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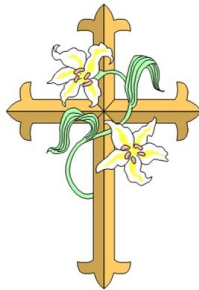
~ 1951—2024 ~

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church presents the
55th Performance of

"He Is Risen!"

2024 Easter Pageant

Sunday, March 31, 8:30 a.m.
on the grounds of Kent Memorial
Lutheran Church, Sunrise Beach, MO



Join us as we bring the
Easter story to life.

~ The Reverend Edward L. Foster, Pastor ~

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**2024 COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
**Committee Assignments**

Jim Mellody ..... President, Social Ministry  
 Kathy Fair ..... Long Range Planning  
 Michael Wagner ..... Vice President; Stewardship  
 Carol Hansen .....Recording Secretary, Christian Education  
 Wendy Blomberg..... Evangelism  
 Sheryl Boos ..... Social Ministry  
 Bob Karls..... Property  
 Katherine Lacroix ..... Long Range Planning/Scholarship  
 Al Mohling..... Finance  
 Mike Ward ..... Mutual Ministry  
 Steve Atzeni ..... Mutual Ministry  
 Ruth Osterbur ..... Worship & Music

**Council Appointed Positions**

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

**SOCIAL MINISTRY CORNER**

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

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

**January, 2024** (number of needs calls):

- Rent - 2
- Electric - 9
- Mortgage - 2

**Total Assistance to our Community this month: \$1,405.68**

*We Share Jesus with All!*

**Social Ministry Happenings in February:**

Although at reporting time the month of February is not closed, the number of calls answered are approaching 13, same as January. The funds currently available have dropped from \$3200 to \$2200 for the end of February. Of the funds collected at the Lenten offerings on Wednesdays 50% will be contributed to the Social Ministry. Please be generous, as always.

Kent is still partnering with Community for Christ to assist those in need. If possible please volunteer to help at CFC at Kent's week, March 19, March 21 and March 23. Thanks to all those who have volunteered and those that will. May GOD's peace be with all of you.

Jim Mellody

# STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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

Jase Robertson, on the podcast “In the Woods” opened my eyes recently to something I hadn’t really considered fully. He asked why did God have his “spiritual forces,” the angels we read about, roll back the stone on Easter morning? It wasn’t to let Jesus out. God allowed Jesus to “go through walls” to meet with the disciples after his resurrection. So, it wasn’t necessary for God to remove the stone to get Jesus out of the tomb. Its true purpose, Jase asserted, was to let Mary and the others inside on that first Easter morning. We too are included with those others. It was for you and me to be let in. It was so we could see the empty tomb and thus believe.

And since we believe, we are called to share this message with others. Jesus told the disciples in John 20:21, “Peace be with you, Just as the Father has sent me, I also send you.” So, this Easter season and after, let us be the “spiritual forces” that “roll back the stone” for the disheartened, unchurched and the unbelievers, so that they too can see and hear the redeeming message of Easter!

Peace and Blessings!  
Michael Wagner

## MARCH SCRIPTURE LESSONS

### March 3 ~ 3rd Sunday in Lent

First Reading..... Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalm ..... Psalm 19  
Second Reading ..... 1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
Gospel Reading ..... John 2:13-22

### March 10 ~ 4th Sunday in Lent

First Reading..... Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalm ..... Psalm 107;1-3, 17-22  
Second Reading ..... Ephesians 2:1-10  
Gospel Reading ..... John 3:14-21

### March 17 ~ 5th Sunday in Lent

First Reading..... Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm ..... Psalm 51:1-12  
Second Reading ..... Hebrews 5:5-10  
Gospel Reading ..... John 12:20-33

### March 24 ~ Palm Sunday

Processional Gospel..... Mark 11:1-11  
First Reading..... Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm ..... Psalm 31:9-16  
Second Reading ..... Philippians 2:5-11  
Gospel Reading ..... Mark 14:1—15:47

### March 28 ~ Maundy Thursday

First Reading..... Exodus 12:1-14  
Psalm ..... Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
Second Reading ..... 1 Cor 11:23-26  
Gospel Reading ..... John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### March 29 ~ Good Friday

First Reading..... Isaiah 52:13—53:12  
Psalm ..... Psalm 22  
Second Reading ..... Hebrews 10:16-25  
Gospel Reading ..... John 18:1—19:42

### March 31 ~ Easter Sunday

First Reading..... Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm ..... Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Second Reading ..... 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Gospel Reading ..... Mark 16:1-8

**APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024**  
*Email your news Office@KentMemorial.com.*

## Little Things

I'm sure most of you are aware of the variety of communications that come out of our church office. Every month there is the newsletter, and every week sometimes more than once a week we send out the "Blast." We send copies out of the bulletin, and we post our worship service to YouTube. In the grand scheme of things these all probably seem like little things. They require some effort to be sure. They can be repetitive. And I suspect that many of us have wondered if it is really worth it? Does it really matter.

