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2026 COUNCIL MEMBERS
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Kathy Fair ..... Long Range Planning
Jim Mellody ..... Social Ministry
Ruth Osterbur ..... Worship & Music
Karen Ringsdorf ..... Evangelism
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Council Appointed Positions

Gail Kruse ..... Treasurer
Karole Karls ..... Financial Recording Secretary

OCTOBER SCRIPTURE LESSONS

October 4 ~ 19th Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading..... Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm .....Psalm 80:7-15
Second Reading..... Philippians 3:4b-14
Gospel Reading..... Matthew 20:33-46

October 11 ~ 20th Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading..... Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm .....Psalm 23
Second Reading..... Philippians 4:1-9
Gospel Reading..... Matthew 22:1-14

October 18 ~ 21st Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading..... Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm .....Psalm 96:1-13
Second Reading.....1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Gospel Reading..... Matthew 22:15-22

October 25 ~ REFORMATION SUNDAY
First Reading..... Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm .....Psalm 46
Second Reading..... Romans 3:19-28
Gospel Reading.....John 8:31-36

GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR OCTOBER

10/04	Mary Evans, Karen Stanze
10/11	Karen Ringsdorf, Judy Farmer
10/18	Mary Evans, Karen Stanze
10/25	Bill Work, Bob Karls

They Came, They Saw, They Loved Us

What a wonderful time we had with our guests from Russia and Germany! Bishop Scheiermann, the Bishop of the Lutheran Synod of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East of Russia, and pastor's Burkle and Rausch were truly a blessing. Their visit was short, as they had so many places to go and to see here, but in those few short hours God was at work in our midst.

I have found this to almost always be the case. Jesus' promise that when we gather in his name that he will be there with us, makes our gatherings holy and precious. When we actually meet people, when we set in the same room with them, when we hear them speak, when we share a cup of ice cream with them (or a burger from Vinnie's), when we share our lives and our stories with one another, the Holy Spirit does it's work; creating connections, creating relationships, creating community.

The Church in Russia is no longer just a concept to us who were there Wednesday evening. Russians, and especially Christian and Lutheran Russians aren't just people we hear about in the news. They aren't pawns on a chessboard, or problems to be dealt with, nor are they bogey men to be feared and hated. They are people. They are our brothers and sisters in Christ. They are our neighbors to be loved.

What a wonderful affirmation we had this week, that we here at Kent Memorial are a part of something so big and beautiful and amazing. We are a part of God's Church. We are a part of God's family. Our siblings live down Highway 5. They come to worship with us. They eat at Val's with us. They come to the rummage sale. But they also live in Russia and Ukraine, in Israel and Iran. They need us and we need them.

I hope that we can begin to build a relationship with our companions in the Russian Church. We will be receiving updates from them periodically, and we will see what other ways we can affirm our mutual faith and ministries as time goes on.

What an amazing Church we are a part of. Our God brings us together with such amazing and inspiring people. Bishop Scheiermann's story is both heart breaking while at the same time filled with hope and the promise of the Gospel. God is at work in Russia. And God is at work right here in our midst. Who knows in what ways God is planning to work with us together?

May the God who loves this great big beautiful and diverse world,

bless each of you. May he bless our new friends in Russia and Germany. May God bind us together ever more closely in faith and in love and in grace.

Shalom,

Pastor Ed

TRUNK OR TREAT
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31
5pm-7pm

Join the fun of our annual Trunk or Treat. On Friday, October 31, you are all invited to gather in the church parking lot—with trunks and truck beds decorated for Halloween—for our Annual Trunk or Treat from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will hand out candy and enjoy all the kiddos and costumes. Plan on candy for at least 250 kids.

You can dress up if you'd like, but you don't have to. Just don't miss all the joy in the children's smiles—and the laughs the adults share with each other.

Let's line the entire parking lot with trunks decorated for Halloween and full of treats for the area children. [If the weather turns bad, we'll set up in the Fellowship Hall.]

