

Kindred Connections

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"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it."

— John 1:5 (NRSVue)

Siblings in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in this beautiful Advent season.

Christmas and Advent remain some of my very favorite times of the year. There is a warmth and a quiet joy that settle over these weeks of preparation, and at the same time there is a bubbling excitement that grows as we draw nearer to the celebration of Christ's birth. We watch as the candles on the Advent wreath grow brighter each Sunday. We listen for the promises of hope and peace. We open our hearts to the coming of Christ who meets us with grace right where we are. Advent invites us to slow down, to breathe deeply, and to remember that God is faithfully at work even when the world feels hurried or uncertain.

One of the true gifts of Advent is that it teaches us how to wait. Not the restless kind of waiting that we experience in daily life, but a hopeful and expectant waiting that trusts God's timing. The early Christians saw Advent as both a remembrance and a promise. It points us back to Bethlehem, where God entered the world in the humility of a manger. But it also points us forward to the day when Christ will come again to renew all things. This means our waiting is not passive. It is a practice of faith. It is learning to look for signs of God's presence, to name the blessings around us, and to believe that God is moving even when we cannot see the whole picture. Advent shapes us into a people who hold onto hope with confidence and courage.

I am grateful for how this congregation reflects that light in so many ways. Your encouragement, your generosity, your willingness to serve, and your love for one another kindle the hope of Advent for our whole community. Every time we gather for worship, every time a child lights an Advent candle, every time we reach out to a neighbor in need, we participate in God's ongoing story of love breaking into the world. There is a joy here that feels alive and growing, and it is a blessing to witness.

As we draw near to Christmas, I want to warmly invite you and your loved ones to our Christmas Eve services at 4:00pm and 6:00pm. These gatherings are filled with joy and expectation as we sing beloved carols, hear the story of Jesus' birth, and share in the peaceful glow of candlelight. There is something extraordinary about that moment when the sanctuary fills with soft lights and voices carried by hope. It is one of the most beautiful experiences of our life together, and I look forward to celebrating it with you.

May this Advent strengthen your hope, lift your spirit, and draw you closer to the heart of God. And may the joy of Christ fill your homes and your hearts as Christmas approaches.

Peace,



Pastor Kyle



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Gathered to Grow

Join Us for Christmas Eve!!



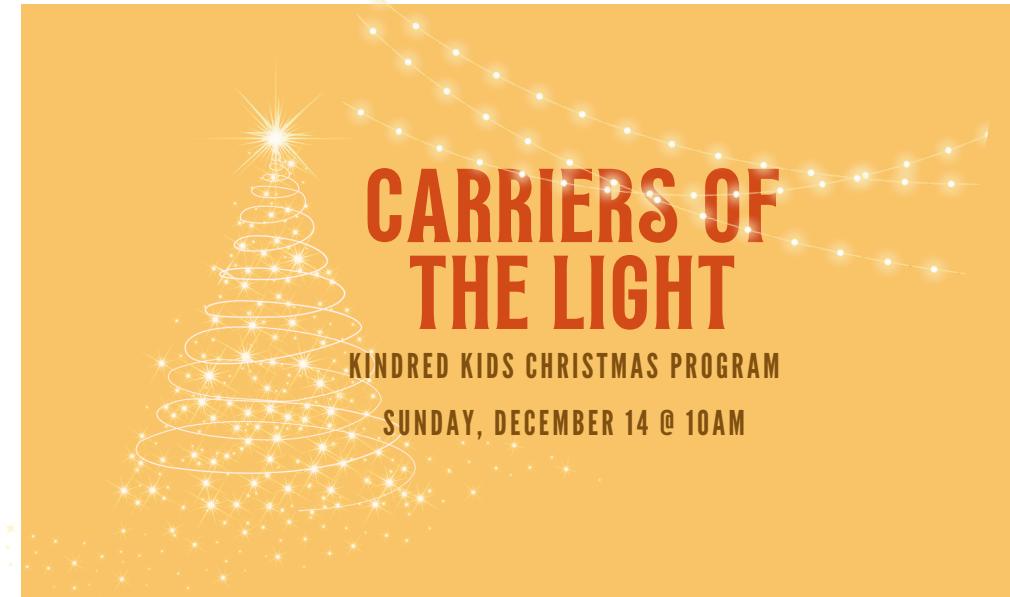
Christmas Eve Worship

Wednesday, Dec. 24
4pm & 6pm



-A few pictures of our youth-

Kindred Kids Sunday School Program!!



Please join us for the Kindred Kids' Christmas Program on Sunday, Dec 14 during worship service. Make sure your child is at Sunday School on Dec 7 - they will be practicing for the program!