I recently spoke with someone who was in the process of planning a memorial service and they knew exactly what lessons and music they wanted because they had read them --- *in the Blast*. Planning a memorial service can be a traumatic experience for many of us, there are so many decisions to be made, many of which we have never thought of before. What a blessing it was for this person, that through the Blast they had become acquainted with hymns and scripture lessons that spoke to them and touched their heart. It may seem like a little thing, but at that moment it was huge!

I wonder how many other little things in our lives make such a big difference for others? How many times does a kind word, or a helping hand, something that seems small, even insignificant to us, means the world to the other person? Indeed, I know how often in my life, someone has said the right word, or done just the right thing, and probably never knew how great an impact that had on me.

Living our faith, caring for one another, being kind and generous, gracious, and gentle may often seem like little things, but they are indeed the stuff of love. They are the fabric of our relationships where God's love can touch the hearts of those around us. They may seem like little things, but they make all the difference.

As we consider during Lent the ways in which God is calling us to better love one another, don't forget the little things, the routine, even repetitive things. It may be in the everyday interactions of our lives that our Lord will make the greatest difference in our world.

God bless you all,  
Shalom,  
Pastor Ed

ted last week for funds to support the food shortage in the Buddy Pack program. Discussion followed regarding the need for food and funds for the children and various ways to cover the shortfall.

**Treats for Schools** – February is Joyce Burke for Hurricane Deck; a volunteer is still needed for Little Tigers. The signup sheet is posted on the board.

**Paster Ed:** He continued the discussion regarding Buddy Pack and stated that the kids are very thankful for the Buddy Pack food and this food makes a big difference for these kids. He expanded information about the grant and that if awarded the funds will go to the Kent Memorial Buddy Pack program. Discussion followed.

**Birthdays:** Ladies present for February Birthdays were Linda Kimberling, and Karen Ringsdorf.

**Special Events:** Karen reported that the "Staybirds" had lunch at Highlanders in January. Joyce Wanamaker thanked her for changing the date from Thursday to Wednesday.

**Old Business:** Karen asked if there was any progress/information about the funding for the "Leader in Me" program in the schools. Pastor Ed reported that the Rotary had not decided yet and that he will let us know when there is information. The item was tabled until March.

**New Business:** None

**Announcements:** Pastor Ed reminded us that Ash Wednesday is next week and that he is working on the Lenten Services and that there will be opportunities for participate. He also that he will do "drive through" ashes again.

Next meeting will be March 5, 2024

**Devotions:** March will be Linda Williams

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

Respectfully submitted by Jane Maher, for Mary Evans, Secretary.



# Women of the ELCA

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## WELCA MINUTES February 6, 2024

The February meeting was called to order by President Karen Ringsdorf, there were 15 members and 1 guest present. Kathy Fair gave the devotion she called "February"; a reflection on her mother and meaningful days that occur during this month. Additionally, she thanked everyone for their support for CFC and the Soup on Sunday projects.

January minutes were read by Jane Maher, motion to approve was made by Ingrid Niemann and seconded by Kathy Fair, motion carried. Correspondence was read and will be posted on the bulletin board. Joyce Wanamaker presented the treasurer's report.

**Guest Speaker:** Jim Mellody presented a report on the 2023 Social Ministry's excellent achievements that happened in coordination with CFC. He went on to describe the CFC administration structure and advised that the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are all retiring this year and replacements are being sought. In closing he requested continued monetary support for the Social Ministry and CFC due to the increased number of people in need of their assistance.

**The Greater Church Melba Bangert:** Melba presented the results of the area's quilting project. Additionally, she announced the Spring Gathering Meeting will be held at Our Savior's in Jefferson City and the Osage Cluster Meeting will be held in Cole Camp.

