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"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

— Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

Siblings in Christ,

As we enter Holy Week and prepare to celebrate Easter, we are reminded once again of God's power to bring new life out of endings. The story of Jesus' death and resurrection is a story of transformation—of hope rising from despair, of God making a way where there once seemed to be none. This message is at the very heart of our faith, and it is also something we are living out as a congregation.

On April 1, I will mark three years as your pastor. When I first arrived, our church was in a season of transition and renewal. The focus of my call at that time was to guide us through revitalization. **Now, by God's grace, we are in a different place—we are thriving, and we have the opportunity to discern where God is leading us next.**

That's why I am inviting each of you to be part of this conversation by filling out a short survey ([linked here](#) or available at the QR Code to the right). Your insights will help shape the mission and ministry of Kindred Lutheran for the next 3-5 years.



<https://forms.gle/ffCSzW9DDrQrzmHL8>

As we look to the future, we are also called to be attentive to those around us. Back in February, during the **State of the Congregation**, I mentioned that a unique opportunity was on the horizon. **That time is now.**

Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Parish, which includes congregations in **Walcott and Hickson**, is preparing to close—**Walcott on April 27 and Hickson on May 18**. This is a difficult and emotional time for those congregations, and as Kindred Lutheran, **we are called to support and care for them**. This means praying for them, walking alongside them in this transition, and offering a warm invitation to continue their journey of faith with us.

As a church that has experienced renewal and growth, we are in a unique position to welcome those who are seeking a new spiritual home. Let's be a community that embodies Christ's love—offering comfort in grief, hope in uncertainty, and an open door to all who wish to worship, serve, and grow in faith with us.

I encourage you to take time during Holy Week to reflect on where God is calling us next—both as individuals and as a congregation. Easter is a reminder that God is always making all things new. **Let's step boldly into the future together.**

Peace,

Pastor Kyle

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 13 AT 10 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 17 AT 7 PM

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 18 AT 7 PM

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 20 AT 7:30 AM & 10 AM



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Gathered to Grow



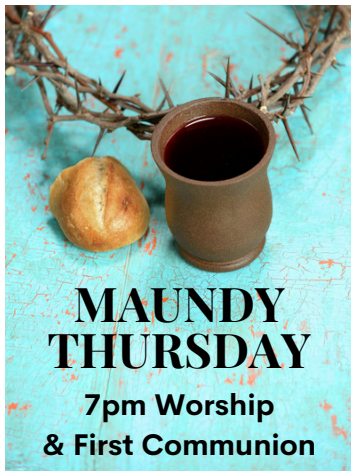
Holy Week Schedule



PALM SUNDAY



9am Sunday
 School
 10 am
 Worship
 11am
 Fellowship
 1pm
 First
 Communion
 Class



MAUNDY THURSDAY

7pm Worship
 & First Communion



GOOD FRIDAY

7pm Worship



EASTER

7:30 am Sunrise Service

8:30am Breakfast

10am Worship



1ST COMMUNION

5TH GRADERS

Sunday, April 13 @ 1pm

Join Pastor Kyle for a communion class on Sunday, April 13, at 1 PM. You will partake in communion on April 17, Maundy Thursday, at 7 PM, and you're welcome to invite your Godparents, sponsors, and other family members to participate. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Kyle at pastorkyle@kindredlutheran.com. Don't forget to sign up on the sheet located in the church entryway.

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 13



Kindred Kids: on Palm Sunday there will be an Easter Egg Hunt during your classtime. Come and join the fun!

Kindred Kids will be singing during the worship service!

EASTER FOOD BASKETS

Sunday, April 13

KLC is raising funds for Easter Food Baskets to purchase 20 gallons of milk and 20 pounds of butter. Please have donations to the church by today.

Wed, April 16

Assembly of food baskets begins at 2pm

EASTER MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 20

Easter Worship - 7:30am

Easter Brunch - 8:30am

Easter Worship - 10:00am



SHRIMP BOIL @ KLC

Sunday, April 27

Dive into deliciousness with us on Sunday, April 27 at KLC for a Shrimp Boil extravaganza! Feast time kicks off right after worship.

