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"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

— Psalm 107:1 (NIV)

Siblings in Christ,

November always brings a special rhythm to life. The turning leaves, the crisp air, and the gatherings around the table all remind me that God's creation sings a song of gratitude. This is the season that invites us to pause and truly notice the goodness of the Lord in both the simple and the extraordinary moments of our lives.

When I think about the blessings in my life, one of the greatest joys I experience, besides being a parent and husband, is being your pastor. Serving alongside this church family fills my heart with thankfulness. I see the presence of Christ in the way you care for one another, pray for those in need, and give so generously of your time and gifts. You are a living example of God's love at work in the world, and I thank Him daily for the privilege of walking this journey of faith with you.

Each week, I am reminded that our church is much more than a building or a set of programs. It is a family of believers who choose to love, serve, and grow together. I see that love in your smiles, in your willingness to serve behind the scenes, in the way you welcome new faces, and in the way you lift one another up during difficult times. These acts of kindness and grace speak more powerfully than any sermon ever could.

Gratitude changes how we see everything. It opens our eyes to God's hand at work in the ordinary moments of life. Even when circumstances are uncertain, a thankful heart helps us recognize that God's presence has never left us. He continues to guide, strengthen, and bless us in ways we sometimes only see in hindsight.

As we move through this season of Thanksgiving, I encourage you to slow down and take time to notice the blessings that surround you. Think about the prayers that have been answered, the friendships that have deepened, the moments of peace that arrived when they were needed most, and the quiet ways God has provided. Every one of these is a reminder that His love truly endures forever.

My prayer for you this month is that thankfulness will overflow in every part of your life. True gratitude does not depend on circumstances but on the unchanging goodness of God. He is faithful in every season, and His steadfast love is reason enough to give thanks every single day.

Peace,

Pastor Kyle

Give
Thanks



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Gathered to Grow

WELCOME JERZI GOLTZ!



Jerzi has recently been confirmed at KLC, and she was also baptized by Pastor Kyle. Let's give her a warm KLC hug and extend our heartfelt congratulations, Jerzi!

Bible Study



AN UNLIKELY ADVENT

Extraordinary people of the Christmas Story.

4 week study, \$15
Tuesday, Dec 2 at noon

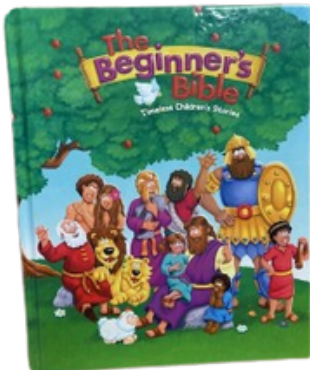
BIBLE PRESENTATION SUNDAY

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In October, the third graders and preschoolers received Bibles to aid in their understanding of the scripture. Additionally, the third graders participated in a Bible study class led by Pastor Kyle, marking the beginning of their journey with the Bible.





Gathered to Grow

Sharing of Musical Talents!!

Sunday School Pictures and Izzy Fiesel sang for the congregation.

A HUGE thank you to the youth for sharing their musical talents.



KAMA!!



Kindred Area Ministerial Association (KAMA) Thanksgiving Food Baskets

KAMA is excited to announce that we will be distributing 20 Thanksgiving food baskets this year to assist families in need during the holiday season. These baskets will be provided to individuals located in the surrounding communities. KAMA will purchase the turkeys. Each participating church will sign up to donate specific items.

KLC is tasked with providing 2% milk and butter.

We are currently collecting funds for these contributions. If you would like to help, please drop off a check in the offering or leave cash/check on Leah's desk along with your name.

Thank Offering

Join us on Sunday, November 23, for our Thank Offering Day. We kindly ask you to bring items for the food pantry, such as: Canned fruit, Instant oatmeal packets, & Pam spray. During the service, we will present these contributions at the altar. Envelopes will also be available for those who wish to make a donation to the local food pantry. Thank you for your generosity!





Sent to Serve

How can I help?

Community Closet

dish soap
toilet paper

How can I help?

Viking Village

deodorant Men/women

How can I help?

