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*Overlooking the Lake of the Ozarks*

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~ The Reverend Edward L. Foster, Pastor ~

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**2025 COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
**Committee Assignments**

Jim Melody ..... President, Social Ministry  
 Michael Wagner ..... Vice President; Stewardship  
 Kathy Fair ..... Long Range Planning  
 Carol Hansen .....Recording Secretary, Christian Education  
 Wendy Blomberg..... Evangelism  
 Sheryl Boos ..... Social Ministry  
 Bob Karls..... Property  
 Al Mohling..... Finance  
 Mike Ward ..... Mutual Ministry  
 Steve Atzeni ..... Mutual Ministry  
 Ruth Osterbur ..... Worship & Music  
 Susan Clark.....Scholarship Committee

**Council Appointed Positions**

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

## FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE LESSONS

### February 2 ~ Presentation of Our Lord

First Reading ..... Malachi 3:1-4  
Psalm ..... Psalm 84  
Second Reading ..... Hebrews 2:14-18  
Gospel Reading ..... Luke 2:22-40

### February 9 ~ 5th Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading ..... Isaiah 61:1-13  
Psalm ..... Psalm 138  
Second Reading ..... 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Gospel Reading ..... Luke 5:1-11

### February 16 ~ 6th Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading ..... Jeremiah 17:5-10  
Psalm ..... Psalm 1  
Second Reading ..... 1 Corinthians 15:12-20  
Gospel Reading ..... Luke 6:17-26

### February 23 ~ 7th Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading ..... Genesis 45:3-11, 15  
Psalm ..... Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40  
Second Reading ..... 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50  
Gospel Reading ..... Luke 6:27-38

#### GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR FEBRUARY

02/02 Karen Ringsdorf, Judy Farmer  
02/09 Bill Work, Bob Karls  
02/16 Wendy Blomberg, Joyce Wanamaker  
01/26 Kathy Fair, Carol Hanson

## Good Samaritans

<sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' <sup>37</sup>He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Luke 10:36-37

While fires rage through Los Angeles the people of North Carolina are still trying to recover from the horrific hurricane that brought such tremendous flooding to their area. In just the last couple of months we have been witnesses to two of the worst natural disasters in the history of our country. Our neighbors have lost their homes, their places of employment, indeed almost everything that makes up their everyday lives. The needs are truly tremendous, and they will continue for years as our friends begin to rebuild their lives.

No one was planning for these events. To be sure, we know that every year there are hurricane and there are fires. We know that natural disasters are a part of life in our world. But the scope of these disasters is far beyond what I think anyone could have predicted for this winter.

But of course, that is the way of life in this world. We can plan for many things, for disasters and calamities, but we can not plan for them all nor can we know when they will happen. Almost by definition they take us by surprise.

The man who was attacked by the robbers on the road down from Jerusalem to Jerico probably didn't expect to be beaten and robbed. And I'm pretty sure that those who encountered him on the road weren't planning to find him there either. The Samaritan, maybe more than the others, probably wasn't prepared to encounter someone in need of his help. But there the man was, injured, naked, desperate. He probably hadn't scheduled extra time on his trip to stop and care for the man, or to take him to the inn. He was probably late for whatever appointment he was on his way to. And I doubt he had budgeted to pay for the man's expenses either. But when the need arose for him to show love to his neighbor, of all the people who encountered the man who had been assaulted, the Samaritan helped him.

We have the opportunity to love so many neighbors these days. We have been planning to help some of them through our gifts to Community for Christ, the Social Ministry Committee, world hunger programs and the like. But like the man on the side of the road we have neighbors whose needs come out of the blue. A hurricane destroys entire communities. Fires destroy entire neighborhoods.

Daily we encounter people in our lives who are in need of our mercy, our care and our love, and Jesus encourages us to go and do as the Samaritan did. He encourages us to bind up the injured, clothe the naked, provide shelter for the homeless, and to feed the hungry. He calls us to love our neighbors. Today those neighbors are in our own community, and

they are in North Carolina and in Los Angeles.

We are at the same time collecting food items (and money if you would like) for Community for Christ (Souper Bowl Sunday), and encouraging one another to contribute to Lutheran Disaster Response for the fires in Los Angeles. We hadn't planned to have 2 programs going on at the same time. Some of us may not be able to help this time, others of us may only be able to do one, and some of us will be able to share with both opportunities. Through our gifts and our prayers, we will love the neighbors God has given us to love. It is our calling. It is who we are.

God bless you all, as you "go and do likewise."

