

**KENT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 18, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Jennifer Bolton, Chairperson. This was one day earlier than the usual meeting schedule. Don Peterson led the devotion utilizing Luke 10.

Council members present: Melba Bangert, Jennifer Bolton, Ken Gerardy, Bob Harger, Shirley Kirchner, Charles Niemann, Don Peterson, Chuck Wanamaker and Pastor Beese

Council members absent: Helmut Lacas, Virgil Norris and Diane Ziehl

A motion was made by Charles Niemann and seconded by Ken Gerardy to accept the minutes of the April 21, 2009 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – After discussion, a motion was made by Shirley Kirchner and seconded by Don Peterson to accept the report as written. Motion carried.

Building Fund Report – Ken Gerardy reported that the current interest rate with Mission Investment Fund is 6 1/2% for five years. A motion was made by Chuck Wanamaker and seconded by Don Peterson to accept the report as written.

Pastor's Report – Pastor reported the new member dinner had gone well. The common thread identified for individuals joining Kent was through invitation by another member of Kent. Pastor Beese read an e-mail he had received from Beth Moore in which she described an incident in which she was lead by the Holy Spirit to minister (she was reluctant but did so with compassion) to a wheelchair-bound person she met at the airport while waiting for a flight. Pastor Beese used this story as an analogy to our journey through the Partnership for Missional Church.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Christian Education – The Easter Pageant was successful, although there were minor problems with the sound system. An estimated 25-30 children participated in the Easter Egg Hunt. Vacation Bible School, sponsored by the Westside Ministerial Alliance, will be held at Lake West Christian Academy July 13-17. It was suggested that the publicity include a statement concerning the sponsorship of VBS by the Ministerial Alliance. The Committee is looking at whether or not to continue the cruise worship this summer. Attendance was thought to be down last year due to the increase in the cost of gasoline. Pastor Beese is considering an evening Bible study during the summer months.

Evangelism – The Committee is looking at additional ways for the Kent community to witness to their faith. *Invite a Guest Sunday* will be May 31, 2009. The wall map will be updated to show the location of Kent members.

Finance – No meeting.

Long-Range Planning – An artist has been selected for completion of the Stained Glass Window project. The church signs at each end of the property will be refurbished and raised approximately 20 inches. The letters *ELCA* will be added to the signs.

Ministry Fund – No meeting.

Mutual Ministry – Pastor Beese reported on the most recent committee meeting.

Property Committee – The parking lot has been sealed and restriped. Insect spraying has been completed at the parsonage and the church due to the annual appearance of ants. The benches in the Outdoor Worship area have been power-washed and will be sealed. Kathleen Marco has offered to cut her own grass and plans to power wash and seal the parsonage deck. The combination to the key box by the front entrance to the church was changed following a recent attempted office break in. Entry into the church was thought to have been gained through an unlocked door. Enhanced security was considered necessary, since Pastor Beese has moved out of the parsonage. The Church Council favored making the combination to the key lock box more accessible to church members, because of the number of scheduled meetings and other activities. Members should be reminded of the importance of returning the key to the lock box when leaving the building and to scramble the numbers on the key entry box, to avoid unwanted access. Mowing teams are keeping the grass cut. Weed kill will be applied to the Easter Pageant area.

Social Ministry – Minutes were available outlining recent activity in response to community needs. A fund raiser is scheduled for August 15 in the form of a hoe down with music, BBQ and auction items to be sold.

Stewardship – The Committee has met with the Building Fund Drive Committee. Jan Kennedy has agreed to chair the fund drive committee. The theme is “**Blessed to be a Blessing.**” Pastor Lingwall will be participating in the events scheduled for July 15 and 26. A goal of \$225,000 has been set.

Worship & Music – New speakers were purchased from WELCA funds for the outdoor worship area. Ken Gerardy and Lester Clark carried them out for a successful trial. Rather than carrying chairs outdoors for the choir, it was suggested that when the choir sings at the outdoor worship service, benches in the back near the keyboard could be reserved in advance for the choir. *String Fever* will be asked to play for the July 5 services. The Children’s Choir has been a success and matching shirts will be purchased.

Youth – The doll house auction earned \$477 for the youth fund. Thanks were expressed to Hair Brown for his donation of the hand-made dollhouse. Gail Kruse and two youth will be leaving in July for the National Youth Event in New Orleans. Diane Ziehl will again be taking some Kent youth to Laurie Care Center as an intergenerational service project for Kent young people and as another avenue for Kent to reach out to the community.

Partnership for Missional Church (PMC) – Melba Bangert distributed printed copies of the timeline events recorded by members attending the April 26, 2009 PMC event at Kent. Preparations are being made for the cluster meeting in June.

OLD BUSINESS

- Minutes of the congregational meeting of May 3 were available. The decision of the meeting was to keep two services during the months of January and February.
- A motion was made by Don Peterson and seconded by Bob Harger to approve Kathy Spaulding to fill the unexpired term of Tom Reeder through December, 2009. Motion carried. Kathy has agreed to serve on the Evangelism Committee.
- Minutes of a May 7, 2009 meeting of the Columbarium Committee were available for review. The Council has asked that a breakdown be provided on the amount of money in the fund paid to reserve niches and the amount of money in the fund representing memorial gifts. Other questions to be answered include what the original cost was to build the Columbarium and how much of the money paid to date for niches should remain in the Columbarium Fund.

NEW BUSINESS

Jennifer reported she had been in touch with Don Brohm’s wife, Carole, concerning his condition after a fall while riding his bicycle. His condition has improved, but Don does not expect to be able to resume his webmaster activities for Kent for several weeks. Jennifer will explore other options while Don Brohm recovers from his accident.

NEXT MEETING – June 16, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Charles Niemann and seconded by Bob Harger that the meeting adjourn at 8:40 p.m. with the Lord’s Prayer. Motion carried.

Darleen Mueller
Recording Secretary