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<u>20</u>	24 COUNCIL MEMBERS
C	ommittee Assignments
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## Ruth Osterbur......Worship & Music Council Appointed Positions

Gail Kruse	Treasurer
Jane MaherFinancial	Secretary

#### **JULY SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

July 7 ~ 7th Sunday after Pentecost	
First Reading	Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm	Psalm 123
Second Reading	
Gospel Reading	
July 14 ~ 8th Sunday after Pentecost	
First Reading	Amos 7:7-15
Psalm	Psalm 85:8-13
Second Reading	
Gospel Reading	
July 21 ~ 9th Sunday after Pentecost	
First Reading	Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm	Psalm 23
Second Reading	Ephesians 2:11-22
Gospel Reading	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 28 ~ 10th Sunday after Pentecost	
First Reading	2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm	Psalm 145:10-18
Second Reading	
Gospel Reading	

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

### **Called to Hospitality**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:1-2

As Abraham and Sarah were camped by the Oaks of Mamre three strangers came to visit, and Abraham and Sarah welcomed them with rest and refreshment. They showed hospitality to them. Only later would Abraham and Sarah would realize that those three strangers were actually God. From that moment on showing hospitality to strangers became a central part of Jewish identity. Who are we as the people of God? We are people who treat strangers as if they might be angels. We are the people who welcome everyone as if we were welcoming God.

To be sure, that was always more of an ideal than a reality. Human beings, by nature, tend to be fearful of strangers and standoffish to those who are outside their group. But the expectation was that as God's chosen people they would provide rest and sanctuary to everyone who came to them, and that coming into a Jewish community would truly be coming into the presence of God.

As disciples of Jesus that remains a part of our calling. Those who are in need, those who are hungry, those who are in danger, those who are alone and outcast should find welcome and hospitality among God's people.

That is surely true in congregations. Everyone who walks through the doors of a church should feel welcome and cared for. Whatever their background, whatever their age, race or situation in life, they should be treated with respect and even honor, as if they were angels, as if they were God himself

I think Kent is particularly good at this. I hear so many people comment about how welcoming and warm our congregation is. Still, we would do well, I think, to consider our calling and how we can be even more hospitable? How can we be sure that people are comfortable here? How can we help them? How can we provide for them what they need, be that a place of rest, a place to be in God's presence, friendship, forgiveness, or food for their journey? For indeed, when we welcome strangers, we truly are welcoming angels. When we are hospitable we are entertaining God himself.

Have a blessed July! God bless you all, Pastor Ed



#### **ARE YOU READY???**

The Rummage Sale sign-up sheets are up and waiting for you!!!! On Tuesday, July 30 we will bring up treasures from the basement. Wednesday, July 31 we will empty the rooms and get the things set up. Thursday, August 1 we will price and have lunch. Then, of course we are ready for the sale on Friday and Saturday. So much good is done with the money from the sale. We really do have a good time and look forward to seeing you.

#### **BRING THOSE DONATIONS!**

We are ready for you to bring your good, clean usable treasures for us to sell at the Rummage Sale. Please make sure if you bring appliances that they work.

Remember: NO computers or TV's; no mattresses or big exercise equipment.

Please have all your donations to the church by noon WEDNESDAY, JULY 31. Thank you!

Questions? See Wendy Blomberg or Eldeen Hanke.

### JULY BIRTHDAYS &

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

07/02 Denise Kralina
07/06 Cindy Curchy
07/07 Karen Thompson
07/11 Joyce Burke
07/15 Mike Ward
07/17 Linda Latham
07/18 Donna Young
07/20 David Jones
07/21 Michael Wagner
07/22 Ruth Osterbur
07/27 Wayne Langton
Mary Lou Hellman

Bill Whitlow



#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

07/02/1977	Randy & Ruth Osterbur	47 years
07/02/2011	Robert & Barb Gislason	13 years
04/14/1982	Herb & Peggy Worker	42 years
07/18/1981	Dan & Tracy Garrett	43 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

Evan Beaupre Michelle Becker Jessica Birdsong Marcille Bohling Donald Brumm Ken Buckingham Stacy Carey Shirley Clark Evelyn Clements Chuck Cuthbertson Ryan Dielhman Pat Embich Ron Ferguson Stan Field Stacey Fleck Al Gann Ken Gerardy Jim Gilbert Carla Glusing Ruth Goddard & Family Marsha Gust Trudy Hamilton Gary Hansen Bob Harger Bryan 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 Geri Riley 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