**Quilts:** Sally Burke said she will post a signup sheet for quilters and there will be a monthly meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month. She reported that 4 quilts were completed so far and last year they finished 6. She thanked WELCA for adding a line item to the budget for quilting said and they need cotton fabric. Additionally, she announced Joan Wilken will take charge of the Personal Care Kit project. Items needed are lightweight cotton towels, soap, toothbrushes, comb, and a metal nail clipper. (details provided on the hand out)

### **Christian Action:**

Kathy Fair reported that six women stuffed 20 critters.

**Community for Christ:** Joyce Wanamaker, no additional report.

**Laurie Care Center** – No report

**Senior Center:** Jane Maher reported that Kent's week is the 12<sup>th</sup> of February, and the signup sheet is circulating.

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

**Publicity:** No report

**Care Core:** Karen thanked Joyce Burke for handling January. Cindy Mohling will handle Care Core in February.

**School Liaison:** Pastor Ed reported there are 47 Buddy Packs needed each week and there is not enough food. He stated that a grant request was submit-



Midweek Lenten Services ~ Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

March 6

March 13

March 20

A potluck meal will follow each Wednesday evening

## HOLY WEEK AT KENT MEMORIAL

### **PALM SUNDAY**

March 24 at 10:00 a.m.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

March 28 at 6:00 p.m.

### **GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP**

March 29 at 6:00 p.m.

We walk with Christ through his suffering and death on the cross in scripture and song.

### **Easter Sunday—March 31**

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service with Holy Communion

7:30 a.m. Easter Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Pageant "HE IS RISEN!"

9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

*He Is Risen!*

### **IT'S EASTER PAGEANT TIME**

Every Easter morning we present our annual pageant, "He Is Risen." We need lots of cast members, both "speaking" and non-speaking parts. If you're interested in being in the cast of the Annual Easter Pageant on March 31 – both men and women – please sign up in the fellowship hall. Rehearsal will be 11am on March 30. Questions? See Gail Kruse.

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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## BIRTHDAYS

03/02 Karole Karls  
 03/03 Abby Kruse  
 03/08 Shirley Clark  
 Joan Wilken  
 Susan Clark  
 03/10 Leo Lindeman  
 03/11 Jerry Husbands  
 03/13 Charlie Peterson  
 03/14 Sally Burke  
 03/18 Gloria Peterson  
 Kaitlyn Jones  
 03/20 Lee Ann McClain



## ANNIVERSARIES

|            |                        |          |
|------------|------------------------|----------|
| 03/07/1971 | Jerry & Kandy Husbands | 53 years |
| 03/25/1967 | Helmut & Jan Lacas     | 57 years |

*If your birthday or anniversary isn't listed, please contact the church office so we may include you in our congratulations!*

# BIBLE STUDY

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## **Women's Bible Study**

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

## **Wednesday Evening Bible Study**

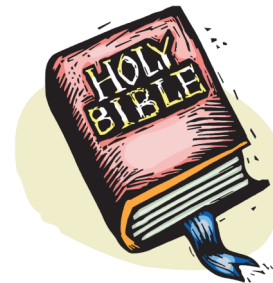
6:00 p.m.

Led by Pastor Ed

We will resume **January 10**. In the fellowship hall or online (the link will be in the weekly blast).

## **Men's Bible Study**

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



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, March 10 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.

*Faith, Hope and Love Abide,  
And the greatest of these is Love!*  
**LOVE ABIDES**  
*Grief Support Group*

**IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING TOUCH**

Cheryl Anderson  
Dana Anderson  
Evan Beaupre  
Michelle Becker  
Jessica Birdsong  
Cody Blasberg  
Jennifer Blomberg  
Marcille Bohling  
Judy Bradley  
Ken Buckingham  
Cindy Campbell  
Shirley Clark  
Evelyn Clements  
Lance Craft  
Chuck Cuthbertson  
Larry Fair  
Mary Beth Fair  
Ron Ferguson  
Stacey Flect  
Shane Foster  
Ginger Frazier  
Al Gann  
Ken Gerardy  
Jim Gilbert  
Carla Glusing  
Ruth Goddard & Family  
Lyn Golvig  
Marsha Gust

