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Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

- Isaiah 40:31 (NRSV)

Siblings in Christ,

Nearly 4 years since the start of the Coronavirus pandemic, we, as a society, are still recovering and healing to where we used to be and the new ways in which life will be. I don't think anyone could have thought that recovery would take this long. But as I said on January 28, healing and recovery takes time and effort.

One of the ways we are still recovering is in our faith life. We spend a lot of time searching for meaning in our lives and when the Covid pandemic hit, and lasted, one of those things that gives great meaning to our lives, our faith, seemed to fall to the wayside. We got focused on other things that were happening and got out of the habit of practicing our faith. We stopped attending worship services as often, or at all, we seemed to forget the promises we made to God in Baptism, we became stagnant in sharing our faith with our children, and we seemed to have neglected prioritizing God in our lives.

We have all done this, in one way or another. We all have fallen short of who God has called us to be. We have lacked living our faith in the way that Jesus taught us to live it. Only when we acknowledge these shortcomings in our faith, can we truly start to heal.

Luckily, Lent is a season of repentance and renewal. Lent is a time where we work toward healing our faith lives and our relationship with God.

This Lent, I invite you into a practice of focus. Starting February 14, I will be doing a devotional through the Bible app by YouVersion. This devotional, lasting from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday, will walk through a journey of seven different spiritual practices, one for each week of Lent. I invite you to join me on this journey, by using your phone to scan the QR code below.

My hope in this devotional is to remind us of some different spiritual practices that can help strengthen our faith and help us remember the importance of God in our lives. Each day there will be a devotional reading, 1 to 3 short bible readings and an opportunity to talk it over. The devotional is self-guided, meaning you can jump ahead, or catch up at your own pace. You can also set it up to give you a reminder each day to do your devotional. I truly hope that you will join me, and others from our faith family, on this journey of focusing on our faith, through the spiritual practices of Fasting, Prayer, Repentance, Compassion & Relationship, Hospitality, Wisdom, and Obedience to God throughout Lent.

The other way I want to invite you into the practice of focus is through our Wednesday night worship services. Each week we will spend time in evening vespers and focus on one of the recorded statements of Jesus on the cross. Focusing on these statements will help us to remember what Jesus did for us and how we can renew our lives in his promises. We will go through these statements each Wednesday, until Holy Week, starting February 14 with a meal at 6pm and worship at 7pm.

I earnestly invite you to join in this journey, just as you are.

Peace,



Pastor Kyle



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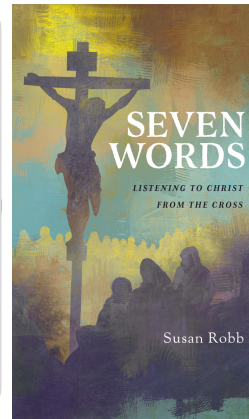
WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

Ash Wednesday - Feb 14

Feb 21, 28, and March 6, 13, 20

DINNER @ 6PM

SERVICE @ 7PM



Lenten Bible Study
SEVEN WORDS
LISTENING TO CHRIST FROM THE CROSS

Starting
Feb 14 at noon

Cost: \$15
Sign up in the entryway

Archer Daniel Carter was baptized on Sunday, January 7, 2024
His loving parents are Hunter and Kayla Carter.

KLC Directory Update

If you were unable to get your photo taken for the KLC directory, please email Leah at admin@kindredlutheran.com with a current photo of your family that you would like to use for the directory.

Who is serving our Lenten dinners?

- Feb 14 - Church Council
- Feb 21 - Altar Guild
- Feb 28 - KLC New Orleans Youth
- March 6 - KLC New Orleans Youth
- March 13 - Parish Life/Mission
- March 20 - Worship/Fellowship
- Dinner - 6pm, Worship - 7pm



ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, Feb 11 @ 11am

Join your church family after worship for DONUTS and our Annual Meeting. You will hear about what our committees have been up to in 2023

Kindred Kids sing today!!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, Feb 14 @ 7pm

1 Service on Jan 14th!
Soup & Sandwiches at 6pm

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, Feb 18

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, Feb 25 @ 10am

Music! Music! Music!
Sing along with our contemporary music band!