Grown-ups: \$15
 Little shrimp (10 & under): \$10

COMMUNITY SENIOR MEAL

Monday, April 28 @ 11:45



Want to have some fun? Bring a friend and join us at the senior meal on Monday, April 28. We will be playing BINGO after lunch.

Please RSVP to Leah.
 428-3630



Gathered to Grow

Join us for 2 Lenten Dinners and Services in April!

Dinner begins at 6 PM

Worship starts at 7 PM

We would love to have you with us!

April 2 - Altar Guild Committee

April 9 - Worship/Fellowship Committees

Thank you to our committee members for serving our Lenten dinners.

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All funds collected during Lent will be contributed to the Community of Care. These donations will provide support for Charley Rose, RN, the faith community nurse serving our area.





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Happy Birthday to Irene Roe!



Easter Breakfast

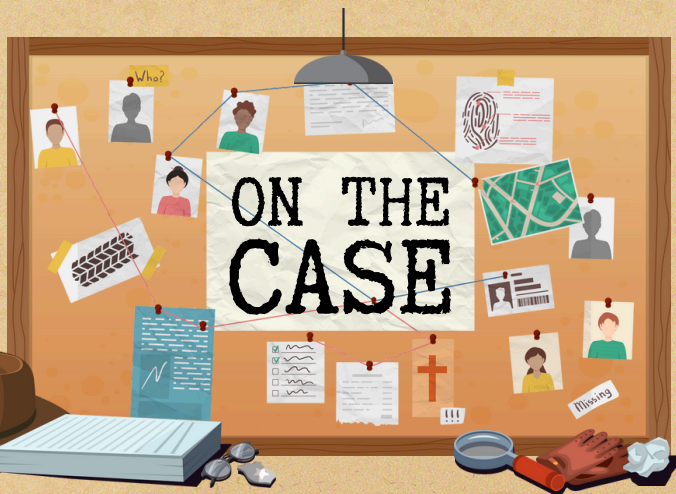
Join us for a delightful gathering of egg bake, muffins, juice, and coffee at 8:30 AM on Easter morning, right between the worship services.



We are looking for people to help bring food and serve at our Easter Breakfast between services on Easter Morning. For Confirmation students, serving at this event can count toward the 1 big church event that youth are expected to assist with throughout the year. If you are able to provide food items or help serve at this event, please sign up below.



Please contact Pastor Kyle if you have any questions.


<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45A9AB2EA3FFC52-55804119-easter>

VBS 2025!




 May 27-29, 2025 |  5:30-7:30 PM

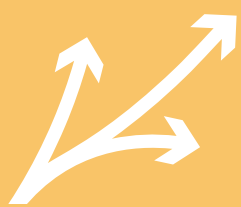
 Kindred Lutheran |  FREE!

 Kids Entering Pre-K - 5th Grade

Join us for a fun-filled, 3-night mystery adventure! Kids will solve clues, play games, make crafts, and explore Jesus' parables to discover the truth about faith, love, and God.

Register now! kindredlutheran.com/vbs

 Don't miss out—invite a friend!



Sent to Serve



Community Senior Meals

We hosted a super fun St. Patty's Day celebration for the community senior meal in March. Linda Otterson brought along games, quizzes, and door prizes. Later in the afternoon, a competitive game of "WORDS" sparked excitement among the participants.



KLC Threads

KLC's newly formed quilting group is hard at work creating quilts for our seven graduating seniors. It's a wonderful experience collaborating with both old and new friends. If you're interested in lending a hand, please contact the office, and we will inform you about the next gathering.



Easter Flowers

This year, instead of using Easter Lilies, we will adorn the sanctuary with Spring Flowers. If you'd like to bring a bouquet of flowers for Easter morning and then take it home, feel free! Additionally, we are collecting donations to purchase plants and flowers.

Easter Food Baskets

KLC is tasked with acquiring 20 gallons of milk and 20 pounds of butter. Please ensure that any monetary donations are submitted to the church office by April 13. We gather funds to purchase all items at once, ensuring they share the same expiration date.

