



# KINDRED CONNECTIONS

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***"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."***  
- Romans 15:7 (NRSV)

Siblings in Christ,

Recently I was invited to attend the Casting Crowns concert at ThriveFest in Moorhead. My aunt, Kelley, has become friends with Melanie Hall, Casting Crowns lead singer's wife, and so she goes to any concert Casting Crowns does in the area and typically gets extra tickets for friends and family. It is always an exciting time going to concerts with Kelley, even when it is the same band that we have seen many times, and I am always excited and grateful to get to spend time with her like this.



During the concert, Mark Hall, lead singer of Casting Crowns, was talking about the first time he went to church as a kid. He said "The first thing you see when you first go to church is often what you are most afraid of. As a kid, Mark struggled in school and in other aspects of life because of his dyslexia and ADD. He explained how he always struggled with books, because reading was difficult and even when he was able to read the words, it was difficult for him to follow and comprehend. So, what was the first thing he saw when he went to church for the first time? A bunch of people walking around holding books! What a frightening experience that would have been, everybody has the one thing he didn't have a good relationship with. But obviously it didn't scare him away from the church, because he is now a nationally known Christian artist as well as being a youth pastor (no, I couldn't convince him to come fill our open youth ministry roll).

## Kindred Lutheran Church

So, I was thinking, If many people first see what they are most afraid of when they walk in to KLC for the first time, how do we make our community a place they want to come back to? We can't get rid of everything that might make someone afraid, so what do we do? I believe the most important piece to this is through being welcoming. I have seen this done well here at KLC. When a new person or new couple visits, often there will be a group of people ready to talk with them and welcome them before or after worship. Just this simple act can do wonders for visitors because it makes them feel seen, wanted, and welcomed. But I want to encourage us to look into what it means to do even more!

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Throughout most of September, we are going to be looking at what it means to be welcomed into God's family and how we can welcome others as well, through our sermon series called You Belong. We are all unconditionally welcomed into the family of God, no questions asked, and we should feel that way all the time, especially at church. So, we are going to take some time to specifically look at how God has called us to be welcoming and welcomed, each and every day of our lives.

I hope you will be able to Come, See, and Experience all of the exciting things we have planned this September.

Peace,  
  
Pastor Kyle



# gathered to grow

## RALLY SUNDAY!!

Sunday School begins on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 9 am. Worship starts at 10 am and is followed by a brief congregational meeting. The festivities include hotdogs, chips, and root beer floats. Enjoy a 30-minute magic show, followed by balloon twisting and games.



Fellowship Committee is looking for help in the kitchen that day to help with serving food and cleaning up. Call or text Janet Kub if you can help.  
701-261-6116

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<b>Sept. 1</b>	<u>Summer on the Mount</u> Matthew 7:13-27
<b>Sept. 8</b>	<u>You Belong</u> Luke 15:11-32
<b>Sept. 15</b>	<u>You Belong</u> Luke 23:32-43
<b>Sept. 22</b>	<u>You Belong</u> Ephesians 2:1-10
<b>Sept. 29</b>	<u>God's Work. Our Hands.</u> Ephesians 3:14-21

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT KLC...

<b>Sept 4</b>	<p><b>Confirmation Orientation</b></p> <p>6pm - 6th, 7th, &amp; 8th grade students and parents 7pm - 9th grade students and parents</p>
<b>Sept 8</b>	<p><b>Join us for Rally Sunday</b></p> <p>Sunday School from 9am to 9:45am Registration is now available at <a href="http://kindredlutheran.com">kindredlutheran.com</a> Enjoy hotdogs and root beer floats after the church service, followed by a magic show and balloon twisting A brief congregational meeting will take place after worship Lunch and various activities will follow the meeting</p>
<b>Sept 20-22</b>	<p>Youth Grades 6-10 are invited to register for the EaND Fall Youth Retreat at Camp Castaway. Cost: \$174 Dates: September 20-22, 2024 Register at: <a href="http://kindredlutheran.com/pages/eand-fall-youth-retreat">kindredlutheran.com/pages/eand-fall-youth-retreat</a> Chaperones needed - Contact Pastor Kyle</p>
<b>Sept 29</b>	<p><b>God's Work. Our Hands</b></p> <p>A short Worship Service at 10am - followed by clean up projects around town and activities in the fellowship hall. POTLUCK chili and side dishes (cheese, crackers, sour cream, corn bread)</p>





# gathered to grow

## VBS - CAMP FIRELIGHT



### VBS 2024

Camp Firelight was the place to be this summer at KLC! Picture this: crackling campfires, gooey s'mores, groovy tie-dye tees, loads of games, and a chorus of singing. Shoutout to the VBS Committee for making it all happen with your epic planning and decorations!

