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***"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,

Wow, what a whirlwind May turned out to be! We marked the end of our Sunday School and Confirmation years, celebrated our graduates, gave thanks for our mothers, observed Memorial Day with reverence, and wrapped it all up with the joy and energy of Vacation Bible School. That is a lot to be grateful for, and I want to thank everyone who participated, volunteered, taught, encouraged, or simply showed up. It truly takes a village, and our church family showed up in a big way.

Now, as we step into the slower rhythm of summer, I want to take a moment to reflect with you.

Summer tends to be a time when we all breathe a little deeper. The sun stays out longer. School is out. Schedules shift. Travel plans pop up. And it can feel like everything, including church life, slows down. That is normal. And to be honest, a little slowing down is holy.

Remember, even God rested on the seventh day. After all the work of creation, God took time to pause, reflect, and delight in what had been made. That is Sabbath, a sacred rest, not just from work, but for renewal, joy, and connection with the Creator. So if your summer includes time at the lake, quiet mornings on the porch, or unhurried walks under the sun, embrace it. Let it be Sabbath. Let it be sacred.

But here's the invitation: **as you embrace rest, don't forget your roots.** Don't forget the One who gives rest. Faith is not something we press pause on just because it is summer. Your relationship with God continues. Your need for worship, prayer, community, and spiritual nourishment continues.

Our 9:00 am summer worship service is a beautiful way to stay grounded. We keep it simple and welcoming. Come in your shorts, your sandals, your sunscreen. Bring a friend. Bring your coffee. The important thing is that you come. Not because of obligation, but because these weekly moments of worship can refresh your spirit in ways the beach or the backyard just can't.

Also, a gentle reminder, while the calendar might be lighter, **the ministry of the church continues.** Your ongoing giving helps support everything from worship and pastoral care to outreach and upkeep. **Even during the quieter months, your generosity keeps us strong and ready for all God is calling us to do.**

Galatians 6:9 encourages us, *"Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up."* Sometimes, doing what is right looks like making space for God in the midst of a busy or even restful life. It means showing up, staying connected, keeping the faith, and planting seeds that will bear fruit in due time.

So as you grill burgers, plan road trips, chase kids through the sprinkler, or find a quiet spot to watch the stars, know this: your church is still here, praying for you, cheering you on, and ready to welcome you each week. **You are a vital part of this community, and your presence matters more than you know.**

Have a joyful, restful, and faith-filled summer.

See you Sunday at 9:00!

Peace,



Pastor Kyle



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Gathered to Grow



WELCOME ALEXIS FRAEDRICH!

Please join us in warmly welcoming Alexis to our KLC family. She was baptized on May 23 at KLC. Alexis is the cherished daughter of David and Natalie and has two older sisters, Austyn and Eastyn.



The Spring Program hosted by the Sunday School children was an absolute blast!

Everyone participated by singing, playing piano, and strumming the guitar, followed by a delightful taco-in-a-bag meal and outdoor games.

The Pop Walk was a highlight, and Pastor Kyle's piñata, which he smashed open, was filled with plenty of candy for everyone. Wishing you all a fantastic summer!





Gathered to Grow

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL • ON THE CASE



KLC VBS 2025 is in the books and the case was solved. "On the Case" was the theme for bible school and the kids explored Jesus's parables to unravel the mystery of Christ.

SPENDING TIME WITH GOD is how we Grow! SPENDING TIME WITH OTHERS is how we Care!

And SHARING OUR STORY is how we Love!

Thank you to the volunteers for all of your hard work putting together a great week!

MAY ATTENDANCE 2025

| | |
|--------|-----|
| May 4 | 153 |
| May 11 | 43 |
| May 18 | 86 |
| May 25 | 31 |

**SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS AT
9AM ON JUNE 1ST.**

**ATTENTION
PLEASE!**

Financial Giving to the General Fund:

Annual Budget: \$213,309.03

Needed Each Month: \$17,775.75

Donations given through May 30th, 2025: \$73,956.96



Sent to Serve



PEN PALS AT KLC

Kindred Lutheran welcomed a gathering of Pen Pals, bringing together a 5th-grade class from KHS and members of the surrounding communities.

Charley Rose from Community Care initiated this letter-writing program with community pen pals last fall. On May 5, participants had the opportunity to meet their pen pals in person and share new stories with each other..

Don't forget

*To donate in the summer,
Thanks for you support!*

The Community Closet
Kindred Area Food Pantry

Viking Village

Flowers & Friends

The Mission Committee hosted a delightful Flowers and Friends event.

They came together to create beautiful bouquets for the "Over 80" members at KLC. These lovely arrangements were delivered to more than 14 members in Kindred and Fargo.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated money, vases and their creativity in crafting these wonderful gifts.

One of the youngest members of the group joyfully shared with his mom that "Church was awesome today."





Youth

The Baccalaureate Service took place at KLC on Sunday, May 4. It was a interfaith worship service, featuring a sermon by Pastor Jonas Bundy, along with graduates sharing their faith journeys.

A special thank you to the Fellowship Group for providing cake and coffee for everyone after the service. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

BACCALAUREATE

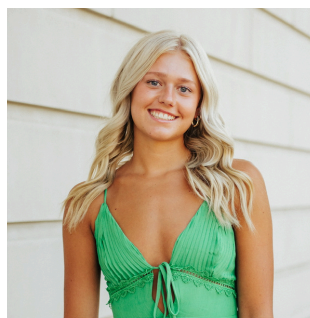


BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES



The Blessing of the Graduates took place on May 18, celebrating five graduates from KLC this year.

