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## December 2023



*Overlooking the Lake of the Ozarks*

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~ 1951—2023 ~

~ The Reverend Edward L. Foster, Pastor ~

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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  
Katherine Lacroix ..... Long Range Planning/Scholarship  
Al Mohling..... Finance  
Mike Ward ..... Mutual Ministry  
Bill Work ..... Property, Long Range Planning  
Barb Yount ..... Worship & Music

**Council Appointed Positions**

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

## DECEMBER SCRIPTURE LESSONS

### December 3 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

First Reading..... Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm ..... Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
Second Reading ..... 1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Gospel Reading ..... Mark 13:24-37

### December 10 ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent

First Reading..... Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm ..... Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13  
Second Reading ..... 2 Peter 3:8-15a  
Gospel Reading ..... Mark 1:1-8

### December 17 ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent

First Reading..... Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Psalm ..... Psalm 126  
Second Reading ..... 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
Gospel Reading ..... John 1:6-8, 19-28

### December 24, 10:00 a.m. ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

First Reading..... 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
Psalm ..... Luke 1:46b-55  
Second Reading ..... Romans 16:25-27  
Gospel Reading ..... Luke 1:26-38

### December 24, 6:00 p.m. ~ Nativity of Our Lord

First Reading..... Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm ..... Psalm 96  
Second Reading ..... Titus 2:11-14  
Gospel Reading ..... Luke 2:1-20

### December 31 ~ 1st Sunday of Christmas

First Reading..... Isaiah 61:10—62:3  
Psalm ..... Psalm 148  
Second Reading ..... Galatians 4:4-7  
Gospel Reading ..... Luke 2:22-40

### GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR DECEMBER

|       |                                 |
|-------|---------------------------------|
| 12/03 | Marsha Gust, Vanessa Hebrank    |
| 12/10 | Bill Work, Bob Karls            |
| 12/17 | Wendy Blomberg, Joyce Wanamaker |
| 12/24 | Kathy Fair, Carol Hansen        |
| 12/31 | Bill Heaford, Joan Wilken       |

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The season of Advent is the season of hope: Hope that God will continue to fulfill the promises that God has made to us. Hope that what happened so long ago in the birth of our Savior Jesus, will continue to bring light and life and love into our world. Hope that our Savior will come again.

And indeed, I can think of few things that the world needs right now more than hope. Whether it is wars that are being fought in places far away, or the our continued political and social divisions closer to home, for many this is a time of great anxiety and despair. I continue to read stories that in one way or another describe a growing sense of hopelessness in the hearts and minds of our neighbors and our friends, maybe even in ourselves.

Advent is the season of hope. After centuries of waiting, on Christmas Day God broke into the world and began something new and wonderful. God became one of us, a child, a baby, who would become the savior of all God's beloved children. During Advent we remember that miraculous gift of God's own Son, with our eyes looking forward and our hearts filled with expectation that God is still doing new and wonderful things for us and for all of God's children. During the Advent season we are reminded of God's promise of a future, far better than today, a future filled with joy and peace.

Advent is the season of hope. It is the season where we are invited to hear once again God's promises of redemption and new life. It is the season where we are invited to see where God's kingdom is even now breaking into our world. It is the season where we are invited to let our hope so fill our lives that it overflows and fills the world with the courage and the will to make the world a better place even now.

Advent is the season of hope, where we sing out our longing. O come, o come, Emanuel. Come again and ransom your whole world.

Take heart and have hope,

Christ has come and is coming again.

Have a blessed Advent and a very merry and blessed Christmas.

Pastor Ed

**JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023**  
*Email your news [Office@KentMemorial.com](mailto:Office@KentMemorial.com).*

**Kent Memorial Lutheran Church  
Annual Congregational Meeting  
November 12, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 11:14 by Church Council President Kathy Fair

61 Voting Members in attendance, seven being on ZOOM

Confirmation of Quorum- Carol Hansen

Pastor Ed Foster opened with prayer.

A motion to approve Congregational Meeting minutes of November 12, 2022 was made by Ingrid Niemann. Wendy Blomberg seconded the motion and all approved.

Pastor Ed reported all is going well. He thanked everyone for the kindness that has been shown to his Family and the community. He has had the opportunity to meet five former Kent pastors. One had a daughter that shared how she will always remember how Kent cared for one another and the community. He stated that we continue to grow in numbers and spiritually making this a very special place! It is indeed God's call to be that special place.

