

KENT HAPPENINGS

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A Word from *Pastor Dave*

A third grader from Chula Vista, California, writes about God:

"One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think that's because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to walk and talk...he leaves that for mothers and fathers.

His second most important job is listening to our prayers. He doesn't have time to listen to the radio or watch TV because of this. God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere, which keeps God pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your parent's head by asking for something they said you couldn't have.

You can pray anytime you want and you will always get help because they (God and Jesus) work it out so one of them is on duty all the time."

This child will probably grow in understanding God. How sad it would be if this child doesn't grow and tries to make it through life with a third grade understanding of God. How sad if any of us get stuck in our understanding of God and stop growing.

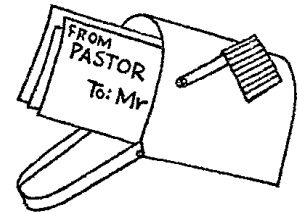
Billy Sunday, the evangelist of a generation or two ago, used to say that going to church didn't make you a Christian any more than going to a barn makes you a horse. But if you were looking for a horse, you'd be more likely to find one in a barn.

Today, with our emphasis on leisure and the changing patterns of family life on weekends, we seem to be saying that we can get along very well as Christians without a regular experience of corporate worship. Yet, without the discipline of regularly feeding on Word and Sacrament, we limp through life and miss the joy God wants us to have.

The season of Lent comes with the message "return to the Lord!" It is a time to get back on track with God. Resolve now to take up the work of prayer, worship, and study of the Scriptures. Let the Holy Spirit energize you for life!

It is true that going to church doesn't make you a Christian, but it is also true that Christians go to church.

Pastor Dave



*To Share Jesus With All!
We Are a People Changed by Love, Sent in Love, To Serve.
God's Work—Our Hands*

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MARCH SCRIPTURE LESSONS

March 6, Transfiguration of our Lord
 1st Reading..... Exodus 24:12-18
 Psalm..... Psalm 2
 2nd Reading..... 2 Peter 1:16-21
 Gospel..... Matthew 17:1-9

March 13, 1st Sunday of Lent
 1st Reading..... Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
 Psalm..... Psalm 32
 2nd Reading..... Romans 5:12-19
 Gospel..... Matthew :1-11

March 20, 2nd Sunday of Lent
 1st Reading..... Genesis 12:1-4a
 Psalm..... Psalm 121
 2nd Reading..... Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
 Gospel..... John 3:1-17

March 27, 3rd Sunday of Lent
 1st Reading..... Exodus 17:1-7
 Psalm..... Psalm 95
 2nd Reading..... Romans 5:1-11
 Gospel..... John 4:5-42

STAFF

David R. Beese Pastor
 Tracy Garrett Office Secretary & Newsletter Editor
 Kathleen Marco Organist
 Joyce Wanamaker Assistant Organist
 Jan Ellis Vocal & Handbell Choirs Director
 Dorothy Englestad..... Parish Ministry Associate
 Brad Brumm Sunday School Director
 Gail Kruse..... Kent Krew
 Helen Garagnani Prayer Chain Chairperson
 Lester Clark, Dan Garrett, Ken Gerardy, Fred Gould
 Sound Technicians
 Don Brohm Webmaster

2011 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Committee Assignments

Michael Wagner President
 Chuck Wanamaker..... Vice President;
 Social Ministry, Ministry Fund
 Denise Kralina Christian Education
 Jerry Husbands Evangelism
 Dave Curchy Finance & Stewardship
 Ken Gerardy Finance, Ministry Fund, Building
 Fund Treasurer
 Linda Kimberling Finance & Stewardship
 Don Peterson Long Range Planning
 Don Johnson Property
 Melba Bangert..... Social Ministry
 Gary Wiles..... Worship & Music
 Gail Kruse..... Youth

Council Appointed Positions

Toni Wagner..... Recording Secretary
 Gail Kruse..... Treasurer
 Jean Killion..... Financial Secretary

WORSHIP LEADERS IN MARCH

8:00 AM *

Acolytes
 Altar Guild
 Greeter..... 3/6 Rick & Beth Waite;
 3/13 Bill & Ada Terry
 Lector..... Jerry Fitzhugh
 Ushers..... 3/13 Kruse Family
 Coffee 3/6 Rick & Beth Waite; 3/13 Bud Kidder;
 Sound Technicians 3/6, 20 Lester Clark;
 3/13, 27 Ken Gerardy