LOVE OFFERING

Sunday, Feb 25



gathered to grow

What is Ash Wednesday?



"Ash Wednesday" is derived from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of believers in the shape of a cross. The ashes of this holiday symbolize two main things: death and repentance. "Ashes are equivalent to dust, and human flesh is composed of dust or clay ([Genesis 2:7](#)), and when a human corpse decomposes, it returns to dust or ash." "When we come forward to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, we are saying that we are sorry for our sins and that we want to use the season of Lent to correct our faults, purify our hearts, control our desires and grow in holiness so we will be prepared to celebrate Easter with great joy"

In the Lenten season, Christians honor the 40 days and nights following Christ's baptism when He went into the wilderness without water and food and was tempted by Satan. During that time, Christ did what we do today when we fast: wrestle with temptation. Many Christians also engage in fasting and self-denial during the Lenten season as a way of drawing closer to God.

- ChristianityToday.com, *What's the Deal with Lent?*, Aaron Damiani (2017)

Why don't we use Alleluias during Lent?

Based on the Hebrew word, הַלְלוּ יְהוָה (*hallelu yah*), meaning "Praise the Lord," alleluia (or hallelujah) is a word of great praise to God. Because of the penitential character of the season of Lent, singing or saying the word "alleluia" has historically been suspended during Lent's forty days. This period of individual and congregational reflection on the quality of our baptismal faith and life suggests that the joyful nature of alleluia is more appropriately reserved for our Easter celebrations when it is given full and jubilant voice.

By refraining from using the word "alleluia" during Lent, we are reminded of Jesus' 40 days of temptation in the wilderness and of the 40 years the Israelites spent wandering the desert. We anticipate the joy of Easter when glad alleluias will return in all their heavenly splendor.

- ELCA Worship Formation & Liturgical Resources: *Frequently Asked Questions* (January 2013)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Holy Week

Palm Sunday

March 24

10 am

Maundy Thursday

March 28

7 pm

Good Friday

March 29

7 pm

Easter Sunday

March 31

7:30 am & 10 am

Breakfast @ 8:30 am

sent to serve

SPECIAL OFFERINGS



The LOVE offering, on Feb 25, will be donated to the KLC youth that are attending the National Youth Gathering in July 2024.

Lenten Soup/Sandwich Dinners offering will go to the Community of Care, to support a nurse coming to the Kindred Area.



Lenten offering during our Wednesday night services will go to Church's United for the Homeless.

Kindred Kids Sunday School

Kindred Kids will collect quarters every Sunday in Feb. and March as an offering to help community members who need quarters for their washer/dryer facilities. If you would like to join in the "quarter" collecting - place your quarters in the offering plates



HAPPY Valentines DAY



GRATITUDE & PRAYERS

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.

Healing For...

Pastor Phil Larson, Garrett Fenner, Ruth Smith, Collins Arnold, Marian Flom, George Kruse, and Leo Kannas.

"Good Grief"

Good Grief is new grief group being held at Boulgers Funeral Home in Fargo. The class will meet the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:30pm. This class is a for people that are dealing with a recent death or within the last few years. If you are interested, please contact a grief support counselor at 701-237-6441 at Boulgers.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Kathryn Gray, Lloyd Hoffarth, and Susie Mathias, members of the KLC Church Council, whose term is coming to an end this month. Your wisdom, time, and grace have been invaluable to us, and we appreciate your dedicated service to the council. Once again, thank you.

We are also immensely grateful to all committee members for your time and talents in keeping the church running smoothly. Your contributions have not gone unnoticed, and we appreciate your unwavering support.

thank you



youth

Thank You TRISH



After 4.5 years of serving as the KLC Youth Director, Trish Miller has announced that she will be resigning to spend more time with her family. She will be continuing on as Youth Director through the program year and will remain a valued member of Kindred Lutheran. We would like to thank Trish for the work she has done for our youth and our community, especially in developing the youth program and holding things together through pastoral transition.

