

KENT HAPPENINGS

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148 years ago Abraham Lincoln said, "We have forgotten the gracious hand which has preserved us in peace and multiplied and strengthened us. We have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us."

As a nation, we have come a long way since Lincoln spoke those words in 1863. We have prospered and been blessed in many ways. But have we always remembered where these blessings come from? In the last several decades we seem to have become more and more greedy, always wanting more things to make us happy. We can blame Wall Street or the government or anyone but ourselves. Maybe the last few years have been a wake-up call to the times in which we live. Maybe God is calling us to remember.

Thanksgiving, our national holiday, was born of a need when people had little security. They knew how to be thankful. Thanksgiving has become a day of feasting and friendship. Americans are thankful for what we have when we stop to think about it, but we are so accustomed to it that we are taking our blessings for granted until the calendar brings it to our attention as a holiday.

Abundance has made us careless. Our greatest danger is to take God's numberless blessings in a passive, take-it-for-granted attitude. To be thankful means to admit that we have received more than we deserved. So.....today let's each make a list of all the blessings for which we can give thanks to God.

What is on your Thanksgiving list this year?? My list is long! You are on my list!! And so are all the other good people of Kent Memorial. It is incredible what has happened this year. Person after person has stepped forward to help with our mission. The number of people involved in ministry in this congregation is a reason for all of us to give thanks. As I reflect on what is happening, I am filled with gratitude. I am thankful for each and every one of you.

And most of all I am thankful to God! God has certainly been good to us. Our Blessings are overflowing! While it hardly seems adequate, I want to say to all of you, "Thank you! Thank you very much!"

Your Servant in Christ,

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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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

November SCRIPTURE LESSONS

November 6, All Saints Sunday

1st Reading Revelation 7:9-17
 Psalm Psalm 34:1-10, 22
 2nd Reading 1 John 3:1-3
 Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

November 13, 22nd Sunday of Pentecost

1st Reading Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
 Psalm Psalm 90:1-12
 2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
 Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

November 20, Christ the King Sunday

1st Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 2024
 Psalm Psalm 95:1-7a
 2nd Reading Ephesians 115-23
 Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

November 27, 1st Sunday of Advent

1st Reading Isaiah 64:1-9
 Psalm Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
 Gospel Mark 13:24-37

WORSHIP LEADERS IN NOVEMBER

8:00 AM *

Acolyte 11/6 Sydney Irwin; 11/13 Abby Kruse;
 11/20 Shade Bullock; 11/27 David Hansen
 Altar Guild 11/13, 27 Kandy Husbands
 Greeter
 Lector Pat Garrett
 Ushers 11/13 Kruse Family
 Coffee
 Sound Technicians 11/6, 27 Dan Garrett;
 11/13 Ken Gerardy; 11/20 Lester Clark

10:30 AM

Altar Guild 11/6, 20 Judy Ward
 Greeter 11/6 Jeri Hunter
 Lector Glen Kralina
 Ushers
 Coffee 11/6 Jeri Hunter;
 11/13 & 20 Shirley Clark, Bud & Bev Kidder
 Sound Technicians 11/6 Lester Clark;
 11/13, 20 Fred Gould; 11/27 Ken Gerardy

GENERAL FUND COUNTERS FOR OCTOBER

11/6 Marilyn Hays, Gerry Williams
 11/13 Don Peterson, Gloria Peterson
 11/20 Ken Gerardy, Brian Kuckler
 11/27 Chuck Wanamaker, Joyce Wanamaker

THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Offerings and Income for September.....	\$31,218
Actual Expenses for September	\$35,774
Budget Needs for September	\$14,880
Offerings and Income—January-September, 2011.....	\$156,260
Expenses—January-September, 2011	\$153,979

Average Sunday Attendance in September ~ 125
Average Adult Bible Study Attendance in September ~ 17

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

SEPTEMBER 2011 BUILDING FUND REPORT KENT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Bank Balance 9-1-11	\$4,037.25
Deposits, Adjustments and Interest	4,124.05
Payment to Mission Investment Fund.....	4,000.00
Bank Balance 10-1-11	\$4,161.30
Mortgage Payment to MIF	\$4,000.00
Interest Paid	1,234.92
Principal Paid	\$2,765.08
Mortgage Balance 9-1-11	\$308,286.07
Principal Paid in September	2,765.08
Balance due on Mortgage 10-1-11	\$305,520.99