Upcoming Events!!

KLC Prayer Partner

Sunday, Dec. 7th @ 11am

Would you appreciate having someone dedicated to sending a heartfelt prayer to the heavens on your behalf? Someone who remembers you specifically—a personal prayer warrior. Join us next Sunday to sign up for the "Extra Love" program and experience this unique support.

We will meet after worship in the church basement.

Blue Christmas

Sunday, December 21 • 7pm

A Blue Christmas worship service offers a supportive atmosphere for individuals who are mourning, grieving, or experiencing pain during the holiday season. It is an opportunity to acknowledge feelings of sadness and find solace together.

Poinsettias

Sign up sheet in the entryway. Price is \$13.

If you would like to purchase a flower in memory of a loved one please sign up in the entry way.



Welcome

Welcome to our new members at KLC. (L to R) Aaron, Meridith, Patrick & Preston Maley, AJ Cain, Sharon & Jason Kaseman, Mike & Denise Heglie, (not pictured) Josh, Samantha, Abigail & Teddy Allmaras.



KLC is excited to have you in our church family.

↗ Sent to Serve

KLC is collaborating with Norman Lutheran and the Catholic Church in Kindred to support our local charities. We have established a rotating schedule, and here are the items required for this month. Thank you immensely for your generosity!

Community Closet

clorox wipes

Viking Village

Beef sticks

Food Pantry

Baking Items:
flour, sugar,
vegetable oil

We have donation tubs available for all locations that are requesting items. You can find them located downstairs in the Sunday School hallway.



Kindred Lutheran Giving Tree
November 23rd - December 14th

-Express Lane-
-Hawk's Market-
-K Town-

1. Remove one or more ornaments off the tree.
2. Place \$10 for each ornament you select along with the ornaments in the gift box.
3. Make a check payable to Kindred Lutheran Church and write "Missions" on the memo line.



KLC HAM DINNER !!

The Ham Dinner was a huge success also in November. With a delicious meal of ham, baked potato and glazed carrots, we were able to serve over 300 people. Thanks to everyone that helped setting up and cleaning up on the day of the meal. See you next year!!

CHRISTMAS CLOSET!!

The recent weekend at KLC was a bustling success! The 2nd Annual Christmas Closet raised \$1,800 through the sale of Christmas items and a bake sale. Of this amount, \$900 was generously donated to the Viking Village at KHS, while another \$900 went to the Kindred Area Food Pantry.



Pastor Kyle presenting a check to the Viking Village.
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Confirmation

Upcoming Confirmation Events:

Wednesday, January 7 - Activity Day!

January 14 - Starting "After You" Curriculum!



Upcoming Youth Events:

Serving a meal at NDSU Crossroads March 1. 9-12 grade, join us!



Roadtrip for 9-12 graders this summer! July 7-14, 2026

Questions? Email Lanah youth@kindredlutheran.com



JULY 7-14, 2026



Game Night - You asked, it's back!
Friday, January 30

Join us for Game Night at KLC
ALL Youth are welcome 6-12 grade!
Snacks will be provided.
7pm-9pm



KLY (Clay)

Senior High Winter Camp

Are you a 9-12 grader? Would you like to "Recharge" from the daily stresses? Please, join us for a Senior High Winter Retreat to "Recharge"

February 20-22, 2026 at Luther Crest Bible Camp in Alexandria, MN. Cost is \$210/participant. Please Email Lanah if you are interested!



SIGN UP HERE



RETREAT

SIGN UP HERE

Prayers AND Healing

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

Healing for:

John Carlson
Maverick Wilson
Joan Pratt
Tonna Horsely

Healing for:

Joan Halland
Carol Mitskog
Pastor Karin Moberg
Pastor Ryan Patenaude
Joan Hoffarth

Comfort for:

The family of Josh Stigman,
his parents are Karla and Mike
Jostad.

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.



KINDRED LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF:

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Cheryl Rostad

Choir Director:

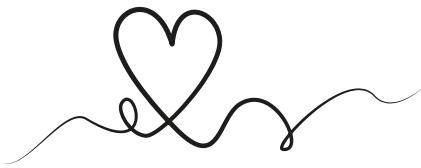
LaVonne Nokleberg

Contemporary Worship Music:

Eldon & Amy Johnson

Custodians:

Mike & Karla Jostad



If you've seen the quilt displayed above the organ in the sanctuary during October and November, let's delve into its history. This quilt was crafted by a group of ladies from the surrounding communities of Gol, Norman, Kindred, and Christiana, with all their names beautifully stitched onto it. Jean Hertsgaard acquired the quilt at an auction held by Muriel Evenson and generously donated it to Kindred Lutheran Church. It is hung each October and November in memory of Jean's birthday and to celebrate KLC's anniversary in November.



