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~ 1951—2025 ~

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

Jim Mellody ..... 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

## **MAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

### **May 4 ~ Third Sunday of Easter**

First Reading ..... Acts 9:1-20  
Psalm ..... Psalm 30  
Second Reading ..... Revelation 5:11-14  
Gospel Reading ..... John 21:1-19

### **May 11 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter**

First Reading ..... Acts 9:36-43  
Psalm ..... Psalm 23  
Second Reading ..... Revelation 7:9-17  
Gospel Reading ..... John 10:22-30

### **May 18 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter**

First Reading ..... Acts 11:1-18  
Psalm ..... Psalm 148  
Second Reading ..... Revelation 21:1-6  
Gospel Reading ..... John 13:31-35

### **May 25 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter**

First Reading ..... Acts 16:9-15  
Psalm ..... Psalm 67  
Second Reading ..... Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5  
Gospel Reading ..... John 14:23-29

#### **GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR MAY**

05/04 Karen Ringsdorf, Judy Farmer  
05/11 Wendy Blomberg, Joyce Wanamaker  
05/18 Kathy Fair, Carol Hansen  
05/25 Vanessa Hebrank, Joan Wilken

## He is Risen... Now What?

Jesus' resurrection changed everything. But to those getting up the next day in Jerusalem, it may not have seemed like anything had changed at all. The same corrupt leaders were still in charge. Life was still hard. Hatred and violence, fear and evil still seemed to be in charge. The poor were still hungry. The outcast and the marginalized were still being oppressed. Indeed, the tomb was empty, but that cross also still stood on the hill.

Jesus had risen from the dead. Now what? How would the power of his resurrection change the world? How would it change people? The disciples were surely transformed by the earthshaking reality that they had now experienced. Jesus' gift of grace and forgiveness and the promise of their own resurrections empowered them to spread the good news to the ends of the earth.

Jesus' new followers would indeed work to create a world that reflects God's love and grace. A kinder world, a gentler world, a world with hope and joy for all people. One only has to look around to see that the job is far from done. Indeed, we can be assured that this side of heaven it will never be completed.

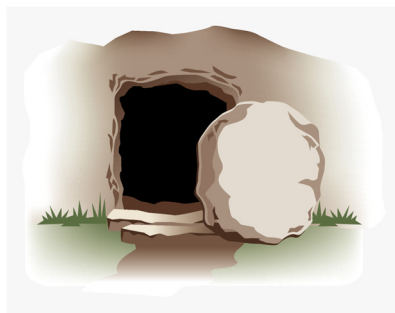
But Jesus' resurrection changed everything. It changed everything for those who came to know that because Jesus lives that they will live as well. It changes everything for us too. We too are empowered by that new life of the resurrection. Even though the shadow of the cross still darkens our world, we are called to be light in that darkness. We are called to love the people Jesus loved. We are called work for peace and justice in our world. We are called to share that good news of new life with the world around us.

He is risen... Now what?

Now we live. We live the new lives that God has called us to, lives of service and lives of love!

May the power of the resurrection give you new life now and forever.

God bless you all,  
Pastor Ed



## **SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS SUNDAY, MAY 25**

Outdoor Summer Worship begins

Sunday, May 25

8AM in the Ireland Chapel overlooking Lake of the Ozarks

10AM worship will be in the Sanctuary

*Holy Communion is celebrated at the 10AM service every Sunday  
and at the 8AM service on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month*

# CHURCH CDUNCIL

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## Unapproved Minutes for April 15, 2025

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

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

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

**Minutes-** A motion to approve the March Council meeting minutes was made by Kathy Fair, seconded by Wendy Blomberg, all approved.