Council President Kathy Fair shared a devotion "Sharing a piece of yarn" reminding us that we are all in this together and we are just a piece of something big. Kathy thanks everyone for the many things that the congregation does. She thanked all the Committees, Tracy and staff for their hard work and dedication.

Kathy Fair thanked outgoing Council Members Bill Work, Barb Yount, Wendy Blomberg and Sheryl Boos.

Kathy Fair introduced Council Seat recommendations, Wendy Blomberg, Sheryl Boos, Ruth Osterbur and Steve Atzeni. Kathy Fair asked for nominations from the floor for council seat, having none a voice vote to accept council recommendations was made, all approved.

Al Mohling presented the 2024 Budget. Budget changes were reviewed. Al asked for questions from the floor, having none, Al Mohling made a motion to accept the Council approved proposed 2024 budget as presented. Wendy Blomberg seconded the motion and all approved.

Dan Garrett explained the changes being made within the constitution and made a motion to accept them as presented. Being no questions motion was seconded by Wendy Blomberg and all approved.

Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned 11:40.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary

# CHURCH COUNCIL

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## Unapproved Minutes for November 21, 2023

**In Attendance-** Pastor Ed, Carol Hansen, Michael Wagner, Jim Mellody, Barb Yount, Kathy Fair, Bill Work, Gail Kruse, Al Mohling, incoming Council Members Steve Atzeni, and Ruth Osterbur

**Absent-** Wendy Blomberg, Bob Karls, Sheryl Boos, Katherine Lacroix, Mike Ward

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

**Dwelling in the Word:** Michael Wagner opened with devotion

**Minutes-** A motion to approve the October Council meeting minutes was made by Al Mohling, seconded by Bill Work, all approved.

**Treasures Report-** Gail Kruse presented

**Pastor's Report-** Pastor Ed reported he has conducted five worship services. He has had one home visit, one shut-in visit and two counseling visits. He attended the meetings of Altar Guild, Christian Education, Evangelism, Worship & Music, Mutual Ministry, 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, Grief Support Group, WELCA, Bishop's Theological Conference, Conference Pastor's Meeting, Trip to Branson, and bonfire worship. He thanks everyone for a successful month of Special Sundays with New Members, Congregational Meeting, and Music Sunday. Pastor stated we do very well making visitors and new members comfortable. It's nice to share these "big dill" things. He stated needs are growing but have been met. We do a good job taking care of one another. Pastor has informed council that he has been contacted by a former member about having a wedding in the outdoor worship area on August 3<sup>rd</sup> around sunset. (Annual Garage sale day) He has spoken with all that will be involved and there does not seem to be a problem going forward. The Endowment Committee has been meeting and is making progress on developing a proposal for an endowment fund/account.

**Committee Reports-** Christian Education reported Pastor ordered new material for Diane Ziehl to us for the children. Adult Sunday school is well attended and ten more books were ordered. All other classes are going well. -Evangelism reported they will celebrate Gerry & Linda Williams 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. New Member Sunday went well. They had 45 people attend Sight & Sound. 26 members and 19 Guests, They will pass out Christmas Eve bags. -Budget & Finance- All Mohling stated that Jane Maher had a meeting with the counters to address counting issues, confidentiality, the offering report and the counting process. The final numbers from Portico have not yet been received but the 2024 budget report is complete. -Stewardship will focus on everything we have is a gift from God, and stewardship is our response to these gifts! "Sometimes when we are generous in small, barely detectable ways it can change somebody else's life forever." Margaret Cho. -Property reported they have redone the rocks in front of the church, Christmas decorations have been placed in the columbarium area and a tree has been cut down be-

hind the parsonage. The lines will not be finished this fall. They will be blowing leaves November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. -Social Ministry reported they have helped 14 families in the amount of \$1,730.00. Blue Box donations are down and they have decided to accept anything rather than list the needs. All food and nonfood items are needed. They will deliver Christmas gifts at the next meeting.

