



Kindred Connections

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“So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.” – Galatians 6:9 (NRSV)

Siblings in Christ,

There is a special kind of joy that comes with the month of May in the life of the church. It is the joy of looking back and seeing, with grateful hearts, all that God has done among us. This program year has been rich with growth, connection, and faithful witness. From classrooms filled with curiosity, to music that has stirred our spirits, to service that has extended Christ's love beyond our walls, we have been part of something meaningful and alive.

What makes this so powerful is not just the events themselves, but the faithfulness behind them. The Christian life is not built on a single moment, but on a steady rhythm of showing up, trusting God, and offering what we have. And that is exactly what this congregation has done. Through your presence, your prayers, your willingness to serve, and your generosity, you have helped create a community where faith is nurtured and shared.

This is worth celebrating!

At the same time, May also gently reminds us that seasons change. As summer approaches, our schedules shift, travel begins, and the pace of life can feel a bit more relaxed. These changes can be a gift, offering rest and renewal. Yet they also invite us to be intentional about what anchors us. The practices that sustain our faith do not lose their importance simply because the calendar changes.

Worship remains at the center of who we are. It is where we are reminded of God's promises, where we are strengthened by community, and where we are sent back into the world with purpose. Staying connected during these summer months is not about obligation. It is about staying rooted in the life that God continues to grow within us.

In the same way, the mission of the church continues in every season. There are still needs to meet, lives to touch, and ministries to support. Your ongoing generosity plays a vital role in making that possible. Every gift, every act of service, every moment of care becomes part of the harvest God is bringing forth through this community.

So as we celebrate this program year, let us do so with both gratitude and anticipation. Give thanks for all that has been, and remain open to all that God is still doing. Keep showing up. Keep investing in the life of faith. Keep trusting that even in the quieter rhythms of summer, God is at work.

There is great joy in this journey we share, and there is even more ahead.

Peace,

Pastor Kyle



Kindred
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Gathered to Grow



Easter at KLC!

Maundy Thursday
1st Communion
students & smiles
on Easter morning!



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

Dish soap
toilet paper

Viking Village

Men/Women
Deodorant

Food Pantry

Poptarts, nutrigrain
bars, cereal

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

KLC DIRECTORY

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE THAT WOULD BE ABLE TO HELP WITH THE NEW DIRECTORY. PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN AT THE CHURCH WITH A LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHER. EVERYTHING WILL BE DONE LOCALLY.

PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR KYLE IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP.
THANK YOU



2026 Shrimp Boil

Lots of fun and hard work was put into the shrimp boil. Thanks to the workers and to everyone that attended.



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JOIN KLC and LCC for
**Feed My Starving Children and
 Valleyfair!**

August 6th, 2026

price includes: transportation, snacks,
 park admission, and dinner! Need a
 scholarship? talk to Lanah!

YOUTH GATHERING 2027

Minneapolis MN!

June 28-July 2, 2027



Register by October 1st
**any questions? Please reach out to
 Lanah at any time!**

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!

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!



Volunteer!



Burger Stand Sign up coming next
 month! Mark your calendars for
 Saturday, August 8th! We cannot wait
 to have your help!



Kindred Kids



A 3-NIGHT VBS
MAY 26-28 • 5:30-7:30 PM

Kindred Lutheran Church
391 Spruce St, Kindred, ND

Who: Preschool-5th Grade
Cost: FREE!

REGISTER ONLINE
KINDREDLUTHERAN.COM/VBS





Prayers & Healing

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

Healing for:

John Carlson
Maverick Wilson
Joan Pratt
Tonna Horsely
Rowan Johnston

Healing for:

Pastor Karin Moberg
Joan Hoffarth
Troy
Mike Heglie
Tasha Heglie

Comfort for:

The family and friends of
Yoselin LeBaron.

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.



KINDRED LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF:

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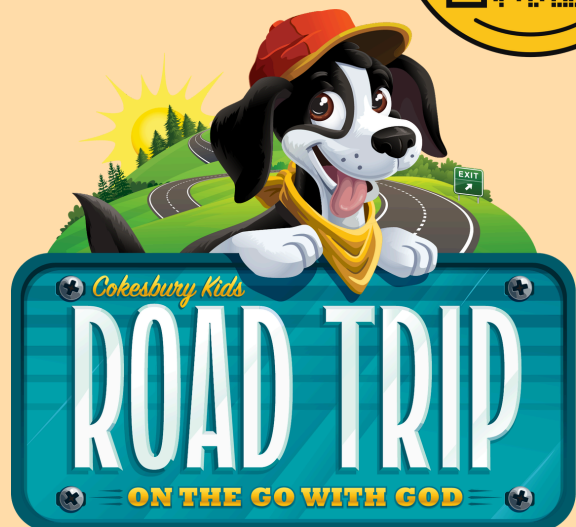
Contemporary Worship Music:
Eldon & Amy Johnson

Custodians:
Mike & Karla Jostad

Kindred VBS!

