

Email Blast for January 19



2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

January 19, 2025

Hearing God's Call & Responding in Love,
We Share Jesus With All!

FROM PASTOR ED

530 Cans

That is our record. 530 cans of soup, chili, pasta and other canned meals. Our SOUPER BOWL collections have been fantastic in the past few years. We have supplemented our monthly donations and helped keep the shelves at CFC filled for our neighbors who are hungry. Can we outdo ourselves this year? Can we break the record? Can we help CFC score a touchdown for their clients? Once again, we are encouraging one another to bring canned soup, Chef Boyardee and other canned meals between now and the Super Bowl (SOUPER BOWL) on Sunday, February 9th. I'm not saying that bringing food will help your team win the big game, but it will help our neighbors so very much!

Have a blessed week!

God bless you all,
Pastor Ed

P.S.> I have not been here for the Souper Bowl Challenge for a few years. If Kent can beat last year's total of 530 cans, I will contribute 25¢ for each can to Community for Christ. I have watched Kent's generosity from afar, but I am excited to help participate this year. Wendy B.

OUR 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:

To join a worship service, click the link below. Please mute your phone and turn off video when you join the meeting to ensure everyone can hear.

SUNDAY ZOOM LINK

To join Zoom Worship just click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87847144381?pwd=WW56YklPSmFyQ3JqR3NsZUZKTWU5dz09>

Meeting ID: 878 4714 4381

Passcode: 602549

To listen on your phone instead of video, dial 1+312-626-6799 [long distance charges may apply].

We will celebrate Holy Communion. Have a piece of bread or cracker and a small amount of wine or juice ready for consecration.

If this is your first time on Zoom, please contact the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY ZOOM LINK (6PM)

To join Zoom just click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83771694827?pwd=d2RhMFZlMDRpZ3RhT1hFYmtzUGxuZz09>

Dial in (312) 626 6799

Meeting ID: 837 7169 4827

Passcode: 911199

Welcome to Worship

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

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Prelude

Joy Has Dawned

Joyce Wanamaker

You are invited to use this time of musical offering to prepare for worship, to open yourself to God, our Father, his Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, present in this place.

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Loving God,

C: we confess before you and one another the things that have kept us from being both grateful and

more useful. We confess that sometimes we are no better when we think we are less than we really are. We forget you have given to each of us unique talents and abilities. Forgive us if we have failed to discover and develop them, buried them or hidden them. Ease our fears, that our gifts will be rejected or not needed. Remind us that we are not to just enjoy your gifts, but are also to employ them in your service. Amen.

P: Our gracious and loving God has forgiven you all your sins. May we, in the self-giving spirit of Jesus be more willing to give away the blessings we have received.

Litany - New Wine

P: The seemingly simple events at the Cana wedding strikingly foretell the life, work and mission of our Savior, Jesus. At Cana Mary told those serving the wine, "Do whatever he tells you," and they listened.

C: Then in the upper room, Jesus told his disciples as they drank a cup of wine, "Drink of it, all of you. For those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Do this in remembrance of me." And they obeyed.

P: At Cana the servants drew some of the good wine and took it to the chief steward, who drank and called the bridegroom's work a success.

C: But at Golgotha, servants soaked a sponge with sour wine and pressed it to the mouth of the crucified Jesus. He drank the bitter drink and boldly declared, "It is finished!"

P: With the good wine of Cana, all the guests celebrated the start of a joyous marriage.

C: And at the glorious marriage feast of the Lamb, there will be even greater rejoicing. At that time every wine-jar will be filled and all the mountains shall drip with sweet wine.

P: At the earthly banquet, the servants at Cana filled the jugs of wine to the brim and human hearts were gladdened.

C: And at the heavenly feast, vats shall overflow with wine and we will be sated, not with wine, but with the love of the Lord.

Sharing of the Peace (We share a sign of peace with one another.)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

Now We Join in Celebration

ELW # 462, v. 1 & 2

Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.

Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing
of your loving deed on Calv'ry, of your living self, our vict'ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.

Liturgy Setting 4

ELW p. 147

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Canticle of Praise: Glory to God in the highest

ELW p. 148

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

All: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Anthem

Seek Ye First

Kent Bells

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 36:5-10 (congregation reads responsively)

⁵Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;
you save humankind and animals, O Lord.**

⁷How priceless is your love, O God!
All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸**They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

¹⁰**Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

New Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to John, the second chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

John 2:1-11

New Testament

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

ELW # 488, v. 1 & 3

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy your praises render.
Bless the one whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded;
Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder
that the bread of life is boundless though the souls it feeds are countless;
with the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation.

