

**KENT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Jennifer Bolton, Chairperson, who also led the devotion.

Council members present: Melba Bangert, Jennifer Bolton, Ken Gerardy, Shirley Kirchner, Charles Niemann, Virgil Norris, Don Peterson, Tom Reeder and Pastor Beese

Council members excused: Bob Harger, Helmut Lacas Ralph McHenry and Diane Ziehl

The minutes of the December 17, 2008 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Ken Gerardy and seconded by Charles Niemann to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – After discussion of the various reports available for review, a motion was made by Tom Reeder and seconded by Ken Gerardy to accept the report as written.

Building Fund Report – Tom Reeder explained the impact of the sequence of Sundays in December and how the January report will reflect the end of December receipts. A motion was made by Charles Niemann and seconded by Shirley Kirchner to accept the report as written. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report – Advent and Christmas Services were well attended with 260 at Christmas Eve Service. This number included many visitors. The new organ has been installed and includes many interesting features. The organ installer has suggested moving the speakers from the Gathering Area into the sanctuary in order to better appreciate the sound of the organ. Pastor's bible study has been well attended with 32 persons having the flexibility of attending either the Monday afternoon or evening sessions. A new member group is currently being organized. Pastor recommended removal of the following members from the rolls, due to their inactivity: Randy Clarke, Jennifer Fitzhugh, Edward and Kathy Regel, Cindy and Jeremy Sharp. A motion was made by Charles Niemann and seconded by Don Peterson to remove these names from the roll of Kent Memorial Lutheran Church. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education – Plans for the community Vacation Bible School are underway. The director and location have not yet been determined. Lee Dau's adult Sunday School class is going well. There have been several new students visiting children's Sunday School. Allen Brumm, who is currently receiving confirmation instruction, was selected by *People to People* to attend the presidential inauguration in Washington, D.C. Tracy Garrett has offered to organize a children's choir and will meet with interested students and parents this Sunday, January 25 between services.

Evangelism – The wall map is being updated. Statistics for 2008 included the number of visitors contacted, handmade crosses and loaves of bread presented to first time visitors.

Finance – Audits were performed on all checking accounts with no problems identified. A motion was made by Ken Gerardy that:

“The Certificate of Deposit at Community Bank in the amount of \$47,000 which will mature at the end of January be renewed in three separate certificates of essentially equal amounts at the best rate and term available.”

The motion was seconded by Charles Niemann. Motion carried. (The certificate will be divided into three smaller denomination certificates, in the event funds are needed prior to maturity for a major expense such as replacement of the water well.)

Long-Range Planning – Don Peterson provided the Council with biographical information on Clifford E. Stewart who was a member of Kent Memorial and whose desire it was to establish the “The Stewart-McFaden Memorial Endowment Fund.” Don Peterson will prepare more specific information for inclusion in the Kent newsletter.

Mutual Ministry – This committee will meet in January.

Property – Jennifer reported a detailed report had been received from Ken Mueller for inclusion in the 2008 Annual Report. Volunteers constructed racks on the lower level for organizing and hanging the costumes for the Easter Pageant. A load of wood from the trees cut down by CoMo Electric in the Easter Pageant area was taken to the Show-Me Christian Home in Barnett, MO.

Social Ministry – Melba reported the Committee began the new year with a \$3,000+ balance, as a result of the Advent and Christmas Eve offerings. The process for receiving requests and cooperatively assisting families in the community was explained. In addition to the Christmas gifts provided to the children at the Show-Me Christian Home, donations were received to defray the cost of the pizza party for the residents and staff. Other gifts were donated to children through the Camden County Citizens Against Domestic Violence and to children at Fort Leonard Wood whose parent(s) were on active duty in the middle east. New committee members are Chuck Wanamaker, Sheryl Boos and Evelyn Clements. Committee plans for 2009 include a Social Ministry Fair, the Festival of Sharing, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, and the Loving Gifts Tree project.

Stewardship – Virgil reported the committee had not met, but he shared some personal ideas for Christian witness beyond the walls of the church. Suggestions included a vegetable garden and cooking instruction classes for low-income families.

Worship and Music – After considerable discussion, the majority of the Church Council members present agreed that the question of having only one Sunday worship service during the months of January and February should be placed on the agenda for discussion at the congregational meeting on February 8, 2009. The subject could then be placed on the agenda at

the November congregational meeting for a vote and any change could then be implemented in January 2010. The subject of scheduling and training acolytes for the late service was discussed and Pastor Beese will explore this further.

Youth – Taters and Talent night will be February 21, 2009. Diane Ziehl has asked to postpone the after school program for Kent Kids until she recovers from back surgery which is scheduled for late February.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Congregational Meeting Part II** will be held Sunday, February 8, 2009.
- **Partnership for a Missional Church** – Pastor Beese reported that after having been provided with informational materials on the process, six persons have agreed to serve on behalf of Kent. Eight to ten would be an ideal group. The first meeting will be Friday, February 13 and Saturday, February 14 in St. Louis.

NEW BUSINESS

- **E-mail reports** - Council members present agreed to receive committee reports and other agenda items for future meetings via e-mail when possible.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A thank you note was received from Pat Dau for her Christmas bonus. Jennifer Bolton expressed her appreciation for the gift she and John received. In turn, Pastor Beese expressed his appreciation for the generous gift from the congregation.

NEXT MEETING – February 17, 2009 with devotion by Virgil Norris.

ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Charles Niemann and seconded by Don Peterson that the meeting adjourn at 9:15 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer. Motion carried.

Darleen Mueller,
Recording Secretary