

FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Kindred Saints.

This past Sunday February 27th, we gathered together for the Annual Meeting. Council President Rich Schock led the assembly in a review of the printed committee reports and we also heard from Treasurer Lloyd Hoffarth on our current financial standing and the mission plan going forward. The Council hopes to create a KLC Church Directory in the upcoming year; they are looking for comments, ideas, and volunteers to help with this goal. Leah Lundquist, coordinator for the Kindred Area Food Pantry, shared an update from the Pantry and the Backback Program. Spread the word: we have funds, food, and help available to those in need! You can find a copy of the Annual Report on our website under "News".

A Special Congregational Meeting was also held that afternoon. A unanimous vote was passed to call Kyle Giermann as the new <u>permanent Pastor for KLC</u>. Please be praying for Pastor Kyle and his fiancé, Katie, as they prepare to make the transition to Kindred. He'll be with us in April; more details to come. We are looking forward to this next chapter of our church life!

I encourage you all to join us this <u>Wednesday March 2nd for Ash Wednesday</u> as we begin the Lenten season. For centuries, the church has set aside Lent as a 40-day season of preparation beginning with Ash Wednesday and leading up to Easter. Lent is a kind of "spring training" for Christians in which we are called to stretch, exercise and strengthen what has grown weak and out of shape. With that in mind, you are invited to turn away from your sins and toward God, repent and believe the promise that Jesus lived and died and rose again for you. You are forgiven. Take off the things in your life that hinder your faith and interfere with your discipleship. Take on things that will strengthen your faith and help you grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

May God Bless you Abundantly! Bekki DuBord

> "LORD, MAY WE ALL LIVE A LIFE WORTHY OF THE CALLING WE HAVE RECEIVED; BEING COMPETELY HUMBLE, GENTLE, AND PATIENT; BEARING WITH OTHERS IN LOVE." FROM EPHESIANS 4:1-2



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WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICE

ASH WEDNESDAY MAR 2 MAR 9, 16, 23, 30, APR 6

DINNER @ 6PM SERVICE @ 7PM



Join us for a radio-interview-style performance on our very own KLC stage! "They Were There" is a five-part series of interviews with people who figured prominently in Christ's passion and death. Each Wednesday of Lent, starting March 9, we'll hear a back-and-forth narrative between a radio interviewer and these followers of Jesus: Judas, Barabbas, Pilate, Pilate's Wife, and Peter. They will be asked about their lives, what led them to that tragic event, and what they would say to us in the 21st century. **"THEY WERE THERE"**

I'm particularly excited for Phylis Phulof's interview with Pontius Pilate (played by our very own Mayor DuBord!)

If you enjoy being on stage, contact Cheryl Rostad to participate!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mar 2 • 7:00pm

The first Lenten service will be Ash Wednesday on Mar 2 in the Sanctuary. Pastor Ernie Simmons will join us to officially install our Church Council members for this year. Come early at 6pm to enjoy soup & sandwiches!

5TH GRADERS

First Communion

5th Graders will receive their
First Communion during the
Maunday Thursday service on
April 14. Parents, mark your
calendars and please be on the
lookout for updates on classes
required before this special
event.

COFFEE HOUR

Sundays in March

Starting in March, Fellowship hour on Sundays will be moved to AFTER the worship service. Please join us downstairs for treats, coffee, and conversation.



LENTEN OFFERINGS

REGIONAL

During Lenten Soup & Sandwich suppers, we will take a special offering for Churches United for the Homeless, which also serves the Dorothy Day House, Dorothy Day West, Dorothy Day Food Pantry and Bright Sky Apartments in Moorhead. Please make your check payable to Kindred Lutheran Church and write "Churches United" on the memo line.

GLOBAL

During the Lent worship services, we will take a special offering for Lutheran World Relief. Funds will go specifically to support families affected by the recent wild fires in the state of Colorado. Please make your check payable to Kindred Lutheran Church and write "Lutheran World Relief" on the memo line.

