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# KINDRED CONNECTIONS

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## PASTOR'S POST

Greetings Siblings in Christ,

We are about to embark on a journey, in a direction we do not know. For some this endeavor may seem absurd, possibly even unnecessary. Yet, we are choosing to lean into our faith, and together take a step into the unknown.

The Apostle Paul called this kind of faithful living a stumbling block for some and outright foolishness to others. However, the message of Christ crucified has somehow stood the test of time and is still just as relevant today as it was all those years ago. This is because a life guided by faith and inspired by hope does not disappoint us. You have extended me a 15-month term call. During this time together we will intentionally look back to celebrate what was, look around to see what is, and look forward to see where God is leading us. This will be a sacred time, as we prepare our hearts for what God has instore for our family of faith.

I do not know what God has instore for us; however, I am excited to participate with you in this time of discernment. I trust that the resurrected Christ is God's power in our midst and is the only wisdom we need to build our hearts upon.

As our time together begins, I look forward to getting to know you, break bread with you, and share sacred moments with you. Please take a moment and pray that God bless our journey together; first for my family that they are supported by this venture, for the KLC staff that together we find a new rhythm and harmony, and finally for our congregation that we continue to grow and live out our calling to serve.

Thank you for this unique opportunity. I am excited to witness what God has in store for us.

Yours in Christ,

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...BUT WE PROCLAIM CHRIST CRUCIFIED,  
A STUMBLING BLOCK TO JEWS AND  
FOOLISHNESS TO GENTILES, BUT TO  
THOSE WHO ARE THE CALLED, BOTH  
JEWS AND GREEKS, CHRIST THE POWER  
OF GOD AND THE WISDOM OF GOD. FOR  
GOD'S FOOLISHNESS IS WISER THAN  
HUMAN WISDOM, AND GOD'S WEAKNESS  
IS STRONGER THAN HUMAN STRENGTH.  
1 CORINTHIANS 1:23-25



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# gathered to grow

## Lent

Services continue on Wednesdays in March at 7pm in the Sanctuary and on Facebook Live. We are studying the story of Jonah, a series which Pastor Michael will continue when he joins us on March 10. That evening we will also celebrate Ash Wednesday.

Mar 10, 17, & 24

\*No bible study or soup & sandwiches

### HOLY WEEK 2021



PALM SUNDAY

#### Sunday, March 28 • 10:00am

Kindred Kids will perform on a pre-recorded video but those Kids in the sanctuary this day will go home with their very own Palm branch.



THE LAST SUPPER

#### Thursday, April 1 • 7:00pm

Join us in the Fellowship Hall as we gather around tables and participate in a traditional Seder Meal (No dinner provided). 5th & 6th Graders will take First Communion.



GOOD FRIDAY

#### Friday, April 2 • 7:00pm

The Good Friday community worship service will take place at CANAAN MORAVIAN CHURCH located at 4465 159th Ave SE in Davenport. No Facebook Live.



EASTER SUNDAY

#### Sunday, April 4 • 10:00am

He is Risen! Join us back at KLC in the Easter celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. No Sunday School.



# gathered to grow

## BURIAL GROUND: REST *in* PEACE, 2020

By Angela !Khabeb



Here lies 2020, and good riddance! This year has finally been laid to rest and 2020's obituary is replete with tragedy and challenge. Nearly everyone was forced into a new normal as we navigated living through a global pandemic.

Even simple activities like watching the news or children going to school became overwhelming. Physical distancing eroded our community and inflicted involuntary isolation. Our nation was practically debilitated by disbelief as our death toll mounted. Millions of us lost our jobs and health insurance. Thousands lost family businesses.

In addition to COVID-19, some of us battled the twin pandemic of institutionalized racism and white supremacy. We learned of heartbreaking, devastating and downright terrifying events. The world witnessed the gruesome murder of George Floyd, when three police officers knelt on the altar of his black body and sacrificed him to the god of hate—just blocks away from my children's elementary school.