**Treasurers Report-** Gail Kruse presented

**Pastor's Report-** Pastor Ed reported he has conducted four worship services and four Wednesday evening services. He has had two home visits, three shut-in visits, one hospital visit and one counseling visit. He attended the Adult Sunday School class and the Men's Bible Study. He attended the meetings of Altar Guild, Christian Education, Endowment, Evangelism, Long Range Planning / 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Social Ministry, Worship & Music and Congregation Council. He attended the Area Pastor's meeting with Bishop Candea, Grief Support Group and WELCA. Pastor stated that although it is a busy time we need to remind ourselves to enjoy the power of new life that brought Jesus from the grave. Hold on to the promise of life and resurrection. He thanks all who have helped make Lent a meaningful season. It is a big job that makes a big difference in one another's lives and faith. All that you do matters! Pastor thanked all of those working on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary plans. In meeting with Bishop Candea and other Pastor's discussion lead to the decrease in church members as a whole; we need to keep in mind how to reach out to include others and increase ministries to the church.

**Committee Reports-** Budget & Finance reported they have six members that do Simple Giving. It will be reintroduced to remind people of the option. Total amount of Memorials is at \$10,000.00. They have some ideas that are being discussed. The estimates that were made in the Pastor's portion of the budget were close with just some small differences. However, we will be over budget for property insurance by \$6,000.00. Pastor stated we are lucky; many churches are double our insurance. -Property reported they completed their "walk around". They found some higher up windows need paint, which they may hire out. They have set the pageant wall, mowed and cleaned up the grounds. A Bid for sealing the parking lot was obtained from H & J Construction for the amount of \$3,279.00. Bob Karls made a motion for the Property Committee to procede and allow up to \$3,500.00 from the Property Management account for the resealing of the parking lot. Wendy Blomberg

seconded the motion and all approved. Two of the crosses in the pageant area were broken in the storms and will need to be repaired. -Long Range reported they are discussing a possible two day event for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Using Saturday as a fun day and open house, -Christian Ed reported VBS will be held July 16-18<sup>th</sup> with the theme being "Goodness, Gracious, and Genesis". Adult Sunday school class will resume in the fall. Wednesday class will resume after Easter through May. -Evangelism reported we will celebrate Chuck and Joyce Wanner for their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on April 27<sup>th</sup>, and Bob Brumm's 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday (17<sup>th</sup>) in May. They will be discussing going to see the story "David" at Sight and Sound. -Worship & Music reported there are about 18 people who zoom on Sunday's. Two potted palms were ordered to put beside the altar. Communion will be at the rail May 11<sup>th</sup> due to concerts. Several Chorale members will sing with the choir on Good Friday. Maundy Thursday Worship and Seder meal to begin at 5pm, and Good Friday service at 6. The Easter Garden will be set up April 19<sup>th</sup>. The Baptism for Reiney Morgan will be on Saturday. -Social Ministry reported they have paid out \$2,174.00 in March and \$821.00 so far for April. They plan to rejuvenate the Blue Box, explain what it is for, discuss how CFC works, where the monies go and share some stories of those they have helped. -WELCA reported they are discussing long range plans. -Scholarship reported applications have been turned in and they are being reviewed. -Endowment Committee reported they are working to finish spending and investing information for a brochure.

**Old Business-** Easter breakfast is planned and ready. Many Thanks to Bob, Karole and their wonderful Grandchildren for hosting!

**New Business-** The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri has requested the use of the fellowship hall for their Regional Meeting May 28<sup>th</sup>. A building use form will be completed and charges will apply.

**Correspondence-** none

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 7:15 pm

Next meeting: May 20, 2025 at 6 pm.

Devotion- Carol Hansen

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Hansen,  
Recording Secretary

# STEWARDSHIP CDRNER

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

As we step into the warmth of May, a month filled with growth and renewal, it's a wonderful reminder of the importance of stewardship in our lives. Nature flourishes with the care and attention it receives, just as our communities, relationships, and resources thrive when we nurture them with intention and gratitude.

May is a time to reflect on the gifts we've been given and consider how we can best take care of them, whether it's through our time, our talents, or our environment. Stewardship is about being mindful of what we have and using it wisely to create a positive impact on the world around us.