Gary Hansen  
Debbie Hanshaw  
Bryan Hastings  
Rod Hayes  
Joel Hellman  
Jacque Higgenbotham  
Mike Holmes  
CF Huff  
Beth Jackson  
Teresa Joslin  
Linda Kimberling  
Ed Krueger  
Jim Kruse  
Blanche Lacroix  
Dave & Sara Newton  
Gene Page  
Jennifer Pederson  
Doris Peterson  
Jodi Redmond  
Zach Rezac  
Ron Roberts  
Marcia Robbins  
Dan Rogers  
Pat & Shirley Rogers

Michelle Schafer  
Dave Shaver  
Karen Thompson  
Karen Tischnor  
Bernie Wiegel  
Theresa White  
Jerry Williams  
Larry Wilson  
Bill Work



*Christian condolences and hope are extended to Denise, Adam & Glen Kralina & their families on the death of Steve on February 18.*

**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

# FINANCE CORNER

| <u>INCOME &amp; EXPENSE REPORT</u> | <u>JANUARY</u>    | <u>DECEMBER</u>  | <u>NOVEMBER</u>   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|                                    | <u>2024</u>       | <u>2023</u>      | <u>2023</u>       |
| Offerings and Income-Month         | \$ 22,415         | \$ 29,573        | \$ 13,819         |
| Pass-Through Income-Month          | <u>60.00</u>      | <u>\$ 4,696</u>  | <u>\$ 320</u>     |
| TOTAL INCOME-MONTH                 | \$ 22,475         | \$ 34,269        | \$ 14,139         |
| Actual Expenses-Month              | 30,969.48         | \$ 20,078        | \$ 15,502         |
| Pass-Through Expenses-Month        | <u>60.00</u>      | <u>\$ 4,806</u>  | <u>\$ 210</u>     |
| TOTAL EXPENSES-MONTH               | 31,029.48         | \$ 24,884        | \$ 15,712         |
| <b>TOTAL OVERALL-MONTH</b>         | <b>\$ (8,554)</b> | <b>\$ 9,385</b>  | <b>\$ (1,574)</b> |
| Monthly Budget-Expenses            | \$ 19,990         | \$ 19,295        | \$ 19,295         |
| Offerings and Income-Y-T-D         | \$ 22,415         | \$ 226,838       | \$ 197,265        |
| Pass-Through Income-Y-T-D          | <u>\$ 60</u>      | <u>\$ 10,184</u> | <u>\$ 5,489</u>   |
| TOTAL INCOME-Y-T-D                 | \$ 22,475         | \$ 237,022       | \$ 202,754        |
| Actual Expenses-Y-T-D              | \$ 30,969         | \$ 219,054       | \$ 198,976        |
| Pass-Through Expenses-Y-T-D        | <u>\$ 60</u>      | <u>\$ 10,184</u> | <u>\$ 5,379</u>   |
| TOTAL EXPENSES-Y-T-D               | \$ 31,029         | \$ 229,238       | \$ 204,354        |
| <b>TOTAL OVERALL-Y-T-D</b>         | <b>\$ (8,554)</b> | <b>\$ 7,784</b>  | <b>\$ (1,601)</b> |

proved. Due to not having all figures in from Portico there will be a difference of \$1,413.23 to the bottom line of the budget. Social Ministry reported funds are low and will be discussing ways to raise funds. Al Mohling will take the issue of insufficient funds to the Finance Committee to see if there are other means of contributing to Social Ministry possibly using Thrivent Choice dollars. They will continue to help as much as they can. Scholarship reported they have sent checks to four of the Scholarship recipients for second semester. The Scholarship Committee is looking for another member and a Chairman will be needed. Worship and Music- Pastor discussed Margo's retirement. On behalf of the Church, Council decided to donate in her Honor in lieu of a gift. Al Mohling on behalf of the Church made a motion to donate \$500.00 to Social Ministry using Thrivent Choice Dollars in Honor of Margo Strothmann. Bob Karls seconded the motion and all approved. Worship & Music there are two events in April, Symphony of the Magic Dragon Monday, April 22 at 7 pm and Chorale Sunday, April 28 at 2pm. They are requesting setting up for these events Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> after services and for it to remain through Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>. Michael Wagner seconded the request and all approved. Stewardship focus "Why the Stone was rolled away". Endowment- Progress is being made.

