

# KINDRED CONNECTIONS

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***"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."***

Siblings in Christ,

— Matthew 18:20 (NRSV)

September has always held a special place in my heart, and I hope it does in yours as well. After the slower, more restful rhythms of summer, our congregation begins to gather more fully again, each of us bringing the experiences, reflections, and joys of the past months. There is a certain beauty in this season: a sense of returning, of renewal, of stepping back into the flow of shared life in Christ. It feels a bit like a family reunion: familiar faces greet us, new faces catch our attention, and God's Spirit whispers invitations to grow, to serve, and to love more deeply.

This month, our calendar is full of moments to reconnect with one another and with God:

• **Meet and Greet with our new Youth Director - September 3**

- We have the joy of welcoming a new member to our ministry team. This is a time not just to say hello, but to surround them with prayer, encouragement, and support as they begin to walk with our young people in faith and growth. Let us open our hearts to their gifts and vision, and together celebrate the new energy God is bringing to our youth ministry.

• **Rally Sunday - September 7**

- Rally Sunday is always a highlight of the fall season. With **Sunday School at 9:00am, worship at 10:00am, and food and fellowship starting at 11:00am**, it is a day for laughter, learning, and rejoicing. More than a calendar event, it is a living reminder that our faith journey is never solitary. Each new year of Sunday School is an opportunity to see the wonder of God's Word through the eyes of children, youth, and adults alike. Come ready to celebrate the gift of learning and growing together.

• **Confirmation Orientation - September 10**

- Confirmation is a sacred time of formation, prayer, and reflection. Parents and students will gather to begin this year's journey, exploring the depth of God's love and the richness of our Lutheran tradition. **As regular Confirmation classes begin on September 17**, we pray for guidance, curiosity, and courage for each student to encounter Christ in new ways, and for parents and mentors to be steady companions along the way.

• **God's Work, Our Hands Sunday - September 21**

- This day calls us beyond the walls of our church to live out our faith in service. Together with congregations across the country, we will engage in acts of compassion and kindness, small and large, reminding our neighbors that they are seen, loved, and valued. In service, we do more than help others, we witness to the presence of Christ in our midst and are ourselves transformed by the joy of giving.

• **EaND Fall Youth Retreat at Castaway - September 26-28**

- Our middle youth will gather for a weekend of worship, fun, and spiritual growth with peers from across the synod. Retreats like this give young people the chance to step away from daily routines, encounter God in creation, deepen friendships, and explore what it means to live faithfully in a complex world.

In each of these gatherings, there is a thread that binds us all together: Christ's abiding presence. As Jesus reminds us, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20). Whether we are worshiping in the sanctuary, learning in a classroom, laughing over a meal, or serving in our community, we are never alone. Christ walks with us, inspiring hope, peace, and courage.

My prayer for this September is simple: that each of us may encounter Christ in every encounter, in every conversation, and in every act of service. May we recognize the sacredness of ordinary moments, rejoice in the beauty of community, and trust in the Spirit's guidance as we step into this new season together. Whether you have been a member for years, have recently joined us, or are simply exploring faith, there is a place for you here. Let us come with open hearts, ready to see what God will do among us.

Peace,



Pastor Kyle



**Kindred**  
Lutheran Church

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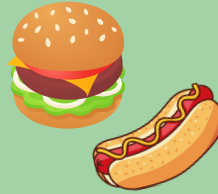


# Gathered to Grow



**MEET, GREET  
AND EAT!!**

**September 3rd  
5:30-7pm**



**Sept 3  
5:30-7pm**

Come join the celebration as we welcome Lanah our amazing new youth director! Stop by to say hello and stay for a delicious supper filled with joy and fellowship. Let's gather as a church family to surround her with love and give her the warmest welcome to our community.

## **Rally Sunday & Sunday School!!**

**Kindred Kids**  
Sunday School

**Starts Sept 7  
9:00am**

Register now at  
[www.kindredlutheran.com](http://www.kindredlutheran.com)

**Rally Sunday**

**SEPT 7 @ 10AM**

**Taco in a bag, games,  
music & FUN!!**

**The wait is over...**

**Sunday School is back and we are kicking things off in a big way  
on September 7 at 9 am!**

Bring your energy and your smiles because the morning will be packed with laughter games and unforgettable moments. Our worship will be a true celebration as we officially install our incredible teachers and roll out the red carpet for our brand new Youth Director, Lanah. And the fun does not stop there. Get ready for a mouthwatering potluck with Taco in a Bag and a morning bursting with outdoor adventures for the whole family.



# Gathered to Grow

## Prayer Garden



On Maundy Thursday this year, our Cross in the Prayer Garden fell to the ground due to rotting wood. We are now fortunate to have a larger Cross in the Prayer Garden, made possible by the efforts of Verne, Rodney, Elliott Wolf, and Justin Fiesel! We extend our heartfelt thanks for your hard work and dedication in restoring the beauty of our space!

## God's Work Our Hands!

### What is God's Work Our Hands Sunday?

God's Work Our Hands is Sunday, Sept 21 after a short worship service. It is a day of service for the ELCA where congregations participate in community service projects to share God's Love. The event, which began in 2023, encourages Lutherans to act as God's hands and feet to love and serve their neighbors and make their communities better places.

