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Al Mohling..... Finance
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Gail Kruse..... Treasurer
Jane Maher Financial Secretary

FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE LESSONS

February 4 ~ 5th Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading..... Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Gospel Reading Mark 1:29-39

February 11 ~ Transfiguration of Our Lord

First Reading..... 2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm Psalm 50:1-6
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Gospel Reading Mark 9:2-9

February 14 ~ Ash Wednesday

First Reading..... Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm Psalm 51:1-17
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10
Gospel Reading Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 18 ~ 1st Sunday in Lent

First Reading..... Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm Psalm 25:1-10
Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel Reading Mark 1:9-15

February 25 ~ 2nd Sunday in Lent

First Reading..... Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm Psalm 22:23-31
Second Reading Romans 4:13-25
Gospel Reading Mark 8:31-38

GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR FEBRUARY

02/04 Bill Heaford, Joan Wilken
02/11 Marsha Gust, Vanessa Hebrank
02/18 Bill Work, Bob Karls
02/25 Wendy Blomberg, Joyce Wanamaker

MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024

Email your news Office@KentMemorial.com.

Let your light so shine before others..

We had a dark and gloomy January. It was cold and there were many more cloudy days than there were sunny ones. For many of us, it was winter as usual, but for others it was more difficult than that. Science has told us that we need light to do well, some people more than others, but light is an important part of our wellness and well-being. Seasonal Affective Disorder, SAD for short, is a real condition experienced by many people when they don't get enough light, especially sunlight, causing them to feel depressed and lethargic. Research is showing that a significant number of us are affected by SAD to some degree or another.

A bright sunny day, like we happen to be having as I write this, is a balm for almost everyone. It brings me a sense of hope and peace and joy. I bet it does many of you as well.

The Bible frequently uses light to describe Jesus. He is, for instance, the light of the world. And that is really true, isn't it? Jesus does indeed light up our lives. He casts a light on both what is good and what is harmful in our world. He fills our lives with meaning and purpose. He gives us life in so many ways, and that life and light become a part of us.

We are called to let our light shine, to let the love and grace of God show in our lives. How do you let your light shine? How are you bringing light and love to those around you, your friends, your family, your co-workers, your neighbors? A sunny smile or a word of encouragement, a helping hand or an act of service can make all the difference in someone's day, and, yes, even in their lives.

Let your light shine! For you, too, are called to be a light to the world.

May all of your days be filled with the light of Christ, especially those days that are dark and gloomy.

God bless you all,
Pastor Ed

Did You Know...

Did You Know that there are several Bible Study opportunities available at Kent? The Sunday morning adult class is currently on hiatus but will be resuming after Easter. In the meantime, the women's study meets Wednesday mornings at 9:00 and the men's group meets Thursday mornings at 10:00. In addition - there's a study group that meets Wednesday evenings at 6:00 - weather permitting. Grab your Bible & join in. There's always room around the table!

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..."

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

02/01 Wendy Blomberg
Teri Stout
02/11 Brenna Enriquez
02/12 Travis Bullock
02/13 Linda Kimberling
Glenice Gibson
02/14 Randy Osterbur
02/15 Jan Gauck
02/17 Jan Lacas
02/18 Karen Ringsdorf
02/20 Pat Larson
02/21 Rhonda Neighbour
02/24 Marilyn Peterson
Margo Strothmann
02/25 Jim Kruse
02/26 Allen Kimberling
02/27 Linda Williams
02/28 Matt Bunger
Shade Bullock



ANNIVERSARIES

02/08/1964	Brian & Judy Kuckler	60 years
02/12/1994	Brad & LeeAnne Brumm	30 years
02/14/2014	Leo & Katherine Lindeman	10 years

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

IN NEED OF GDD'S HEALING TOUCH

Cheryl Anderson
Dana Anderson
Michelle Becker
Jessica Birdsong
Cody Blasberg
Marcille Bohling
Judy Bradley
Allan Burke
Cindy Campbell
Shirley Clark
Evelyn Clements
Lance Craft
Duane & Grace Cridland
Jim Kruse
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

