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MARCH SCRIPTURE LESSONS

March 2 ~ Transfiguration of Our Lord

First Reading Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm Psalm 99
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2
Gospel Reading Luke 9:28-43a

March 5 ~ Ash Wednesday

First Reading Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm Psalm 51:1-17
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10
Gospel Reading Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 9 ~ 1st Sunday in Lent

First Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Second Reading Romans 10:8b-13
Gospel Reading Luke 4:1-13

March 16 ~ 2nd Sunday in Lent

First Reading Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm Psalm 27
Second Reading Philippians 3:17—4:1
Gospel Reading Luke 13:31-35

March 23 ~ 3rd Sunday in Lent

First Reading Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm Psalm 63:1-8
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Gospel Reading Luke 13:1-9

March 30 ~ 4th Sunday in Lent

First Reading Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm Psalm 32
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Gospel Reading Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR MARCH

03/02 Vanessa Hebrank, Joan Wilken
03/09 Karen Ringsdorf, Judy Farmer
03/16 Mary Evans, Karen Stanze
03/23 Bill Work, Bob Karls
03/30 Wendy Blomberg, Joyce Wanamaker

Remember that you are dust...

The season of Lent is complicated. These forty days leading up to Easter are a solemn and somber time. It is a season in which we are encouraged to look at ourselves and recognize our need for forgiveness and salvation. It is a season where we are challenged to repent of our sins. It is a season where we are invited to change and to live lives that are pleasing to God and of service to our neighbors.

The season of Lent is indeed filled with deep and heavy topics, challenging ideas and the dark reality of Jesus' death on Good Friday. One could hardly be blamed for finding Lent to be depressing and difficult.

But even the darkest parts of the season of Lent, the horrors of Good Friday, the reality of human sin and evil, our own failings as the children of God, all of these are illuminated by the light of the empty tomb. Good Friday is not the end of the story. The world is not left having killed the Son of God. We are not left alone in our failures and our failings. Throughout the season of Lent, as we walk alongside Jesus and the disciples on the road to the cross, Jesus is walking with us. We are not alone as we face the truth of what the world did to Jesus, and we are not alone as we face the truth of how the world continues to inflict cruel suffering upon one another. We are not alone as we look into our own hearts and our own lives and realize that they are lacking. Jesus is with us, leading us not just to the cross, but through the cross to the day of resurrection.

Lent doesn't end with a cross. It ends with an empty tomb and a risen Lord. It doesn't end with our condemnation, but with our salvation. It doesn't end with our deaths, but with our resurrections.

May this Lent be a time of renewal and resurrection for all of you. May the dark and difficult parts of Lent be filled with the grace and love of God. May we all reach Easter morning ready to be raised from the death of our old lives, resurrected to new and holy lives in Christ.

The season of Lent is complicated. May it also be life giving.

God bless you all this Lenten Season,
Pastor Ed



LENT

2025

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5

Pastor Ed will be offering “drive-by” ashes from 8am-10am that morning.
Worship will be at 6pm.

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES & POTLUCKS

Wednesday, March 12 —

Potluck host committees: Worship & Music, Budget & Finance

Wednesday, March 19 —

Potluck host committees: Altar Guild, Christian Education

Wednesday, March 26 —

Potluck host committees: Property, Mutual Ministry

Wednesday, April 2 —

Potluck host committees: Evangelism, Audit, Stewardship

Wednesday, April 9 —

Potluck host committee: Long Range Planning, Social Ministry

CHURCH CDUNCIL

Due to the weather, Church Council did not meet in February.



STEWARDSHIP CDRNER

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

In this time of Lent we focus on repentance. Why are we talking about repentance in a Stewardship message? How is Stewardship related to repentance you say? Lets' take a look.

We've heard again about John the Baptist preaching repentance to the masses. Luke 3:3 says "He went to all the region around the Jordan River, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins."

So again, how does this relate to Stewardship? Continuing on in Luke 3, in verse 8 John extols the baptized to, "therefore produce fruit that proves your repentance..." When the crowds ask him "What should we do then?" John responds, "The person who has two tunics must share with the person who has none, and the person who has food must do likewise," Luke 3:11.

So, as we reflect on the Blessing of God's forgiveness for us, we should celebrate our repentance by being good stewards to others, so we can reflect His Grace and Blessing onto others. After all, as our saying each month states, everything is a gift from God, and Stewardship is our response to these gifts.