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE
 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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
 Sarah Carr
 Charles Corrigan
 Don & Trisha Dittmer
 Pat Ellis
 Stanley Field
 Helen Garagnani

Janet Harger
 Marilyn Hays
 Susan Lessmann
 Jane McKown
 Kathie Melody
 Karen Pragman
 Sherry Ray

Jonathan Rauert
 Ryan Rauert
 Pam Schmidt
 Marilyn Shoemaker
 Marshall Sherlock IV

Bill Terry
 Donna Wassman
 Rich Wilson
 Madelyn Wiscour



Christian condolences and hope are extended to David & Carol Hansen and their family on the death of his mother, Lois Vieregg, on October 15.

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
 John Waddell
 Jon Weiss
 Mark Woodfin
 Bryan Wright

OUR FRIENDS IN AREA CARE FACILITIES



Laurie Knolls & Laurie Care Center
 610 Highway O
 P.O. Box 1068
 Laurie, MO 65038

Betty Bennett
 Mary Gordon
 Eunice Langton
 Wayne Stauss
 Helen Garagnani
 Bill Knight
 Sam Palmer

Summit Villa Lifecare
 229 Karen Drive
 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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



- 11/05 Marcia Heald
- 11/06 Steve Vogt
- 11/07 Otis Cobb
Gary Jones
- 11/08 Carolyn Cauton *
Judy Kuckler
Teresa Jones
David Curchy
- 11/13 Leanne Bungler
- 11/14 Dylan LaRock
- 11/16 Carol Wait
- 11/18 Floralie Harris
Glenda Jones
- 11/21 Brian Kuckler *
Steve Latham
- 11/25 Bob Bueker
Susan Jung
- 11/26 Rosie Keeney
- 11/27 Laura Vogt
Stan Rohde
- 11/28 Isabel Cobb
- 11/29 Marjorie Grossman
Kahlan Enriquez

* Psst. This is a BIG birthday!
(5, 13, 16, 21, 40, 50, 65, 70...)

ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/03/1981 Russ & Carol Ousley
- 11/03/2000 Wayne & Eunice Langton
- 11/04/1956 Darrell & Carolyn Garrett
- 11/30/1963 Gerry & Linda Williams



ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| <u>50 years plus</u> | |
| Darrell & Carolyn Garrett | 55 years |
| <u>40 years plus</u> | |
| Gerry & Linda Williams | 48 years |
| <u>30 years plus</u> | |
| Russ & Carol Ousley | 30 years |

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

WELCA MINUTES October 4, 2011

Twenty-six members attended the October 4th WELCA meeting at Kent Memorial Lutheran Church. President Eldeen Hanke opened the meeting with a prayer, and thanked our hostess Sharon Ballard and Jan Schick for their delicious dessert and “spooky” decorations.

Linda Williams gave a devotion on “Stress Filled Lives”.

In Nancy’s absence, Wendy Blomberg, secretary pro tem, read the minutes of the previous meeting. They were approved as read.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$4,658.01, and has disbursed \$1440.00 to Gail Kruse for the Kent Youth. Treasurer’s report was approved.

Laurie Care Center - A motion was made Judy Ward and seconded by Joyce Wanamaker to give the care center \$500 for cement for the gazebo, and purchase one bench. Motion carried. Another motion was made by Karen Hardwick and seconded by JoAn Wilken to donate \$50.00 for Halloween Candy. Motion carried. Two volunteers are also needed to help pass out candy. November is Kent’s month to buy gifts for the care center. All gifts must be given by the end of October. Their craft and bake sale will be Nov. 11th and 12th. To reserve a table call Linda Richardson at 374-8263. A reminder that to volunteer at the nursing home, one must have taken an EDL class. Classes this year will be October 11th at 11:00 a.m., Oct. 13th at 2:00 p.m., Nov. 10th at 11:00 a.m. and Dec. 8th at 2:00 p.m. Karen also asked if anyone would be interested in being her back up person.

