



# KINDRED CONNECTIONS

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**Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.**

## **1 Thessalonian 3:11-13**

The significant and special season of Advent is upon us. That odd & short time between Thanksgiving and Christmas. That time which often gets consumed with things to do, presents to buy, plans to be made, and schedules to be aligned. That time which very often just gets rolled up into Christmas; unfortunately getting glossed over or, even worse, forgotten.

I realize our time together did not last long as we had initially hoped or planned. However, I can't help but notice that God brought me to you at the beginning of Lent and has called me away at the beginning of Advent. Where Lent is a season which leads us to the foot of Christ's cross, and our death with him. Advent is a season which leads us to the foot of Christ's manger, and the birth of something new. There is no doubt in my mind God has good plans in store for you!

May God our Father in Eternity continue to direct your way. May the love of Christ continue to guide you in all things. May the Spirit grant you an abundance of courage and peace.

Thank you. From my heart and my family.

Pr. Michael



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# gathered to grow

*There will be Sunday service on Sunday, Dec 26*

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 4P & 6P



### FOOD BASKETS

Dec 18

KLC is responsible for:  
20 - Gallons of Milk  
5 - Hams

Please deliver to the church by  
Saturday Dec 18

### PAJAMA DRIVE

Dec 12

KLC Kids are partnering with the  
Jeremiah Program to provide  
pajamas and self-care items. Thank  
you to those who have selected a  
child or mom ornament from the  
tree! Please deliver WRAPPED and  
LABELED items to the church by  
Sunday Dec 12.

### KIDS PROGRAM

Dec 19

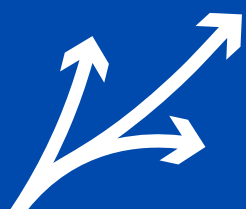
Kindred Kids are excited to be  
back in-person for this year's  
Christmas Program! Please join us  
during the regular worship service  
on Sunday Dec 19 to enjoy this  
most special performance.

**NO CLASSES DURING CHRISTMAS BREAK:** no Sunday School on 12/26 & 1/02 and  
no 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Class on 12/22 & 12/29.



## ADVENT

**What traditions does your family keep during the Advent season? Nightly bible reading is an excellent tradition as we ready ourselves for the coming of the Savior. One way to prepare our hearts is to read a chapter a day from the Gospel of Luke. For the younger ones, a story each night from their children's bible is a wonderful way to engage. In most versions, you can start at the story of creation and end at the birth of Christ!**



# sent to serve

## WELCOME!



On Nov 7th, we were pleased to welcome Oliver, son of Kyle and Mary Toppen, into our family of faith (Grandparents LeAnn and Todd pictured).



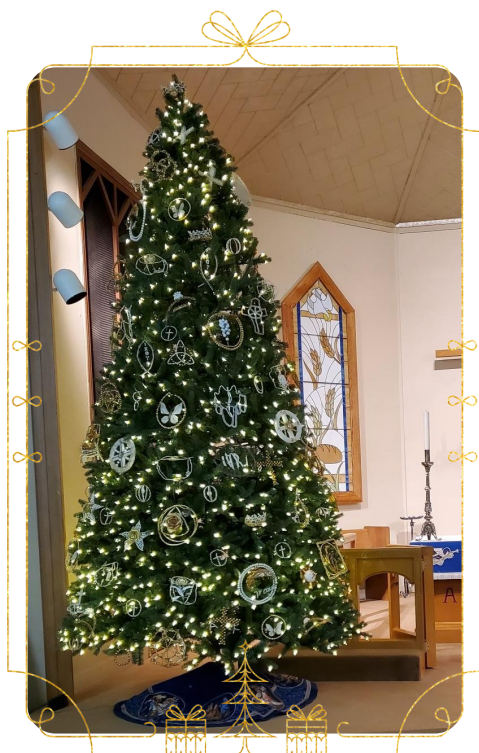
Caitlyn and Justin Mitchell presented their daughter, McKenzie, to be baptized into our family of faith on Nov 21st.

## DECEMBER BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

- Pamela Liebenow 12/00
- Scott Milbrandt 12/00
- Jamie Swenson 12/00
- Riley Staton 12/00
- Colin Lunde 12/00
- Brian Bubach 12/01
- Jason Kub 12/01
- Alec Braaten 12/01
- Philip Rostad 12/06
- Ron Lundquist 12/08
- Jeremy Swanson 12/09
- Seth Johnson 12/09
- Kiturah Blilie 12/13
- Silas Mund 12/16
- Kristen Jensen 12/18
- Lindsey Mitchell 12/21
- Breanna Knowlen 12/24
- David Hertsgaard 12/25
- Austin Goerger 12/27
- Cecilia Karst 12/28
- Dana Otterson 12/30
- Branden Erbe 12/30
- Barrett Perhus 12/30
- Karson Ouse 12/31

## THANK YOU!

The Christmas Tree in the sanctuary has received an upgrade! Many thanks to Joan Ottis and Ann Heuther for doing the research and purchasing of a brand new tree. We needed an easier setup and the correct size to place on top of the stage. The results are gorgeous! Many thanks to those who participated in setting up and decorating the new tree: Bruce Lykken, Rodney Braaten, Rick and Ann Heuther, Kevin and Sharlene Mattson, Joan and Mark Ottis.



