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"Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart... Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:12, 16 NRSV

God's word is indeed a living and active force. It has real power and can make a difference which will endure the test of time. God's word clearly divides what is godly from what is earthly, the Creator from the created. It shows no partiality and exposes the longings of our heart.

As life continues to move back toward a more normal way of living, God's word is continuing to remind us of our calling as followers of Jesus Christ. Simply put, through Jesus we have been reconciled with God and to each other. And as we gather around word and sacraments, the life of Christ is what defines, shapes, and guides us as a community of faith, compelling us to be the church, helping our neighbors in time of need.

On October 24th we will be offering worship to God through acts of service for our neighbor. We will be showing our gratitude and appreciation for all the God has done for us through Christ, by intentionally dedicating our most sacred of time for those in need. This 'Worship Through Service' Sunday will take us outside the walls of our congregation and put us in the front and back yards of our neighbor, helping in whatever way they may need.

As we prepare for this day of service, prayer, and connection, **you can help** by locating possible projects in and around the Kindred area: membership to Kindred Lutheran is not required. If you know of someone who would benefit from such acts of communal love, please let myself or a member of our Council know. Also, please consider helping lead a team or joining us on this day as we boldly follow Christ, who gathers us to be his disciples and sends us out to serve. to grow...sent to serve

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Until then, be well. Pr. Michael

gathered to grow

Blessing of the Confirmation students took place on Sept 19



EVENTS

BIBLE SUNDAY

Oct 17 • 10:00am

Preschoolers & 3rd Graders will receive their very own Bibles during the worship service.

Pastor Michael will join you in your classrooms this month! Preschoolers on Oct 3 and Third Graders on Oct 10.

WORSHIP THROUGH SERVICE

Oct 24 • 10:00am

Join us for a dedicated day of service to our community. There will be no regular worship service in the sanctuary or on Facebook Live.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Oct 31 • 10:00am

Reformation Sunday is October 31. The 9th Grade students will receive an Affirmation of Baptism or Confirmation during the worship service. Please join us in blessing these students as they continue on their journey with Christ!

SOMETHING NEW ON OCTOBER 24TH!

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As we prepare for this day of service, you can help by locating possible projects in and around the Kindred area. We are looking for folks who own their home but need help taking care of the exterior of the home; cleaning out gutters, cutting down branches, painting, etc. If you know of someone who would benefit from such acts of communal love, please let Pastor Michael or a member of our Council know. Also, please consider helping lead a team or joining us on this day as we boldly follow Christ, who gathers us to be his disciples and sends us out to serve.

If you are NOT able to join the physical labor teams, please come to the Fellowship Hall at 10AM and assist our Missions Committee in assembling welcome baskets for the Jeremiah Program. We would love to share coffee, conversation, and service with you!

Kindred Connections

gathered to grow

WELCOME!



Tiffany Nipstad, Daughter of Alicia & Dennis Nipstad, and her husband Shadeed Crockett presented their two children, Zander & Zervena, to be baptized in our family of faith on September 19th.

RALLY SUNDAY FUN!





OCTOBER BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Ainsley Hildebrand 10/02 Janet Kub 10/05 Hannah Lundquist 10/08 Sally Erickson 10/09 Zachary Kvamme 10/10 Farrah Dubord 10/11 Sibyl Dubord 10/11 Eva Erbe 10/11 Justin Fiesel 10/12 Darin Nesemeier 10/13 Tanner Thompson 10/13 Brandon Kub 10/14 Jackson Hage 10/14 Teaghan Teberg 10/14 Elizabeth Engstrom 10/14 Brantley Ernst 10/18 Kylee Greuel 10/19 Christina Greuel 10/19 Bonnie Renschler-Greuel 10/19 Kelly Engstrom 10/20 Dallas Brandt 10/20 Dustin Hage 10/21 Jennifer Wolsky 10/22 Braidy Dahl 10/23 Carol Lahren 10/25 Paxtyn Johnson 10/25 Sandra Olsgard 10/26 Sharlene Mattson 10/26 Amy Thilmony 10/29 Angela Twite 10/29 Joe Brown 10/31 Joshua Brown 10/31 Ingrid Rostad 10/31

Financial Giving to the General Fund: Annual Budget \$230,619 Received this Year \$117,580 Needed Each Month \$19,218 Given in September \$11,176

sent to serve

JEREMIAH PROGRAM

Items due Oct 24 •10:00am

The mission of the Jeremiah Program in Fargo/Moorhead is to disrupt the cycle of poverty for single mothers and their children two generations at a time. Their approach begins with establishing a supportive community for single mothers to pursue a careertrack, college education. Through a combination of quality early childhood education, a safe and affordable place to live, and empowerment and life skills training, families find stability and a path out of poverty.