#### 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>	MAY	APRIL	MARCH
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>
Offerings and Income-Month	\$ 14,971	\$ 17,304	\$ 16,126
Pass-Through Income-Month	190	70	3,787
TOTAL INCOME-MONTH	\$ 15,161	\$ 17,374	\$ 19,913
Actual Expenses-Month	16,026	16,496	20,739
Pass-Through Expenses-Month	190	70	4,266
TOTAL EXPENSES-MONTH	16,216	16,566	25,005
TOTAL OVERALL-MONTH	\$ (1,055)	\$ 808	\$ (5,092)
Monthly Budget-Expenses	\$ 19,990	\$ 19,990	\$ 19,990
Offerings and Income-Y-T-D	\$ 89,944	\$ 74,973	\$ 57,668
Pass-Through Income-Y-T-D	\$ 4,661	\$ 4,471	\$ 4,401
TOTAL INCOME-Y-T-D	\$ 94,605	\$ 79,444	\$ 62,070
Actual Expenses-Y-T-D	\$102,470	\$ 86,444	\$ 69,948
Pass-Through Expenses-Y-T-D	\$ 4,661	\$ 4,471	\$ 4,401
TOTAL EXPENSES-Y-T-D	\$107,132	\$ 90,916	\$ 74,349
TOTAL OVERALL-Y-T-D	\$(12,527)	\$ (11,472)	\$ (12,280)

#### **GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR JULY**

07/07 Kathy Fair, Carol Hansen
07/14 Bill Heaford, Joan Wilken
07/21 Marsha Gust, Vanessa Hebrank
07/28 Bill Work, Bob Karls

#### FINANCIAL NOTES:

- A. Current Financial Situation Kent's giving position through May 2024 was consistent compared to the same timeframe of previous years. Kent's actual expenses for May was the lowest of the year. 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:

Hurricane Deck School Supplies June 2024 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.

## **JULY 2024**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED
	1	2	
	9:30am Evangelism	9:30am Altar Guild 10am WELCA-Crafts 11am WELCA Meeting	9am V
		Community for Christ	
	WESTSIDE SR. CTR.		WESTSI
7	8	9	
8:00am Outdoor Worship	9:30am Social Ministry	9am Mutual Ministry	9am V
9:00am Fellowship 10am Worship		4pm Finance Committee	4pm (
with Communion			
14	15	16	
8am Outdoor Worship with Communion		6pm Church Council	9am V
9:00am Fellowship 10am Worship with			3pn
Holy Communion			
	MID MO ELCA BII	BLE CAMP (Sunday after	noon-11am
21	22	23	
8:00am Outdoor Worship 9:00am Fellowship			9am V
10am Worship			
28	29	30	
8am Outdoor Worship with Communion	RUMMAGE SALE SET-UP	RUMMAGE SALE	RUN
10am Worship with	521 01	SET-UP	
Holy Communion			
	WESTSIDE SR. CTR.		

NESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3	FOURTH OF JULY 4	5	6
Women's Bible Study	Office Closed 9:45pm Fireworks from the Ireland Chapel BYOB (non-alcoholic)		Community for Christ
DE SR. CTR.		WESTSIDE SR. CTR.	٠
10 Women's Bible Study Cruise Worship	11 10am Men's Bible Study	12	13
VACATION	BIBLE SCHOOL (9am-	Noon)	
17 Women's Bible Study a Grief Support Group	18 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm Lake Jazz Band	19	20
Thursday)			
24 Women's Bible Study	25 10am Men's Bible Study	26	27
31 IMAGE SALE SET-UP	I RUMMAGE SALE SET-UP	2 RUMMAGE SALE 8AM-3PM	3 RUMMAGE SALE 8AM-NOON 7pm Amandola/Ziller Wedding (Chapel)
WEST	SIDE SENIOR CENTER		

#### SUMMER CRUISE WORSHIP

#### 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.

July 10 Captain Ron's

August 14 tbd September 11 tbd

The sign-up sheet will be in the fellowship hall the Sundays 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!

In February we looked at one of the Stewardship prayers found in the front of our hymnal, when we prayed for the renewal of mind and body. This month we are going to focus on another of the prayers, one devoted to the proper use of wealth.

Let us pray, "O God, in your love you have given the people of this land gifts of abundance beyond what our forebears knew or could imagine. Mercifully grant that we may not be so occupied with material things that we forget spiritual gifts, and thus, even though we have gained the whole world, lose our souls; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord."