Shalom,  
Pastor Ed

## STEWARDSHIP CDRNER

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

Prayer is a meaningful way that we can be good Stewards. Last year we learned that there are a few Stewardship prayers in the front of our hymnal that we can utilize. Did you know that there are many other prayers in the front of our hymnals that cover a wide range of additional topics?

These prayers are found on pages 72 to 87 in the front of the hymnal. They cover the topics: Worship, the Church, Congregational Life, Civic Life/Government/Nations, Social Ministry, Stewardship, Creation, Life Passages, Daily Life, Affirmation of Christian Vocation, Healing, and Spiritual Life.

Take a look through them when you can to see what might inspire you. Just please, not during the sermon! I like to read through them before the service.

But it doesn't take a pre-written prayer to be meaningful. We may not have what we feel are the "right" words, but God hears our every prayer, and He knows what's in our hearts. Sometimes it could be as simple as "Thy will be done."

I challenge you to be very intentional with your prayers. If you haven't already, make it a daily habit. You never know who or how you are going to help by praying. Let's be Stewardship prayer warriors in 2025!

Michael Wagner

# CHURCH CDUNCIL

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## Unapproved Minutes for January 21, 2025

**In Attendance-** Pastor Ed, Carol Hansen, Kathy Fair, Gail Kruse, Wendy Blomberg, Sheryl Boos, Jim Mellody, Michael Wagner, Mike Ward, Steve Atzeni, Bob Karls, Ruth Osterbur, Al Mohling and Susan Clark

**Absent-** Gail Kruse

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

**Dwelling in the Word:** Kathy Fair opened with devotion.

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

**Treasures Report-** Al Mohling presented

**Pastor's Report-** Pastor Ed reported he has conducted five worship services, three Wednesday Advent services and Christmas Eve service. He has had one shut-in visit and three counseling visits. He attended the Men's Bible Study. He helped Social Ministry loading gifts. He participated in Zero the Hero, Buddy Packs, WELCA Christmas party and Council Christmas party. Pastor thanked everyone who participated in Advent and Christmas festivities. It all matters more than you know. Pastor stated how lucky we are to be able to ZOOM when the weather is not safe for travel.

**Committee Reports** -Budget & Finance- Al Mohling shared the Memorial report with a balance of \$9,300.00, suggestions will be forthcoming. Al reported that expenses for the year were over income by \$1,000.00, which was better than last year. The Property Insurance Policy has been reviewed and the premium is \$18,753.00, Workman's Comp. is \$1,500.00 in addition. That brings a combined increase of \$6,253.00. We are still lucky to be insured as many Churches are having trouble finding affordable insurance. The Endowment Committee has received a generous gift of \$7,500.00. Audits have been completed and letters sent. -Property reported Bill Hebrank with Discount Services was hired to put down salt and remove snow from the church parking lot. Bob Karls worked in the cave basement stapling up pieces of the ceiling insulation working the insulation around the water pipes to keep them from freezing. He also spent time removing snow, putting down salt and chipping ice and frozen snow away from the fellowship hall doors and in front of the dumpster gates. Pastor Ed has been helping to keep the sidewalks safe by spreading down salt. Jake and Linda Jacobson, Steve Clark, Bill Work, Pastor Ed, Lynn Burke, Curt Reams, Tom Ringsdorf and Don Wilken all showed up with only a few hours' notice to take down the outdoor nativity scene before the ice and snow came. They will price entry

doors with a push button opener. Thanks to all of you for volunteering!! - Long Range planning reported they are focusing on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They will be meeting the third Monday of every month at 10 am. Anyone can attend. -Stewardship focus will be "Stewardship through Prayer". Prayers from the front of our Hymnals. -WELCA reported Jane Maher is the new President for the committee. -Christian Ed reported Wednesday evening Bible study and Adult Sunday School has started. Diane has new material for her class. VBS plans will begin soon. -Evangelism reported there are Birthday cards to sign for Don Peterson and Marilyn Peterson. -Social Ministry reported they served 146 Families in 2024 with expenses being \$16,000.00. They have already helped 14 families this month. CADV has reached out about giving Bibles to the people they help. Pastor has ordered a paper back easy read Bible to share with them. -Endowment Committee- Appointment of members- Jim Melody made a motion to appoint Dan Garrett, Al Mohling, Michael Wagner, Kathy Fair and Bob Karls as Endowment Committee Members. Wendy Blomberg seconded the motion and all approved. Susan Clark will join the Scholarship Committee.

**Old Business-** 3-5 year plan discussion. Kathy Fair will create a form to help with the process. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans are underway.