### What is KLC doing for God's Work Our Hands Sunday?

The Missions Committee is collecting items and money for the VIKING VILLAGE: Personal Care Kits & Snack Bags. Items needed for both:

#### Personal Care Kit Items

- deodorant (large)
- lip balm, hand sanitizer, body spray, makeup wipes, small shampoo/conditioner, lotion

#### Snack Bag Items:

- Beef sticks, granola bars (No Nuts) - Kirkland blue/white box from Costco, strawberry or brown sugar cinnamon Pop Tarts, Cheez Its (multipack), Yogurt Melts
- ie: strawberry Probiotic Yoggies (from Costco)

### God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

SHORT WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY  
SUNDAY SCHOOL AS NORMAL

Sept 21

JOIN US FOR A DEDICATED  
DAY OF SERVICE TO OUR  
COMMUNITY



10AM  
followed by a  
Chili Palooza in the  
Fellowship Hall



### CHILI PALOOZA



Chili tasting and eating will be available during God's Work Our Hands Day. Texas Red Chili, Spicy Chili, White Chili, Boring Chili will be served.

We are looking for donations of cheese, sour cream, onions, crackers and bars for day also.

*delicious!*

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# Sent to Serve

## Help! We Need You!!



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

September 

	Usher	Greeter	Fellowship	Reader	Technology
September 7 10 am				RALLY SUNDAY	
September 14 10 am					
September 21 10 am				GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS	
September 28 10 am					



## Volunteer Opportunities at Kindred Lutheran

As members of Kindred Lutheran, we invite you to help with ushering, serving fellowship, reading, or supporting our technology during services. These tasks are easy to manage, and assistance is always available if you need it.

The sign-up list is posted on Leah's door in the church entryway. Right now, we still have many open slots for helpers in September.

Please take a moment to sign up when you visit the church, or call the office, Leah will be happy to help you get signed up. Thank you for sharing your time and gifts in support of our shared ministry!



## Kindred Area Food Pantry!!



The food pantry received a generous donation of \$1,200 from the Kindred Fire Department. This amount was raised through the registrations for their 5K event during Kindred Days!



\*Open\* Tuesdays  
Noon-5pm

### THANK YOU!

*Items needed at the food pantry:*  
canned chicken, tuna, spam  
syrup, ketchup, jelly  
canned soup - Progresso

**Donations can be dropped off in the office or  
by Venmo @kindredfoodpantry**



# Sent to Serve

## Back Pack Program!!

The backpack program continues to be operated by KLC and is overseen by Anita Hoffarth. As our school population expands, so does the program. We provide support for both the High School and the Elementary School in Kindred.



Monetary donations are essential.  
Please feel free to drop off your contributions at the church or send them to us via mail.  
Thank you for your support!



## Community Senior Meal!!

THIS is what you are missing by not coming to our senior meal held at KLC!!!

**P.S.**

If you are interested in help serving our meal, we would love to hear from you!!



**NEXT SENIOR MEAL IS MONDAY, SEPT 15 @ 11:45AM**

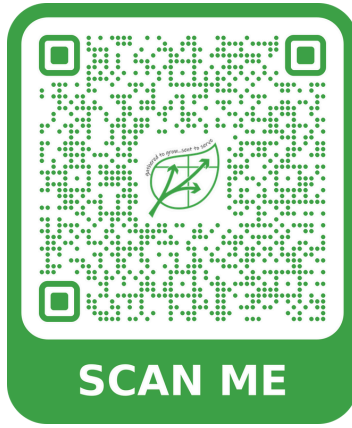
# Youth

## CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

### SEPTEMBER 10

6-8TH GRADE - 6PM  
9TH GRADE - 7PM

## REGISTER FOR CONFIRMATION



SCAN ME

[CLICK HERE](#)

OR GO TO  
[KINDREDLUTHERAN.COM](http://KINDREDLUTHERAN.COM)



## Kindred Lutheran CONFIRMATION

# REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

## CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 17

## FALL YOUTH RETREAT @ CASTAWAY CLUB

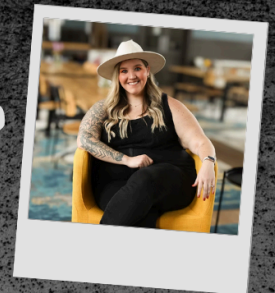
# do good better.

*"let us do good to all..."*

*-Galatians 6:10*



at  
**Castaway Club**  
Detroit Lakes, MN



With  
**Pastor Emily Harkins**

**grades** 6th through 9th  
**dates** September 26-28

**registration**  
**\$184** per person by  
[kindredlutheran.com/youth](http://kindredlutheran.com/youth)

*Don't miss this unforgettable weekend of connection, purpose, and a whole lot of good.*

EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA  
FALL YOUTH RETREAT



# Prayers & Healing

*Please lift up the following in your prayers:*

## Healing for:

Garrett Fenner  
Wyatt Simley  
John Carlson  
Maverick Wilson  
Joan Pratt  
Tonna Horsely



## Healing for:

John Wickenheiser  
Carol Mitskog  
Lanah Akvik  
Tony Kramer  
Ryan Perhus

## Comfort for:

Prayers for Shirley Lee and her family as her partner of 25 years, Lowell Regstad passed away this week.