Our congregation, Holy Trinity Lutheran in Minneapolis, was ground zero during the uprising, and the neighborhood remains virtually unrecognizable because of the fires during the civil unrest. For weeks, the only prayer I could find in my spirit was the psalmist's lament, "How long, O Lord?" (Psalm 13:1).

Who could have known that we would have experienced the multilayered trauma of 2020? Our nation is hurting and grieving. Due to COVID-19, countless dreams have been deferred—baptisms, confirmations, graduations, weddings, honeymoons and even funerals. Some of us are tired and distrustful. Some of us are disillusioned by fierce partisan divisions. Some of us are painfully lonely.

But we can remain hopeful.

As we lay this year to rest and entomb all of the worry, frustration, disappointment and loss, we remember that we are resurrection people. While painful, the events of 2020 are sacred because our mothering God promises to be near to the brokenhearted.

In one way or another, we are all connected through

the unprecedented events of 2020. Each of our stories connects us to every other child of God and, ultimately, to the overarching divine narrative. The grave of 2020 holds resurrection hope and, therefore, this burial ground is holy.

When I think of holy ground in our sacred texts, my mind goes to Moses. We hear his call story in Exodus and again in Acts. We encounter Moses at that amazing moment when he notices a burning bush. Although the briar plant is in flames, the blaze doesn't consume it. Fire is fierce and destroys everything in its path. Not so with God's flame.

We learn that God spoke to Moses from the inexplicable inferno: "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground" (Exodus 3:5). The voice of God continues: I have seen the mistreatment of my people and have heard their groaning, and I have come down to rescue them. Moses, amazed and trembling, asks: "What is your name?" God responds: "I AM WHO I AM" (3:14).

My translation? I AM whatever I'll need to be. God's love for us is an unquenchable fire, and this great I AM is our hope.

Though raging forest fires have devastated more than 4 million acres in California alone, the destruction won't consume our care for the environment. As we sift through the charred debris left in the wake of the Floyd uprising, we know our passion for racial justice won't be extinguished. Even though COVID-19 has changed our world forever, we can trust that God's promises are constant. Not even the vexing heat of unemployment and poverty will overcome our faith.

Hallowed ground seeks to restore the dignity of every person. Hallowed ground says we are children of God, regardless of political leanings. Hallowed ground has Jesus' High Priestly Prayer as its goal—"that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

As resurrection people, our hope is unstoppable because God's grace is invincible. God is here and wherever God is, it is holy ground. We begin 2021 with renewed hope, standing on hallowed ground and grounded in grace. †



sent to serve

# Kindred Kids



## MARCH BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

- Anita Hoffarth 03/00
- Alex Waloch 03/00
- Brittney Waloch 03/00
- Makenzie Torgerson 03/00
- Ivy Miller 03/00
- Paul McCollum 03/01
- Kari Rutten 03/02
- Wyatt Vining 03/02
- David Rostad 03/08
- Lee Vining 03/09
- Blake Miller 03/10
- Julie Dahl 03/11
- Nadia Kramer 03/11
- Riley Braaten 03/12
- Julie Laude 03/13
- Hayes Bowers 03/13
- Brian Teberg 03/14
- Megan Mathias 03/14
- Ian Hoffarth 03/14
- Jackson Kub 03/14
- Jamie Olson 03/16
- Scott Ilvedson 03/18
- Jeffri Kub 03/23
- Kenneth Blilie 03/24
- Tanner Perhus 03/24
- Kris Vining 03/28
- Leslie Wolf 03/29
- Bryce Knowlen 03/30

## MUSIC

We haven't been able to enjoy our Kindred Kids music LIVE in worship services, but keep an eye out for pre-recorded performances! On Feb 14, 3rd - 6th graders performed "Jesus Loves Me" using the bells. You can watch the saved video on our Facebook page.

## THANK YOU

Tasha & Dustin Hage are sending so much love and sincerest thank yous to all those who have supported their son Westin on his journey. They've put together a beautiful video tribute to tell his story and share their thanks. Watch it on their Westin's Warriors Facebook page or on [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) by searching Westin's Warriors.