**Financial Giving to the  
General Fund:  
Annual Budget \$230,619  
Received this Year \$140,358  
Needed Each Month \$19,218  
Given in November \$10,911**

## ATTENTION PRAYER PARTNERS

Prayer Partners will meet after church on December 12th in the Fellowship Hall. We will reveal our partners and exchange gifts. Thank you.

*Carlotta*

*I Do, and I ask God to help and guide me...*



*Confirmed 9th Grade*

*Students Oct. 31*

*Karson Ouse, Tate Miller,  
Kennedy Bakko, Rodney  
Wolf, Izaak Spelhaug, Rylie  
Rankin, and Cora Johnson*



## REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL JAN 21, 2022

KLC Youth are joining with Davenport and Walcott  
Youth for this year's Gathering  
**8th-12th grade**

**\$390 Registration Fee**

**\*Down payment of \$150 due during registration**

**We'll be doing fundraising to help with the fees!**

**You can find Trish for a registration packet or check  
the mailbox outside her office to pick one up.**

*Participants and Adult Leaders must be covid vaccinated **OR** provide  
proof of a negative Covid test 72 hrs prior to the event per Gathering  
requirements*





# council notes

## Kindred Lutheran Church - Council Meeting September 16, 2021

Present: Pr. Michael Buller, Rich Schock, Lisa Hosman-Davis, Lloyd Hoffarth, Lori Pearson, Susie Mathias  
Absent: Kathryn Gray, Rob Sahr

Call to Order at 6:35pm by President Rich Schock.

Minutes - Not approved due to Kathryn's absence. Review prior to next meeting for approval in October.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion made by Lisa H-D; 2nd by Susie Mathias; Motion Carried.

- Bookkeeping was transferred to Erickson Bookkeeping.
- \$20k from Endowment Fund to checking to pay off the Line of Credit (LOC). Remaining balance of LOC to be paid from unrestricted funds.
- Discussion to discontinue the allocations that were set up. VANCO will have to cancel these and the congregation member will have to redesignate their donation.
- Need to remind congregation that KLC is enrolled in Amazon Smile. Generated \$195.59 as of August 2021. Pays 0.05% of qualified purchases.
- Water usage on the meter was high this past month. Pr. will monitor but likely related to the roof project.
- \$1200 payment received from the Whitehead funeral. Need to pay the staff that worked the event.

**Pastor's Report:**

- Confirmation Orientation on September 8 for 7th and 8th graders; Two students from Shepherd of the Prairie joining the confirmation class.
- Youth will be involved in the Committees as part of the confirmation requirement
- Rally Sunday will be Blessing of Students and Teachers
- 9th Graders will start presenting Faith Statements during service on Sept. 19; also day of Confirmand Blessing; Confirmation class begins Sept. 22. Will be following the Revised Common Lectionary so coincides with church service
- Pre-K will take a tour of the church and have snacks on October 3rd with Pr.
- Bibles will be presented on October 10. Lloyd and Bekki ordered and coordinating with Kindred Kids.
- Stephens Ministry - Pr. has been visiting with those 70+ via phone and in-person

**Update from Directors:**

Faith Formation & Growth

- On September 1st, Trish, Pr., and Lori met to discuss the respective roles and expectations regarding confirmation. Need to look at fall calendar and set up a meeting time to prepare for the fall events.
- Confirmation Dinner is scheduled for October 30 at 630p in Fellowship Hall; Confirmation Sunday on October 31
- Kindred Kids Committee: VBS - discussed the future of VBS being a community event vs. KLC event will depend on other Parish's preferred length as KLC prefers multiple evenings throughout the week and other churches are going to a one-day program. Sunday School Registration is complete; 82 children enrolled. Currently have 8 substitutes also signed up. First teacher meeting is September 8 at 7pm to introduce new curriculum
- Stewardship Committee (K. Johnson): Surveys will be sent out and mailed out to seek the known and unknown talents of the congregation
- Youth Director: Reached out to Pr. Katie at Norman/Davenport Parish to combine for attending the National Youth Gathering (tentatively scheduled for Oct); they have new vaccination guidelines for attending in-person. Selling the extra food from the Burger Stand. Castaway Camp was canceled for Fall 2021.

Management & Grounds

- Rob Sahr turned in written resignation effective September 15
- Will need to seek new Director for this position. Susie will be reaching out to Gene Thompson to see if he is interested in a temporary fill for this position until the end of this calendar year since he has past experience
- Need to get the lock on the closet door
- Need to check the lock/key on Trish's office door; window in YD office is also leaking. Rob and Pr. did look at this.

