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Overlooking the Lake of the Ozarks

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~ 1951—2026 ~

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FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE LESSONS

February 1 ~ 4th Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading Micah 6:1-8
Psalm Psalm 15
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1-12

February 8 ~ 5th Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm Psalm 112:1-10
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Gospel Reading Matthew 5:13-20

February 15 ~ Transfiguration Sunday

First Reading Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm Psalm 2
Second Reading 2 Peter 1:16-21
Gospel Reading Matthew 17:1-9

February 18 ~ Ash Wednesday

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

February 22 ~ 1st Sunday in Lent

First Reading Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm Psalm 32
Second Reading Romans 5:12-19
Gospel Reading Matthew 4:1-11

GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR FEBRUARY

02/01 Karen Ringsdorf, Judy Farmer
02/08 Mary Evans, Karen Stanze
02/15 Bill Work, Bob Karls
02/22 Wendy Blomberg, Joyce Wanamaker

Love Is...

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. 1 Cor 13:4-8a

In this month where romantic love takes top billing, God's gift of love shines all around us. We surely see it in the love of sweethearts, young and not so young, who continue to find joy and support in their care and dedication to one another. We find it in parents and children who are committed to one another's well-being, honoring and serving one another with gentle kindness. We see it in friends who have formed bonds that reach over miles and years bringing meaning and purpose to each other's lives. We see it in our church family who care for us, look out for us, inspire and challenge us. And we see it in all of those places today, where people are reaching out to help strangers who are in need of their love.

Inspired by God's love, we are made to build lives that are defined and shaped by our love. Our lives are lived in loving service to one another. Indeed, the true measure of a life well lived is how much one has loved.

Love one another, dear church family. Love one another as God in Christ Jesus has loved us. Love one another with a love that is patient and kind, with a love that never ends.

May your day and your years be filled with love, with all kinds of love!

God bless you all,

Shalom,
Pastor Ed



Happy Valentine's Day!

CHURCH CDUNCIL

Unapproved Minutes for January 20, 2026

In Attendance- Pastor Ed, Carol Hansen, Jim Mellody, Steve Atzeni, Wendy Blomberg, Gail Kruse, Karen Ringsdorf, Bob Karls, Michael Wagner

Absent- Mike Ward, Susan Clark, Ruth Osterbur, Sheryl Boos, Al Mohling

Dwelling in the Word: Carol Hansen opened with devotion

Minutes- A motion to approve December minutes was made by Jim Mellody, seconded by Wendy Blomberg, all approved.

Treasures Report- Gail Kruse presented and stated the audit has been completed.

Pastor's Report- Pastor reported that Teri Stout's mother passed, he will officiate the service tomorrow Jan. 21st. Pastor, Judy Farmer and couple of our members led a Christmas service at the Laurie Care Center. It was wonderful and very well received with 12 residents and 2 family members. Kent will continue to provide a service there on the 3rd Sunday of each month. The next Kent service will be February 15th at 2pm. Pastor reported we have received official notice from our Friend Al Mohling that he is resigning from the Council and the Finance Committee. Bill Heaford has agreed to be a member of the Endowment Committee. Kathy Fair has agreed to finish Al Mohling's term on Council. Bob Karls made a motion for Bill Heaford to replace the seat of Al Mohling on the Endowment Committee. Motion was seconded by Wendy Blomberg and all approved. Steve Atzeni made a motion for Kathy Fair to finish Al Mohling's term on Council. Motion was seconded by Wendy Blomberg and all approved. The break between Christmas and Lent is short this year so be kind to yourselves and take care of yourselves, the work you do for one another is very important.

Committee Reports- Property reported they have blown leaves and put away the nativity scene. The shed can be used for outdoor rummage sale items. There is a cut in the upholstery on a pew seat that they are having looked at/repared. The mower is leaking again. -Evangelism reported they are sending a 95th birthday card to Dorothy Engelstad. -Budget and Finance reported they are adjusting to the change of not having Al Mohling. The audit was good. -Long Range Planning reported they are continuing plans for the 75th Anniversary. They have decided to make it a Sunday Event only. -Scholarship reported letters will be going to the schools soon. -Stewardship reported that in honor of Kent Memorial's and Wendy Blomberg's 75th Birthday in February she has a special birthday wish that she would like to share with the congregation.

