

Kindred Connections

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“Those who are well have no need of a physician but those who are sick; I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

– Mark 2:17 (NRSVue)

Siblings in Christ,

For somebody who hasn't had a stay of his own, I have spent a decent amount of time in the hospital this year. First, I was there with Katie as she gave birth to Alex. Then, over the summer, I was with Calvin as he was hospitalized for a night for dehydration. And for what I hope is the final time for the year: last night, Katie and I brought Alex to the Emergency Room. Alex was discharged late last night with nothing serious, but we were being extra cautious parents. No fault in that. But all these trips to the hospital got me thinking about two things.

First, if you are ever hospitalized, please let me know so I can come and visit. Mind reading was not offered as a class in seminary, and I haven't found any continuing education options that offer it either. So, take this as a simple reminder: **if you are in the hospital or simply need a visit, please tell me.** I'd love to be there; I just need to know.

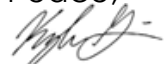
The second takes a little explaining. Sitting in the emergency room waiting area, I saw people with a variety of different ailments. I saw people who seemed to have fallen, others who looked much worse off, and still others who appeared to be perfectly fine. Each person had their reason for being there, and each would get the care they needed.

This is a whole lot like the life of the church and our life of faith. We all come with different problems, different hang-ups, different ailments, different sins we're struggling with. Yet, we are all brought together. We are all welcomed, no matter what we are dealing with.

In the song *Truth Be Told* by Matthew West, he says, “Didn't you say church should look more like a hospital?” While those aren't exactly Jesus' words, they capture the sentiment of what Jesus said in Mark 2:17. A church shouldn't be seen as a place of perfect people who have everything all figured out. None of us do; none of us are without issue, and that's exactly how it's supposed to be. We are called to bring our whole selves, faults and all, to Jesus so he can heal us.

So, if you've been holding back on coming to church because you're struggling, if you've been avoiding your church family because you don't want to show your faults, if you've been coming but questioning if you even belong here, know this: **you are welcome here, you are loved here, you are wanted here, you belong here.** No matter what faults, issues, ailments, or sins you are dealing with, there is a place here, full of people with their own faults, issues, ailments, and sins, with a spot just for you. Come and be among others who need the healer, too.

Peace,



Pastor Kyle



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Lutheran Church

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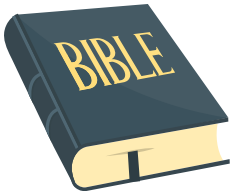
GATHERED TO GROW

RALLY SUNDAY PICTURES



KINDRED KIDS SING ON OCTOBER 11.

**Bible presentation for Preschoolers and 3rd graders
on Oct 11 during worship.**



*Card Club at KLC
every Monday at 2pm.
Bring a friend!*



Holy Baptism

On September 24, Pastor Kyle performed a private baptism for Sophia and Shepherd Sill, children of Samantha and Charles Sill.

Join in welcoming them into the body of Christ and into the mission we share.





GATHERED TO GROW



Night of Hope

With Consumed by Fire

Save the Date!

October 8, 2026

KPAC

Contemporary Christian band Consumed by Fire is coming to Kindred to share a community night of worship and song.

This event is open to all ages & is free to attend.

Donations for Viking Village

KLC Missions Committee is collecting items for the Viking Village until Oct 25

Items Needed:

Mechanical Pens, folder dividers, socks, teen feminine hygiene products, beef sticks



Adult Bible Study

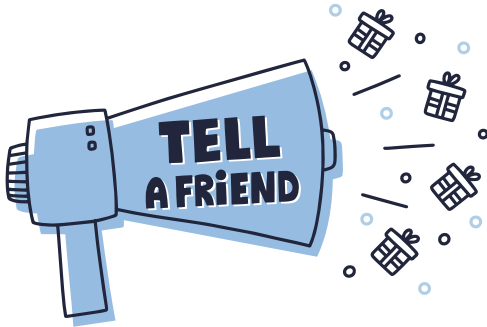
**SUNDAYS & THURSDAYS
STARTING SEPT 27 & OCT 1**
Join us as we study the Book of Isaiah.

We will be meeting
Sundays at 8:30am & Thursdays at Noon.
Come to either. Come to both.

Come as you are. No fee or sign up required.



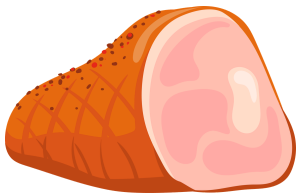
GATHERED TO GROW



***Keep your
weekend free for
our Saturday &
Sunday events!
Bring a friend!***



KLC Ham Dinner



***Sunday, Nov. 1st
11am–1pm***

Menu:

**Ham, Baked Potato, Carrots,
Dinner Roll, Coleslaw & Dessert
\$15 – Adults, \$6 Children
\$15 Takeout**

Food Pantry

The Food pantry is short on food. We are looking for canned fruit, cereal, Progresso Soups, canned tuna and chicken, Mac & cheese, and snacks.

**THANK
YOU**



SENT TO SERVE

KLC is partnering with Norman Lutheran and St. Maurice Catholic Church to support local charities through a rotating donation schedule. Here are this month's needed items.

Thank you for your generosity!

