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### **APRIL SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

April 7 ~ 2nd Sunday of Easter	
First Reading	Acts 4:32-35
Psalm	
Second Reading	
Gospel Reading	
April 14 ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter	
First Reading	Acts 3:12-19
Psalm	
Second Reading	
Gospel Reading	
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April 21 ~ 4th Sunday of Easter	
	Acts 4:5-12
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#### **Easter Memories**

Like so many things, especially faith things, my relationship with Easter is colored by my memories of Easters from my childhood. From the Easter Egg Hunt at the city park when I was barely old enough to hold an Easter basket, to the year our dog ate all my sister's Easter candy, my memories of those childhood Easters impact my thoughts and feelings about Easter still today.

I wish I could say I remember some special sermon that the pastor preached on Easter Sunday morning, but those unfortunately are lost to time. But, in spite of that, the experience of Easter worship: magnificent music, smiling faces, and the contagious joy of the congregation, that has stayed with me all these years.

Easter above everything else is the very center of our faith. Jesus' resurrection is the beginning and the end of all that we know about God, and about God's love for the world and all of us. Easter is the promise of forgiveness and reconciliation with God. Easter is the promise of new and eternal life. Easter is the promise that the darkness and suffering of this life will not win, and that the light of God's love is surely coming. Easter is the promise that God has not and never will abandon us not matter how far we wander off. The joy of that promise sustains and encourages us through the peaks and valleys of our lives. The joy of that promise gives us the courage to share that same love with all the world. The joy of that promise transforms us and gives us life.

From those days of searching for Easter Eggs and sharing my candy with my sister, to today, Easter is, I think, what this life is all about. It is about God's love made real in Jesus' resurrection; it is about love that overcomes all obstacles.

I pray that this Easter and Easter season fills you with the joy of that Easter promise, that you may have your faith refreshed by the overwhelming love of our God, and that you will make new Easter memories this year.

Happy Easter, Pastor Ed

# He is Risen!

He is risen indeed!

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

# **BIRTHDAYS**

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04/01	Ingrid Niemann
04/02	Phil Bangert
	Allan Burke
	Barb Yount
04/03	Al Johnson
04/08	Bill Work
04/12	Geri Riley
04/13	Katie Heaford
04/14	Bob Karls
04/15	Joanne Blaney
04/16	Barb Gislason
04/18	Vanessa Hebrank
04/19	Lynn Burke
04/20	Bob Harger
04/22	Darleen Barker
•	Delaney Brumm
04/23	Janet Page
04/24	Brenda Brumm
0 1/2 1	Elizabeth Bramon
04/26	Kathy Saunders
0 1/20	Barry Fisher
	Dan Garrett
04/29	Eldeen Hanke
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# **ANNIVERSARIES**

04/04/1970	Dennis & Sheryl Boos	54 years
04/08/1963	Don & Joan Wilken	61 years
04/18/1965	Chuck & Joyce Wanamaker	59 years
04/18/2009	Katherine & Ray Lacroix	15 years
04/24/1981	Steve & Susan Clark	43 years
04/27/1963	Joe & Pat Poretta	61 years

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

### IN NEED DF GDD'S HEALING TDUCH

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 Pat Embich Larry Fair Mary Beth Fair Ron Ferguson Stacey Flect Payton Foster 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 Jeanne Hines Mike Holmes CF Huff Steve Hughes Beth Jackson Teresa Joslin Linda Kimberling Ed Krueger Jim Kruse Blanche Lacroix Tamara McClain Dave & Sara Newton Gene Page Jennifer Pederson Doris Peterson Jodi Redmond

Ron Roberts Marcia Robbins Dan Rogers Pat & Shirley Rogers Vicki Sawyer Michelle Schafer **Dave Shaver Tom Simmons** Chris Stanze Karen Thompson Karen Tischnor Bernie Wiegel Theresa White Gil Wilde Jerry Williams Larry Wilson Bill Work



Christian condolences and hope are shared with Dorothy Englestad and her family on the death of Don Tyler March 17, 2023.

#### SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Zach Rezac

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

<b>INCOME &amp; EXPENSE REPORT</b>	FEBRUA	RY JANUARY	DECEMBER
	2024	2024	<u>2023</u>
Offerings and Income-Month	\$ 19,1	27 \$ 22,415	\$ 29,573
Pass-Through Income-Month	554.	00 60.00	\$ 4,696
TOTAL INCOME-MONTH	\$ 19,6	81 \$ 22,475	\$ 34,269
Actual Expenses-Month	18,239.	75 30,969.48	\$ 20,078
Pass-Through Expenses-Month	75.	00 60.00	\$ 4,806
TOTAL EXPENSES-MONTH	18,314.	75 31,029.48	\$ 24,884
TOTAL OVERALL-MONTH	\$ 1,3	67 \$ (8,554)	\$ 9,385
Monthly Budget-Expenses	\$ 19,9	90 \$ 19,990	\$ 19,295
Offerings and Income-Y-T-D	\$ 41,5		\$ 226,838
Pass-Through Income-Y-T-D	\$ 6	14 \$ 60	\$ 10,184
TOTAL INCOME-Y-T-D	\$ 42,1	57 \$ 22,475	\$ 237,022
Actual Expenses-Y-T-D	\$ 49,2	09 \$ 30,969	\$ 219,054
Pass-Through Expenses-Y-T-D	\$ 1	35 \$ 60	\$ 10,184
TOTAL EXPENSES-Y-T-D	\$ 49,3	44 \$ 31,029	\$ 229,238
TOTAL OVERALL-Y-T-D	\$ (7,1	87) \$ (8,554)	\$ 7,784

### **GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR APRIL**

04/07	Mary Evans, Karen Stanze
04/14	Kathy Fair, Carol Hansen
04/21	Bill Heaford, Joan Wilken
04/28	Marsha Gust, Vanessa Hebrank

#### **FINANCIAL NOTES:**

- **A.** Current Financial Situation Kent's giving position for February 2024 was strong. Our actual expenses for February were back to a normal level after annual insurance premiums of \$12,000 were paid in full in January. Thank you to all those who prayerfully give offerings to support Kent's mission.
- B. Thrivent Designation –Through Thrivent Choice®, Thrivent members can contribute to organizations and causes they care about—and influence how Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funding through Choice Dollars®. Please consider going into your Thrivent account online and designating Kent as that organization.
- C. 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 or Kathy Fair. 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

- D. 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.
- E. Camden County Property Tax Freeze If you are 62 years of age or over, are the owner of a homestead in Camden County, and are liable for the payment of real property taxes on such homestead, you may qualify for the freeze. The amount of the taxes will freeze, and not increase, when the taxpayer becomes age 62. Only taxes will be frozen, not assessments or levees. For example, remodeling which expands square footage and results in a 50 percent increase in the assessment will trigger a reassessment of the property taxes. Individuals will need to apply annually (prior to June 30) at the Camden County Assessor, 50 Roofener Street, Camdenton to have their taxes frozen. If you have questions about this, please contact Al Mohling

# **APRIL 2024**

WEDNI	TUESDAY	MONDAY	SUNDAY
9am Wo	ELECTION 2 9:30am Altar Guild 10am WELCA-Crafts 11am WELCA Meeting	1	
9am Wors 10am Wors 6pm Evenins	9 9:00am Mutual Ministry	9:30am Social Ministry 10:30am Evangelism 6pm Chorale Rehearsal	7 9:15am Sunday School 10am Worship with Holy Communion
	16	15	14
9am Wo 3pm Grief St 6pm Evening	6pm Church Council		8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:15am Sunday School 9:20am Handbells Reh. 10am Worship with Holy Communion
9am Wo	23	6pm Chorale Reh. (NYC) 7pm Symphony of the Magic Dragon Concert	8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:15am Sunday School 9:20am Handbells Reh.
	Community for Christ	wagie Dragon Concert	10am Worship with Holy Communion 11am Platform set-up in Sanctuary
9am W 6pm Evenin _i	30	29 6pm Chorale Reh. (NYC)	28 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:20am Bells Rehearsal 10am Worship 2pm Chorale Concert & Reception

DNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
n Women's Bible Study	4 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm Lake Jazz Band	5	6
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n Women's Bible Study ef Support Group ening Bible Study	18 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm Lake Jazz Band	19	20
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### CHURCH CDUNCIL

#### **Unapproved Minutes for March 19, 2024**

**In Attendance**- Pastor Ed, Carol Hansen, Jim Mellody, Kathy Fair, Al Mohling, Mike Ward, Michael Wagner, Bob Karls, Gail Kruse, Wendy Blomberg and Steve Atzeni