KLC is gathering items needed to fill welcome baskets that these mothers receive when they join the program. In the church narthex, take a card from one of the envelopes on the table. Then return your donated item to the collection box no later than 10AM on Oct 24. Over 50 items are needed, so you are welcome to take more than one card!

If you'd like someone to do the shopping for you, please contact LeAnn Toppen.



Every year, bibles are given out to our youth thanks to the generous donations of fellow Kindred Saints. Bibles for all of our preschoolers are donated by Ron & Leah Lundquist in memory of Luke Zietlow. The 3rd Grade class will receive a bible and cover donated by Jean Lahren Washa in remembrance of her brother Joe and parents Marcella & Daryl Lahren. This year will mark the 30th year that Jean has generously donated bibles! These gifts will be presented to our precious children during the worship service on October 17.

CALL COMMITTEE

The call committee has published our church's Ministry Site Profile as the next step in finding a permanent pastor. Their hard work and your survey responses have resulted in this document that serves as a type of 'resume' for Kindred Lutheran Church. If you know of any pastoral candidates that may be a good fit for KLC, please feel free to share their name with the Committee Chair, Dona Schock. Thank you!

DOROTHY DAY FOOD PANTRY

Churches United invites your congregation to help us celebrate the opening of our new location for the Dorothy Day Food Pantry West. The pantry is the largest fresh food pantry in the Fargo-Moorhead community, and one of the largest food pantries in North Dakota, distributing over 1.1 million pounds of food in 2020. The pantry's new location will be easier for the community to access, allows us to expand our services, and diversify our food offerings so that we can be here for every neighbor in need.

October 19, at 10:00 a.m. Churches United will host a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening the pantry. As this ministry is only made possible by the generosity of congregations like yours, we invite your church to celebrate the opening in worship and to promote its services to your members.

October 19 • 10:00am









Cora Johnson sharing her Faith

Statement during worship.

This is a requirement of the

9th-grade confirmation

students. There will be several

more students to read and

support during worship.

Rally Sunday Fun









<u>7th & 8th Confirmation</u> No Confirmaiton Oct 20 <u>9th Confirmation</u> Meeting Dates Oct 3,10,17 Ə9am

Confirmation Supper Oct 29 O 6:30pm

Confirmation Sunday Oct 31 D 10am <u>Youth Group</u> Meet Oct 3 20 1pm

Fields of Faith Oct 13 D 6:30pm Location: Jerlow Field

Worship Through Service Oct 24 D 10am

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Kindred Lutheran Church - Council Meeting August 19, 2021

Call to Order-Meeting called to order at 7:34 by Rich. Rich, Lisa, Lloyd, Lori, Susie (by phone), Pastor Michael and Kathryn present. Rob absent.

Our Purpose

Reflection Time/Approval of Agenda

President's Report: 1.Discuss communication challenges-reviewed. 2.Goals and steps to meet challenges-reviewed.

Secretary's Report/Approval of Minutes: Lisa motion to approve minutes. Second by Rich. Treasurer's Report / Approval of Report:

- Change of bookkeeper-difficulties with making changes and paying bills. No consistency on picking up invoices and dropping off checks. Lloyd has talked with John Erickson about taking over and possibly switching over. Will bill hourly initially but then change to flat rate. If switch occurs, could probably start around October 1st. Waiting for further discussion with John on him taking over for an official end date with Rachel. Lisa creates a motion to discontinue current accounting service with goal of transition to October 1st. Amending to give 2 week notice to stop services. Second by Susie. Motion carries.
- Building remodel funds-Currently has a negative balance as all bills are paid. Lloyd will take another \$20,000 out for match. Will have discussions to pay off line of credit. Building endowment has \$50,000 unrestricted so possible consideration of using this for paying the line of credit. Kathryn creates a motion on the floor to move money from Endowment fund to pay down line of credit. No discussion. Second by Lisa. Motion carries.
- East lot loan-due in November
- Burger stand-Lloyd met with Trish tonight before meeting and will be looking at total made from burger stand.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Lisa. Second by Kathryn. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Talked with Trish and set up discussion for confirmation. Will start at 4:00 on September 19th. 7 & 8th Grade will be blessed on Sunday September 19th during worship and will begin teaching on Wednesday September 22nd. Karen Moberg from Walcott/Hickson parish requesting to have her confirmation class join with ours. With ninth graders, Pastor will require they write a faith statement and will present to the council so they can be voted in as members of our church. Will begin on Sunday September 19th.