10:30 AM *

Altar Guild 3/6 Nancy Beese; 3/20 Sheryl Boos
 Greeters Carol Young & Geri Riley
 Lector..... Brian Kuckler
 Ushers.....
 Coffee 3/6 Floralie Harris & Shirley Clark;
 ...3/13 Gus Granneman; 3/20 Rich & Margo Strothmann;
 3/27 Jim & Pat Larson
 Sound Technicians 3/6, 20 Fred Gould;
 3/13, 27 Dan Garrett

GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR MARCH

3/6 Don Peterson, Gloria Peterson
 3/13 Ken Gerardy, Brian Kuckler
 3/20 Chuck Wanamaker, Joyce Wanamaker
 3/27 Michael Wagner, Toni Wagner

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE
Friday, March 18, 2011

*Leave your articles in the Newsletter box in the office,
 or e-mail your news to Office@KentMemorial.com.*

THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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| Offerings and Income for January | \$33,267 |
| Actual Expenses for January..... | \$28,371 |
| Budget Needs for January..... | \$14,880 |
| Offerings and Income—January, 2011 | \$33,267 |
| Expenses—January, 2011 | \$28,371 |
| <p><i>Average Attendance in January ~ 122</i> <i>Average Sunday School Attendance in January ~ 13</i></p> <p>THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE AND FOR YOUR GIFTS !!!</p> | |

| JANUARY 2011 BUILDING FUND REPORT KENT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|-------------------------|------------|----------------------|----------|----------------|------------|
| Bank Balance 1-1-11 | \$5,089.62 | | | | | | |
| Deposits, interest and adjustments | 7,286.11 | | | | | | |
| Payment to MIF to buy-down the interest | | | | | | | |
| Rate and modify the mortgage | 3,395.00 | | | | | | |
| Payment on MIF mortgage | 5,000.00 | | | | | | |
| Bank Balance 2-1-11 | \$3,980.73 | | | | | | |
| <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Mortgage payment to MIF</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;">\$5,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Interest paid (6.5%)</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;">1,874.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Principal Paid</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;">\$3,125.80</td> </tr> </table> | | Mortgage payment to MIF | \$5,000.00 | Interest paid (6.5%) | 1,874.20 | Principal Paid | \$3,125.80 |
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| Interest paid (6.5%) | 1,874.20 | | | | | | |
| Principal Paid | \$3,125.80 | | | | | | |
| Principal Balance 1-1-11 | \$339,554.56 | | | | | | |
| Principal Paid in January | 3,125.80 | | | | | | |
| Balance due on Mortgage 2-1-11 | \$336,428.76 | | | | | | |

During January 2011 the mortgage modification documents were signed and the payment of \$3,395.00 was made to buy-down the interest rate. The new interest rate is 4.875% and the new minimum payment is approximately \$2,800.00.



MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING TOUCH

Judy Bailey
 Leonard Bowen
 Herb Bultemeier
 Maddie Burrow
 Barbie Butler
 Rick Cook
 Don & Trisha Dittmer
 Bill Dye
 Kathryn Engstrom
 Barbara Evans
 Margaret Frank
 Dick Gibson
 Barb Gidley
 Martha Gruber

Kim Hays
 Jack Hollingsworth
 Judy Irwin
 Judy Jones
 Glenda Jones
 Nancy Maloan
 Kathie Melody
 Bill Mills
 Janet Ogden
 Jim Price
 Jerry Potter

Sherry Ray
 Warren & Dolores
 Robinson
 Sydney Travis
 Rich Wilson
 George Wohlt
 Bob Yates



*Christian condolences and hope are extended to **Lillian Wohlt** on the death of **George** on February 23; and to **George & Barb Patterson** on the death of George's mother, Viva Patterson, on January 14.*

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY IN PRAYER

Gregory Bird
 Aaron Davis
 David DeJarnette
 Joseph W. Ellis
 Sam D. Ellis
 Travis Ervin
 Brian Fitzgerald
 J. R. Frakes
 Tom Gidley
 Joalene & Joe Grissel, Jr.
 Brandon Gronhoff



