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<u>20</u>	24 COUNCIL MEMBERS
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Gail Kruse	Treasurer
Jane MaherFinancial	Secretary

#### **JUNE SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

June 2 ~ 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	
First Reading	Deuteronomy 5:12-15
Psalm	
Second Reading	
Gospel Reading	
June 9 ~ 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	
First Reading	
Psalm	
Second Reading	
Gospel Reading	Mark 3:20-35
June 16 ~ 4th Sunday after Pentecost	
First Reading	Fzekiel 17:22-24
Psalm	Pealm 02:1-// 12-15
Second Reading	
Gospel Reading	
Gospei Reading	Wark 4.20-54
June 23 ~ 5th Sunday after Pentecost	
First Reading	Job 38:1-11
Psalm	
Second Reading	
Gospel Reading	Mark 4:35-41
June 30 ~ 6th Sunday after Pentecost	
First Reading	
Psalm	
Second Reading	
Gospel Reading	Mark 5:21-43

JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MONDAY, JULY 24, 2024
Email your news Office@KentMemorial.com.

#### This is the truth...

What is truth, Pontius Pilate asked Jesus (John 18.38). It is a question that we have struggled with from the very beginning. The serpent tempted Adam and Eve with a version of the question. "Is what God told you the truth?" he challenged them. Ever sinse we have been striving to know the truth. Science, philosophy, history and religion have all sought to learn and proclaim the truth to us.

In the last few years, I think, there has been a renewed struggle to know the truth. Our world is filled with conflicting messages of what is true. Sincere advocates exist on almost any topic who have differing and unreconcilable beliefs about the truth of the matter. Indeed, there is very little agreement even about the very efforts that have sought to learn the truth about the world. Science, philosophy, history, and religion all, at least seem to me, are up for grabs.

I don't know about you, but for me it is all very confusing and at times disconcerting. What is the truth about current events? Can I trust the media to tell me the truth about what is happening in other parts of the world? In my own neighborhood? Was the history I was taught as a child trustworthy? Is it true? Or is there some other version of truth I need to learn and understand?

Day after day, it seems my understanding of the truth is being challenged. But in the midst of this confusion what can we say that we know for sure? What can believe? What can we trust is true?

For me it is this: Jesus loves me. Or maybe better, as Jesus put it, For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

In these days which are filled with such stress and conflict, such division and contradiction, this one truth I hold close. Jesus loves us. Jesus loves you and Jesus loves me, and that makes all the difference.

The days will come when we will be more comfortable knowing what the truth is. These days of turmoil and uncertainty will not last forever, but in the meantime we can know for sure that we are safe in God's care. God loves us and we can love one another, even as we search for the truth about so many other things. This one thing is true. Jesus loves you!

God bless you all, Pastor Ed



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS &

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

06/08 Terri Georg
06/10 Pauline Evans
06/11 Dennis Boos
06/13 Nancy Larson
06/14 Abraham Enriquez
06/16 Curtis Reams
Carol Hansen
Jaxon Bullock
06/17 Don Vinduska
06/21 Tom Ringsdorf
06/27 Melba Bangert



#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

06/08/1991	Bill & Marsha Gust	33 years
06/09/1972	John & Terri Georg	52 years
06/15/1985	Allan & Sally Burke	39 years
06/21/1998	Ed & Mary Foster	26 years
06/22/2013	Jim & Karen Mellody	11 years
06/23/1961	Bob & Sharon Ballard	63 years
06/23/1963	Don & Gloria Peterson	61 years
06/24/1956	Charlie & Marilyn Peterson	68 years
06/27/1964	Phil & Rosie Keeney	60 years
06/30/1979	Bill & Katie Heaford	45 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 Jennifer Blomberg Marcille Bohling Donald Brumm Ken Buckingham Stacy Carey Shirley Clark Evelyn Clements Lance Craft Chuck Cuthbertson Ryan Diehlman Sue Doehne Pat Embich Larry Fair Ron Ferguson Stan Field Stacey Flect 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 Blanche Lacroix Tamara McClain Gene Page Jennifer Pederson Jodi Redmond Zach Rezac Geri Rilev

Ron Roberts
Marcia Robbins
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



Christian condolences & hope are extended to Tracey & Steve Atzeni on the death of her mother, Doris Peterson, on June 3.