**New Business-** Share the Harvest requested the use of the Fellowship Hall Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Michael Wagner made a motion to allow Share the Harvest use of the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> with no usage fee. Wendy Blomberg seconded the motion and all approved. Symphony of the Magic Dragon will perform at Kent Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and the Chorale will perform on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be needed after service April 27<sup>th</sup> to help set up. Vice President Michael Wagner will lead the meeting next month. President Jim Mellody will be gone on a cruise. Al Mohling made a motion for \$2,000.00 to be sent to California. Thrivent Choice Dollars will be used and sent to Lutheran Disaster Relief. It was suggested that a check list be made for New Members. List would include a tour, time and talent sheet, pictorial, Committee information shared etc.

**Correspondence-** Christmas card from Lake Regional Health Foundation, Christmas card from ELCA Foundation, Thank you from Greater Lake Area Chorale for allowing a place to rehearse, Thank you from CADV for our donation of \$375.00.

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 7:20pm

Next meeting: February 18, 2025 at 6 pm. Devotion- Michael Wagner

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.*

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

Rent - 5

Electric - 11

Water - 1

**Total Assistance to our Community this month: \$1,773.14**

*We Share Jesus with All!*

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

CFC would like to thank each of you for the wonderful gift of holiday food that without a doubt brought joy to many families. There's nothing better than a warm holiday meal with family & friends. We can't thank you enough!!! Now, we are deep into winter. (ugh!) Here's a new list of things our food pantry is really in need of:

Hamburger Helper-type box meals  
Cereal (hot or cold)  
Diapers - (Sizes 4, 5, 6)  
Cleaning supplies  
Any personal hygiene products

Thank you! Karen Mellody, CFC Director



## Social Ministry Report

The 2025 Social Ministry Committee members – Karen Stanze, Judy Ward, Mary Evans, Sheryl Boos, Sharon Ballard, Melba Bangert, Lee Ann McClain, Donna Young and Jim Mellody.

Funds available to assist those in need represent the generosity of our congregation.

During 2024 a total of **136** families were assisted with rent, utilities, gasoline, medications, car repairs and other needs, in the amount of **\$16,050.28**. This represents an increase from 2023 where 99 families were helped and \$11,600 funds spent.

Balance January 1, 2024 was \$3,218.57 with an ending balance December 31, 2024 of \$6,182.57. A monthly report is shared with the council and in the monthly newsletter.

The Committee is thankful and appreciative for all the support offered by our congregation and friends, for your outpouring of heartfelt caring for your community.

On behalf of the Committee, Jim Mellody.


## COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST

By way of information, Community for Christ (CFC) 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.

CFC is supported by Kent by volunteering your time every 5 weeks at CFC. Your time supports retail sales, accepting donations, sorting and pricing. Find the signup sheet located on the well known signup board. By donating your time, you assisted CFC in helping **1,576** families in 2024. Also, your donation of not only time, but food donated to the blue box, clothing and monetary donations made possible the distribution of an estimated **\$200,000 in 2024** in goods and services. Who could imagine what is being accomplished through this organization?

Please continue with your help and prayers in 2025. If you can, volunteer your time. YOU do make a difference.

# FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
			
2	3	<b>ELECTION</b> 4	
8:30am Choir 9am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Sunday School 10am Worship w/Comm. 11am Fellowship 11am Handbells	9:30am Evangelism 6pm Chorale Rehearsal	9:30am Altar Guild 10am WELCA-Crafts 11am WELCA Meeting	
<b>SOUPER BOWL</b> 9	10	11	
8:30am Choir 9am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Sunday School 10am Worship w/Comm. 11am Fellowship 11am Handbells	9:30am Social Ministry		10am Worship 6pm Evening I
16	17	18	
8:30am Choir 9am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Sunday School 10am Worship w/Comm. 11am Fellowship 11am Handbells	6pm Chorale Rehearsal	6pm Church Council	3pm Grief Sup 6pm Evening I
23	24	25	
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1  Community for Christ
5	6 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm Lake Jazz Band	7	8
12 Friendship & Music Bible Study	13 10am Men's Bible Study	14 	15
19 Support Group Bible Study	20 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm Lake Jazz Band	21	22
26 Bible Study	27 10am Men's Bible Study	28 11:30am-5:30pm The Joyce McHenry Memorial Blood Drive 	1

# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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## BIRTHDAYS

