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PASTOR'S POST

Dear Kindred Saints,

Rally Sunday was spectacular! It was so good to gather for worship in the park and enjoy a picnic afterward. The morning began with heavy fog, but the exact moment we began worship the sun broke through!

October 25 is Reformation Sunday as well as Affirmation of Baptism, AKA Confirmation. Please remember to wear RED! Because of Covid and the fact that we have so many youths being confirmed, we will have two worship services. **10AM will be our normal Celebration Worship Service while Confirmation will be held at 2PM.**

The Reformation began on October 31, 1517, when the German monk Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses (his thoughts about some theological topics and the practices of the Church) on the doors to the chapel in Wittenberg, Germany. That simple action began the Reformation—a movement that changed Western society. Among other arguments, Luther strongly disputed the claim that forgiveness of sin and freedom from God's punishment could be purchased with money. This gave rise to the great slogan of the Reformation: **salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, on account of Christ alone, by the Word alone, to the glory of God alone.**

Luther's intention was to start a conversation. Instead, it sparked a controversy! Pope Leo X was furious and demanded Luther recant. Luther refused saying, "Here I stand. I can do no other." He was excommunicated by the Pope and the Roman Catholic Church, because of his defense of the pure Gospel and truths of God's Word.

Luther passionately believed the Bible should be in the language of the people so they could read it and understand it. At the time, the Bible was only available in Latin and only to priests and monks. So he translated the Bible from Greek and Hebrew into German. This is one of the reasons we give Bibles to our children and youth!

Bible Adventure for 3rd grade students and their parents will be on **October 4, 11 and 18 at 2:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. The preschools and 3rd graders will receive their very own Bibles during worship on **Bible Sunday October 18**. Please join us in celebrating and praying for these youth and their parents!

Peace,
Pastor Andrew Schlecht



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EVENTS

BIBLE SUNDAY

Oct 18 • 10:00am

Preschool children and 3rd Graders will receive their very own Bibles during the worship service on Oct 18.

CONFIRMATION DINNER

Oct 24 • 6:00pm

9th grade Confirmation students will take part in a celebratory dinner in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday Oct 24 at 6:00PM. Families, please RSVP by Oct 5 to Pastor Andrew. Maximum 8 guests per student.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Oct 25
10:00am & 2:00pm

Reformation Sunday is October 25th. After our regularly scheduled worship service at 10AM, the 9th grade students will receive Confirmation during their own worship service at 2:00PM.

Please check the calendar online for updates or use the KLC App.

STARTS OCTOBER 4TH!

We are excited to begin another year of Kindred Kids Sunday School! Classes will start in-person on October 4th from 9:00AM to 9:45AM. We will be following the Kindred Public School District's Health and Safety Smart Restart Plan (found on the Kindred Public School's website). The Parish Ed team will keep parents informed throughout the year if there any any changes that apply to our Kindred Kids.

Let us know if your children will be attending. Registration can now be done on our website! Please complete BOTH the Registration Form as well as the Parental Permission and Release Form at www.kindredlutheran.com.



Join us for Children's Sunday School
9AM in the Parish Education Building
For children 4 years old
through 6th grade.



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Imagine what happens....

Imagine what happens to a child whose family intentionally shares the best and worst of life with one another every night. Imagine what happens to a family who grounds their highs and lows in Scripture and prayer every night of their lives. Imagine what happens to a church where most families are engaged in intentional nightly faith talk and reflection. How might this simple, five-step FAITH5 faith practice change a child, a family, the church? Could it even change our world? Join Pastor Andrew each week as we review the Faith5!

FAITH



Step 1: SHARE your highs and lows

What was the best part of your day? What was the worst? Name it. Claim it. Share it with those who love you. Daily sharing of the highs and lows of life helps people of all ages to be more self-aware, while strengthening communication and connection with others.

One important rule: no judging highs and lows! If we judge, we quickly teach those we love that sharing is not safe. If your child's low for seventeen days in a row is "school," so be it. On day eighteen he may share with you something wonderful or awful that he would not have otherwise.



Step 2: READ a bible verse or story

It's time to open God's word. Try one of these options:

- Read Sunday's preaching text every night for a week, going deeper each night.
- Ask family members and friends for their favorite verses.
- Take turns choosing the nightly Bible verse.
- Open the Bible randomly and point!
- Use the weekly theme Bible verse from your Sunday school or confirmation curriculum.
- In a pinch? Google "daily Bible verse."



