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2024 COLINCII MEMBERS

# **2024 COUNCIL MEMBERS Committee Assignments**

Jim Mellody	President,Social Ministry
Kathy Fair	Long Range Planning
Michael Wagner	Vice President; Stewardship
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Katherine Lacroix	Long Range Planning/Scholarship
Al Mohling	Finance
Mike Ward	Mutual Ministry
Steve Atzeni	Mutual Ministry
Ruth Osterbur	Worship & Music

### **Council Appointed Positions**

Gail Kruse	Γreasurer
Jane MaherFinancial S	Secretary

### **DECEMBER SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

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## **GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR DECEMBER**

12/01	Bill '	Work,	Bob	Karls

12/08 Wendy Blomberg, Joyce Wanamaker

12/15 Mary Evans, Karen Stanze

12/22 Kathy Fair, Carol Hanson

12/29 Wendy Blomberg, Joyce Wanamaker

#### For You a Child is Born

Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' Matthew 2:34

Our God came to us as a baby, as an infant. That is the wonder and the miracle of Christmas, that our God became one of us, innocent, defenseless, dependent upon us for his very survival. From that wonderful miracle we were saved. And because of that wonderful miracle Christmas has become one of, if not THE most important and loved holidays in all of human history. Christians celebrate Christmas, but so do many people of many other faiths and people of no faith. Peace on earth, good will to humanity, is an ideal that can be affirmed by almost everyone. Gentleness and care for the innocent resonates in the hearts of almost everyone.

Christmas has grown to be a huge spectacle, and with that spectacle comes an insistence that everyone be joyful and happy throughout the holiday season. And indeed, most of us have such an expectation ourselves. Whether created by our own memories of idyllic Christmases from our childhood, or our hopes of creating such memories for our own children and grandchildren, the Christmas season can be filled with pressure to be filled with Christmas cheer. Even though many of us are not.

Christmas can be a very difficult time. Parents who can't afford the Christmas for their children that they wish, those whose families are estranged, and of course those who are grieving loved ones who will not celebrate with them can all struggle during this season. In fact, I think the expectation of being happy and joyful makes the experience all the more difficult.

But of course, Christmas really isn't about all of that other stuff. The pageantry and the gifts, the big meals and the family gatherings are reflections of Christmas, but they are not Christmas itself. Surely the first Christmas was a bittersweet event. The child born in the manger of a strange town. frightened parents, scheming kings, and astonished shepherds were surely filled with wonder, but they were also filled with apprehension as they experienced God's salvation happening around them and through them.

But through it all, there was the baby, the Christ child. So small and so innocent. So tender and mild. That child came to bring us God's love.

To save us from the all the things that would harm or hurt us. Yes, even those things that make Christmas hard.

If Christmas cheer is hard this year, know that Christ child came to love you. He came to bring you hope, and comfort, and peace. Know that what is yet to come is far greater and far better than what has been. Know that you, your loved ones and our world are safe in God's care. The salvation that was begun on Christmas morning is coming. It is coming for you and for those you love.

Be mindful of those in our community and our family who may not be as joyful this Christmas as they would hope. Bless them with love and with kindness, and a gentle faith that the baby Jesus loves us all.

May we all be blessed by that Christ Child this Christmas..., and may we bless the world He so loves, with peace and goodwill.

Merry Christmas Pastor Ed



#### Kent Memorial Lutheran Church Annual Congregational Meeting November 10, 2024

Meeting called to order by Church Council President Jim Mellody

53 Voting Members in attendance

Confirmation of Quorum- Gail Kruse

Pastor Ed Foster opened with prayer.

A motion to approve Congregational Meeting minutes of November 12, 2023 was made by Kathy Fair. Wendy Blomberg seconded the motion and all approved.