Community Closet

cleaning products

Viking Village

Girls & boys socks

Food Pantry

Cereal, canned fruit, canned meat

Donation tubs for all locations are available downstairs in the Sunday School hallway.



Bring a Treat.

Share a Smile.

Help Create a Welcoming Space after Worship.

Fellowship after church is one of the simple ways we connect, support one another, and strengthen our KLC family.

**The Fellowship Committee asks you to
PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY TO BRING & SERVE TREATS!**

Sign up in the narthex or contact Leah at 701-428-3630 or admin@kindredlutheran.com

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YOUTH GATHERING 2027

Minneapolis MN!
June 28-July 2, 2027



Register by October 1st
Questions? Please reach out
to Lanah at any time!



REGISTER NOW!

Last Chance!

Click HERE to register!



*Confirmation
Sunday*
OCTOBER 25

CONFIRMATION



NO 6-8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION OCTOBER 7.
CONCERT AT KPAC ON OCTOBER 8, 6:30-9PM.

Confirmation Theme



In October we will be looking at the theme
True Story: Who We Are & Who God Is
through 6-8th Grade Confirmation.

This theme will help us explore
our identity in Christ

6-8 Confirmation Schedule

October 7	No Confirmation
October 8	<i>A Night of Hope</i> 6:30-9pm @ KPAC
October 14	Lesson Day
October 21	No Confirmation NDEA
October 28	Lesson Day



PRAYERS & HEALING

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

Healing for:

Maverick Wilson
Joan Pratt
Tonna Horsely
Pastor Karin Moberg

Comfort for:

John & Courtney Reisdorf
and their 2 children, who lost
their home to a fire in
September.

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 STAFF:

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Choir Director:

LaVonne Nokleberg

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Eldon & Amy Johnson

Custodian:

Lexie Leach



***Irene Roe & Lavonne Nokleberg led
a sing along at Senior Meals in Sept***



COUNCIL NOTES

Council Minutes

Monday, August 17, 2026
Kindred Lutheran Church

2027-3 Sally Erickson
2027-3 Verne Wolf

2027-3 Laurie O'Keefe
2028-2 Michele Hillman
2027-3 Justin Fiesel

2029-1 Caitlin Perhus
2029-1 Bryan Halvorson

Called to Order by: Justin at 7:02 pm

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

Opening Prayer

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

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

Pastor's Report:

- Busy few months with visitations.
- Went on a family trip. Had a hospital stay with Calvin when he was ill.
- Burger stand planning.
- Lanah was gone in July for a theater role opportunity.
- Worship numbers are up from last summer.
- Fall theological conference 9/13-16 at Fair Hills Resort (staying at family cabin, not resort)
- Rally Sunday is 9/13.
- Senior Meal today had around 36 people, (no meal done in July). This month's meal was paid for in memory of Ruth Novotny's family.

Updates from Directors:

Faith Formation & Growth:

- Kindred Kids-
 - Will be meeting soon to start planning Sunday School lessons.
 - Quite a few teachers are willing to come back for this year, which is great news!
 - Still throwing around ideas for Rally Sunday, which is on September 13.



COUNCIL NOTES

- **Youth**

- Had a great turnout for the burger stand during Kindred Days!!! They sold out of burgers and made \$700 more than last year!!
- There was no Valley Fair trip on August 6, as advertised. Lanah said, "No one signed up with me to go to arrange for us to join LCC." (Lutheran Church of the Cross)
- Youth gathering at Castaways is scheduled at the end of September, similar to last year.
- National youth gathering- we're closing registration here 10/1, to get registered by the cut-off 10/15. It's being held in Minneapolis 6/28-7/2.
- Confirmation starts 9/16 (meeting with parents), will look at customizing each student's participation (worship helpers, sermon notes, community project, etc).

Management & Grounds:

- Two grates by the cross on the south side of the church have holes.
- A/C was fixed in the parsonage.

Social Ministry & Outreach:

- No new updates

Old Business:

- Improvements Committee- will get surveys ready for the congregation's input this Fall.
- Misconduct Prevention Policy- no new updates.
- Directory- talked about who's going to help, and will look into setting up a specific email for it to keep all the pictures and information together.
- AV system- the whole system is moved to the back of the sanctuary. We are still working out the kinks, and adjusting the sound for services online.
- Janitors- Mike and Karla officially retired in June and we Thank them for all their years of service. Lexie Leach of Klensz Cleaning out of Fargo is doing our weekly cleaning now.

New Business:

- Food Pantry- is growing in demand with more needs in our community. We've had to turn away some unfavorable patrons also. It's taking a lot of time away from Pastor Kyle and Leah from doing duties in the church to man it. We may need to cut down to being open once or twice a month instead of weekly.

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

Adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Hillman

Next meeting: Sunday, September 20 (11am or 6pm)



CALENDAR

October

2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 12pm Bible Study	2 Church Office Closed	3
4 8:30am - Adult Bible Study 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11 am - Fellowship 1pm - 3 rd grade Bible Class	5 Card Club - 2pm	6 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	7 Choir - 5:30pm No Confirmation 9th Grade Confirmation - 7:30pm	8 12pm Bible Study Night of Hope 6:30-9pm **Confirmation Class Replacement**	9 Church Office Closed	10
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