Peace and Blessings!
Michael Wagner

SDCIAL MINISTRY CDRNER

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

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

January, 2024 (number of needs calls):

Rent - 4

Electric - 8

Water - 3

Propane - 1

Car Repair - 1

Total Assistance to our Community this month: \$1,710.39

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

MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>2</p> <p>8:30am Choir 9am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Handbells 10am Worship w/Comm. 11am Fellowship</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6pm Chorale Rehearsal</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30am Altar Guild 10am WELCA-Crafts 11am WELCA Meeting</p> <p>Community for Christ</p>	<p>8am Drive 5:15pm Choir 6pm Ash</p>
<p>Daylight Savings Time 9</p> <p>8:30am Choir 9am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Sunday School 10am Worship w/Comm. 11am Fellowship 11am Handbells</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30am Social Ministry 10am CSS Osage Conference Gathering 10:30am Evangelism</p> <p>WESTSIDE SR.</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>10am Worsh 6pm Lent</p>
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<p>23</p> <p>8:30am Choir 9am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Sunday School 10am Worship w/Comm. 11am Fellowship 11am Handbells</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>6pm Lent</p>
<p>30</p> <p>8:30am Choir 9am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Sunday School 10am Worship w/Comm. 11am Fellowship 11am Handbells</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6pm Chorale Rehearsal</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:30am Altar Guild 10am WELCA-Crafts 11am WELCA Meeting</p>	<p>6pm Lent</p>

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 Live-By Ashes Choir Rehearsal with Wednesday Worship	6 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm Lake Jazz Band Community for Christ	7	1 8 Community for Christ
12 Worship & Music Lenten Worship & Potluck	13 10am Men's Bible Study	14	15
WESTSIDE SENIOR CENTER			
19 Support Group Lenten Worship & Potluck	20 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm Lake Jazz Band	21 2pm Share the Harvest Fashion Show set-up	22 9am Share the Harvest Fashion Show Fund- raiser
26 Lenten Worship & Potluck	27 10am Men's Bible Study	28	29
2 Lenten Worship & Potluck	3	4	5

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

03/02 Bill Cleavinger
Susan Clark
Karole Karls
03/03 Abby Kruse
03/08 Shirley Clark
Joan Wilken
Susan Clark
03/10 Leo Lindeman
03/11 Jerry Husbands
03/13 Charlie Peterson
03/14 Sally Burke
03/18 Gloria Peterson
Kaitlyn Jones
03/20 Lee Ann McClain



ANNIVERSARIES

03/07/1971	Jerry & Kandy Husbands	54 years
03/25/1967	Helmut & Jan Lacas	58 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

Julie Anderson
Evan Beaupre
Michelle Becker
Jessica Birdsong
Jennifer Blomberg
Marcille Bohling
Tara Boos
Donald Brumm
Cindy Campbell
Stacy Carey
Mary Ann Carter
Shirley Clark
Evelyn Clements
Cooper Cupp (6 yr. old)
Chuck Cuthbertson
Daria
Ryan Dilhman
Ron Ferguson
Stan Field
Stacey Fleck
Al Gann
Maria Garrick
Elenor Garrison (7 yr. old)
Ken Gerardy
Jim Gilbert
Carla Glusing
Ruth Goddard & family
Marsha Gust

Trudy Hamilton
Jeanne Hines
Cindy Holm
Mike Holmes
Steve Hughes
Wayne Jackson
Doug Jones
Teresa Joslin
Linda Kimberling
Ed Krueger
Blanche Lacroix
Tamara McClain
Art McCray
Dave Newton
William Niemann
Gene Page
Patrick Parkhurst
Kyle Pederson
Joe Poretta
Jodi Redmond
Geri Riley
Ron Roberts
Inge Robbins
Marcia Robbins

Brandon Rodewald
Michelle Schafer
Dave Shaver
Diane Steingrubey
Karen Thompson
Karen Tischnor
John Welsh
Theresa White
Bernie Wiegel
Gil Wilde
Jerry Williams
Tom Williams



SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock
Eric Blomberg
Ben Brammeier
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

<u>INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>
		<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>
Offerings and Income-Month	\$ 21,777	\$ 15,642	\$ 20,312
Pass-Through Income-Month	<u>500</u>	<u>4,569</u>	<u>2,375</u>
TOTAL INCOME-MONTH	\$ 22,277	\$ 20,211	\$ 22,687
Actual Expenses-Month	\$ 25,491	18,091	14,975
Pass-Through Expenses-Month	<u>80</u>	<u>4,569</u>	<u>2,375</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES-MONTH	25,571	22,659	17,350
TOTAL OVERALL-MONTH	\$ (3,294)	\$ (2,448)	\$ 5,337
Monthly Budget-Expenses	\$ 21,046	\$ 19,990	\$ 19,990
Offerings and Income-Y-T-D	\$ 21,777	\$ 221,349	\$ 205,707
Pass-Through Income-Y-T-D	<u>\$ 500</u>	<u>\$ 14,643</u>	<u>\$ 10,074</u>
TOTAL INCOME-Y-T-D	\$ 22,277	\$ 235,992	\$ 215,781
Actual Expenses-Y-T-D	\$ 25,491	\$ 222,340	\$ 204,250
Pass-Through Expenses-Y-T-D	<u>\$ 80</u>	<u>\$ 14,643</u>	<u>\$ 10,074</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES-Y-T-D	\$ 25,571	\$ 236,983	\$ 214,324
TOTAL OVERALL-Y-T-D	\$ (3,294)	\$ (991)	\$ 1,457