As we celebrate our nations independence this month, let's thank God not only for our material possessions, but for what our founders endured to secure our freedom, including to worship as we choose!

God Bless America! Michael Wagner

#### CHURCH COUNCIL

#### **Unapproved Minutes for June 18, 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, Bob Karls, Steve Atzeni and Sheryl Boos

#### Absent-

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

**Dwelling in the Word:** Ruth Osterbur opened with devotion

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

Treasurer's Report- Gail Kruse presented

Pastor's Report- Pastor Ed reported he has conducted five worship services. He has had two shut-in visits, two hospital visits and one counseling visit. 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 the Women's Bible study and Wednesday evening Bible study. He has participated in Buddy Packs, Grief Support Group, WELCA, and Synod Deans Meeting. Pastor shared his privilege of baptizing the Lee children, the grandchildren of Bill Work and Jane Maher. The baptism was held at the lake, we welcome our new brothers and sister. Pastor shared information from the Synod Convention he attended stating it was a typical Synod convention. He felt the only potentially controversial actions were lowering of the Synod budget to match reduced funds and the passage of a resolution proclaiming, "this synod welcomes people of every race, background, age, political affiliation, economic and social status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and mental and physical ability. The full version is available on the synod website or Pastor will provide a copy for you. We will be electing a new Bishop next year as Bishop Candea is planning to retire.

Committee Reports- Budget & Finance- Al Mohling reported they are working with QuickBooks on payroll deficiencies, they discussed Memorial fund and possibilities for some of those funds. -Property reported they have been mowing, weed killing, bracing up post in the outdoor worship area, replaced rope on the flagpoles, new flowers were placed in the columbarium area, fixed broken toilet seat and weeded flower beds. H & J construction has painted the stripping for the existing and new handicap parking spots. Marty and David Hansen have finished sealing the columbarium. David power washed the sidewalk behind the church. Roofmasters and a Church Mutual Insurance adjuster have checked for hail damage on the church, parsonage and buildings. They are waiting for the results. Thank you, Property for taking such good care of Kent and the property. -Stewardship reported they will focus on another of the prayers, one devoted to the proper use of wealth. -WELCA reported they have 17 families and 48 children signed up for the Buddy Pack program. The book club met to watch a video and discuss the book "Once Upon a Wardrobe". -Evangelism reported they had a card shower for the Keeney's 60th Anniversary. Root beer floats were

served for Father's Day. -Worship & Music reported Al Mohling will coordinate the Cruise Worship schedule, next cruise is July 10th at Captain Ron's. Fourth of July celebration will be bring your own non-alcoholic drinks and enjoy the show. Sally Burke had the most attendees at the Symphony of the Magic Dragon so the music department received \$100.00. They will be advertising for the bell choir director position. -Social Ministry reported they have paid out \$990.00 with mostly rent needs. The balance is \$3,730.00. The Bingo fundraiser will be September 6th. The Idiots Club received \$731.98 from the Darlene Mueller Memorial fund. Scholarship reported they have paid out one student and are waiting to hear from the others. -Endowment committee reported they are polishing up the Gift Acceptance policy. Dan Garrett is working on the amendment to our Continuing Resolutions to establish the Endowment committee. -Columbarium reported the area looks amazing! Adding the Charles Niemann memorial makes it look first class! Please read committee reports for full details.

**Old Business**- Council retreat is tabled. Discussion was held on the Kent Memorial Fellowship Hall policy. In regards to the Outside Groups and Organizations, the sentence reading "Decisions concerning use can be determined by the Church Council or if they will not meet before the proposed event, the Church Council President or designee" Steve Atzeni made a motion for the sentence to read "Decisions concerning use can be determined by the Church Council at a meeting or via e-mail. An "approved by" with date signature line will be added, along with Fee received by and date. Wendy Blomberg seconded the motion and all approved. Fees were reviewed and agreed they are good.

**New Business**- Council members going out are Bob Karls, Carol Hansen, Katherine Lacroix and Al Mohling. Council members are to find their own replacement if not returning.

Clowns will be disbanding; they have a balance of \$522.00 they recommend to the Buddy Pack Program. Michael Wagner made a motion for the monies to be dispersed to the Buddy Pack Program. Motion was seconded by Wendy Blomberg and all approved.

**Correspondence-** Thank you note from Share the Harvest and Greater Lake Area Chorale for the use of Kent for their events.

