

KENT HAPPENINGS

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS --

Renew - Revive - Rekindle! You may remember these words from a year ago when we met in the month of May to re-dedicate ourselves to the work of the Lord in this time and in this place. We had such a great time, we thought we needed to re-ignite the flame one more time. By one more time, I mean one more time each year. That's kind of what the Lutheran church is all about. When Luther nailed the 95 Theses or statements to the cathedral door he was saying it's time to review what we as the church are all about. In our liturgical rite it's called Affirmation of Baptism - reminding ourselves what it means to be a baptized child of God.

Let me say this - You are the people God called you to be. God knew that in the year 2011 Jesus would need you to be where you are to carry on the message of love and peace, grace and mercy, faith and witness.

We call ourselves Kent Memorial Lutheran Church - We are named after a 12 year-old boy who never grew into adulthood - burned in a fire that took his young life away. Kent's parents didn't want the memory of their son to be forgotten, so they gave us the land to build a new church - a church that would carry on their faith in a loving and gracious God who gave Kent a new home in heaven. It is because Kent's family loved the Lord and wanted to serve him in the best way possible that we find ourselves in this place overlooking the Lake of the Ozarks. The first worship service was held on Easter Sunday 1951. Now 60 years later, let's not forget our legacy and use the abilities God has given us to continue the faith of the Zimmermann's and share the Gospel story with those we come into contact every day.

As I said before, the Church is always in need of Reform and Renewal. We need to be open to the power and fire of the Spirit and find new and better ways to reach out to people in ways that show that we care. The PMC Process has given us that new model.

I encourage everyone to attend our 2011 Renew - Revive - Rekindle Potluck on Sunday, July 10 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. At this time we will introduce the new members we have welcomed into our fellowship since last May.

*"O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home."*

Pastor Dave

The Mission Statements of Kent, our Synod, and our Church
*Hearing God's Call And Responding In Love, We Share Jesus With All
We Are A people Change By Love, Sent In Love, To Serve
God's Work - Our Hands*

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AUGUST SCRIPTURE LESSONS

July 3, 3rd Sunday of Pentecost

1st Reading..... Zechariah 9:9-12
 Psalm..... Psalm 145:8-14
 2nd Reading..... Romans 7:15-25a
 Gospel..... Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 10, 4th Sunday of Pentecost

1st Reading..... Isaiah 55:10-13
 Psalm..... Psalm 65:1-13
 2nd Reading..... Romans 8:1-11
 Gospel..... Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 17, 5th Sunday of Pentecost

1st Reading..... Isaiah 44:6-8
 Psalm..... Psalm 86:11-17
 2nd Reading..... Romans 8:12-25
 Gospel..... Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 24, 6th Sunday of Pentecost

1st Reading..... 1 Kings 3:5-12
 Psalm..... Psalm 119:129-136
 2nd Reading..... Romans 8:26-39
 Gospel..... Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

July 31, 7th Sunday of Pentecost

1st Reading..... Isaiah 55:1-5
 Psalm..... Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
 2nd Reading..... Romans 9:1-5
 Gospel..... Matthew 14:13-21

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
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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
 Richard Strothmann Financial Secretary
 Barbara Patterson ... Building Fund Financial Secretary

WORSHIP LEADERS IN JULY

8:00 AM *

Altar Guild 7/10, 24 Ada Terry
 Greeter.....
 Lector.....
 Ushers.....
 Coffee
 Sound Technicians Ken Gerardy & Dan Garrett

10:00 AM *

Altar Guild 7/3, 17, 31 Ingrid Niemann
 Greeter..... 7/3, 10 Charles & Ingrid Niemann;
 7/17, 24 Jeri Hunter
 Lector.....
 Ushers..... 7/10, 17, 24, 31 Floralie Harris
 Coffee 7/17, 24 Shirley Clark & Mary Marose
 Sound Technicians 7/3, 24 Fred Gould;
 7/10, 17, 31 Lester Clark

* Service times: 8:00 a.m. outdoors in the Ireland Chapel (weather permitting) & 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR AUGUST

7/3 Marilyn Hays, Gerry Williams
 7/10 Don Peterson, Gloria Peterson
 7/17 Ken Gerardy, Brian Kuckler
 7/24 Chuck Wanamaker, Joyce Wanamaker
 7/31 Michael Wagner, Toni Wagner

THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

| | |
|---|----------|
| Offerings and Income for June | \$12,939 |
| Actual Expenses for June..... | \$11,795 |
| Budget Needs for June | \$14,880 |
| Offerings and Income—January-June, 2011 | \$92,815 |
| Expenses—January-June, 2011 | \$88,372 |