Christian Action - Shirley Clark reported that there were 12 ladies working, and 51 animals stuffed. There were 8 sets of booties.

Kent Clowns - Two of the clowns went to Lake Ozark CADV. There were approximately 400 children there.

Senior Center -Joyce Wanamaker noted that two volunteers are needed for October 28th.

Sunshine Lady - Lorraine Boyd sent out 7 cards.

Old Business -

JoAn Wilken if looking for someone to learn how to do chili for next year’s lunch. Baked goods and Bazaar items should be here on Friday at 9:00 a.m.



We are still collecting box tops. This month we have 18 Campbell Soup labels and 32 Box Tops for Education to be split between Hurricane Deck and South School

The Blood Drive is Friday, October 28th from 1:30 to 6:00 at Kent. Cookies are needed, and help with setting up and breaking down would be appreciated.

Eldeen Hanke reported on the Area 9 Cluster held in Sedalia. It was a very interesting meeting, with much information about New Guinea. They were offered food that was what was normally eaten there.. She took along our fabric that was to go to women in New Guinea.

WELCA Officers have all decided to run again. They will be installed in November.

Diane Ziehl is looking for volunteers to provide meals for Kids Klub. We had 12 children here for the Sept. meeting. All Kids Klub days are the 3rd Wednesday of the month, except December, which is the 2nd

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Wednesday. If you need some joy in your life, come and help with Kids Klub!

October Birthdays were recognized.

The meeting was adjourned by Eldeen Hanke, and we stood, held hands, and said the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Beese, secretary and Wendy Blomberg, secretary pro tem

**9th ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS COOKIE & CANDY SALE**

**DECEMBER 3, 2011
9AM - 2PM**



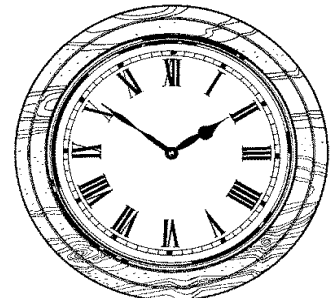
WELCA's 9th Annual Christmas cookie & Candy Sale will be on Saturday, December 3. Homemade delights of all kinds, made by the ladies of W.E.L.C.A., will be on sale for **only \$5 per pound**. All proceeds will be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and donated to the Lake Regional Nursing Scholarship Fund

Y'all better get there early!

**Daylight Savings Time
Ends**

Sunday, November 6

***Turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed
on Saturday night!***





KENT CHOIR & HANDBELLS



Kent Handbells

Wednesdays

5:30 PM

in the Sanctuary



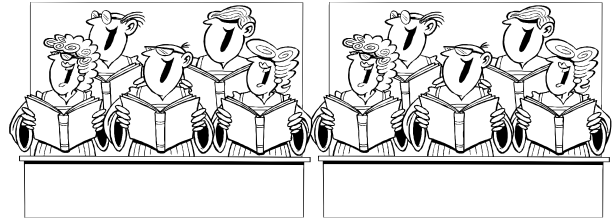
During Advent, bells will rehearse Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Kent Adult Choir

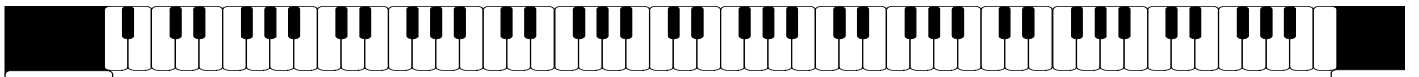
Wednesdays

6:30 PM

in the choir room



During Advent, the choir will rehearse at 5:00 p.m. Wednesdays.



Festival of All Saints ~ Sunday, November 6



On the first Sunday of November we observe the Festival of All Saints. At this service we remember and give thanks to God for the faith and witness of those who have gone before us. We remember loved ones who have personally touched our lives and are now enjoying eternal rest with their Savior. We also give thanks for saints whom we have not had the privilege of knowing, but whose witness and service has made the church stronger.

At each service of worship we will remember members of Kent Memorial who died during the past 12 months. These saints include: Esther Bryan, Don Carter, Jerry Fitzhugh, Bill Hunter, Packie McFarland, Ingeborg Peter, Jackie Porter, Erna Thomas, George Wohlt, Bob Yates & Gay Zurbuchen.

