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## May 2024



*Overlooking the Lake of the Ozarks*

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~ 1951—2024 ~

~ The Reverend Edward L. Foster, Pastor ~

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

Jim Melody ..... President, Social Ministry  
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 Wendy Blomberg..... Evangelism  
 Sheryl Boos ..... Social Ministry  
 Bob Karls..... Property  
 Katherine Lacroix ..... Long Range Planning/Scholarship  
 Al Mohling..... Finance  
 Mike Ward ..... Mutual Ministry  
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 Ruth Osterbur ..... Worship & Music

**Council Appointed Positions**

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

**MAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

**May 5 ~ 6th Sunday of Easter**

First Reading..... Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm ..... Psalm 98  
Second Reading ..... 1 John 5:1-6  
Gospel Reading ..... John 15:9-17

**May 12 ~ 7th Sunday of Easter**

First Reading..... Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm ..... Psalm 1  
Second Reading ..... 1 John 5:9-13  
Gospel Reading ..... John 17:6-19

**May 19 ~ Pentecost**

First Reading..... Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm ..... Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Second Reading ..... Romans 8:22-27  
Gospel Reading ..... John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**May 26 ~ Holy Trinity**

First Reading..... Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm ..... Psalm 29  
Second Reading ..... Romans 8:12-17  
Gospel Reading ..... John 3:1-17

**MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024**  
*Email your news Office@KentMemorial.com.*

# MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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## BIRTHDAYS

05/04 Shannon Bullock  
05/06 Tracey Atzeni  
05/08 Joyce Wanamaker  
Keegan Bullock  
05/09 Gerry Williams  
Pat Embich  
05/10 Karen Pragman  
05/12 Diane Ziehl  
05/15 Pat Poretta  
Sheryl Boos  
05/16 Brad Brumm  
05/17 Bob Brumm  
Don Stout  
05/18 Larry Fair  
05/20 Bill Gust  
05/29 Mary Evans  
05/31 Joel Hellman



## ANNIVERSARIES

05/04/1984	Bob & Karole Karls	40 years
05/19/1972	Charles & Pat Embich	52 years
05/22/2004	Al & Sara Johnson	20 years
05/26/2012	Carl & Jan Gauck	12 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

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Cheryl Anderson  
Dana Anderson  
Evan Beaupre  
Michelle Becker  
Jessica Birdsong  
Jennifer Blomberg  
Marcille Bohling  
Judy Bradley  
Ken Buckingham  
Cindy Campbell  
Shirley Clark  
Evelyn Clements  
Lance Craft  
Chuck Cuthbertson  
Pat Embich  
Larry Fair  
Ron Ferguson  
Stan Field  
Stacey Flect  
Shane Foster  
Al Gann  
Ken Gerardy  
Jim Gilbert  
Carla Glusing  
Ruth Goddard & Family  
Lyn Golvig  
Marsha Gust  
Scott Hamilton  
Trudy Hamilton  
Gary Hansen

Debbie Hanshaw  
Bryan Hastings  
Rod Hayes  
Joel Hellman  
Jacque Higgenbotham  
Jeanne Hines  
Mike Holmes  
CF Huff  
Steve Hughes  
Beth Jackson  
Wayne Jackson  
Teresa Joslin  
Linda Kimberling  
Ed Krueger  
Jim Kruse  
Blanche Lacroix  
Tamara McClain  
Dave & Sara Newton  
Gene Page  
Jennifer Pederson  
Doris Peterson  
Jodi Redmond  
Zach Rezac  
Geri Riley  
Ron Roberts  
Marcia Robbins

Dan Rogers  
Pat & Shirley Rogers  
Vicki Sawyer  
Michelle Schafer  
Dave Shaver  
Tom Simmons  
Diane Steingrubey  
Karen Thompson  
Karen Tischnor  
Theresa White  
Bernie Wiegel  
Gil Wilde  
Jerry Williams  
Larry Wilson