Average Sunday Attendance in June ~ 137
Average Adult Bible Study Attendance in June ~ 14

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE
AND FOR YOUR CONTINUING GIFTS !**

**MAY 2011 BUILDING FUND REPORT
KENT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Bank Balance 5-1-11 | \$3,884.84 |
| Deposits, Interest and Adjustments | 10,822.71 |
| Payment to Mission Investment Fund | 10,500.00 |
| Bank Balance 6-1-11 | \$4,207.55 |
| Mortgage Payment to MIF | \$10,500.00 |
| Interest Paid | 1,347.65 |
| Principal paid | \$9,152.35 |
| Mortgage Balance 5-1-11 | \$325,891.27 |
| Principal Paid in May | 9,152.35 |
| Balance due on Mortgage 6-1-11 | \$316,738.92 |

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE
FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2011**

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

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING TOUCH

Judy Bailey
 Ron Baltzer
 Esther Bryan
 Sarah Carr
 Rick Cook
 Erin Curtis
 Don & Trisha Dittmer
 Courtney Field
 Debbie Glickley
 Rylan Gonzalez
 John & Martha Gruber
 Shirley Hamm
 Becky LaRock
 Joyce McHenry

Jane McKown
 Helen Oldham
 Millie Pelfrey
 Kathy Phillips
 Jim Price
 Sherry Ray
 Janelle Reed
 Marshall Sherlock IV
 Tim Smith
 Donnie, Lorri, Sarah
 & Adam Steffen

Pat Stewart
 Judy & Merle Swigart
 Sydney Travis
 Rich Wilson
 Madelyn Wiscour
 Sterling Wood
 Jan Wright
 Diane Ziehl



Christian condolences and hope are extended to Bob Harger and his family on the death of his brother-in-law, George Pelfrey; and to Vernie Yates and her family on Bob's death June 9.

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY IN PRAYER

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



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

Betty Bennett
 Don Carter
 Eunice Langton
 Wayne Stauss

Esther Bryan
 Mary Gordon
 Sam Palmer
 Lucille Theleman

Summit Villa Lifecare
 229 Karen Dr
 Holts Summit, MO 65043

Lillian Wohlt

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

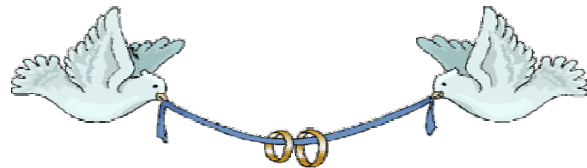
JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



- 07/01 Jean Killion
- 07/02 Denise Kralina
- 07/03 Florence Bachman
- 07/06 Cindy Curchy
- 07/08 Alexx Bennett
- 07/11 Dennis Boos
- 07/12 Charles Evans
- 07/14 Verlyn Bohling
- 07/15 Michael Ward
- 07/16 Carol Gerardy
Jim Larson
- 07/17 Linda Latham
- 07/20 David Jones
- 07/21 Michael Wagner
- 07/23 Gary Wiles
Stan Brandmeyer
Jackie Bueker
- 07/24 Eric Rosenthal
- 07/27 Wayne Langton
- 07/28 Bill Pragman
- 07/29 Jim Ziehl

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 07/03/1984 Frank & Becky LaRock
- 07/04/1995 Gary & Teresa Jones
- 07/07/2003 Tom & Karen Fee
- 07/18/1981 Dan & Tracy Garrett
- 07/24/1971 Jim & Evelyn Clements
- 07/25/1954 Verlyn & Gladys Bohling
- 07/27/1957 Jerry & Dee Hamman
- 07/28/1978 Gary & Florence Bachman
- 07/31/1965 Jim & Diane Ziehl



ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

50 years plus

- Verlyn & Gladys Bohling 57 years
- Jerry & Dee Hamman 54 years

40 years plus

- Jim & Diane Ziehl 46 years
- Jim & Evelyn Clements 40 years

30 years plus

- Gary & Florence Bachman 33 years
- Dan & Tracy Garrett 30 years

20 years plus

- Frank & Becky LaRock 27 years

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

WELCA

WELCA MINUTES JUNE 7TH, 2011

Twenty-two members attended the June 7th, 2011 WELCA meeting at Kent Memorial Lutheran Church. President Eldeen Hanke opened the meeting with a prayer, and then introduced our speaker, Ron Freiberhaus, the Stewardship Director of of Heisinger Bluffs and St. Joseph's Home in Jefferson City. They are both Lutheran Senior Services (LSS) communities. They are on West Main Street overlooking the Missouri River, and offer continuing care. Mr. Freiberhaus gave us much information about the homes, and noted that there is a full time Lutheran chaplain who lives there. He will be very happy to give us a tour at a later date.

