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## ~ COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST PANTRY NEEDS ~

Hello to All!

I want to thank everyone for all of the food brought to us so far this summer!!

We do need a few items to round out our food pantry while the kids are still on vacation. Here is a list.

- ◆ Canned veggies
- ◆ Canned fruit, or fruit cups
- ◆ Pudding cups or mixes
- ◆ Cookies and chips
- ◆ Cereal - (cold)
- ◆ Cakes and frostings
- ◆ Baking items: flour, sugar, baking powder, etc..
- ◆ Brownie mixes
- ◆ Salad dressings (they love ranch)
- ◆ Cleaning supplies of any kind
- ◆ Toilet paper & paper towels
- ◆ Diapers - Size 4 and 5

Again, we thank you for any kind of donations!!!

God Bless You!!

Karen Mellody, Thrift Store & Outreach Director

## August 2023



*Overlooking the Lake of the Ozarks*

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~ 1951—2023 ~

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**2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
**Committee Assignments**

Kathy Fair..... President, Mutual Ministry, Long Range Planning  
 Michael Wagner ..... Vice President; Stewardship  
 Carol Hansen .....Recording Secretary, Christian Education  
 Wendy Blomberg..... Evangelism  
 Sheryl Boos ..... Social Ministry  
 Bob Karls..... Property  
 Jim Mellody ..... Social Ministry  
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 Barb Yount ..... Worship & Music

**Council Appointed Positions**

Gail Kruse..... Treasurer

**SOCIAL MINISTRY CORNER**

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

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

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

- : Rent - 1
- : Electric - 1
- : Repairs - 2

**Total Assistance to our Community this month: \$444.25**

*We Share Jesus with All!*

**SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Thanks to the generosity from this congregation during June THREE (3) families have been assisted in the amount of \$444! On June 1, Social Ministry's balance in account was \$6,273.06, ending balance June 30 was \$6,149.34.

During July, donations for Festival Sharing have been accepted. Thanks to all those that were able to assist with this project. The total collected will be published in a bulletin later this month.

Coming on September 8<sup>th</sup> is the annual card bingo fund raiser for Social Ministry! Tickets will be available, at \$10 each, starting Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup>. Remember to also bring an appetizer to share with others. A silent auction will also be part of the evening. If you wish to bring an item or two, they will be accepted beginning August 13<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to donate a homemade pie or dessert as part of the auction, forms will be available. These are always a huge draw at auction time. An enjoyable evening is had by all! Thanks in advance for your support for this event.

Remember that your Social Ministry is available to assist those in need! Blessings to all of you and your loved ones!

Jim Mellody, Chair

# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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## BIRTHDAYS

08/05 Sharon Ballard  
 08/06 Steve Atzeni  
     Gail Kruse  
 08/07 Kathy Fair  
     Peggy Worker  
 08/08 Larry Lutjen  
     Carol Gill  
 08/09 Jennifer Kruse Surface  
 08/15 Al Mohling  
 08/16 Pat Garrett  
     John Ballard  
 08/17 Bob Ballard  
 08/19 Mike Reth  
 08/20 Jennifer Bolton  
 08/23 Ken Gerardy  
 08/24 Tucker Renken  
 08/25 Jake Jacobson  
 08/27 Stanley Field  
     Sam Foster  
     LeeAnne Brumm  
 08/28 Mary Foster  
 08/31 Beth Moorefield  
     Karen Stanze



## ANNIVERSARIES

|            |                          |          |
|------------|--------------------------|----------|
| 08/02/1980 | Al & Cindy Mohling       | 43 years |
| 08/06/1988 | Marty & Carol Hansen     | 35 years |
| 08/09/1980 | Rick & Beth Waite        | 43 years |
| 08/13/1983 | Matt & Leeanne Bunger    | 40 years |
| 08/15/1981 | Steve & Tracey Atzeni    | 42 years |
| 08/18/1979 | John & Jennifer Bolton   | 44 years |
| 08/21/1971 | Tom & Karen Ringsdorf    | 52 years |
| 08/23/1964 | Mike & Judy Ward         | 59 years |
| 08/27/1988 | Jim & Gail Kruse         | 35 years |
| 08/31/1992 | Mike & Maria Reth        | 31 years |
| 08/31/1968 | Ron & Jane Kornfeind     | 55 years |
| 08/31/1996 | Travis & Shannon Bullock | 27 years |