Updates from Directors:

Management & Grounds

• Rob is absent. Fire department still has possession of the grills. Would like to have covers purchased. <u>Faith Formation & Growth</u>

- Burger Stand: working on selling left overs. Invoice from Jason at Xpress lane, forwarded to Lloyd. Can purchase tent for burger stand for next year from youth group funds. Finances reviewed with Lloyd. Looking at spending \$500 or so from a Youth Fund to do a game for Rally Sunday.
- Rally Sunday: Booth to show off youth group, have shirts and SWAG, sign up sheets. Rental game options discussed with Lloyd.
- Youth Committee: Started using Marco Polo this summer, hopeful that it will be positive communication tool. Many youth excited for school schedules to start as most were unavailable this summer. Youth room: plan to start tackling that before Rally Sunday - want to coordinate with Kelly
- Camp Castaway: Middle school September dates have been cancelled. Looking to get more info.
- Youth Gathering on July 22, 2022 Pastor picked up some info from synod assembly as well
- Working with Lori on cleaning up job description for Youth Director
- Calendar changes/updates:
 - Blessing of the quilts currently on Graduation day. Can we move to Baccalaureate day?
 - Confirmation dinner currently on Halloween day. Consider a new date.
 - Worship through service-Pastor would like to empower committees to choose from a list of projects and possibly do a nomination of ideas for projects. Pastor will draft email for council members to send out to their committees.



Kindred Lutheran Church - Council Meeting August 19, 2021

Continued...

<u>Social Ministry & Outreach</u>

- Altar Guild would like to continue with wafers instead of bread. Altar Guild member Kristin Hoyme has stepped down from the Committee.
- Worship Committee put together a binder for the new committee members. Banners are organized with the assistance of Joan O and Pastor. Would like to keep up the volunteer poster board as it is more visual. Will discuss Sign-Up Genius options with Scott Bartram for volunteers.
- Fellowship Chair Vicki will continue to look into tables and chairs. Wondering about time-frame and discussed possibly mid-September to having numbers finalized.
 - Other updates needed to the kitchen. Discussed updating lights and to see if we could get smaller lights. Vicki mentioned there are some issues with the island. ND currently has an energy grant available to have an energy assessment (contractor to come in and do an estimate). State pays half and we would pay the other half. Rich will get information for grant and Susie can talk to Rob.
- Mission committee has placed Churches United dinner serving volunteers on hold until further notice.
- Stephen ministries will check for a list for Bekki for shut-in list. Idea for recruitment letter and possible baskets.
- Parish Life has welcome baskets ready. Possibly explore follow up.

Old Business

- Parsonage Repairs- check to contractors.
- Offering counters
- Parish Ed renovations-TBC
- Music closet doors-TBC

New Business

- Updating church manual (fees)-Discussed having fees more like a'la cart. Paid more like pulpit supply where checks available right after service but will need more notice and pre-planning with accounting. Come up with fee schedule. For purposes of time consider having a conversation with Bouldger. Lloyd will discuss with Bekki and will bring back information at an additional meeting for a fee structure.
- Fall event planning
- Call committee update: Rich and Lisa met with the committee last Sunday. Final MSP draft given at next council meeting in September. Shar will review and goal is to have it out by October 1st. Pastor okay with date.

Adjourn & Lord's Prayer-meeting adjourned at 10:41pm. KG





"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.

Blessing on the Call Committee that they would feel supported and directed by God's own hand as they continue the search for our next Pastor.

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 Bruce Lykken Kelly Merl Sullivan Jamie Joe Maverick Velora Robertsdahl Brody Seter Scott Wooster Marc Peggy Carlson Eleanor Johnson Jack Anderson Ken Craia Sandy Shirley Jermstad Helen Hunter Pinke Cindy Westin Hage Linda **Travis Anderson** Sandy Olsgard Dean Corv Josh Ostenson Carlotta Jason Erbie Hopwood

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 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{CAR}}$

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!

COMFORT FOR:

The families of those who have passed into the loving arms of Jesus Christ our Savior

"Lord, may You turn _____'s mourning into gladness and give him/her comfort and joy instead of sorrow." *From Jeremiah 31:13b*



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