Nicole Johnson
 Benjamin Kyle Jones
 Cameron Keaton
 Adam Kralina
 Glenn Maddock

Dustin McCormick
 Nathan Meir
 Shawn Moorhead
 Will Pierce
 Timothy Price
 Blake Richardson
 Michael Rudolph
 John Waddell
 Jon Weiss
 Mark Woodfin
 Bryan Wright

REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN CARE FACILITIES



Currently in Laurie Knolls & Care Center
 610 Highway O
 Laurie, MO 65038

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Esther Bryan | Don Carter ** |
| Mary Gordon | Sam Palmer |
| Wayne Stauss ** | Lucille Theleman |

If you are aware of anyone being admitted to or discharged from the hospitals or nursing homes, please notify the church office or speak with Pastor Dave.

** Has a March Birthday

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



- 03/02 Ione Sostak
- 03/02 Bill Terry
- 03/03 Abby Kruse
- 03/07 Rachel Jung
- 03/08 Shirley Clark
- 03/08 Joan Wilken
- 03/11 Jerry Husbands
- 03/12 Wayne Stauss
- 03/13 Charlie Peterson
- 03/16 Don Carter
- 03/18 Gloria Peterson
- 03/18 Kaitlyn Jones
- 03/20 Lester Clark
- 03/22 Bev Kidder
- 03/22 Evan Spaulding
- 03/23 Donnie Johnson
- 03/27 Jacob Garrett



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 03/07/1971 Jerry & Kandy Husbands
- 03/17/1950 Jerry & Marlene Brumley
- 03/25/1967 Stan & Vivian Brandmeyer
- 03/25/1967 Helmut & Jan Lacas
- 03/29/1959 Ken & Marjorie Grossman



ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

60 years plus

Jerry & Marlene Brumley 61 years

50 years plus

Ken & Marjorie Grossman 52 years

40 years plus

Stan & Vivian Brandmeyer 44 years

Helmut & Jan Lacas 44 years

Jerry & Kandy Husbands 40 years

If your birthday or anniversary isn't listed, please contact the church office so we can include you in our congratulations!

WELCA NEWS

WELCA will meet on Tuesday, March 1, 2011

- 9:30 a.m. WELCA - *stuffed animals*
- 10:30 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting
- 12:30 p.m. Gather for Dessert
- 1:00 p.m. WELCA Meeting



(special guest Joi Dickemann—see “New Volunteer Opportunities” on p. 15)



Kent Krew

Kid's Klub!

March 16

3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

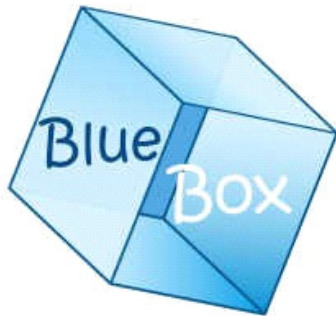
It's another exciting year at Kid's Klub! Kids in 1st through 6th grades are invited to join in the fun. You'll read and act out Bible stories, do some crafts, play games, enjoy music... there's even a SURPRISE station.

Snacks and a light supper are provided.

Adults are always welcome—to visit or help.

Contact Diane Ziehl, 873-5846, to become a member of the club—Kid's Klub, that is!

SOCIAL MINISTRY



THE BLUE BOX UPDATE

You continue to amaze and humble. Your generosity makes such a difference in our community.

Our goal for March is 200 items. Remember to bring in canned goods or cleaning supplies and deposit into the Blue Box, so we can continue to support Community for Christ and Share the Harvest.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF KENT MEMORIAL?

In March, Pastor Dave will be holding an informational gathering of anyone interested in joining Kent Memorial Lutheran Church. Please call the church office, 374-5267, if you'd like to attend.

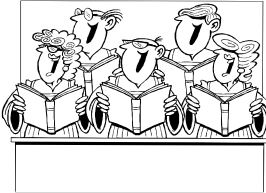


THANK YOU

Our heartfelt thanks to all the members of the congregation for your prayers, visits, cards and support following Jackie's death, and for going out of your way to welcome Jackie back each time she was able to make it to worship during her long illness.

Tom Porter and Family

Music



Kent Choir & Handbells

Every Wednesday
September—May



Handbells: 5:15 PM Adult Choir: 5:00 PM

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE DURING LENT

Handbells: Tuesdays, 5:15 PM
March 8 - April 12

Adult Choir: Wednesdays, 5:00 PM
March 9 - April 13

Rehearsals return to normal schedule on April 27

A huge **THANKS** to all those who helped relocate the Choir Room!!!
Darrell Garrett, Bill Hebrank, Bud Kidder, Helmut Lacas, Chuck Wanamaker, and Gary Wiles. And especially to Ken Mueller, who led the crew!