Marsha Gust
Gary Hansen
Debbie Hanshaw
Linda Harris
Bryan Hastings
Rod Hayes
Joel Hellman
Jacque Higgenbotham
Mike Holmes
CF Huff
Beth Jackson
Teresa Joslin
Linda Kimberling
Ed Krueger
Jim Kruse
Blanche Lacroix
Susan Lingwall
Jim Marco
Debbie McDermott
Dave & Sara Newton
Steve O'Connor
Gene Page
Jennifer Pederson

Doris Peterson
Gloria Peterson
Zach Rezac
Ron Roberts
Marcia Robbins
Dan Rogers
Pat & Shirley Rogers
Dave Shaver
Karen Thompson
Karen Tischnor
Toni Wagner
Bernie Wiegel
Theresa White
Jerry Williams
Larry Wilson
Bill Work



Christian condolences and hope are extended to Bill and Karen Pragma and their family on the death of his mother, Helen, on January 22.

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

INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT	DECEMBER	NOVEMBER	OCTOBER
	2023	2023	2023
Offerings and Income-Month	\$ 29,573	\$ 13,819	\$ 21,134
Pass-Through Income-Month	\$ 4,696	\$ 320	\$ 65
TOTAL INCOME-MONTH	\$ 34,269	\$ 14,139	\$ 21,199
Actual Expenses-Month	\$ 20,078	\$ 15,502	\$ 17,012
Pass-Through Expenses-Month	\$ 4,806	\$ 210	\$ 65
TOTAL EXPENSES-MONTH	\$ 24,884	\$ 15,712	\$ 17,077
TOTAL OVERALL-MONTH	\$ 9,385	\$ (1,574)	\$ 4,122
Monthly Budget-Expenses	\$ 19,295	\$ 19,295	\$ 19,295
Offerings and Income-Y-T-D	\$ 226,838	\$ 197,265	\$ 183,447
Pass-Through Income-Y-T-D	\$ 10,184	\$ 5,489	\$ 5,169
TOTAL INCOME-Y-T-D	\$ 237,022	\$ 202,754	\$ 188,615
Actual Expenses-Y-T-D	\$ 219,054	\$ 198,976	\$ 183,474
Pass-Through Expenses-Y-T-D	\$ 10,184	\$ 5,379	\$ 5,169
TOTAL EXPENSES-Y-T-D	\$ 229,238	\$ 204,354	\$ 188,642
TOTAL OVERALL-Y-T-D	\$ 7,784	\$ (1,601)	\$ (27)

FINANCIAL NOTES:

- A. Current Financial Situation** – Kent’s giving position for December and the year has ended on a positive note, as December giving was strong. Our actual expenses for the year in total were \$12,500 under the budget. 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:

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.

FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
4 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9am Sunday School 10am Worship with Holy Communion 11am Handbells Rehearsal	5	6 9:30am Altar Guild 10am WELCA-Crafts 11am WELCA Meeting	9am Wo 10am Wors 6pm Evening
11 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9am Sunday School 10am Worship with Holy Communion 11am Handbells Rehearsal	12 9:30am Social Ministry 10:30am Evangelism 6pm Chorale Rehearsal WESTSIDE SR. CTR.	13 12pm PEO	ASH WEDN 7am-10 Distribut 9am Wo 6pm V
18 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9am Sunday School 10am Worship with Holy Communion 11am Handbells Rehearsal	19	20 6pm Church Council	9am Wo 3pm Grief St 6pm Lente
25 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9am Sunday School 10am Worship with Holy Communion 11am Handbells Rehearsal	26 6pm Chorale Rehearsal	27	9am Wo 6pm Lente

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm Lake Jazz Band	2	3 1pm Chorale Rehearsal
7 Women's Bible Study Worship & Music ing Bible Study	8 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm Chorale Rehearsal	9	10 3pm Chorale Rehearsal
WEDNESDAY 14 10am Drive-By ution of Ashes Women's Bible Study n Worship with Communion	15 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm Lake Jazz Band	16	17
WESTSIDE SENIOR CENTER			
21 Women's Bible Study Support Group aten Worship & Potluck	22 10am Men's Bible Study	23 11:30am-5:30pm Joyce McHenry Memorial BLOOD DRIVE	24
28 Women's Bible Study aten Worship & Potluck	29 <i>10am Men's Bible Study</i>	1	2

CHURCH CDUNCIL

The Church Council did not meet in January.

