

Kindred Connections

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“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.’”

– John 11:25 (NRSV)

Siblings in Christ,

Holy Week is probably my favorite season of the church year. Walking with Jesus through his final days draws us closer to God and reminds us who we are called to be. It's a season of love, humility, sacrifice, and hope, inviting us to live more intentionally and faithfully.

On April 2, we gather for Maundy Thursday. We remember Jesus washing his disciples' feet and sharing a final meal with them. The word Maundy comes from the Latin *mandatum*, meaning “commandment.” Jesus' command was simple but powerful: “Love one another as I have loved you.” When we love others as Jesus loved us, even small acts can carry His life and hope into the world. Serving, forgiving, and giving freely may seem small, but in those acts God's love shines brightest. This week, look for simple ways to show that love in your home, your work, and our community.

Good Friday, April 3, reminds us of the cost of that love. It's a heavy day, full of suffering and silence, yet it shows the depth of God's care for us. At the cross, sin is defeated, grace pours out, and love wins. God meets us in our brokenness and turns it into hope we can hold onto. Take a moment this week to pause, reflect, and bring your burdens to Him.

Then comes Easter morning. The empty tomb changes everything. Life triumphs over death, hope rises out of despair, and what feels lost or broken can be made new. Resurrection isn't just a one-day celebration. It shapes the way we live every day, in the choices we make, the words we speak, and the hope we share. It invites us to see the ordinary moments in a new light and to carry God's love into every corner of our lives.

Throughout April, let Holy Week and Easter guide your days. Come to our services, join in worship, and share in the joy of resurrection with your Kindred Lutheran family. Then take that joy into the world. Offer forgiveness, lend a helping hand, encourage someone who is struggling, or simply share a smile with a neighbor. Every act of love and grace is a way of living the Gospel.

Jesus is alive and at work in each of us and throughout our world. Let's step into this month with hearts ready to serve, eyes ready to see God's hand at work, and lives shaped by the hope and life of the resurrection. Together, we can see how God brings new life and joy in ways we never imagined.

Peace,

Pastor Kyle



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Gathered to Grow



First Communion Class

The first communion class was conducted by Pastor Kyle on Sunday, March 29. During this session, eight students explored the reasons behind taking communion and subsequently baked communion bread for the congregation to enjoy together.

Student's were:

Lincoln & Veda Ham, Oakley Torgerson, Brackstan & Lydia Kittelson, Brynn Olson, Preston Maley and Ellie Nokleberg.

KLC Prayer Garden

The KLC Prayer Garden will be taking orders for personalized memorial rocks through the end of April. Each rock is \$40 and will be a similar size to the landscaped rocks that are currently in the Prayer Garden. You may add your rock to the Prayer Garden in a short ceremony on All Saints Sunday at KLC on November 1st.

Registration forms are located in the entryway. Please put all completed forms on Leah's desk or slip under the door to her office.

Shrimp Boil
11:00am-1:00pm April 12th

Boil Broth with:
Andouille Sausage | Sweet Corn
Cajun Seasoning | New Potatoes
& Optional Shrimp

Side:
Corn Bread

Dessert:
Rootbeer Floats | Pineapple Dream Cake

Adults \$15 Kids (under 10) \$5





EASTER BRUNCH
April 5 • 8:30am
Supporting KLC Youth



Gathered to Grow



Let's extend a heartfelt welcome to Owen Schnabel, who was baptized in March at KLC. He is cherished by his loving parents, Andrew and Kelsey.

Baptisms



Pastor Kyle and Katie celebrated the baptism of their newest family member, Alexander, in March at KLC. Calvin is now a big brother and takes great pride in him. Let's extend a warm welcome to Alexander as he joins our KLC family!



The Kindred Kids choir captivated the audience on Palm Sunday. With energetic actions and powerful singing, they performed their routine and then moved through the congregation, singing and clapping along to their song.

Last day of Sunday School is May 3. There will be a program during worship and then "taco -in-a-bag" for lunch with activities. Please mark your calendars!



Sent to Serve

KLC is collaborating with Norman Lutheran and St. Maurice Catholic Church 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

Liquid Detergent
Kleenex

Viking Village

Teen Feminine
Hygiene products

Food Pantry

spaghetti O's,
juice, canned
chicken

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



If you are a Thrivent member, you can participate in a program that allows you to donate funds to a cause. Some of our members have generously contributed to our Senior Meals and Vacation Bible School programs. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Leah or Pastor Kyle.

Senior Meals

March was an absolute delight at our gathering featuring fried chicken, mashed potatoes, and an afternoon filled with games, bingo, and laughter from Linda Otterson!

