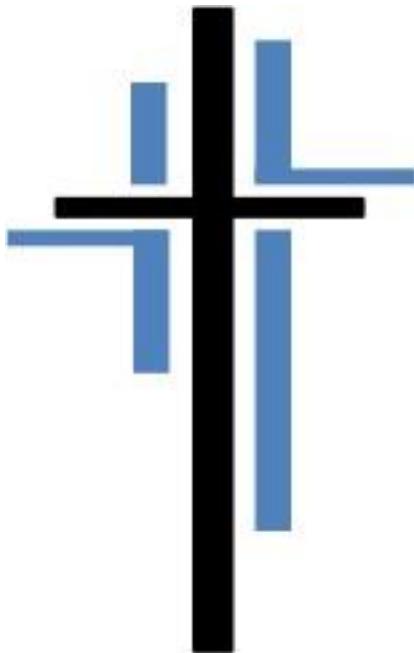


Email Blast for January 14



2nd Sunday After Epiphany

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

January 14, 2024

Hearing God's Call & Responding in Love,
We Share Jesus With All!

CANCELLED!

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT MEET TONIGHT, JANUARY 10

FROM PASTOR ED

In our Gospel lesson this week, Philip brings Nathaniel to see Jesus. It is a simple example of how faith is shared. Philip shares his new-found faith and invites his friend to come and see for himself. Rather than argue or try to convince Nathaniel, Philip simply invites him. Sharing our faith is probably much trickier

for us than it was for Philip as the barriers to faith seem to grow day by day. But after all these centuries, faith in Jesus is still most often spread by individual people inviting those they care about to come and see, to come and experience Jesus for themselves.

Stay safe out there, as our Lord renews the land around us it will be cold and wet and probably slick for a few days.

God bless you all,
Pastor Ed

OUR 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:

To join a worship service, please contact the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

Welcome to Worship

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

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Prelude

All Is Well

Joyce Wanamaker

You are invited to use this time of musical offering to prepare for worship, to open yourself to God, our Father, his Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, present in this place.

Call to Worship

P: God, in great wisdom, knows each of his servants by name. With Nathaniel, we wonder, "Where did you get to know me, O Lord?"

C: **For God knows us better than we know ourselves.**

P: Thus says the Lord, through the prophet Isaiah, "I have held you since you were conceived, and have carried you since your birth."

C: **We praise your name, O Lord, for you had a plan for our life even before we were born.**

Prayer of Confession

All: **O God, you call and call our names. There are times that we, like Moses, make excuses and ask not to serve you. There are times that we, like Jonah, say we will serve but then turn and go the other way. There are times that we, like Samuel, hear your voice but lack knowledge to follow your call. Help us recognize your voice in our lives. Give us the eagerness of Samuel to jump up, in the middle of the night, to respond to your call. Forgive us when we ignore you or make excuses. Work in us a willing spirit. We pray in the name of the one who calls us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. Our merciful God promises you the Holy Spirit to become children of God. You are invited to The Table to be renewed today. Let your life reflect that love.

C: **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

Sharing of the Peace (We share the words, "Peace be with you" with one another.)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

Gathering Hymn*Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult*

ELW # 696, v. 1, 4 & 5

Liturgy Setting 4

ELW p. 147

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie**Canticle of Praise:** Glory to God in the highest

ELW p. 148

Prayer of the Day

All: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Anthem*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Kent Handbells

First Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Old Testament p. 250

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.**Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18** (congregation reads responsively)¹LORD, you have searched me out;

O LORD, you have known me.

²You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.³You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.⁴Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.⁵You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.¹⁴I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.¹⁵My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.¹⁶Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book;
my days were fashioned before they came to be.¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

New Testament p. 161

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to John, the first chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.**Gospel Reading**

John 1:43-51

New Testament p. 87

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ**Sermon**

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day*Will You Come and Follow Me*

ELW # 798, v. 1, 2 & 5

Profession of Faith—Apostle's Creed**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

P: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.**Reception of Offerings** *Please fill out the red friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor***Offertory** *Winter's Serenade*

Joyce Wanamaker

Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, Holy One,

C: for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**Holy Communion**

ELW p. 152

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

Holy, Holy, Holy

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink. Communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is our savior. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. You may commune in place using a communion kit, if preferred.

Communion Hymns

<i>Here Is Bread</i>	ELW # 483
<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	ELW # 574
<i>For the Bread Which You Have Broken</i>	ELW # 494

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn (Hymn of the month – the choir will sing the refrain and verse once, then the congregation will join.)