MUSIC AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Greater Lake Area Chorale Spring Concert Series *SPRING'S MOSAIC*

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| Sunday, April 3 | Lake Ozark Christian Church, Lake Ozark |
| Monday, April 4 | Harper Chapel UMC, Osage Beach |
| Sunday, April 10 | Westlake Christian Church, Laurie |
| Monday, April 11 | First Baptist Church, Eldon |
| Sunday, April 17 | Lebanon United Methodist, Lebanon |
| Monday, April 18 | Assembly of God, Versailles |
| Sunday, May 1 | First Methodist, Jefferson City |

Sunday performances are at 3:00 p.m.; Monday performances are at 7:00 p.m.

THE SINGING SAINTS OF SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL
Friday, March 11, 7:00 p.m.
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Lake Ozark, MO

Approved January 18, 2011 Council Minutes

In attendance: Melba Bangert, Michael Wagner, Ken Gerardy, Chuck Wanamaker, Don Peterson, Pastor David Beese, Gary Wiles, Linda Kimberling, David Curchy, Denise Kralina, and Gail Kruse. Absent: Jerry Husbands, Don Johnson

Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m.

Michael Wagner presented the devotion.

Minutes of the December 21, 2010 Council meeting: Motion by Ken Gerardy to approve, second by Linda Kimberling, motion carried.

Treasurer's report: After discussion regarding adding clarification of "undesignated funds" as relates to our contribution to the ELCA, and a correction to the cash flow comparison to reflect monies received by Social Ministry from the Luau, motion by Gary Wiles to approve as corrected, second by Linda Kimberling, motion carried.

Building fund report: Motion by Linda Kimberling to approve, second by Chuck Wanamaker, motion carried.

Pastor's report: Last few months of 2010, and very beginning of 2011 filled with sad news, as we mourned the passing of Ingeborg Peter; Packie & Georgia McFarland; Jackie Porter, and Gay Zurbuchen. Inurnment for Gay was held January 18, 2011, in the columbarium at Kent Memorial. Average attendance at our Sunday worship services is 126-130 (includes both services). Lent begins March 9, 2011 (Ash Wednesday), Easter is April 24, 2011

Christian Education: Did not meet in January, due to bad weather. Committee will elect a new chairperson at next meeting. Committee will address attendance at Sunday Adult Bible Study. Copies of *Lutheran Magazine* are now available to the congregation, and are located in the greeting area.

Evangelism: "End of Life Decisions", a forum with several speakers from the community, will be presented on February 3 at Kent. The committee received a "Thank You" note from the Killions for the anniversary recognition held in December. *[EDITOR'S NOTE: The Forum was rescheduled for February 24, 2011.]*

Finance and Stewardship: Annual audits will be held on January 19, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Kent Memorial.

Ministry Fund: No report.

Mutual Ministry: No report.

PMC: The next cluster meeting is scheduled for February 4 and 5 at Zion Ferguson in St. Louis. Council members are invited to attend. Our PMC representatives are staying at the La Quinta, I-70 and Lindbergh Blvd. The "praying hands" that were given to the teachers at Gravois South Elementary have been returned to Kent, with a teacher's name, and in some cases a prayer concern, on each. Copies of the hands will be available to the congregation, so that they can choose one and pray for that teacher and their concern.

Property: The sink in the janitor's room was not functioning, but a plumber has been here and it has been repaired.

January 18, 2011 Council Minutes continued

Social Ministry: The committee is grateful to the congregation for their support during the year. The committee received 26 calls for assistance in December. The committee received a thank you note from CADV for the gifts received from the Loving Gifts Tree. The Salvation Army bell ringing went well, with the collections at Save-a-Lot amounting to \$2130.02, comparable to the amount collected in 2009. The Annual Report is completed and ready for submission at Part II of the Annual meeting in February. The Blue Boxes continue to bring in a large number of donated items. The committee took part in a Missional Directions exercise led by Pastor.

