

KINDRED CONNECTIONS

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***"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well."*** - Psalm 139:14 (NRSV)

Siblings in Christ,

Psalm 139:14 was the theme verse for the National Youth Gathering this year. We spent time looking at how God created us to be brave, authentic, free, disruptive disciples. Brave enough to show up with an open mind and heart, willing to be challenged. Authentic so we can bring our whole selves and know that we are loved by our Creator. Free to be transformed by the gospel. Disruptive to work for justice for all our siblings. Disciples to be sent out into the world to love our neighbor just as we are loved by God.

While that was the main theme of the Gathering, there was another theme present as well. The National Youth Gathering occurs every 3 years, but the 2021 Gathering was postponed to 2022 before being eventually canceled. So it had been 6 years since the youth of the ELCA had an opportunity to get together in this way. For every single youth participant, this was their first ever opportunity to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering. Because of the missed Gathering, and the global pandemic that caused it, another theme of the Gathering was that we are created to be in relationship with one another, in community together.

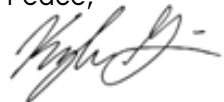
I often hear, "Why do I need church? I can just follow Jesus on my own." And you know what, those people are correct, you can follow Jesus by yourself. But there is so much more to being part of a church, to coming to worship, than just following Jesus! Being a part of a church is being in community, having people to celebrate with you when good things happen and to be there for you when things get tough. Being part of a church not only strengthens your ability to follow Jesus, it helps you to follow Jesus even more closely.

The simplest example of this comes from Jesus himself. Jesus could have simply gone out and done ministry alone, but he didn't. He gave us the example of community. He had his twelve disciples, along with others who were with him at times, who learned from him and served alongside him. Even when Jesus sent them out to do ministry on their own, he sent them out in pairs. Jesus knew the power of connection and collaboration and gave us an example of how to do it ourselves.

We were not created to be alone. We were not fearfully and wonderfully made just so that we can be by ourselves. We were created to be with each other, working and growing together, to be the brave, authentic, free, disruptive disciples that God created us to be. Worshipping, praising, serving, and loving God with a whole host of others around us. When we are together, there is so much more we can do.

So, come, see, and experience all the ways that we live, work, and serve together as Kindred Lutheran Church!

Peace,



Pastor Kyle



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gathered to grow

WELCOME!!




Karter Hayes Knowlen was baptized on Sunday, June 9th at KLC. His parents are Bryce & Breanna Knowlen and big sister, Kennedy and big brother, Rhett.

Lily Renee Wetzel was baptized on Sunday, June 16 at KLC. Her parents are Bryce & Erika Wetzel and big sister Mia.



**Next Community Senior Meal is Monday, August 19 at 11:45am.
Please call Leah at 428-3630 to reserve your spot! Thanks**

COMING SOON...

AUG 5-8	<p>VBS "CAMP FIRELIGHT" Mon-Thur at 5:30pm-7:30PM Registration at kindredlutheran.com FREE of charge!</p>	
AUG 10	<p> KINDRED DAYS BURGER STAND Saturday, August 10th Our Youth will be raising funds for a future retreat by grilling and serving burgers at this year's Kindred Days. Please come out and support these wonderful young people!</p>	
SEPT 01	Sunday worship time will change to 10AM starting Memorial Day Weekend	
SEPT 08	<p>Rally Sunday & First Day of Sunday School is Sunday, September 8th. Sunday School - 9am - 9:45am. Registration is now open! Please head out to kindredlutheran.com/kindred-kids/ to register by Wednesday, August 21st so we can prepare for another amazing year! Rally Sunday Activities! There will be HOTDOGS and root beer floats after church and then a magic show and balloon making by Magician Jeffrey Salveson.</p>	



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VBS - CAMP FIRELIGHT

Come camping with Sam and "LU"

Campers will experience the stories through music, drama and storytelling, games, arts and crafts, science, and even snacks, they learn ways to connect with and trust God. And best of all, they understand they can connect with God at VBS, church, home, and every area of their lives.

August 5-8 at 5:30-7:30pm at KLC

www.kindredlutheran.com



Thank you!

