



# KINDRED CONNECTIONS

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**Cast your burdens on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.** - Psalm 55:22 (NRSV)

Siblings in Christ,

After a rather mild winter and a rainy spring, it is time for summer. For many this means vacations, relaxing in the sun, heading to the lake, spending days at the pool, and lots of baseball & softball. As we head out on our summer adventures, often we need to pack some stuff to take along with us. Snacks, a change (or more) of clothing, water, some games, seating, a tent, meals, and ourselves are all things we need to make sure come with us on our different excursions. But, what often happens is we end up bringing way too many things with us, things we don't need and just get in our way.

This happens in our faith lives as well. We continually carry around the baggage we don't need, the baggage that keeps us from the life God has planned for us, and it weighs us down in our journey. We might even be unaware of some of the baggage we carry. Starting June 9, we are going to spend four weeks exploring the baggage we hold onto and what God has to say about that baggage during our sermon series called "Summer Baggage." God invites us to unpack our baggage, release the burdens, and trust in God to restore our brokenness and help us experience the freedom offered to us. I hope you will be able to join us for this important exploration of our faith and our lives.



After we unpack our baggage, we are going to spend the rest of the summer on the mount, exploring the greatest sermon ever preached. In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches us



not only what it means to follow him, but also what God does for us. We don't often get to spend much time with the Sermon on the Mount, with pieces scattered here and there throughout the lectionary, so getting to spend 8 weeks with Jesus' greatest (and longest written) sermon will really give us time to dive deep into the many important callings it has on our lives. Summer on the Mount will begin on July 7 and will continue for the remainder of the summer, with a 1

Sunday break, on July 21, following the ELCA National Youth Gathering, when we will bring the theme of the gathering back here to Kindred and also celebrate Trish Miller's conclusion of ministry, as KLC's Youth Director. I hope you can join us for this series and especially for the celebration of Trish's ministry.

I invite you to come to see and experience all that Kindred Lutheran is up to this summer!

Peace,

Pastor Kyle



**Kindred**  
Lutheran Church

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# gathered to grow

## WELCOME HADLEY DREW!



Hadley Drew Hendrickson was baptized on Sunday, May 5 at KLC. Her parents are Drew and Kelsey Hendrickson. Her grandparents are Kelly and Deb Perhus! Welcome to the KLC Family Hadley!

# WELCOME



Thank you to our Sunday School teachers for the past year. Left to Right: Tarrand Fiesel, Erin Kub, Sally Erickson, Kathryn Gray, Candace Mattson, Alicia Hildebrand, Casey & Luella Ham, Jessica Althoff, Chelsie Ritterman, Trinity Schuchard, Kelly Engstrom, Devin Gray, Elliott Wolf, and Caitlin Perhus.



## KLC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**August 5-8, 2024 in the evening.**

If you would like to help with VBS please contact  
Sally Erickson at [salleric@hotmail.com](mailto:salleric@hotmail.com)  
or Pastor Kyle at [pastorkyle@kindredlutheran.com](mailto:pastorkyle@kindredlutheran.com)





# gathered to grow



The Sunday School season wrapped up with a bang - a feast, games galore, and Pastor Kyle taking on the piñata like a pro! Candy and toys rained down, bringing smiles all around. Huge thanks to the amazing teachers and helpers!! Have a wonderful summer!



# sent to serve

**YOU ARE INVITED**

## **Community Senior Meals**

**EVERY 3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH**

KLC is hosting senior meals every third Monday of the month. Our next meal is Monday, June 17 at 11:45am.