If you have loved ones or friends who have passed away during the last year that you would like to have included in the service, please call the church office with the name and the date of death by November 1.

Kent Memorial Presents



Inspiration



Tribute

*An evening of uplifting jazz and a musical celebration
honoring our Military Veterans.*

~ Featuring ~

Lake Jazz Band

Saturday, November 5, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

Special Guest ~ Vanessa Hebrank

Refreshments will be served at intermission

Suggested Donation ~ \$10 plus a canned food donation

Proceeds benefit the Jazz Education Programs of the Lake area schools. Canned goods collected will be shared with *Community for Christ* and *Share the Harvest* food pantries.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Unapproved October 18, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes

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

Guest: Jennifer Bolton.

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Michael Wagner presented the devotion.

Jennifer Bolton attended the meeting briefly, staying long enough to speak to the council regarding her position as the person who cleans the church.

Motion by Linda Kimberling to approve the minutes from the September council meeting, second by Denise Kralina, motion carried.

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

Motion by Gail Kruse to approve the Building Fund report as presented, second by Linda Kimberling, motion carried.

Pastor's report: *The Community Thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m., at St. Pat's Catholic Church in Laurie. *The Area IX Fall Gathering will be November 12, from 2 till 4 p.m. at Christ and Trinity Lutheran Church in Sedalia. *The council Christmas party will be December 9th at the home of Pastor and Nancy Beese. *Trunk-or-Treat will be in the parking lot here at Kent Memorial on Monday, October 31, from 5 until 7 p.m.

Available committee reports were presented. Dates to remember include: EVANGELISM: *Darrell and Carolyn Garrett's anniversary will be celebrated between services on November 6th. *The committee is making arrangements for a trip to the Main Street Opry for their Christmas show early in December, for those in the congregation who wish to attend. SOCIAL MINISTRY: *Chuck Wanamaker will again head up our Salvation Army bellringing. *The "Fiesta" fundraiser was a success, raising \$10,000 for Social Ministry. WORSHIP AND MUSIC: *The Lake Jazz Band will perform at the church on November 5.

Old Business: *The congregational meeting is scheduled for November 13, after second service. The congregation will vote on the 2012 budget, the changes to our constitution and bylaws, and the nominees for 2012 council. *The nominating committee has submitted the following names for election to council: Pat Larson, Sheryl Boos, Barb Yount and Margo Strothmann. Motion by Melba Bangert to approve the nominees, second by Gary Wiles, motion carried. *Council discussed the proposed 2012 budget. Motion by Chuck Wanamaker to increase the salary for the church secretary to \$10.50 per hour, second by Denise Kralina, motion carried. Motion by Jerry Husbands to approve the 2012 budget as amended, second by Gary Wiles, motion carried. *Council completed the worksheet for the Missional Directions Central States Synod, which Pastor Beese will take to the meeting with the other Area IX Pastors.

New Business: *The schedule of committees to host the Advent Suppers was distributed. *PMC recommends that Kent Memorial have background checks performed on the volunteers who work with children under the auspices of Kent – Sunday School teachers, volunteers, etc. Pastor Beese will check with our

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insurance company for their input. *Discussion was held regarding refunds for niches purchased in our columbarium, when the purchaser decides they do not want to utilize the niche. Don Peterson and Jerry Husbands will work on some guidelines to present to council.

