

**KENT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 21, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Jennifer Bolton, Chairperson. Devotion was provided by Chuck Wanamaker.

Council Members Present: Jennifer Bolton, Ken Gerardy, Shirley Kirchner, Helmut Lacas, Don Peterson, Virgil Norris, Kathy Spaulding, Chuck Wanamaker and Pastor Beese

Council Members Excused: Melba Bangert, Bob Harger, Charles Niemann and Diane Ziehl

A motion was made by Kathy Spaulding and seconded by Ken Gerardy to accept the minutes of the June 16, 2009 meeting as written. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** There was discussion of the monthly cash flow report. Jennifer will discuss with Gail Kruse for clarification. There was discussion of the annual amount paid to the Synod and whether it represents a percent of annual receipts vs. an annual budgeted amount. This item will be referred to the Finance Committee for clarification. Jennifer will check with Ken Mueller of the Property Committee to determine who purchases propane for the church and parsonage. The Finance Committee will be asked to look into the subject of the negative operating balance and whether or not another message to the congregation is indicated at this time. A motion was made by Shirley Kirchner and seconded by Virgil Norris to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. Motion carried with one nay.

**Building Fund Report:** Ken Gerardy provided a Building Fund Report for June 2009 indicating a mortgage balance as of 7/1/09 of \$420,203.71. A motion was made by Don Peterson and seconded by Chuck Wanamaker to accept the report as written. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report** – Pastor thanked the Finance Committee for arranging the potluck and meeting last Wednesday evening with Pastor Keith Lingwall, in preparation for the three-year Building Fund Commitment Sunday on July 26, 2009. Pastor Lingwall declined an honorarium for his participation. A "Commitment Sunday" celebration with pie and ice cream is planned for 6:00 p.m. Sunday evening. The three-year building fund goal is \$225,000.

Vacation Bible School sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance was last week with a total of 90 youth attending throughout the week. Kent provided a large number of teachers and other leaders for the week-long program. Several members provided "shuttle service" for young people who would otherwise not be able to attend VBS. ELCA Bible Camp began this week at Lake of the Ozarks State Park. Gerry Williams is directing the camp with Linda Williams providing kitchen and RN services. Laura Clagett-Vogt is coordinating the crafts.

Pastor asked that the following be removed from the membership of Kent, as they have indicated an intention to attend church elsewhere: John and Marlene Hemmer, Bernadine Reed, Richard and Susan Kuhn. A motion was made by Pastor Dave and seconded by Kathleen Spaulding to remove these folks from the rolls of Kent Memorial Lutheran Church. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Christian Education** – Virgil Norris will be attending a Christian Education leadership conference in Kansas City along with Dorothy Engelstad August 6-7, 2009. A donation tree was used to obtain financial gifts to assist with the cost of VBS during the week of July 13-17, 2009. Diane Ziehl still anticipates initiating a once a month after-school activity program for children of Kent and eventually to include other children from the community.

**Evangelism** – Business-size cards displaying a photograph of Kent and information regarding worship times are being printed for distribution by members of Kent to encourage attendance of friends and other potential new members. Gerry Williams continues to pick up donuts at Woods for Sunday morning fellowship time. Bread for visitors is home baked by members or purchased by members from Mennonite friends in Versailles who home bake the bread in their kitchens.

**Finance** – No report, but will be meeting soon.

**Long-Range Planning** – No formal meeting, but has been working on the stain glass project. Theme will be "Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

**Ministry Fund** - The Committee will be meeting to look at the subject of undesignated memorial funds.

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**Mutual Ministry** – Pastor provided the results of 51 evaluations received back on the subject of “2009 Pastoral Priorities and Time Commitment Survey” and “2009 Parish Evaluation”. Pastor reported the results of the evaluations received were very similar to those received when the survey was done in 1997, with primary emphasis on preaching, hospital/crisis visitation and worship planning and leadership. The council will go over the reports in detail at the August meeting.

**Property** – The parking lot was sealed and re-stripped. One of the two signs has been refurbished at the south end of the property. Helmut Lacas will look into raising the sign for better visibility. Mowing teams continue to keep the property around the church in good condition. Weed control has been applied to the Easter Pageant walkways. Weekly volunteers are watering and weeding the flower beds in the front of the church and outdoor worship areas. A motion was made by Ken Gerardy and seconded by Shirley Kirchner to accept the low bid of \$950 for Ed Walls (Frog Tree Service) to cut down two dead trees on the property and trim trees that are rubbing against the roof in the outdoor worship area. Evidence of insurance has been provided. Bid includes cleanup and hauling away all cuttings. Motion carried.

**Social Ministry** – A “needs report” was provided in the minutes. Karen Hardwick has agreed to be a member of the Social Ministry Committee. Plans are underway for the Hoedown on August 15, 2009 to include a pulled pork meal, as well as gourmet hot dogs with homemade sides of potato salad, cole slaw and baked beans. Volunteers are baking brownies for dessert. Silent and live auction items to include theme baskets, miscellaneous items for bid, dinner at members’ and friends’ homes and home baked specialties. Fred Gould will be auctioneer. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Thrivent will match most funds. All profits will benefit the Social Ministry program. Sunday, August 16 will be the Social Ministry Fair between worship services, highlighting the Helping Hands homeless shelter, Festival of Sharing food bank and the Senior Center.

**Stewardship** – The Committee has been involved with providing “temple talks” related to the building fund drive. It was suggested that the financial secretary provide a quarterly report to each member to bring them up to date on their giving status. There was discussion of how best to distribute the next year’s offering envelopes when they are not picked up at church. Some options include personal phone calls followed up with visits or mailing.

**Worship and Music** – Additional hymnals will be purchased. Choir robes have been professionally cleaned. The ushering schedule will be updated. Adults will be asked to acolyte at the late service when youth are not available. Discussion continues on the location of the choir, keyboard, microphones and speakers for the outdoor worship area. The change to the back of the worship area has not worked out very well.

**Youth** – Two youth and a sponsor left today to attend the National Youth Event in New Orleans, LA. The Kent Kids have provided musical entertainment at the Laurie Care Center three Mondays this summer.

**PMC** – Plans are underway for another meeting of the team. Reports will be prepared for sharing with the Kent congregation.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Helmut Lacas submitted his resignation from the Church Council effective with tonight’s meeting. He will continue to assist the property committee with any projects around the church.

The Nominating Committee composed of Shirley Kirchner, Charles Niemann, Kathy Spaulding and Chuck Wanamaker will meet at 6:45 p.m. prior to next month’s Council Meeting on August 18, 2009. Jennifer Bolton encouraged the Nominating Committee members who are eligible to consider volunteering for another term on the church council.

Pastor reported that David Curchy, a new member candidate and employee of Central Bank of Lake of the Ozarks, has offered to facilitate a 10-week program utilizing David Ramsey’s philosophy on managing personal finances from a Christian perspective. Cost of materials is \$100.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Pastor reported he had received a thank you from Lutheran and Family Services for a recent donation from Kent.

**NEXT MEETING** – Will be August 18, 2009 with Diane Ziehl leading the devotion.

**ADJOURNMENT** – A motion was made by Don Peterson and seconded by Kathy Spaulding that the meeting adjourn at 8:40 p.m. with the Lord’s Prayer. Motion carried.

Darleen Mueller  
Recording Secretary