



2010 Annual Report  
for  
Kindred Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Of  
Kindred, North Dakota



Kindred means a group of persons related to one another; kinship; those sharing the same beliefs. In baptism, we are given a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and become children of our heavenly Father through Jesus Christ. The "K" in Kindred is a person dancing, leaping and praising God to remind us that we are the people of God. Kindred Lutheran Church is not a building. Don't go **to** church. **Be** the church!

## Mission

Kindred Lutheran Church does not have a mission. Rather, **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. He is always active bringing salvation by reconciling the world to himself, transforming his people and ushering in his kingdom! And he invites the likes of us to follow him and be his hands and feet for the sake of the world! We witness to the coming of the Kingdom of God through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

## Purpose

**Kindred Lutheran Church exists to be disciples and make disciples who are bold, daring, adventurous followers of Jesus Christ!** In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus makes our purpose abundantly clear: *Go. Make Disciples. Baptize. Teach. Obey.* But being a disciple of Jesus is not a self-help project where we make ourselves better or more worthy or more like Christ. We don't earn salvation. Rather, we grow in grace—grow in seeing how totally dependent we are upon God's graciousness to us. The Holy Spirit guides us and transform us.

## Vision

Following Jesus is a journey, a lifelong process of faith formation that we describe simply as: **Gathered to Grow . . . Sent to Serve!** This is our vision. And everything that we do at Kindred Lutheran is focused on this faith formation process. It is our way of helping one another become the disciple Jesus is calling us to be. Discipleship is what **we** do. Faith formation is what **God** does.

# Annual Report 2010

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# ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

## February 6, 2011

### Welcome

Rodney Braaten, President

### Devotions *(found on inside cover of Annual Report)*

### Presentation and Approval of the Minutes

Dona Schock

### Reports

Pastor's Report

President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Pastor Andrew Schlecht

Rodney Braaten

Lynette Girodat

### Acceptance of Printed Reports

### Nominating Committee Report

Christine Ilvedson

- Elections

### Presentation of 2011 Mission Plan Proposal

Lynette Girodat

- Approval Mission Plan

### Old Business

Ratification of Constitutional changes approved at 2010 annual meeting.

### New Business

### Motion for Adjournment

### Closing Prayer

Pastor Andrew Schlecht

### Adjournment

# 2010 COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Rodney Braaten	President	361-5578
Christine Ilvedson	Vice President	469-2030
Dona Schock	Secretary	428-9852
Lynette Girodat	Treasurer	428-3775 ( <i>Position Open</i> )
Gene Thompson	<i>Chair of Buildings &amp; Property Committee</i>	
Kitty Blilie	<i>Chair of Missions Committee</i>	
Pam Liebenow	<i>Chair of Evangelism/Fellowship Committee</i>	
Velora Robertsdahl	<i>Chair of Parish Life Committee</i>	
Sally Erickson	<i>Chair of Stewardship Education Committee</i>	
Open	<i>Women of the ELCA Committee</i>	
Janet Kub	<i>Chair of Worship &amp; Music Committee</i>	
Teresa Braaten	<i>Chair of Youth &amp; Children's Ministry Committee</i>	

## Buildings and Property

Gene Thompson, Chair 428-3197  
 Art Dahl 428-9155  
 David Rostad 428-9897  
 Kelly Perhus 428-3328  
 Rich Schock 428-9852  
 Wes Robertsdahl 428-9848

## Missions

Kitty Blilie, Chair 428-3459  
 LeAnn Toppen 588-4285  
 Teresa Braaten, 428-3709  
 Vallorie Schlecht 428-9187

## Evangelism/Fellowship

Pam Liebenow, Chair 428-9123  
 Vicki Thompson 428-3197  
 Tara Hoyme 428-9829  
 Suzanne Wolf 361-3645  
 Cassie Kisse 720-9020

## Parish Life Committee

Velora Robertsdahl, Chair 428-9848  
 Susie Mathias 428-3685  
 Marlys Bergene 428-3724  
 Vicki Milbrandt 428-3287  
 Barb Rude 428-3784

## Endowment Oversight Committee

Craig Hertsgaard 428-3067  
 Irene Roe 428-3434

## Archives

Karen Kruse, Chair 428-3460  
 LeAnn Toppen 588-4285  
 Norma Otterson 482-3846  
 Gerry Hoyme 428-3866

## Stewardship Education

Sally Erickson, Chair 428-3077  
 Carlotta Spelhaug 428-3730  
 Brandon Kub 238-6382  
 Paula Erickson 428-3791  
 Joan Halland, 428-3027

## Youth/Children's Ministry –

Teresa Braaten, Chair 428-3709

- Parish Education

Lori Pearson, 588-4224  
 Kristen Hoyme, 428-9901  
 Bonnie Gruel 645-9070  
 Tanya Kvamme 645-2525