## EASTER SIGN-UPS

### EASTER LILIES

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in memory of or in honor of someone, please sign-up in the Narthex or call the office at 428-3630. The cost is \$9 each and the deadline is March 28th.

### HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

The Kindred Ministerial Association will again be distributing holiday meals to those in need this Easter. KLC is responsible for collecting 5 hams and 20 pies. Please bring these to the kitchen by Sunday, March 28th. And thank you for serving our community in this way!

**Financial Giving to the General Fund:**

**Annual Budget \$230,619 Received this Year \$17,473 Needed Each Month \$19,218**



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## COLLECTING NOW!

This Lent, we're putting God's love in action by making Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. The loss and uncertainty of COVID-19 hit our poorest neighbors around the world even harder. We want to be the hands and feet of Christ for our brothers and sisters and we're ready to DO something! The essential items in the Personal Care Kits are needed more than ever to protect vulnerable families from the virus.

Donations are accepted from now until Easter! Collection boxes are located in the church entrance along with a take home list of items needed.

### CONGREGATION

- ☐ lightweight dark colored bath-size towel (max size: 52" x 27")
- ☐ sturdy comb
- ☐ metal nail clipper

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

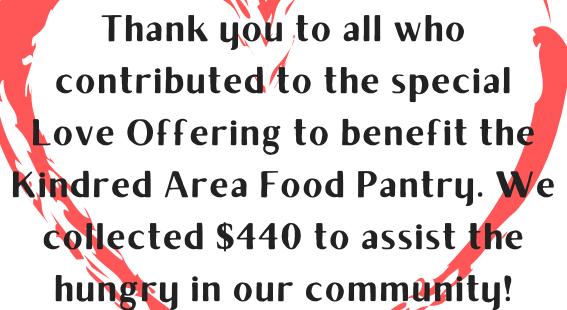
- ☐ adult toothbrush in it's original pkg.
- ☐ bath-size bar soap (4-5oz) in it's original pkg.



## HELP WANTED!



We need volunteers to serve coffee & treats for Fellowship after each service. Can you help? Please sign up in the narthex or call the office at 428-3630. Thank you!



**Thank you to all who contributed to the special Love Offering to benefit the Kindred Area Food Pantry. We collected \$440 to assist the hungry in our community!**



# youth

## Confirmation Details

March 3,10,17,24 Meet @ 6:45

Confirmation Youth to run March 3rd Lenten Service!

Confirmation will meet at 6:45 pm to gather confirmation books and check-in. Students will be dismissed to sit with their parents. Lenten service begins at 7 pm, with the expectation of taking sermon notes.

## Youth Group



Tubing at Thrill Hills, Fort Ransom

March  
Meetings  
7,21,28  
@1pm



# 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.

Blessing on Term Pastor Michael Buller that he would feel reassured by God’s call to KLC and that he would receive the Spirit’s wisdom and direction as he walks with us through this time of transition.

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, teachers and school administrators, the military, politicians, and community leaders.

## HEALING FOR:

All victims of COVID-19

Maverick

Velora Robertsdaahl

Llowell Tangen

Brody Seter

Scott Wooster

Marc

Peggy Carlson

Eleanor Johnson

Jack Anderson

Ken

Cindy

Craig

Sandy

Shirley Jermstad

Helen

Hunter Pinke

Cindy

Westin Hage

Linda

Travis Anderson

Sandy Olsgard

Dean

Cory

Josh Ostenson

Carlotta

Jason

Erbie Hopwood

Raymond William

## HOPE FOR:

An end to the global pandemic.

Our entire congregation that we would clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, and unity during this time of transition.

Our local and national leaders that God would grant them wisdom.

Missionaries: Anne & Willie Langdji serving West Africa and the CAR

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

The family of Paula and Jon Erickson as they mourn the loss of her mother, Beverly Braaten, who passed on February 11th. And also her father, Reuben Braaten, who died in October.

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