

merry christmas

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"For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us; authority will rest upon his shoulders; and his name will be Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

-Isaiah 9:6

Advent and Christmas Greetings to you all,

We are in the season of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting, a time of preparation. A remembrance of the time of waiting and preparation that was done for the long-awaited Messiah. A time of waiting and preparation for when the Messiah will come again. A time of waiting and preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

Waiting and preparing are not things that are all that fun to do, especially when we are waiting and preparing for Christmas and the coming of the Messiah. Who wants to wait and prepare when you could already be celebrating? I know that I have been listening to Christmas music since, at least, November 1. This isn't to say that I don't want to take the time to wait and prepare, I am doing that too, but rather that it is so difficult to wait when what is coming is joy and celebration. I don't believe that a little joy and celebration as we wait and prepare is a bad thing, but when we let that joy and celebration overshadow what the true meaning of Advent is, we find ourselves out of the loop.

Our Advent journey is centered on this, Christ has come, and Christ will come again. In our society, we tend to focus on the first part of that statement more than the second part. Christ has come. Great! We celebrate that every day. But we also need to remember that Christ will come again. We sit in wait, and we prepare for Christ's return. But how do we do this?

We work to prepare ourselves for Christ's return each and every day. Through our prayers, our petitions, our sharing, and our care we prepare ourselves for the day that Christ will come again. At the same time, we are also helping to prepare others, so that all may know Christ when he returns. How we do this best is up to each individual person. Some may prepare best by serving in the community. Others may prepare best by studying scripture privately. Some may prepare best by worshipping openly in a congregation. Others may prepare best by lighting a candle (or their private advent wreath) and praying to God who hears them in private. There is no one correct or proper way to prepare just as there is no one correct or proper way to celebrate. Each person has their own way, and if your way helps you to prepare for Christ's return that is perfect. Maybe your way to prepare is to do some celebrating. So be it. Celebrate as you wait, but never forget the importance of your waiting and preparation. And if your way of waiting and preparing is to pray in the light of a candle, please do so (safely), but always remember that your preparation should not keep you from celebrating when the time comes.

So light your candles and/or blast your Christmas music as you prepare for Christmas and for Christ's return. The way you prepare best is the best way for you. So, even if it might be a little early, Merry Christmas to you. May your season be filled with peace and love.

Happy Advent Waiting,



Pastor Kyle



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gathered to grow

Christmas Eve Services 4p & 6p



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Dec 18 @ 10am

Please join us for the Kindred Kids Christmas Program! They will be performing....

"The Bells of Glocken"



JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Dec 18 @ 2pm



BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Dec 21 @ 7pm

There will be a "Blue Christmas" worship on Wednesday, Dec. 21 @7pm. Norman/Davenport parishes will be worshipping with us. The service honors people that have lost loved ones and are experiencing grief.

NO CHRISTIAN ED CLASSES DURING CHRISTMAS BREAK:

No Sunday School on 12/25 & 01/01

No Confirmation Class on 12/21, 12/28, & 01/04.



Kindred Kids Advent Collection

Kindred Kids is collecting items for homeless teens, in the FM area, during Advent. They are asking the congregation to take part in this collection. They have requested specific items for the teens.

Dec. 4 HYGIENE PRODUCTS

combs/brushes, water bottles, towels & pillows

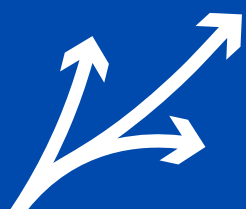
Dec. 11 WINTER GEAR

Hats, mittens, scarves, jackets/coats, boots & hand and foot warmers

DEC. 18 LIFE ITEMS

Backpacks, card games, non-perishable food, blankets, gift cards





sent to serve

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Please welcome our new members to
Kindred Lutheran Church.

The Paul family, Langely family, The
O'Keefe family, the Ham family, Katie and
Kyle Giermann and Catlin Perhus.

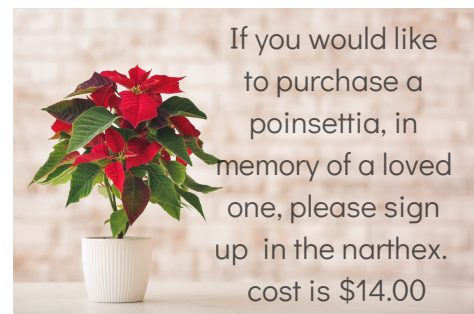
We are *blessed* to have these members
join us in our ministry together.



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

The return of the KLC Ham Dinner was a huge success. The kitchen was filled with cooks/servers and the fellowship hall was filled with hungry community members.

Over 350 ham dinners were sold. **THANK YOU** to all of the volunteers who helped by organizing, working in the kitchen and to the people who baked and donated over 50 pies for the dinner. **God is Good!!**



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, in memory of a loved one, please sign up in the narthex. cost is \$14.00



Thank offering donations for November was \$300 and was donated to the New Life Center in Fargo for Thanksgiving baskets.



Thank offering will be collected in December and proceeds will go to the Kindred School Backpack Program. Basket Located in the Narthex.