Join us on April 20th for our next meal!



KAMA (Kindred Area Ministerial Association) collected food for 22 Easter Food Baskets this Easter. They were all given to families in need. Huge Thank You to KLC members who donated \$192 towards milk and butter!!!!



Confirmation

Upcoming Confirmation Events:

No Confirmation from February 18th - April 5th .

We will see you all back on Wednesday, April 8th !



YOUTH GATHERING 2027

Minneapolis MN!

June 28-July 2, 2027



Please, join us for an informational meeting after worship on Sunday, April 19th -OR- after confirmation on Wednesday, April 22nd

KLY (Clay.)

This summer, check out **CAMP!** Middle School and Senior High Options available!



<< **Red Willow Ministries** June or August 2026
Our own Pastor Kyle was a counselor here, have questions? Just ask!



^^^ **Inspriation Point**

June or July 2026 for 6-12 grade - and August 2026 for 6-8 grade. Join friends from Norman/Davenport of this camp adventure!



<< **Christikon** July 19-25, 2026
Like the outdoors? Hiking in the Mountains of Montana? Set in part of the beautiful national park - nature at its finest! Come and check this camp out!



<< **Luther Crest** June or July 2026. This beautiful camp is located near the outskirts of Alexandria MN. Come and see the excitement of faith and fun!



Prayers & Healing

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

Healing for:

John Carlson
Maverick Wilson
Joan Pratt
Tonna Horsely

Healing for:

Carol Mitskog
Pastor Karin Moberg
Joan Hoffarth
Troy

Comfort for:

Darren & Jodi Nesemeier on
loss of Darren's mother.

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.



Happy BIRTHDAY

KINDRED LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF:

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Choir Director:
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Eldon & Amy Johnson

Custodians:
Mike & Karla Jostad



We have "twin" birthdays at KLC in March: Luke Erickson and Irene Roe!



Council Notes

Council Minutes

Sunday, January 11, 2026

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: Justin at 11:21 am

Present: Justin, Bryan, Sally, Laurie, Verne, & Michele

Absent: Pastor Kyle & Caitlin

Opening Prayer

Secretary's Report/Approval of prior Minutes: Motion to approve December Minutes by Bryan, Seconded by Sally. Motion approved.

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

- Balanced through November and are -\$42k for the year. We should be close to meeting our budget after getting December contributions added in plus a few more donations yet to come.

Pastor's Report:

- No report due to being gone on paternity leave.

Updates from Directors:

Faith Formation & Growth:

- Youth Group
 - Still looking at planned events listed last month.
- Kindred Kids
 - Started up after Christmas break with a movie/donut day 1/11.
 - No Sunday School 1/18 (no school 1/19).
 - Will be starting a new 4 week lesson series 1/25.
 - Kids will sing in church 2



Council Notes

Management & Grounds:

- Need to find a back up custodian, and will see if anyone in our congregation is interested in helping.

Social Ministry & Outreach:

- No new updates

Old Business:

- Improvements Committee-no new updates
- Misconduct Prevention Policy-no new updates
- Directory-no new updates
- Back-up Custodian List- Leah will put something in the newsletter about it.
- Constitution updates-sent out updates to the congregation for review before the Annual meeting 2/8.

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

Adjourned at 12:14

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Hillman

Next meeting: Monday, January 19, 2026 (budget meeting)

1 Months out: Sunday, February 8, 2026 (Annual meeting)

ATTENDANCE OFFERING

March 1	94	\$2674
March 8	107	\$1160
March 15	74	\$447
March 22	67	\$1495
March 29	148	\$24,150

Collected through March: \$50,684.57
 \$18,000 is needed each month
 2026 Budget - \$217,000



Calendar



2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 No Confirmation	2 Maundy Thursday 7pm	3 Good Friday 7pm	4
5 No Sunday School 7:30am Worship 8:30am Brunch 10am Worship 	6	7 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	8 5:30pm Choir Practice 6pm Confirmation	9	10 Church Office Closed	11
12 9am - Sunday School 10am - Contemporary Worship - KK Singing Shrimp Boil	13	14 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	15 5:30pm Choir Practice 6pm Confirmation	16	17 Church Office Closed	18
19 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am - Fellowship	20 Senior Meal 11:45am 	21 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	22 5:30pm Choir Practice 6pm Confirmation	23	24 Church Office Closed	25
26 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am - Fellowship	27	28 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	29 5:30pm Choir Practice 6pm Confirmation (last day)	30		