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# council notes

## Kindred Lutheran Church - Council Meeting September 16, 2021, continued

### Social Ministry

- Worship Committee (J. Holland) - Sign up is back up in the Narthex. Considering a sign up through Sign-up Genius.
- Fellowship Committee (V. Thompson) - Served hotdogs, chips, and cookies on Rally Sunday. Count was approx. 75 people. Receiving bids for some updates on Fellowship Hall to consider. This includes the lighting projects, paint, outlets and switches, and carpet.
- Parish Life (V. Milbrandt) - working on the welcome basket for community members of Kindred

### **Old Business:**

- Parsonage repairs - this is long overdue and will be addressed during Worship Through Service by T. Spelhaug and group.
- Call Committee Update - The MSP Draft is ready for publishing.

### **New Business:**

- Worship Through Service Sunday is scheduled for October 24. Pr. Michael is applying for action dollars. Lisa will look into having shirts made and coordinate cost with Lloyd. Pr. will be soliciting from the congregation as to whom in our community is in need.

Motion to Adjourn made by Lisa; Second by Lori; Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 930pm.

## Kindred Lutheran Church - Council Meeting October 16, 2021

Present: Rich, Lisa, Pastor, Kathryn, Susie and Lloyd in attendance. Absent: Lori

Call to Order-meeting called to order at 12:08 pm.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Lisa. Second by Kathryn. Motion passed.

- Transition for accounting firm is going well.

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

- Confirmation Sunday-7 students for membership to Church!-Karson Ouse, Kennedy Bakko, Cora Johnson, Rylie Rankin, Rodney Wolf, Tate Miller and Izaak Spelhaug. Motion to approve students for Confirmation students for full baptized and confirmed membership of KLC by Lloyd. Second by Lisa. Motion passed.

### **Updates from Directors:**

#### Faith Formation & Growth

- Confirmation dinner scheduled for October, 29th.

#### Management & Grounds

- Gene Thompson has agreed to fill the role of Director of Management and Grounds temporarily until February 2022.
- Lloyd will reach out to Rob Sahr to see if he is interested in continuing snow removal.

#### Social Ministry & Outreach

- Bids for lights and carpet update. Discussed defining scope for bids further. Susie will discuss fundraising further for lights/carpet in the fellowship area.
- Basket preparation for Jeremiah program. Will be assembled during worship next week.

### **Old Business**

- Call committee update - Meeting with Synod next week.
- Church usage form - Discuss at the November meeting.

### **New Business**

- Christmas Eve Service - Decision for two Christmas Eve Services at 4:30 and 6:30.
- Worship Through Service - Council will be responsible for bringing chili meal next Sunday.

Adjourn & Lord's Prayer-Motion to adjourn made by Lisa. Second by Susie. Meeting adjourned at 2:05pm.

## “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.

Gratitude to Pastor Michael Buller for the time that he spent with our congregation these few months and blessing on his next call.

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  
Skippy  
Pastor Joel Russell  
Westin Hage  
Sandy Olsgard

If you, or anyone you know, would like to be added to this list of prayers for healing, please call or email the church office.

### 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.

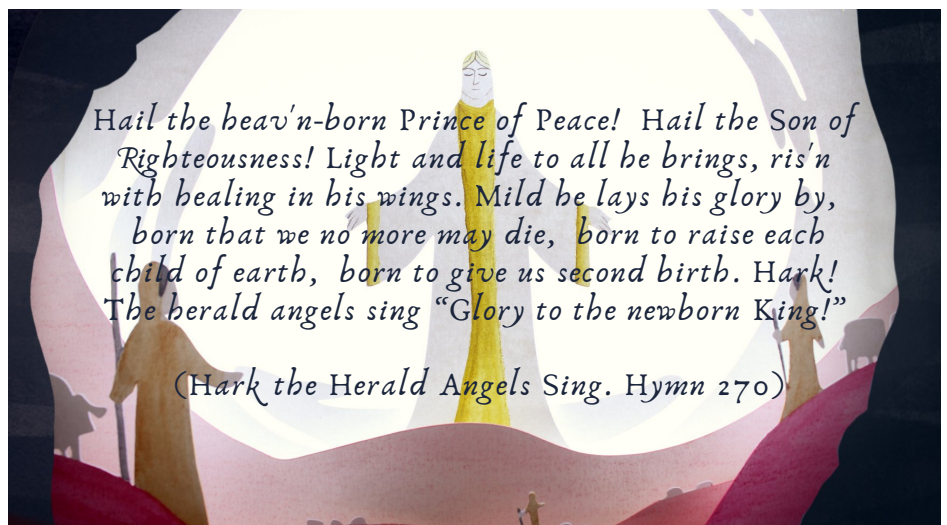
Missionaries: Anne & Willie Langdji serving West Africa and the CAR

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





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**Choir Director: LaVonne  
Nokleberg**

**Custodian: Mike Jostad**

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