Let this month inspire us to tend to our responsibilities with love, to share generously, and to preserve the beauty and well-being of our planet. In this season of growth and abundance, let us also be generous in spirit, caring for one another and making choices that honor God.

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.*

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

Rent - 4

Electric - 8

**Total Assistance to our Community this month: \$821.08**

*We Share Jesus with All!*

## COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST PANTRY NEEDS

Our food pantry is doing pretty good right now. However, what we are really needing are personal hygiene items, for both men and women. Here is a list of things we could really use. Please let folks know, these are things that cannot be bought with food stamps and are so very much needed:

- Soap bars
- Deodorant
- Body wash
- Shampoo
- Razors & shaving cream
- Toilet paper
- Tissues
- Women's personal products
- Household cleaning products

MAY 2025

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                        | MONDAY                                                | TUESDAY                                             | WEDNESDAY                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                               |                                                       |                                                     |                                                 |
| 4<br>8:30am Choir<br>9:15am Sunday School<br>10am Worship w/Comm.<br>11am Fellowship<br>11am Handbells<br>2pm Chorale Concert | 5<br>9:30am Evangelism<br><br><div>WESTSIDE SR.</div> | 6                                                   | 6pm Evening B<br><br><div></div>                |
| 11<br>8:30am Choir<br>9:15am Sunday School<br>10am Worship w/Comm.<br>11am Fellowship                                         | 12<br>9:30am Social Ministry                          | 13<br><br><b>Community for Christ</b>               | 10am Worship<br>6pm Evening B                   |
| 18<br>8:30am Choir<br>6:30am Worship<br>10am Worship w/Comm.                                                                  | 19<br>5:15pm Endowment                                | 20<br>5pm Christian Education<br>6pm Church Council | 11am Noon<br>3pm Grief Support<br>6pm Evening B |
| 25<br>8am Outdoor Worship<br>w/Communion<br>9am Fellowship<br>10am Worship (inside)<br>w/Communion                            | Memorial Day 26<br>OFFICE CLOSED                      | 27                                                  | 6pm Evening B                                   |

| WEDNESDAY                                       | THURSDAY                                                                                      | FRIDAY                          | SATURDAY                       |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                 | 1<br>10am Men's Bible Study<br>6pm Lake Jazz Band                                             | 2<br>11am WELCA Spring Luncheon | 3                              |
| 7<br>Bible Study                                | 8<br>10am Men's Bible Study                                                                   | 9                               | 10                             |
| WESTSIDE SENIOR CENTER                          |                                                                                               |                                 |                                |
| 14<br>hip & Music<br>Bible Study                | 15<br>10am Men's Bible Study<br>4pm Finance<br>6pm Lake Jazz Band<br><br>Community for Christ | 16                              | 17<br><br>Community for Christ |
| 21<br>Newcomers<br>Support Group<br>Bible Study | 22<br>10am Men's Bible Study                                                                  | 23                              | 24                             |
| 28<br>Bible Study                               | 29<br>10am Men's Bible Study                                                                  | 30                              | 31                             |

# MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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## BIRTHDAYS

05/04 Shannon Bullock  
05/06 Tracey Atzeni  
05/08 Joyce Wanamaker  
Keegan Bullock  
05/09 Gerry Williams  
Pat Embich  
05/10 Karen Pragman  
05/12 Diane Ziehl  
05/15 Pat Poretta  
Sheryl Boos  
05/16 Brad Brumm  
05/17 Bob Brumm  
Don Stout  
05/18 Larry Fair  
05/20 Bill Gust  
05/29 Mary Evans  
05/31 Joel Hellman



