

COPY OF 11-18-09 EMAIL TO KENT MEMBERSHIP WITH ATTACHMENT

----- Original Message -----

From: [Kent Memorial Lutheran Church](#)

To: [Undisclosed-Recipient: ;@smtp106.sbc.mail.mud.yahoo.com](#)

Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2009 12:28 PM

Subject: Letter of Declaration to the ELCA

Dear Members of Kent Memorial,

The ELCA has made a provision for congregations to declare who they will or will not call for rostered ministry. The church council has voted to send this declaration to the ELCA. Attached is a copy of the letter.

We also voted to make a recommendation to the congregation at the Annual Meeting Part II on February 8, 2010 that this declaration be added as an amendment to the Kent Memorial Constitution.

Pastor Beese will continue Bible Study classes on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please plan on joining us around the table as we learn more about God's Word.

May we continue to pray for God's guidance and for Pastor Beese, each other and for our congregation as we go through this time at Kent Memorial.

Jennifer Bolton



Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

Rev. David R. Beese, Pastor

P.O. Box 155

Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

Office (573) 374-5267 Fax (573) 374-8028 (After 5 rings)

Email: office@kentmemorial.com

On the Internet at: www.kentmemorial.com

"Overflowing With Blessings and Thanksgiving"

Declaration Regarding Rostered Ministry at Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

November 18, 2009

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church, as a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, understands that it has the right to call, or refuse to call, as a pastor or rostered lay leader any person who is on the roster of ordained ministers or lay rosters or any candidate approved for those rosters.

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church, in accordance with the 2009 Churchwide Assembly which resolved that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America "make provision in its policies to recognize the conviction of members who believe that this church should not call or roster people in a publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationship," declares that this congregation will not call a pastor or lay rostered leader who is or intends to be in such a same-gender relationship.

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church declares that marriages, civil unions, or blessings of persons in same-gender relationships will not be performed in this church building or authorized by this congregation.

Signed,

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church Council

David R. Beese, Pastor

Jennifer L. Bolton, Council President