Long-Range Planning report: No meeting, but continue working on criteria to award the Stewart McFadden Scholarship funds, and should know soon on the amount of money available. The committee is researching options for a new pictorial directory in April.

Youth: No meeting, but would like to have information regarding the date and time of Kids' Klub on the outdoor portable sign.

Worship and Music: No meeting in December. At the January meeting, Margo was elected as chairperson. Nancy Beese and Floralie Harris are new members of the committee. The stairs to the choir practice room are a problem for some members of the choir, so the committee will be relocating the choir robes, music and piano to an upstairs room.

Old Business: Most annual reports are in to the secretary for Part II of the Annual meeting in February. Phil Keeney and Don Peterson have agreed to be on Ministry Fund committee. Gail is still seeking additional members for the Youth committee. The request from American Insurance to install a sign on church property has been tabled until at least March. Ken is still waiting to receive information regarding the modification agreement for refinancing our building loan.

New business: Part II of the Congregational Annual meeting will be February 13, after the second service. The congregation will vote to ratify the amendment to Kent's constitution adding absentee balloting. The proposed bylaw language that will accompany this amendment will be sent to John Kreidler at the synod office for his review and recommendations if any. Lenten services begin with Ash Wednesday on March 9 at 7 p.m., then are followed by Wednesday services at 6 p.m., followed by a light meal. Committee assignments were distributed regarding responsibility for the meals. A message was received from Don Brohm, webmaster, regarding improvements that could be made to our website. That message will be forwarded to Evangelism for their study and recommendations.

Correspondence: A letter was received from Bishop Mansholt thanking congregations for their continued faithful giving, and sharing changes that have been or are being made within the ELCA to accommodate the reduction in giving that has been experienced in the past months.

Motion by Don Peterson to adjourn, second by Gary Wiles, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m., followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting February 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Wagner

Unapproved February 15, 2011 Council Minutes

In Attendance: Pastor David Beese, Michael Wagner, Ken Gerardy, Linda Kimberling, Melba Bangert, Gary Wiles, Chuck Wanamaker, Don Peterson and Gail Kruse. Absent: Jerry Husbands, Denise Kralina, Don Johnson and David Curchy.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Don Peterson presented the devotion.

Motion by Gail Kruse to approve the minutes of the January meeting, second by Linda Kimberling, motion carried.

Motion by Linda Kimberling to approve the treasurer's report, second by Don Peterson, motion carried.

Motion by Gary Wiles to approve the building fund report, second by Linda Kimberling, motion carried.

Pastor's report: Thanks to Michael Wagner for leading the February 13 congregational meeting. The Synodical Annual Report is ready to send. Pastor and Tracy are updating the records of our membership. The Area IX Spring meeting will be held here at Kent on March 13, Daniel Rift from ELCA World Hunger will be the speaker.

Available committee reports were presented.

Old Business: Resolution authorizing Michael Wagner and Ken Gerardy to sign the extension agreement for the building loan presented and signed by council members present. At the Congregational meeting held February 13, the amendment to Kent's constitution to allow voting by absentee ballot was passed, 49 yes, 2 no. Don Brohm, webmaster, sent a letter with suggestions for updates the Kent's website.

New Business: Motion by Linda Kimberling that the Lent offerings received be divided between the Youth (to help fund the trip to New Orleans) and Social Ministry, second by Ken Gerardy, motion carried. John Kreidler from the ELCA Synod office has suggested that Kent's constitution format be adjusted to more closely match the format of the Synod constitution. Dan Garrett, Gary Wiles and Michael Wagner will address this issue. Property committee will be asked to look into dehumidification options, in order to provide for more consistent air quality. The Synod Assembly is June 3 through June 5, in Kansas City. Pastor has some names of people to ask to attend, and a notice will be put in the newsletter seeking interested attendees. PMC Visioning will be taking place at committee meetings. Small group meetings will be held within the congregation to determine how Kent is doing with 8 missional patterns that have been identified. A suggestion has been received regarding changing the code on the outside lockbox. Property will be asked about the procedure.

Correspondence: Thank you note was received from the Westside Senior Center for our continued support.

Motion to adjourn by Don Peterson, second by Linda Kimberling, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m., followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is March 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Wagner

Minutes--Annual Meeting, Part II, February 13, 2011

Meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Michael Wagner, Council President

51 members present

Michael offered a thank you to Jennifer Bolton for her leadership as council president for the past 2 years.

