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"Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord."

- Luke 2:10-11 (NRSV)

Siblings in Christ,

What are you doing this Christmas? Often we get caught up in all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, that we struggle to find joy in it. There is so much going on, from decorating the house (inside and out), to buying and wrapping presents, to planning meals and schedules, all on top of the normal work and stress of our daily lives. Even getting to Christmas Eve worship can be a hassle. Christmas rarely feels like a time when we can relax and focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

"To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord." This is the true meaning of Christmas. The long awaited messiah came to us to be the savior of us all. This is reason to celebrate and be glad! We don't need to stress over having a perfectly clean house, pristinely wrapped presents, a flawlessly planned meal, or fantastically placed decorations. Jesus came to us just as we are, with all our faults and flaws, to live among us.

This Christmas season, I encourage you to not worry about all the fluff and focus your Christmas celebration on what really matters, Jesus Christ our Lord. Spend time with family, come to our Christmas Eve candlelight service at 4pm or 6pm, and listen to all the Christmas music you want as you focus your Christmas celebration on the coming of our Savior and Lord that night in Bethlehem.

Advent Blessings and Merry Christmas,



Pastor Kyle



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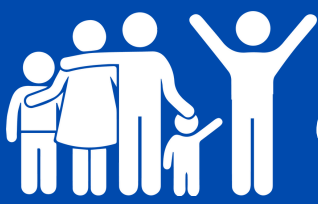
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Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday, Dec. 24

4pm and 6pm

No Sunday Morning Worship



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, Dec. 10 @ 10am

Don't miss the Contemporary Worship Service! Mark your calendars for the second Sunday of each month. Our Sunday School Kids and Adult Choir are singing that day.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Dec. 17 - 10am

Join us for an unforgettable Christmas musical experience on December 17th! Arrive early to secure your seat and witness the Kindred Kids take the stage to perform "Starry Night, Noisy Night".

BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, Dec 20 @ 7pm

A Blue Christmas service is a worship service that offers comfort and hope to those grieving and struggling during Christmas.

Please join us for our Blue Christmas Service.



REMINDER:

No Sunday School:
12/25 & 1/1

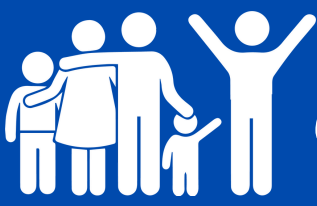
No Confirmation Class:
12/20 & 12/27

Preschool and 3rd-grade classes received a bible as a gift on November 12th. Let's offer prayers for their successful bible education journey.

Prayer Partners will meet after church on December 10 in the Fellowship Hall. We will reveal our partners and exchange gifts. If you would like to join our group please stop by and we can get you signed up or contact Carlotta Spelhaug 701-361-7057 or Barb Rude 701-361-7128



If you're interested in purchasing a poinsettia as a tribute to someone special, please sign up in the entryway. The cost is \$20 and the sign-up deadline is December 10th.



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The Power of Gratitude



Showing Appreciation for Pastor Kyle's Leadership on Our Faith Journey and Wishing a Joyous Christmas to His wife Katie and Son Calvin.

Kudos to KLC Members for decorating the church's sanctuary, basement, and exterior with Christmas decorations

We are grateful for the talented KLC musicians that create an atmosphere of joy and inspiration

Thanks to the Ham Dinner Committee for organizing a successful and delicious dinner and fellowship

Praise for KLC Sunday School teachers and music instructors for their contribution to the children's faith growth

gratitude for KLC members that have volunteered on the Church Council and other committees



Join Us for the Kindred Kids Sunday School Christmas Program!
On December 17th at 10am, the Kindred Kids Sunday School (ages preschool through 6th grade) will present "STARRY NIGHT, NOISY NIGHT". Please stick around after the program for "Birthday Cake for Jesus" – a festive and delicious way to celebrate the season!



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

KLC KITCHEN WISHLIST

Our KLC kitchen items are in need of an upgrade. We are looking for the following items: a new knife set, can openers, measuring cups, 10 dish clothes, serving spoons, new pots and pans, baking dishes, serving bowls, and baking pans.
Thank you.

NEWSLETTER NEWS

Beginning January 2024, the newsletter will be distributed via email. However, those desiring a printed copy please let Leah know and she will gladly mail you one.
701-428-3630



KLC COUNCIL

Proposed Changes to be Voted on at the Annual Meeting

Current Mission Statement

Kindred Lutheran Church does not have a mission. **God is on a mission - to seek and to save the lost** (Luke 19:10)! The Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is a missional God, actively ushering in his Kingdom, proclaiming forgiveness of sin, setting captives free, healing, reconciling the world to himself and transforming his people through Jesus Christ and him crucified. Jesus invites us to follow him and be his hands and feet for the sake of the world. We do not go to church ..we are the church. We witness to the coming of the Kingdom of God through the life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Proposed New Mission Statement

As Kindred Lutheran Church, we aspire to live like Jesus, love like Jesus, and lead like Jesus. United together we share His word to all, teach all, nurture all, and welcome all.

This new mission statement allows us to better define who we are and why we exist. Using it will help us to make decisions on how we seek to serve throughout the community and world.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

C10.01.02. The annual meeting shall be held **the first Sunday** in February.

This amendment allows for proper time to have financial statements finalized and the annual report available.

sent to serve

COMMUNITY SUPPORT



November's **THANK OFFERING** resulted in \$564 being raised for the Food Pantry. This generous donation will be used to support members of our local community who are in need of assistance.

KAMA was able to give out 27 Thanksgiving Food Baskets for Thanksgiving. Thanks to everyone that gave money or helped assemble a deliver the baskets!
God Is Good!