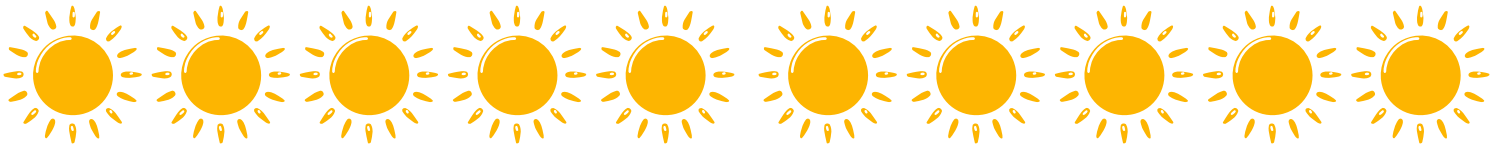
Uptown Eatery will be catering the meal. Free Will Donation. Please join us for fellowship and fun!! Please let Leah in the office know if you can make it. Thanks 701-428-3630

## **KINDRED AREA FOOD PANTRY**

*THE FOOD PANTRY IS CHANGING HOURS. IT WILL BE OPEN 1ST AND 3RD TUESDAYS FROM 3-6 PM.*

*WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS - OVER 18- TO COVER THESE HOURS. TWO PEOPLE AT A TIME. RESPONSIBILITIES WOULD BE TO GREET PATRONS AND HELP WITH FILLING THEIR BAGS/BOXES WITH SUPPLIES. PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR KYLE OR LEAH IN THE OFFICE AT 428-3630 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT.*

*THANK YOU!*



## **Babysitting Clinic**

**at Kindred Ambulance Garage  
701-428-3131**

**Saturday, June 22**

**8am-1pm**

**Free will donation to cover the cost of food for the day.**



## **Summer Thrive:**

Crafting a thrilling itinerary for an unforgettable summer adventure for the young ones!

**Lindsey Bierdeman**

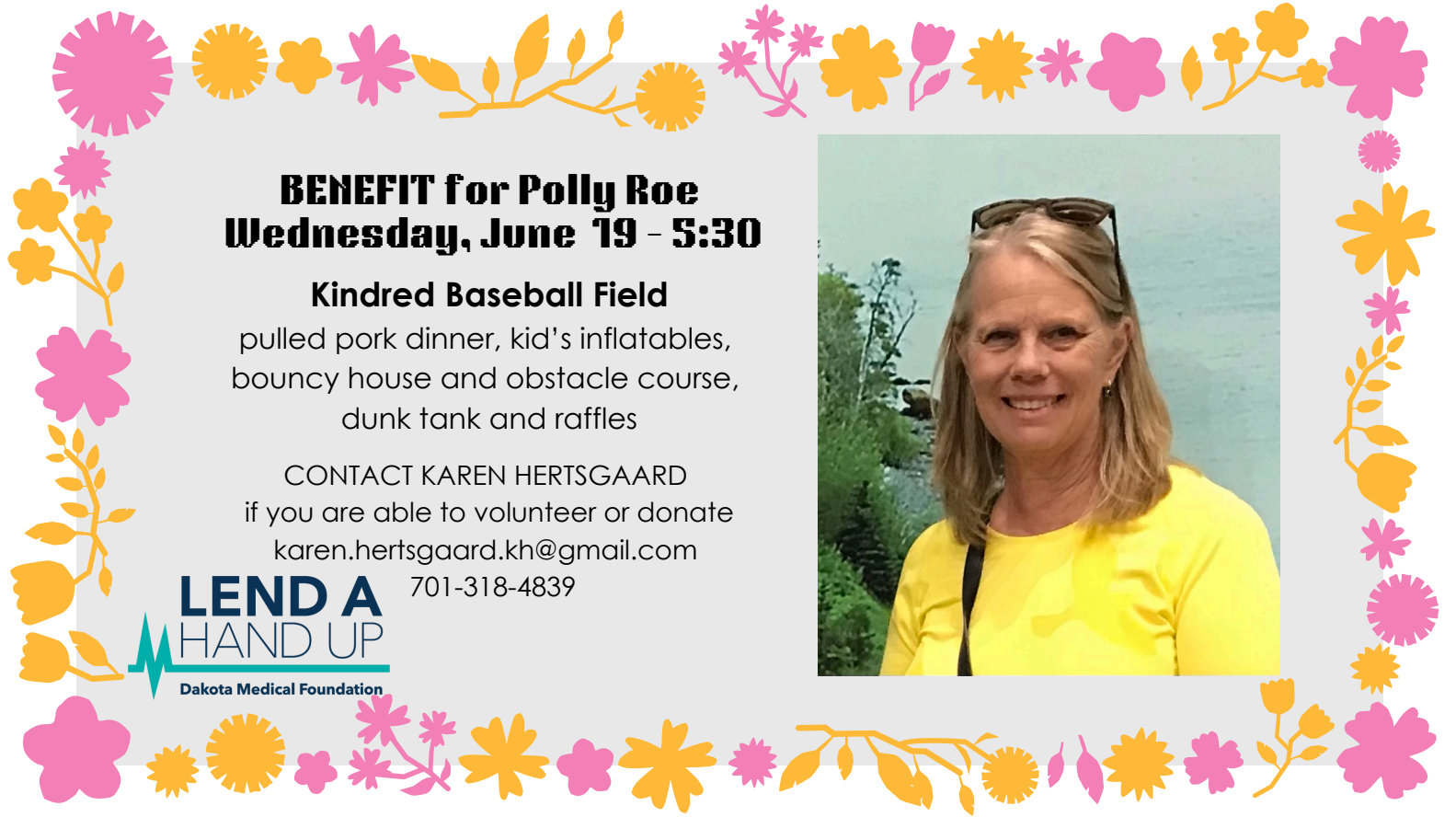
*Certified Health and Life coach  
Bierdemancoaching@yahoo.com*