**Old Business-** Election of Vice President- Bob Karls nominated and made a motion for Michael Wagner to remain as Vice President. Al Mohling seconded the motion and all approve. Installation of Officers will be March 10<sup>th</sup>. Lenten Potluck Host Committee schedule as follows- February 28<sup>th</sup>- Budget & Finance, Christian Education, March 6<sup>th</sup> - Property and Mutual Ministry, March 13<sup>th</sup> - Evangelism and Stewardship, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Long Range Planning, Audit, and Social Ministry.

**New Business-** Lenten Potluck Host Committee schedule as follows- March 6<sup>th</sup> - Property and Mutual Ministry, March 13<sup>th</sup> - Evangelism and Stewardship, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Long Range Planning, Audit, and Social Ministry. Lent offering distribution was discussed, Worship & Music made a recommendation of a 50/50 split between Buddy Packs and Social Ministry. Al Mohling made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Jim Mellody and all approved. Easter Breakfast discussion, Pastor will talk with any interested Men on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bob Karls has agreed to oversee the Easter Breakfast. Committee assignments- Ruth Osterbur to Worship & Music and Steve Atzeni to Mutual Ministry. Positions of Financial Secretary- Jane Maher, Treasurer- Gail Kruse and Recording Secretary- Carol Hansen all have agreed to remain. Katherine Lacroix made a motion for Jane Maher, Gail Kruse and Carol Hansen to remain as seated. Bob Karls seconded the motion and all approved.

**Correspondence-** Thank you note from Joyce Wanamaker and Katie Heaford for the gift card. Thank you from Westside Senior Center for our donation of \$100.00, Ivy Bend Food Pantry for our donation of \$150.00, CADV for our donation of \$375.00, Once We Were Refugees and Community for Christ for combined total of \$2,666.50 and Holiday meals.

Being no other business meeting adjourned at 7:40

Pastor asked us to remember the 11 year old girl who was murdered in Texas as we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: March 19, 2024

Devotion- Al Mohling

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary



# CHURCH COUNCIL

## Unapproved Minutes for February 20, 2024

**In Attendance-** Pastor Ed, Carol Hansen, Jim Mellody, Kathy Fair, Al Mohling, Katherine Lacroix, Mike Ward, Michael Wagner, Bob Karls and Gail Kruse.

**Absent-** Wendy Blomberg, Sheryl Boos, Steve Atzeni and Ruth Osterbur

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by President Jim Mellody

**Dwelling in the Word:** Kathrine Lacroix opened with devotion

**Minutes-** A motion to approve the December Council meeting minutes was made by Al Mohling, seconded by Bob Karls, all approved.

**Treasures Report-** Gail Kruse presented

**Pastor's Report-** Pastor Ed reported he has conducted four worship services. He has had one shut-in visit, one hospital visit and four counseling visits. He attended the meetings of Altar Guild, Christian Education, Social Ministry and Worship & Music. He has attended the Men's Bible Study, Women's Bible study and Wednesday evening Bible Study. He has participated in Buddy Packs, Greif Support Group, Zero the Hero, WELCA, and the Synod Deans Meeting. Pastor shared the passing of Steve Kralina. It was shared with Pastor that the bulletin is read at home every week from cover to cover for some of those not able to make in person services. We do not always see how these things matter and affect our members. It was a neat reminder that it does matter! Pastor and Wendy have applied for a grant from the Community Foundation of the Lake for the Buddy Pack Program. He has had an interview and is waiting to hear if we have been chosen. SouperBowl collection was a new record for the event collecting 530 cans and \$180.00. We fell to Our Saviors by only 14 cans.

**Committee Reports-** Christian Ed reported the Adult Sunday school class was awesome and will resume after Easter. Wednesday evening class will also resume after Easter. VBS plans are in the works. Mutual Ministry reported they are in need of another member for a 2 year term. Prospect has been sought. Property reported snow was removed; Bob Karls, Lynn Burke and Pastor Ed thawed out the kitchen sink and dealt with the frozen city grinder pit. Property had three carpet installers come and bid what it would cost for regluing the carpet squares in the fellowship hall. After discussion Bob Karls made a motion to go with Anthony that will pull up all squares and re glue for \$1500.00 plus the cost of the glue not to exceed the amount of \$2,200.00. Motion was seconded by Michael Wagner and all approved. Spring grounds cleanup will be the week of March 18-22. Day will be determined at a later date. Bob Karls discussed the fact that if the lights are left on in the restrooms the fan runs. It has been noticed that light are being left on for long periods of time which could possibly be a fire hazard. Property has decided to replace all restroom switches with motion sensor switches at the cost of around \$70.00. The compressor for the big refrigerator has been replaced and is working great. Budget & Finance reported money will be returned for the remaining balance of the toll bridge card. Annual statements have been delivered. The audits are complete with no issues being found. They will review all accounts on a semiannual basis. Al Mohling made a motion to close and move the remaining balance of \$493.00 from the Pictorial Fund account to other income. Bob Karls seconded the motion and all ap-

