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## October 2023



*Overlooking the Lake of the Ozarks*

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

Kathy Fair ..... President, Mutual Ministry, Long Range Planning  
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Carol Hansen .....Recording Secretary, Christian Education  
Wendy Blomberg..... Evangelism  
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Al Mohling..... Finance  
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Barb Yount ..... Worship & Music

**Council Appointed Positions**

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

# OCTOBER SCRIPTURE LESSONS

## October 1 ~ 18th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading..... Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
Psalm ..... Psalm 25:1-9  
Second Reading ..... Philippians 2:1-13  
Gospel Reading ..... Matthew 21:23-32

## October 8 ~ 19th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading..... Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm ..... Psalm 80:7-15  
Second Reading ..... Philippians 3:4b-14  
Gospel Reading ..... Matthew 21:33-46

## October 15 ~ 20th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading..... Isaiah 25:1-9  
Psalm ..... Psalm 23  
Second Reading ..... Philippians 4:1-9  
Gospel Reading ..... Matthew 22:1-14

## October 22 ~ 21st Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading..... Isaiah 45:1-7  
Psalm ..... Psalm 96:1-13  
Second Reading ..... 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Gospel Reading ..... Matthew 22:15-22

## October 29 ~ Reformation

First Reading..... Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm ..... Psalm 46  
Second Reading ..... Romans 3:19-28  
Gospel Reading ..... John 8:31-36

### GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR OCTOBER

10-01 Bill Work, Bob Karls  
10-08 Wendy Blomberg, Joyce Wanamaker  
10-15 Kathy Fair, Carol Hansen  
10-22 Bill Heaford, Joan Wilken  
10-29 Marsha Gust, tbd

**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023**

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## Friends

*'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.'*

The Surgeon General recently declared a public health emergency for an epidemic, an epidemic of loneliness. Along with all of the other problems and challenges that people are facing these days, many are facing those problems alone, lonely and isolated, sometimes afraid, sometimes angry, but suffering just the same.

Another recent study that I read, said that this epidemic of loneliness was made worse by the covid pandemic. The initial isolation and social disruption that we all experienced intensified people's sense of loneliness, but following the pandemic people are still and increasingly uncomfortable with being part of community, of being both physically but also emotionally close to other people. People are, the study said, terribly lonely, but also afraid to engage in new friendships. This explains, at least to some degree, why people are still having such a hard time coming back to the activities and groups that they formerly enjoyed, including church.

Friendship is one of the greatest gifts that God blessed us with. God gave us people to love and people to love us. Beyond our family relationships God has filled our lives with people who encourage, love and value us. Friends make our lives richer. Friends give our lives meaning and purpose. And indeed, friends are an important and necessary part of a healthy life.

This is, I think, an under-appreciated part of our lives together as God's people. God does indeed call us together in these collections that we call churches so that we can develop deep and meaningful friendships with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Bound together by that common love of our Lord, we can truly grow in our love for one another. It is here in this place (and places like it) where we can learn to love people who are different from ourselves, who have different views of the world, different backgrounds, different opinions. It is here where we can grow in friendship. And through that friendship, grow in our love for Christ and the world around us.

Thank you all for being friends, for loving one another, and caring for one another. Continue to make new friends with the people God brings to our congregation. Continue to bring your friends to be a part of our community of believers. Friendship isn't the only thing that happens in

God's church. It may not even be the most important thing. But in a world that is struggling with an epidemic of loneliness, in a world where people are afraid of being hurt and rejected and where community is becoming more and more rare, the friendship that we offer here in our gathering of believers is truly precious.

Thank you all for being friends!

God bless you all, my friends.

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.

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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## BIRTHDAYS

10/01 Micah Reth  
10/04 Phil Keeney  
10/05 Chuck Wanamaker  
10/08 Nancy Williams  
10/10 Kaiden Enriquez  
10/12 Andrew Renken  
10/17 Darrell Garrett  
10/18 Bea Pray  
10/19 Herb Worker  
10/26 Wes Ballard