After the kids have all been treated, we'll head inside for some hot soup and warm fellowship.

Everyone is encouraged to invite your neighbors to join us to hand out candy and stay around to have a bowl of soup with us.

If you can't join us, we welcome donated bags of candy for the others to hand out.

Sponsored by the Evangelism Committee.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Unapproved Minutes for September 15, 2026

In Attendance- Carol Hansen, Wendy Blomberg, Karen Ringsdorf, Michael Wagner, Mike Ward, Kathy Fair, Sheryl Boos, Jim Mellody, Ruth Osterbur and Gail Kruse

Absent- Pastor Ed, Susan Clark and Bob Karls

Dwelling in the Word: Karen Ringdorf opened with devotion.

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

Treasures Report- Gail Kruse presented.

Pastor's Report- Pastor is on vacation.

Committee Reports- Property- Randy Osterbur, Lynn Burke and Ray LaCroix painted the Children's Sunday School room. See Property report for details. -Evangelism reported they passed out 29 dozen cookies to the Fire Department, Police, Ambulance and Resource Officers for 9-11. Many people helped with God's Work Our Hands. School binders were put together at Hurricane Deck, the sanctuary has been cleaned and oiled, ice cream was served at the Laurie care centers, animals were pattered and stuffed and outside the windows have been washed. -Budget & Finance reported the budgets are due by October 5th. Pastor's insurance will be going up 15%. -Scholarship committee reported that all scholarships have been paid. Gail received a picture of one of the scholarship recipients, a future lineman. -WELCA reported they will be going to the Fall Gathering in Sedalia. They will be taking seven quilts. They purchased lunch for the Teachers. -Stewardship Focus will be on focusing on what we say, do, what we listen to and where we go, Every Day so that at the end of the day, we can hear from the Lord, "well done my good and faithful servant." -Social Ministry reported they have helped nine families with rent, electricity and water totaling $865.00. Bingo night was successful making a total of $3,539.00. -Worship & Music reported they have one cruise worship left on September 18th. Discussion was held about having potluck during Advent. Ruth Osterbur made a motion to continue Advent potlucks. Motion was seconded by Wendy Blomberg and all approved. Advent meals will be on December 2nd, 9th and 16th.

Old Business- Council nominations need to be presented at the

October Council meeting. Also needing a replacement for Steve Atzeni. Companion Synod Bishop visit will be Wednesday September 23rd at 6:30. Ice cream and cookies will be served. Council Retreat will be planned for Saturday, October 17th.

New Business-

Correspondence- Thank you from Community for Christ for our donation of $575.00. Information and request for funds was shared from Raising Hope Free Store.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Mellody, seconded by Wendy Blomberg and all approved.

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 5:45 pm.

Next Meeting: October 20, 2026, at 5 pm
Devotions- Jim Mellody

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hansen, Recording Secretary

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Stewardship Focus – October 2026

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

We talk about being good stewards often. But I heard something recently that really convicted me and caused me to really rethink the whole concept.

Kelly Kopp with Kelly Kopp Ministries said “I know that everyday, when I lay down in my bed either the Father or the Enemy looks at me and says “well done my good and faithful servant, well done today.” One of them everyday is pleased with me, for what I did today, for what I said with my word, for what I did with my hands, for where I went with my feet, for what I listened to with my ears, for what I watched with my eyes. One of them every single day is proud of me. Which one is it?”

It reminded me of the verse from Colossians 3:23 that encourages us, “whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as though you were working for the Lord and not for people.”

Let’s focus on what we say, what we do, what we listen to and where we go, Every Day so that at the end of the day, we can hear from the Lord, “well done my good and faithful servant.”