"RETURN TO GOD WITH ALL Your Heart" Joel 2:12

CHURCHES UNITED'S PIE PALOOZA!

Join Churches United for Pie-Palooza on March 14th at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. This event is a family-friendly pie social to help support Churches United's work of ending hunger in the Fargo-Moorhead area. There will be activities to help children learn about hunger in our community including a reading station, a pie walk, and coloring pages. And, of course, there will be plenty of pie for everyone!

The event is free, and we welcome free-will offerings. We will be collecting items that our food pantries always need-items that are also used in pies—such as flour, oil, spices, baking powder, and baking soda.

When: March 14th, from 5:30-7:30 pm

Where: St Joseph's Catholic Church 218 10th St. S.,

Moorhead MN

Thank you to all who contributed
to the special Love Offering to
benefit the The Garrett Fenner
Fund. We are able to donate

\$660 to help the family with

ongoing medical costs.

MARCH BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Anita Hoffarth 03/00 Makenzie Torgerson 03/00 Ivy Miller 03/00 Paul McCollum 03/01 Kari Rutten 03/02 Wyatt Vining 03/02 David Rostad 03/08 Lee Vining 03/09 Blake Miller 03/10 Julie Dahl 03/11 Nadia Kramer 03/11 Riley Braaten 03/12 Julie Laude 03/13 Hayes Bowers 03/13 Brian Tebera 03/14 Megan Mathias 03/14 Ian Hoffarth 03/14 Jackson Kub 03/14 Jamie Olson 03/16 Scott Ilvedson 03/18 Jeffri Kub 03/23 Kenneth Blilie 03/24 Tanner Perhus 03/24 Kris Vining 03/28 Leslie Wolf 03/29 Bryce Knowlen 03/30

YOUR CHURCH!

Financial Giving to the General Fund:
Annual Budget \$222,287
Received in 2022 \$18,125
Needed Each Month \$18,524
Given in February \$9,804

The 2021 Annual Report is available on our website (under News)

or in the church office

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LENTEN SCHEDULE

Wednesday Nights Starting March 2nd until April 17th

Confirmation

Please meet with Trish 2 6:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall before the 7 pm Lenten Service. There is no afterschool confirmation during this time.

Youth Group

Join Trish for Supper and Service! Supper is 20 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your homework if you would like! I will be attending the Lenten Service and would love a youth pew.

Class of 2022

KLC would like to offer the special gift of a hand-made quilt to each Senior graduating in 2022. If your child is interested, and you have not already connected with Trish, please let her know so that we can ensure they are invited to participate in this annual celebration during a future church service.

(trish@kindredlutheran.com)

9-12TH GRADE YOUTH AND PARENTS

Are you a KLC 9-12th grade youth who does not have Trish's number? Don't like group chats? Or a parent of a youth who wants scheduling notifications?

Sign up for alerts today!

Important: Terms of Service & Privacy Policy Message frequency may be periodic. Msg & Data rates may apply To cancel, send STOP to 40650 at any time. For help, send HELP to 40650 at any time



Expire March 20, 2022. Sign up TODAY!

To be added to our texting list, text
"KLCYOUTH" to 40650

Send a follow up text with you first and last name.

SAVE Number!

To be added to our texting list, text "YOUTHPARENT" to 40650

Then send a follow up text with your first and last name.

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Kindred Lutheran Church - Council Meeting January 16th, 2022

Call to Order-meeting called to order at 12:04 by Rich. Rich, Lori, Lisa, Susie, Gene and Kathryn present. Our Purpose / Reflection Time / Additions & Approval of Agenda

Secretary's Report/Approval of Minutes-Motion to approve both November and December meeting minutes by Lisa. Second by Lori. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report / Approval of Report – Final deposits and expenses not yet calculated. Continue to be under budget by almost \$15,000. Discussion of using fees for building-use for upgrades (i.e. Fellowship committee and replacing coffee maker). Advised to set up meeting with Lloyd to discuss funding further. Motion to approve budget by Lisa, second by Kathryn. Minutes approved.