## ANNIVERSARIES

|            |                         |          |
|------------|-------------------------|----------|
| 10/03/1980 | Steve & Linda Latham    | 43 years |
| 10/04/1975 | Dave & Cindy Curchy     | 48 years |
| 10/10/1998 | Joel & Mary Lou Hellman | 25 years |
| 10/11/1997 | Dale & Eldeen Hanke     | 26 years |
| 10/11/2008 | David & Christy Jones   | 15 years |
| 10/31/1982 | Sandy & Jim Gilbert     | 41 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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Cheryl Anderson  
Dana Anderson  
Pam Babcock  
Michelle Becker  
Jessica Birdsong  
Cody Blasberg  
Marcille Bohling  
Cindy Campbell  
Matthew Clark  
Shirley Clark  
Evelyn Clements  
Duane & Grace Cridland  
Mary Beth Fair  
Ron Ferguson  
Stacey Flect  
Dave Fosler  
Shane Foster  
Ginger Frazier  
Ken Gerardy  
Carla Glusing  
Sandy Gilbert  
Ruth Goddard & Family

Lyn Golvig  
Debbie Hanshaw  
Gary Hansen  
Linda Harris  
Bryan Hastings  
Rod Hayes  
Mike Holmes  
CF Huff  
Teresa Joslin  
Linda Kimberling  
Blanche Lacroix  
Chrisy & Andy Lee  
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  
Jerry Williams  
Larry Wilson



## SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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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



# TRUNK OR TREAT

**Tuesday, October 31  
5pm-7pm**

Join the fun of our annual Trunk or Treat. On Tuesday, October 31, you are all invited to gather in the church parking lot—with trunks and truck beds decorated for Halloween—for our Annual Trunk or Treat. From 5:00-7:00 p.m., we will hand out candy and enjoy all the kiddos and costumes. Plan on candy for at least 250 kids.

You can dress up if you'd like, but you don't have to. Just don't miss all the joy in the children's smiles—and the laughs the adults share with each other.

Invite your neighbors to join the fun. Let's line the entire parking lot with trunks decorated for Halloween and full of treats for the area children. [If the weather turns bad, we'll set up in the Fellowship Hall.]

THEN, after the kids have all been treated, we'll head inside for some hot soup and warm fellowship. A sign-up sheet will be in the fellowship hall for the soup.

If you can't join us, we welcome donated bags of candy for the others to hand out.

*Sponsored by the Evangelism Committee*





**WORSHIP & COOKOUT  
AT THE PARSONAGE  
OCTOBER 4  
5:00 p.m.**

The days are getting shorter. They should be getting cooler too, and the blessings of fall should soon be upon us. What a great time to light a campfire, sing some songs and praise our God for all that we've been given. Join us for a worship service and cookout around the campfire at the parsonage! If you've missed out on the chance to go on the Cruise Worships, if you need a little relax time after work, if you would just like to sing some camp songs, roast some marshmallows and worship our dear Lord in the beauty of God's creation, then this is the event for you!

Bring a lawn chair if you like, (we have some chairs already). Space will be available up on the deck for any who prefer a top-down view of the festivities.

Worship & Music will provide drinks, burgers, hot dogs, brats & fixings. You are welcome to bring a side or dessert to share. There is a sign-up sheet on the sign-up sheet board as you enter the fellowship hall.

**Wednesday October 4**

5:00 p.m.

The backyard of the Parsonage



# FINANCE CORNER

| <u>INCOME &amp; EXPENSE REPORT</u> | <u>AUGUST</u>     | <u>JULY</u>       | <u>JUNE</u>       |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                    | <u>2023</u>       | <u>2023</u>       | <u>2023</u>       |
| Offerings and Income-Month         | \$ 15,848         | \$ 30,359         | \$ 13,856         |
| Pass-Through Income-Month          | \$ 30             | \$ 265            | \$ 218            |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME-MONTH</b>          | <b>\$ 15,878</b>  | <b>\$ 30,624</b>  | <b>\$ 14,073</b>  |
| Actual Expenses-Month              | \$ 14,984         | \$ 24,549         | \$ 15,140         |
| Pass-Through Expenses-Month        | \$ 30             | \$ 265            | \$ 218            |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES-MONTH</b>        | <b>\$ 15,014</b>  | <b>\$ 24,814</b>  | <b>\$ 15,358</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL OVERALL-MONTH</b>         | <b>\$ 864</b>     | <b>\$ 5,810</b>   | <b>\$ (1,284)</b> |
| Monthly Budget-Expenses            | \$ 19,295         | \$ 19,295         | \$ 19,295         |
| Offerings and Income-Y-T-D         | \$ 148,048        | \$ 132,199        | \$ 101,840        |
| Pass-Through Income-Y-T-D          | \$ 4,696          | \$ 4,666          | \$ 4,401          |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME-Y-T-D</b>          | <b>\$ 152,744</b> | <b>\$ 136,865</b> | <b>\$ 106,241</b> |
| Actual Expenses-Y-T-D              | \$ 149,382        | \$ 134,398        | \$ 109,849        |
| Pass-Through Expenses-Y-T-D        | \$ 4,696          | \$ 4,666          | \$ 4,401          |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES-Y-T-D</b>        | <b>\$ 154,078</b> | <b>\$ 139,064</b> | <b>\$ 114,250</b> |
| <b>TOTAL OVERALL-Y-T-D</b>         | <b>\$ (1,334)</b> | <b>\$ (2,198)</b> | <b>\$ (8,008)</b> |