Peace and Blessings!
Michael Wagner

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 in the fellowship hall

Children's Sunday School

September — May

Led by Diane Ziehl

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. (September — May)

Led by Pastor Ed

OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
4 8:30am Choir 9:00am Sunday School 10am Worship with Communion 11am Fellowship	5	6 9:30am Altar Guild 10am Crafts – Quilting & Stuffed animals 11am WELCA Mtg.
11 8:30am Choir 9:00am Sunday School 10am Worship with Communion 11am Fellowship	12 9:30am Social Ministry	
18 8:30am Choir 9:00am Sunday School 10am Worship with Communion 11am Fellowship 2pm Laurie Care Ctr.	19 10:15am Westside Senior Center	20 Community for Christ
25 8:30am Choir 9:00am Sunday School 10am Worship with Communion 11am Fellowship	26	27

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm Lake Jazz Band Synod Theological	2 Conference	3
7 9:30am Evangelism	8 10am Men's Bible Study 11am Columbarium Committee	9	10
14 10am Worship & Music Comm.	15 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm Lake Jazz Band	16	17
21 10:15am Westside Senior Center 3pm Grief Group	22 10am Men's Bible Study 10:15am Westside Senior Center Community for Christ	23 10:15am Westside Senior Center	24 Community for Christ
28 10am Men's Bible Study	29 10am Men's Bible Study 7pm Symphony of the Magic Dragon Concert	30	31

SOCIAL MINISTRY CORNER

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

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

August, 2026 (number of needs calls):
Rent - 6
Electric - 2
Water - 1

Total Assistance to our Community this month: $864.63

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.

* Personal hygiene items—shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash for both men & women
* Cleaning supplies for bath and kitchen
* Condiments: ketchup, mustard, mayo, pickles or salad dressings
* Cereal of any kind
* Side dishes—flavored rice, cheesy pasta packets, etc. (No green beans)
* Crackers of any kind.

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!

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, October 21 at 3pm

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

10/01 Micah Reth
10/04 Phil Keeney
10/05 Chuck Wanamaker
10/08 Nancy Williams
10/10 Kaiden Enriquez
10/12 Andrew Renken
10/17 Darrell Garrett
10/18 Bea Pray
10/19 Herb Worker
10/26 Wes Ballard
10/28 Mike McClain

ANNIVERSARIES

10/03/1980	Steve & Linda Latham	46 years
10/04/1975	Dave & Cindy Curchy	51 years
10/10/1998	Joel & Mary Lou Hellman	28 years
10/11/1997	Dale & Eldeen Hanke	29 years
10/11/2008	David & Christy Jones	18 years
10/31/1982	Sandy & Jim Gilbert	44 years

And a belated Happy Anniversary to Bob & Judy Farmer on 09/14/1974!

IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING TOUCH

Ashley
Carol Bangert
Darlene Barker
Evan Beaupre
Roger Bolte
Tara Boos
Brixeon
Donald Brumm
Bill Bruhn
Stacy Carey
Mary Ann Carter
Evelyn Clements
Bill Clevenger
Cooper Cupp (6 yr)
Edward Etter
Elvis F.
Eric Ferguson
Ron Ferguson
Stacey Fleck
Al Gann
Rita Galliard
Eleanor Garrison (7 yr)
Jan Gauck
Ken Gerardy
Sandy Gilbert
Carla Glusing
Marsha Gust
Bruce Hedgepeth
Sarah Hellman
Jeanne Hines
Frank Howley
Wayne Jackson
Doug Jones
Teresa Joslin
Eddie Rae Keltner
Cathy Knapp
Ed Krueger
Terrie Krueger
Blanche Lacroix
Charles McMullin
Art McCray
Dave Newton
Johnnie Nichols
Lenny Opfer
Gene & Janet Page
Patrick Parkhurst
Stanley Pearson
Bill Peterson
Don & Gloria Peterson
Kathy Pipes
Joe Poretta
Todd Poretta
Ron Roberts
Marcia Robbins
Shirley Rogers
Shane S.
Michelle Schafer
Gary Stieg
Shawn Stoermer
Don Stout
Kathy Taulbert
Karen Tischnor
Liz VanDeVeire
Pat Vielhauer
Bill Walston
Jay Welshonse
John Welsh
Theresa White
Bernie Wiegel
Linda Williams
Larry Wilson
Donna Winzenburg

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
September 1, 2026

The September WELCA meeting was called to order by President Kathy Fair, there were 18 members present.