## 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:

**Pastor:**  
Rev. Kyle Giermann  
[pastorkyle@kindredlutheran.com](mailto:pastorkyle@kindredlutheran.com)

**Admin. Assistant:**  
Leah Lundquist  
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**Youth Director:**  
Lanah Akvik  
[youth@kindredlutheran.com](mailto:youth@kindredlutheran.com)

**Music Coordinator:**  
Cheryl Rostad

**Choir Director:**  
LaVonne Nokleberg

**Contemporary Worship Music:**  
Eldon & Amy Johnson

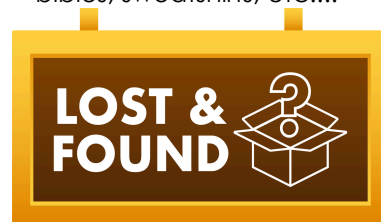
**Custodians:**  
Mike & Karla Jostad

### New Address:



### LOST & FOUND AT KLC.

Please check our lost & found located in the entryway at KLC. Jackets, coffee mugs, bibles, sweatshirts, etc....





# Council Notes

## **Council Minutes**

**Tuesday, June 17, 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 7:08 pm

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

Absent: Laurie

### **Opening Prayer**

**Secretary's Report/Approval of prior Minutes:** Motion to approve May Minutes by Sally, Seconded by Justin. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report/Approval of Report:** Motion to approve Report by Sally, Seconded by Michele. Motion approved. We're balanced through April and are on track with our budget after the generous Easter season, but summer time does slow down for in-person giving.

### **Pastor's Report:**

- Graduates - 5 quilts were given out on Senior recognition Sunday.
- Attended a Family Funeral in Casselton.
- VBS - had a successful event with great volunteers.
- Synod assembly - the keynote speaker had a lot of great information. Next year it will be a 3 day event with the election of the Bishop. Portico health plans will be changing next year.
- Visitations - had several this past month.
- Installed new lights in the entry way. This was paid for by the Ham Dinner committee.
- Gone 7/19 & 20 for a wedding in Superior (Kim Adams is doing the service on the 20th).
- Sunday 7/6 service will stay at 9am.
- NDSU extension services reached out to us to see if we would host a suicide prevention event in July or August. It's listed as QPR (question persuade refer) training.

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# Council Notes

## Updates from Directors:

### **Faith Formation & Growth:**

- VBS - 20+ kids attended and we had lots of great youth & adult volunteers. The Ham Dinner committee donated \$500 for the event.

### **Management & Grounds:**

- A new A/C unit was installed at the church (\$5950).
- Natural Gas is getting closer to being ready. We own both propane tanks at the church and parsonage and they could be removed or sold (maybe a buy back to CHS).
- The new cross for the prayer garden is close to being ready for installation.
- We need a new Defibrillator machine at church (\$1,500 for a new machine).

### **Social Ministry & Outreach:**

- The Archives committee has been working on organizing items and would like to have a fire proof safe to store some items. (They cost \$2,000-\$6,000) We currently have old records from KLC, Gol, and Walcott churches. It would be nice if we could scan everything and have it saved electronically, but that's a very big job and will be considered in the future.
- The Fellowship committee would like to replace the fridges in the future as they both are having issues. Walcott church may have 1 or 2 that we could have. The committee also discussed having potlucks.

### **Old Business:**

- Youth Director- Lanah accepted the position and we have paperwork items to finish up before she starts (hopefully in July). We would like to have a meet and greet later in August.
- Directory- no new updates.
- Improvements Committee- Verne will get phone numbers to contact volunteers.
- Projector- Justin and James Fiesel recently installed the new one.

### **New Business:**

- Talked about ideas on how to improve worship and the church.

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

Adjourned at 9 :07pm

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Hillman

### **Financial Giving to the General Fund:**

**Annual Budget: \$213,309.03**

**Needed Each Month: \$17,775.75**

**Donations given through August 2025: \$ 98,752.05**



# Calendar

2025

# September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	3 <b>WELCOME LANAH !!</b> Meet & Greet with Lanah and a cookout! <b>5:30-7pm</b>	4	5 Church Office Closed	6
7 <b>Rally Sunday</b> 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am- Potluck Taco-in-a-bag	8	9 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	10 6th, 7th, 8th Confirmation Orientation <b>6pm</b> 9th grade - <b>7pm</b>	11	12 Church Office Closed	13
14 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am- Fellowship	15 <b>Senior Meal 11:45am</b> 	16 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	17 Confirmation 6pm	18	19 Church Office Closed	20
21 <b>God's Work Our Hands</b> 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am <b>CHILI PALOOZA</b>	22	23 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	24 Confirmation 6pm	25	26 Church Office Closed <b>EaND Youth Fall Retreat</b>	27 <b>EaND Youth Fall Retreat</b>
28 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am- Fellowship	29	30 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	notes			