02/01 Wendy Blomberg  
Teri Stout  
02/11 Brenna Enriquez  
02/12 Travis Bullock  
02/13 Linda Kimberling  
Glenice Gibson  
02/14 Randy Osterbur  
02/15 Jan Gauck  
02/17 Jan Lacas  
02/18 Karen Ringsdorf  
02/20 Pat Larson  
02/21 Rhonda Neighbour  
02/24 Marilyn Peterson  
Margo Strothmann  
02/25 Jim Kruse  
02/26 Allen Kimberling  
02/27 Linda Williams  
02/28 Matt Bunger  
Shade Bullock



## ANNIVERSARIES

02/08/1964	Brian & Judy Kuckler	61 years
02/12/1994	Brad & LeeAnne Brumm	31 years
02/14/2014	Leo & Katherine Lindeman	11 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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Julie Anderson  
Evan Beaupre  
Michelle Becker  
Jessica Birdsong  
Marcille Bohling  
Donald Brumm  
Cindy Campbell  
Stacy Carey  
Mary Ann Carter  
Sal Caudill  
Shirley Clark  
Evelyn Clements  
Chuck Cuthbertson  
Ryan Dillman  
Pat Embich  
Ron Ferguson  
Stan Field  
Stacey Fleck  
Al Gann  
Maria Garrick  
Ken Gerardy  
Jim Gilbert  
Carla Glusing  
Ruth Goddard & family  
Marsha Gust  
Trudy Hamilton  
Kevin Hayes  
Jeanne Hines

Cindy Holm  
Mike Holmes  
Steve Hughes  
Wayne Jackson  
Doug Jones  
Teresa Joslin  
Linda Kimberling  
Ed Krueger  
Blanche Lacroix  
Tamara McClain  
Art McCray  
Kenny Mullins  
Gene Page  
Patrick Parkhurst  
Jennifer Pederson  
Joe Poretta  
Jodi Redmond  
Geri Riley  
Ron Roberts  
Inge Robbins  
Marcia Robbins  
Brandon Rodewald  
Michelle Schafer  
Dave Shaver

Diane Steingrubey  
Esther Strothmann  
Karen Thompson  
Karen Tischnor  
John Welsh  
Theresa White  
Bernie Wiegel  
Gil Wilde  
Jerry Williams  
Tom Williams



## 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

<b>INCOME &amp; EXPENSE REPORT</b>	<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>OCTOBER</b>
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>
Offerings and Income-Month	\$ 15,642	\$ 20,312	\$ 14,554
Pass-Through Income-Month	<u>4,569</u>	<u>2,375</u>	<u>1,660</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME-MONTH</b>	<b>\$ 20,211</b>	<b>\$ 22,687</b>	<b>\$ 16,214</b>
Actual Expenses-Month	18,091	14,975	17,731
Pass-Through Expenses-Month	<u>4,569</u>	<u>2,375</u>	<u>1,660</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES-MONTH</b>	<b>22,659</b>	<b>17,350</b>	<b>19,391</b>
<b>TOTAL OVERALL-MONTH</b>	<b>\$ (2,448)</b>	<b>\$ 5,337</b>	<b>\$ (3,177)</b>
Monthly Budget-Expenses	\$ 19,990	\$ 19,990	\$ 19,990
Offerings and Income-Y-T-D	\$ 221,349	\$ 205,707	\$ 185,395
Pass-Through Income-Y-T-D	<u>\$ 14,643</u>	<u>\$ 10,074</u>	<u>\$ 7,699</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME-Y-T-D</b>	<b>\$ 235,992</b>	<b>\$ 215,781</b>	<b>\$ 193,094</b>
Actual Expenses-Y-T-D	\$ 222,340	\$ 204,250	\$ 189,274
Pass-Through Expenses-Y-T-D	<u>\$ 14,643</u>	<u>\$ 10,074</u>	<u>\$ 7,699</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES-Y-T-D</b>	<b>\$ 236,983</b>	<b>\$ 214,324</b>	<b>\$ 196,973</b>
<b>TOTAL OVERALL-Y-T-D</b>	<b>\$ (991)</b>	<b>\$ 1,457</b>	<b>\$ (3,880)</b>

## FINANCIAL NOTES:

- A. Current Financial Situation** – Kent’s giving position in December and for the year has stabilized. Giving closely matched expenses. Kent’s actual expenses for the year through December are again below budget. 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:

Children’s Bibles & Devotional Books for Mothers	December 2024
Ivy Bend Christmas Food Boxes	December 2024
WELCA Christmas luncheon	December 2024
Protein Products for CFC	November 2024
CFC Complete a Meal	November 2024
Board Games for Hurricane Deck Christmas Store	November 2024
Soup on Sunday	November 2024
Social Ministry	September 2024
Hurricane Deck School Supplies	June 2024
CFC President Retirement Celebration	February 2024
WELCA Christmas luncheon	December 2023
Board Games for Hurricane Deck Christmas 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

**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.

# BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL

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## 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 Sunday School

9:00 a.m.