Eldeen then thanked the hostesses, Linda Kimberling and Nancy Beese.

Joan Wilkens gave two devotions, one entitled "The Brick" and one called "Cleaning Out".

Secretary Nancy Beese read the minutes of the May meeting, and they were approved as read.

Treasurer Karen Hardwick presented the treasurer's report noting our check book balance is at \$2,732.36. Treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

Christian Action - Shirley Clark reported 12 sets of booties (made by Linda Williams), 10 ladies working, and 60 animals ready to go. Karen Hardwick volunteered to drop them off at the hospital.

Senior Center - No report, but volunteers needed.

Community for Christ - Volunteers needed for July

Kent Clowns - Linda Williams reported that on June 2nd the Klowns were at the Laurie swimming pool event, but there was a low turn-out. Ann Johnson is the newest clown - her clown name is "Cuddles". The Klowns will be doing the church service at the end of July or beginning of August. There is nothing else on the schedule right now.

Laurie Care Center - Karen Hardwick reported volunteers are needed for Bingo at the end of July. At the next WELCA meeting a staff member at the care center will come and speak to us about volunteering and orientation.

Sunshine Lady - Lorraine Boyd reported she sent four cards in April, and 4 cards in May.

Publicity - No report.

Social Ministry - We were reminded that the Fiesta Fundraiser is scheduled for September 24th; we are to think about what we can contribute to be auctioned off. Sharon Ballard asked for Mexican themed decorations.

PMC - Wendy Blomberg noted that the PMC committee has been helping with Buddy Packs, and would like to continue with packs for the summer. She asked for food items, and listed some that work well. Eight of each item are needed. Money donations toward the back pack items can be left in the office. Make check to Kent Memorial, with "Buddy Packs" on the memo line.

Correspondence - Nancy Beese read three thank you notes.

June Birthdays were recognized.

OLD BUSINESS

President Eldeen reported on kitchen clean up, and asked for a small buffer for the floor. No luck. While

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cleaning, it was found out that the floors underneath the sink have rotted out, and Bill Blomberg will fix them. Eldeen’s husband will put drawers in under the sink She also noted that all condiments are now in the men’s refrigerator. She reported that there are two more rooms that will have their carpets cleaned after the garage sale.

The question of where the remaining 70 percent of our rummage sale funds should be directed arose. Two possibilities mentioned were the Laurie Care Center Building Projects and also toward putting a new floor in our kitchen at Kent. Jan Ellis moved, and Linda Kimberling seconded that we give 35 percent to each project. Motion carried.

Center for Head Injury in Jefferson City. Wendy Blomberg moved to donate \$50 to this project. Sharon Ballard seconded - motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Linda Williams reminded us that Bible camp begins July 17th, and asked for cookies for the campers. Cookies need to be at church by the 16th of July, and in Zip Lock baggies.

The meeting was adjourned by President Eldeen Hanke, and we joined hands and said the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Beese, secretary

Labels! Labels! Labels!

Did you know that WELCA saves labels? We do and you can help.



BEST CHOICE SAVE-A-LABEL

CAMPBELL’S BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

POP TOPS

(take the pop tops off and donate the cans to the Youth)

If you have any questions call Pat Poretta, Wendy Blomberg or Eldeen Hanke.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!





Kent Choir & Handbells



SUMMER SCHEDULE

Adult Choir: 6:30 PM

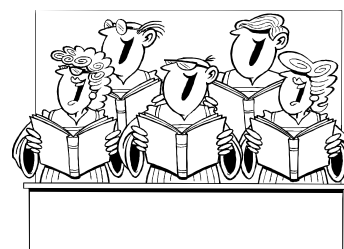
July 13

August 10

Handbells: 5:15 PM

July 13

August 3



We resume our regular rehearsal schedule September 7 ~ Bells at 5:15pm, Choir at 6:30pm.