Step 3: TALK about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows

This is the step where God's holy text meets our real-life context. Unpack the verse a bit. What does it mean in your own words? Wonder together about how it might relate to where you are today in your highs and lows. Go deep, asking what God might be trying to teach you through this particular Scripture on this particular day. Don't be afraid to tell the truth. If you have no idea what God is saying to you, say so. It's okay, because God's action doesn't depend on our comprehension. Thank God!



Step 4: PRAY for one another's highs and lows

Offer your hearts and minds in prayer. Simply talk to God, thank Jesus for the good, and ask the Holy Spirit for guidance in specific problems. Take turns leading the prayer or write a family prayer together. Ask everyone to pray for the person on their right. End with the Lord's Prayer or your own traditional bedtime prayer. Offer the names of those on your church's prayer list. Out of ideas? Google "evening prayers."

The point is - you cannot do prayer wrong. Go together to God, offering the realities of your lives. Lay it all in the hands of the one who created you and is on duty all night long.



Step 5: BLESS one another

Trace the sign of the cross on one another's forehead or palm as a reminder that you belong to God and to one another. Make eye and heart contact as you share words of blessing such as "Jesus loves you and so do I" or "The Lord bless and keep you" or "You are a beloved child of God."



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Rev. Tessa Moon Leiseth

The Rev. Tessa Moon Leiseth, Moorhead, Minn., was elected Aug. 16 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Eastern North Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election took place during an online synod assembly.

Moon Leiseth was elected on the fifth ballot, with 168 votes. The Rev. Jessica Daum, the synod's director for evangelical mission, received 128 votes.

The bishop-elect has served as interim senior pastor of Horace Lutheran Church in Horace, N.D., since 2019. She served as interim pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Moorhead from 2018 to 2019, Southern Africa country coordinator for ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission from 2012 to 2017 and campus pastor at Concordia College in Moorhead from 2008 to 2012. Concordia is one of 26 ELCA colleges and universities. Moon Leiseth also served as associate pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in East Bethel, Minn., from 2000 to 2006; youth and family pastor of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church in Mounds View, Minn., from 1998 to 2000; and intern pastor of Baudette Lutheran Parish in Baudette, Minn., from 1996 to 1997.

Moon Leiseth received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Concordia College in 1992 and a Master of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., in 1998. Luther is one of seven ELCA seminaries.

Moon Leiseth's installation is scheduled for Oct. 31 via an all-digital worship service at 2PM. Links to livestream will be found on the synod website or Facebook page (eandsynod.org or www.facebook.com/endsynod)



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WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

Worship Committee & Ushers

It's a wonderful thing to worship together again in-person! To facilitate the gathering of our Church we need help from all our members. Currently, we are in need of volunteers to Usher on Sundays.

As we adapt to the recommended guidelines for safety, we simply need

two people for each service to act in an informational role. The Ushers will direct members to the appropriate seating and record attendance. The Worship Committee will provide all the instruction you need. You can sign-up for one Sunday or many Sundays!

The Worship Committee is also looking for volunteers to serve in an on-going role. The Committee is tasked with

ensuring that worship services are adequately staffed with ushers and fellowship volunteers. They also prepare for special services such as Holy Week and Christmas.

Anyone interested in serving on the Committee or as an Usher can contact Joan Ottis (701) 371-1004 or Ann Huether (701) 730-6300. Thank you and Blessings!



FOOD PANTRY

KLC houses the Kindred Area Food Pantry and it is in need of non-perishable food items. No glass containers please. Donations can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall or Kitchen at any time.

BACKPACK PROGRAM

During the school year, more than 33,000 children across North Dakota qualify for the federal free & reduced lunch program to meet their daily nutritional needs. But on weekends, many of these children struggle with hunger. The Backpack Program (coordinated by the Great Plains Food Bank) is designed to fill gaps in meals during the weekend by providing such items as milk, snacks, and food for four meals.

Did you know that we have a Kindred Backpack Program? Local families who apply for the free and reduced lunch program through the Kindred School District can indicate that they would like to also participate in the Backpack

Program. Additionally, anyone interested can apply through the KLC website or by contacting Kindred Elementary School. The Kindred Area Ministerial Association (KAMA) partners with the Kindred Area Food Pantry, the Kindred School District, and the Great Plains Food Bank to make this possible.