Absent- Sheryl Boos, Katherine Lacroix and Ruth Osterbur

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

**Dwelling in the Word:** Al Mohling opened with devotion

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

Treasures Report- Al Mohling presented

Pastor's Report- Pastor Ed reported he has conducted four worship services, three Lenten services, and two Memorial/Celebration of Life services. He has had two home visits, one shut-in visit, one hospital visit and three counseling visits. He attended the meetings of Altar Guild, Christian Education, Endowment Committee, Finance Committee, Worship & Music and Congregation Council. He has attended the Men's Bible Study, Women's Bible study and Wednesday evening Bible Study. He has participated in Buddy Packs and WELCA. Pastor shared that it has been a busy month with early Lent and Easter. Pastor shared how important it is for people to hear thank you and that they are appreciated. He is very thankful for everyone that helps. He stated we are so blessed to have talented and willing people who make sure that we can share the Gospel with the world. It is one of the most important ways that we share Jesus with all.

Committee Reports- Budget & Finance- Al discussed which monies are considered to be "offering" and entered into PowerChurch to be reported on the annual giving and the monies given to various groups that are not a part of that process. Example being WELCA, poinsettias, bingo night, golf tournament. Al Mohling shared that Camden County is participating in a program that will allow people to freeze property tax. He will gather more information and it will be shared with all. Al Mohling made a motion to disburse up to \$2,000.00 from Thrivent Choice Dollars to both Social Ministry and the Buddy Pack program as requested or needed. Michael Wagner seconded the motion and all approved. Scholarship reported they have received the first batch of applications which were hand delivered. Stewardship reported they will share a Stewardship Prayer. Columbarium shared that they are continuing to work to get the cross placed by May. Christian Ed reported VBS will be held the mornings of July 10, 11, and 12th. Big Thank you to Katie Heaford and Sally Burke for stepping in to help out with crafts in Children's Sunday school while Diane was away. It was much appreciated! Evangelism reported since Queen Esther will still be playing they are kicking around some other ideas. Some suggestions were a dinner and movie, golf, bowling, Christmas concert or a show at Main Street Music Hall. They will be putting a label in the red books to remind people to PLEASE PRINT as it is sometimes hard to read otherwise. Social Ministry reported they still have needs and are possibly looking to do a fund raiser. Worship & Music reported they

have the details for Holy week planned. They are hosting Symphony of the Magic Dragon Monday, April 22 at 7 pm and Chorale Sunday, April 28 at 2pm. The red upholstered chairs will be sold at the rummage sale "as is". Endowment Committee is in the process of forming a Gift Policy. Property reported the Bob Ballard cleaned the Columbarium area. Sally Burke worked in the walking path flower bed. Bob Karls and Chuck Wanamaker dealt with some issues with the women's restroom toilets downstairs. Bob Karls made a recommendation to make the men's restroom unisex due to the toilets in the women's restroom not working correctly. Discussion was held on the Easter pageant wall.

**Old Business**- Easter breakfast will be held continental style with a free will offering going to the Easter Pageant fund.

**New Business**- Jim Mellody presented council with "Pull for Police", Armed Intruder Emergency Service information. Council Retreat was discussed and passed to Long Range Planning. Soup on Sunday is finished for the season. Kathy Fair reported in the future she will need to collect \$1.00 per serving. With the price of groceries her Thrivent Choice Dollars did not go very far.

#### Correspondence-

Being no other business meeting adjourned at 7:33

Next meeting: April 16, 2024 Devotion- Wendy Blomberg

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary



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

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

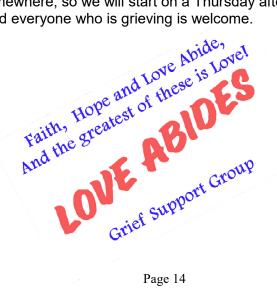
Love is the most precious of God's gifts. Through God's gift of love, God blesses us in every way imaginable. Love brings life. It brings joy. Love gives us support when we are week, and it gives us courage when we are fearful. Love fills our lives and our hearts with the beloved. But when we lose someone 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, April 17 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.



# **BIBLE STUDY**

## 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.



# Women of the ELCA

#### WELCA MINUTES March 5, 2024

The March meeting was called to order by President Karen Ringsdorf, there were 16 members present. Linda Williams gave a devotion on Psalm 112 verses 1-9.