## KINDRED DAYS BURGER STAND



**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

**TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED WITH THE YOUTH BURGER STAND 2024**

**THE MONEY THAT IS EARNED GOES TO THE YOUTH PROGRAM - IT CAN BE USED FOR CAMPS/RETREATS, NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERINGS AND ACTIVITIES.**



# sent to serve

## I WANT TO HELP!

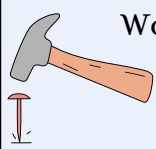


### WELCOME

#### MONTHLY SIGN-UP SHEET

The sign-up sheet for 2024-25 is now located on Leah's Office Door. We would ask that everyone signs up a couple times through the year we would be covered. You can sign up for ushering, reading, greeters, and serving fellowship. If you have any questions, please reach out to the office or Pastor Kyle.

We are seeking volunteers to assist with various tasks around the church, such as spraying round up, trimming trees, changing lightbulbs, and small painting jobs. Verne Wolf leads the committee and welcomes help with these minor projects.



Please give Verne a call 701-412-5362 or the office if you can help.



#### BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

#### Kindred Area

#### FOOD PANTRY

We are considering changing the food pantry hours to only be open on Tuesdays from 3-6pm, and we need adult volunteers for this shift. If you are interested and available to assist, please contact Leah at the church office. Thank you. Call 428-3630. Donations are also needed - drop off at KLC and/or we have Venmo: @kindredfoodpantry



### Wish List

- New blinds in fellowship hall
- New rug for Nursery
- New BUNN coffee maker
- Pots & Pans for kitchen
- New banners for the sanctuary

Any questions, please call the office at 428-3630.

### GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. Sunday, Sept. 29

We come together to embrace God's call, rolling up our sleeves to serve and share God's love with our community and beyond.

We will serve God and our neighbor through cleaning up the community after Homecoming festivities, collecting and preparing items for Viking Village, Kindred Area Food Pantry, and school snacks, as well as other projects.

Chili Potluck to follow. Let the office know if you can bring chili or sides (cheese, crackers, bread, sour cream, & bars).





# prayers & healing

*Please lift up the following in your prayers:*

## Healing for:

Prayers for healing:

Arlen Blumer,  
Pr. Phil Larsen,  
Garrett Fenner,  
Leo Kannas,  
Eleanor Perry,  
Wyatt Simley,  
Camden Anderson  
Amy  
(Arlene Lykken's Niece)



## Comfort for:

"Ever-loving God, Our world is in need of your Peace. Fill the hearts of all peoples with honor for every human life. May your loving touch heal those who dwell in anger, pain and sorrow. May your Holy Spirit reconcile and unify strangers and neighbors".

## Help for:

Lend A Hand Up  
Donations for:



Wesley Laframboise  
Polly Roe  
Wyatt Simley  
Camden Anderson

All families in the Kindred Area. Links below

**Camden Anderson:**

<https://lendahandup.org/give/camden769/>

**Wesley Laframboise:**

<https://lendahandup.org/give/wesley781/>

**Wyatt Simley:**

<https://lendahandup.org/give/wyatt768/>

**Polly Roe:**

<https://lendahandup.org/give/polly770/>

*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.*

### KINDRED LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF:

**Pastor:**

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[admin@kindredlutheran.com](mailto:admin@kindredlutheran.com)

**Music Coordinator:**

Cheryl Rostad

**Choir Director:**

LaVonne Nokleberg

**Contemporary Worship Music:**

Eldon & Amy Johnson

**Custodians:**

Mike & Karla Jostad

## Student Prayer

"O Lord, you who promise to be with me always, be with me this day as I begin my schoolwork. Keep me in health, I pray, and keep me from harm. In all that I do and say, may I love you with all my heart, mind, soul and strength, and may I love my neighbor as myself, so that I might fulfill your purposes for me and your calling on my life as a student".  
**Amen.**





# youth

thank you



## *A Message from Trish...*

The day has come to close out my time as Youth Director. A 7-month resignation gives you a lot of time to put together thoughts to share with the congregation, but it wasn't until I attended the Youth Gathering, words started to form in my mind. I want to start with my favorite bible verse: Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through him who gives me strength."