## FINANCIAL NOTES:

- A. Current Financial Situation** – Kent’s giving for August and the year has again rebounded positively, only behind expenses by \$1,300 for the first 8 months of 2023. Our expenses for the first 8 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:

|                                      |                |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| July 4 Ice Cream Social & Fireworks  | July 2023      |
| 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. Schwab (previously TD Ameritrade) Account** - As you make distributions from your retirement 401Ks, 403Bs, IRAs or other investments, please visit with your financial planner/accountant about the possibility of transferring some of those funds to the Kent Schwab 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.

# OCTOBER 2023

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                    | MONDAY                                                                                                                                                      | TUESDAY                                                                                                  | WEDNESDAY                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>1</p> <p>8:30am Choir Rehearsal<br/>9am Sunday School<br/>10am Worship with Holy Communion (livestreaming)<br/>11am Fellowship Time<br/>11am Handbells Rehearsal</p>   | <p>2</p> <p>6pm Chorale Rehearsal</p>                                                                                                                       | <p>3</p> <p>9:30am Altar Guild<br/>10am WELCA Crafts<br/>11am WELCA Meeting</p>                          | <p>9am W...</p> <p>5pm C</p>                                  |
| <p>8</p> <p>8:30am Choir Rehearsal<br/>9am Sunday School<br/>10am Worship with Holy Communion<br/>11am Hellman's Anniversary Celebration<br/>11am Handbells Rehearsal</p> | <p>9</p> <p>9:30am Social Ministry<br/>10:30 Evangelism<br/>11:30am Worship &amp; Music</p>                                                                 | <p>10</p>                                                                                                | <p>9am W...</p> <p>8:30am<br/>"Q"</p>                         |
| <p>15</p> <p>8:30am Choir Rehearsal<br/>9am Sunday School<br/>10am Worship with Holy Communion (livestreaming)<br/>11 Fellowship Time<br/>11am Handbells Rehearsal</p>    | <p>16</p> <p>6pm Chorale Rehearsal</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>WESTSIDE SENIOR CENTER</b></p> </div> | <p>17</p> <p>6pm Church Council</p>                                                                      | <p>9am W...</p> <p>3pm "I<br/>Grief St</p> <p>6pm Evening</p> |
| <p>22</p> <p>8:30am Choir Rehearsal<br/>9am Sunday School<br/>10am Worship with Holy Communion (livestreaming)<br/>11 Fellowship Time<br/>11am Handbells Rehearsal</p>    | <p>23</p>                                                                                                                                                   | <p>24</p> <p>6pm Church Council</p>                                                                      | <p>9am W...</p> <p>6pm Evening</p>                            |
| <p>29</p> <p>8:30am Choir Rehearsal<br/>9am Sunday School<br/>10am Worship with Holy Communion (livestreaming)<br/>11 Fellowship Time<br/>11am Handbells Rehearsal</p>    | <p>30</p> <p>6pm Chorale Rehearsal</p>                                                                                                                      | <p>31</p> <p>5pm Trunk or Treat (-7pm)<br/>7pm Soups &amp; Coffee</p> <p><b>Community for Christ</b></p> | <p>9am W</p> <p>6pm Evening</p>                               |

| WEDNESDAY                                                                      | THURSDAY                                                                                     | FRIDAY                         | SATURDAY                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 4<br>Women's Bible Study<br>Cookout at the Parsonage                           | 5<br>10am Men's Bible Study<br>6pm Lake Jazz Band                                            | 6                              | 7                                    |
| 11<br>Women's Bible Study<br>m Branson Trip<br>"Queen Esther"                  | 12<br>10am Men's Bible Study<br>4pm Finance Comm.                                            | 13                             | 14                                   |
| 18<br>Women's Bible Study<br>"Love Abides"<br>Support Group<br>ing Bible Study | 19<br>10am Men's Bible Study<br>6pm Lake Jazz Band                                           | 20<br>1:-5:30pm<br>Blood Drive | 21                                   |
| <b>WESTSIDE SENIOR CENTER</b>                                                  |                                                                                              |                                |                                      |
| 25<br>Women's Bible Study<br>ing Bible Study                                   | 26<br>10am Men's Bible Study                                                                 | 27                             | 28                                   |
| 1<br><i>Women's Bible Study<br/>ing Bible Study</i>                            | 2<br><i>10am Men's Bible Study<br/>6pm Lake Jazz Band</i><br><br><i>Community for Christ</i> | 3                              | 4<br><br><i>Community for Christ</i> |