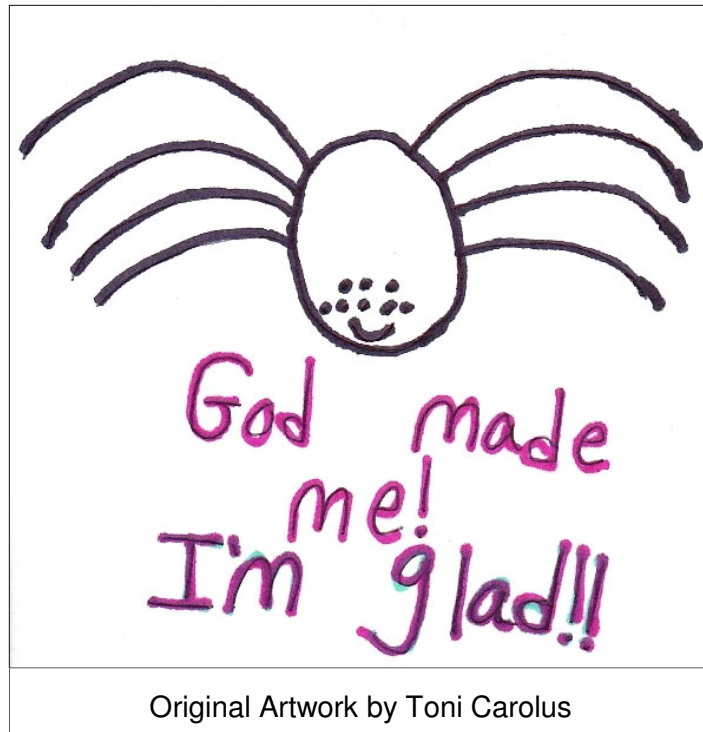
No correspondence was received.

Gail Kruse was excused from the meeting, while council discussed the janitorial position, in which she had expressed an interest. After discussion, council decided that no change in the janitorial position is necessary, and Jennifer Bolton will remain as the cleaning person.

Motion by Gary Wiles to adjourn, second by Jerry Husbands, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m., followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting November 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Wagner



ANNUAL MEETING - PART I

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

60th Annual Meeting - Part I

November 13, 2011

11:30 a.m.

Agenda

- > Call to Order: Michael Wagner, Council President
 - > Opening Prayer: Pastor Beese
 - > Approval of Congregational Meeting Part II Minutes of February 13, 2011
 - > Thank you to outgoing Council Members:
 - Melba Bangert
 - Ken Gerardy
 - Don Peterson
 - Gary Wiles
 - > Vote on Council Member Nominees (Term expires 12/31/14):
 - Sheryl Boos
 - Pat Larson
 - Margo Strothmann
 - Barbara Yount
- Call for nominations from the floor
- > Approval of 2012 Budget
 - > Votes on resolutions for changes to the Kent Memorial Constitution, addition of Absentee Ballot language; combining Finance Committee & Stewardship Committee
 - > Adjournment
 - > Close with the Lord's Prayer

IN THE COMMUNITY

ST. GEORGE EPISCOPAL CHURCH ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW “A Crafty Lunch” 9AM - 4PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL, HWY 54, CAMDENTON

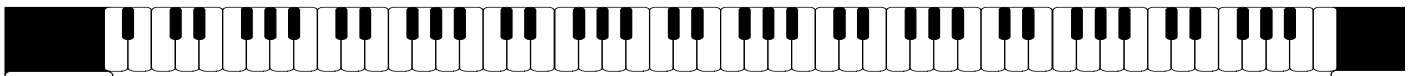
Crafts & Decorative Items like needlecraft, quilts, jewelry, metal & wood crafts, home & garden, soap & candles, beading, holiday gifts, decorative painting, food gifts, and wearable crafts.

Bake Sale & Raffle

of a Golden Beryl precious gem pendant on a pearl necklace.

Light refreshments are available throughout the sale; Lunch is served from 11am-2pm.

All proceeds from the rental of vendor tables & the luncheon will benefit the St. George Episcopal Community Outreach programs.



Lake Area Community Orchestra Winter 2011 Concert Schedule

Community Christian Church, Camdenton	Sunday	November 27, 2011
First Baptist Church, Eldon 7:30 pm	Tuesday	November 29, 2011 *
West Lake Christian Church, Route O	Sunday	December 4, 2011
Hope Lutheran Church, Hwy 54, Osage Beach	Tuesday	December 6, 2011
Versailles Royal Theatre, Versailles	Sunday	December 11, 2011
Lake Ozark Christian Church, Lake Ozark	Tuesday	December 13, 2011

All concerts begin at 7:00 pm except as noted (*) and are free to the public.

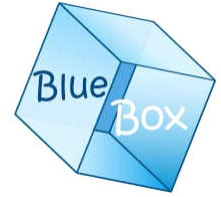
Freewill donations are welcome.