-Christian Ed reported that the Christmas program was adorable! They have had good attendance with Sunday school. Adult Sunday School class went well. Pastor will ask Bob Harger to lead the next class after Easter. VBS date TBD, and Wednesday evening Bible study up and going. -Social Ministry reported for the year 2025 that they generously received \$14,468.00 by this congregation that assisted 148 families. Of those funds the total paid out was \$12,745.00 mostly for rent and utilities. The Blue Box collected 3,756 items that were distributed in 2025. -Worship and Music reported they were very busy. -WELCA reported that the kids from Hurricane Deck were able to come for their Christmas Program. They are working on two quilts. Since the Cookie sale started in 2004 the Lake Regional Nursing Program has received \$46,000.00 in scholarships. This year's sale brought in approximately \$1,200.00 and the raffle for Social Ministry was \$314.00.

Old Business- Jim Mellody and Sally Burke will operate the digital sign

New Business- Lenten mid-week host committee assignments: February 25- Worship & Music/Budget & Finance, March 4- Property/Mutual Ministry, March 11- Long Range Planning/Social Ministry, March 18- Alter Guild/Christian Education, March 25 Evangelism/Audit/Stewardship. Discussion was held on Lenten offerings. Jim Mellody made a motion to split the offering between Community for Christ and Social Ministries; Wendy Blomberg seconded the motion and all approved.

Correspondence- Thank you from Ivy Bend Food Pantry, Thank you from Convoy of Hope, Christmas Thank You from Community for Christ, ELCA donation information is posted on the board

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 6pm.

Next Meeting: February 17th, 2026 at 5pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary

BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Men's Bible Study

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Led by Bill Work

Sunday Morning Adult Sunday School

September –April at 8:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Children's Sunday School

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Led by Diane Ziehl

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. (through February 11)

Led by Pastor Ed

**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 18 at 3pm

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

STEWARDSHIP CDRNER

Stewardship Focus – February 2026

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

In honor of Kent Memorial's 75th anniversary this year and Wendy Blomberg's February birthday, Wendy has a special birthday wish that she would like to share with the congregation. She has graciously offered to pass out some dollars that she would encourage to be paid forward to others. She then would like to know how the dollars have been paid forward. She wrote this poem to kick off her wish:

In 2026, Kent Memorial and I will turn 75.
We are both blessed to be involved and alive.
I'm hoping that 75 people will pay it forward.
And telling about it will be my reward.


Just use svenblmbrg@aol.com as my email.
And leave your important "Pay it Forward Trail"
Thank you so much for answering my call.
As Kent Memorial continues to share Jesus with all!

Please pay it forward and report your results to Wendy. Who did you help? How did they feel? How did it make you feel? It will be exciting to see the enormous reach and impact of Kent's many faithful Stewards as we Share Jesus with All!

Michael

February 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
1 8:30am Choir Reh. 9:00am Children's S.S. 10am Worship with Communion 11am Fellowship	2 9:30am Evangelism 6pm Chorale Rehearsal	3 9:30am Altar Guild 10am WELCA-Crafts 11am WELCA Meeting	5pm Evening B
SOUPER BOWL 8 8:30am Choir Reh. 9:00am Children's S.S. 10am Worship with Communion 11am Fellowship	9 9:30am Social Ministry	10	10am Worship 5pm Evening B
	WESTSIDE SR. CTR		
15 8:30am Choir Reh. 9:00am Children's S.S. 10am Worship with Communion 11am Reception for Musicians of Kent 2pm Laurie Care Center Worship	16 9:30am 75th Committee 6pm Chorale Rehearsal	17 4:30pm Christian Educ. 5:00pm Church Council Community for Christ	ASH WEDNESDAY 7am "Drive-In" 3pm Gospel 6pm
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 Bible Study	5 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm Lake Jazz Band	6	7
11 Worship & Music Bible Study	12 10am Men's Bible Study	13	14 
WESTSIDE SENIOR CENTER			
18 "Pass-By" Ashes (-8:30am) Grief Group 6pm Worship	19 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm Lake Jazz Band Community for Christ	20	21 1pm Social Ministry Chili Cookoff Community for Christ
25 Support Group 6pm Worship	26 10am Men's Bible Study	27 11:30am Blood Drive (-5:30pm)	28
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ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18

Pastor Ed will be offering “drive-by” ashes from 7:00-8:30 a.m.
Worship will be at 6pm.

Lenten Worship

“I Am.”