Pastor Ed thanked everyone for everything they do for the church and community. We are two years away from the 75th anniversary of Kent Memorial. He encourages anyone interested in being in on the Party plans to do so. Pastor thanked the congregation for the Honor to serve them. You are a Blessing to our Family and the community. He reported the Endowment account will be set up soon.

Council President Jim Mellody thanked Pastor, those who serve on committees, choir, bells, sound, and everyone for the many things that the congregation does. He thanked Tracy and staff for their hard work and dedication. He thanked everyone for their continued support of the Blue Box, Senior Center, Community for Christ and the many other ways we serve God and our Community.

Jim Mellody thanked outgoing Council Members Katherine Lacroix, Carol Hansen, Bob Karls and Al Mohling.

Jim Mellody introduced Council Seat recommendations, Carol Hansen, Susan Clark, Bob Karls and Al Mohling. Jim Mellody asked for nominations from the floor for council seat, having none. A motion to accept the Council seat recommendations was made by Ruth Osterbur, seconded by Wendy Blomberg, all approved.

Al Mohling thanked the congregation for their contributions. Al Mohling presented the 2025 Budget. Budget changes were reviewed. Al asked for questions from the floor, having none, Al Mohling made a motion to accept the Council approved proposed 2025 budget as presented. Ray Lacroix seconded the motion and all approved. Thank you Al for all the work done preparing our budget!

Dan Garrett explained the changes being made within the constitution. These amendments to the Continuing Resolutions and Bylaws are to add the Endowment Committee to the standing committees of Kent Memorial Church. Bill Work made a motion to accept the proposed changes as presented. Being no questions the motion was seconded by Wendy Blomberg and all approved.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Fair, seconded by Gail Kruse, all approved.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary

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# STEWARDSHIP CDRNER

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

I recently ran across a great Christmas stewardship message on Pathway Community Church's website, pccfw.org. Dr. Christie Dike is an active member of Pathway Community Church's Thrive Ministry in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and wrote, asking "is Jesus the focal point of our celebrations? Ideally, he ought to be." Here are her suggestions for what we as Christians should consider at this time of year when "our expressions of love and generosity should mirror the character of Christ, embodying the values he lived by."

### **Practical Ways to Honor God Through Stewardship This Christmas**

- 1. Support Your Church: Consider giving a special financial gift to your church to support its ministries (<u>Proverbs 3:9-10</u>, <u>2 Corinthians</u> 9:7, Mark 12:41-44).
- 2. Help the Vulnerable: Donate to organizations that assist orphans and widows (**James 1:27**).
- 3. Aid the Needy: Give generously to the poor, homeless, and charities that further the kingdom of God.
- 4. Forgive Others: Emulate Jesus' forgiveness (**Colossians 3:13**, **Matthew 18:22**).
- 5. Family: Spend meaningful time with your family, offering gifts that reflect the spirit of Jesus.
- 6. Share the Gospel: Spread the message of love, joy, peace, hope, and forgiveness.
- 7. Volunteer: Offer your time and skills to places in need.

Let's do our best to keep Jesus the focal point of what we do this Christmas season and by doing so we fulfill our mission statement to Share Jesus with All!

God's Peace, Michael Wagner

# CHURCH COUNCIL

#### **Unapproved Minutes for November 19**

**In Attendance**- Pastor Ed, Carol Hansen, Kathy Fair, Gail Kruse, Wendy Blomberg, Sheryl Boos, Jim Mellody, Michael Wagner, Mike Ward and Kathrine Lacroix

Guest- incoming Council Member Susan Clark

Absent- Steve Atzeni, Bob Karls, Ruth Osterbur and Al Mohling

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

**Dwelling in the Word:** Jim Mellody opened with devotion. Jim thanked Katherine Lacroix for her six years of service on Council, he also thanked Bob Karls, Al Mohling and Carol Hansen for staying on another term. Jim welcomed incoming Council member Susan Clark.

**Minutes**- A motion to approve the October Council meeting minutes was made by Michael Wagner, seconded by Wendy Blomberg, all approved.