**Wednesday, Jun 5th  
Kindred Lutheran Church  
6:30pm**





# sent to serve



## **BENEFIT for Polly Roe Wednesday, June 19 - 5:30**

### **Kindred Baseball Field**

pulled pork dinner, kid's inflatables,  
bouncy house and obstacle course,  
dunk tank and raffles

CONTACT KAREN HERTSGAARD  
if you are able to volunteer or donate  
karen.hertsgaard.kh@gmail.com

701-318-4839

**LEND A  
HAND UP**

Dakota Medical Foundation



Community of Care  
CASS COUNTY, ND

Community Care in the Kindred Area has welcomed **Charley Rose** as a part-time Faith Community Nurse. You can find him at 446 Elm Street in downtown Kindred with office hours on Mondays and Thursdays from 10am to 4pm. Reach out to Charley via email at [Charley@communityofcarend.com](mailto:Charley@communityofcarend.com). For phone inquiries, you can leave a message at his office number 701-347-0032, and he will promptly return your call.

**1ST ANNUAL KLC  
CHRISTMAS CLOSET**

**COMING NOVEMBER 2024**

**WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF  
NEW OR GENTLY USED CHRISTMAS DECOR.**

**WHAT CAN YOU DONATE?**  
CHRISTMAS DECOR, ORNAMENTS, SWEATERS, MUGS, WREATHS, ORNAMENTS,  
DISHES, SMALL TREES, VILLAGE PIECES, BOOKS, TREE SKIRTS, JEWELRY, GIFT BAGS

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE  
KINDRED AREA FOOD PANTRY

**THANK YOU!**



If you are organizing and cleaning this summer - remember that we are still collecting items for our Christmas Closet. Grab items from your basement or your neighbors rummage sale!!



# gratitude & prayers

*Please lift up the following in your prayers:*

## *Healing for:*

Pr. Phil Larsen, Garrett Fenner, Leo Kannas, Terese Schafer, Eleanor Perry, Wyatt Simley, Marsha Holzheimer, Camden Anderson, Amy (Arlene Lykken's Niece), and Polly Roe.

## *Comfort for:*

the family of John Stefanowicz,  
and the family of Elijah McCroskey.

*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.*

# THANK YOU SO MUCH

The Norman Church Quilters donated 10 quilts to the Food Pantry to be given out to people in need. Thank you for your generosity!!



Huge thank you to Carlotta Spelhaug for purchasing our geraniums every year and to Lana Perry for planting them.