## AUGUST SCRIPTURE LESSONS

### August 6 ~ 10th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....Isaiah 55:1-5  
 Psalm ..... Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21  
 Second Reading ..... Romans 9:1-5  
 Gospel Reading ..... Matthew 14:13-21

### August 13 ~ 11th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading..... 1 Kings 19:9-18  
 Psalm ..... Psalm 85:8-13  
 Second Reading ..... Romans 10:5-15  
 Gospel Reading ..... Matthew 14:22-33

### August 20 ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....Isaiah 56:1, 6-8  
 Psalm ..... Psalm 67  
 Second Reading ..... Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
 Gospel Reading ..... Matthew 15:10-28

### August 27 ~ 13th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....Isaiah 51:1-6  
 Psalm ..... Psalm 138  
 Second Reading ..... Romans 12:1-8  
 Gospel Reading ..... Matthew 16:13-20

### GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR AUGUST

08/06 Kathy Fair, Carol Hansen  
 08/13 Bill Heaford, Joan Wilken  
 08/20 Marsha Gust, Eldeen Hanke  
 08/27 Bill Work, Bob Karls

**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023**

*Email your news Office@KentMemorial.com.*

## Family - Our First Calling

As I hang out on vacation with my family, Mary and Sam, my parents, my sister and my brother-in-law, my nephews and their girlfriends, I have been reminded of how important family is. Certainly the family into which we are born, but also the family that we are joined to by relationships, the family that we choose for ourselves that we call friends, and the church family that God leads us to.

All of these are important parts of our lives, and important ways that God is at work loving, nurturing, correcting and forming us.

It has been noted that the very first institution that God created was the institution of the family, joining Adam and Eve together and making them both husband and wife and also parents. From the very beginning, the family has been the place where God has sought to bless us and care for us first.

To be sure no family is perfect, and some families are downright broken. All of us carry with us the ways that our families have failed to be the blessings that God intended them to be, and some of us carry scars from families that have been abusive and destructive, where trust was broken, and God's good gifts were denied. But that of course, is not what God intended for families, and our human sinfulness cannot minimize the fact that God intends our families, both big and small, to be sanctuaries of love grace.

As we consider our lives, as we value and prioritize the various people, activities, responsibilities, and all of the other things that make their claims on us, our families, be they biological or families of friendship, they must come first.

All of us know the struggle, the job that needs finishing, the bill that needs paid, the voice calling us away with something that seems so important, but none of those things come before the people God put into our lives to love and care for first. We call those people family, they are our first calling.

Oh yes, we can even mess that up, using our family as an excuse for not following Jesus into the other places that he calls us, and indeed Jesus had some rather strong words to say about that. We surely are still called to love our non-family neighbors as we love ourselves, to work for peace and justice, to spread God's grace and forgiveness far and wide. But when it is all said and done, the place our calling begins, our first calling, is to love and care for the people God has given us first. We call those people our family.

That is especially difficult for those of us with those painful and destructive families. Healing and forgiveness may be all that we can accomplish, but healing and forgiveness, they are a lot.

## IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING TOUCH

Cheryl Anderson  
Dana Anderson  
Pam Babcock  
Cody Blasberg  
Marcille Bohling  
LeeAnne Brumm  
Cindy Campbell  
Shirley Clark  
Evelyn Clements  
Pat Embich  
Mary Beth Fair  
Ron Ferguson  
Stacey Flect  
Shane Foster  
Ken Gerardy  
Barbara & Bob Gislason  
Carla Glusing  
Sandy Gilbert  
Debbie Hanshaw  
Gary Hansen  
Linda Harris

Bryan Hastings  
Marilyn Hayes  
Rod Hayes  
Mike Holmes  
CF Huff  
Teresa Joslin  
Linda Kimberling  
Blanche Lacroix  
Barry Mabe  
Larry Mausbach  
Dave & Sara Newton  
Steve O'Connor  
Mike Page  
Jennifer Pederson  
Rev. Bill Peterson  
Gloria Peterson  
Kathy Pipes  
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

# STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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

Have you ever considered how you can show good Stewardship through your flaws? How is that possible?

We're all sinners, we all have flaws, we all have problems and ailments. In John 9:2-3 the disciples were asking Jesus why the man was blind, thinking that it was because of sin, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that caused him to be born blind?" Jesus responded that "neither this man nor his parents sinned. This happened so that God's works might be revealed in him."

We may not be blind, but we all have our own ailments and burdens. How can we use these to reveal God's good works? It's all about our reaction and attitude to our flaws, sins and ailments. Do we complain and dwell on our problems and sins and ailments? Do we blame God? Or, do we focus on our blessings, good gifts and talents we all have been given by God? Do we practice the Attitude of Gratitude?

How comforting it is to know that even though we sin and have flaws and ailments that God is revealing his good works through us too! Let's do our best to reveal these blessings and gifts God has given us!

Michael Wagner

Many of us are at or approaching the age where we are wondering how God is going to use us and where God is calling us now that we are retired and no longer out in the world in the same way we were when we were younger. But we still have that first calling, that calling to our spouse and our children, to our grandchildren, to our friends and church family. And goodness knows, that first calling, it is the foundation on which all of society, all of God's kingdom is built, for in the end, we are God's family, and our very first calling is to love God and all of God's children.

Love up your families. It is your first calling.

God bless you all from colorful Colorado,  
Pastor Ed

## **Endowment Fund Exploratory Committee**

The Council and Finance Committee are considering establishing an endowment fund here at Kent Memorial. An endowment fund is a particularly effective way for people to support the ministries that they care about during and beyond their lifetimes, and provides many estate planning and tax benefits to those who participate.

We are forming a committee to continue the exploration of establishing an endowment fund and to prepare the governing documents for it. Would you be interested in being a part of this project? If so, please let Pastor Ed, Michael Wagner or Al Mohling know.

## HURRICANE DECK HEALTH FAIR AUGUST 10

Hurricane Deck Elementary will again be having a Health Fair on Thursday, August 10. We are gathering school supplies so that all children will have a good start to the school year.

If you would like to donate any supplies, they would be greatly appreciated. Some of the more costly items on their lists are:

- ◆ white 1.5" notebooks with a vinyl slip cover on the front
- ◆ black dry erase markers
- ◆ glue sticks
- ◆ pointed scissors
- ◆ anti-bacterial wipes

Please put any items in the Buddy Pack room. Thank you for your continued support of Hurricane Deck.



rummage sale are up on the board. Wendy also has flyers to be placed at local business about 2 weeks before sale.

Kent's trip to Branson for Sight and Sound Theatre is October 11, there is a sign-up sheet if you would like to go.

Mary Foster reported the summer book club will be reading "The Alchemist", we will meet after the rummage sale to discuss the book, date will be announced later.

**Old Business:** Karen Ringsdorf said the new coffee maker has been purchased and is in kitchen, also the summer outing to Cole Camp will be postponed until August.

**New Business:** Wendy Blomberg reminded us that "Gods Work. Our Hands" will be in September.

Next meeting will be August 8<sup>th</sup>

Devotion for August: Jane Maher.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Evans



# Women of the ELCA

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## WELCA Minutes July 11, 2023

The July meeting was called to order by President Karen Ringsdorf, there were 22 members present. Karen Thompson gave the devotion on "Cactus Flower".

June minutes were read, motion to approve made by Ruth Osterbur seconded by Wendy Blomberg, motion carried. Correspondence was read and will be posted on the bulletin board. Karen Stanze, treasurer, reported treasury balance as of June 30, 2023 was \$7,041.36.