## ANNIVERSARIES

|            |                       |          |
|------------|-----------------------|----------|
| 05/04/1984 | Bob & Karole Karls    | 41 years |
| 05/19/1972 | Charlie & Pat Embich  | 53 years |
| 05/22/2004 | Al & Sara Johnson     | 21 years |
| 05/26/2012 | Rev. Carl & Jan Gauck | 13 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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Keith & Kathy Ballenger  
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  
Elvis F.  
Ron Ferguson  
Stacey Fleck  
Al Gann  
Eleanor Garrison (7 yr. old)  
Ken Gerardy  
Jim Gilbert  
Carla Glusing  
Ruth Goddard & family  
Marsha Gust  
Trudy Hamilton  
Pat Handt  
Bruce Hedgepeth

Jeanne Hines  
Cindy Hoch  
Mike Holmes  
Frank Howley  
Steve Hughes  
Wayne Jackson  
Casi Johnston  
Doug Jones  
Teresa Joslin  
Linda Kimberling  
Ed Krueger  
Blanche Lacroix  
Dave Newton  
Gene Page  
Janet Page  
Patrick Parkhurst  
Stanley Pearson  
Joe Poretta  
Geri Riley  
Ron Roberts  
Marcia Robbins  
Brandon Rodewald  
Shane S.  
Michelle Schafer

Daria Scheuerman  
Dave Shaver  
Bonnie Shipman  
Diane Steingrubey  
Karen Thompson  
Karen Tischnor  
Pam Vaught  
Pat Vielhauer  
Ron Wagner  
John Welsh  
Theresa White  
Bernie Wiegel  
Jerry Williams  
Tom Williams



*Christian condolences and hope are extended to the family of Greg Hall on his death April 4.*

## SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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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 &amp; EXPENSE REPORT</u> | <u>MARCH</u>      | <u>FEBRUARY</u>   | <u>JANUARY</u>    |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                    | <u>2025</u>       | <u>2025</u>       | <u>2025</u>       |
| Offerings and Income-Month         | \$ 17,631         | \$ 17,388         | \$ 21,777         |
| Pass-Through Income-Month          | <u>1,811</u>      | <u>225</u>        | <u>500</u>        |
| TOTAL INCOME-MONTH                 | \$ 19,442         | \$ 17,613         | \$ 22,277         |
| Actual Expenses-Month              | \$ 24,564         | \$ 18,591         | \$ 25,491         |
| Pass-Through Expenses-Month        | <u>890</u>        | <u>155</u>        | <u>80</u>         |
| TOTAL EXPENSES-MONTH               | 25,454            | 18,746            | 25,571            |
| <b>TOTAL OVERALL-MONTH</b>         | <b>\$ (6,012)</b> | <b>\$ (1,132)</b> | <b>\$ (3,294)</b> |
| Monthly Budget-Expenses            | \$ 21,046         | \$ 21,046         | \$ 21,046         |
| Offerings and Income-Y-T-D         | \$ 56,796         | \$ 39,166         | \$ 21,777         |
| Pass-Through Income-Y-T-D          | <u>\$ 2,536</u>   | <u>\$ 725</u>     | <u>\$ 500</u>     |
| TOTAL INCOME-Y-T-D                 | \$ 59,332         | \$ 39,891         | \$ 22,277         |
| Actual Expenses-Y-T-D              | \$ 68,646         | \$ 44,082         | \$ 25,491         |
| Pass-Through Expenses-Y-T-D        | <u>\$ 1,125</u>   | <u>\$ 235</u>     | <u>\$ 80</u>      |
| TOTAL EXPENSES-Y-T-D               | \$ 69,771         | \$ 44,317         | \$ 25,571         |
| <b>TOTAL OVERALL-Y-T-D</b>         | <b>\$(10,438)</b> | <b>\$ (4,426)</b> | <b>\$ (3,294)</b> |

## FINANCIAL NOTES:

- A. Current Financial Situation** – Kent's giving position continues to be consistent with prior years. Six months of insurance premiums of \$11,000 have already been paid in the first three months, so our year to date expenses are slightly over our budget average . Our insurance policy was renewed in January but the annual total premium 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 Real Estate 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 estate 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 real estate property 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

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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 September-April 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, May 21 at 3:00 pm.**

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



COMING IN 3 MONTHS...