# CHURCH CDUNCIL

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## **Unapproved Minutes for September 19, 2023**

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

**Absent-** Bob Karls

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

**Dwelling in the Word:** Jim Mellody opened with devotion

Guest Dan Garrett spoke to us about the Proposed Amendments to the Kent Memorial Lutheran Church Constitution. After discussion Dan recommended the acceptance of the proposed changes. Michael Wagner made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Wendy Blomberg and all approved. Discussion was held on the Operational Ethics Policy. Dan Garrett made a recommendation to keep, in paragraph #7 "on an annual basis" referring to every Congregational Representative getting a copy of the policy annually. Michael Wagner made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Wendy Blomberg and all approved.

**Minutes-** A motion to approve the August Council meeting minutes was made by Bill Work, seconded by Wendy Blomberg, all approved.

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

**Pastor's Report-** Pastor Ed reported he has conducted eight worship services. He has had three home visits, one shut-in visit and four counseling visits. He attended the meetings of Altar Guild, Christian Education, Evangelism, Worship & Music, Social Ministry and Congregational Council. He has attended the Men's Bible Study, the Women's Bible Study and Wednesday Bible Study. He has participated in Buddy Packs, Cruise Worship, Grief Support Group, Rummage Sale and WELCA. Pastor shared how excited he was to have little people in church and that some will attend Sunday School. Pastor reported that we may have five to twelve people interested in becoming members. He spoke about the decline in church attendance in the last 10 years, and how it was reported people don't feel loved, or there are congregational differences. What they look for is a strong outreach, spiritual growth and to experience community. Where can they go to find these experiences? Church! Pastor feels Kent Members do a very good job in these areas.

**Committee Reports-** Christian Education reported all Sunday School classes will resume October 1<sup>st</sup> from 9-9:45 am. -Evangelism reported they will celebrate Joel & Mary Lou Hellman's anniversary on October 11<sup>th</sup>. God's Work Our Hands went well. Cookies were delivered to Am-

balance, Fire and Police departments, hospital, Resource Officers, Hurricane Deck School and Little Tigers Learning Center. There is still plenty of room for the Queen Esther show. Budget & Finance -All Mohling stated that TD Ameritrade was bought out by Charles Schwab and that transition to the new account was seamlessly complete. Scholarship -One student has not been able to be reached or has not contacted Kent. Long Range Planning has been going through old storage and signage. -Stewardship reported they will focus on 11 Traits of Good Stewardship. Don't bury it, use it! -Columbarium- Bill Work reported they are working with Ingrid Niemann to place a cross in the Columbarium area. -Mutual Ministry reported they have completed staff interviews. -Property reported they have been mowing, killing weeds, replaced a light fixture ballast, repaired landscaping block for the north church sign and taken in all outdoor service equipment. They are still waiting for Mainstreet Asphalt to restripe and mark the handicap emblem across the front with no parking lines in front of the ramp. Brenton with 24 Hour Heating & Cooling Services replaced the number 9 furnace for the sanctuary. Hans with Creative Vision replaced the flushing mechanism in the men's restroom. -Social Ministry reported they have helped with \$1,092.00 in needs. Bingo fundraiser was a great time and lots of fun. Christmas Loving Tree will be up November 12<sup>th</sup>. Names and lists have already been obtained. -Worship & Music reported they will host a cookout at the parsonage on October 4<sup>th</sup>, meat, buns, coffee and hot chocolate will be provided. Side dishes and desserts will be handled as a potluck. -WELCA reported seven ladies stuffed 40 critters. Community for Christ helped 146 families in August. (931 families to date) They will do birthday cards for the residents at the Laurie Care Center. They will be distributing 40 Buddy Packs at Hurricane Deck School. Newcomer's luncheon was well attended. Please see Committee reports for full details. Thank you ALL who share your time and talents!