FINANCIAL NOTES:

- A. Current Financial Situation** – Kent’s giving position in 2025 started on an even keel. Four months of insurance premiums of \$5300 were paid, which created expenses over offering for the month. Our insurance policy was renewed but the annual total increased from \$11,000 to \$16,000. 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. In the last year, these distributions allowed Kent to contribute \$2,500 to Kent Social Ministry, \$2,000 to the SE US Flood/Hurricane victims, and \$2,000 to the CA Wildfire victims. If you have questions about this, please contact Joyce Wanamaker or Kathy Fair.

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

D. Schwab (previously TD Ameritrade) Account - As you make distributions from your retirement 401Ks, 403Bs, IRAs or other investments, please visit with your financial planner/accountant about the possibility of transferring some of those funds to the Kent Schwab account or Kent checking account. The transfer might be able to be made with no capital gains tax consequence to you. If you have questions about this, please contact Gail Kruse or Al Mohling.

E. County Property Tax Freeze – If you are 62 years of age or over, are the owner of a homestead in Missouri, and are liable for the payment of real property taxes on such homestead, you may qualify for the freeze. The amount of the taxes will freeze, and not increase, when the taxpayer becomes age 62. Only taxes will be frozen, not assessments or levees. For example, remodeling which expands square footage and results in a 50 percent increase in the assessment will trigger a reassessment of the property taxes. Individuals need to apply annually (prior to June 30) at your County Assessor/Collector office to have their taxes frozen by bringing your ID and proof of property tax payment. If you have questions about this, please contact Al Mohling at (319) 493-8796.

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 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.

**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.

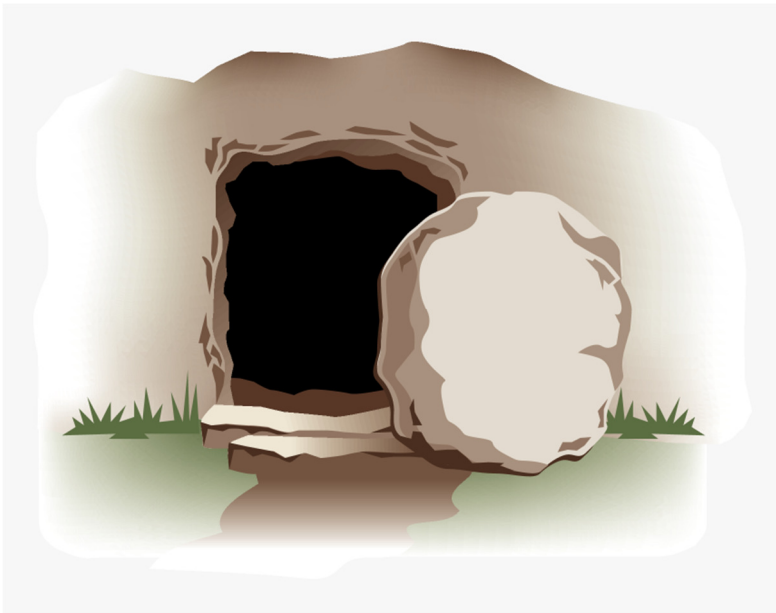
Our next gathering will be Wednesday, March 19 at 3:00 pm.

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

He Is Risen!

IT'S ALMOST EASTER PAGEANT TIME

Every Easter morning we present our annual pageant, "He Is Risen." We need lots of cast members, both "speaking" and non-speaking parts. If you're interested in being in the cast of the Annual Easter Pageant on April 20 – both men and women – please sign up in the fellowship hall. Rehearsal will be 11am on April 19. Questions? See Gail Kruse.



Women of the ELCA

WELCA MINUTES February 4, 2024

The February 2025 meeting was called to order by President, Jane Maher with 19 members present. Ruth Osterbur gave the devotion 'Windchimes' from Devotions from the Front Porch.

