# KINDRED CONNECTIONS

# COUNCIL'S POST

Dear Kindred Saints,

We hope this letter finds you all well and in good health in the New Year.

First and foremost, we would like to extend a huge thank you to all the wonderful people that helped make Christmas Eve services a success. We couldn't have done it without any of you to include the crew that cleaned in between services. A special thank-you to Bekki DuBord and the Worship Committee for communicating and coordinating the sign-up for both services.

Please Mark Your Calendars: The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 7th following worship. We will meet in-person in the Fellowship Hall and post information on the option to attend virtually as well. Council is working out the details of how to present this option via Zoom that includes an opportunity for those attending virtually to be able to vote as well. During the Annual Meeting, we will be reviewing the Budget for 2021, adopting the newest 2019 version of the Constitution, and approval of Council members for this calendar year.

Reminder: A reminder to all committees to turn in your year-end reports to the office no later than January 17th so they can be included in the Annual Report.

As a quick update from Council, the Call Committee has concluded their interviews. Council plans to meet with the Call Committee in the near future to receive their recommendations and decide how to move forward. You can expect an announcement/request for vote soon! The congregation will need to approve the pastor as well as the financial package.

We hope you all were able to enjoy the holidays. Stay safe and well!

Blessings,

KLC Church Council Rich Schock (President), Suzanne Wolf (Vice President), Lloyd Hoffarth (Treasurer), Tony Gray, Lisa Hosman-Davis, Lori Pearson, Rob Sahr

> A New Year has sprung! Hear the good news: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17



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# gathered to grow



EVENTS

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Jan 10 • 9:00am

Kindred Kids will begin meeting face-to-face on Sunday, January 10 at 9AM to 9:45AM in the Parish Ed Building. Masks are required. A virtual lesson will also be posted on the Kindred Kids Facebook page each Sunday morning.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jan 17

Annual reports are due to the office by January 17th. Please email your information to admin@kindredlutheran.com

#### ANNUAL MEETING

#### Feb 07 • 11:00am

All are welcome to join the Council for the KLC annual meeting. If you are a member, please plan to attend and cast your important vote regarding several integral pieces of our church life. The meeting will be held in-person and via zoom.

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

### **SEASON OF EPIPHANY**

The Festival of Epiphany is always on January 6th, the day that the church tells Matthew's story of the magi from foreign lands who follow the light of the star and thus see Jesus as Christ. On the first Sunday after the Epiphany we always observe the Baptism of our Lord, and on the last Sunday of the season–before Ash Wednesday–we always read about Jesus' Transfiguration. These two occasions bracket the season of Epiphany because they most clearly reveal who Jesus is: the divine Son of God. At both occasions the voice of God the Father spoke from heaven, declaring what Jesus' human flesh had hidden from the world: "This is my Son!".

For our church, the Epiphany story reveals Jesus as the savior of all nations. Love, forgiveness and hope for everyone comes from a vulnerable child who is Christ incarnate. But the story isn't over. The Time after Epiphany is marked by more revelation stories in our lectionary, telling of Jesus' baptism, his turning water into wine at Cana, and his controversial proclamations in his hometown. If this season is a time of revelation, then there's no better time to open our eyes to the God of grace in our midst and embrace Jesus' challenging, hopeful call to love and serve our neighbors. Just as the magi followed a star to greet the baby Jesus, we too can model for others how to follow the light and pour it back into the world for others to see.

# sent to serve



# THANK YOU

December was truly a season of giving!! Kindred Saints and other community members stepped up in many different ways to help support others in need. Our very own Kindred Kids Pajama Drive was a huge success. Almost 80 gifts were given to families enrolled in the local Jeremiah Program!

And once again, the Kindred Area Ministerial Association organized holiday food baskets to share with Kindred families. Thank you to each of the churches that donated specific food items and especially to Pastor Ryan Patenaude from West Prairie Lutheran who led this charge. And thank you to our SURPRISE donors! Candy bags were donated by Mrs. Milbrandt's 5th grade classroom and the local 4-H Group created adorable (and useful) "Reindeer Washclothes" with bars of soap in them. We have some incredibly thoughtful youth in our community!

The Kindred Area Food Pantry also received an abundance of donations from our very own Kindred Elementary 4th Graders. Thank you!





#### JANUARY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Karen Brayton 01/00 Bristol Swanson 01/00 Roger Johnson 01/03 Jay Olson 01/03 Karen Hertsgaard 01/05 Tenille Bakko 01/08 Dylan Brandt 01/09 Treyton Teberg 01/09 Nicholle Zurn 01/10 Gavin Rude 01/10 Darryl Olson 01/11 Masie Score 01/14 Tate Miller 01/14 Owen Hoyme 01/15 Taya Spelhaug 01/17 Daryl Brandt 01/19 Lori Pearson 01/20 Taeryn Teberg 01/20 William Engstrom 01/22 Riley Miller 01/25 Sue Overboe 01/26 Tyler Sahr 01/26 Cora Johnson 01/28 John Hertsgaard 01/29 Suzanne Boyer 01/29 Candace Mattson 01/29 Susan Johnson 01/30 Jack Ilvedson 01/30 David Roe 01/31 Jackie Miller 01/31

A special thank you to the estate of Eleanor Braaten which has generously supplied the KLC Choir with new robes.

We are grateful for this special group of people who use their time & talents to lead us in worship even when we cannot sing together in-person. Thank you Choir Members!



Did you miss the Kindred Kids Christmas Program? You can watch anytime on the <u>Kindred Lutheran Church</u> <u>YouTube channel</u>. Thank you to all of the kids and parents who participated in this year's virtual program!