#### Treasurer's Report- Gail Kruse presented

Pastor's Report- Pastor Ed reported he has conducted four worship services and one Cookout worship service. He has had one shut-in visit, one hospital visit and two counseling visits. He attended the Adult Sunday School and the Men's Bible Study. He attended the meetings of Altar Guild, Christian Education, Endowment, Evangelism, Social Ministry, Worship & Music and Congregation Council. He has participated in Synod Dean's Meeting, Bishop's Theological Conference; Zero the Hero, Hurricane Deck Community Council Meeting, Hurricane Deck Monster Bash, Buddy Pack Tournament, Buddy Packs, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, Trunk or Treat and WELCA. Pastor Thanked everyone that helped with the Annual meeting. He thought things ran smoothly and efficiently. Thanks to Al Mohling for preparing our budget and Dan Garrett for preparing the Constitution revisions. Pastor attended the Synod meeting and reported there seems to be a lot of conflict and is pleased that things are going well here. Pastor stated it was hard to believe Advent is just a Sunday away. He encourages to make the most of the season but not to overextend ourselves, also to remember those for whom this season is difficult. Pastor stated that many congregations are struggling with discomfort and conflict our congregation continues to be focused on our mission to love one another and to love our neighbors. He stated it was truly a blessing for him and his family and our community as well. Thank you and God bless you.

**Committee Reports-** Budget & Finance- Gail Kruse presented. The remaining balance of \$1,192.12 from the roof repairs will be held in the Trust checking until the CD comes due and will then be reinvested. The

Finance Committee made a recommendation to reimburse Kathy Fair for expenses incurred for Soup on Sunday. Wendy Blomberg seconded and all approved. The collection update for the Disaster initiative has collected \$2,000.00 from Thrivent Choice and \$1,280.00 in donations for a total of \$3,280.00. Finance Committee recommends that Advent offerings be donated as follows: 25% to Buddy Packs and 75% to Social Ministry. Mike Ward seconded, all approved. -Property reported the free Pull for Police has arrived. Bob Karls and Lynn Burke painted yellow no parking stripes and watch your step stripes on sections of the sidewalk and outdoor worship area. They are planning to blow leaves and set up the nativity scene next week. -Stewardship will focus on practical ways to honor God through stewardship this Christmas. -WELCA reported they have been critter stuffing and the Hurricane Deck Monster Mash went well. The Buddy Pack Golf Tournament brought in \$10,000.00. The Christmas Cookie sale will be December 14 from 9am-12. -Christian Ed reported Sunday morning Bible study went well. Gerry Williams has brought a recommendation for the next study to start in January. Our four girls are a delight and loved. They really love Ms. Diane. -Worship & Music reported Advent starts the first week in December. There will be three midweek services, "Advent, the Musical". Christmas Eve service will begin at 6pm. December 29th will be a hymn sing followed by cookies and cocoa. -Social Ministry reported the needs are many. They helped about 20 people totaling \$1,556.00 (9 electric, 4 rent and 2 water). -Scholarship will be meeting and contacting school. -Endowment committee will meet in January.

**Old Business**- 3-5 year plan discussion will continue in January. Council Christmas Party will be December 17th at 5pm.

**New Business**- The Council Election of Officers, President and Vice President and appointment of Treasurer and Recording Secretary will take place in December. Discussion for Staff gifts was held. Kathy Fair made a motion to gift all paid staff a gift card in the amount of \$50.00. Wendy Blomberg seconded the motion and all approved. Motion to adjourn was made by Katherine Lacroix, seconded by Wendy Blomberg and all approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

#### Correspondence-

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: December 17, 2024 at 6 pm. Devotion- Steve Atzeni

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary

# **DECEMBER 2024**

SUNDAY MONDAY THESDAY WEDNES

WEDNES	TUESDAY	MONDAY	SUNDAY
6pm Adve	3 111am WELCA Xmas Luncheon	9:30am Evangelism	Advent 1 1 8:30am Choir 9:15am Sunday School 10am Worship w/Comm. 11am Handbells
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	Community for Christ		
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			Community for Christ
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# **ADVENT**

THE MUSICAL

Written by Rev. Edward Foster

## **Advent Worship 2024**

God's plan of salvation is beginning. God sends holy messengers to common, ordinary but faithful people. Through an elderly couple, a carpenter and young girl God is going to change everything. Through these unlikely people God is going to save the world from sin and death.