The Kindred Area Food Pantry has been chosen as the recipient of our "THANK OFFERING" for December. Envelopes will be given out with the bulletin each Sunday. Please place your donation in the offering plate. Thank you!

Golden Drive Homeless Kids Christmas Gift Event

NOV. 12TH - DEC. 10TH

Hand and foot warmers
Lego sets and travel games
Slippers
Gift cards
Non-perishable food items



Backpacks
Pillows
Underwear and socks
Combs and brushes
Sweatshirts and pants
Diapers of all sizes

Kindred Kids is collecting donations for the "Golden Drive Homeless Kids Event" to assist homeless children in the Fargo/West Fargo area. There is a donation box in the church's entryway where you can drop off you unwrapped gift. Thank You!



Kindred Lutheran's Christmas Food Basket Initiative Join us in spreading the holiday cheer! Kindred Lutheran has pledged to provide 25lbs of butter, 25 gallons of milk (ordered from Hawk's Market), and 8 hams for our Christmas food baskets. To make this possible, we kindly ask for donations to be dropped off at the church by December 19th.

We would also appreciate your assistance in assembling the baskets at 2pm on December 20th. From 3:00-4:30pm, community members will stop by to pick up their baskets. If you're available and willing to lend a hand in carrying the items to their car, we could definitely use your help.



PRAYERS & COMFORT

"THE PRAYER OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE!" JAMES 5.16

HEALING FOR:

Peggy Lahren
Terry Kannas
Pastor Joel Russell
Sandy Olsgard
Pastor Phil Larson
Garrett Fenner
Lloyd Hoffarth Sr.
Pastor Erika Buller

KLC Prayer Chain

If you have a private prayer request, please call Pastor Kyle (429-1413) and he will communicate with our list of prayer warriors on your behalf.

COMFORT FOR:

The Family of Gary Rada (Andrea Burner's father)
The Family of Floyd Wangen (Doreen Brandt's father)
The Family of John Setter (Teresa Braaten's father)
The families of those who have passed into the loving arms of Jesus Christ our Savior.
Those who are missing a loved one this holiday season.

Activity Night



The Kindred Lutheran Confirmation group went grocery shopping on Nov 15th. They experienced a simulation of what it is like to be on SNAP benefits when grocery shopping. In groups of four they planned a day of meals for a family of four, then went to buy those meals under a strict budget. In total they were able to get 18 meals and a few extras. All food will be donated to the Kindred Area Food Pantry.

Thank you to parent helpers for joining the shopping and driving the bus.





council notes

Council Minutes
Sunday, October 15, 2023
Kindred Lutheran Church

2024-3 Kathryn Gray 2024-3 Lloyd Hoffarth 2026-1 Bryan Halvorson
2024-3 Susie Mathias 2025-2 Michele Hillman 2026-1 Caitlin Perhus, Verne Wolf

Called to Order by: Kathryn at 11:25 am

Present: Pastor Kyle, Kathryn, Bryan, Susie, Caitlin, & Michele
Absent: Lloyd & Verne

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

Treasurer's Report/Approval of Report: Motion by Susie to approve the Report as presented,
Seconded by Michele. Motion approved.

Pastor's Report:

- Confirmation is going well and it helps having parent volunteers each week.
- Affirmation of Baptism is 10/29 and the Confirmation supper is next week.
- 11/15 Confirmation is doing a "Hunger experience" as part of their lesson.
- Setting up meetings with 9th grade Confirmation students.
- Limited office time through October and back to more normal hours in November.
- Area churches were invited to the AGAPE* with Joe Brown concert.
Supper is being served at 5:30 and looking for volunteers to work it.

Updates from Directors:

Faith Formation & Growth:

- Early Bird sign-up for Youth gathering in New Orleans closes at the end of October (\$150 due now and the rest due in May).
- Events for the youth group are going well and participation is increasing.

Management & Grounds:

- Outside outlet issue is being looked at by Kody Electric this week and will get a snow blower to the Parsonage soon.

Social Ministry & Outreach:

- Committees are all working well.

Old Business:

- Gift Policy-finished with a new rough draft.
- Mission Statement-have one we like and will present it to the congregation soon.
- Nominating Committee-we are looking to fill 3 positions.

New Business:

- Constitution Changes (date of Annual meeting & Mission Statement) will send out notification to congregation by December.

Motion to adjourn by Caitlin, Seconded by Michele. Motion approved.




Adjourned at 1:20pm

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Hillman



calendar

DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Notes:					1 Church Office Closed	2
3 9am - Sunday School 10am-Worship Service 11am- Fellowship	4	5 Noon - Bible Study	6 6pm Confirmation 7:30pm Choir Practice	7	8 Church Office Closed	9
10 9am - Sunday School 10am - Contemporary Worship Sunday School Singing 11am - Fellowship	11	12 Noon - Bible Study	13 6pm Confirmation 7:30pm Choir Practice	14	15 Church Office Closed	16
17 9am- Sunday School 10am - Sunday School Program 11am - Christmas Treats	18	19 Noon - Bible Study	20 7pm - Blue Christmas Worship ----- 2pm-Assembling Christmas Food Baskets ----- NO Confirmation 7:30pm Choir Practice	21 Deadline for Newsletter Articles	22 Church Office Closed	23
24 No- Sunday School No- 10am Worship Service  Christmas Eve Worship 4pm & 6pm	25  Merry Christmas Church Office Closed	26 Church Office Closed	27 No Confirmation No Choir Practice	28	29 Church Office Closed	30
31 No- Sunday School 10am -Worship Service						



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**Choir Director: LaVonne
Nokleberg**

Custodians: Mike & Karla Jostad