## 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

# FINANCE CORNER

<u>INCOME &amp; EXPENSE REPORT</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>
Offerings and Income-Month	\$ 16,126	\$ 19,127	\$ 22,415
Pass-Through Income-Month	<u>3,787</u>	<u>554.00</u>	<u>60.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME-MONTH</b>	<b>\$ 19,913</b>	<b>\$ 19,681</b>	<b>\$ 22,475</b>
Actual Expenses-Month	20,739	18,239.75	30,969.48
Pass-Through Expenses-Month	<u>4,266</u>	<u>75.00</u>	<u>60.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES-MONTH</b>	<b>25,005</b>	<b>18,314.75</b>	<b>31,029.48</b>
<b>TOTAL OVERALL-MONTH</b>	<b>\$ (5,092)</b>	<b>\$ 1,367</b>	<b>\$ (8,554)</b>
Monthly Budget-Expenses	\$ 19,990	\$ 19,990	\$ 19,990
Offerings and Income-Y-T-D	\$ 57,668	\$ 41,543	\$ 22,415
Pass-Through Income-Y-T-D	<u>\$ 4,401</u>	<u>\$ 614</u>	<u>\$ 60</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME-Y-T-D</b>	<b>\$ 62,070</b>	<b>\$ 42,157</b>	<b>\$ 22,475</b>
Actual Expenses-Y-T-D	\$ 69,948	\$ 49,209	\$ 30,969
Pass-Through Expenses-Y-T-D	<u>\$ 4,401</u>	<u>\$ 135</u>	<u>\$ 60</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES-Y-T-D</b>	<b>\$ 74,349</b>	<b>\$ 49,344</b>	<b>\$ 31,029</b>
<b>TOTAL OVERALL-Y-T-D</b>	<b>\$ (12,280)</b>	<b>\$ (7,187)</b>	<b>\$ (8,554)</b>

## GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR MAY

05/05 Bill Work, Bob Karls  
 05/12 Wendy Blomberg, Joyce Wanamaker  
 05/19 Mary Evans, Karen Stanze  
 05/26 Kathy Fair, Carol Hansen


**FINANCIAL NOTES:**

- A. Current Financial Situation** – Kent's giving position for March 2024 was lower than the previous months but similar to past years. Kent's actual expenses for March were up due to end of the quarter payouts to budgeted charitable organizations. As a reminder, 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<sup>®</sup>, 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<sup>®</sup>. 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

- 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.

# MAY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
			9am Wo 6pm Evening
5 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:15am Sunday School VBS Committee 10am Worship with Holy Communion 11am Scholarship Recep.	6 9:30am Evangelism 6pm Chorale NYC Rehearsal  <b>WESTSIDE SR. CTR.</b>	7 9:30am Altar Guild 10am WELCA-Crafts 11am WELCA Meeting	9am Wo 10am Wors 6pm Evening
12 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship with Holy Communion	13 9:30am Social Ministry 6pm Chorale NYC Rehearsal	14	9am Wo 3pm Grief St 6pm Evening
19 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship with Holy Communion 11:30am Ready, Set... Prepare!	20 6pm Chorale NYC Rehearsal	21  <b>Community for Christ</b>	9am Wo 6pm Evening
OUTDOOR WORSHIP BEGINS 26 8:00am Outdoor Worship 9:00am Fellowship 10am Worship	MEMORIAL DAY 27 OFFICE CLOSED  	28	9am Wo



WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 n Women's Bible Study ening Bible Study	2 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm Lake Jazz Band	3 11am WELCA Spring Luncheon 	4 10am-3pm Share the Harvest Style Show/Fundraiser
8 n Women's Bible Study Worship & Music ening Bible Study	9 10am Men's Bible Study	10	11
<b>WESTSIDE SENIOR CENTER</b>			
15 n Women's Bible Study ef Support Group ening Bible Study	16 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm Lake Jazz Band	17	18
22 n Women's Bible Study ening Bible Study	23 10am Men's Bible Study  <b>Community for Christ</b>	24	25  <b>Community for Christ</b>
29 n Women's Bible Study	30 10am Men's Bible Study	31	1

# CHURCH CDUNCIL

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## **Unapproved Minutes for April 16, 2024**

**In Attendance-** Pastor Ed, Carol Hansen, Jim Mellody, Kathy Fair, Al Mohling, Mike Ward, Michael Wagner, Gail Kruse, Steve Atzeni, Sheryl Boos, Katherine Lacroix and Ruth Osterbur

**Absent-** Wendy Blomberg and Bob Karls

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

**Dwelling in the Word:** Carol Hansen opened with devotion

**Minutes-** A motion to approve the March Council meeting minutes was made by Ruth Osterbur, seconded by Kathy Fair, all approved.