Discussions of Jesus’ “I am” declarations.

MIDWEEK LENTEN POTLUCKS

Wednesday, February 25 —

Potluck host committees: Worship & Music, Budget & Finance

Wednesday, March 4 —

Potluck host committees: Property, Mutual Ministry

Wednesday, March 11 —

Potluck host committees: Long Range Planning, Social Ministry

Wednesday, March 18 —

Potluck host committees: Altar Guild, Christian Education

Wednesday, March 25 —

Potluck host committee: Evangelism, Audit, Stewardship

Lenten offerings will be shared between Community for Christ & Social Ministries.

Did You Know...

Did You Know that there are several rooms off the Fellowship Hall? It's probably not something you think about after worship on Sunday when you're focused on getting your hands on a cup of coffee and a donut now is it? Here's a little introduction to those rooms.

First off is our library. You might serve on a committee that meets in the library, but have you ever taken a minute to look at the bookshelves? Lots of reference books and different translations of the Bible are waiting to be discovered and enjoyed. Videos, too.

Another of the rooms is the choir room with another library of sorts. There are several file cabinets filled with sheet music for our vocal and bell choirs. This is the room that does double duty as "Shirley's Boutique" during our annual rummage sale.

We have another double purpose room. A puzzle library was set up a few years ago. A great many people enjoy taking on the challenge of turning a mound of puzzle pieces into a beautiful picture. If that describes you, don't hesitate wander in and pull a puzzle (or two) off the shelf or the table at the back of the room.

In addition to housing our puzzle library, this room gets used by our quilters. Several of our members use their sewing skill to make quilts that are donated to Lutheran World Relief. The sewing itself is done at home but the quilt layers - the backing fabric, the batting, and the quilt top - are stacked and tied together in this room before being taken back home and the binding strip is sewn on. When you stop in the room to pick out a puzzle, take a moment to see the result of our hands doing God's work.

AND Did You Know that there's a bathroom at the far end of the fellowship hall? It catches a lot of people by surprise.

Back by the bathroom is the Buddy Pack room. A "Buddy Pack" is a package of food that is given to a grade school student whose family meets income guidelines. Every week during the school year, each volunteers from KMLC go to Hurricane Deck Elementary to put together those packages of food and get them ready for deliver to all the classrooms. During the summer months, the Kent Buddy Pack program orders, picks up, organizes and then boxes up food once a month to help families stretch their grocery budgets. The supplies to help make this part of God's Work happen are stored in this room.

The room that started out as a Sunday School room is currently being used as storage for rummage sale treasures. And before you ask - yes, there are already boxes of treasures for the 2026 rummage sale stacked up in this room (and have been since about 2 weeks after the 2025 rummage sale)!

And...last but far from least is the Sunday School room. The happy sounds coming from this room on Sunday morning are the sounds of love. Our beautiful, loving kids are being taught about God's love for them. Our next generation is being prepared to continue using their hands to do God's work.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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	62 years
02/12/1994	Brad & LeeAnne Brumm	32 years
02/14/2014	Leo & Katherine Lindeman	12 years

IN NEED OF GDD'S HEALING TOUCH

Evan Beaupre
Jon Best
Tara Boos
Donald Brumm
Stacy Carey
Mary Ann Carter
Shirley Clark
Steve Clark
Evelyn Clements
Bill Clevenger
Ashley Cox
Cooper Cupp (6 yr. old)
Elvis F.
Ron Ferguson
Stacey Fleck
Pamela Funk
Al Gann
Rita Galliard
Eleanor Garrison (7 yr. old)
Ken Gerardy
Jim & Sandy Gilbert
Carla Glusing
Marsha Gust
Hardy
Bruce Hedgepeth
Sarah Hellman
Jeanne Hines
Cindy Hoch

Frank Howley
Wayne Jackson
Doug Jones
Teresa Joslin
Linda Kimberling
Blanche Lacroix
Keith Lingwall
Art McCray
Dave Newton
Gene & Janet Page
Patrick Parkhurst
Stanley Pearson
Bill Peterson
Kathy Pipes
Joe Poretta
Ron Roberts
Marcia Robbins
Pat & Shirley Rogers
Shane S.
Ed Saracco
Michelle Schafer
Sydney Soderberg
Diane Steingrubey
Karen Tischnor