Please help us thank Trish for her work and service!

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— YOUTH DIRECTOR —

Apply Now!

Find the Job Description on our website. Send your Resume and Cover Letter to:

pastorkyle@kindredlutheran.com

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

- February 25 - Love Offering
- February 28 - Lenten Meal
- March 6 - Lenten Meal
- March 31 - Easter Breakfast

Your support in helping send our youth to New Orleans for this important faith formation event is greatly appreciated!



council notes

Council Minutes
Sunday, December 10, 2023
Kindred Lutheran Church

Present: Pastor Kyle, Kathryn, Bryan, Lloyd, Susie (via phone), Caitlin, Verne, & Michele

Secretary's Report/Approval of November Minutes: Motion to approve November minutes by Susie, Seconded by Caitlin. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report/Approval of Report: Motion to approve Report by Bryan, Seconded by Verne. Motion approved. We are a little short on general contributions before the holidays. We have a net loss to date, but it is normal for this time of year. Contributions for other funds have been steadily coming in (Thank offering/food baskets/etc.). Expenses are in line and will be reaching out to groups for budget plans for the next year.

Pastor's Report:

- Have a group of people signed up for a bible study during Advent.
- December 20th we'll host a Blue Christmas service here (no other churches wanted to join)
- New Facebook page called "Kindred Area Community Services" has information on the local Food Pantry, Backpack Program, and "Walk of Faith" programs, which help families in need in our community.
- Christmas Eve services will be held at 4:00pm & 6:00pm on Sunday 12/24, no AM service.
- New Years Eve service we'll be having carols and song requests. Pajama Day too?
- Future food baskets- KAMA will provide the meat and churches will provide the sides.
- Visitation of a few shut-ins, and a couple more added to the list.
- Food Baskets being put together and distributed 12/20.

Updates from Directors:

Faith Formation & Growth:

- Youth group continues the fundraising for the Youth gathering in New Orleans.
- Sunday School is doing treats after the Christmas program and will be doing a fun pajama/movie day sometime in January.

Management & Grounds:

- Snow removal has started, outlets outside are now working, changed the batteries in the thermostats, and rodent control is good.

Social Ministry & Outreach:

- Missions committee will be collecting a Christmas offering for a local family in need.

Old Business:

- Gift Policy-looking at the current draft, with positive feedback.
- Service Improvements-still looking into products and pricing.
- Nominating Committee-we have 2 positions to fill.

Motion to adjourn by Caitlin, Seconded by Michele. Motion approved.

Adjourned at 1:15pm

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Hillman



calendar



2024

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|-----------------------|--|---|--|--|----------|
| | | | | 1 8:30am - Moms in Prayer | 2 Groundhog Day Church Office Closed | 3 |
| 4 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am - Fellowship | 5 | 6 | 7 FCCLA Contest 8am-3pm 6pm Confirmation 7:30pm Choir Practice | 8 8:30am - Moms in Prayer Giving Hearts Day! | 9 Church Office Closed | 10 |
| 11 Transfiguration Sunday 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service (KK sing) 11am - Annual Meeting | 12 | 13 | 14 Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday Noon - Bible Study 6 pm Soup/Sandwich 7pm - Ash Wed. Services 7:45 pm Choir Practice | 15 8:30am - Moms in Prayer | 16 Church Office Closed | 17 |
| 18 No Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am - Fellowship | 19 Presidents' Day | 20 Deadline for Newsletter Articles | 21 Noon - Bible Study 6 pm Soup/Sandwich 7pm - Lenten Services 7:45 pm Choir Practice | 22 8:30am - Moms in Prayer | 23 Church Office Closed | 24 |
| 25 9am - Sunday School 10am - Contemporary Worship Service 11am - Fellowship LOVE Offering | 26 | 27 | 28 Noon - Bible Study 6 pm Soup/Sandwich 7pm - Lenten Services 7:45 pm Choir Practice | 29 Leap Day 8:30am - Moms in Prayer | | |



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