Week 1: Angels and Ordinary Saints

Week 2: Mothers Rejoice

Week 3: All Heaven & Earth Rejoice

#### MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

Beginning Wednesday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m., followed by a potluck meal and time for fellowship.

#### ADVENT POTLUCKS—Set Up & Clean Up Committees

December 4 - Altar Guild

December 11 – Budget & Finance and Long-Range Planning

December 18 – Social Ministry

Advent offerings will be shared with Social Ministry (75%) and Kent's Buddy Pack Christmas Baskets (25%).

# CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Tuesday, December 24

6:00 p.m. Candlelight & Communion Service

Offerings received on Christmas Eve will be split between Social Ministry (75%) and Kent's Buddy Pack Christmas Baskets (25%).





## THE HURRICANE DECK CHRISTMAS STORE

Hurricane Deck is having their "Christmas Store" on Thursday, December 12. I have applied for and received a Thrivent Action Team for Board Games. With prices rising as they are, my \$250 from Thrivent will not go very far. If you are interested in helping in any way----I and the boys and girls at Hurricane Deck would appreciate it. Toys and games need to be to the church by Sunday, December 8. Set up for the event will be Wednesday, December 11. Any help is appreciated. See Wendy Blomberg with any questions.

Thank you so much for all your generosity and support.



# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## **BIRTHDAYS**

12/03	Jane Maher
12/04	Helmut Lacas
	Judy Ward
12/06	Katherine Lacroix
	Pastor Ed Foster
12/09	Dick Barker
12/11	Katherine Lindeman
12/12	Don Tyler
12/15	Joy Whitlow
	Maria Reth
	Gitta Reth
12/16	John Moorefield
12/19	Toni Wagner
12/23	Steve Kralina
12/26	Adam Kralina
12/28	Bibi Tauscher
12/29	Tammy Enriquez
12/30	Marilyn Hays
	Jessie Harger-Reiser
12/31	Marianne Howley



## **ANNIVERSARIES**

12/02/1989	Abraham & Tammy Enriquez	35 years
12/02/2013	Bill Work & Jane Maher	11 years
12/26/1989	Michael & Toni Wagner	35 years
12/28/1969	Mike & Lee Ann McClain	55 years
12/29/1976	Warren & Rhonda Neighbour	48 vears

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

# IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING TOUCH

Julie Anderson Evan Beaupre Michelle Becker Jessica Birdsong Marcille Bohling Donald Brumm Cindy Campbell & family Stacy Carey Mary Ann Carter Sal Caudill Shirley Clark Evelyn Clements Chuck Cuthbertson Ryan Dilhman 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 Bryan Hastings Kevin Haves Jeanne Hines Cindy Holm Mike Holmes **CF Huff** Steve Hughes Wayne Jackson Doug Jones Teresa Joslin Linda Kimberling Kirk Ed Krueger Blanche Lacroix Tamara McClain Kirk McLaughlin Linda Moore Kenny Mullins Gene Page Mike Page Patrick Parkhurst Jennifer Pederson Hannah Phillips Jodi Redmond

Geri Riley Ron Roberts Marcia Robbins Brandon Rodewald Pat & Shirley Rogers Vicki Sawyer Michelle Schafer Dave Shaver Diane Steingrubey Karen Thompson Karen Tischnor Liz VanDeVeire Theresa White Bernie Wiegel Gil Wilde Jerry Williams Maxine Williams Larry Wilson



Christian condolences & hope are extended to .Dale & Eldeen Hanke and their family as they mourn the death of his brother, Bob.