Liz VanDeVeire
Pat Vielhauer
Bill Walston
Jay Welshonse
John Welsh
Theresa White
Bernie Wiegel
Jerry Williams
Linda Williams
Larry Wilson
Donna Winzenburg
LaVoe Worrel



SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock
Eric Blomberg
Ben Brammeier
Dylan Craig
Aaron Davis
Tanner Glodt
Kristine Hubbard
Jason Ites



Adam Kralina
Matt Lee
Jordan Lindeman
Glenn Maddock
Tristan Morgan
Adam Peterson
Trent Simmons

Women of the ELCA

WELCA MINUTES

January 6, 2026

The January meeting was called to order by President Kathy Fair, there were 20 members present. Kathy Fair gave the devotion.

The Light House Team (23 students) from Hurricane Deck School came to our meeting. They sang some Christmas Carols and told us about the program they are in.

November and December minutes were emailed and there were copies on tables for review. Joan Wilken made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Wendy Blomberg, motion passed. Karen Stanze reported the November treasury balance was \$7,983.02 and December balance was \$6,926.90. Karen Stanze went over the proposed budget for 2026, it was suggested by the officers that the budget remain the same as 2025. Diane Zeihl made a motion we keep budget same as 2025, Judy Ward 2nd, motion passed.

The Church at Large:

Quilts and Kits: Sally Burke said they are working on 2 quilts right now. Sally will be buying backing material for the quilts.

Christian Action: Kathy Fair reported 6 ladies stuffed 34 critters.

Senior Center: Melba Bangert said volunteers for Kent's next week at the Senior Center is filled. The center is only needing one volunteer a day at this time.

Sunshine Lady: Ingrid Niemann sent our 3 cards for December.

Care Core: Joyce Burke has Care Core for January.

School Liaison: Wendy Blomberg said they are packing 57 Buddy Packs at this time.

Publicity:

Pastor Ed: Pastor Ed said today is Epiphany, we should all be a light to the world.

Birthdays: No birthdays

School Treats: February

New Business: WELCA will be cleaning the tables and chairs in the Fellowship Hall and the kitchen March 25, 2026 at 9AM.

Karen Ringsdorf and Ruth Osterber thanked everyone for bringing cookies and bars for Jane Maher's Celebration of Life.

Joan Wilken thanked everyone who donated cookies and candies for our annual cookie sale. The 2025 cookie sale brought in \$1,266 for Lake Regional Nursing Scholarship and \$314 for the raffle which went to Kent's Social Ministry. Karen Stanze sent a check to Lake Regional Nursing Scholarship fund for \$

\$2,186 which included the Spring Luncheon and Cookie Sale. We have donated \$45,940.46 to the Nursing Scholarship Fund since 2004.

Devotions:

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Evans, secretary.



SOCIAL MINISTRY CORNER

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

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

January, 2026 (number of needs calls):

Electric - 19

Rent - 4

Water - 3

Pest Control - 1

Medical - 1

Total Assistance to our Community this month: \$2,791.51

We Share Jesus with All!

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST PANTRY NEEDS

The CFC food pantry is the only food pantry in Gravois Mills, Laurie and Sunrise Beach and we are going strong. This list of items is really centered around them and their needs. We hope you might be able to help.

Shampoo, Deodorant, Body Wash for both men & women:

Cleaning supplies: Ajax or Comet, or anything for floors, bathrooms or kitchen

Condiments: ketchup, mustard, mayo, pickles or salad dressings

Pasta of any kind

Thank you for all your help for our little pantry. CFC strives to assist many families trying to make ends meet. We could not do what we do without your help!! A big thank you from all of us at CFC!

SOCIAL MINISTRY PRESENTS... A CHILI COOKOFF & GAME DAY



February 21, 2026*
Saturday, 1:00 PM
*Weather permitting

Who makes the best Chili?
Let's find out.

\$1 for each vote to select the best Chili.

Bring your Chili, your friends and your family.

After the judging, plan to stay for
Card games, board games (bring your favorite).
We have cards and puzzles.



Why, just a day to get out of the house,
have some chili, play some games and get together with friends.

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

Visit www.cbco.org/2026-56-day or scan QR code for more info.



**FREE sweatshirt
for donors!**
while supplies last

BLOOD DRIVE

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall
184 Sunset Hills Drive, Sunrise Beach

Friday, February 27, 2026

11:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Joyce McHenry Memorial Blood Drive

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

Sponsored by:



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