<i>The Lord Now Sends Us Forth</i>	ELW # 538
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The Dismissal

P: Hearing God's call and responding in love,
C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude	<i>Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow</i>	Joyce Wanamaker
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Fellowship Time	EVERYONE IS WELCOME
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WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor	Ed Foster
Organist/Pianist	Joyce Wanamaker
Choir Director.....	Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director.....	Katie Heaford

10:00 AM

Altar Guild.....	Linda Williams
Greeters/Ushers	Larry & Kathy Fair
Liturgist	Al Mohling
Lector.....	Kathy Fair
Sound & Zoom Technician.....	Al & Cindy Mohling
Coffee Fellowship.....	Cindy & Al Mohling

COMING THIS WEEK

January 14-21

Today	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts) Handbells Rehearsal
Monday	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center Volunteers
	6:00 p.m.	Chorale Rehearsal
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Community for Christ Board Meeting
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center Volunteers
	3:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center Volunteers
	6:00 p.m.	Lake Jazz Band Rehearsal
Friday	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center Volunteers
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† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

Pat Embich

Bill Work

Karen Thompson—health concerns

Joel Hellman

Judy Bradley—minor health issues

Gene Page—health concerns

Jim Kruse

Toni Wagner

Christian condolences and hope and extended to Gail Kruse and her family on the death of her brother, Jerry Buss, last week.

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Dave Shaver (friend of Wendy Blomberg)

Susan Lingwall—serious health issues

Jacque Ray Higgenbotham—lung & liver cancer (friend of LeeAnne Brumm)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Cheryl Anderson

Lance Craft

Al Gann

Dana Anderson

Duane & Grace Cridland

Ken Gerardy

Michelle Becker

Chuck Cuthbertson

Carla Glusing

Jessica Birdsong

Mary Beth Fair

Ruth Goddard & family

Cody Blasberg

Ron Ferguson

Lyn Golvig

Marcille Bohling

Stacey Flect

Gary Hansen

Cindy Campbell

Dave Fosler

Debbie Hanshaw

Shirley Clark

Shane Foster

Linda Harris

Evelyn Clements

Ginger Frazier

Bryan Hastings

Rod Hayes	Jim Marco	Marcia Robbins
Mike Holmes	Debbie McDermott	Dan Rogers
CF Huff	Dave & Sara Newton	Pat & Shirley Rogers
Beth Jackson	Steve O'Connor	Karen Tischnor
Teresa Joslin	Jennifer Pedersen	Theresa White
Linda Kimberling	Doris Peterson	Bernie Wiegel
Ed Krueger	Zach Rezac	Jerry Williams
Blanch Lacroix	Ron Roberts	Larry Wilson

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock	Aaron Davis	Matt Lee
Eric Blomberg	Tanner Glodt	Jordan Lindeman
Ben Brammeier	Kristine Hubbard	Glenn Maddock
Shade Bullock	Jason Ites	Tristan Morgan
Salathiel (Sal) Caudill	Jason Judge	Adam Peterson
Dylan Craig	Adam Kralina	Trent Simmons

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 14

WELCOME TO KENT MEMORIAL Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. Communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is our Savior. Personal hearing assistance devices are available in the sound room. We invite you to stay for coffee and fellowship (and donuts!) after the service. If you are visiting for the first time or searching for a church home, please include your address and phone number on the Red Friendship Pad and let us know. First time here? Please introduce yourself to Pastor Ed at the end of the service.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Altar Guild.

CARE CORE for January is Joyce Burke, 712-298-0993.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY resumed January 10 at 6pm. Join us at any time. Come in person or online (the link is at the top of the Sunday email blast). Bring your dinner or there will be sandwich fixings there, too.

SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY is February 11. Between now and February 11, bring cans of soup and Chef-Boy-R-Dee products for Community for Christ. We are challenging Our Savior's Lutheran and our standing record is more than 337 cans from 2022. Let's try to beat it!

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR The new calendar for putting flowers on the altar is up in the fellowship hall! Reserve the Sunday you would like to celebrate with flowers now. Flowers are \$20, payable to "Altar Guild."

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU As my life seems to be getting busier and busier and I need to cut back some of my duties; I've let the Scholarship Committee members know this will be my last year as Chairman. We, as a committee, are going out to the congregation for anyone interested in being a part of this wonderful project for our schools. It's a wonderful opportunity to help the youth in our community and our future leaders. If interested, please come join us this year and see if it's something you'd be willing to participate in. Thank you and God's Blessings. Kat Lacroix

OTHER CFC FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Cereals - hot and cold
 Condiments like catsup, mustard, salad dressings, mayo
 Taco & chili seasonings
 Chef Boyardee canned meals
 Egg noodles

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!!

USA BUS TOURS is hosting a Luncheon at Kent on Tuesday, January 30 from 12 Noon - 1:30pm to explain and promote their upcoming bus tours. The luncheon is free to anyone who is interested in attending, but reservations are required. To reserve a place for the free luncheon, call 573-341-8186. There will be 2 drawings at each of their luncheon locations for 50% off on a trip in 2024. Other luncheon dates are available at other Missouri locations.

For more bus tour information and details about the USA Tours bus company, go to tourUSA.com.

USA Tours is the bus company from Rolla that took Kent to the Branson Sight & Sound Theatre last Fall. They provided a very reasonable price for our trip and have asked to use our facility (per Kent facility use guidelines) to advertise and promote their bus tours.