Motion by Rich Strothmann to approve the minutes of the Congregational Meeting, Part I, second by Chuck Wanamaker, motion carried.

Michael Wagner presented the President's report.

Pastor's report: Pastor Beese asks the we "dream" about what Kent Memorial Lutheran Church, and our community, will be like 3, 5 or more years in the future, and about how we can achieve those dreams.

Motion by Ken Mueller to approve all financial reports as presented, second by Linda Kimberling, motion carried.

Committee reports were presented.

The "End of Life Decisions" forum has been rescheduled for February 24 (due to inclement weather).

Carolyn Wiles suggested that members' email and cell phone numbers be included in the Kent directory. Council will take under advisement.

A written ballot was distributed. The item to be voted on was whether to allow voting by Kent members by absentee ballot. The ballots were collected, and the item passed by a vote of 49 yes, 2 no.

Motion by Ken Mueller to adjourn, second by Linda Kimberling, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Wagner

AREA MINISTRY 9 SPRING GATHERING

Kent Memorial has the privilege of hosting the Area Ministry 9 Spring Gathering on Sunday, March 13, beginning at 3:00 p.m. At this meeting we will:

- + hear a presentation by Pastor Daniel Rift, head of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal
- + devote some time to business that helps hear God's guidance to move forward, including the election of an Area Ministry Chair and Treasurer
- + share a light meal--lasagna, salad, bread and dessert--served by WELCA

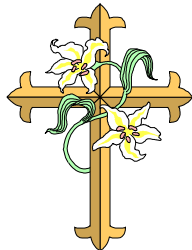
Besides Kent Memorial, Area Ministry 9 includes congregations from Camdenton, Cole Camp (2), Russellville, Sedalia, Brauersville, Pymont, Lohman, Jefferson City, Columbia and Salisbury. I encourage you to come and meet our sisters and brothers in Area Ministry 9, including a recent graduate from Trinity Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, Kimberly Knowle, who was ordained on February 27 and is now serving Christ & Trinity Lutheran Church in Sedalia.

If you plan to attend please let Tracy, in the church office, know so WELCA can better plan the meal.

Pastor Dave

He Is Risen!

Easter Pageant



***On the grounds of Kent Memorial Lutheran Church
Hwy 5 at Lake Road 5-35, Sunrise Beach, MO***

***Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011
8:30 a.m.***

CASTING CALL

The Westlake Ministerial Alliance will once again present the annual Easter Pageant, "He Is Risen!", and we are looking for additional cast members for speaking and non-speaking roles. The live performance is presented by a large cast in colorful costumes, with a recorded soundtrack, and the "speaking" roles are actually already on the soundtrack. The Pageant is held rain or shine.

This will be the 43rd presentation of the Pageant, which is attended by sometimes hundreds of people (depending on the weather!) from the local community and around the state. Many bring their families and make this an annual event, as they celebrate Jesus' Resurrection.

Several men, women and children are needed for the cast. Rehearsals will begin in late March, and will be held on Saturday mornings prior to Easter.

We are also looking for people to help "behind the scenes". Please contact Michael Wagner at 216-8540, Toni Wagner at 216-9286, or pageant director Jerry Fitzhugh at 216-8344 for more information.

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



A new pictorial directory is on the agenda for early June. The Long Range Planning Committee is considering doing the project "in house". By utilizing our own photographer we could more easily update the directory and avoid sales pitches to purchase expensive packages of photographs.

The Committee welcomes your suggestions concerning this endeavor. If you would be interested in organizing or helping with the directory, please call the church office, 374-5267 or Karen Pragman at 374-6778.

LENT

Lent is a 40-day liturgical season that begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes at the Great Vigil of Easter. Sundays are not included in the 40-day count because every Sunday is a joyful celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Though not biblical, Lent has long been a tradition in the Christian Church, and it is thought that the tradition of the 40 days recalls the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness, fasting and being tempted by Satan (Matthew 4:1-11). Lent is considered a time of penance and discipline.