**Old Business-** Endowment Fund Committee-pending. Council Retreat will be Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. 8-12 at Hurricane Deck School. Resume the search for a new AV tech. Kathy will talk with Camdenton School.

**New Business-** Kathy Fair will be doing soup on Sunday starting November 1<sup>st</sup>. Al Mohling went over the first draft of the 2024 Annual Budget. Ruth Osterbur has agreed to replace Barb Yount on Church Council.

**Correspondence-** Thank you note from Community for Christ for our donation of \$500.00.

Being no other business meeting adjourned at 7:20

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: October 17, 2023

Devotion- Bob Karls

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary

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

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

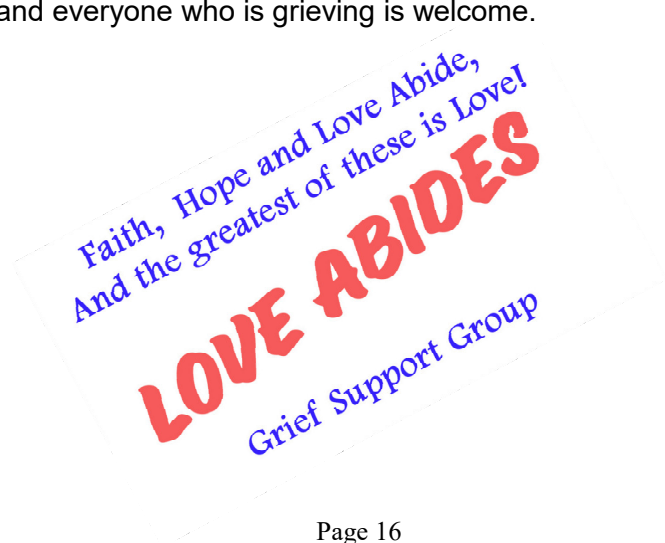
Love is the most precious of God's gifts. Through God's gift of love, God blesses us in every way imaginable. Love brings life. It brings joy. Love gives us support when we are weak, and it gives us courage when we are fearful. Love fills our lives and our hearts with the beloved. But when we lose someone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





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

Christian Education offers many opportunities for Bible Study.

Adult Sunday school and Children's Sunday school will begin on October 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 to 9:45. There is also a Women's group that meets every Wednesday at 9am. The Men's group meets on Thursday's at 10am. If you are unable to do mornings consider checking out the Wednesday evening Bible study from 6 to 7 pm. Wednesday evening Bible study will also be available on Zoom and the Zoom link will be included in the weekly email blast. Vacation Bible School is great fun! It will be held sometime in the summer of 2024.

All are welcome into any of these great opportunities for continued education of the Bible. Consider trying one out!

*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..."*

### **THANK YOU**

We would like to thank our family at Kent for coming to help celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and for all the meaningful cards and good wishes. Also, a big thank you to the Evangelism Committee for arranging the wonderful reception this past Sunday. Lynn & Joyce Burke.

# Women of the ELCA

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## WELCA Minutes September 5, 2023

The September meeting was called to order by President Karen Ringsdorf, there were 22 members present. Wendy Blomberg gave the devotion on "A Time of Grace".

We had one guest LeeAnne McClain with us.

August minutes were read, motion to approve made by Kathy Fair, 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 July 31, 2023 was \$8,181.71.

**The Greater Church:** Melba Bangert reported the Fall Cluster Meeting will be September 16 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Camdenton. Sign-up sheet is going around. Diane Ziehl made motion we send \$50 for Love Offering and \$25 for In Kind Gifts, Wendy Blomberg 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried. There is a list of In Kind Gifts we will be collecting and tote by WELCA board to put them in. Blessing of the quilts will be October 1, then the quilts will be taken to Jefferson City October 21st. The 6<sup>th</sup> quilt is ready to bind.

**Christian Action:** Kathy Fair reported 7 ladies stuffed 40 critters.

**Community for Christ:** Joyce Wanamaker thanked everyone for their volunteering at Community for Christ. CFC helped 146 families in August and a total of 931 families year to date. Changeover at CFC will be October 2. Kent's days to volunteer will be September 26, 28 and 30.

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

**Laurie Care Center:** Wendy Blomberg talked with the Laurie Care Center and we will be doing birthday cards for the residents.

**Birthday:** Birthday wishes were sung to Jane Kornfeind, Cindy Mohling and Tracy Garrett.

**School Liaison:** Wendy Blomberg announced there were 35 buddy packs needed for the first week. School treats will begin again, Hurricane Deck has 30 teachers and Little Tigers has 14, remember Little Tigers has no school on Mondays.