- Little League Advisors

Teresa Braaten 428-3709

## Vacation Bible School

Teresa Braaten, Chair 428-3709

## Women of the ELCA

Open

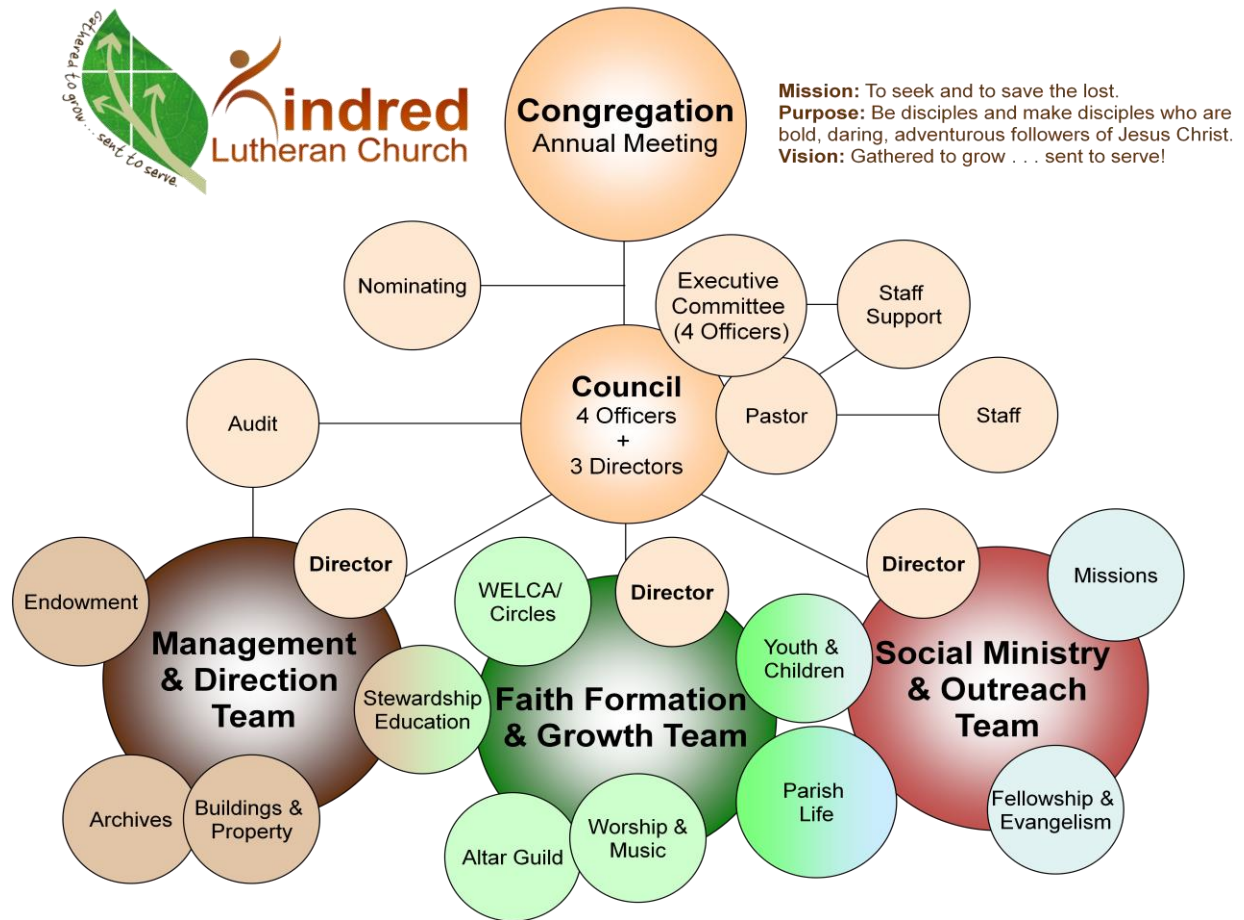
## Altar Guild

Norma Otterson, Chair 428-3846

## Worship & Music

Janet Kub, Chairperson 428-3049  
 Carmen Howell 428-3618  
 Sharlene Mattson 428-3013  
 Marie Moe 428-3680  
 Alicia Nipstad 428-3804  
 Lisa Carpenter 428-3409  
 Sandy Olsgard 645-9040  
 Lori Elliott 428-3386  
 Cheryl Rostad 428-9897/367-9363

# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



# 2010 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Kindred Lutheran Church Annual Meeting  
January 17, 2010  
*Unofficial Minutes*

The annual meeting of Kindred Lutheran Church was called to order by President Rodney Braaten.

All shared in the devotions printed in the annual report.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Secretary Dona Schock read the 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes to the congregation. A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 18, 2009 annual meeting minutes. Motion carried. Secretary Dona Schock read the May 31, 2009 Special Congregational Meeting Minutes to the congregation. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Rodney took this time to thank Kelly Perhus and Julie Otterson for their help during the year.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Lynette Girodat stated that the balance on hand as of the end of 2009 was \$35,050.94. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF PRINTED REPORTS:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the reports printed in the annual report. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION OF THE 2010 BUDGET:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2010 budget as presented. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**COUNCIL RESTRUCTURING:** Kitty Blilie reported on proposed changes to the constitution and restructuring of the council and leadership. This will be the first vote and a second one is required at the next annual meeting in 2011. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Restructuring Committee Report as presented. Motion carried. The constitutional changes were approved unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No new business was presented.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:** The new slate was presented for the candidates as nominated for office. Rodney Braaten as President; Christine Ilvedson as Vice President; Dona Schock as Secretary; Wes Robertsdahl as Financial Secretary; Janet Kub as Worship Committee chair; Kitty Blilie as Compassion Committee chair; Velora Robertsdahl as Parish Life Committee chair; Gene Thompson as Grounds/Property Committee chair; Teresa Braaten as Youth & Children's Ministry chair; Sally Erickson as Stewardship Committee chair. The position of treasurer is open because Treasurer Lynette Girodat has fulfilled her maximum of 3 years term. She has agreed to stay on as treasurer until a replacement has been found. WELCA is also open.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Nominating Committee Report as presented. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by  
Dona Schock, Secretary

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, another year has gone by and here I am writing another letter for the Annual Report. KLC had a very good year! We met our budget, all our fundraising events were successful, church attendance has gone up, we have several new members, and we gave a lot to charity. All this is easy to write about, but Pastor Andrew says I should write something inspirational.....The problem is....I'm not an inspirational kind of guy! I usually come up with quirky things like..."our organist doesn't wear shoes when she plays." Fortunately, I got an idea during church this morning. No, not during the sermon.... luckily, Past Andrew does not give boring sermons, but during the choir's performance. More specifically, during a young girl's solo.