BEFORE GARAGE CLEANING **AFTER**

Lots of teamwork went into cleaning out the KLC garage!

Shelving was set up which is a great way to get things off the floor.

Thanks to Bryan and James Halvorson for picking up and assembling the new shelves.

Thanks to Bruce Lykken, Justin, Becca, James and Izzy Fiesel, Verne Wolf, LaVonne Nokleberg, Cheryl Rostad, Ron & Leah Lundquist, Pastor Kyle, and Michele Hillman for their hard work!



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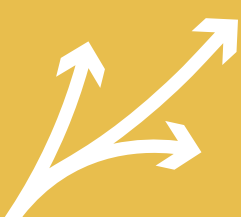
MONETARY DONATIONS FOR SOME ITEMS AROUND THE CHURCH. THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!

NEW BLINDS FOR FELLOWSHIP HALL

NEW RUG FOR NURSERY

POTS & PANS FOR KITCHEN

NEW BANNERS IN THE SANCTUARY



sent to serve

Kindred Area **FOOD** **PANTRY**



I would like to share some info about the Kindred Area Food Pantry which offers essential items to support Kindred and nearby communities. The pantry supplies non-perishable food, personal care products, and kitchenware donated by individuals.

- Many of our patrons, especially newcomers to Kindred, often have minimal possessions. Donations such as bedding, fans, clothing, and toys are received through various channels like phone calls, social media, and community support.
- Our visitors include single mothers with children, wheelchair-bound individuals who receive deliveries, elderly individuals, people that have been living in their car for months, families with a disabled parent, and people who are in between jobs.
- Due to limited storage space, we are unable to keep a large number of items on-site.
- Visitors can access the pantry weekly and may receive Hawk's Market vouchers valued at \$50 or \$100 every 30 days, following specific guidelines.
- Monetary donations range from \$10 to \$1500, and food contributions come from families, churches, and school collections.
- Day-to-day operations involve Pastor Kyle and myself managing visits and vouchers, with the AMAZING Kevin Mattson who oversees the pantry inventory.
- Noteworthy contributions come from various sources, including a member from Norman Lutheran who organized a donation drive for the pantry at her place of employment - the Medicine Shoppe in Fargo.
- A mother and daughter duo (who used to live in Kindred) will regularly fill up their car with groceries and drive out to Kindred to donate, and an anonymous supporter who ships items from Walmart or Sam's Club to the church.

Recently, Uptown Eatery also contributed by hosting a Chinese dinner and then donating a portion of meal proceeds. They also collected food items/cash at the restaurant.

It is heartwarming to see the gratitude of our patrons as they receive donations and express sincere appreciation to our generous donors. Thanks so much, Leah Lundquist

You can now DONATE to the food pantry by using VENMO - @kindredfoodpantry



sent to serve

COMMUNITY SENIOR MEALS



The **Community Senior Meals** at KLC are held every 3rd Monday of the month. At these gatherings, we've savored a variety of dishes like Swedish meatballs, BLT wraps, Corn chowder soup, pulled pork sandwiches, and pasta galore. In August, we're planning a barbecue with hamburgers and hot dogs, accompanied by picnic sides, followed by a lively game of **BINGO**.

We have an activity/entertainment planned at our gatherings. Amy Johnson serenaded us with her beautiful voice, sing-alongs with Cheryl and Lavonne and door prizes have been won.

None of this would be possible without our dedicated volunteers who set tables, serve meals, and tidy up. **It's been a blast**, and we are excited for more months of joy! If you would like to help out on one of the Mondays, give Leah a call in the office 428-3630.

The Senior Meals program is collaborating with the Senior Citizen Group in Kindred. By 2025, all meals will be covered by a grant received by the senior citizens group. Previously, funds were gathered from seniors and through donations to cover the meal costs. We invite you to join us for Fellowship, Friendships, and FUN!!