The variety of Christmas and other selections include *Christmas on Broadway, Feliz Navidad, Joy to the World, Santa's Journey, and Beautiful Savior.*

For further information, please contact Rose Adams, Director, 573-375-5403, or Leonard Vader, President, 573-644-4801; or check the web site at lakeareacommunityorchestra.org.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

BLUE BOX UPDATE



Wow!! Kent delivered a terrific October on the Blue Box collections for the food banks. We have surpassed our goal substantially with a total for the month of **326 items**. The total will provide many meals and utility items to many families and individuals that need our help. And we have even more days left in October to enhance our total.

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

Our goal for November is 200 items

THE ARMY NEEDS YOU!!!

(The Salvation Army, that is)

COME AND RING A BELL FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

November 25 - December 24
Laurie Save-A-Lot



Kent Memorial, in conjunction with other area churches and businesses, is supporting the Salvation Army's efforts to raise money at the holiday time for those less fortunate.

Remember, 90% of what is donated stays in our area.

Bell ringing begins Friday, November 25, and lasts through December 24, Monday-Saturday from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM at **Save-A-Lot** in Laurie. Volunteers are asked to sign up for two hour shifts.

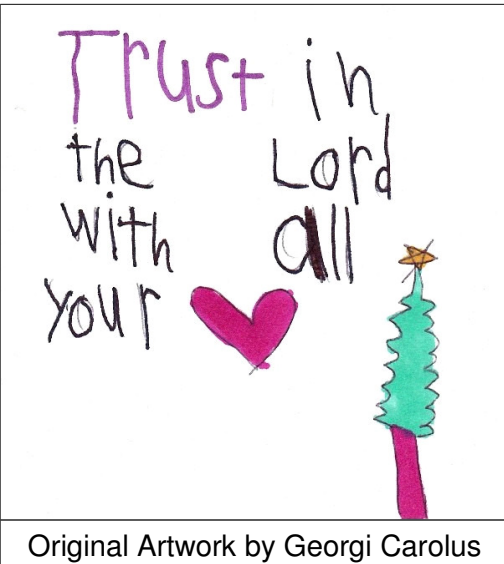
Signup sheets will be posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship hall. Please help!

Any questions? Contact Chuck Wanamaker at 374-0113.

LOVING GIFTS TREE

It is hard to think of Christmas when we are still feeling the Fall season outside, but it will be here before we know it. The Social Ministry team will again be putting up a Loving Gifts Tree this year. There are a couple of changes that you should note:

1. We are devoting all our efforts this year to our local organization, CADV (Citizens Against Domestic Violence). Their needs are great and grow with each year and the hard economic times. Last year there were 60 Mothers and 112 Children that needed help. This help consists of them leaving their homes at a moment's notice and leaving "ALL" behind. They are then transported to a safe house to start their lives again without abuse. Their journey from that day forward involves getting employment, a car, and a new safe place to live. So you can see that their needs are many. This last year they have had to turn women and children away because they do not have enough room to shelter them. We are asking that you will open your hearts to CADV families.



2. The second change is that we are going to try a mix on our tree of children and moms. We will have approximately 40 Children and 20 Moms for you to choose from the tree. We know that you all enjoy buying gifts for the children, but we hope that some of you will consider a mother this year. She might need things like housekeeping items or maybe a luxury item like perfume or clothing.

Remember that their lists are only a guideline to help you in your shopping. You do not have to get all items on the list. This is entirely up to you and your budget. We will be getting the names approximately the first week of November and will have the tree up as soon as possible after we get those names. So watch the bulletin for information and watch for the tree decorated with tags. (A little note about the tags: They will not have pictures and the names are fictitious. This is to protect them from their former situations.) When you are putting your packages together or anytime this Christmas Season, prayers for their future life are also a wonderful gift.

Thank you for being such a giving congregation and passing God's Blessings he gives to you onto others!!

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

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

SEPTEMBER (number of calls):

- Electric: 6
- Rent: 1
- Lake Oasis (gasoline): 2
- Motel Room (1 night): 1
- Car Part: 1

Total Dollars to our Community for September: \$594.51

Thanks for the generous hearts & gifts of the people of Kent!