**GOALS!!!** That was my idea! We *ALL* have goals. Goals for work, goals for sports, weight loss, finances, all sorts of things. Why not set goals for what we can *DO for our CHURCH??* Maybe something simple like this year I'm going to usher one Sunday or do the readings, or be on a committee. Maybe you have always wanted to visit shut ins? That could be your goal. We have a new memorial garden in the planning. Maybe your goal could be making it **SPECTACULAR!!!???**

What I'm trying to do here is get **YOU** involved.....that's my **GOAL!!!!**

Were my ramblings enough to inspire you??? Maybe??

By the way that young girl I told you about?? She's a friend of mine...6 months ago her goal was to join the choir and sing a solo----

***Now that's inspirational....***

***KLC President – Rodney Braaten***



# PASTOR'S REPORT



## ***The Word: God's Story. Our Story.***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's all about Jesus. That's right. It's not about me or you. Sometimes that's not easy to remember in our hectic lives. Our Christian life is lived out in response to Jesus' invitation: "Follow me" (Matthew 4:19). Discipleship is a lifelong calling to repent, believe, connect, rest, pray, dwell in the Word, worship, serve and give. Jesus calls us to be disciples and make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20).

Central to our identity as disciples is the Bible—the story of God acting in human history. When we dwell in God's Word, we become more aware of where God is and what he is up to. We learn to recognize his voice. We learn to see his presence. We learn how we fit into God's story. We see how God has acted and moved in our lives, so we can share our own compelling story of his grace and be more fully engaged in the life and mission of God for the sake of the world.

### **The Word: E100**

Since September 2010, we have been engaged in reading through 100 of the essential stories of the Bible as a congregation, including adults, confirmands and Sunday school students called "E100: God's story. Our story." We read five passages from the Bible each week for 20 weeks. Weekly sermons are based on the E100 readings. They are also being used in the Adult Bible Study led by Marlys Bergene and Craig Hertsgaard. I have not only been reading along with you, but have also been modeling it by blogging about the daily readings at [blog.kindredlutheran.com](http://blog.kindredlutheran.com). I have made tools for Biblical fluency available on our web site [www.kindredlutheran.com](http://www.kindredlutheran.com), through our weekly email called "eConnections", as well as Facebook and Twitter.

### **The Word: Council**

What is the business of the church? Making disciples. Being disciples. Witnessing to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Thus leadership in a church is spiritual. This is particularly true of the council. As pastor, I encourage the council to imagine God's preferred future by being engaged in Scripture, prayer, silence and listening.

Thus, Council meetings typically begin with 20-30 minutes of engagement with Scripture. We read a passage from the Bible (sometimes more than once) and sit in silence for a minute as we dwell in God's Word, often focusing on simple questions.

Council members then share in small groups of 2-3 people what they have heard. As we gather together as a large group, members are often invited to take turns sharing what their partner shared with them—not what we shared with them! The purpose is to learn listening skills—we learn to listen to one another as well as listen to God's Word. We also learn that to be a People of the Word means we dwell in Scripture and struggle with its meaning as a community not just as individuals.

### **The Word: Living Stones**

During Lent 2010, we engaged in Bible reading as a congregation. Our theme was "Living Stones!" I taught all the children one Sunday morning to encourage Bible reading, prayer and family discussions.

The children brought home a paper bag they decorated for Lent. Inside of each bag were 5 stones. On each stone the children had written a word—share, read, talk, pray, bless. Everyone was invited to gather as a family for 15 minutes one night each week for the 7 weeks of Lent and try this Lenten discipline. Bookmarks with the instructions on them were included in the bags, distributed during worship, included in the newsletter, in *eConnections* and posted on the website. A children's sermon explained the Lenten discipline to the whole congregation who was invited to participate as well.

### **The Word: Worship**

In 2010, we quit using the lectionary inserts in the bulletins and purchased Bibles for the pews so people could actively use the Bibles during worship. The inserts cheapened God's Word—we tossed them in the garbage! Our children did not understand that the readings on Sunday morning actually came from the Bible. The bulletin inserts made people less familiar with Scripture, decreased their confidence in daily Bible use and caused them to look to the pastor as the only expert in interpreting Scripture. In short, the less we used our Bibles in church, the less we used them at home. We had become biblically illiterate.

The council was so excited about this proposal that they purchased over twice as many Bibles as I asked them to buy! I am intentionally encouraging worshipers to use Bibles during worship, even having you join in reading aloud portions of the Scripture, and not just the Psalms.

We are exploring the possibility of putting notices in the bulletins inviting people who need a Bible to take one. We are even considering hanging a ship's bell in the back of the church with the following notice: "Ring this bell so we can celebrate! If you do not have a Bible, or if you know of someone who needs a Bible, please take one of the pew Bibles with you and ring this bell! Take it, use it, and dwell in God's Word as a gift from us in Jesus' name!" We have already had two people ask for permission to take a Bible from church. Praise the Lord!