## 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>	OCTOBER	SEPTEMBER	AUGUST
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>
Offerings and Income-Month	\$ 14,554	\$ 16,764	\$ 15,160
Pass-Through Income-Month	1,660	145	733
TOTAL INCOME-MONTH	\$ 16,214	\$ 16,909	\$ 15,893
Actual Expenses-Month	17,731	16,997	16,094
Pass-Through Expenses-Month	1,660	(101)	1,014
TOTAL EXPENSES-MONTH	19,391	16,896	17,108
TOTAL OVERALL-MONTH	\$ (3,177)	\$ 13	\$ (1,215)
Monthly Budget-Expenses	\$ 19,990	\$ 19,990	\$ 19,990
Offerings and Income-Y-T-D	\$185,395	\$ 170,840	\$ 154,076
Pass-Through Income-Y-T-D	\$ 7,699	\$ 6,039	\$ 5,894
TOTAL INCOME-Y-T-D	\$193,094	\$ 176,879	\$ 159,970
Actual Expenses-Y-T-D	\$189,274	\$ 171,543	\$ 154,546
Pass-Through Expenses-Y-T-D	\$ 7,699	\$ 6,039	\$ 6,140
TOTAL EXPENSES-Y-T-D	\$196,973	\$ 177,582	\$ 160,686
TOTAL OVERALL-Y-T-D	\$ (3,880)	\$ (703)	\$ (716)

#### **FINANCIAL NOTES:**

- **A.** Current Financial Situation Kent's giving position in October and for the year has softened temporarily. Giving normally picks up in November and December which allows Kent to finish strong. Kent's actual expenses for the year through October are slightly below budget. As a reminder, insurance premiums of \$12,000 for the year 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:

#### **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

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.

# SOCIAL MINISTRY CORNER

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

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

October, 2024 (number of needs calls):

Rent - 4

Electric - 9

Water - 2

| Total Assistance to our Community this month: \$1,556.84

We Share Jesus with All!

#### **COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST PANTRY NEEDS**

Anything for holiday meals:

Turkeys

Hams

Stove Top Stuffing

Potatoes (real or boxed)

Canned veggies and fruit

Pie fillings.

Soups

Condiments of any kind like catsup, mustard, mayo and salad dressings.

Bring your donations to church and put them in the big blue box in the narthex, outside of Pastor's office.

Bless you for your support of Community for Christ! Karen Mellody, Director

# **BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

# **Wednesday Evening Bible Study**

6:00 p.m.

Led by Pastor Ed

# Men's Bible Study

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Lead by Bill Work.

## **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study**

9:00 a.m.

Meets in the fellowship hall.

Resuming in January

# CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15 a.m. Lead by Diane Ziehl.

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 have a grief support group here at Kent.

Our next gathering will be Wednesday, December 19 at 3:00 pm.

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

# MUSIC IN THE COMMUNITY

#### **GREATER LAKE AREA CHORALE 2024 CHRISTMAS SEASON**

December 1 Christ the King Lutheran Church, Lake Ozark December 8 Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Camdenton

December 15 First Baptist Church, Eldon

#### **ALL CONCERTS BEGIN AT 2PM**

Freewill donations are gratefully accepted.

#### 2024 LAKE AREA COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA WINTER SEASON

December 1	Community	Christian	Church.	Camdenton
December	Community	Cilitation	Charen,	Cumacmon

First Baptist Church, Eldon December 3

High School Performing Arts Center, Versailles December 8 December 10 Hope Lutheran Chapel Sokoll Building, Osage Beach

December 15 West Lake Christian Church, Laurie Lake Ozark Christian Church, Lake Ozark December 17

Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. and are free to the public.