# Women of the ELCA

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## WELCA MINUTES

April 1, 2025

The April meeting was called to order by President Jane Maher, there were 22 members present. Joyce Burke gave the devotion. Linda Nielson from Heart to Heart spoke to us about their peer counseling for women. There is a brochure with phone number to contact them for more information on the bulletin board.

March minutes were emailed and copies on tables for review. Diane Ziehl made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wendy Blomberg, motion passed. Karen Stanze reported the March 31<sup>st</sup> treasury balance was \$3,904.75.

**The Church at Large:** Melba Bangert reported our Gathering meeting will be in Cole Camp, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Melba made a motion that we send \$50 for the Love Offering and \$50 for the In Kind Offering, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wendy Blomberg, motion passed. The Central States Synodical Convention will be June 20-22, 2025 in Independence, Mo. Call Melba if you need more information about either of these events.

**Quilts and Kits:** Sally Burke reported they have one quilt finished and 2 almost finished. Sally Burke and Cindy Mohling got enough backing for 12 more quilts. The personal care kits will be starting again after Easter.

**Christian Action:** Kathy Fair reported 8 ladies stuffed 28 critters. Kathy will take them home to close them for delivery to the hospital.

**Community for Christ:** April 5<sup>th</sup> all clothing will be free. Changeover will begin April 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>, with store reopening April 10<sup>th</sup>. Signup sheet is on bulletin board for Kent's week to work

**Senior Center:** Jane Maher reported our week at the Senior Center is April 7th, signup sheet being passed around.

**Sunshine Lady:** Ruth Osterbur reported Ingrid Niemann sent 5 cards in March.

**Care Core:** Kathy Fair reported meals were taken to Marianne Howley in March. Mary Evans has Care Core for April.

**School Liaison:** Wendy Blomberg said they packed 36 Buddy Packs, and Teacher Appreciation luncheon is May 6<sup>th</sup>. A signup sheet is going around for food to be taken to Hurricane Deck for their lunch.

**Treats for Schools:** Sharon Ballard HDE \_\_\_\_\_ Little Tigers

**Pastor Ed:** Pastor Ed suggested we go down to the columbarium and take some time to be with God's gift, the trees are beautiful right now.

**Birthdays:** Birthday wishes were sung to Barb Yount

**Old Business:** The Spring Luncheon will be May 2, 2025, the theme this year is "Once upon an Apron". Tracy Atzeni made a motion that the monies from the raffle go to "The Leader In Me" program, no 2<sup>nd</sup> needed, motion passed. The income from luncheon will go to Lake Regional Nursing Program. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board.

**New Business:** Kathy Fair suggested for the Fall WELCA outing that we go to a play in Macon, MO. This would be October 1 or 8<sup>th</sup>. She also addressed the Long Range Planning form that was passed out. Please think and pray over changes that Kent needs to make and return at next meeting. Joyce Burke announced the Newcomers luncheon will be May 21<sup>st</sup>. Signup sheets are on the board. Karen Stanze and Mary Evans will be taking care of the reception for the Greater Lake Chorale May 5<sup>th</sup> at Kent. There will be a signup sheet for cookies for this event.

**Announcements:** Next WELCA meeting will be May 6th.

**Devotions:** Sheryl Boos will give the devotion for May meeting.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Evans, Secretary



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

Did you know that while we all enjoy the beauty of the flowers on the altar (other than the Sundays of Lent), it's the Altar Guild that has the responsibility to get those flowers ordered and paid for? The bouquet of flowers that will again (after Lent), add beauty to our sanctuary each Sunday now costs \$25.00. You can give flowers in memory of family or friends who have passed away or in honor of birthdays or anniversaries or special events like graduations. When you sign up to provide flowers you can even request the color(s) you'd like!

There are still some open Sundays. Please check out the flower chart on the big bulletin board in the fellowship hall, then make your check payable to KMLC Altar Guild. Thanks!