The Easter Food Baskets will be filled with ham, potatoes, carrots, angel food cake, milk, juice, eggs, butter and buns. KLC is taking money for milk and butter.

Thank You

Let's support our neighborhood church!

Coming Soon . . .

The Community Closet

The Kindred Global Methodist Church is establishing an outlet offering household and clothing items to our area residents in need.

In order to make this program a success . . . we need the communities help to fill the shelves.

We are collecting:

Clean/Freshley Washed and Gently used items

- ☐ Clothing: Toddlers to 5 yrs old and Adult sizes
- ☐ Shoes of all sizes
- ☐ Coats and Jackets
- ☐ Kitchen: Towels, Pots and Pans, Bakeware, Silverware
- ☐ Blankets
- ☐ Bathroom: Towels, Wash Clothes, Rugs
- ☐ Small Appliances: Coffee Ground Coffee Makers, Vacuums, Brooms, Mops
- ☐ Complete and working Toys, Games and Puzzles

New Items:

Bed Pillows, Feminine Products, Garbage Bags, Paper Plates, Napkins, Paper Towels, Dish Soap, Toilet Paper, Diapers, Shampoo, Conditioner, Cleaning Products, Detergent, Body Lotion

We would also be interested in shelving and clothing racks.

Drop off will be at the Global Methodist Church located at 281 Linden Street in Kindred.

Call Pastor Greta to schedule a time to bring your items to the church at 701.361.2480 or Rochelle Rustad at 701.212.6232.

Once established, we will promote this throughout the community and will keep a similar shopping schedule as the Kindred Food Pantry.

Thank you for helping us create this amazing addition to the community.

confirmation Hunger Experience



On February 26, our confirmation students participated in our annual Hunger Experience, where they were given \$40 to plan and purchase meals for a family of four for one full day. This amount, roughly equivalent to the daily food allotment a family of four receives on SNAP benefits, challenged the students to think critically about hunger and food insecurity. After preparing their meal plans and purchasing the food, the groceries were donated to the Kindred Area Food Pantry.



A special thank you goes to the parents who volunteered as chaperones and leaders, as well as to Scott Milbrandt for driving the students. Your support made this experience possible and impactful.





Council Notes

Kindred Lutheran Church Council Minutes Sunday, January 12, 2025

Called to Order by: Caitlin at 11:18 am

Present: Pastor Kyle, Caitlin, Justin, Bryan, Sally, Verne, & Michele

Absent: Laurie

Opening Prayer

Secretary's Report/Approval of prior Minutes: Motion to approve December Minutes by Justin, Seconded by Bryan. Motion approved.

- Michele has decided to stay on for a 2nd term.

Treasurer's Report/Approval of Report: Motion to approve Report by Justin, Seconded by Verne. Motion approved.

- Dylan has everything up to date until December.

Pastor's Report:

- Confirmation-before the Christmas break they decorated cookies for the food baskets/meals and watched "The Grinch". Most students are attending every week, but many are having conflicts with sports practices going late.
- Christmas Eve services were greatly attended.
- Blue Christmas was sparsely attended but a meaningful service we'll continue to provide.
- A new quilting group led by Katie is starting Saturday 1/25 at 10 am to make quilts for the Senior students.

Updates from Directors:

Faith Formation & Growth:

- Kindred Kids-had a "pajama day" 1/5 and watched a Christmas movie. They're planning on having an egg hunt on Palm Sunday. They've also been working on the end of the year program and reports for the annual meeting.
- All Kindred Kids Committee members will be done with their terms at the end of the school year and we'll need new volunteers to chair this group.
- VBS planning has started and will be looking for volunteers to help with this too.

Management & Grounds:

- Basement toilet needs to be raised to accommodate our older guests. Will look into getting a temporary fix for this, but being the only bathroom on the basement floor it may need a remodel in the future.
- Side door with a code is still problematic. Will look for solutions and the warranty.
- Need a Plumber to check the smell in the kitchen and also to check one of the new toilets in the parsonage as it's not attached properly.
- This summer we'll need to get a quote for the church and parsonage HVAC systems to convert to Natural Gas.