-Worship & Music (Altar Guild) reported two new chaises were ordered and received along with a new wine dispenser. They will decorate for Christmas December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Poinsettias can be purchased for \$18.00. Christmas Eve service they will have a trumpet trio, 4-hand piano, choir and bells at the 6pm service. Advent services will include potluck. W & M made a recommendation to split Advent offering between Community for Christ and Buddy Pack Christmas baskets. Michael Wagner made a motion to accept the recommendation of Worship & Music, Bill Work seconded the motion and all approved. The hymn of the month will be "Awake! Awake! and Greet the New Morn". -WELCA reported they are working towards the Annual Cookie and Candy sale. It was shared that there was a guest at the Newcomers Luncheon that was from Lake Regional. They wanted us to know how much they appreciate all the work the church does with the booties, cookies and the scholarships. Please see Committee reports for full details. Thank you ALL who share your time and talents!

**Old Business**- Resume the search for a new AV tech. It was suggested that anyone visiting an electronics store that maybe they could see if they have any contacts. Council Christmas Party will be December 15<sup>th</sup> with appetizers and snacks. White elephant gift limit will be \$10.00. USA Bus Tour request update-request will be for January 30<sup>th</sup> from 10-2 pm. and they will have approximately 150 people. Building use agreement required. Jim Mellody made a motion to allow USA Bus Tours to host their meeting in the fellowship hall on January 30<sup>th</sup> from 10-2 pm. Bill Work seconded the motion and all approved.

**New Business**- Tracy Garrett made a request to have Rick Reis and Gary & Denise Cover removed from the congregation membership roster due to transfer of churches. Al Mohling made a motion to accept the request, seconded by Bill Work and all approved. Yearend committee reports are due to Tracy by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Advent mid-week potluck host assignment- December 6<sup>th</sup> – Altar Guild, December 13<sup>th</sup> Budget & Finance/Long Range Planning, December 20<sup>th</sup>- Social Ministry. Discussion of annual employee Christmas gift. Al Mohling made a motion to gift all paid employee's a Visa gift card in the amount of \$50.00. Motion was seconded by Bill Work and all approved. WELCA made a request to have the carpet professionally cleaned. Kathy Fair will discuss with property.

**Correspondence**- Thank you note from Westside Senior Center for our donation of \$100.00. Thank you note from the Ivy Bend Food Pantry for our donation of \$150.00.

Being no other business meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: December 19, 2023

Devotion- Kathy Fair

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary

# Angels From the Realms of Glory!

## Advent Worship 2023

Angels played a huge role in the story of Jesus' birth. Messengers from God, they proclaimed the Good News of what God was doing in the world. At long last the people's prayers for a savior were being answered, the Messiah was soon to be born. God's love and grace was breaking into the world, and the Angels were there to announce it!

Week 1: Zachariah, Elizabeth and Mary

Week 2: Joseph

Week 3: The Shepherds

We will need a number of willing participants to fill the roles of these dramas. A sign up sheet will be up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

### MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

Beginning Wednesday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m., followed by a potluck meal and time for fellowship.

### ADVENT POTLUCKS—Set Up & Clean Up Committees

December 6 – Altar Guild

December 13 – Budget & Finance and Long-Range Planning

December 20 – Social Ministry

Advent offerings will be shared with Community for Christ and Kent's Buddy Pack Christmas Baskets.

## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Sunday, December 24

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

6:00 p.m. Candlelight & Communion Service

*Offerings received on Christmas Eve will be split between Community for Christ and Kent's Buddy Pack Christmas Baskets.*







**21<sup>st</sup> Annual  
CHRISTMAS COOKIE, CANDY &  
BAKE SALE**

**Saturday, December 9**

**9am-Noon**

**Proceeds benefit Nursing Scholarship  
Fund of Lake Regional Hospital**

Tell your friends and neighbors to stop by to do  
their Christmas “baking.”

**HELP DECORATE COOKIES** for the sale at 9:00 Fri-  
day, December 10. The baked sugar cookies and icing  
will be furnished, so bring your cookie sprinkles or dec-

#### **THE H.D. CHRISTMAS STORE**

On Thursday, Dec. 14th, Hurricane Deck will again be having their Christmas Store. I have received a Thrivent Action Team for Board Games and with all your wonderful donations for Vinny's 50th birthday, we have a great start on toys for the store. If, however, you are wanting to contribute more, of course we'll take it and can definitely use it. Toys and games should be to the Kent Buddy Pack room by Sunday, December 10

Thank you so much for all your generosity and support.