Food Pantry

Breakfast item:
poptarts
nutrigrain bars
instant oatmeal
cereal

We have donation tubs available for all locations that are requesting items.

You can find them located downstairs in the Sunday School hallway.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Christmas Closet - Sat., Nov.1, 9am-1am

All Saints Day

KLC Ham Dinner - Sun., Nov. 2, 11am-1pm

New Member Luncheon - Sun., Nov. 16, 11am

Community Senior Meal - Mon., Nov 17, 11:45

Thank Offering & New Member Sunday - Nov 23

Advent Bible Study - Tues, Dec 2 - noon

New Member Sunday.

New member Sunday is Nov 23.
If you are interested in joining KLC,
please use the signup sheet in the
front of the church or contact Pastor
Kyle (701-429-1413) or the office 428-
3630. We welcome you to our family
at KLC.

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Confirmation

Upcoming Confirmation Events:

Wednesday, November 19 - Hunger Experience 5:30-7:30pm* (DRIVERS NEEDED)

Wednesday, December 3 - Amahl and the Night Visitors - Opera 6pm-8:30pm*

Note the time changes



Currently on our series "Wonder" - wonder why we worship? We do because God is holy, He provides, He is faithful, and He can heal.



YOUTH

Senior High Winter Camp

Are you a 9-12 grader? Would you like to "Recharge" from the daily stresses? Please, join us for a Senior High Winter Retreat to "Recharge"

February 20-22, 2026 at Luther Crest Bible Camp in Alexandria, MN. Cost is \$210/participant. Please Email Lanah if you are interested!



Upcoming Youth Events:

Board/Game Night
Friday, November 21
7pm-9pm

Bible Study: "The Way I'm Wired"
Mondays at 7:00 pm
Starting November 10 - December 15

Questions? Email Lanah
youth@kindredlutheran.com

Questions? Email Lanah at: youth@kindredlutheran.com



Youth

2025 - Confirmation Sunday

Reformation Sunday was on Sunday, October 26! We are so incredibly excited to have had **16 confirmands** affirm their baptism.

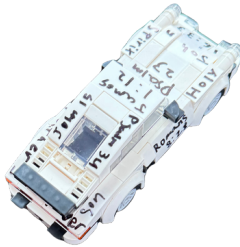


Some Faith Projects that were on display:

Cody Matthys' faith project on << display on Sunday, October 26.



Kody Sandvik's Lego Verse Car >>



^^ James Halvorson's Windmill Cross



<< Clara Johnson's Colorful Cross



<< Beau Bubach's Basketball and Light



^^ Grace Getscher's Verse Track Shoes

Gracie Rhodenbaugh's >> Charcoal Sketch drawing



(L to R) Row 1: Pastor Kyle Giemann, Gracelyn Rhodenbaugh, Clara Johnson, Paisley Billing, Youth Director Lanah Akvik. Row 2: Haakon Kvamme, James Halvorson, Bristol Swanson, Cody Matthys, Branden Erbe, Emma Matthys. Row 3: Gunnar Rode, Jaeger Jordheim, Kellan Otteson, Beau Bubach, Kody Sandvik, Grace Getscher, and Jerzi Goltz.



Prayers & Healing

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

Healing for:

Garrett Fenner
Wyatt Simley
John Carlson
Maverick Wilson
Joan Pratt
Tonna Horsely

Healing for:

Joan Halland
Carol Mitskog
Tony Kramer
Steve Johnson
Joan Hoffarth
Brian Ordahl

Comfort for:

The family & friends of
Olive Andvik.

All those impacted by the
US Government Shutdown

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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Cheryl Rostad

Choir Director:
LaVonne Nokleberg

Contemporary Worship Music:
Eldon & Amy Johnson

Custodians:
Mike & Karla Jostad

New Address:



A note from Evan Moe's Daughter, Linda,
"Evan has relocated from his Pioneer Pointe apartment to Pioneer Care in Fergus Falls. Although he was skeptical of the change, he was thriving on the good meals, increased human contact, and visiting opportunities within a day.

Word of advise to anyone who may call or visit, PLEASE check the televised schedules of the TWINS, MN Vikings, or any Kindred Vikings sports first!"