The minutes, presented by Karen Ringsdorf filling in for Mary Evans, were reviewed. Ruth Osterbur made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Wendy Blomberg. Correspondence is posted on WELCA's bulletin board. Joyce Wanamaker, filling in for Karen Stanze, gave the treasurer's report. There is a January 31st balance of \$3930.81 in the treasury.

The Church at Large: Melba Bangert let us know the Spring Gathering will be at St. Paul's in Cole Camp on April 26, 2025.

Quilts & Kits: Cindy Mohling said they need batting and backing for the quilts which will be purchased through a Thrivent Action team. Supplies for the self-care kits will be collected after Easter.

Christian Action: Kathy Fair reported 8 ladies helped stuff 30 critters for Lake Regional Hospital.

Community for Christ: Joyce Wanamaker said they are busy with requests and in need of cereal and shampoo.

Senior Center: Jane Maher thanked everyone who worked and said Kent's next week to work is Feb. 10th.

Sunshine Lady: Ingrid Nieman reported she sent 4 cards in January.

Care Core: Cindy Mohling has the month of February.

School Liaison: Wendy Blomberg said the Buddy Packs are being sent out. Cindy Mohling has treats for schools in February.

Pastor Ed commented the Souper Bowl collection was going great. Vinny's Restaurant is also collecting soup. He presented an informative report about the Oaks Indian Mission in OK that is affiliated with the ELCA. The mission began in 1801 because of the need to help children in the area. They are now a residential childcare for boys. Oaks Family Services has transitional housing to help mothers and kids.

Birthday's for February were Wendy Blomberg, Linda Kimberling and Karen Ringsdorf.

Special Events: WELCA Wednesday will be on Feb. 26th at 11:30 at Stu-

debakers in Camdenton. Please sign up on the WELCA bulletin board. President Jane will be sending an email later.

Old Business: Jane Maher reminded us we are still need of a vice president. She also went over corrections in our new directory.

New Business: The ladies Spring Luncheon in May will be co-chaired by Joan Wilkens, Susan Clark and Tracey Atzeni.

Next meeting is March 4th. Sally Burke has devotions. We closed our meeting with the Circle of Friendship and The Lord's Prayer.

Blessings,
Karen Ringsdorf, filling in for Mary Evans, Secretary



Did You Know...

Did you know that the UPC from Best Choice brand products is not the only thing that we collect here at Kent? We also collect the "pull rings" from beverage cans and canned foods (like soup and fruit). Once a year, we donate the pull rings we've collected to the kindergarten classes at Hurricane Deck Elementary. The pull rings are sold to a recycling center and the money raised is donated to help support the Ronald McDonald House program. Kent helping kids help the families of kids who are dealing with significant health issues. Talk about a "win-win"!

CONGREGATION COMMITTEES

Places where you can help!

Altar Guild—The Altar Guild of Kent Memorial serves under the auspices of the Worship and Music Committee and is responsible for all things having to do with the liturgical space and its furnishings. The Guild meets on the first Tuesday of the month.

Audit—Reviews the financial records of the church and committees that have separate bank accounts through quarterly and a year-end audit of their books.

Buddy Packs—A service to the children in need from Hurricane Deck Elementary to provide food for weekends and summer.

Budget & Finance—Responsible for the establishing a yearly budget, reporting on our performance to same, and tracking giving to the church.

Christian Education—Coordinate and provide Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. Meets the third Tuesday of the month.

Columbarium—Management of Kent's Columbarium, including maintenance, expansion and memorial gifts. Meets as needed.

Evangelism—Assists the pastor and the council with many ministries that serve the various needs of our community and the social needs of our congregation as well as promoting our events and ministry to others in our community. Meets the first Monday of the month.

Long Range Planning—assist with the planning and execution of major events in the church, including the celebration of Kent's 75th in ministry. Meets the third Monday .

Property—Responsible for maintaining the church, parsonage and the grounds.

Scholarship—Administration of the Stewart-McFaden Endowment Fund, established in 2011 to provide scholarships for area seniors

Social Ministry—Responsible for the implementation of programs to see that the congregation shall live by faith active in love. Works closely with Community for Christ, a non-profit food pantry and thrift store to meet the needs in our community. Meets the second Monday.

Stewardship—Brings the message of all types of stewardship to the congregation through monthly articles in the Kent Happenings newsletter and occasional presentations during worship.

Women of the ELCA (WELCA)—The women's ministry of the ELCA, we commit to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church. Meets first Tuesday of the month.

Worship and Music—Strives to bring meaningful worship services to the congregation of Kent Memorial Lutheran Church. Meets the second Wednesday of the month.