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PASTOR'S POST

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." John 15:7-8

What does it mean to abide? According to what I can put together, to abide means to accept or act in accordance with a rule, or a decision, or follow one's recommendation. All appearing to say, to abide means to follow the voice of authority.

As followers of the Resurrected Jesus Christ, we declare that He is our authority. And in the Gospel according to John, Christ's final command to us all is to follow Him, see John 21:19, 22d. It is that simple, we are called to follow Jesus. But where? Where is Christ leading us? In a more abstract sense, Jesus is leading us into the unknown, into that which is yet determined, a future not yet defined.

Such a notion can either be very liberating or can be quite daunting. That is until we remember who is at our side. Through Jesus we profess that God is made known to us, in tangible, physical, concrete terms which we can appreciate, comprehend, and understand. This opens us to live more fully into what Jesus teaches must be our most important concern: namely, to abide.

If we abide in Christ, and His words abide in us, goodness will come our way. However, to be clear, I'm not saying good fortune will come our way. I can wish many things of God, but this does not mean that God will provide as I wish. Rather, when we abide with Christ, allowing His words to shape, guide, and direct us, we move forward into a future where new fruits spring forth, fruits we could have never imagined. Good fruits, which can only come from God.

To abide with Jesus does not mean we get it right, rather it means we try to do our best while also recognizing our dependance on Jesus to make the difference on our behalf. God is glorified when we seek to follow Jesus' commands. God is worshipped when we strive towards loving our neighbor. God is loved when we show grace and mercy first, rather than last. Strive towards these things and you will bear much fruit, as you grow into Christ's disciple.

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SAVE *the* DATE *May 16*

BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES

10:00am

High School Seniors will receive a blessing and a hand-made quilt on behalf of Kindred Lutheran Church. If you have a graduate, please RSVP to Youth Director, Trish Miller. Trish@kindredlutheran.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

10:00am

Celebrate a wonderful Sunday School year at the Children's Program during worship. Please come and encourage the students who will be leading worship. This will also be the last day of Sunday School for this school year.

BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY

7:00pm

Join us as we honor the Kindred High School graduating senior class. This community service is sponsored by the Kindred Area Ministerial Association and will take place at KLC.

Join the celebration after worship!

**HOT DOGS
&
BRATS**



**BOUNCY
HOUSES!**

Please check the calendar online for updates or use the KLC App.



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OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS IN OUR CHURCH LIFE



MAY 9

PENTECOST

On May 23, we will celebrate the Day of Pentecost! Remember to wear RED! Occurring 50 days after Easter, it commemorates the day when the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' disciples in Jerusalem.



TIME CHANGE!

Summer worship 9AM starts May 30th!

GERANIUMS

Order form & payment due to the KLC Church Office by Sunday, May 2, 2021
Plants may be picked up Thursday, May 13 at Kindred Lutheran Church

Questions? Contact Carlotta Spelhaug at 361-7057 or cspelhaug@aol.com





sent to serve

WELCOME!

In the month of April, we welcomed two new saints into the body of Christ. Luke Mattson and Eliza Buller were presented for baptism.



We also witnessed the installation of our Term Pastor, Michael Buller. The Bishop Tessa Moon Leseith performed the installation and treated us to a special message.



MAY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

- Jesse Ouse 05/00
- Tanya Kvamme 05/00
- Joy Staton 05/00
- Dylan Olson 05/00
- Devin Gray 05/00
- Blake Waloch 05/01
- Ellee Waloch 05/01
- Teresa Aasen 05/02
- Luke Gietzen 05/03
- Barbara Bickel 05/05
- Katie Nokleberg 05/06
- Barbara Rude 05/07
- Brady Sahr 05/07
- Graysen Anderson 05/07
- Joyce Overboe 05/09
- Paige Milbrandt 05/11
- Skyler Besette 05/11
- Tarrand Fiesel 05/12
- Chelsie Bickel 05/12
- Gunnar Braaten 05/12
- Paden Hoffarth 05/13
- Sophia Fett 05/13
- Madelyn Kub 05/13
- Emma Thilmony 05/13
- Hannah Thilmony 05/13
- David Johnson 05/14
- Bergan Swenson 05/15
- Savannah Tommeraus 05/15
- Sydney Fett 05/16
- Elizabeth Hillman 05/16
- Jeremy Knight 05/17
- Madissen Rude 05/18
- Emily Teberg 05/20
- Mattea Johnson 05/20
- Wesley Robertsdahl 05/21
- Tiffany Nipstad 05/23
- Barbara Johnson 05/24
- Jocelyn Miller 05/25
- Ruth Hertsgaard 05/27
- Larry Bakko 05/28
- Mackenzie Bickel 05/30
- Brooks Bakko 05/31

Financial Giving to the General Fund:

Annual Budget \$230,619 Received this Year \$74,647

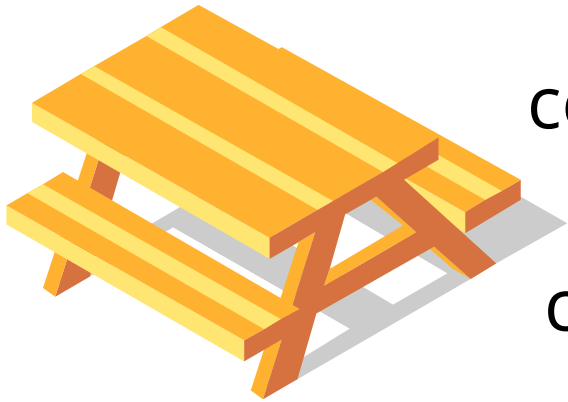
Needed Each Month \$19,218 Given in April \$12,675



youth

7-8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

MEET MAY 5 AND MAY 12



End of year confirmation celebration. May 12, 4:00pm @ KLC. Picnic with confirmation youth, Pastor, and Trish

Christians in Action put together care kits.