**Treasures Report-** Gail Kruse presented

**Pastor's Report-** Pastor Ed reported he has conducted six worship services, three Lenten services, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. He has had one shut-in visit, two hospital visits and three counseling visits. He attended the meetings of Altar Guild, Christian Education, Evangelism, Social Ministry, Worship & Music and Congregation Council. He has attended the Men's Bible Study and the Women's Bible study. He has participated in Buddy Packs, WELCA and the Easter Pageant. Pastor shared that with all the activities included with Lent and Easter there was extra work to be done. He wanted to thank everyone for such a wonderful season. He reminded everyone about the upcoming concerts, Symphony of the Magic Dragon Monday, April 22 at 7 pm and Chorale Sunday, April 28 at 2pm, WELCA and the Newcomers Luncheon May 3<sup>rd</sup>. "Ready, Set Prepare" is a workshop being put together by Pastor, Tracy Garrett and Wendy Blomberg to help people prepare for end of life issues and will be held May 19<sup>th</sup>. Pastor shared how important it is for you and your committees take good care of yourselves, celebrate the good work you have done and are doing for God's people and preparing for work that is yet to come.

**Committee Reports-** Budget & Finance- no meeting- Al discussed Memorial details, a list has been compiled so it can be easily reviewed for use as needed or quarterly. At this time there is \$9,500.00 in Memorials. He also discussed the budget report. -Property had many helpers helping with the pageant wall and yard maintenance. If anyone would like to volunteer to mow please see Bob Karls. -Stewardship reported the May focus will be "Living the life worthy of the calling." -Columbarium reported they are working with Ingrid Niemann to get a cross in Memory of Charles. The maker is supposed to start this week. -Christian Ed reported plans are in the works for VBS the mornings of July 10, 11, and 12<sup>th</sup>. Adult Sunday school will be on hold until Bob Harger is feeling better.

-Evangelism reported they have passed out Church flyers to motels, campgrounds and resorts. They are looking into things we can do together as a congregation ideas included movies, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner and Christmas concerts. -Worship & Music reported they have approved employing Sam Foster as the sound technician for the summer. They discussed and recommended using intinction for communion for outdoor service starting June 9<sup>th</sup>. Communion kits will still be available. The 10 am service will use Setting Ten, one verse for the Cantic of Praise. Altar Guild will disinfect the outdoor attendance books, placemats and hymnals. Symphony of the Magic Dragon Monday, April 22 at 7 pm and Chorale Sunday, April 28 at 2pm. The old piano and red chairs will be sold as is at the rummage sale. -Social Ministry reported that giving has been tremendous, with Margo and Lent they are doing okay. -WELCA reported Sally Burke and Cindy Mohling have two quilt tops finished. Buddy Packs are going home with 48 children. Teacher appreciation Luncheon will be May 3<sup>rd</sup>. WELCA will be contributing \$250.00 a quarter through 2024. -Mutual Ministry had a meeting. -Scholarship Committee will be meeting to review 42 applications, six will be chosen. Please read committee reports for full details.

**Old Business-** Discussion on the Armed Intruder Emergency Service. Al Mohling made a motion to purchase an extra AIE for the amount of \$50.00. Kathy Fair seconded the motion and all approved. Reminder the music concerts are Symphony of the Magic Dragon Monday, April 22 at 7 pm and Chorale Sunday, April 28 at 2pm. Council retreat will be September 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>. Easter breakfast was received well with the right amount of food. Free will offering totaled \$185.00 and the pageant tree boxes brought in \$684.00 all will go to the Easter Pageant fund.

**New Business-** Professional Administrative Day was discussed. Michael Wagner made a motion to give Tracy a \$200.00 gift card using Thrivent Choice funds for Professional Administrative Day. Mike Ward seconded the motion and all approved. May 26<sup>th</sup> will be our first outdoor worship service.

**Correspondence-** Thank you note from Community for Christ for our donation of soup/Chef Boyardee. Thank you note from CADV for our donation of \$375.00. Ivy Bend sent an update on the things happening at the food pantry.