Council Notes

Council Minutes

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Kindred Lutheran Church

2026-3 Caitlin Perhus 2027-2 Sally Erickson 2027-2 Laurie O'Keefe 2026-3 Bryan Halvorson

2027-2 Verne Wolf 2028-1 Michele Hillman 2027-2 Justin Fiesel

Called to Order by: Caitlin at 11:34 am

Present: Pastor Kyle, Caitlin, Bryan, Sally, Laurie, & Michele

Absent: Justin & Verne

Opening Prayer

Secretary's Report/Approval of prior Minutes: Motion to approve amended September Minutes by Laurie, Seconded by Bryan. Motion approved.

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

- The budget is balanced through August.
- Selected Pastors health benefits for next year.
- Funds came together for 2 new fridges and they will be here next week. (\$1,500 for both)
- We recently paid our \$6,000 benevolence to the Eastern ND synod.

Pastor's Report:

- Confirmation classes are going well and have started a new lesson series.
- One on one meetings with the 16-9th graders that are getting confirmed is almost complete.
- The fall youth retreat to Castaway Club went well. Pastor Kyle and Lanah were chaperones for the whole group. (12 from KLC, and 6 from Norman/Davenport Lutheran)
- Visitations went well this month.
- Someone from the Synod will be here for worship 11/2 for their 3 year visit. The last visit was in June 2022.
- Lanah's planning a game night for the youth sometime in November. Her chats last month were helpful to see what the kids are interested in and to get to know them better.
- New member luncheon and class will be in November.
- Paternity leave in January- we have a few people lined up to fill in for services and will continue to look for a few more.

Financial Giving to the General Fund:

Annual Budget: \$213,309.03

Needed Each Month: \$17,775.75

Donations given through October 2025: \$144.565

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Council Notes

Updates from Directors:

Faith Formation & Growth:

- Bible Sunday was held 10/12 with 9-3rd graders and 7 preschoolers receiving Bibles donated by families of the church.
- Sunday School Christmas program will be held 12/14 during worship.
- There was no Confirmation 10/15.

Management & Grounds:

- Getting new soap dispensers in the bathrooms.
- Cleaning company- will reach out to them to address the dishwasher leaving glasses looking filmy. (They were working on getting the chemical levels correct)

Social Ministry & Outreach:

- The Missions committee is going to donate to the same Missionary family as they've supported in the past.
- Ham Dinner is planned for 11/2 and preparations are underway. Jalen Ham and Scott Milbrandt are heading the event.

Old Business:

- Improvements Committee- no new updates.
- Misconduct Prevention Policy- no new updates.

New Business:

- Directory- looking for volunteers to help work on a new one.
- Council positions- Bryan and Caitlin are considering staying on for another term unless someone else would like the positions.
- The Annual Church meeting is tentatively planned for 2/8 after worship.

Motion to adjourn by Bryan, Seconded by Laurie. Motion approved.

Adjourned at 12:41pm

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Hillman

Next meeting: Sunday, November 9, 2025-after worship

2 Months out: Sunday, December 14, 2025-6pm

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE

2nd

9th

16th

23rd

30th

118

138

96

97

58

“Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits. This is an encouragement to remember and be thankful for the good things God has provided.” Psalm 103:2



Calendar

2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Advent Bible Study Noon Youth Bible Study 7 pm	2 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	3 6th, 7th, 8th Confirmation 6pm Choir Practice 5:30pm		4	5 Church Office Closed
9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am - Fellowship <u>Prayer Partner</u> <u>Christmas Party</u>	7 Advent Bible Study Noon Youth Bible Study 7 pm	8 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	9 6th, 7th, 8th Confirmation 6pm Choir Practice 5:30pm	5	11	12 Church Office Closed
9am - Sunday School 10am - Kindred Kids' Christmas Program 11am - cake & treats	14 Senior Meal 11:45am Youth Bible Study 7 pm	15 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	16 Advent Bible Study Noon	17 6th, 7th, 8th Confirmation 6pm Choir Practice 5:30pm	18 Christmas Baskets given out 3-4:30	19 Church Office Closed
21 NO Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am-Fellowship Blue Chistmas Service 7pm	22 Advent Bible Study Noon	23 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	24 <i>Christmas</i> <i>Eve</i> Worship- 4pm & 6pm	25 <i>Christmas</i> <i>Day</i>	26 Church Office Closed	27
No Sunday School 10am "Lesson & Carols" Worship Service 	28 29	30 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	31 No Confirmation Church Office Closed	1 Church Office Closed	2	



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