### **FINANCIAL GIVING 2020**

Annual Budget 2020 General Fund Only	\$222,409
Received 2020	\$200,572
Needed Each Month	\$17,684
Received Dec	\$38,942

#### **ELECTRONIC GIVING**

Consider scheduling a recurring contribution today. It's very convenient! You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, electronic contributions will continue on an uninterrupted basis.

Kindred Lutheran Church has been partnered for some time now with the GivePlus mobile app designed specifically for churches. With GivePlus, you can quickly and easily give to KLC using your smartphone. Enjoy the convenience of making credit or debit card donations. Create an account to set up one-time recurring donations and view your giving history. Either way, GivePlus offers a safe, secure way to make one-time or recurring contributions to our church. GivePlus is free to use and available for download on Google Play or the App Store. You can also access your GivePlus account on the Kindred Lutheran Church website.







The KLC Youth Group has launched! All youth grades 9-12 are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall every other Sunday starting at 1:00pm.

If you have any questions or ideas, please contact Trish@kindredlutheran.com.

## Dates for Jan 2021 Jan 10th & Jan 24th

We are always open to more members! rank you!

#### Thank you to all who donated vases and funds to support the youth group.

Thank you to Sweet Stems of Davenport for the awesome deal on flowers and lessons on arrangements!

# 7TH & 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION Meeting Dates:

# In-Person 4pm @ KLC Jan 13, Jan 20, Jan 27

# Youth Group Thanks **Healthcare Heroes**



KLC Youth made 39 flower arrangments to deliver to Fargo hospital nurses.

Each arrangement had a handwritten holiday card.



We even got to hand-deliver some too!



January needs an acolyte/bell ringer

**Adult Monitor needed** for confirmation meetings

Confirmation Worship Duties: https://signup.com/go/CewyPDS Confirmation Monitor: https://signup.com/go/FtYRvoX



#### October 18, 2020

Members Present: Rich Schock, Susanne Wolf, Lloyd Hoffarth, Lisa Davis, Lori Pearson, Tony Gray and Rob Sahr. Members Absent: None

- Call to Order: Kindred Luthern Church (KLC) President Rich Schock called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- Treasurer's Report: Council Discussed the status of financials, waiting on final numbers to give accurate report. Should have final numbers by the end of October.
- Secretary's Report: Reviewed August 10th report. A motion was made by Suzanne Wolf and 2nd by Rob Sahr to approve. Motion carried.
- New Business:
  - Pastor Andrew announced his resignation on Sunday October 4th that his last day would be Sunday November 1st 2020.
  - Council had a meeting on October 5th to organize a call committee. Call Committee members Dona Schock (chair), Barb Rude, John Hertsgaard, Scott Milbrandt, Doreen Brandt, Mattea Johnson and Matthew Pearson. Thank You All
  - Council spent a majority of our time discussing in-person Worship and Sunday school. Trying to address everyone's concerns for the safety of our kids, members and community.
- Pastor Andrew completed training session w/Bekki on how to operate the website, social media sites and App.

With no further business for discussion, Motion by Lisa Davis to adjourn, 2nd Lori Pearson.

#### December 13, 2020

Members Present Via Zoom: Rich Schock, Susanne Wolf, Lloyd Hoffarth, Lisa Davis, Lori Pearson, Tony Gray and Rob Sahr. Members Absent: None

Call to Order: Kindred Luthern Church (KLC) President Rich Schock called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Special Meeting Agenda:

- Governor Burgum has extended the mask mandate until January 18th, 2021. Council has made the decision to return to in person Worship December 20, 2020 for any members that wish to attend, we will also continue or virtual option for those that do not feel comfortable.
- Council will meet after the 1st of the year to address Sunday School status with a tentative resume date of January 10th, 2021.
- KLC will be having two Christmas Day services one at 4:00 pm the second at 6:30 pm. Watch for sign up sheets if you wish to come. The Church will be sanitized between services to keep our congregational members safe.
- Pastor Corey has agreed to stay on through February 2021 to provide Sunday services, Funerals, Baptisms, Confirmation and Pulpit Services with an agreed amount of \$ 2,135.00 per Month.
- A motion was made by Lisa Davis and 2nd by Tony Gray the Council has voted unanimously on a Continuing Resolution for the upcoming annual meeting which will be held in February. Continuing Resolution C10.01A20 as stated in our constitution reads "This congregation may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for simultaneous oral communication. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically." Our Annual meeting will be held on February 7th Via zoom and inperson. We have two positions that need to be filled they are Secretary and Social Ministry & Outreach.
- We have begun to address the repairs that would need to be done at the parsonage and how we should approach such repairs.
- Committee handbooks will also be looked at to ensure they are up to date with the needs of our congregation and youth.



# "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 the move and new calling for Pastor Andrew and Vallorie. Blessing on Pastor Corey Lange as he preaches God's Word from the pulpit each Sunday.

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 Wes Robertsdahl Llowell Tangen Brody Seter Scott Wooster Marc Don Schlecht Peggy Carlson Eleanor Johnson Lloyd Hoffarth Jack Anderson Ken Cindy Craig Carlotta Jason Erbie Hopwood **Raymond William** 

Sandy Shirley Jermstad Helen Hunter Pinke Jeff Kub Cindy Velora Robertsdahl Westin Hage Linda Travis Anderson Sandy Olsgard Dean Cory Josh Ostenson

## **HOPE FOR:**

An end to the global pandemic.

The Call Committee that God would grant them wisdom and guidance during the search for a new Pastor for KLC.

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: 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

Vicki Thompson and family who recently lost her mother Gene Thompson and family who recently lost his brother

Victims of sexual abuse and assault



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Custodian: Mike Jostad

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