Ps... Bring along a friend!



prayers & healing

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

Healing for:

Prayers for healing:

Arlen Blumer,
Pr. Phil Larsen,
Garrett Fenner,
Leo Kannas,
Terese Schafer,
Eleanor Perry,
Wyatt Simley,
Camden Anderson
Amy
(Arlene Lykken's Niece)



Comfort for:

Comforting Prayers:

Sending prayers of comfort to the family and friends of Marie Moe, who peacefully passed away on July 6, 2024. Marie was a valued long-time member of KLC and will be deeply missed.

Our thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Alex Anderson, son of Rick and Traci Anderson.

Help for:

Lend A Hand Up
Donations for:



Wesley Laframboise
Polly Roe
Wyatt Simley
Camden Anderson

All families in the Kindred Area. Links below

Camden Anderson:

<https://lendahandup.org/give/camden769/>

Wesley Laframboise:

<https://lendahandup.org/give/wesley781/>

Wyatt Simley:

<https://lendahandup.org/give/wyatt768/>

Polly Roe:

<https://lendahandup.org/give/polly770/>

If you, or anyone you know, would like to be added to this list of prayers for healing, please call or email the church office.

KINDRED LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF:

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Choir Director:

LaVonne Nokleberg

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Eldon & Amy Johnson

Custodians:

Mike & Karla Jostad

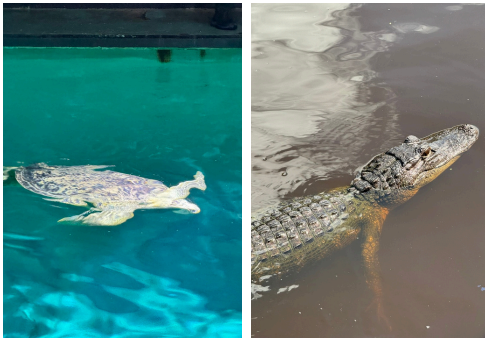
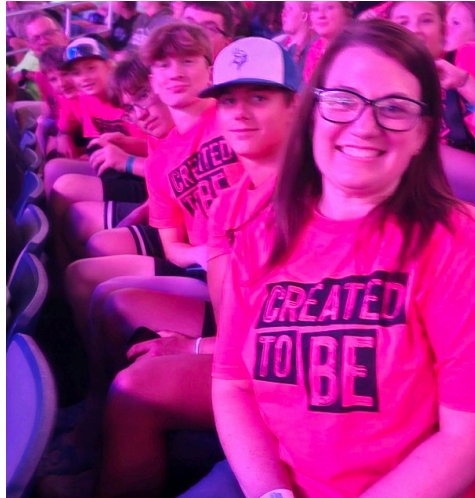
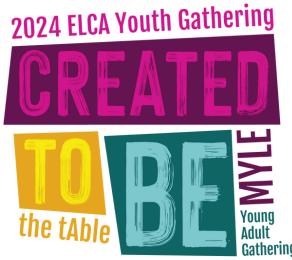
***VIKING VILLAGE - Kindred Schools**

- a non-profit organization with a goal to serve students by working with Kindred Public Schools preK-grade 12 to make hygiene items, food, athletic gear, shoes, and clothing available. Student needs will be confidential. Items will be available in each school building with a launch date of August 2024. Donate items during Kindred Days, August 10 in the collection bin at the Kindred Public Library. Full list on FB and thevikingvillage.org website. Monetary Donations are appreciated.

More info email- vikingvillageclan@gmail.com or see thevikingvillage.org website.

ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

New Orleans, LA




GET SIGNED UP FOR CONFIRMATION

Youth in grades 6th through 9th grade are asked to register for Confirmation!

Cost is \$50

Confirmation is a rite of passage for young Lutherans, affirming their baptismal vows. It involves religious education, community involvement, and personal faith development.

6th - 8th Grade classes are on Wednesdays from the middle of September through the end of April.

Register at kindredlutheran.com or by using the QR Code below

Contact Pastor Kyle with any questions you may have.





council notes

Council Minutes
Sunday, May 19, 2024
Kindred Lutheran Church

2025-3 Michele Hillman 2026-2 Caitlin Perhus 2027-1 Sally Erickson
2026-2 Bryan Halvorson 2027-1 Verne Wolf 2027-1 Laurie O'Keefe
2027-1 Justin Fiesel

Called to Order by: Caitlin at 11:25 am

Present: Pastor Kyle, Caitlin, Bryan, Sally, Verne, Michele, & Laurie (via phone)

Absent: Justin

Opening Prayer

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

Treasurer's Report/Approval of Report: Motion to approve Report by Verne, Seconded by Sally.