MUSIC AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Lake Area Community Orchestra

- | | |
|----------|---|
| July 12 | Hope Lutheran Church, Highway 54, Osage Beach |
| July 19 | First Christian Church, East Capitol Ave., Jefferson City |
| July 26 | Royal Theatre, Versailles |
| August 2 | Lake Ozark Christian Church, Business 54, Lake Ozark |

The variety of musical selections include *Fanfare for the Common Man*, *A Walk in the Morning Sun*, *A Crazy*, *Mixed-up Opera*, *American Visions*, *Blue Tango*, *Mancini Magic*, and *That Old Hound Dog Rag*.

All Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. There is no admission charge. Free will donations are welcome.

Kent Memorial Presents

the 4th Annual

An Evening with the Classics

JULY 17, 2011

7PM

Featuring performances by

Tracy Garrett

Vanessa Hebrank

Michael Lindemann

Margo Strothmann

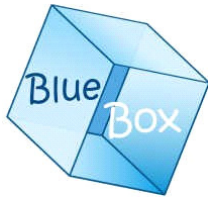
And special guest, flutist Jaclyn Stewart Strothmann

Suggested Donation ~ \$10 (*but more will be gratefully accepted*)

Tickets will be available at the door. Seating is open.

Proceeds benefit the Darlene F. Mueller Memorial Fund for Children & the Kent Memorial Music Department.

SOCIAL MINISTRY



BLUE BOX UPDATE

June was another great month! Thank you for remembering the Blue Box when you shop. The local food pantries count on Kent for contributions of food and cleaning supplies — and you always come through.

Remember, each time you go shopping, to pick up a couple of extra sale items and bring them to the church for **The Blue Box**. Your continued support to **Community for Christ & Share the Harvest** is appreciated.

Our goal for July is 200 items

Remember ~ there is always a need for cleaning supplies and diapers

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

Here's a snapshot of the needs in our community & how we use your contributions.

MAY:

Electric - 7

Rent - 0

Propane - 0

Lake Oasis (gasoline) - 4

Prescriptions - 0

Total Dollars to our Community for May: \$555.00

We Share Jesus with All!

Unapproved June 21, 2011 Council Minutes

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

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Bill Blomberg presented three bids received to repair/replace guttering and fascia on the parsonage. Council will discuss in the new business portion of the meeting. He also provided costs for 2 options of dehumidifiers for the fellowship hall. Council will discuss in the new business portion of the meeting. Council thanked him.

Pastor Beese presented the devotion.

Motion by Chuck Wanamaker to approve the minutes from the May meeting, second by Melba Bangert, motion carried.

Motion by Ken Gerardy to approve the Treasurer's report, second by Linda Kimberling, motion carried.

Motion by Don Peterson to approve the Building Fund report, second by Gail Kruse, motion carried.

Pastor's report: *Pastor and Nancy did not get to go to Raleigh, but will go to Germany for 10 days in August (the 15th – 25th). *Kent Memorial has been a designated Red Cross Shelter in the West lake area since 1999, and it is time to renew that agreement. Council will discuss in the new business portion of the meeting. *Central States Synod is offering a Disaster Spiritual Care webinar as part of Lutheran Disaster Response. Pastor Beese will attend, and will likely be traveling to Joplin later this year to help.

Available committee reports were reviewed. Dates to remember include: *Vacation Bible School is July 25 – July 29 at Lake West Christian Academy. *Ballard's and Peterson's anniversaries will be celebrated between services on June 26. *The New member Luncheon will be held Sunday, July 10. *Next Cruise Worship is July 20. *Concert, "An Evening With the Classics" will be July 17.

Old Business: *Melba presented a brief overview of the Synod Assembly held recently in Kansas City. The theme was "Igniting Spirits and Building Bridges". A highlight of the Assembly was an ordination. The Bishop presented a report on tornado-ravaged Joplin, and an offering of \$13,000 was received to send to the area. *PMC is filling "Buddy Packs" for students at Hurricane Deck Elementary through the end of June, and working on the remaining reports that need to be completed prior to the next gathering in October.

New Business: *During the new member Luncheon, "Renew, Revive, Rekindle", committee representatives will provide information to the new members received during the past year, and invite them to join a committee. *Motion by Linda Kimberling to continue Kent Memorial's designation as a Red Cross Shelter, second by Ken Gerardy, motion carried. *Motion by Gail Kruse to purchase a dehumidifier capable of servicing an area up to 3,000 square feet to be installed in the fellowship hall, second by Jerry Husbands, motion carried. *Motion by Don Peterson to accept the bid received from K & T Guttering to repair/replace the guttering/fascia on the parsonage, to be paid for with money from the parsonage fund, second by Denise Kralina, motion carried.

