

KENT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jennifer Bolton. Devotions were led by Shirley Kirchner. Members Present - Jennifer Bolton, Bob Harger, Don Peterson, Ken Gerardy, Chuck Wanamaker, Kathy Spaulding, Melba Bangert, Shirley Kirchner, Virgil Norris and Pastor Dave. The minutes of the church council meeting held on August 18<sup>th</sup> were approved as presented. There were several miscellaneous questions concerning the treasurer's report - it was then approved as presented.

**Building Fund Report** - Ken Gerardy presented the report, and noted that with the donations toward the building fund drive (several being one time donations) the mortgage on the building will be below the \$400,000 mark soon. The report was approved as presented.

**Pastor's Report** - Pastor Dave reported that there were several members in the hospital - please keep them in your prayers. The Area 9 meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 26 in Russellville. He said that we will be using a new setting (Setting 4) at the 2<sup>nd</sup> service in two weeks. That setting will be used at communion services.

**Christian Education** - Bob Harger reported that there were two different adult Sunday School classes going on simultaneously on Sunday morning, and they were both well attended. He said that expenses for VBS were not known at this time, that the bill for "The Lutheran" magazine needs to be paid, (perhaps more members could pay their own \$7.95 subscription) and that book reports by congregational members are very much encouraged!

**Evangelism** - Kathy Spaulding said that everything is good in her committee, but wondered if anyone is tracking volunteers within the congregation?

**Finance** - Shirley Kirchner went over committee budget line items.

**Long Range Planning** - Don Peterson reported there was no meeting, but there was a meeting to pick out designs for the stained glass window project. The windows should be done by Christmas.

**Ministry Fund** - Chuck Wanamaker reported that they will have a meeting soon.

**Mutual Ministry** - Pastor reported that the committee will meet in October.

**Property** - Ken Mueller provided a written comparison of propane use of previous years so it can be decided if there were enough savings to merit changing from Laclede/MFA to Ferrell Gas. There was much discussion. Ferrell Gas is cheaper by 10 cents a gallon than our present supplier. It was decided that we will go with Ferrell if all of their information is complete. Jennifer will check on this.

**Social Ministry** - Melba Bangert reported on her committee meeting and noted that there will be a special meeting tomorrow, with representatives from three electric companies coming to discuss ways that people can save energy and keep from getting their power turned off. Kent will be providing cookies and coffee.

**Stewardship** - Virgil Norris had nothing new to report.

**Worship and Music** - Pastor reported that Clown Sunday is coming, and that there will be an usher and acolyte schedule coming soon. All acolytes will be scheduled for the 8:00 service. The Altar Guild requests that their budget line item remain the same.

**Youth** - Diane Ziehl was out of town, but left a report that she was getting ready for the first after school special (Wednesday afternoon - monthly). She is getting things lined up.

**PMC** - Pastor Dave reported that the cluster meeting will be held in St. Louis on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, with the church council invited to attend. There was a discussion of having a meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup> for the distillation of information.

**Nominating Committee** - There are still two spaces to fill on church council. Michael Wagner has agreed to fill one - we are still looking for one...

**Budget** - Jan Kennedy needs budget requests turned in by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business** - There was a reminder that committees need some new members to replace the members leaving.

**New Business** - There was discussion about the recent action of the Churchwide Assembly regarding homosexuals in ELCA rostered positions. After **much** discussion on this topic it was decided to have a special congregational meeting to explore Kent's position on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

It was moved by Bob Harger and seconded by Don Peterson to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted - Nancy Beese, substitute secretary