"KLC THREADS" efficiently crafted the quilts this spring at the church. We extend our gratitude to all who contributed financially to support this initiative.



Best wishes to the graduates; you will remain in the prayers of your church family.

(L to R) Tate Miller, Kennedy Bakko, Izaak Spelhaug, Rodney Wolf and Cora Johnson.

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Youth

LAST DAY OF CONFIRMATION



We celebrated the completion of the confirmation year with pizza, s'mores, chalk, and games. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a successful year of confirmation learning!



KINDRED DAYS BURGER STAND - AUGUST 9



VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

We need your help at the Youth Burger Stand during Kindred Days on Friday, August 9! All proceeds support youth ministry, and it's a great service opportunity for confirmation students. Youth, parents, and church members, sign up today to grill, serve, or help with setup and cleanup.

SOMETHING NEW IS COMING THIS JULY!

We have exciting news we can't quite share yet. But trust us, it's worth the wait. Be on

the lookout for updates as we prepare to welcome someone special to our church family!

**EXCITING
NEWS**



**NEW
NEW
NEW
NEW**



Prayers & Healing

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

Healing for:

Garrett Fenner
Shawn Johnson
Wyatt Simley
John Carlson
Maverick Wilson
Joan Pratt
Tonna Horsely
John Wickenheiser
Carol Mitskog
Teresa F.
Tony Kramer



Prayers for our Graduates:

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
—Jeremiah 29:11

Summer Prayer:

Open our eyes, Lord, as we walk through this world, feel the wind and sunshine, see the majesty of creation unfolding before our eyes. Help us to see you.

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.

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KINDRED LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor:

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Choir Director:

LaVonne Nokleberg

Contemporary Worship Music:

Eldon & Amy Johnson

Custodians:

Mike & Karla Jostad

Welcome!



Join Us

This poster is displayed in the church entryway.

Please feel free to take some cards and ****invite**** your friends, family, and neighbors to join us for worship!



Council Notes

Kindred Lutheran Church - Council Minutes

Sunday, April 6, 2025

2026-3 Caitlin Perhus, 2027-2 Justin Fiesel, 2027-2 Sally Erickson
2026-3 Bryan Halvorson, 2027-2 Verne Wolf, 2027-2 Laurie O'Keefe,
2028-1 Michele Hillman

Called to Order by: Caitlin at 11:17 am

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

Opening Prayer.

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

Treasurer's Report/Approval of Report: Motion to approve Report by Justin, Seconded by Michele. Motion approved. Statements are up to date as of February, Dylan is extremely busy with taxes so we'll get more reports next month.

Pastor's Report:

- Had a rough month with personal illnesses (didn't do any in person visitations).
- Funeral for Rock Rustad was held at KLC this month.
- Ordered invitations for members to give to friends, neighbors, etc.
- Ordered new banners for the light pole outside.
- First communion class will be held next Sunday.
- Easter plans are coming together.
- Meeting with the new Kindred Kids leaders soon. (Candace Mattson, Jana Smith, & Kara Anderson)

Updates from Directors:

Faith Formation & Growth:

- **Kindred Kids**-will be doing an Easter egg hunt on Palm Sunday, and are getting the end of the year program finalized. During worship on 5/4 the kids will sing special music, help with the service, etc. There will be a potluck after church with Bingo, pop walk, games, etc. to follow.
- **VBS**-"On the case" theme is set for May 27-29 from 5:30-7:30pm. They will get signage around town and start promoting it very soon. (Confirmation kids are encouraged to help and it would count towards their requirements for class)

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Council Notes

Management & Grounds:

- **Accel Energy**- we're going with them for the natural gas changes at church and the parsonage.
- Sharlene Mattson continues to help with painting areas around the church.
- There was a little water in the basement after the latest snowfall and melting. (due to downspouts being up)
- Blinds were put up in the basement.

Social Ministry & Outreach:

- Sign-up for the Easter breakfast is out and was initially sent to Confirmation families but we'll share with the whole congregation for volunteers.

Old Business:

- **Youth Director**-we may have someone interested and already doing youth work at another local church. We'll meet soon to discuss further.
- **Directory**- no new news.
- **Improvements Committee**-we're still looking for more volunteers.

New Business:

- **Projector**-will be getting quotes soon.
- **Kitchen/maintenance company**-will come to look at our dishwasher, etc. They will give us a quote for the cost of products, chemicals, etc.
- **Building usage fees**- we've had more things being held at the church and it was suggested by a funeral director that our fees were a bit low. We'll discuss increasing it.
- **Shrimp Boil**-plans are coming along.
- **Kindred Days**- a representative from the city reached out to see if we would consider switching our food from hamburgers to another option, but we're going to decline as we've been doing burgers for years and have all the equipment for it.

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

Adjourned at 12:28 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Hillman

Next meeting: Sunday, May 18, 2025



Calendar

2025

JUNE

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 9am Worship Service 10am Fellowship | 2 | 3 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry | 4 | 5 | 6 Church Office Closed | 7 Synod Assembly |
| 8 Synod Assembly 9am Contemporary Worship Service 10am Fellowship <u>Day of Pentecost</u> | 9 | 10 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry | 11 | 12 | 13 Church Office Closed | 14 |
| 15 9am Contemporary Worship Service 10am Fellowship HAPPY FATHER'S DAY | 16 Senior Meal 11:45am | 17 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry | 18 | 19 | 20 Church Office Closed | 21 |
| 22 9am Worship Service 10am Fellowship | 23 | 24 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry | 25 | 26 | 27 Church Office Closed | 28 |
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Wear RED to
worship!



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