The best way to contribute to this great program is through a financial gift. Currently it costs \$5 to fill a backpack; to sponsor a child for an entire year, it costs \$190. If you would like to help, a check made out to KAMA or the Kindred Area Food Pantry can be dropped off at the church office.

Thank you to all who make the Kindred Backpack Program possible: Great Plains Food Bank; Mrs. Kochmann, Mr. Burgad, Paula Myers and Tara Hahn at Kindred Elementary; Pastor Andrew Schlecht; Kindred Area Ministerial Association; Wes Robertsdaahl; Anita Hoffarth; and all the individuals, businesses, community organizations, and churches who have donated financially to purchase the prepackaged kid-friendly bags of food.



Thank you!



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THANK YOU

Every year, bibles are given out to our youth thanks to the generous donations of fellow Kindred Saints. This year, bibles for all of our pre-schoolers are donated by Ron & Leah Lundquist in memory of Luke Zietlow. Approximately fifteen 3rd Graders will receive a bible and leather bible cover donated by Jean Lahren Washa in remembrance of her brother Joe and parents Marcella & Daryl Lahren (this year, Bible Sunday falls on her parent's 62nd wedding anniversary!). These gifts will be presented to our precious children during the worship service on October 18.

The life of our Church would not be complete without the enriching music provided by the Adult Choir! Thank you to Marlon Olson for donating a gift that has allowed the Choir to purchase much needed sheet music folders.

OCTOBER BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

- Jordan Staton 10/00
- Ainsley Hildebrand 10/02
- Owen Zick 10/04
- Janet Kub 10/05
- Hannah Lundquist 10/08
- Sally Erickson 10/09
- Zachary Kvamme 10/10
- Justin Fiesel 10/12
- Darin Nesemeier 10/13
- Tanner Thompson 10/13
- Elizabeth Engstrom 10/14
- Jackson Hage 10/14
- Brandon Kub 10/14
- Teaghan Teberg 10/14
- Brantley Ernst 10/18
- Norma Otterson 10/18
- Christina Greuel 10/19
- Kylee Greuel 10/19
- Bonnie Renschler-Greuel 10/19
- Dallas Brandt 10/20
- Kelly Engstrom 10/20
- Dustin Hage 10/21
- Jennifer Wolsky 10/22
- Nancy Hoff 10/24
- Carol Lahren 10/25
- Sharlene Mattson 10/26
- Sandra Olsgard 10/26
- Amy Thilmony 10/29
- Angela Twite 10/29
- Joe Brown 10/31
- Joshua Brown 10/31

FINANCIAL GIVING

Annual Budget	Received this Year	Needed Each Month	Received Sept
\$222,409	\$136,055	\$17,684	\$10,026



prayers

“THE PRAYER OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE!” JAMES 5.16

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

THANKFULNESS FOR:

The coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
The recent marriage of Jason & Chelsey Kub (9/18)
All of those who have been steadfastly serving others, whether in their personal or professional lives, during this unprecedented time of a global pandemic. Including, the military, politicians, and community leaders.

HEALING FOR:

All victims of COVID-19	Raymond William
Llowell Tangen	Sandy
Brody Seter	Shirley Jermstad
Scott Wooster	Helen
Marc	Hunter Pinke
Peggy Carlson	Jeff Kub
Eleanor Johnson	Cindy
Lloyd Hoffarth	Velora Robertsdahl
Jack Anderson	Westin Hage
Ken	Linda
Wes Robertsdahl	Travis Anderson
Cindy	Sandy Olsgard
Craig	Dean
Carlotta	Cory
Jason	Josh Ostenson
Erbie Hopwood	

HOPE FOR:

An end to the global pandemic.
An abundant harvest and asking for safety for all the farmers and workers in the field.
Our leaders that God would grant them wisdom.
Missionaries: Sam & Rebekka Rood; Louis and Annie Liss and children in Lebanon.
Christians in China, Egypt, Iraq, Central African Republic and throughout the world who face persecution.
The Gideon’s ministry that doors would be opened and Scripture would be placed and God’s Word would accomplish what God sets out to do!

COMFORT FOR:

The families of those who have passed into the loving arms of Jesus Christ our Savior:

Bonnie Christopherson (mother of Shana Rude)
Phyllis Borud

Victims of sexual abuse and assault



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