### **The Greater Church:**

**Christian Action:** Kathy Fair reported 6 ladies stuffed 34 critters and she still needs 1 or 2 more dolls for the Christmas Shop at Hurricane Deck School. Kathy Fair let us know there is a Facebook page called "Adopt a Teacher-Lake of the Ozarks" where you can donate to a teacher for school supplies through Amazon. Mary Foster knitted 8 bears to go to the hospital. Sally Burke said she is hoping to have a blessing of the quilts October 1, 2023.

**Community for Christ:** Joyce Wanamaker reported Kent's days at Community For Christ are July 25, 27 and 29. Joyce also reminded us that change over will be in September.

**Senior Center:** Jane Maher said Kent's next week at the Senior Center is August 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunshine Lady:** Ingrid Niemann sent out 5 cards in June.

### **Laurie Care Center:**

**Birthday:** Birthday wishes were sung to Karen Thompson, Ruth Osterbur and Joyce Burke.

**School Liaison:** Wendy Blomberg announced there are 12 buddy pack families this summer. Wendy Blomberg, Mary Foster and Kathy Fair cleaned the storage room at Hurricane Deck School to get ready for School supplies.

**Publicity:** Karen Stanze finished flyers for the rummage sale.

**Care Core:** Linda Williams will be helping Susan Clark for July with Care Core; there were no needs for June.

**Special Events:** Wendy Blomberg reported the signup sheets for the



## SUMMER CRUISE WORSHIP

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.

Our next gathering will be:

**August 16, 4pm at Captain Ron's**

- 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.



**“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday**



**A dedicated day of service  
in our community**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**  
following worship

***Did You Know...***

that WELCA collects UPC labels from Best Choice brand products? Any Best Choice product - canned goods, frozen food, paper goods, cleaning products, beverages, and snacks - will be accepted. All we ask that you do is to remove the UPC label and toss it in the small cloth basket in the fellowship hall (over by the sofa).

On “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday the labels will be counted out into bundles of one thousand. For every thousand UPCs we send to Associated Grocery, they send us \$30. They are going to send us money for scraps of paper or plastic that we would otherwise throw away. How great is that?!

How about helping out? You don’t have to attend WELCA meetings to save the UPC labels for all Best Choice labels and help us earn a little (or a lot) of extra cash. Thanks!

*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...”*



**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 Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

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And the greatest of these is Love!*  
**LOVE ABIDES**  
*Grief Support Group*



**“QUEEN ESTHER” AT SIGHT & SOUND  
UPDATE!**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11**

**8:30 A.M.**

**Sight and Sound Update** - We will travel to Branson to see the show Queen Esther on Wednesday, October 11th. The cost for the day is \$105 which includes the bus ride, lunch at Golden Corral, and a ticket for the show. In order to fill up the bus, we will be opening up the trip to other churches after the beginning of August. If you are interested in joining us for the day, [sign up now](#) before the trip is opened up to other churches. Thanks!

If you have any questions, contact Cindy Mohling (319-269-9853).