No correspondence was received.

Motion by Linda Kimberling to adjourn, second by Gail Kruse, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m., followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting, August 9, 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Wagner

THANK YOU NOTES

A very BIG THANK YOU to my church family for all the cards, calls, prayers & hugs. I could feel the prayers through my recovery. Also thank you to Pastor Dave for his calls to see if we needed anything. Both Jim & I feel so blessed to be part of Kent Memorial! Again—Thank you!!

Diane Ziehl

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart".

Our thanks to everyone at Kent for your visits, cards, and especially prayers during Jim's recent hospitalization and recovery. You are appreciated.

Jim & Nelda Chapman

Thanks to everyone who made the effort to have their picture taken for our new pictorial directory. Greeters, who donated their time to check-in members for appointments, were greatly appreciated. Volunteers will begin typing information from the member fact cards in the next few days. Thanks to all.

The Long-Range Planning Committee

2011 MID-MISSOURI BIBLE CAMP



Attention all Youth who have completed 4th Grade but have not yet started 10th Grade!

There is a Lutheran faith-based experience waiting for you at Camp Rising Sun in the Lake of the Ozarks. It's a week to grow spiritually while meeting new friends and enjoying the great outdoors.

You will be able to connect the world of God to the word of God.

Camping dates: Sunday, July 17th (4pm) through Friday, July 22nd (noon). Registration forms can be picked up in the church office and are due July 10th along with a \$10.00 deposit. Questions? Call Curtis Oelrichs, 660-668-3380 or Brice Bell 660-553-1244.

Kent Krew

THANK YOU! We collected more than \$300 at our carwash. Thanks for supporting the Kent Krew as we raise funds to attend the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans!

Remember: we're still collecting aluminum cans. The bin behind the church's garage is empty and waiting for your donations. Instead of throwing away all those beverage cans this summer, why not recycle them and help our youth raise money, too?



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 25-29

9am-Noon

West Lake Christian Church

Hwy 0 in Laurie

Invite your children, their friends, and your grandchildren, ages 4 years through 6th grade, to join the fun! Registration forms are available in the Fellowship Hall. Early registration is encouraged to allow placement of children in groups prior to the opening session of VBS

HELPERS IN ALL AREAS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Financial offerings are welcome to offset the expenses of a week-long VBS. Envelopes for this offering will appear in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday.

Questions? Call Susan Chapman, VBS Director, 372-3229, or Karen Pragman, 374-6778.

2011 CENTRAL STATES SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT

The Central States Synod Assembly 2011, was held at the Holiday Inn Waterpark Hotel in Kansas City Missouri, from June 3 -5, 2011. Voting delegates from Kent were Pastor Beese, Melba Bangert, Synod Vice President, and Charles & Ingrid Niemann. Lay members attending numbered 268 (152 female and 116 male) and 131 Clergy, with a total of voting members 399.

The theme of the convention was "Shaping the Church for God's Mission-Igniting Spirits & Building Bridges".

Bishop Gerald Mansholt stated that he had planned to spend most of his time talking about the Synod's Mission Fund Appeal, but then came the tornado in Joplin, so his focus was mostly on the people in Joplin and our church there, Peace Lutheran, which was destroyed. A special offering was taken during a Plenary Session to benefit Peace Lutheran. \$13,165 was collected that morning from the assembly and with Thrivent Financial's donation, a total of \$ 17,554 was received !! The Mission Fund Appeal reported that the Changed by Love, Sent in Love, has so far raised \$525,623 in gifts and pledges.

Opening worship was lead by Bishop Dean Wolf, Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, and Bishop Gerald Mansholt of ELCA. During this service, the ordination of Dinah Dutta was celebrated. She will serve as Pastor in Atchison, Kansas.

This year's assembly welcomed Rev. Dan Rift as our ELCA churchwide representative. Pastor Rift serves as Director of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and Domestic Disaster Relief.

Rev. Rolf Jacobson, Associate Professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, was our bible study leader. He focused on Deuteronomy 5. He said this book was the most important. Then he went on to say, knowledge is a collection of stories. Stories are the way our brain stores experiences. The bible is our story. Stories are law and gospel.

Resolutions were all approved in Plenary Session IV. Their topics were the following: Faithful Departed, Congregations that have left the ELCA, Remembering our Companion Synods, Retirements, Lutheran Campus Ministry, Closed Congregation, Expressions of Gratitude, and most important, Calling the Church to Speak and Act to Prevent Bullying, Harassment and Related Violence.