May 26-28

5:30pm-7:30pm





Council Notes

Council Minutes
Sunday, March 15, 2026
Kindred Lutheran Church

2027-3 Sally Erickson 2027-3 Laurie O'Keefe 2029-1 Caitlin Perhus
2027-3 Verne Wolf 2028-2 Michele Hillman 2029-1 Bryan Halvorson
2027-3 Justin Fiesel

Called to Order by: Justin at 11:15 am

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

Opening Prayer

Shrimp dinner- Rodney visited with us about the event being held on Sunday 4/12. They're hoping to feed 100 people and break even this year. They'll have door prizes, trivia, and a sponsorship from Scheel's. Looking to 2027, they're hoping to have Jessie Veeder come play during the dinner, and would finance her fee with separate funds. The same group is working on it as last year, but more volunteers are welcome.

Positions on Council- Motion for the Executive Council Positions to be as follows.

President-Justin Fiesel Vice President-Caitlin Perhus

Treasurer-Bryan Halvorson Secretary-Michele Hillman

Motion approved.

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

Treasurer's Report/Approval of Report: Motion to approve Report by Caitlin, Seconded by Sally. Motion approved. We're balanced up to January, and a CD was renewed in February.

Pastor's Report:

- Paternity leave/Annual meeting.
- No visitations were done in person, but are planned in the coming weeks and had several phone visits also.
- Had 2 baptisms and 1 more scheduled.
- Surveys were handed out at worship on 2/8 and we had 16 turned in. The questions were on how to improve summer worship attendance, how to better support faith formation, and where is God leading us to shine more brightly?



Council Notes

- Bishop selection for the Synod Assembly this year. We still have 1 opening for the June 5-7th meetings. Due to a wedding, Pastor will miss the first day of the Assembly.
- On 3/22 there is a conference meeting for the Synod selection at Faith Journey in Fargo.
- Confirmation-looking to reform the volunteering aspect, as some students/families do all the requirements and others do little or none.

Updates from Directors:

Faith Formation & Growth:

- Kindred Kids-
 - They recently completed the "Unsung Heroes" curriculum, which focused on lesser-known people in the Bible who showed faith and courage in everyday ways. It was a great reminder for the kids that God uses ordinary people to do meaningful things.
 - In February they hosted a Super Bowl Bingo and Coloring event, which was a fun fellowship activity. The kids enjoyed the games and it gave families a chance to gather together in a relaxed setting.
 - Right now they are in the middle of a new series, "Miraculous", where they're learning about several of Jesus' miracles and what they teach us about faith, trust, and God's power.
 - Kindred Kids will be singing in church later this month.
- Youth-
 - Helped serve a meal at Crossroads at NDSU.
 - Will be helping with Easter Breakfast Sunday 4/5.
 - High School Seniors will be recognized Sunday 5/17.
 - Baccalaureate Service will be 4/26 at St. Maurice Catholic Church.
 - No one signed up to go on the Road trip in July so that won't be happening.
 - "Imagine More" 2027 Youth Gathering happening in Minneapolis 6/28-7/2.
 - Confirmation will resume 4/8.

Management & Grounds:

- Back-up Custodian List- still need options.
- Summer project- need a new privacy fence at the parsonage (will look for quotes).
- Water is harder (others have noticed within the city) and it's still affecting the dishwasher. We'll ask Stein's for more options.

Social Ministry & Outreach:

- Fellowship- volunteers are needed for March, April, and May for worship.
- Easter Brunch-confirmation students/parents are helping provide food and serving. Lanah will be putting things together that morning and have a sign-up to donate items.
- Altar Guild-looking for new linens and are getting prices.
- Missions committee- used Love offering donations to give Sunday School kids \$10 each to "spread joy" to others.



Council Notes

Old Business:

- Improvements Committee-no new updates, discussed ideas.
- Misconduct Prevention Policy-no new updates.
- Directory-still looking for volunteers.

New Business:

- AED- someone had a heart issue in church recently and it reminded us that we need to get a new AED. We tried to get a grant for one, but didn't get it so we'll look at prices and buy one ourselves.
- Sanctuary AV system- work was started but we need a professional to finish the wiring (unofficial quote is \$5,000) to move the computer to the back of the sanctuary. This will greatly improve the process of streaming, using the projector, and more.

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

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Hillman

Next meeting: Sunday, April 26, 2026

2 Months out:

3 Months out:

ATTENDANCE OFFERING

April 5 7:30am	56	
April 5 10am	237	\$2436
April 12	74	\$740
April 19	67	\$934
April 26	86	\$1315

Collected through April \$60,385.21
 \$18,000 is needed each month
 2026 Budget - \$217,000



Calendar

May

2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Church Office Closed	2
3 Sunday School - 9am 10am Worship Kindred Kids Program 	4	5 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	6	7 Pen Pals 1:15pm	8 Church Office Closed	9
10 9am - Sunday School 10am - Contemporary Worship - Mother's Day	11	12 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	13	14	15 Church Office Closed	16
17 10am - Worship Service 11am - Fellowship 4pm Weber Recital	18 Senior Meal 11:45am 	19 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	20	21	22 Church Office Closed	23
24 10am - Worship Service 11am - Fellowship	25  HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY Church Office Closed	26 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	27	28	29 Church Office Closed	30
Vacation Bible School Road Trip! 5:30pm-7:30pm Tues-Thurs						