#### 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

<b>INCOME &amp; EXPENSE REPORT</b>	APRIL	MARCH	FEBRUARY	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>	
Offerings and Income-Month	\$ 17,304	\$ 16,126	\$ 19,127	
Pass-Through Income-Month	70	3,787	554.00	
TOTAL INCOME-MONTH	\$ 17,374	\$ 19,913	\$ 19,681	
Actual Expenses-Month	16,496	20,739	18,239.75	
Pass-Through Expenses-Month	70	4,266	75.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES-MONTH	16,566	25,005	18,314.75	
TOTAL OVERALL-MONTH	\$ 808	\$ (5,092)	\$ 1,367	
Monthly Budget-Expenses	\$ 19,990	\$ 19,990	\$ 19,990	
Offerings and Income-Y-T-D	\$ 74,973	\$ 57,668	\$ 41,543	
Pass-Through Income-Y-T-D	\$ 4,471	\$ 4,401	\$ 614	
TOTAL INCOME-Y-T-D	\$ 79,444	\$ 62,070	\$ 42,157	
Actual Expenses-Y-T-D	\$ 86,444	\$ 69,948	\$ 49,209	
Pass-Through Expenses-Y-T-D	\$ 4,471	\$ 4,401	\$ 135	
TOTAL EXPENSES-Y-T-D	\$ 90,916	\$ 74,349	\$ 49,344	
TOTAL OVERALL-Y-T-D	\$ (11,472)	\$ (12,280)	\$ (7,187)	

#### **GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR JUNE**

06/02	Bill Heaford, Joan Wilken
06/09	Marsha Gust, Vanessa Hebrank
06/16	Bill Work, Bob Karls
06/23	Wendy Blomberg, Joyce Wanamaker
06/30	Mary Evans, Karen Stanze

#### FINANCIAL NOTES:

- A. Current Financial Situation Kent's giving position for April 2024 rebounded compared to the previous months. Kent's actual expenses for April moderated compared to previous months. 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[®], 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 March 2023 Seder Meal Supplies

- 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.

## **JUNE 2024**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED
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8:00am Outdoor Worship 9:00am Fellowship 10am Worship	9:30am Evangelism	9:30am Altar Guild 10am WELCA-Crafts 11am WELCA Meeting	9am
with Communion	WESTSIDE SR. CTR.		
9	10	11	
8:00am Outdoor Worship with Communion	9:30am Social Ministry		9am
9:00am Fellowship			10am W
10am Worship			4pm
with Communion			
FATHERS DAY 16	17	18	
8am Outdoor Worship		6pm Church Council	9am
9:00am Fellowship/ Root Beer Floats			3pm Grie
10am Worship with			Spin Grie
Holy Communion			
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**THURSDAY SATURDAY** NESDAY **FRIDAY** 1 8 6 Women's Bible 10am Men's Bible 11:30am Blood Drive Study (-5:30pm)Study 6pm Lake Jazz Band WESTSIDE SENIOR CENTER 15 14 12 13 Women's Bible 10am Men's Bible Study Study orship & Music Cruise Worship 19 21 20 22 Women's Bible 10am Men's Bible Study Study Support Group 6pm Lake Jazz Band 28 26 27 29 Women's Bible 10am Men's Bible Study Study 3 FOURTH OF JULY 4 5 6 OFFICE CLOSED Women's Bible Study 10am Men's Bible Study Community for Christ Community for Christ WESTSIDE SENIOR CENTER

#### SUMMER CRUISE WORSHIP

#### June 12, July 10, August 14 & September 11

Join us on the water for our Summer Cruise Worship. We will gather on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at a specified location to get on the boats, raft up and worship together. Then we will venture to a restaurant for dinner.

June 12 Pappa Chubby's July 10 Captain Ron's

August 14 tbd September 11 tbd

The sign-up sheet will be in the fellowship hall the Sunday before each Cruise Worship. If you have a boat, let us know if you're able to take on a few passengers. If you don't have a boat, we'll match you up with someone who has extra seats.