Because of Lent's penitential nature, worship tends to be more solemn, and purple is the liturgical color of the season. Some congregations remove flowers from the worship space, and for many, songs of praise like the Gloria in Excelsis ("Glory in the highest") and expressions of joy like the exclamation "Alleluia" ("Praise the Lord") are removed from the liturgy until Easter. Many congregations hold special mid-week worship services and promote other devotional activities to help their members concentrate on the Lenten disciplines of fasting, almsgiving (charity) and prayer.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. On this day, Christians focus on their complete sinfulness and the necessity of Christ's suffering and death to insure their salvation. Ashes are referred to many times in the Old Testament as signs of sorrow, mourning, humility, and repentance, and on Ash Wednesday they are used to remind people of their mortality -- that "you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). Many churches use ashes during Ash Wednesday worship in a ritual called the Imposition of Ashes. In this custom, ashes are mixed with a small amount of oil and applied to the forehead of each worshipper.

The Sunday of the Passion or Palm Sunday begins the last week of Lent, known as Holy Week. During this holiest time of the church year, the worship services relive the final week of our Lord's human life. Holy Week includes Maundy Thursday, when Christians observe Christ's "Last Supper" -- the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion -- and the mandate to serve one another in love. Good Friday commemorates the imprisonment, trial and death by crucifixion of Jesus.

Lent culminates on Saturday evening of Holy Week in the Great Vigil of Easter, when Christians gather in darkness, light new fire, and celebrate the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies in the resurrection of Christ.

—Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 9 Service at 7:00 p.m. with Imposition of Ashes & Communion

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES: "Christ in the Strangest Places"

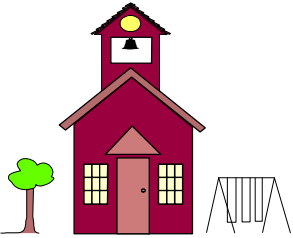
Services begin at 6:00 p.m. Following each Wednesday Lenten Service, we will share a light supper provided by the Committee Members of Kent. Members are invited to bring a dessert to share.

- Wednesday, March 16th - "Nothing" 2 Kings 4:1-7
Supper prepared by Social Ministry & Altar Guild Committees
- Wednesday, March 23rd - "Marked" Isaiah 44:5
Supper prepared by Finance & Stewardship Committees
- Wednesday, March 30th - "Enlist" Judges 6:16
Supper prepared by Worship and Music & Youth Committees
- Wednesday, April 6th - "Invest" Jeremiah 32:25
Supper prepared by Long Range Planning & Property Committees
- Wednesday, April 13th - "Finish" 1 Kings 11:3
Supper prepared by Christian Education & Evangelism Committees

NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HURRICANE DECK SCHOOL

Are you looking for something new and different to occupy your time? How about lending a hand to volunteer at Hurricane Deck School?



GUEST SPEAKER ~ JOI DICKEMANN
 COORDINATOR OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES, CAMDEN COUNTY
 SCHOOLS
 TUESDAY, MARCH 1
 1:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.
 WELCA MEETING

Joi Dickemann, coordinator of Volunteer Services for Camden County Schools, will be our guest at WELCA on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. Joi will have a 15-20 minute presentation on volunteer opportunities for men and women.

Most volunteer opportunities require as little time as 30 minutes. Several Kent members already enjoy volunteering their time at Hurricane Deck school.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Mark your calendars for March 1, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. and join us to for Joi's presentation.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST

MEN OF KENT: We need you! (Ladies, you too!)

Do you have an hour or two once a month that you can share with those in need? Sign up to help at Community for Christ.

Questions? See Nancy Beese, 374-5199.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME RESUMES

SUNDAY MARCH 13, 2011

**Set your clocks 1 hour *ahead* Saturday Night,
 March 12th before you go to bed.**

Another Indoor Easter Garden

The flowers you brought last Easter were very beautiful and lifted our spirits, so let's do it again!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23
8AM TO 10AM**



Bring your potted plants, with a saucer, to the Gathering Place. After two weeks, on Sunday, May 8, you may take them home to enjoy.

Call Margo Strothmann, 573-280-8815, if you have a question.



19TH ANNUAL WILD GAME FEED

Tuesday, March 1

6:00 p.m.

Kent Memorial Fellowship Hall

Don't miss this fun event that will serve up nature's bounty from "A" to "V" --

alligator to venison -- and offer tamer taste temptations for those not so adventurous. No wild game? We still want you! Just bring vegetables, salads or desserts. Drinks and table service will be provided. There is always plenty of food so invite your friends, but we ask that you please sign up in the Fellowship Hall so we know to set a place at the table for you.