# FINANPE PORNER

| <u>INCOME &amp; EXPENSE REPORT</u> | <u>OCTOBER</u>    | <u>SEPTEMBER</u>  | <u>AUGUST</u>     |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                    | <u>2023</u>       | <u>2023</u>       | <u>2023</u>       |
| Offerings and Income-Month         | \$ 21,134         | \$ 14,264         | \$ 15,848         |
| Pass-Through Income-Month          | \$ 65             | \$ 408            | \$ 30             |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME-MONTH</b>          | <b>\$ 21,199</b>  | <b>\$ 14,672</b>  | <b>\$ 15,878</b>  |
| Actual Expenses-Month              | \$ 17,012         | \$ 17,079         | \$ 14,984         |
| Pass-Through Expenses-Month        | \$ 65             | \$ 408            | \$ 30             |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES-MONTH</b>        | <b>\$ 17,077</b>  | <b>\$ 17,487</b>  | <b>\$ 15,014</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL OVERALL-MONTH</b>         | <b>\$ 4,122</b>   | <b>\$ (2,815)</b> | <b>\$ 864</b>     |
| Monthly Budget-Expenses            | \$ 19,295         | \$ 19,295         | \$ 19,295         |
| Offerings and Income-Y-T-D         | \$ 183,447        | \$ 162,312        | \$ 148,048        |
| Pass-Through Income-Y-T-D          | \$ 5,169          | \$ 5,104          | \$ 4,696          |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME-Y-T-D</b>          | <b>\$ 188,615</b> | <b>\$ 167,416</b> | <b>\$ 152,744</b> |
| Actual Expenses-Y-T-D              | \$ 183,474        | \$ 166,461        | \$ 149,382        |
| Pass-Through Expenses-Y-T-D        | \$ 5,169          | \$ 5,104          | \$ 4,696          |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES-Y-T-D</b>        | <b>\$ 188,642</b> | <b>\$ 171,565</b> | <b>\$ 154,078</b> |
| <b>TOTAL OVERALL-Y-T-D</b>         | <b>\$ (27)</b>    | <b>\$ (4,149)</b> | <b>\$ (1,334)</b> |

## FINANCIAL NOTES:

- A. Current Financial Situation** – Kent’s giving position for October and the year has improved greatly, now covering expenses for the first 10 months of 2023. Our expenses for the first 10 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.

# DECEMBER 2023

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                             | MONDAY                            | TUESDAY                                                                                               | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Advent 1 3<br>8:30am Choir Rehearsal<br>9am Sunday School<br>10am Worship with Holy Communion<br>11am Williams' Anniv.<br>11am Handbells Rehearsal | 4<br>9:30am Evangelism            | 5<br>9:30am Altar Guild<br>10am WELCA Crafts<br>11am WELCA Meeting<br><br><b>Community for Christ</b> | 9am Worship<br><br>6pm Adversity                                                                                              |
| Advent 2 10<br>8:30am Choir Rehearsal<br>9am Sunday School<br>10am Worship with Holy Communion<br>11am Handbells Rehearsal                         | 11<br>9:30am Social Ministry      | 12                                                                                                    | 9am Worship<br><br>10am Worship<br>6pm Adversity                                                                              |
| Advent 3 17<br>8:30am Choir Rehearsal<br>9am Sunday School<br>10am Worship with Holy Communion                                                     | 18                                | 19<br>6pm Church Council                                                                              | 9am Worship<br><br>3pm "I Grieve"<br>6pm Adversity                                                                            |
| CHRISTMAS EVE 24<br>10am Worship with Holy Communion<br>11am Fellowship Time<br>11am Handbells Rehearsal<br>6pm Xmas Eve Worship                   | CHRISTMAS DAY 25<br>CHURCH CLOSED | 26                                                                                                    | 9am Worship<br><br>6pm Evening<br><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 50px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> |
| 31<br>10am Worship with Holy Communion<br>11am Fellowship Time                                                                                     | NEW YEAR'S DAY 1<br>CHURCH CLOSED | 2<br>10am WELCA Crafts<br>11am WELCA Meeting                                                          | 9am Worship                                                                                                                   |