YOUR CHURCH GIVING!!

FINANCIAL GIVING TO THE GENERAL FUND:

ANNUAL BUDGET \$222,287
RECEIVED IN 2022 \$147,538.13
NEEDED EACH MONTH \$18,524
GIVEN IN NOV: \$13,300

ATTENTION PRAYER PARTNERS

Prayer Partners will meet after church on December 11th in the Fellowship Hall. We will reveal our partners and exchange gifts. If you would like to join our group please stop by and we can get you signed up. Thank You.

Carlotta



youth

YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS



**DEC 7TH @ 530
KLC SANCTUARY**

Spend some time with your peers and connect with Christ through song, scripture, and sharing
Youth only service
All 9-12 grade welcomed

CHRISTMAS BAKING

Come and make Christmas treats with Trish
7-12 youth invited

Treats to be made:

- pretzel trees
- sugar cookies
- carmel puffedcorn
- spritz cookies
- peppermint bark

Sign up here!
RSVP by Dec 12
to secure your spot

Want to take some treats home?

For every 1 food pantry item in need brought, pick a category of treat to take home.

Example: bring 1 can of green beans, take home some sugar cookies





council notes

Kindred Lutheran Church-Council Meeting
Sunday, October 16, 2022

Called to Order by: Lisa at 11:54 am

Present: Pastor Kyle, Lisa, Rich, Lloyd, Kathryn, & Michele

Absent: Susie & Gene

Secretary's Report/Approval of prior Minutes: Motion to approve September Minutes by Rich, Seconded by Kathryn. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report/Approval of Report:

- Contributions are still down a little.
- New programs have money to be added and updated.
- Church parsonage repairs are finished and waiting on the final itemized receipt.
- Will work on next year's budget.
- Had a Payroll Scam in July & August that was addressed.

Pastor's Report:

- New members...there are several families to contact for the luncheon on 11/13.
- Retreat last week went well, and lots of ideas were shared.
- Our church "Mission" needs updating, it's something that should be updated every 5 years and ours has been the same for 13 years. Will brainstorm ideas over the next few months.
- Pastor will be gone 10/20-10/23, Trish will be leading church 10/23 and Sally Erickson will be preaching.
- Finishing Confirmation meetings with the students that will be Confirmed this Fall.
- Visitations will continue to happen-there are 16 people on the list so far.
- Hoping to start a Bible study during Advent. Possible times would be on Wednesday's between Confirmation & choir practice and or Tuesday mornings or afternoons. It would be a 4-week study.

Updates from Directors:

1. Faith Formation & Growth:

- Trish & Pastor are talking about doing a camp Sunday at Red Willow-more to come on that later.
- Youth group (9th-12th graders) will meet soon to discuss ideas for activities to do this year. She would like to meet once/month for a fun outing and gather other times for faith discussions too.
- Sunday School is going great and has 81 kids signed up.



council notes

2. **Management & Grounds:**

-Prayer garden had some improvements done recently. They took out the old rock and added new plastic & rocks. Will be getting new plants this spring and are looking for a large rock sculpture too.

3. **Social Ministry & Outreach:**

- Susie will be meeting with the Worship committee about the ushering duties.
- Counting offering-we need to get a list started again of counters to do this job after church each week or may possibly add it to the Ushers duties.
- Stephens Ministry may change and join the Prayer and Visitation committees.
- Update the committee roles before the annual meeting.

Old Business:

-Giving-envelopes were put out on the tables in the back of the sanctuary for use of cash.

-New online giving option...“tithe.ly”-met with the new representative recently. The initial set-up fee is \$100, changing over the old to new system is \$150, and it's \$50/month after that for online giving, email & management system, text to give, & website.

New Business:

-Parsonage items (some things need immediate attention and others will be budgeted for a later time)...master bathroom faucet is leaking, drain plugs in all the bathroom sinks need replacing, need a new sink in the kitchen, fridge/freezer is still leaking, dryer not drying well-vent cleaned?, mildew in the washing machine-ringer needs to be replaced?, wood steps to the back patio are cracking, the privacy fence is falling apart, basement ceiling tiles need to be installed, A/C & furnace need updating.

-Nominating committee-President, Vice President, and Management & Grounds positions will need to be filled.

Unanimously Adjourned at 2:00pm





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.

The calling of Pastor Kyle Giermann, may he be abundantly blessed by members of KLC. Holy Spirit, guide and equip him for this time of leadership.

Gratitude for KLC members who have volunteered to serve on the Church Council and other Committees.

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

Skip

Pastor Joel Russell

Sandy Olsgard

Joe Brown

Evelyn Brown

Garrett Fenner

Carlotta Spelhaug

Keith Anderson

Lloyd Hoffarth Sr.

Andy Vega

Bruce Lykken

HOPE FOR:

Our entire congregation that we would clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, and unity.

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.

Citizens of Ukraine that they would find peace and safety in this time of military persecution.

COMFORT FOR:

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

Those who are missing a loved one this holiday season.

Did you know?

KLC Prayer Chain

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





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