Youth Group end of the year supper. May 9th. Details to come



council notes

Kindred Lutheran Church - Council Meeting March 14, 2021

Members Present: Rich Schock, Lloyd Hoffarth, Lisa Davis, Lori Pearson, Kathryn Gray and Pastor Michael Buller.

Members Absent: Rob Sahr, Susie Mathias

Call to Order: Kindred Lutheran Church (KLC) President Rich Schock called the meeting to order at 6:22 pm.

Secretary's Report: Council reviewed February 2021 Annual Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Lisa Davis to approve minutes. Second by Lloyd Hoffarth. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Pastor Andrew's old laptop was wiped for Accounting firm so she can remote in to work on Quickbooks remotely.
- Contributions for 2020 were short but expenses were also down, but close to budget.
- Lloyd was able to apply for a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan and was approved for \$13,000.
- Only 25 to 30 people pay electronically, considering getting rid of text option to give.
- Lloyd is thinking about putting together a Stewardship committee.
- Anticipate being able to pay off the rest of the remodeling loan, will report further next month.
- Youth will be taking over burger stand, and funds will be transferred to the youth group fund.

Pastors Report:

- Pastor would like to meet with each council member individually.
- Would like to move pews for Maundy Thursday service.
- Go through KLC Constitution and make appropriate changes.
- Thoughts/ideas on how congregation can get to know Pastor better. Possibly questions to drop in basket or make a Kindred Lutheran Pastor Facebook page.
- Bishop coming 4/25/21 to install Pastor Michael.

New Business:

- Worship committee would like sign-up for Easter services. CDC guidelines currently at 75% of capacity for worship which would be about 150 people. Average for last couple of Sundays is 75 therefore council decided no sign-up needed.
- Creating Virtual Outreach committee or "Tech team" to come up with process to stream services.
- Bethel church is developing a Kindred Campus.
- Worshiping God through service. Potential for fall. Reaching out to elderly community.
- Suggestions have been brought to council to consider more contemporary music.
- Change meeting time for council from 2nd Sunday to 3rd Sunday of the month after service at noon. More flexibility during summer meetings.

Old Business:

- Rob has received a quote for electronic locks and lighting. Putting wi-fi locks on Narthex doors will be expensive. Doors will need to be replaced eventually. Table for now and incorporate when discussing Narthex remodel. Can use 50% of a grant to update lighting to all LED but needs to be approved before using grant.
- Lloyd will get estimate to see if locks on doors can be converted over to a tumbler.
- Pastor is opening and locking Narthex doors currently on Sunday. Need procedure to have work group open or lock if needed. Possibly find manual to code lock and change code weekly. Bekki can get information to Vicki to email out to workgroup that needs.
- Need to get updated repairs for Parsonage done. Drywall and carpeting. Looking at hiring Handyman vs. Contractor.

With no further business for discussion, motion by Lisa Davis to adjourn, second by Lloyd Hoffarth at 9:22pm. Meeting notes approved by Lori and second by Rob.



prayers

“THE PRAYER OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE!” JAMES 5.16

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

THANKFULNESS FOR:

The coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Blessing on Term Pastor Michael Buller that he would feel reassured by God’s call to KLC and that he would receive the Spirit’s wisdom and direction as he walks with us through this time of transition.

All of those who have been steadfastly serving others, whether in their personal or professional lives, during this unprecedented time of a global pandemic. Including, teachers and school administrators, the military, politicians, and community leaders.

HEALING FOR:

All victims of COVID-19

Jamie

Joe

Maverick

Velora Robertsdahl

Llowell Tangen

Brody Seter

Scott Wooster

Marc

Peggy Carlson

Eleanor Johnson

Jack Anderson

Ken

Cindy

Craig

Sandy

Shirley Jermstad

Helen

Hunter Pinke

Cindy

Westin Hage

Linda

Travis Anderson

Sandy Olsgard

Dean

Cory

Josh Ostenson

Carlotta

Jason

Erbie Hopwood

Raymond William

HOPE FOR:

An end to the global pandemic.

Our entire congregation that we would clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, and unity during this time of transition.

Our local and national leaders that God would grant them wisdom.

Missionaries: Anne & Willie Langdji serving West Africa and the CAR

Christians in China, Egypt, Iraq, Central African Republic and throughout the world who face persecution.

The Gideon’s ministry that doors would be opened and Scripture would be placed and God’s Word would accomplish what God sets out to do!

COMFORT FOR:

The families of those who have passed into the loving arms of Jesus Christ our Savior

Christian Buhl (nephew of David and Cheryl Rostad)

Clarice Cramer

LORD, may _____ say with confidence, "I will praise the LORD who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken."

From Psalm 16:7-8



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