**Treats for schools September:** Hurricane Deck: Melba Bangert

Little Tigers: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pastor Ed:** Pastor Ed told us how thankful the teachers and children at

Hurricane Deck are for the Buddy Packs.

**Publicity:**

**Care Core:** Sheryl Boos made several calls for August, there were no needs. Karen Stanze has Care Core for September and Melba Bangert for October.

**Special Events:** Social Ministry Card Bingo is Friday night Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, the doors will open 5:30. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door. There will be silent auction. All proceeds go to Social Ministry to help people in our community.

Gods Work Our Hands is Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>, there are signup sheets on the board.

There is still plenty of room on the bus to Branson for the Sight and Sound Theatre, if you know anyone that would like to go, please let Cindy Mohling know.

**Old Business:** There were 12 ladies that went to Cole Camp for lunch and shopping August 18th. Mary Foster will be doing another book club next summer, we will start earlier with information about it.

**New Business:** Joyce Burke announced the Newcomers luncheon will be September 20<sup>th</sup>. This will be their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so they are expecting a large group. Signup sheet on board for salads only, they will be furnishing dessert.

Melba Bangert made a motion that we reimburse Buddy Packs for \$50 check that was written to boy scouts for helping with the rummage sale, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sharon Ballard, motion carried.

Next meeting will be October 3rd

Devotion for October will be Eldeen Hanke.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Evans



# STEWARDSHIP CDRNER

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

Gina Calvert in her blog, *11 Traits of Good Stewardship in Scripture* quotes two passages about Trustworthiness.

“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.” Matthew 25:14-18

You remember how this parable ended, the servants with five and two bags doubled their worth for the Master. The servant who hid his gold was chastised and thrown into the darkness.

“This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.” 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

We each have been entrusted with certain talents, gifts and abilities. Let’s not bury them and hide them. Let’s use what we have to grow our wealth in the eyes of God. In this way we demonstrate our faithfulness, and thank and honor God!

Peace and Blessings!  
Michael Wagner

# BIBLE STUDY

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## Wednesday Evening Bible Study

6:00 p.m.

Led by Pastor Ed

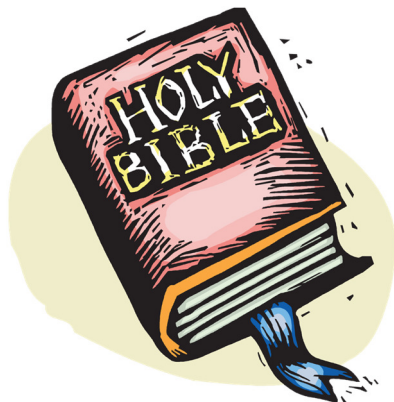
We will resume **October 18**. In the fellowship hall or online (the link will be in the weekly blast).

## Women's Bible Study

Meets on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Library.  
Led by Linda Williams.

## Men's Bible Study

Meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Library.  
Led by Bill Work.



# Community For Christ

*People Helping People in Need*

## Outreach Center & Thrift Store

### ~ COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST PANTRY NEEDS ~

*“You give them something to eat.”*

CFC has been really, really busy!! Thank you for all of the support we receive in the way of items needed for the food pantry. Just a reminder, our pantry stocks non-food items as well. These items our clients cannot purchase with food stamps, and that is why I am listing those.

- \* Shampoo - for men and women.
- \* Body wash - for men and women.
- \* Deodorant - for men and women.
- \* Beans of any kind
- \* Rice (flavored mixes)
- \* Baking items
- \* Condiments - Catsup, Mustard, Salad dressing, coffee
- \* Taco & Chili Seasonings
- \* Canned Meat of any kind
- \* Cereal
- \* Cleaning supplies
- \* Paper Towels
- \* Tissues

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

God Bless You!!

Karen Mellody, Thrift Store & Outreach Director

# SOCIAL MINISTRY CORNER

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

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

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

Rent - 3

Electric - 2

Water Bill - 1

Repairs - 1

Gasoline - 2

Festival of Sharing - \$140

**Total Assistance to our Community this month: \$1,092.18**

*We Share Jesus with All!*

All donors can enter for a chance to win two Kansas City Chiefs tickets!

Scan here for more info!  
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BE A  
**CHAMPION**

**GIVE BLOOD.  
SAVE LIVES.**



## Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall  
184 Sunset Hills Drive, Sunrise Beach

**Friday, October 20, 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](http://www.cbco.org/donate-blood)



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