bible Study	4 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm Lake Jazz Band	5 11am WELCA Spring Luncheon	6
10 Women's Bible Study orship & Music ng Bible Study	11 10am Men's Bible Study Community for Christ	12	13 Community for Christ
17 Women's Bible Study ng Bible Study	18 10am Men's Bible Study 3pm "Love Abides" Grief Support Group 6pm Lake Jazz Band	19	20
24 Women's Bible Study ng Bible Study	25 10am Men's Bible Study	26	27
31 Women's Bible Study ng Bible Study	1 <i>10am Men's Bible Study</i> <i>6pm Lake Jazz Band</i>	2 <i>Buddy Pack Pickup Day</i>	3
ENTER (10:20am-12:30pm)			

**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, May 18 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.



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

Bill Work [jmw1203@gmail.com](mailto:jmww1203@gmail.com)

Herb Worker youkon905@sbcglobal.net

Kathy Fair fairlady365@yahoo.com

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

Did You Know...

The Worship & Music Committee works with the Altar Guild to make sure all our worship services are ready for you, the congregation.

A sub-committee of Worship & Music chooses the hymns every month, focusing on the Gospel and lessons for the day, choosing songs we know and love, and sometimes picking a new one for us to learn.

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..."

Women of the ELCA

WELCA Minutes

April 4, 2023

The April meeting was called to order by President Karen Ringsdorf, there were 22 members present. Linda Williams gave the devotion from "Hope to Build Your Heart".

March minutes were read, motion to approve made by Ingrid Niemann, second by Wendy Blomberg, motion carried. There was no correspondence. Karen Stanze treasurer reported the treasury had a balance of \$5,932.56 as of March 31, 2023.

The Greater Church: Melba Bangert reported there will be a Synodical meeting this year in Independence, MO, June 23 to 25. If you would like more information, please contact Melba. She also reported on the Cluster meeting which is April 29. There are kits to make 4 cakes for dessert for the luncheon, please take one. Linda Williams made a motion we give \$25 for the In Kind gift and \$50 for the Love Offering, at the Cluster Meeting, Joyce Burke seconded, motion carried. There is a list of items we are collecting for the In Kind Gift on each table.

Christian Action: Kathy Fair reported 6 ladies stuffed 35 critters. Linda Williams has completed 30 sets of hats and booties for the hospital also.

Community for Christ: Changeover has been completed and there are a lot of new items for sale. Joyce Wanamaker will be assisting Karen Mellody at CFC. Joyce Wanamaker reported there were 37 new clients since January and a total of 402 families have been helped since January 1 this year.

Senior Center: Jane Maher reported our next week to work will be the 24th of April, signup sheet going around.

Sunshine Lady: Ingrid Niemann sent 5 cards for the month of March.

Laurie Care Center:

Birthday: Birthday wishes were sung to Eldeen Hanke and Ingrid Niemann.

School Liaison: Wendy Blomberg announced there were 43 Buddy Packs packed with extra food for spring break and 235 goodie bags packed for Easter. May 2 is teacher appreciation luncheon for Hurricane Deck. There is a signup sheet for food. You can bring food to the May meeting and Wendy Blomberg will deliver to the school.

Treats for Schools: Hurricane Deck and Little Tigers for April: Judy Ward and Barb Yount

Care Core: Linda Williams reported there was one ride furnished in March, Mary Evans has April.

Special Events: Eldeen Hanke reported Spring Luncheon will be May 5th, signup sheet for those attending and food for the luncheon are on the WELCA bulletin board. WELCA will be in charge of a reception after the April 23 performance of the Greater Lake Area Chorale at our church, we will have punch and cookies. Sheet to bring cookies is going around, any leftover cookies will be used for the Cluster Meeting the following Saturday.

Old Business:

New Business: Karen Ringsdorf went to Cole Camp to Pastor Kim Zellers book signing for her new book. Karen has a book if you would like to look through it. The book is now available on Amazon for those interested. The title is "The Beauty of Motherhood".

Announcements:

Devotion for May is Joyce Burke.

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!

As I mentioned in March, this year we are going to look at Gina Calvert's blog at Vison2.com called "11 Traits of Good Stewardship in Scripture." This month we'll examine "Focus on Spiritually".

She gives two passages to contemplate. The first is from 1 Timothy 4:14, "Do not neglect your gift, which was given through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you."

She goes on to reference 1 Peter 4: 10-11, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen."

I would add, "And we have different gifts according to the grace given to us. If the gift is prophecy, that individual must use it in proportion to his faith. If it is service, he must serve, if it is teaching, he must teach." Romans 12:6-7

Bottom line is we all have different skills and talents. Let's strive to use these gifts that God has given to us individually to the best of our ability. May the God of grace and peace be with us always as we strive to "Share Jesus with All" through all that we say and do.

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.

March, 2023 (number of needs calls):

Electric - 3

Propane - 1

Plumbing - 1

Gasoline - 2

Food Vouchers

Total Assistance to our Community this month: \$755.00

We Share Jesus with All!

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE REPORT

Social Ministry provided \$755 in aid to seven families during the month of March. Needs continue to be great in the area. Social Ministry works in conjunction with Community for Christ to provide for families in need. The monthly Blue Box donations are forwarded to CFC and their emergency food pantry. If possible, when the Kent volunteer week for CFC happens, please assist at the outreach center.

Social Ministry is still seeking additional members. Our next committee meeting is Monday May 8th 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

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

05/04 Shannon Bullock
05/06 Tracey Atzeni
05/08 Joyce Wanamaker
Keegan Bullock
05/09 Gerry Williams
Pat Embich
05/10 Karen Pragman
05/12 Diane Ziehl
05/15 Pat Poretta
Sheryl Boos
05/16 Brad Brumm
05/17 Bob Brumm
Don Stout
05/18 Larry Fair
05/20 Bill Gust
05/29 Mary Evans
05/31 Joel Hellman



ANNIVERSARIES

05/04/1984	Bob & Karole Karls	39 years
05/19/1972	Charles & Pat Embich	51 years
05/22/2004	Al & Sara Johnson	19 years
05/26/2012	Carl & Jan Gauck	11 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

Mike Holmes
Marianne Howley
CF Huff
Dave Huntley
DeLynn & Nancy Hurley
Teresa Joslin
Marsha Kidwell
Linda Kimberling
Kylie LaBelle
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
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

MUSIC IN OUR COMMUNITY

GREATER LAKE AREA CHORALE 2023 Spring Concert Season

Sunday, May 7 First Baptist Church, Eldon
Saturday, May 13 New Life Assembly of God, Barnett

All concerts at 2:00 p.m.

SYMPHONY OF THE MAGIC DRAGON (Lake Strings)

Thursday, May 4 Camdenton Little Theatre, 7pm
Sunday, May 7 Christ the King Lutheran, 2pm
Monday, May 8 West Lake Christian Church, 7pm

Lake Area Community Orchestra Summer 2023 Schedule

Tuesday, May 30 St. Michael's Catholic, Russellville
Tuesday, June 6 Ha Ha Tonka Castle, Camdenton *
Tuesday, June 13 Eldon Air Park, Eldon *
Tuesday, June 20 West Lake Christian Church, Laurie
Tuesday, June 27 United Church of Christ, California
Tuesday, July 11 Hope Lutheran Chapel, Sokoll Bldg. Osage Beach
Tuesday, July 18 First Christian Church, Jefferson City
Tuesday, July 25 Morgan County Performing Arts Ctr., Versailles
Tuesday, August 1 Lake Ozark Christian Church, Lake Ozark

All concerts at 7:00 p.m.

* Bring a chair