Watch the bulletin for more information.

For questions, see Al Mohling.



#### STEWARDSHIP CDRNER

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

We have all heard these countless times, but have we ever thought of these as instructions for good Stewards? God gave us these commandments:

- 1. Thou shalt not have any other gods before Me,
- 2. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain,
- 3. Keep the Sabbath holy,
- 4. Honor thy Father and thy Mother,
- 5. Thou shalt not kill,
- 6. Thou shalt not commit adultery,
- 7. Thou shalt not steal,
- 8. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor,
- 9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife,
- 10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.

Then Jesus summarized them in Matthew 22:37 & 39 by saying, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," and "Love your neighbor as yourself."

If we abide by these, we truly can be Good Stewards and Share Jesus with All!

Michael Wagner

#### CHURCH COUNCIL

#### **Unapproved Minutes for May 21, 2024**

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

Absent- Steve Atzeni and Sheryl Boos

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

**Dwelling in the Word:** Wendy Blomberg opened with devotion

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

Treasurer's Report- Al Mohling presented

Pastor's Report- Pastor Ed reported he has conducted four worship services. He has had two home visits, one shut-in visit, four hospital visits and one 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 and Wednesday evening Bible study. He has participated in Buddy Packs, Grief Support Group, WELCA, Synod Deans Meeting and Synod Boundry Workshop. Pastor Thanked everyone that help put on the Ready, Set, Prepare Workshop. Sunday Memorial weekend we will dedicate the Cross in the Columbarium that has been donated in Memory of Charles Neimann at the 8am service.

Committee Reports- Budget & Finance- Al Mohling reported that Mike McClain will be joining the committee. They have approved the Memorial Fund procedures. They recommend using the Garagnani Memorial funds for the Columbarium area. Al reminded everyone these funds are available for appropriate projects. Michael Wagner made a motion to use the Garagnani Memorial funds for cleaning and sealing the Columbarium area. Wendy Blomberg seconded the motion and all approved. Property reported they have completed their first walkaround to find and address issues that are in need of work. They have contacted another company for the parking lot restriping. The flagpoles have been moved to the left side of the outdoor worship area. Many other tasks have been completed. A list has been made of their findings and will be addressed. Thank you, Property for taking such good care of Kent and the property. Scholarship reported the reception for the Scholars went well. It was nice to have the Macks Creek Counselor attend. They have heard nothing from the three Camdenton Students that received Scholarships from Kent. Gail Kruse will be transitioning to Chairman of the committee. Stewardship reported the June focus will be "The Ten Commandments". Have we ever thought of these as instructions for good Stewards? WELCA reported income from the Spring Luncheon was \$820.00. \$290.00 will go to Hurricane Deck School for the Leader in Me program and \$530.00 will go to Lake Regional Nursing Scholarships. The response for the personal care kits has been good. Six ladies stuffed 34 critters. There are 17 families signed up for summer Buddy Packs. The Rotary has donated to the Leader in Me program and Kent will be collecting monies as well. Summer Book

Club will be "Once Upon A Wardrobe". Sign-up sheet is on the WELCA board. Christian Ed reported Pastor will clean out the Sunday School room to prepare for the Garage sale. Jerry Williams will pick up Adult Sunday School class in the fall. Wednesday evening class will continue a few more weeks then Pastor will survey about continuing through the summer. VBS plans are underway. Evangelism reported Movie night was well attended with 20 people in attendance. They plan to invite Kent members to come to Fish & Company on Sunday June 2nd to listen to the Lake Jazz Band. Our members Dan Garrett, Mike McClain and Vanessa Hebrank are in the band. Father's day June 16th they plan to do root beer floats. Worship & Music reported communion assistant schedule has been set. Carnations were given on Mother's Day. Special Music will be needed for all services through the summer. Katie Heaford has resigned as director of the hand bells but will continue to play. Al Mohling will coordinate the Cruise Worship schedule. They plan to try the second Wednesday of the month. Sam. Foster has been employed as Sound Technician for the summer. Dan made sure the sound system outdoors was working properly. Tracy will request charcoal for the choir loft. Social Ministry reported they are giving out \$1,000.00 to \$1,200.00 a month. Balance at the end of April was \$4,400.00. Bingo fundraiser is in the works. Endowment committee reported they are working on the Gift Acceptance policy. Dan Garrett will draft an amendment to our Continuing Resolutions of our Constitution. Columbarium reported the area has been cleaned and resealed. Please read committee reports for full details.