February minutes were read, motion to approve made by Joan Wilken, 2nd by Wendy Blomberg. Karen Stanze reported WELCA books passed audit and the February 29th balance was \$4,945.11.

**The Church at Large:** Melba Bangert reported the Spring Gathering will be April 27th in Jefferson City and the Osage Cluster will be June 1st in Cole Camp.

**Christian Action:** Kathy Fair said 7 ladies stuffed 35 critters, she will take them home and close them up.

Kent Klowns: No report

**Community for Christ**: Joyce Wanamaker reported bag sale will be first two weeks in April, CFC will be closed for change over and will reopen April 24th.

**Senior Center**: Jane Maher reported Kent's week for March is the week of the 11th.

**School Liaison:** Buddy Pack will be sending out extra food for Easter Break.

**Treats for Schools:** March, Cindy Mohling has both Little Tigers and Hurricane Deck.

**Sunshine Lady**: Ingrid Niemann sent out 8 cards in February and wanted to let us know Shirley Clark's birthday is March 8th.

**Publicity**: No report

Care Core: Linda Williams had no needs for February and Kathy Fair has Care Core for March.

**Pastor Ed:** Wanted to remind us that little things we do can mean a lot to a person. He spoke to someone that wanted to let him know how much our rummage sale means to them. They get clothing for their grandchildren at the sale.

**Birthdays wishes**: Birthday wishes were sung to Joan Wilken and Susan Clark.

**Special Events:** The Easter pageant, breakfast and services are coming up. Tracy let us know the Chorale will be singing at Kent 4/28. She requested we do the reception afterward again. We will need 28 dozen cookies, signup sheet for cookies will be going up soon. Mary Evans and Karen Stanze volunteered to set up the reception.

**Devotions**: Wendy Blomberg will give devotion for April No further business, meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Evans, Secretary.



### STEWARDSHIP CDRNER

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

For this month I would like to share an Easter stewardship prayer that appeared in the April 2016 International Catholic Stewardship Council's *Catholic Stewardship* e-bulletin.

"A Stewardship Prayer for April"

Dear Lord, risen Lord, merciful Lord!

The Easter season is filled with your presence, and we come to you in gratitude for the deep and abiding joy you offer us through the promise of your resurrection.

Help us hear your call as did Mary Magdalene. Teach us as you did the disciples at Emmaus. Dispel our doubts as you did for Thomas. And reveal yourself to us as you did to your friends from the shore of Lake Tiberius.

Make us good stewards of this Easter season. Open our hearts and minds in a special way to the great mystery of your active presence in our lives, and give us the courage to help others discover your presence in their lives.

For you are the light of the world. To you, Christ Jesus, be praise and glory!

Amen

Happy Easter! Michael Wagner

### SOCIAL MINISTRY CORNER

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

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

: February, 2024 (number of needs calls):

Rent - 3

Electric - 13

Total Assistance to our Community this month: \$1,244.93

We Share Jesus with All!

#### News from the Social Ministry:

February was again busy helping those in need of assistance. There was a total of \$1,245 distributed to 16 calls for assistance, leaving a balance of \$2,849 in the committee account. So far in March donations in the amount of \$1,550 in the name of Margo have been forwarded to this committee. Also the Lenten donations will be divided between Buddy Packs and Social Ministry.

The Social Ministry will again hold a card bingo fundraiser on September 6th, hold this date on your calendars. Thank you again for your generosity.

Jim Mellody

# Spring Concerts at Kent Memorial

April 22, 7pm Symphony of the Magic Dragon Missy McPherson, Director





April 28, 2pm Greater Lake Area Chorale Tracy Garrett, Director

# GREATER LAKE AREA CHORALE SPRING CONCERTS

Sunday, April 14 New Life Church of the Nazarene, Camdenton Saturday, April 20 Harper Chapel-Thompson Hall, Osage Beach

Sunday, April 21 Camdenton Middle School Little Theater, Camdenton

Saturday, April 27 Christ the King Lutheran, Lake Ozark Sunday, April 28 Kent Memorial Lutheran, Sunrise Beach

Sunday, May 5 First Baptist, Eldon

All concerts at 2pm. Admission is free.

Donations will be accepted in support of the GLAC.