And as I reflect on my time serving as Youth Director, this verse was evident to me. Starting the position shortly before Covid shut down, and then as we continued to navigate the ramifications of covid, the church had turnover and change. God gave me the strength needed to be the constant for the youth and through all the change and the unknowns, we still laughed, gathered, grew, and served.

Through tears and prayer, God once again gave me the strength to recognize that at this time it's ok if I can't balance it all. My time at the youth gathering was spent being proud and thankful of who I am created to be. One of the focus versus was Psalm 139:14: "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well." Being fearfully and wonderfully made means I can recognize that I don't like unknowns, and can't's, in myself, in my thoughts, and vocabulary. So with that self awareness, I want to focus on the things that I can do and that I know.

I know that my family and I are at home in this church and will continue to worship here. I know that my kids are starting into confirmation years, and you'll see me volunteering when I can.

I know that the youth of this church are amazing, and I will still be that adult who gets to know them.

I know that I am a leader, and you will continue to see me lead. I know that Pastor Kyle might be absent here and there and have already volunteered to be pulpit supply. I do love leading worship. I

know that I was created to be impactful on youth, and I will continue in my everyday job as a teacher, my time here at church, and as a mom. I know that Cody, Blake and Riley, my family, friends, council, Pastor Kyle, and this church congregation have supported me through all of the different stages this position has found me in and I am forever grateful and thankful.

Thank you all.



# youth



## Kindred Lutheran CONFIRMATION

## GET SIGNED UP FOR CONFIRMATION

Youth in grades 6th through 9th grade are asked to register for Confirmation!

Cost is \$50

Confirmation is a rite of passage for young Lutherans, affirming their baptismal vows. It involves religious education, community involvement, and personal faith development.

6th - 8th Grade classes are on Wednesdays from the middle of September through the end of April.

Register at [kindredlutheran.com](http://kindredlutheran.com) or by using the QR Code on the right.

Contact Pastor Kyle with any questions you may have.



## EaND Fall Youth Retreat

# HOPE

ROMANS 15:13

Youth Grades 6-10 are invited to register for the EaND Fall Youth Retreat at Camp Castaway.

Cost: \$174

Dates: September 20-22, 2024

Register at: [kindredlutheran.com/pages/eand-fall-youth-retreat](http://kindredlutheran.com/pages/eand-fall-youth-retreat)

**CHAPERONES NEEDED - CONTACT PASTOR KYLE**

# SAVE THE DATE

## Confirmation Sunday

### October 27, 2024 - 10 am

### 9th Graders Affirm their Baptism



## Confirmation Orientation

September 4

6th - 8th Grade  
6pm

9th Grade  
7pm

All Confirmation  
Students and  
Parents/Guardians  
are required to  
attend.

Please let Pastor  
Kyle know if you  
have any  
unavoidable  
conflicts.



# council notes

## Kindred Lutheran Church Council Minutes-Sunday, July 14, 2024

2025-3 Michele Hillman      2026-2 Caitlin Perhus      2027-1 Sally Erickson  
2026-2 Bryan Halvorson      2027-1 Verne Wolf      2027-1 Laurie O'Keefe  
2027-1 Justin Fiesel

**Present:** Pastor Kyle, Caitlin, Justin, Bryan, Laurie, Sally, & Michele

**Absent:** Verne

### **Opening Prayer**

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

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

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

- Leaving tomorrow for the Youth Gathering in New Orleans, and will return Saturday night.
- Toilets were replaced at the parsonage 7/3.
- Light in the dining room has an issue that will be looked at soon and going to ask the electrician about adding a few more outlets throughout the house.
- Had several visits since our last meeting.
- Worship attendance has been up & down this summer. Typical for the season.
- Will be recognizing Trish during worship 7/28, and have cake afterwards.