| WEDNESDAY                                                                             | THURSDAY                                                                             | FRIDAY                          | SATURDAY                                                                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6<br>Women's Bible Study<br>Went Worship & Potluck                                    | 7<br>10am Men's Bible Study<br>6pm Lake Jazz Band<br><br><b>Community for Christ</b> | 1<br>8<br>9am Cookie Sale Prep. | 2<br>9:30 a.m. Decorate the Church<br>9<br>Cookie Sale<br><br><b>Community for Christ</b> |
| 13<br>Women's Bible Study<br>Worship & Music<br>Went Worship & Potluck                | 14<br>10am Men's Bible Study                                                         | 15<br>6pm Council Party         | 16                                                                                        |
| 20<br>Women's Bible Study<br>"Love Abides"<br>Support Group<br>Went Worship & Potluck | 21<br>10am Men's Bible Study<br>6pm Lake Jazz Band                                   | 22                              | 23                                                                                        |
| 27<br>Women's Bible Study<br>ing Bible Study                                          | 28                                                                                   | 29                              | 30                                                                                        |
| <b>WESTSIDE SENIOR CENTER</b>                                                         |                                                                                      |                                 |                                                                                           |
| 3<br><i>Women's Bible Study</i>                                                       | 4<br><i>10am Men's Bible Study</i><br><i>6pm Lake Jazz Band</i>                      | 5                               | 6                                                                                         |

# DEPEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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## BIRTHDAYS

12/03 Jane Maher  
12/04 Helmut Lacas  
Judy Ward  
12/06 Katherine Lacroix  
Pastor Ed Foster  
12/09 Dick Barker  
12/11 Katherine Lindeman  
12/12 Don Tyler  
12/15 Joy Whitlow  
Maria Reth  
Gitta Reth  
12/16 John Moorefield  
12/19 Toni Wagner  
12/23 Steve Kralina  
12/26 Adam Kralina  
12/28 Bibi Tauscher  
12/29 Tammy Enriquez  
12/30 Marilyn Hays \*  
Jessie Harger-Reiser  
12/31 Marianne Howley



\* *It's a BIG birthday*

## ANNIVERSARIES

|            |                           |          |
|------------|---------------------------|----------|
| 12/02/1989 | Abraham & Tammy Enriquez  | 34 years |
| 12/02/2013 | Bill Work & Jane Maher    | 10 years |
| 12/26/1989 | Michael & Toni Wagner     | 34 years |
| 12/28/1969 | Mike & Lee Ann McClain    | 54 years |
| 12/29/1976 | Warren & Rhonda Neighbour | 47 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 GOD'S HEALING TOUCH

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Gary Andeline  
Cheryl Anderson  
Dana Anderson  
Pam Babcock  
Michelle Becker  
Jessica Birdsong  
Cody Blasberg  
Eric Blomberg & USS Laboon  
Marcille Bohling  
Judy Bradley  
Cindy Campbell  
Matthew Clark  
Shirley Clark  
Evelyn Clements  
Lance Craft  
Duane & Grace Cridland  
Chuck Cuthbertson  
Pat Embich  
Mary Beth Fair  
Ron Ferguson  
Stacey Flect  
Dave Fosler  
Shane Foster  
Ginger Frazier  
Al Gann  
Ken Gerardy  
Carla Glusing  
Ruth Goddard & Family

Lyn Golvig  
Debbie Hanshaw  
Gary Hansen  
Linda Harris  
Bryan Hastings  
Rod Hayes  
Joel Hellman  
Mike Holmes  
CF Huff  
Teresa Joslin  
Linda Kimberling  
Ed Krueger  
Jim Kruse  
Blanche Lacroix  
Barry Mabe  
Larry Mausbach  
Dave & Sara Newton  
Steve O'Connor  
Gene Page  
Mike Page  
Jennifer Pederson  
Rev. Bill Peterson  
Gloria Peterson  
Kathy Pipes

Zach Rezac  
Ron Roberts  
Marcia Robbins  
Dan Rogers  
Shelley  
Karen Thompson  
Karen Tischnor  
Toni Wagner  
Bernie Wiegel  
Jerry Williams  
Larry Wilson  
Bill Work