Being no other business meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Next meeting: May 21, 2024 at 6 pm.  
Blomberg

Devotion- Wendy

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary

## SDCIAL MINISTRY CDRNER

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

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

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

Rent - 4

Electric - 7

**Total Assistance to our Community this month: \$999.10**

*We Share Jesus with All!*

### **Ready, Set— Prepare! Sunday, May 19**

On Sunday, May 19, following our fellowship time, we will host “Ready, Set...Prepare”, a workshop on making end-of-life decisions and preparation before it's needed.

Presenters from Kidwell-Garber, SRG Financial Advisors, Sullivan Bank and more will join us to share information and answer questions.

Lunch will be provided. Please sign up in the fellowship hall or by calling the church office (374-5267) so we know how many we need to feed.

# 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

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.

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**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, May 15 at 3:00 pm.**

This 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.

Anyone and everyone who is grieving is welcome to join in at any time.

# Women of the ELCA

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## WELCA MINUTES April 2, 2024

The March meeting was called to order by President Karen Ringsdorf, there were 16 members present. Wendy Blomberg gave the devotion.

March minutes were read, motion to approve made by Ruth Osterbur, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wendy Blomberg. Karen Stanze reported the March 31<sup>st</sup> treasury balance was \$4,026.87.

**The Church at Large:** Melba Bangert will get information for in-kind gifts for the Spring Gathering meeting in Jefferson City April 27, 2024. Be sure to save the date for the Cluster meeting in Cole Camp June 1, 2024.

**Christian Action:** Sally Burke said she and Cindy Mohling have 4 quilt tops done and ready to be tied. If you are interested in helping, there is a signup sheet on the board.

**Kent Klowns:** No report.

**Community for Christ:** The \$3 bag sale is going on until the 18<sup>th</sup> of April. Change over will start April 22<sup>nd</sup> and they will reopen April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Senior Center:** Jane Maher reported Kent's week for April is the week of the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**School Liaison:** Buddy Pack is sending food home with 48 children. The school district will not be funding "The Leader in Me" program.

**Treats for Schools:** Mary Evans and Karen Stanze, will take treats to both Little Tigers and Hurricane Deck. May will be the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.

**Sunshine Lady:** Ingrid Niemann sent out 4 cards in March.

**Publicity:** The flyer for the Spring Luncheon May 3<sup>rd</sup> is done and posted.

**Care Core:** Kathy Fair had no needs for March and Mary Evans has Care Core for April.

**Pastor Ed:** Pastor Ed said there were 167 people at the two Easter services.

**Birthdays wishes:** Birthday wishes were sung to Barb Yount and Ingrid Niemann.

**Special Events:** The signup sheet to bring cookies for the Chorale performance April 28<sup>th</sup> was passed around and posted. The Spring Lunch-

eon May 3<sup>rd</sup> theme is “Lilacs, Lavender and Lace”. There is a signup sheet on the board for how many are coming and what dish you will be bringing. Barb Yount made a motion the raffle monies from the luncheon be given to “The Leader in Me”, Wendy Blomberg 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**New Business:** The Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is May 7<sup>th</sup>, signup sheet is going around and will be posted. Please have your donation at the church by 10:30am or before on the 7th, you can also drop it off at Hurricane Deck School.

A motion was made by Karen Stanze that WELCA give Kent’s General Fund \$250 a quarter through 2024, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barb Yount. After discussion, the motion passed.

**Devotions:** Judy Ward will give devotion for May.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Evans, Secretary



# STEWARDSHIP CDRNER

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

Paul did an excellent job encouraging the early Christians and we can find many examples of how we can be good stewards of the Word and Christ throughout his writings. He extols us to “live a life worthy of the calling.”

“For this reason we also, from the day we heard about you, have not ceased praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may live worthily of the Lord and please Him in all respects - bearing fruit in every good deed, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might for the display of all patience and steadfastness, joyfully giving thanks to the Father who has qualified you to share in the saints’ inheritance in the light.” Colossians 1:9-12

What an inspiring message for us as we take/share the Easter message with others, just as the early Christians were called to do!

Let’s always strive to do our best in Hearing God’s Call and Responding in Love to Share Jesus with All!

Michael Wagner