### **Updates from Directors:**

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

- Working on VBS- will be held August 5th-8th from 5:30-7:30pm. "Camp Firelight" is the theme. May try to do VBS earlier in the summer next year before so many other activities start up.

#### **Management & Grounds:**

- Glass on the front door is being replaced 8/1.
- CHS sent us a letter to prepay for propane, and will sign up for this since we don't know when the new natural gas line will be up and running.
- "Squeegee Squad" came by and gave us a quote for cleaning the windows in the narthex and sanctuary. Will add this to the budget for next year.

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

- Missions committee-will do a collection in September and continue to do others during the winter months.
- Fellowship committee-purchased new coffee crafts for the kitchen.
- 24 new water pitchers were donated by Leah Lundquist.





# council notes

## Old Business:

- House West of church for sale-the Appraisal we did came back lower than the owners were expecting and will let us know what they think about it.
- Youth Director-no new applicants.
- Emergency Shelter option-our insurance said that it's ok for us to do this. We'll look for someone to be able to unlock the church in case of an emergency.

## New Business:

- WiFi-the old one quit working and reset itself. We added an additional "mesh" for now and would need 2 more to cover the whole church at an additional cost every month. Another option is to get our own system (google, etc) for a one time fee of \$500-\$1,000, but MLGC can't work on anything that isn't theirs.
- Newsletter-will try sending out the weekly bulletins from worship via email.
- Senior Meals-45 people signed up for July's meal (3-4 volunteers needed each month).
- Garage cleaning planned for 7/29 at 6:30pm to organize and declutter.
- Food pantry-will consider moving the food storage to the south wall in the basement for better access. Maybe get a "drop off box" for outside too.
- "Worship through Service" day in the Fall. Will look into ideas.

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

Adjourned at 9:05pm

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Hillman

Next meeting: August 18 - 6:30 pm

**Kindred**  
Lutheran Church



**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**September 8, 2024**  
**After Worship**

The Kindred Lutheran Church Council has called and scheduled a special meeting for the congregation on September 8, 2024 after worship.

This meeting is in regards to the potential purchase of 451 Spruce St. Kindred, ND 58051. No other business shall be transacted.

All active members are eligible to have a vote in this meeting. In order to be constitutionally considered an active member, you must be a confirmed member of KLC, have given at least \$1 of record in the last year, and have taken communion at least once in the last year. Voting by proxy and or by absentee ballot is not permitted, per C10.06 in the KLC Constitution.

If you have any questions, please contact  
[churchcouncil@kindredlutheran.com](mailto:churchcouncil@kindredlutheran.com).

**Financial Giving  
to the General Fund:**

Annual Budget: \$232,930.54

Needed Each Month: \$19,411

Received in 2024: \$92,194.39



# calendar

2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10 am Worship Service 	2 <b>Happy LABOR DAY</b> Church Office Closed	3	4 Confirmation Orientation: <b>6pm -</b> 6th,7th,8th grades students &, parents <b>7pm -</b> 9th grade grade students & parents	5	6 Church Office Closed	7
 <b>RALLY SUNDAYS</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Contemporary Worship Service 11am Congregational meeting Food&Magic show	9 Fall Theological Conference Pastor Kyle	10 Fall Theological Conference Pastor Kyle	11 Fall Theological Conference Pastor Kyle  6 pm Confirmation SS Teacher Training - 7PM	12	13 Church Office Closed	14
15 9am Sunday School  10am Worship Service	16 Senior Meal 11:45am  <b>SAVE THE date</b>	17	18   6 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Choir Practice	19 Deadline for Newsletter Articles	20 Church Office Closed  Castaway Club Youth Retreat	21 Castaway Club Youth Retreat
22 9am Sunday School  10am Worship Service	23	24	25   6 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Choir Practice	26	27 Church Office Closed	28
29 9am Sunday School  10am Worship Service 10:30am "God's Work, Our Hands"& Potluck "Chili"	30					