Being no other business meeting adjourned at 7:17

Next meeting: July 16th, 2024 at 6 pm.

**Devotion- Bob Karls** 

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.

May, 2024 (number of needs calls):

Rent - 1

Electric - 1

Propane - 1

Gasoline - 3

Total Assistance to our Community this month: \$574.66

We Share Jesus with All!

#### SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

During the month of May Social Ministry was able to assist 9 families in need for a total of \$990.

One case of need is a young couple that gave birth via a C section. There were complications, the father had to miss work. Funds are low, they needed assistance with rent. Kent was able to provide some help.

During the month of July Social Ministry will provide envelopes for donations to Festival of Sharing. Funds collected will be donated to Festival of Sharing enabling them to purchase and provide goods to the people of Missouri. Festival of Sharing is a cooperative response to hunger, poverty and injustice in Missouri and beyond; their hope is to support projects and programs that help our neighbors experience healthy and full lives. As people of faith come together and share, we can make a positive and powerful difference. Local agencies aided include Community for Christ and Share the Harvest.

The annual Bingo fundraiser will be held Friday, September 6th! Save the date, always a night of fun and laughter. Tickets will again be \$10 and an appetizer to share with all. More info soon.

Thanks to all for the generous contributions.

If anyone is interested in joining the Social Ministry Committee, please let a committee member know. We can sure use the assistance on the committee. Jim Mellody

#### BIBLE STUDY

#### Women's Bible Study

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

#### 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, July 17 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 June 4, 2024

The June meeting was called to order by President Karen Ringsdorf, there were 24 members present. Joyce Burke gave the devotion.

May minutes were on tables for review, motion to accept by Joan Wilken, 2nd by Wendy Blomberg. Karen Stanze reported the treasury balance was \$4,771.36 on May 31st.

**The Church at Large:** Mary Evans and Karen Stanze attended the Osage Cluster Meeting in Cole Camp June 1st. There were 41 women in attendance. The theme of the meeting was "Just Love".

**Quilts and Kits**: Cindy Mohling reported on the quilts for Christian Lutheran World Relief.

Joan Wilken said we will put together the personal care kits we have before the July WELCA meeting.

Christian Action: Kathy Fair reported 7 ladies stuffed 40 critters.

**Community for Christ**: Joyce Wanamaker reported our next week at CFC will be the week of July 4th so they will only be open Tuesday and Saturday.

**Senior Center**: Jane Maher passed around June and July signup sheets, July week is the 4th of July week.

**School Liaison:** Wendy said that summer Buddy Packs will have 17 families and 48 children with the first ones going out June 7th.

**Sunshine Lady**: Ruth Osterbur reported Ingrid Niemann sent 3 cards for May. Karen Thompson thanked everyone for their prayers, calls, and cards.

**Publicity**: Karen Stanze sent around pictures of the Newcomers Luncheon.

Care Core: Sharon Ballard had Care Core for May, no report, Joan Wilken has June.

**Pastor Ed:** Pastor Ed reminded us of all the things we had talked about at the meeting that WELCA does for others.

Birthday Wishes: Birthday wishes were sung to Melba Bangert.

Special Events: Joyce Burke thanked everyone for the help and food

for the Newcomers Luncheon. The next luncheon will be in September.

**New Business**: Mary Foster reported the book for summer book club will be "Once upon a Wardrobe". We will meet June 13th to watch the movie "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" which our book is based on.

We voted on how to distribute the proceeds from the rummage sale. Diane Ziehl made a motion we accept Wendy's suggestions for distribution of monies, Kathy Fair 2nd, motion carried.

WELCA Wednesday will be June 26th, more information to come.

**Devotions**: Diane Ziehl will give devotion for July.

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

Respectfully submitted, Mary Evans, Secretary





#### 2024

The Festival of Sharing is a cooperative response to world hunger, poverty, and injustice. These concerns motivate our actions to raise awareness of the causes and generate solutions. Our goal is to promote and support projects and programs by providing funding and resource goods. When people of faith come together and share, we can make a positive and powerful difference in the lives of people in need.

Through the month of July the Social Ministry will be accepting donations toward this worthy cause. Any amount is appreciated. Envelopes will be available on the entry table, in the Gathering Place, and in the fellowship hall beginning July 7.

#### Donations will be accepted through July 31

Checks should be made out to "Kent Social Ministry".

Questions? Contact Sharon Ballard, 374-8974