Meets in the fellowship hall.

## Children's Sunday School

Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

Led by Diane Ziehl.

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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 have a grief support group here at Kent.

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

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



You could win up to **\$56,000** in VISA gift cards!

Visit [www.cbco.org/2025-56-day](http://www.cbco.org/2025-56-day) or scan QR code for more info.



## **BLOOD DRIVE**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

Fellowship Hall  
184 Sunset Hills Drive, Sunrise Beach

**Friday, February 28, 2025**

**11:30 AM - 5:30 PM**

Joyce McHenry Memorial Blood Drive

Appointments are strongly encouraged. To schedule your appointment call 417-227-5006 or go to

[www.cbco.org/donate-blood](http://www.cbco.org/donate-blood)

Community Blood Center of the Ozarks is the exclusive provider of blood to ALL your area hospitals.

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

# Women of the ELCA

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## WELCA MINUTES January 14, 2024

The January meeting was called to order by Karen Ringsdorf, Past-President. There were 13 members in attendance. Kathy Fair gave the devotion 'This Little Light of Mine'.

The 2025 slate of officers was presented by Judy Ward from the nominating committee which also consisted of Sharon Ballard and Diane Ziehl. Jane Maher, President, Mary Evans, Secretary, Karen Stanze, Treasurer were presented and voted in as 2025 officers. The vice president position is still open. Pastor Ed installed our new officers.

The December '24 minutes were read with motion to accept, motion passed. Correspondence was posted on bulletin board. Joyce Wanamaker, filling in for Karen Stanze, gave the treasurer's report with a December balance of \$4543.38.

**Christian Action:** Kathy Fair reported 7 ladies stuffed 21 critters for Lake Regional Hospital. Ingrid Nieman delivers the finished critters to LRH.

**Quilts and Kits:** Joan Wilkens said we are continuing to collect items for personal care kits.

**Senior Center:** Jane Maher thanked everyone who has worked and passed around the sign-up sheet.

**Care Core:** Joyce Burke has Care Core for January.

**Community for Christ:** Joyce Wanamaker remarked the food was flying out of the pantry. CfC is in need of chili and taco seasoning packets and shampoo/rinse.

**Sunshine Lady:** Ingrid Nieman mailed out 8 greeting cards.

**School Liaison:** Wendy Blomberg reported the Christmas Store at Hurricane Deck was a success, with 55 families and 117 kids being served. The Buddy Pack program has 37 kids participating. Christmas food baskets were given to the Buddy Pack families.

**Treats for Schools:** Diane Ziehl has treats for January.

**Pastor Ed** remarked this year is a long Epiphany season and a late Easter.

**New Business:** President Jane Maher and Joyce Wanamaker presented the proposed 2025 WELCA budget. Discussion followed. It was decided to remove Share the Harvest Food Pantry and add \$100 more per

year to Community for Christ and Ivy Bend Food Pantries. It was voted to accept the amended 2025 budget. Jane pointed out that saving the Best Choice labels pays off after receiving \$120 for our efforts. New 2025/26 WELCA handbooks were handed out. Members checked over their information for errors.

**Devotions:** Ruth Osterbur has February devotions.

The meeting was adjourned, we closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Ringsdorf, filling in for Mary Evans, Secretary



### ***Did You Know...***

Did you know that something you routinely throw away can make WELCA some money? Sounds kind of crazy but it's true. For several years, WELCA has encouraged us to save the UPCs from all Best Choice products. Breakfast cereal, cans of vegetables or tomato sauce, egg cartons, bottled water, cleaning products - if it's a Best choice brand, WELCA would love to have you take a moment to cut off the UPC before you toss the box or can or bottle in the trash.

As part one of our annual God's Work, Our Hands projects, we count up those little pieces of paper and plastic and cereal boxes and put them in piles of 1000. For each of the piles, Associated Wholesale Grocers sends WELCA \$30. The past couple of years, WELCA received \$120 for sending in little pieces of paper that were headed for the wastebasket.

Whether or not you attend the monthly WELCA meetings, WELCA would love your help. It would be great if you could please take that little piece of packaging that you were going to toss in the trash and toss it into the collection basket in the fellowship hall. Thanks!



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 9<sup>th</sup>. I'm not saying that bringing food will help your team win the big game, but it will help our neighbors so very much!

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.