# FINANCE CORNER

| <u>INCOME &amp; EXPENSE REPORT</u> | <u>JUNE</u>       | <u>MAY</u>        | <u>APRIL</u>      |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                    | <u>2023</u>       | <u>2023</u>       | <u>2023</u>       |
| Offerings and Income-Month         | \$ 13,856         | \$ 13,763         | \$ 15,433         |
| Pass-Through Income-Month          | \$ 218            | \$ 225            | \$ 870            |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME-MONTH</b>          | <b>\$ 14,073</b>  | <b>\$ 13,988</b>  | <b>\$ 16,303</b>  |
| Actual Expenses-Month              | \$ 15,140         | \$ 15,604         | \$ 17,806         |
| Pass-Through Expenses-Month        | \$ 218            | \$ 225            | \$ 3,234          |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES-MONTH</b>        | <b>\$ 15,358</b>  | <b>\$ 15,829</b>  | <b>\$ 21,039</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL OVERALL-MONTH</b>         | <b>\$ (1,284)</b> | <b>\$ (1,841)</b> | <b>\$ (4,737)</b> |
| Monthly Budget-Expenses            | \$ 19,295         | \$ 19,295         | \$ 19,295         |
| Offerings and Income-Y-T-D         | \$ 101,840        | \$ 87,984         | \$ 74,221         |
| Pass-Through Income-Y-T-D          | \$ 4,401          | \$ 4,184          | \$ 3,959          |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME-Y-T-D</b>          | <b>\$ 106,241</b> | <b>\$ 92,168</b>  | <b>\$ 78,179</b>  |
| Actual Expenses-Y-T-D              | \$ 109,849        | \$ 94,708         | \$ 79,104         |
| Pass-Through Expenses-Y-T-D        | \$ 4,401          | \$ 4,184          | \$ 3,959          |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES-Y-T-D</b>        | <b>\$ 114,250</b> | <b>\$ 98,892</b>  | <b>\$ 83,063</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL OVERALL-Y-T-D</b>         | <b>\$ (8,008)</b> | <b>\$ (6,724)</b> | <b>\$ (4,883)</b> |

have been purchased. -Property reported they have been mowing, killing weeds, repairing slow draining drains and flower bed weeding. Thank you all for volunteering! -Social Ministry reported they have helped three people, paying out \$444.00. Bingo fundraiser will be September 8<sup>th</sup>. -Worship & Music reported we have had good sermons and great special music. Approximately fifty people attended the Fourth of July celebration. Next Cruise Worship will be held (weather permitting) August 16<sup>th</sup>, and September 20<sup>th</sup>. -WELCA reported six ladies stuffed 34 critters; Kathy is still in need of a couple 18 inch dolls. There is a Facebook page called "Adopt a Teacher-Lake of the Ozarks" where you can donate to a teacher for school supplies through Amazon. Mary Foster knitted 8 bears to go to the hospital. There will be a blessing of the quilts on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Community for Christ change-over will be in September. There are 12 families receiving Buddy packs. Wendy Blomberg, Mary Foster and Kathy Fair cleaned out the storage room at Hurricane Deck School to get ready for school supplies. Karen Stanze made flyers for the rummage sale. Remember to sign up. Mary Foster reported the summer book club will be reading "The Alchemist" and will meet after the rummage sale. Please see Committee reports for full details.

**Old Business-** Photo Directory has gone to the printer. Concrete ramp has not heard of a start date yet. Operational Ethics Policy was discussed. It was suggested we mark out things we do not feel are needed and return with suggestions at the August meeting with hope to adopt the policy. Council retreat will be held September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Progress on the Mission Endowment Fund, Dan Garrett has volunteered to be on the committee.

**New Business-** None

**Correspondence-** Thank you note from Once We Were Refugees for our donation of \$125.00.

Being no other business meeting adjourned at 7:04

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: August 15, 2023

Devotion- Mike Ward

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Hansen  
Recording Secretary

# CHURCH COUNCIL

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## Unapproved Minutes for July 15, 2023

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

### Absent-

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

**Dwelling in the Word:** Wendy Blomberg opened with devotion.

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

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

**Pastor's Report-** Pastor Ed reported he has conducted six worship services and one Cruise Worship service. He has had two home visits, one shut-in visit and two counseling visits. 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 Bible Study, the Women's Bible study, and Wednesday Evening Bible Study. He has participated in WELCA and Buddy Packs. Pastor shared some photos from VBS and stated it was so much fun! He thanked everyone for the help with VBS. The fourth of July celebration was fantastic with ice cream and fireworks. Pastor reported Lorraine Boyd's celebration of her life went very well and is very proud of our church family. The Family and Friends of Lorraine were truly appreciative of all that her church family did for her and them. We have plenty of activities coming up, starting with the Rummage sale. In all of these we truly are loving God, loving our neighbor and sharing Jesus with all.