Also very important, our Synod Vice President at Large and Kent member, Melba Bangert, was reelected to serve another four year term.

Pastor Say was recognized for his 30 years serving the Lord.

Synod Assembly News was issued every day giving more detail information on the above persons, comments and reports. If anyone would like to read these articles and different reports, we have them available for you. It was a pleasure again representing Kent at this Assembly and feel free to ask us any questions on this gathering.

Charles & Ingrid Niemann
Delegates from Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

WELCOME TO KENT'S NEWEST MEMBERS

Joined June 26, 2011

Lynn & Joyce Burke

Lynn is a native of Fort Dodge, Iowa. Born in 1949, he was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Manson, Iowa. He and Joyce were married there in 1973. Joyce was born in Eureka, South Dakota, in 1949. and was baptized and confirmed at Zion American Lutheran Church. Lynn is a retired telephone technician. His hobbies are gardening and wood construction. Joyce is a retired Radiologic Technologist, with experience in mammography and radiology. She also has worked with the Main Street Theatre. Her hobbies are cooking, baking, walking, music and reading. They have two married children: Troy (Jeanette), born in 1975 and Traci Fisher (Jeremy), born in 1977.

Mike & Diane Page

Mike (born August 14) was raised in the Methodist Church in Parkersburg, West Virginia. Diane (born June 25), along with her two brothers and one sister, was raised in the Catholic Church and attended Catholic schools in her hometown of Streeter, Illinois. Both Diane's brothers have passed away, as has her father. Diane shares the care of her mother who has mild dementia, with my sister, though Kitty stays with Diane most of the time. Diane became a nurse in 1976 and moved to Bloomington, Illinois, to work at a hospital—the same one where Mike worked while going to college at Illinois State University in Normal. They married in 1978 and moved to West Virginia, where Mike graduated from West Virginia University in 1982 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. After 4 years, they moved back to Streeter for Mike's new job with Lasalle County Nuclear Station. There they raised their three children, near Diane's parents. Their son, Jason (b.1978) is married with 1 child and works in computer science in Illinois; son Chris (b. 1982) is married with 2 children and is a police officer in Alabama; and daughter, Amber (b. 1985) works in speech therapy in Illinois. While living in Illinois, Diane served on the school board for 22 years, as president the last 4 years. She also taught CCD (religious education) for 6 years, and both Diane and Mike were scout leaders for their children. A year ago, Diane retired from nursing, after more than twenty years, and Mike from the nuclear plant, though he still works for them 2 months out of every year. Since they had taken many vacations to the lake area, after their last child finished college, they took the plunge, retired early and moved to Sunrise Beach. They enjoy boating, swimming (Diane was on the swim team and worked as a lifeguard growing up), traveling, spending time with their children and grandchildren, and meeting new friends. Of course, their "old" friends from Illinois visit their lake house frequently.

Allan & Sally Burke

Dennis & Jean Kasselmann

Shelly Carolus, Toni, Georgi (joined May 8, 2011)

The Carolus family moved to the lake from St. Joseph, Missouri, in 2002. Jeff and Shelly were married at Kent by Pastor Moll on July 17, 2004. Daughter Toni was born January 1, 2003 and daughter Georgi was born October 2, 2004. Jeff (b. 1/30/1966) is a computer programmer for AAC in Sunrise Beach, and Shelly (b. 1/21/1971) has been a stay-at-home mom since the girls came along. They all love the outdoors, gardening, swimming and fishing, doing things together as a family, as well as cooking, shopping and movies.



Cruise Worship



Join us on Wednesday, July 20 at 6:00 p.m. at Mile Marker 45 - Cartwright Springs Bay for worship, and then for dinner afterwards at a nearby restaurant. Please sign the sheet in the Gathering Room to let us know you have a boat or pontoon ready to go. Also sign if you need a ride. And always pray for good weather!

2011
RENEW-REVIVE-REKINDLE
POTLUCK

Sunday, July 10
11:00 a.m.

- > Share a meal with friends <
- > Meet the new members we have welcomed into our fellowship since May, 2010 <
- > Hear about all the opportunities for ministry <
- > Re-dedicate yourself to the work of the Lord in this time and place <

HAVE WE MET SOMEWHERE BEFORE?

Please remember to wear your name tags on Sunday morning and other Kent events so everyone can put a name with your face. Return to the board after services. If you don't have a name tag or it's been misplaced, leave a note on the clipboard in the church office—and check back next Sunday.