Devotion: Wendy Blomberg

Secretary: August minutes were emailed and passed out for review. Motion to accept Diane Ziehl, 2nd by Sally Burke motion passed. There was no correspondence.

Treasurer: Karen Stanze reported the treasury balance as of August 31st was $7,385.14.

Church at Large: Melba Bangert reported the fall Gathering will be September 26th in Sedalia, MO at Christ and Trinity Lutheran church. Diane Ziehl made a motion that we send $50 each to the Inkind gifts and the Love Offering, Wendy Blomberg 2nd, motion passed. Melba will put out a tote and list the items they are asking for to be donated to Mercy Services United.

Quilts and Kits: Sally Burke reported that they are working on one last quilt for this year. Sally made a motion that we send $75 to be used for shipping 2nd Ruth Osterbur, motion passed. Sally also reported that items for the healthcare kits are beginning to come in.

Christian Action: Kathy Fair reported that 5 women stuffed 19 critters. Kathy passed out two "We remember you" cards to sign and be sent.

Community for Christ: Joyce Wanamaker thanked us for all our donations, volunteer hours and other help at CFC. Joyce reported that the $3 bag sale is going on and September 12th will be give away day. Kent's week to work for September is the week of the 14th. September 14th changeover begins at 10:00 am, the store will be closed September 15th and will reopen September 17th at 10am. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board to volunteer. CFC received a $1,500 grant from COMO to buy much needed laundry detergent.

Senior Center: Melba Bangert reported that Kent's next week at the Senior Center is the week Sept 21st.Signup sheet was passed around and will be posted.

Sunshine Lady: Ingrid Niemann sent out 7 cards in August.

Care Core: Sheryl Boos had no needs for August, but Nancy Williams may need a ride to Jefferson City to Dr soon. Karen Stanze has Care Core for September.

Publicity: Karen Stanze nothing at this time.

School Liaison: Wendy Blomberg said there are 72 Buddy Packs to go out at this time.

School Treats: Kathy Fair will take treats to Hurricane Deck School for September.

Pastor Ed: Pastor was contacted by Sunrise Beach Policy Chief to see if we would be willing to take lunch to Lake West Christian Academy. We decided to take up donations to furnish pizzas and sodas for them. Pastor will take care of this. Pastor also let us know of Linda Kimberling's passing, her service will be at Kent on September 4th with a visitation at 12:00 noon and service to follow at 1:00.

Birthdays: Birthday wishes were sung to Tracy Garrett

Old Business: $25 gift cards were given to teachers at Hurricane Deck Elementary, Dave Bramledge asked why the school nurse was not included in the gift cards. Mary Evans made a motion that we give the nurse a gift card with money coming out of rummage sale buddy pack funds, Sally Burke 2nd, motion passed.

N**ew Business**: Joyce Burke let us know the fall Newcomers Luncheon will be September 16th. The signup sheets are on the bulletin board. Joyce talked to Newcomers about our decision to stop the May luncheon, they understood our decision and to let them know if we decide to start it again. Wendy Blomberg asked that we think about our Christmas luncheon and if we want to have students from Hurricane Deck come to the meeting. Kathy Fair let us know that the preschool teacher is in need of items for her classroom. Kathy has a list of items she would like. Cruise worship will be Friday September 18th at 9:00am, with breakfast to follow, more information will be in the bulletin. We need a nominating committee for WELCA officers for next year.

Devotion for October: Sharon Ballard

Next meeting October 6th

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Evans, Secretary