Motion approved.

- The balance is current up to March.
- There are a few items that are higher but will even out over the course of the year.
- The Synod sent us a letter asking for a 5% increase to our contribution, but our budget was already set so we'll look into increasing it next year.
- Will also look into opening a money market account at KSB to earn interest on the funds in our checking account.

Pastor's Report:

- Met with the "First Call" group for the last time.
- Went to an Ordination of another Pastor.
- Have been short staffed at church the last 3 weeks (only 1 available-Leah or Pastor each day)
- Took a class about online giving.
- Confirmation ended one week early on 5/7 due to many other events going on for the youth in May. Will consider ending at the end of April next year instead of May for this reason.
- Trish is done in July-we'll have an appreciation Sunday after worship for her.
- Pastor Kyle & Cheryl will be gone from worship service 6/2 for the Synod Assembly. Eldon will provide the music, Trish will lead the service, and the sermon will be provided by Bishop Tessa.

council notes

Updates from Directors:

Faith Formation & Growth:

- Kindred Kids celebrated their last day on 5/5 with music and youth participating in the service and a potluck plus activities afterwards. It was a very well attended event. They have a new program chosen for next fall and are planning to have a float in the Kindred Days Parade 8/10. Rally Sunday is planned for 9/8 and they're looking into having a magician/balloon artist for entertainment.
- VBS planning is underway and volunteer sign-up sheets are around the narthex.

Management & Grounds:

- Fire alarms will be installed.
- Quotes for glass on the front door are coming soon.
- Handicap Bathroom updates are getting lined up.
- AED-will look into getting one and first aid kits are here.

Social Ministry & Outreach:

- No reports

Old Business:

- Youth Director-we're still looking for a replacement, but we'll have a plan in place if we don't have anyone hired by the time Confirmation resumes in the Fall.
- Natural Gas-we "heard" that it passed for the city and is planning to start this Fall.
- National Youth Gathering-flights, hotel rooms, and itineraries are set.
- TV for worship-will get one purchased and installed soon.
- Senior Meals-they had 24 people attend in April, and 30 signed up for May. Sponsoring one month is \$250 and KLC is going to sponsor the meal in June. They're still looking for sponsors for future months.

New Business:

- House for sale on the west side of the church. The owner contacted the church and is giving us the first opportunity to buy it. We've talked to the Bank and Endowment committee about it too. Motion to get an appraisal by Bryan, seconded by Sally. Motion approved.
- Parsonage-A/C stopped working, and will get a quote. Has needed replacing for a while now.
- Drainage issue on the East side of the church. Water is seeping in the SE corner of the fellowship hall whenever it rains. We'll try getting extensions on the downspouts and regrade that side too.

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

Adjourned at 1:06 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Hillman

Financial Giving to the General Fund:

Annual Budget \$232,930.54

Needed Each Month \$19,411.

Received in 2024 \$82,289.87



calendar

2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Church Office Closed	3
4 9am Worship Service	5 VBS "Camp Firelight" 5:30pm-7:30pm	6 VBS "Camp Firelight" 5:30pm-7:30pm	7 VBS "Camp Firelight" 5:30pm-7:30pm	8 VBS "Camp Firelight" 5:30pm-7:30pm	9 Church Office Closed	10 KLC Burger Stand
11 9am Worship Service	12	13	14	15	16 Church Office Closed	17
18 9am Contemporary Worship Service "Blessing of the Backpacks" 	19 Senior Meal 11:45am picnic 	20 First Day of School at Kindred Elementary & High School 	21 Deadline for Newsletter Articles	22	23 Church Office Closed	24
25 9am Worship Service	26	27	28	29	30 Church Office Closed	31 Time change for Worship Sunday, Sept 1 10am