### **The Word: Biblical Fluency**

Kindred Lutheran Church has been chosen by Luther Seminary as one of only a handful of congregations in the country to participate in their Biblical Fluency Project! Over the next 18 months, we will work with Luther and the other congregations to form a learning community dedicated to understanding the link between Biblical fluency and congregational vitality. This learning is centered on a five-to-seven member action reflection team co-chaired by Craig Hertsgaard and myself. I hope that you will find this work to be engaging, inspiring, and spiritually nourishing.

Participation will be a great way to reinforce our sense of identity and calling as people of God. It will help us to learn how to listen. It will transform our Christian imagination. It will help us create a balanced and healthy congregation where we grow disciples of Jesus and not simply grow a church.

### **The Word: 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

One of my hopes is that the theme "God's story. Our story." will lead right into the celebration of our 125th anniversary in 2012 so that the focus will be on God and where he is leading Kindred Lutheran Church. The best place to begin this discernment process is in Scripture. Too often, congregational anniversaries focus inward. Participation in the Biblical Fluency Project with Luther Seminary offers the opportunity to help us think outside of ourselves by encouraging us to dwell in Scripture, to listen and to imagine God's preferred future. It will help us gain a sense of our missional vocation both as individuals and as a congregation. Together we will ask questions: What is God up to? What is God calling us to do? What is God up to in the community around us? Who is God calling us to be? What are God's promises? How do we respond?

### **Final Thoughts**

You don't go *to* church. You *are* the church. Discipleship is who you are and what you do "out there" in the world not just inside a church building. It's the way you live, work, learn and play. It's the way you love, care, serve and give. And you do it well!

Thanks for being the church! Thanks for the generosity and encouragement you show to me, my family and our community. I am so blessed to be here at Kindred Lutheran Church...to serve as your pastor...to walk with you on this journey...to work beside you for the sake of the world!

I can't wait to see where Jesus will lead us this year. And how the Holy Spirit will make us grow as we experience life together and Dwell in God's Word!

Thanks for all you do in His name!

In Christ,  
**Pastor Andrew Schlecht**

# GENERAL FUND

	<u>REGULAR OFFERING</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>BALANCE ON HAND</u>
BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/09				\$35,050.94
A) REGULAR OFFERING FOR 2010	\$131,087.99			
B) OTHER INCOME FOR 2010				
Benevolence East ND Synod		\$1,830.00		
Interest Income		\$148.74		
Fellowship Income		\$3,065.90		
General Fund Income		\$804.86		
Special Events		\$3,147.08		
Bible Income & expense (\$1111.95)		\$0.00		
Lent Offering		\$921.25		
Miscellaneous Income		\$181.00		
Sunday School		\$525.00		
OTHER INCOME TOTAL:		\$10,623.83		
INCOME FOR 2010:			\$141,711.82	
Total Budgeted Expenses for 2010			\$131,797.41	
 BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/10				<u>\$44,965.35</u>
SEPARATE FUNDS WITHIN THE CHURCH:				
D) Fund income for 2010				
Archive		\$35.00		
Benevelonce		\$100.00		
Bible Camp		\$0.00		
Building		\$25.00		
Ham Dinner		\$2,057.00		
Handicap		\$0.00		
Library		\$10.00		
Mission Endowment		\$0.00		
Music		\$355.00		
Parament/Altar		\$280.00		
Parish Nurse		\$0.00		
Undesignated Memorials		\$3,397.00		
WELCA		\$203.00		
FUND TOTAL		\$6,462.00		
TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR 2010		\$148,173.82		

# 2010 BALANCE SHEET

As Of December 31 2010

## ASSETS

Current Assets:

Opening Balance Sheet

Kindred Checking Account

\$ 71,275.98

Total Operating Balance Sheet

\$ 71,275.98

## TOTAL ASSETS

## LIABILITIES

Operating Balance sheet:

Operating Loan

\$ -

Payroll Taxes Payable

Total Operating Balance Sheet

\$ 71,275.98

## TOTAL LIABILITIES

## OTHER CURRENT ASSETS/EQUITY

Operating Balance Sheet:

Archive Fund

\$ 472.07

Benevolence Fund

\$ 3,525.88

Bble Camp Fund

\$ 738.03

Building Fund

\$ 179.68

Ham Dinner Fund

\$ 7,226.84

Handicap Fund

\$ 399.00

Library Fund

\$ 291.58

Mission Endowment Fund

\$ 283.00

Music Fund

\$ 1,849.16

Parament/Altar Fund

\$ 406.31

Parish Nurse Fund

\$ 1,774.16

Undesignated Memorial Fund

\$ 6,657.94

Welca Fund

\$ 2,506.98

Total Current Assets:

\$ 26,310.63

General Fund:

\$ 44,965.35

Current Assets/Equity:

\$ 26,310.63

## TOTAL EQUITIES:

\$ 71,275.98

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY \$ 71,275.98**

# 2010 EXPENSE STATEMENT

	BEGINNING				ENDING
	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>TRANSFERS</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
As 12/31/10					
2010 General Fund Expenses:			<b>\$131,797.41</b>		
Fund Accounts					
Archive	\$ 437.07	\$ 35.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 472.07
Benevelonce	\$ 3,585.89	\$ 100.00	\$ (160.01)	\$ -	\$ 3,525.88
Bible Camp	\$ 768.03	\$ -	\$ (30.00)	\$ -	\$ 738.03
Building	\$ 704.68	\$ 25.00	\$ (550.00)	\$ -	\$ 179.68
Ham Dinner	\$ 6,195.61	\$ 2,057.00	\$ (1,025.77)	\$ -	\$ 7,226.84
Handicap	\$ 399.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 399.00
Library	\$ 352.75	\$ 10.00	\$ (71.17)	\$ -	\$ 291.58
Mission Endowment	\$ 283.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 283.00
Music	\$ 3,611.82	\$ 355.00	\$ (2,117.66)	\$ -	\$ 1,849.16
Parament/Altar	\$ 619.77	\$ 280.00	\$ (493.46)	\$ -	\$ 406.31
Parish Nurse	\$ 1,774.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,774.16
Undesignated Memorials	\$ 7,395.24	\$ 3,397.00	\$ (4,134.30)	\$ -	\$ 6,657.94
WELCA	<u>\$ 2,329.18</u>	<u>\$ 203.00</u>	<u>\$ (25.20)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,506.98</u>
TOTALS:	\$ 28,456.20	\$ 6,462.00	\$ (8,607.57)	\$ -	\$ 26,310.63
TOTAL EXPENSES:			<b>\$140,404.98</b>		

# STATISTICS REPORT

## Church Staff

Pastor:	Rev. Andrew Schlecht
Administrative Assistant:	Joy Staton/Pam Liebenow
Caretaker/Custodian:	Velora & Wes Robertsdaal
Music Coordinator:	Cheryl Rostad
Choir Director	LaVonne Nokleberg
Organists:	Eleanor Braaten, Marie Moe, Ivonne Olson, Erin Kub, and Cheryl Rostad

<b>Baptized Membership at end of 2009</b>			374
<b>Baptized Members Received during 2010</b>	Baptisms (children)	10	
	Baptism (adult)	0	
	Members-Affirmation	0	
	Members-Transfer	10	
	Statistical adjustment	0	
	Total Received		20
<b>Baptized members removed during 2010</b>	By death	5	
	By transfer	4	
	Other statistical adjustment	0	
	Total Removed		9
<b>Baptized Membership at end of 2010</b>			385
<b>Total Confirmed Members end of 2010</b>			289
<b>Number of people confirmed in 2010</b>			6

## BAPTISMS

Gavin Rude  
Jackson Kub  
Becca Fiesel  
Elizabeth Hillman  
Maxwell Opgrand  
Lily Opgrand  
Oliver Opgrand  
Sydney Fett  
Haakon Kvamme  
Elliott Wolf

## NEW MEMBERS

Veran Kapaun  
Staci Kapaun  
Matthew Kapaun  
Cassie Kisse  
Brandon Kisse  
Kelly Weidner  
Mike Weidner  
Brandon Weidner  
Mark Perry  
Robert Schwandt

## PARISH EDUCATION

Preschool 5  
Kindergarten 3  
Grade 1 10  
Grade 2 8  
Grade 3 7

## CONFIRMATION

Riley Braaten  
Brady Sahr  
Emma Ilvedson  
Brandon Weidner  
Ben Mattson  
Ryan McCollum

## WEDDINGS

CJ and Alison Erickson  
Jessica and Cody Skow

## FUNERALS

Lorraine Lee  
Walter Otterson  
Cole Halland  
Minnie Graff  
Ilert Spelhaug  
Todd Schmiess (Nonmember)  
Bob Cloutier (Nonmember)

## MEMBERS REMOVED BY TRANSFER

Pam Guiles (Lucas and Emma)  
Amanda Girodat

Grade 4 4  
Grade 5 12  
Grade 6 4  
Grade 7 5  
Grade 8/Grade 12 32

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

# BETHANY RETIREMENT LIVING

The Bethany Representatives from Kindred Lutheran Church attended the five auxiliary meetings held in 2010.

The 2010 activities held and supported by KLC volunteers and the auxiliary representatives were as follows:

January: Kindred Lutheran hosted the Auxiliary meeting.

May: Syttende Mai---hosted by all churches.

June: Bethany Annual Carnival: All churches. KLC was in charge of the "CAKE WALK". Many KLC members donated cakes. Carnival profits were approximately \$6,000.00.

August: Rummage & Bake Sale. Profits were \$1400.00.

September: Apple Fest held and hosted by all churches.

October: Towers Birthday Party hosted by Kindred Lutheran Church.

December: Silent Auction/Food Fest for residents and public. KLC Quilters donated a quilt. Many members donated Scandinavian and other baked goods. Volunteers assisted. Profits were \$6,000.00.

Gift requests approved by Bethany Auxiliary for various items that will benefit the Bethany residents totaled about \$17,000.00. This amount is from the 2010 profits made possible by your support.

Thank you to everyone for all you have done for Bethany Retirement Living.

Altha Johnson  
Irene Roe  
KLC Bethany Representatives



# STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

With the help of many daring, bold, and adventurous disciples, the Stewardship Committee sponsored the following events this past year:

- **Lenten Soup and Sandwiches** The Stewardship Committee served soup and sandwiches prior to one of the Lenten worship services.
- **Prayer Walk-Run-Ride** On September 12, 2010, approximately seventy KLC members took to the streets of Kindred for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Prayer Walk-Run-Ride. The event was an opportunity for prayer, fellowship, and exercise. This year, we were blessed with beautiful, warm weather for the event.