**Old Business**- Council retreat will be planned. The Armed Intruder Emergency Service will be ordered.

**New Business**- Discussion on Kent Memorial Fellowship Hall policy. It was decided to review next meeting.

**Correspondence-** Thank you note from Community for Christ for our donation of \$500.00. Thank you note from Once We Were Refugees for our donation of \$500.00. Ivy Bend sent a Thank You for support and prayers.

Being no other business meeting adjourned at 6:50

Next meeting: June 18, 2024 at 6 pm.

Devotion- Ruth Osterbur

Respectfully submitted, Carol Hansen, Recording 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.

April, 2024 (number of needs calls):

Rent - 3

Electric - 3

Total Assistance to our Community this month: \$752.00

We Share Jesus with All!

#### 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

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 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, June 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.

#### WELCA MINUTES May 7, 2024

The May meeting was called to order by President Karen Ringsdorf, there were 19 members present. Judy Ward gave the devotion.

April minutes were read, motion to accept by Joan Wilken, 2nd by Pat Poretta. Karen Stanze reported the April 30th treasury balance was \$3,438.56, also income from Spring Luncheon was \$820.00. The raffle money (\$290.00) will go to HD School for "The Leader in Me" program and the donations for the luncheon (\$530.00) will go to Lake Regional Nursing Scholarships.

**The Church at Large:** Melba Bangert explained the difference between the WELCA Gathering meetings and the Cluster meetings. The Osage Cluster Meeting will be in Cole Camp on June 1. There is a signup sheet on the WELCA board.

**Quilts and Kits**: Cindy Mohling reported the quilters have 5 quilt tops done and ready to be tied. If you are interested in helping, there is a signup sheet on the board.

Joan Wilken said response for personal care kits has been good, will set a time to get them prepared to send.

Christian Action: Kathy Fair reported 6 ladies stuffed 34 critters.

**Community for Christ**: Joyce Wanamaker thanked everyone for their help with changeover. There will be a \$1 increase in price for adult clothes, due to higher expenses. Community for Christ has received two grants one for protein products and one for laundry detergent.

**Senior Center**: Jane Maher reported Kent's week for May is the week of the 6th.

**School Liaison:** Wendy took lunch to HD Elementary School for Teacher Appreciation Day before the meeting. There are 17 families signed up for summer Buddy Packs already. The Rotary made a donation to "The Leader in Me" program. Kent Memorial will be collecting monies to donate also.

Sunshine Lady: Ingrid Niemann sent out 6 cards in April.

**Publicity**: Karen Stanze sent around pictures of the Christmas luncheon and she will be posting pictures of Spring Luncheon soon.

Care Core: Mary Evans had no needs for April, Sharon Ballard has Care

Core for May. Sheets to update information for Care Core were passed around.

**Pastor Ed:** Pastor Ed reminded us that "Ready-Set-Prepare" will be May 19th after church.

**Birthdays wishes**: Birthday wishes were sung to Joyce Wanamaker, Diane Ziehl, Pat Poretta and Mary Evans.

**Special Events:** The Newcomers Luncheon will be May 15th. Signup sheets were passed around and posted for salads, desserts and help.

**New Business:** Melba Bangert made a motion we send \$100 to Cluster Meeting in Cole Camp for the Love Offering, Diane Zeil 2nd, motion passed

Announcements: The book for Summer Book Club will be "Once Upon A Wardrobe" by Patti Callahan. There is a signup sheet on WELCA board.

**Devotions**: Joyce Burke will give devotion for June.

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

Respectfully submitted, Mary Evans, Secretary





















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

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