Profession of Faith—Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Reception of Offerings *Please fill out the red friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor.*

Offertory

Be Still, My Soul

Joyce Wanamaker

Offering Prayer

P: God of grace,

C: your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

Holy Communion

ELW p. 152

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink. Communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is our savior. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. You may commune in place using a communion kit, if preferred.

Communion Hymns

What Feast of Love

ELW # 487

What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW # 798

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?”

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

“Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW # 836

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ELW # 310, v. 1, 2 & 4

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

The Dismissal

P: Hearing God's call and responding in love,

C: **we share Jesus with all!**

Postlude

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Joyce Wanamaker

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

PastorEd Foster
Organist/PianistJoyce Wanamaker
Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett

Choir Accompanist..... Tracey Atzeni
 Handbells Director..... Toni Wagner

Altar Guild..... Katie Heaford
 Greeters/Ushers Bob & Karole Karls
 Liturgist Tracey Atzeni
 Lector..... Mary Foster
 Sound & Zoom Technician..... Sam Foster
 Coffee Fellowship..... Lynn & Joyce Burke

COMING THIS WEEK

January 19-26

Today	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
		Handbells Rehearsal
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
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† Prayer Concerns †

OUR MEMBERS

Toni Wagner	Marsha Gust	Jim Gilbert
Kelly Covey	Geri Riley	Gene Page
Joe Poretta	Stan Field	
Donald Brumm	Pat Embich	

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

John Welsh	Sal Caudill	Wayne Jackson
Tom Williams	Patrick Parkhurst	Gil Wilde
Inge Robbins	Kenny Mullins	Tamara McClain
Maria Garrick & family	Cindy Holm	Jeanne Hines
Art McCray	Kirk McLaughlin	Mike Holmes
Esther Strothmann	Stacy Carey	Steve Hughes
Mary Ann Carter	Ryan Dilhman	Marcille Bohling
Brandon Rodewald	Trudy Hamilton	
Doug Jones	Dianne Steingrubey	

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Julie (Ziehl) Anderson	Michelle Becker	Cindy Campbell
Evan Beaupre	Jessica Birdsong	Shirley Clark

Evelyn Clements
Chuck Cuthbertson
Ron Ferguson
Stacey Fleck
Al Gann
Ken Gerardy
Carla Glusing
Ruth Goddard & family

CF Huff
Teresa Joslin
Linda Kimberling
Ed Krueger
Blanch Lacroix
Jennifer Pedersen
Jodi (Ziehl) Redmond
Ron Roberts

Marcia Robbins
Michele Schafer
Dave Shaver
Karen Thompson
Karen Tischnor
Theresa White
Bernie Wiegel
Jerry Williams

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock
Eric Blomberg
Ben Brammeier
Shade Bullock
Salathiel (Sal) Caudill
Dylan Craig

Aaron Davis
Tanner Glodt
Kristine Hubbard
Jason Ites
Jason Judge
Adam Kralina

Matt Lee
Jordan Lindeman
Glenn Maddock
Tristan Morgan
Adam Peterson

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 19

WELCOME TO KENT MEMORIAL Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. Communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is our Savior. Personal hearing assistance devices are available in the sound room. We invite you to stay for coffee and fellowship (and donuts!) after the service. If you are visiting for the first time or searching for a church home, please include your address and phone number on the Red Friendship Pad and let us know. First time here? Please introduce yourself to Pastor Ed at the end of the service.

CARE CORE for January is Joyce Burke, 712-298-0993.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS BEGINS THIS MORNING Embark on a journey of discovery in the new year with the adult Sunday School class “What on Earth Am I Here For?”. Created by Pastor Rick Warren, it combines videos and discussion taken from his book “The Purpose Driven Life.” The six-week class will begin on Sunday, January 19, from 9:00 a.m. till 9:45 at the back of the Fellowship Hall. Books will be provided and Gerry Williams will facilitate discussion.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY Our Evening Bible Study, led by Pastor Ed, continues the study of Galatians. We meet 6:00-7:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome to join in. There is a Zoom Link in the weekly Email Blast if you can't join us in person.

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COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST Time to volunteer at Community for Christ on Tue. Jan. 28th, Thur. Jan. 30th and Sat. Feb. 1st. Signup sheet on the infamous bulletin board. By way of information Community for Christ is an outreach center and emergency food pantry serving parts of Morgan and Camden counties. Assistance for rent, utilities, gasoline, prescription and food are some of the areas of help

provided. CFC is a faith-based organization supported by 7 area churches. All funds available to CFC are through donations and retail sales. No government funding is used. This is truly neighbors helping neighbors. Won't you please consider volunteering?

COMMITTEE CHAIRS—Year-end reports are due in the office by January 30. This is the report that goes into Kent's Annual Report.