A chili feed was held afterwards. Special thanks to Lisa Carpenter and the A-H serving group for helping with the chili feed. The free-will offering collected at the chili feed totaled \$69, which was donated to the KLC youth, who were collecting donations for the Homeless and Hungry Project.

Some food items were also collected for our local Food Pantry.

- **Annual stewardship campaign** The theme of this year's stewardship campaign was "Faithful Stewards of God's Infinite Grace" and the guiding Bible verse was 1 Peter 4:10, which states:

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.*

The stewardship campaign included newsletter articles, special mailings to the congregation, temple talks, and phone calls to members.

The stewardship campaign concluded with Harvest Celebration Sunday, which was held on November 21, 2010. The Stewardship Committee decorated the church with balloons and served cake and coffee after the worship service.

During the worship service that day, members were invited forward to return their faith promise cards. Only 45 households returned their faith promise cards. This response rate was a bit disappointing, but we hope to have an improved response rate next year.

This past year the Stewardship Committee also provided thank-you letters with quarterly statements and submitted newsletter articles.

The Stewardship Committee

Sally Erickson, Paula Erickson, Joan Halland, Brandon Kub, and Carlotta Spelhaug

## PARISH LIFE

Numerous get well, sympathy and birthday cards were sent to members of KLC in 2010. Cards are also generally sent to members celebrating 80 years of age and older.

In February of 2010 we started a new project. This involves presenting a book and a quilt to each infant and child baptized during the year.

Thank you to the Parish Life Committee members, Marlys Bergene, Susie Mathias, Vicky Milbrandt, and Barb Rude for all their hard work and dedication.

Velora Robertsdahl, Chairperson

## QUILTING PROGRAM

### QUILT DISTRIBUTION FROM JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010

Mexico Mission	12
Lutheran World Relief	30
Y Shelter for Women & Children	15
Lutheran Social Services (Refugee Resettlement)	10
Churches United for the Homeless	10
Runn School (Texas)	6
Fundraisers	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86</b>

# MISSIONS

Benevolent giving of finances, time, and talent has been, and will be, our primary focus. We had opportunities throughout this year with which to be put into action, and to try to draw on our services, as well as working co-operatively as needs arose.

Our goal is to continually encourage service and participation from the congregation and community, in ongoing current, and future, outreach concerns. Local, regional, and national, as well as international needs, present several ways for us to answer our call to service for others. During the spring flooding, we contacted the City of Kindred and offered to assist with concerns involving possible assistance needs of residents, as well as encouraging all to be of service to others that were in need themselves. This is one of our goals through the People To People task group. Not only during times of crisis or hardship, but also for day-to-day issues.

The “Ultimate Gift” was a project undertaken by the youth in which they were to give away everything that could take in and keep nothing for themselves. We actively participated with them, in that we provided the sum of \$50 to each participant, as startup funding. It was their task to grow that amount, by using their gifts and talents, and then at the end to give it all away! Through this project, the youth were able to experience being good stewards of God’s gifts to them.

Also this year, there was a request made by the Women’s Shelter for emergency placement of an individual family to a hotel, as their shelter was filled to capacity. We gladly supported this request for assistance, and were thankful we were able to assist with that need, through their organization. They serve a very important and compassionate role in the community and surrounding area.

Other projects and plans we have also been involved with would include Lenten Service meals; holiday food baskets; community days preparation; and reviewing and gathering information regarding future mission efforts. And our committee will be submitting suggestions to the church council for designating the benevolence offerings that our congregation collects through the year in the weekly offerings, which are not individually designated.

We look forward to exploring more ways to help all of us always look for, and live our lives, in service to others.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kitty Blilie, Mission Committee Chairperson  
Members: Teresa Braaten; LeAnn Toppen; Vallorie Schlecht

# ENDOWMENT

## **Building Endowment Funds**

### **Kindred State Bank**

\$119,116.19 on 6 month CD @1.0%-matures 4/11/2011.

The money market account has a balance of \$11,283.70.

### **Elm River Credit Union**

\$64,028.55 on 6 month CD@1.0% - matures 6/22/2011.

\$\$26,881.56 on 6 month CD@1.0% - matures 07/01/11.

\$45.96 Dividend Credit

### **State Bank of West Fargo**

\$97,440.07 on 15 month CD @1.1% - matures 10/17/2011.

Of the total contributions, \$210,140 remains of the original annuity contributed by Stella and Adora Otterson. The balance is from subsequent contributions by them and others. The original annuity must be matched by equal contributions by the congregation. The remaining amount in the building endowment funds requires no match, and can be approved by the congregation for use on any building renovation or construction.

## **Mission Endowment Fund**

### **Kindred State Bank**

\$1,825.31.19 on 12 month CD @ 1.39% - matures 7/31/11.

Automatically renews annually.

Endowment Committee

Irene Roe

Craig Hertsgaard

# YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## January – May 2010

We continued using the Sunday School material “Growing with Christ”

We had the kids make Valentine Art to be used for notecards. The notecards were made and then sold with the proceeds going to Daily Bread. Lori Pearson was the coordinator for this and the Kids Care Club.

We made new Resurrection Eggs before Easter for the preschoolers and had the older kids review the Resurrection Eggs as a project. They seemed to really enjoy it.

The kids were allowed to decorate some canvas with art to hang in their rooms. They loved doing this.