Council Notes

Council Minutes

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Kindred Lutheran Church

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

Called to Order by: Caitlin at 7:33 pm

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

Absent: Justin & Bryan

Opening Prayer

Secretary's Report Approval of prior Minutes: Motion to approve amended August Minutes by Laurie, Seconded by Sally. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report Approval of Report: Motion to approve Report by Sally, Seconded by Laurie. Motion approved. Our yearly donation to the Synod will go out in October.

Pastor's Report:

- Lanah's working with the Confirmands now, and we have 36 youth signed up so far.
- Orientation for Confirmation and the meet and greet for Lanah were well attended.
- A Baptism was done last Sunday, 9/14.
- Had several Visitations the last few weeks.
- An anonymous donation of \$1,000 was given to go towards an immediate need.
- An anonymous donor wants to donate drums for the contemporary service.
- NDSU and Region 3 archives in St. Cloud is now holding Walcott's archive records.
- 12 youth are signed up for the retreat this fall at Castaway Club.
- Attended the Fall theological conference recently.
- Ordered new confirmation gowns (same cost as getting the old ones dry cleaned).
- Confirmation gifts are ordered for the 16 freshmen getting confirmed 10/26.
- Made new certificates for Baptism and Confirmation (better size).

Financial Giving to the General Fund:

Annual Budget: \$213,309.03

Needed Each Month: \$17,775.75

Donations given through Sept 2025: \$132,715

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Council Notes

Updates from Directors:

Faith Formation & Growth:

- Rally Sunday was held 9/7 with kids participating in a fun scavenger hunt around the church, followed by a potluck, and bingo after worship. There are 36 kids currently signed up for Sunday School.
- A meet and greet for Lanah was held 9/3, Confirmation orientation was 9/10, and the first day of Confirmation was 9/17. There are 12 kids signed up for the fall retreat at Castaway Club on 9/26-28 and more chaperones are needed at this time.
- Lanah would like to meet with the youth to brainstorm ideas and get to know them more. She's planning a brunch & chat on 10/5, and a snack & chat on 10/8.

Management & Grounds:

- MDU got everything hooked up recently for natural gas.
- The furnace was replaced in the parsonage.
- God's Work, Our Hands- projects were done, but the fence in the backyard at the parsonage still needs to be repaired or replaced (by spring would be ideal).
- Mailbox needs to be put on post at the parsonage.

Social Ministry & Outreach:

- Missions committee-for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, participants did 5 projects around the community and at KLC, including work at a few houses and care bags in the fellowship hall.
- Fellowship committee is in need of new fridges in the kitchen at church.

Old Business:

- Improvements Committee-no new updates.
- Misconduct Prevention Policy-we looked at the first draft.

New Business:

- Youth on Council-if a youth member of the congregation wants to join council we don't need a constitutional change, but if it would be a new youth Director position then we do.

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

Adjourned at 8:48pm

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Hillman

Attendance

	7 th	14 th	21 st	28 th
September 2025	157	133	81	51
	5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th
October 2025	87	184	66	218



Calendar

2025

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9:00am-Noon CHRISTMAS CLOSET
2 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am-1pm <i>Ham Dinner</i>	3	4	5 6th, 7th, 8th Confirmation 6pm Choir Practice 5:30pm	6	7 Church Office Closed	8
9 9am - Sunday School 10am - Contemporary Worship Service Kindred Kids Sing 11am- Fellowship	10  *New* Youth Bible Study 7 pm	11 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	12 6th, 7th, 8th Confirmation 6pm Choir Practice 5:30pm	13	14 Church Office Closed	15
16 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am- New Member Luncheon	17 Senior Meal 11:45am  Youth Bible Study 7 pm	18 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	19 6th, 7th, 8th Confirmation Hunger Experience 5:30pm Choir Practice 5:30pm	20	21 Church Office Closed Board Game Night 7 -9 pm	22
23 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am-Fellowship New Member Sunday	24 Youth Bible Study 7 pm	25 Thanksgiving Food Basket Distribution 3:00-4:30pm Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	26 No Confirmation	27 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>  Church Office Closed	28 Church Office Closed	29
THANKOFFERING 30 10am - Worship Service 11am-Fellowship  Advent Begins						