## FINANCIAL NOTES:

**A. Current Financial Situation** – Kent's giving position for January 2024 was strong. Our actual expenses for January were high by approximately \$12,000 as the annual insurance premiums were paid in full. If only a monthly amount would have been paid, the monthly financial position would have been positive \$3,500. Thank you to all those who prayerfully give 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:

|                                           |                |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|
| CFC President Retirement Celebration      | February 2024  |
| Board Games for Hurricane Deck Xmas Store | November 2023  |
| Soup on Sunday                            | November 2023  |
| Social Ministry Bingo Supplies            | September 2023 |
| 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    |

**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.

### GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR MARCH

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

# MARCH 2024

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                      | MONDAY                                                                                                      | TUESDAY                                                                            | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                  | THURSDAY                                                                                                     | FRIDAY                                                      | SATURDAY                              |
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| 3<br>8:30am Choir Rehearsal<br>9:15am Sunday School<br>9:20am Handbells Reh.<br>10am Worship with Holy Communion                                                            | 4                                                                                                           | 5<br>9:30am Altar Guild<br>10am WELCA-Crafts<br>11am WELCA Meeting                 | 6<br>9am Women's Bible Study<br>6pm Evening Bible Study                                                                    | 7<br>10am Men's Bible Study<br>6pm Lake Jazz Band<br>6:30pm Chorale (Sanctuary)                              | 1<br>8                                                      | 2<br>9                                |
| <b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME</b> 10<br>8:30am Choir Rehearsal<br>9:15am Sunday School<br>9:20am Handbells Reh.<br>10am Worship with Holy Communion                              | 11<br>9:30am Social Ministry<br>10:30am Evangelism<br>6pm Chorale Rehearsal<br><br><b>WESTSIDE SR. CTR.</b> | 12                                                                                 | 13<br>9am Women's Bible Study<br>10am Worship & Music<br>6pm Lenten Worship & Potluck<br><br><b>WESTSIDE SENIOR CENTER</b> | 14<br>10am Men's Bible Study<br><br><b>FELLOWSHIP HALL CLOSED FOR CARPET WORK</b><br>6:30pm Chorale (Sanct.) | 15                                                          | 16                                    |
| 17<br>8:30am Choir Rehearsal<br>9:15am Sunday School<br>9:20am Handbells Reh.<br>10am Worship with Holy Communion                                                           | 18                                                                                                          | 19<br>6pm Church Council<br><br><b>Community for Christ</b>                        | 20<br>9am Women's Bible Study<br>3pm Grief Support Group<br>6pm Lent Worship & Potluck                                     | 21<br>10am Men's Bible Study<br>6pm Lake Jazz Band<br><br><b>Community for Christ</b>                        | 22                                                          | 23<br><br><b>Community for Christ</b> |
| <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 24<br>8:30am Choir Rehearsal<br>9:15am Sunday School<br>9:20am Handbells Reh.<br>10am Worship with Holy Communion                                        | 25<br>6pm Chorale Rehearsal                                                                                 | 26                                                                                 | 27<br>9am Women's Bible Study                                                                                              | <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 28<br>10am Men's Bible Study<br>6pm Maundy Thursday Worship                           | <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 29<br>6pm Good Friday Worship / Tenebrae | 30<br>11am Easter Pageant Rehearsal   |
| <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 31<br>5:30am Handbells Reh<br>6:30am Worship<br>7:30am Breakfast<br>8:30am Pageant<br>9:30am Choir Rehearsal<br>9:30am Easter Egg Hunt<br>10am Worship | 1                                                                                                           | <b>ELECTION</b> 2<br>9:30am Altar Guild<br>10am WELCA-Crafts<br>11am WELCA Meeting | 3<br>9am Women's Bible Study                                                                                               | 4<br>10am Men's Bible Study<br>6pm Lake Jazz Band                                                            | 5                                                           | 6                                     |