In May, we held a program in conjunction with the service where the classrooms said their memorization pieces and we thanked the teachers for their time.

We presented the graduating Seniors with quilts as gifts from the Sunday School.

## August – December 2010

Our fall semester 2010 began with an enrollment of approximately 70 students in grades Pre-K - 8th.

We started off with “Rally Sunday”. We went with a carnival theme including a dunk tank and clown. We also had face painting, pop walk, piñata, cake walk, and the church group did a potluck. A great time was had by everyone.

The Sunday School decided to continue with the material called Growing in Christ. We have had a lot of great comments about it.

Each month the Sunday School offering has been designated to a specific organization.

In November, the 3rd graders and preschoolers received bibles from the KLC Sunday School. The bibles were donated by Jean Washa and Daryl Lahren in memory of their parents, Joe and Marcella Lahren.

In December we continued with curriculum since it was focused on the Advent and the Christmas Story. We felt this year to just stick with the material as last year we had special crafts and it seemed to get overwhelming at times and the lessons were not used. We also had our Christmas Program following church service on December 19<sup>th</sup>. The kids did a great job.

Lori Pearson, Kristen Hoyme, Bonnie Gruel and Tanya Kvamme

## ALTAR GUILD

Thank you to the members of the Altar Guild for serving us so well in 2010. We change the water in the baptismal font every Saturday and we will arrange for the purchase of the poinsettias and Easter lilies with the assistance of the congregation. This is a lovely way to remember loved ones.

We assisted with the Christmas Open House at the parsonage. This was a fun thing to do with the Schlechts.

Altha does a great job with the flowers indoors and outdoors. Thank you Altha.

Thank you for the memorial given and for contributing flowers and plants.

God Bless You in 2011.

### MEMBERS OF THE 2010 ALTAR GUILD

<b>JAN-FEB</b>	Joan Halland-Jean Hertsgaard (replaced Cheryl Odegaard)
<b>MAR-APR</b>	Marlys Bergene-Vallorie Schlecht (replaced Orvin)
<b>MAY-JUNE</b>	Sandy Olsgaard-Gerry Hoyme (replaced Elenore Johnson)
<b>JULY-AUG</b>	Julie Otterson-Norma Otterson
<b>SEPT-OCT</b>	Sharlene Mattson-Vicki Thompson
<b>NOV-DEC</b>	Susie Mathias-Paula Erickson

Norma Otterson, Chairperson

## MEN'S HAM DINNER

The tenth annual Men's Ham Dinner was held Sunday, November 7th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A total of \$2057 was raised, minus expenses of \$1026, which amounted in a net profit of \$1031.

There is approximately \$7227 remaining to be used as determined by the Men's Ham Dinner Committee. If there is a particular need for funds, please contact a committee member.

A special thank you to the women who donated pies for the ham dinner.

The eleventh annual Men's Ham Dinner Committee members will be: Jeff Kub, Don Hamry, Scott Milbrandt, Scott Ilvedson, and Steve Halland.

Jeff Kub, 2010 Chairperson  
Men's Ham Dinner Committee

## FELLOWSHIP & EVANGELISM

The Fellowship/Evangelism committee held their 4th Annual Spaghetti Dinner-Raffle-Silent Auction event in April. The proceeds were distributed as follows:

<b>\$3796.00</b>	<b>Income</b>
-\$554.91	Expenses
-\$750.91	Caring for Children's Program
- \$950.00	TV for Fellowship Hall
-\$200.00	Batting for KLC Quilters
<b>\$1292.00</b>	<b>Remaining in KLC General Fund</b>

The remaining dollars in the KLC General Fund will remain there until a need should arise at KLC or a need for a local family.

The Ice Cream Social and Pie were held in the Memorial Building during Kindred Days this year due to a fire in the block of the Senior Citizen's Center this year. This event brought in approximately \$740.00. The move to this site proved to be a good decision due to more room and being able to be in the Park with all of the main activities taking place. Thank you to Karen Kruse and Sandy Olsgard for coordinating this effort. **Great Job** to you and your crew!

The committee continues to update food serving groups. The KLC Membership is divided into groups and are asked to assist in serving at potlucks and funeral luncheons. These families will also be asked to bring a main dish to pass as well. Potlucks will be held the last Sunday of the month, unless otherwise indicated. The serving group list will be posted on the Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall.

We are so grateful to to the KLC Congregation for their support of our fundraisers and being a part of the serving groups. We couldn't do it without you!

Vicki Thompson, Tara Hoyme, Suzanne Wolf, Cassie Kisse and Pam Liebenow, Chairperson

## BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY

The Buildings and Property Committee is responsible for the care and maintenance of the church, parsonage, and the grounds surrounding them.

The refurbishing of the church pews was completed.

The parking lot needs attention and sidewalks need to be replaced. Water drainage on the east side of the church, front entrance doors, and Sunday school entrance door and tile are issues that need to be addressed.

Thank you to all of the members who contribute to keeping the buildings and grounds in order.