# 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

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

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

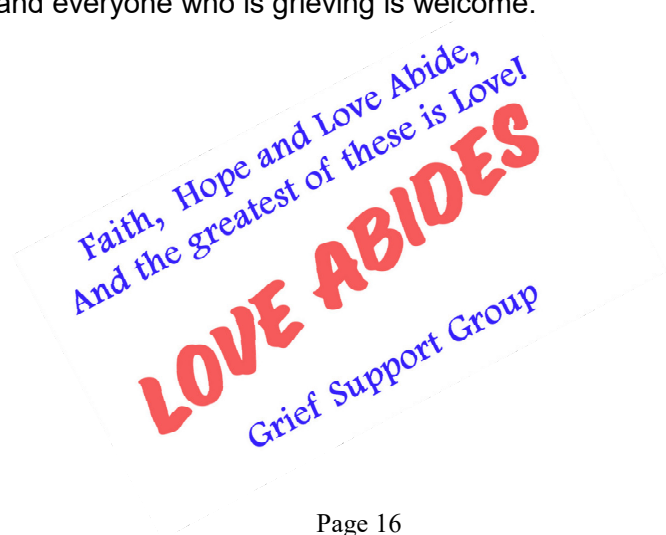
Love is the most precious of God's gifts. Through God's gift of love, God blesses us in every way imaginable. Love brings life. It brings joy. Love gives us support when we are weak, and it gives us courage when we are fearful. Love fills our lives and our hearts with the beloved. But when we lose someone 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, December 20 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 by dropping a few can goods or personal care items in the big blue tote conveniently located out in the narthex is a great way to live out our mission statement? "Hearing God's call and responding in love, we share Jesus with all."

We share Jesus with all when we help someone put supper on the table. We share Jesus with all when someone has the means to take a bath & wash their hair because we put some shower gel & shampoo in our blue box.

Working through our partnership with Community for Christ, every time you spend a couple extra dollars at the grocery store and drop those things in that big blue box out in the narthex, you help make someone's life just a little better. Thanks for the many ways you share Jesus with all!

*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

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## WELCA MINUTES November 7, 2023

The November meeting was called to order by President Karen Ringsdorf, there were 20 members present. Barb Yount gave the devotion on "Grace of God Needed to get into Heaven".

June minutes were read by Jane Maher, motion to approve was made by Linda Kimberling, 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 October 31, 2023 was \$7442.88.

**The Greater Church:** Melba Bangert explained where the Thankoffering money would be used and that the Women of the ELCA have been collecting money going back into the 1830's. The women collected 'mites' to support women missionaries. Today the funds will go toward devotions, Bible study, workshops, scholarships, social training, aide with domestic violence and trafficking, and seed grants to help support women.

Additionally, she reminded us that prayer sheets were available for use.

**Christian Action:** No report

**Community for Christ:** Joyce Wanamaker reported CFC has been very busy and Ensure Protein drinks are needed in addition to the other items listed in the bulletin. Kent's days at CFC are December 5, 9 and 11. Joyce also reported that the Food Bank wants people to rely on local food banks and not the Buddy Pack program.

**Laurie Care Center** – No report

**Senior Center:** Jane Maher said Kent's next week at the Senior Center is November 20-24 but that we will only be working Monday and Wednesday due to Thanksgiving.

**Sunshine Lady:** Ingrid Niemann sent out 3 cards in October. She also reported that Floralie Harris's 98<sup>th</sup> birthday is in November and that she will be sending her a card from WELCA.

**Publicity:** No report

**Care Core:** Melba Bangert reported no requests in October. Karen Ringsdorf will handle November and Linda Williams will handle December. Additionally, Linda reported that Ken Gerardy asked Gerry for a ride which will be counted for Care Core.

**School Liaison:** Wendy Blomberg reported that the Food Bank is not providing food as it once had and that she has been buying food using the Kent Buddy Pack funds. Her main concern is that there will remain enough money in the Buddy Pack fund to sustain the summer program. Discussion followed.

Cindy Mohling reported that she wrote a grant request on behalf of the Evangelism Committee for a \$1,250 grant from the Central States Synod to assist CC, Buddy Pack and Ivy Bend for the purchase of food. CFC will receive \$225.00

and Ivy Bend and Buddy Pack will each receive \$200 in November and December.

Additionally, Wendy reported that Thanksgiving Day baskets will be prepared for 25 families and that the list of items or donations is in the bulletin.