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.



LENT

2024

Ash Wednesday February 14
7am-10am “Drive-through” Ashes
6pm Worship with Distribution of Ashes

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

February 21
February 28
March 6
March 13
March 20

A potluck meal will follow each Wednesday evening

Watch the bulletin for information on our Lenten theme and opportunities to get involved.

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. Questions? See Gail Kruse.

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

Love Abides...
Grief Support Group

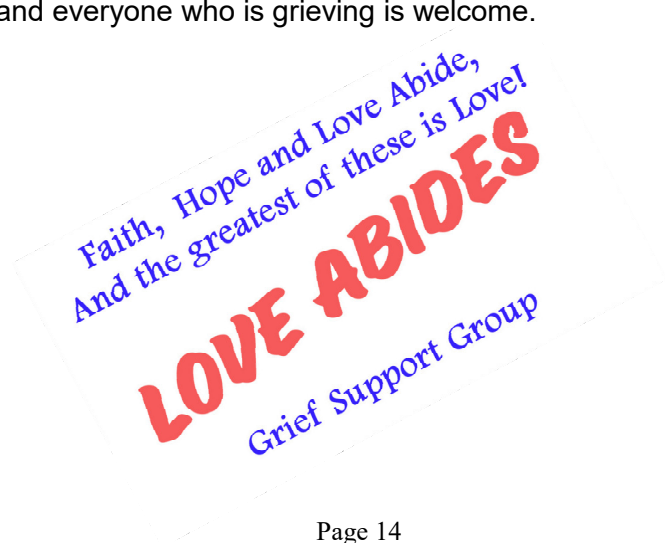
Love is the most precious of God's gifts. Through God's gift of love, God blesses us in every way imaginable. Love brings life. It brings joy. Love gives us support when we are weak, and it gives us courage when we are fearful. Love fills our lives and our hearts with the beloved. But when we lose someone 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, February 21 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.



ALL-NEW 56-DAY CHALLENGE

Give blood!

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while supplies last

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more chances!*

You could win up to \$56,000 in VISA gift cards!

Visit www.cbco.org/56day or scan QR code for more info.

Blood Drive

Joyce McHenry Memorial Blood Drive

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church - Fellowship Hall
184 Sunset Hills Drive, Sunrise Beach

Friday, February 23, 2024

11:30 AM - 5:30 PM

To schedule an appointment call 417-227-5006 or go to
www.cbco.org/donate-blood

Community Blood Center of the Ozarks is the exclusive provider of blood to ALL your area hospitals.

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Photo identification required. Please eat well and drink plenty of fluids prior to the blood drive.

Women of the ELCA

WELCA MINUTES January 2, 2024

The January meeting was called to order by President Karen Ringsdorf, there were 14 members present. Karen Ringsdorf gave the devotion on "All Anew" from the *WELCA Daily Grace* publication. She asked what the hopes of the group were for 2024 resulting in hope for a better world and wars to stop. Pastor hoped for health and happiness.

December minutes were read by Jane Maher, motion to approve was made by Kathy Fair and seconded by Wendy Blomberg, motion carried. Correspondence was read and will be posted on the bulletin board. Joyce Wanamaker presented the treasurer's report. A question about the reissuing of the two checks to CFC and CADV was raised, and it was explained that the original checks were lost and these are replacements and resulted in no additional money spent.

The Greater Church Melba Bangert: No Report.

Christian Action: Kathy Fair reported that four women stuffed 32 critters. Quilts: Cindy Mohling reported that quilting will begin soon.

Community for Christ: Joyce Wanamaker reported the signup sheet is circulating and that the needs for CFC are the same as printed in the bulletin.