Gene Thompson, Chairperson  
Buildings and Property Committee

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

President - Rodney Braaten  
Vice President - Christine Ilvedson  
Secretary - Jasmine McFarlane  
Treasurer - Open

Director of Faith Formation and Growth Team - Leah Lundquist  
Director of Management and Direction Team - Terry Spellhaug  
Director of Social Ministry and Outreach Team – Kitty Blilie  
Representatives to Synod Assembly - Open  
Endowment Committee - Irene Roe and Craig Hertsgaard  
Nominating Committee for 2011 - Christine Ilvedson and Doreen Brandt



# 2011 MISSION PLAN

	2010 BUDGET JAN 10 - DEC 10	ACTUAL JAN 10 - DEC 10	PROPOSED 2011 BUDGET JAN 11 - DEC 11
<b><u>Expense-Administrative</u></b>			
Convention expense (lay person)	\$400.00	\$326.76	\$400.00
Copy Right Fee Expense	\$250.00	\$245.00	\$250.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$300.00	\$593.28	\$300.00
Office Equip Maintenance Expense	\$2,100.00	\$1,674.84	\$2,100.00
Office Supplies Expense	\$1,400.00	\$2,273.60	\$1,400.00
Postage Expense	<u>\$1,600.00</u>	<u>\$1,225.86</u>	<u>\$1,600.00</u>
Total Expense	\$6,050.00	\$6,339.34	\$6,050.00
<b><u>Expense-Benevolence</u></b>			
Benevolence East ND Synod Expense	\$6,000.00	\$9,706.85	\$6,000.00
Grants to East ND Synod	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Missionary Support	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Benevolence Expense	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,156.25</u>	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
Total Expense	\$10,000.00	\$10,863.10	\$10,000.00
<b><u>Expense-Church Building</u></b>			
Church Cleaning Expense	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Church Electricity Expense	\$8,000.00	\$7,372.77	\$8,000.00
Church Insurance Expense	\$6,500.00	\$6,290.12	\$7,100.00
Church Internet Expense	\$480.00	\$352.97	\$480.00
Church Maintenance Supplies Expense	\$1,200.00	\$1,923.08	\$1,200.00
Church Repairs/Maintenance Expense	\$4,000.00	\$2,604.91	\$4,000.00
Church Taxes Expense	\$1,269.00	\$1,278.37	\$1,269.00
Church Telephone Expense	\$1,200.00	\$1,206.89	\$1,200.00
Church Utilities Expense	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$570.65</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total Expense	\$24,149.00	\$21,599.76	\$24,749.00
<b><u>Expense-Support Staff</u></b>			
Admin. Assist Salary Expense	\$10,000.00	\$8,082.54	\$14,000.00
Custodial Expense	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,900.00
FICA (church portion) Expense	\$1,200.00	\$1,050.55	\$1,200.00
Payroll Services	\$600.00	\$530.00	\$600.00
Staff Education Expense	\$250.00	\$349.00	\$250.00
Treasurer Salary Expense	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Workman's Comp. Expense	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
Total Expense	\$15,300.00	\$13,262.09	\$18,200.00

**Expense-Parish Ministry**

Vacation Bible School Expense	\$550.00	\$383.62	\$550.00
Choir Director	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$400.00
Confirmation Class Expense	\$400.00	\$249.20	\$400.00
Fellowship Expense	\$1,200.00	\$2,991.84	\$1,200.00
Organ & Piano Maintenance Expense	\$500.00	\$323.60	\$500.00
Organists Salary Expense	\$2,520.00	\$2,650.00	\$3,240.00
Stewardship Committee Expense	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$200.00
Sunday School	\$2,000.00	\$3,941.21	\$3,000.00
Web site expense	\$250.00	\$196.99	\$250.00
Worship Supplies Expense	<u>\$4,500.00</u>	<u>\$4,288.06</u>	<u>\$4,500.00</u>
Total Expense	\$12,420.00	\$15,474.52	\$14,240.00

**Expense-Pastoral Ministry**

Supply Pastor Expense	\$0.00	\$625.00	\$700.00
Pastor Auto Expense	\$2,000.00	\$2,584.69	\$2,500.00
Pastor Educational Expense	\$700.00	\$268.99	\$700.00
Pastor Housing Equity Expense	\$2,500.00	\$2,499.96	\$2,500.00
Pastor Optional Pension	\$9,400.00	\$7,050.06	\$0.00
Pastor Professional Expense	\$600.00	\$384.42	\$600.00
Pastor Medical Expense	\$4,500.00	\$6,769.86	\$15,420.00
Pastor Required Pension	\$4,200.00	\$4,242.16	\$4,446.00
Disability	\$1,000.00	\$1,103.05	\$1,156.00
Survivor Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$445.00
Retiree Support	\$200.00	\$296.95	\$311.00
Pastor Salary Expense	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$31,200.00
FICA Half Reimbursement	<u>\$2,640.00</u>	<u>\$2,640.00</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
Total Expense	\$57,740.00	\$58,465.14	\$62,978.00

**Expense-Parsonage**

Parsonage Electricity/Propane Expense	\$2,200.00	\$1,783.44	\$2,200.00
Parsonage Insurance Expense	\$800.00	\$1,066.88	\$900.00
Parsonage Maintenance Expense	\$1,000.00	\$369.94	\$1,000.00
Parsonage Tax (spec) Expense	\$722.00	\$698.14	\$722.00
Parsonage Telephone Expense	\$800.00	\$791.56	\$800.00
Parsonage Utilities Expense	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,091.54</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total Expense	\$6,522.00	\$5,801.50	\$6,622.00

<b>TOTAL ALL GROUPS EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$132,181.00</b>	<b>\$131,805.45</b>	<b>\$142,839.00</b>
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<b>REGULAR OFFERINGS</b>	<b>\$132,181.00</b>	<b>\$131,087.99</b>	
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