We Share Jesus with All!

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and words of encouragement during my mothers illness. The prayer shawl Linda Williams made for her meant so much to both of us. Prayers from the women's Bible study were greatly appreciated. She is doing extremely well. My family has seen God at work in many ways through all of this. Mom told me I am very lucky to have found a church with such caring people. She is right. I am truly blessed.

Yours in Christ,
Teri Stout

Dear Congregation,

This card reminds me of a song I learned many many years ago in Sunday School—*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine*. Your congregation does such a wonderful job of letting your lite shine and in doing so you help so many families. Thank you for sharing.

Share the Harvest Food Pantry—Judy

"Thank you" to Kent friends for prayers, visits and cards while I have been waiting for my foot to heal.

Karen Pragman

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS

It's time for Thrivent members to elect Chapter Board officers for the coming year. Joyce Wanamaker and Rosie Keeney will be on the ballot for the coming year. The election at Kent Memorial will be held between the services on November 20 in the Fellowship Hall. It is a written ballot and you must be a member of Thrivent to vote. Those eligible will be voting for all the members of the Camden-Miller County Chapter Board. Your Chapter Board is responsible for approving Requests for Care Abounds Funds. Thrivent members should also remember to direct their Choice Dollars to their choice of many nonprofit organizations including Lutheran congregations. Eligible members may direct Choice Dollars by registering online at Thrivent.com or by calling 800-THRIVENT and saying "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt.

Kent Krew

THANKS, Kent Memorial, for all your financial support as we raised funds to attend the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. We're really looking forward to being

Citizens with the Saints!

Kid's Klub

November 15, 2011

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

November's theme is BUILD YOUR HOUSE ON THE ROCK! We'll have class demonstrations and class participation with the lesson, games, crafts & food.

Adults are always welcome to drop by or help out.

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

A big **THANK YOU** to Jeri Hunter & Floralie Harris for the awesome food last month! Thanks, Joyce Wanamaker, for your helping hands! And thank you to all who donated the eye glasses!

Christmas Gift □ □

Brother Sun, Sister Moon: Saint Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Creatures

In this prayer poem, St. Francis of Assisi reaches out to the natural world and identifies the sun, the moon, the wind, the water and the earth as our brothers and sisters in the divine family.

Modeling a way of gratitude and reverence for life, St. Francis praises God as the gifted artist who has given all creation variety and beauty and bounty. And within this sweep of praise, he also includes those who endure sickness or square off with death.

This picture book for children ages 4 through 8 is an exquisite blend of writing and design.

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How Did I Get to Be 70 When I'm 35 Inside? Spiritual Surprises of Later Life

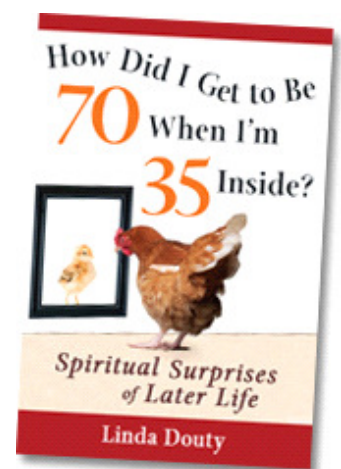
"Every tomorrow has two doors, we can enter through the door of resistance or the door of growth. The first is fueled by fear, the second by faith," writes Linda Douty, a spiritual director and retreat leader, in *How Did I Get to Be 70 When I'm 35 Inside?*

Although there are many challenges in aging, it does offer a door to growth. Douty knocks down sayings like "You can't teach an old dog new tricks" or "It's all downhill from here." She thinks we should see ourselves as getting wiser as we age, as making music with what we have, and as expanding our horizons.

Aging also offers us many opportunities to process the messages our bodies give us, especially those about coping with pain and illness, libido and longevity. It is also a time to pay attention to the complicated relationships with partners, friends, adult children and the world.

Douty also covers the surprises that come with our ever-changing images of God, our understandings of prayer, our discernment of the Spirit's guidance, and our trusting of the divine mystery (SkyLight Paths).

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