**Treats for Schools** – Karen thanked Sheryl Boos for handling the treats in October. November-- Hurricane Deck is Sharon Ballard and Little Tigers is Joyce Wanamaker

**Paster Ed:** No report

**Birthdays:** No one present

**Special Events:** Karen reported that the Officers will hostess the Christmas Party on December 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be a soup, salad, and dessert luncheon. It will begin at 10:30 with the children from Hurricane Deck arriving at 11:00. Additionally, donations will be accepted for CFC at the party. The Christmas Stocking money goes to ELCA Good Gifts. An anonymous doner will match funds for Good Gifts on "Giving Tuesday". A motion was made by Kathy Fair and seconded by Wendy Blomberg to send the \$250 prior to the Christmas Party so that the matching deadline is met.

Karen reported that the Altar Guild will be decorating for Christmas on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Do Day:** Karen asked for cleaning ideas for the "Do Day". Jane Maher suggested that the Fellowship Hall carpet needs to be cleaned. Discussion followed. After discussion, it was decided that the date for cleaning will be November 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00. Lunch will be provided. Decorating for Christmas will follow lunch.

**Cookie Sale:** Linda Williams reported that the sale will be on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Set up and cookie decorating will happen on December 8<sup>th</sup>. She said she will need people to work and that signup sheets will be on the board. The price per pound will be \$7.00 this year.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Announcements:** Pat Poretta reported she attended the Newcomers Luncheon last month. The speaker was from Lake Regional Hospital and she was very complimentary about the work done by Kent in support of the nurses and patients.

Kathy Fair reminded everyone that the Annual Meeting will be held on November 11 with a potluck following.

Next meeting will be December 5, 2023

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Maher, for Mary Evans, secretary.



# STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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

“Sometimes when we are generous in small, barely detectable ways it can change someone else’s life forever.” Margaret Cho

This reminds me of the story of a grandfather and grandson who were walking on the beach. There were hundreds of sand dollars that had washed up on the beach and they were beginning to die in the sun. Every so often, as they walked, the grandfather would reach down, pick one up and gently toss it back into the ocean. Perplexed, the grandson asked, “Papa, why do you do that?” The grandfather responds, “so they will live.” Still confused the grandson states, “but there are so many, what difference does it make?” The grandfather reaches down, picks up another sand dollar and tosses it back into the ocean and says, “to that one it makes all the difference in the world.”

We never know when that small act will be the pick me up or inspiration that someone else needs. It could be as simple as a kind word, a smile, or a “thank you.” It could be a cup of coffee, a meal to eat, or help with rent or utilities.

May we continue to be the people that say the kind words, give someone a smile or thanks, and provide financial assistance when it is needed.

Peace and Blessings!  
Michael Wagner

# BIBLE STUDY

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## Wednesday Evening Bible Study

6:00 p.m.

Led by Pastor Ed

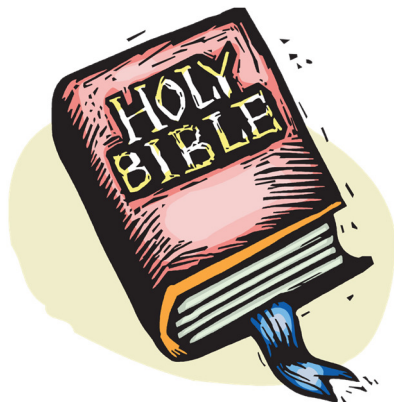
We will resume **October 18**. In the fellowship hall or online (the link will be in the weekly blast).

## 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 ~

What is your favorite dinner item you look forward to during the holidays? That's what CFC would love to have, and then we'll provide and share to our community.

CFC thanks you for your continued support throughout this last year, not only your donations of food, but with volunteering at the store. It's truly because of you that CFC is able to support our community!!

God Bless You!!

Karen Mellody, Thrift Store & Outreach Director

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Kent's week to volunteer at Community for Christ is Tuesday, December 5, Thursday, December 7 and Saturday, December 9. We need your HELP. Sign up if you are able. Looks like Tuesday (12/5) is WELCA Christmas meeting, but if you are not attending, please consider volunteering on Tuesday.

# SOCIAL MINISTRY CORNER

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

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

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

Electric - 6

Rent - 5

Propane - 1

Car Repair - 1

Water Bill - 1

**Total Assistance to our Community this month: \$1,731.63**

*We Share Jesus with All!*