Updates from Directors:

Faith Formation & Growth:

- Confirmation–Trish working on 5 week series through ELCA with youth. January assistance covered through a sign–up genius. Discussed plan for purchasing curriculum and continue with what she has been doing currently moving forward. Trish also started a form of texting group to see if she can connect with both parents and youth.
- Sunday school-Sunday school program was a success on December 19th!
- Idea to have a potluck for all committees', member's and all council members to meet as a group on January 30th to brainstorm ideas!

<u>Management & Grounds:</u>

- Gene has a lock for the parsonage garage and is working on getting installed. Will look into see if any fixtures need replacing.
- Lighting-kitchen needs to be replaced for sure. Will potentially need to replace entire lights in fellowship hall if can't replace at a cost of \$500-600 possibly more since bids are old. Lighting for music and altar was bid from \$2200-3500. Priority will be to replace lights in kitchen and fellowship. Altar and organ as well. Gene will get updated bid for lighting for these first.

Social Ministry & Outreach:

- Fellowship hall update- Discussion on how to fund new tables and chairs. However, given contributions being down, discussing replacing chairs only. Cleaning carpet in fellowship again as limited budget funding with contributions down. Will wait until the lighting project is done before moving forward with cleaning.
- Will discuss goals for updating lighting at annual meeting. Joan bringing donuts for annual meeting.

Old Business

- Call committee update-Second interview for 3 of 7. Down to 2 candidates. Call committee will be observing one of the candidates next week. Council will wait for a further recommendation from the call committee.
- Pulpit supply-need to find Pr. for January 23rd.

New Business

- Annual meeting-scheduled for February 6th. We discussed moving to give call committee and financial more time to have updated information/budget. Council will send out a notice to share with Bekki in 1 week to send to congregation to let them know as 2 weeks is required for notification.
- Installation of Council members–Gene has agreed to stay on for 1 more year. Lori will be done with Council. Discussed the installation of members on Ash Wednesday and trying to find an actual Pr.
- Lent-Wednesday services and soup/sandwich suppers-Bekki and Cheryl came up with an idea of a 5 week play called "They Were There" in which primary bible characters are portrayed. Council will plan to serve soup and sandwiches on Ash Wednesday. Will discuss with Trish further.
- Long term planning for services and other events (i.e. Holy Week, etc) if no Pr. -table for now and will discuss further at next meeting.
- Church app-Costing the church \$60 a month and there is no more updates/support available. Not a lot of people using the app right now. Discussed getting rid of app. Will discuss online contributions and church app next meeting.

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Lisa at 2:29. Second by Gene. Meeting adjourned.

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"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.

Gratitude for guest Pastor Ernie Simmons who will lead our worship services for the month of March.

Blessing on the Call Committee for all of their hard work over the last 15 months. May they feel supported and cared for by our congregation.

The hiring 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 Skippy Pastor Joel Russell Westin Hage Sandy Olsgard Trish Miller Joe Brown

> If you, or anyone you know, would like to be added to this list of prayers for healing, please call or email the church office.

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!

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

Johnny Brayton (son of Karen & John Brayton)

Heavenly Father, I lift up ________ to you. Please calm the storms in his/her life and help him/her keep his/her heart focused on Jesus. Let him/her feel your loving arms wrapped around him/her and hear you whisper in their ear, "I love you! We're going to make it! Dad knows the way home." Strengthen their faith so that they will stand firm to the end and grant them the gift of eternal life. Amen.

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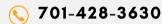
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Thursday 9AM to 4PM



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Admin. Assistant: Bekki DuBord admin@kindredlutheran.com

Youth Director: Trish Miller trish@kindredlutheran.com

Music Coordinator: Cheryl Rostad

Choir Director: LaVonne Nokleberg

Custodian: Mike Jostad

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You can connect with KLC anytime, anywhere by using our website. Features include an archive of all newsletters, the current church calendar, information about programs and ways to volunteer, sermons, and contact details.

www.kindredlutheran.com

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