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Council Notes

Social Ministry & Outreach:

- Altar Guild is still looking for a chairperson.

Old Business:

- Youth Director-We'll keep looking for someone to fill the position, but will also see if there's any interest for an "activity coordinator" to help plan events. Will advertise for both positions until one is filled.
- Directory-is ready to submit.
- WiFi-installed the new system and after a few troubleshooting issues, it's working great. If there's a sale again we'd like to get another system for the parsonage. It will save us money in the long run by eliminating paying a monthly fee.
- Improvements Committee-we'll discuss at the Annual meeting and look for volunteers.

New Business:

- Annual meeting-discussed what will be on the agenda.
- Nursery room-needs to move and that space could be turned into a storage area. Would like to use one of the empty Sunday school rooms for a new nursery/playroom location.
- 2025 Budget-had discussions and will present it at the Annual meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Justin, Seconded by Sally. Motion approved.

Adjourned at 1:14pm

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Hillman

KLC CHURCH COUNCIL 2025

President - Caitlin Perhus

Vice President - Justin Fiesel

Treasurer - Bryan Halvorson

Secretary - Michele Hillman

Buildings & Grounds - Verne Wolf

Social Ministry & Outreach - Laurie O'Keefe

Faith Formation & Growth - Sally Erickson

ChurchCouncil@kindredlutheran.com

ATTENDANCE: FEB 2025

<u>Feb 2</u>	73
<u>Feb 9</u>	81
<u>Feb 16</u>	40
<u>Feb 23</u>	76

Financial Giving to the General Fund:

Annual Budget \$213,309.03

Needed Each Month \$17,775.75

Donations given through Feb 2025: \$19,0530



Prayers & Healing

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

Healing for:

Garrett Fenner
Shawn Johnson
Wyatt Simley
John Carlson
Alicia Hildebrand
Maverick Wilson
Joan Pratt
Marlys Bergene



Healing for:

Tonna Horsely
Bea Bachmeier
John Wickenheiser
Carol Mitskog



MOVED:

New Address:

Marlys Bergene
216 Mary Lane
Mankato, MN 56001

KLC Prayer Chain

If you have a private prayer request, please call Pastor Kyle (701-429-1413) and he will communicate with our list of prayer warriors on your behalf.

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KINDRED LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor:

Rev. Kyle Giermann

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Leah Lundquist

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Music Coordinator:

Cheryl Rostad

Choir Director:

LaVonne Nokleberg

Contemporary Worship Music:

Eldon & Amy Johnson

Custodians:

Mike & Karla Jostad

"Almighty, gracious God, we thank You for our volunteers who give their time, talent, and gifts. We thank You that they answered the call to serve. We ask that Your grace will refresh them as they unselfishly help others. We pray for their families and concerns they may have."

Work with the Food Pantry!
Help with Community Senior Meals!
Work with Vacation Bible school!
Join a KLC Committee!
Work with Community of Care!






Calendar



April

2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		 <p>1</p> <p>Bible Study - noon</p> <p>Noon-5 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6pm Lenten Dinner <u>7pm</u> <u>Lenten Worship</u></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>5</p>
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<p>13</p> <p>9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11am Fellowship 1pm First Communion Class</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Noon-5 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Easter Food Baskets Assembled: 2pm</p> <p>Baskets picked up 3-5pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Maundy Thursday</p> <p>7pm Worship Service & First Communion</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Good Friday</p> <p>7pm Worship Service</p>	<p>19</p>
<p><i>Easter</i> 20</p> <p>7:30am Easter Worship 8:30am Easter Brunch 10am Easter Worship</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Church Office Closed Easter Monday</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Noon-5 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6pm Confirmation <u>7:30pm</u> <u>Choir Practice</u></p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11am "Shrimp Boil" @ KLC YUMMY</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Senior Meal 11:45am</p>	<p>Noon-5 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6pm Confirmation <u>7:30pm</u> <u>Choir Practice</u></p>		<p><u>NOTES:</u></p>	<p><u>NOTES:</u></p>



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