Laurie Care Center – No report

Senior Center: Jane Maher reported that The Gravois Mills UMC has dropped out of the volunteer rotation and that the rotation is four weeks now instead of five. The signup sheet for the week of January 15th is circulating.

Sunshine Lady: Ingrid Niemann sent out 7 cards in November and 7 cards in December. Discussion followed pertaining to Karen Thompson's health situation.

Publicity: No report

Care Core: Linda Williams reported that Karen Thompson is staying out of the area with family and Toni Wagner received meals in addition to the food neighbors and friends are providing. There were no other needs. Additionally, she made calls to Joel Hellman who's waiting for an appointment at the Mayo Clinic; they are staying with family in NE. Joyce Burke will handle Care Core in January.

School Liaison: Wendy Blomberg reported that 25 Christmas Baskets were provided to families from Hurricane Deck.

Treats for Schools – Karen thanked Sharon Ballard and Joyce Wanamaker for providing treats in November. Volunteers are needed for January. The signup sheet is posted on the board.

Paster Ed: He reported that the phones and internet are down again, but CoMo is trying to fix the problem. He thanked everyone for providing a fantastic Christmas Season. A question was raised about the cracking in the speaker, and he reported that a new speaker is on its way.

Birthdays: No one present

Special Events: Karen Ringsdorf requested volunteers in 2024 for Devotions; the calendar was filled.

Additionally, a date of January 24 was decided upon for the “Stay Day”. The location will be Highlanders in Camdenton at noon.

Old Business: Linda Williams reported on the cookie sale. She reported that the reception by the community this year was very good. Kent Memorial was able to present a \$2400.00 check to the hospital's nursing scholarship fund. This donation enabled Karen Phillips at the hospital to reach her goal of \$10,000. These monies were a result of the Spring Luncheon, the Cookie Sale, and an anonymous donation to round up the dollar amount. Additionally, Linda reported that Kent Memorial has been supporting this scholarship fund since 2003 for a total to date of \$43,000.00. The hospital will continue to provide the containers for the cookie sale.

New Business: Budget Review – Karen Ringsdorf presented the 2024 Proposed Budget and explained the recommended changes to various line items. Discussion followed. Diane Ziehl made a motion to approve the Proposed Budget, Wendy Blumberg was the second; the 2024 Budget was approved.

Next meeting will be February 6, 2024

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

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



STEWARDSHIP CDRNER

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

Did you know that there are Stewardship prayers in the front of our worship hymnals? I didn't until recently. I discovered that there on page 80, amongst the Additional Prayers about Worship, Mission, Social Ministry and many other topics, are 4 prayers pertaining to Stewardship. Who knew?

The prayers are labeled Stewardship of Natural Resources, Renewal of mind and body, and 2 about the proper use of wealth.

This being a time between the busyness of the Christmas season and the upcoming promise of a new Spring, I would like to share prayer #2 with you, Renewal of mind and body.

Let us pray, "O God, we thank you for times of refreshment and peace in the course of this busy life. Grant that we may so use our leisure for the renewal of our bodies and minds that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen." (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 80)

Let's be sure to take some time to rest, renew and prepare ourselves for the Stewardship opportunities ahead of us in 2024!

Peace and Blessings for the New Year!
Michael Wagner

SDCIAL MINISTRY CDRNER

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

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

December, 2023 (number of needs calls):

Rent - 9

Electric - 1

Fiber - 1

Lodging, Temporary - 1

Total Assistance to our Community this month: \$1,497.79

We Share Jesus with All!

2024 SOUPER Bowl Challenge

**Our Savior's
Lutheran
Church**

**Kent Memorial
Lutheran
Church**

**OSLC Donations
going to
Lake Area Helping
Hands**

**Canned Goods to
stock the Pantry
Money to pay for
utilities**

**Lunch following
worship on
Sunday, Feb. 11
with freewill
offering**



**Kent Donations
going to
Community for
Christ**

**Souper Bowl
Challenge**



Donate soups, soup mixes or Chef Boyardee items until

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Cash donations to Community for Christ also welcome!