**Committee Reports-** Christian Education reported they had VBS and it went very well. The kids had a great time. -Evangelism reported the anniversary celebration for Pastor and Mary went well. There is still time to sign up to see Queen Esther on Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup>, only 30 people have signed up so far. "God's Work. Our Hands." will be September 10<sup>th</sup>. -Budget & Finance reported all semi annual and quarterly audits are complete and have all checked out. No changes have been made to the Memorial report. The safe deposit box at the bank will be closed. Long Range, reported they are planning a council retreat in September. -Scholarship Committee reported six of the seven kids have been reminded to send in their schedules. - Long Range Planning may help guide members through the endowment process. -Stewardship reported they will focus on flaws, "Stewardship through our flaws". -Columbarium reported they are looking to purchase a bench. Two donated flower pots

## FINANCIAL NOTES:

- A. Current Financial Situation** – Kent's giving for June has continued to deteriorate slightly compared to expenses. Our expenses for June, and the first 6 months in total, continue to be under 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:

|                                      |                |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Water/Gatorade for SBFPD             | June 2023      |
| Hurricane Deck School Supplies       | June 2023      |
| 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      |

- C. TD Ameritrade Account** - As you make distributions from your retirement 401Ks, 403Bs, IRAs or investments, please visit with your financial planner/accountant about the possibility of transferring some of those funds to the Kent TD Ameritrade account or Kent checking 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.

# AUGUST 2023

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                     | MONDAY                                 | TUESDAY                                                                              | WEDNESDAY                                               | THURSDAY                                                                    | FRIDAY                   | SATURDAY                          |
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|                                                                                                                                            |                                        | 1<br>Rummage Sale Set-Up                                                             | 2<br>Rummage Sale Set-Up                                | 3<br>Rummage Sale Set-Up<br>6pm Lake Jazz Band<br>(in sanctuary)            | 4<br><b>RUMMAGE SALE</b> | 5                                 |
| 6<br>8am Worship Outside<br>9am Fellowship/Coffee<br>10am Worship Inside<br>with Holy Communion<br>(livestreaming)                         | 7<br><b>WESTSIDE<br/>SENIOR CENTER</b> | 8<br>9am Evangelism<br>9:30am Altar Guild<br>10am WELCA-Crafts<br>11am WELCA Meeting | 9<br>9am Women's Bible<br>Study<br>10am Worship & Music | 10<br>10am Men's Bible<br>Study<br>4pm Finance Comm.                        | 11                       | 12                                |
|                                                                                                                                            |                                        | <b>WESTSIDE SENIOR CENTER</b>                                                        |                                                         |                                                                             |                          |                                   |
| 13<br>8am Worship Outside<br>with Holy Communion<br>9am Fellowship<br>10am Worship Inside<br>with Holy Communion<br>(livestreaming)        | 14<br>9:30am Social Ministry           | 15<br>6pm Church Council                                                             | 16<br>9am Women's Bible<br>Study<br>4pm Cruise Worship  | 17<br>10am Men's Bible<br>Study<br>3pm "Love Abides"<br>Grief Support Group | 18                       | 19                                |
| 20<br>8am Worship Outside<br>9am Fellowship/Coffee<br>10am Worship Inside<br>with Holy Communion<br>(livestreaming)                        | 21                                     | 22<br><b>Community for Christ</b>                                                    | 23<br>9am Women's Bible<br>Study                        | 24<br>10am Men's Bible<br>Study                                             | 25<br>Buddy Pack Pick-Up | 26<br><b>Community for Christ</b> |
| 27<br>8am Worship Outside<br>with Holy Communion<br>9am Fellowship/Coffee<br>10am Worship Inside<br>with Holy Communion<br>(livestreaming) | 28                                     | 29                                                                                   | 30<br>9am Women's Bible<br>Study                        | 31<br>10am Men's Bible<br>Study                                             | 1                        | 2                                 |