## Congratulations!



Back Row L-R: Jack Davis, Owen Hoyme, Layne Billing, Lane Schuchard,  
Ben Miller, Grant Spelhaug

Front Row L-R: Jansen Jordheim, Kensey Knight, Carly Pearson, Eva Spelhaug



10 KLC Seniors received a blanket (donated by Carlotta Spelhaug) on Sunday, May 19 at our Blessing of the Graduates Ceremony.



# council notes

## Kindred Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Called to Order by Caitlin at 11:24 am

**Present:** Pastor Kyle, Caitlin, Justin, Laurie, Verne, Sally, & Michele

**Absent:** Bryan

### Opening Prayer

**Secretary's Report/**Approval of prior Minutes: Motion to approve March Minutes by Justin, Seconded by Sally. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report/**Approval of Report: Motion to approve Report by Michele, Seconded by Laurie. Motion approved. Dylan is busy with tax season so we're only up to date thru January.

### Pastor's Report:

- Busy month...Easter, George Kruse funeral, confirmation resumed, etc.
- Met with the Community Nurse to help set up some visits.
- Finished the Boundaries training thru SW MN synod.
- Joint theological meeting will be held this week.
- First call theological meeting will be next week.
- Working on our new member meeting next week (3-4 families, possibly more) Parish life is helping with the lunch. Would like all committees to share a few minutes of what they do.

Updates from Directors:

### Faith Formation & Growth:

- Kindred Kids-committee is needing more leaders for VBS. They're also looking for a new curriculum for Sunday school next fall. Jessica Althoff will be stepping down from the committee
- Youth group-Trish will accompany Pastor and the youth to New Orleans in July.

### Management & Grounds:

- Still working on getting electricity to the garage.
- Light in sacristy needs some work.
- Handicap bathroom needs some upgrades (sink, toilet, & fan).
- Glass on the front door needs replacing (glass had a small crack, but it's worse now).
- Mailbox at the parsonage needs to be put up and the old one taken down.
- Switched out the snowblower for the lawn mower at the parsonage. Lawn care for the church will be contracted soon.

### Social Ministry & Outreach:

- Reached out to all the chairs. Pastor meeting with a few groups this month.

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# council notes

## Old Business:

- Youth Director-1 new applicant since last month.
- Building Usage-we have a Facilities Use Agreement form that was revised in 2021 that we'll review and make adjustments to for future events held at the church.
- Food Pantry-will be open the 1st and 3rd Tuesday's of the month from 3:30-6:30pm and other times will be available by appointment.
- Natural Gas-the church & parsonage are signed up and the church is considered a small commercial property. The city needs 40% of the population to sign up before it moves forward with the project.
- National Youth Gathering-Trish is going to accompany Pastor and the youth to New Orleans. She's working on booking the flights, and the itinerary will be sent out soon. They will continue to work on fundraising to offset the cost.
- Senior blankets-Carlotta has all the materials to put them together and they'll be ready soon.

## New Business:

- Summer Worship Service-Sunday evening worship last year went well in June, but was less attended in July & August. We'll ask people and see what would be more favorable.
- Parsonage-toilets need to be replaced. Steps going to the backyard are rotting and need replacing soon. Fence is falling apart and needs fixing too.
- The church had lots of mud on the carpet recently so we purchased a carpet spot cleaner (\$250) for high traffic areas or spills.
- Senior Meals-would the church be willing to sponsor senior meals for 1 month? Leah's looking for other sponsors too. KLC is hosting the meals each month.

Motion to adjourn by Sally, Seconded by Verne. Motion approved.

Adjourned at 12 :55pm

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Hillman

Next meeting: Sunday, May 19, 2024

### Kindred Lutheran Burger Stand



Kindred Days  
Saturday, August 10

Any questions?  
Contact Pastor Kyle



### Financial Giving to the General Fund:

Annual Budget \$232,930.54

Needed Each Month \$19,411.


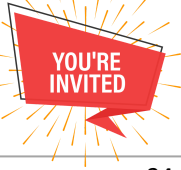
Received in 2024 \$66,724.



# calendar



2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 9am Contemporary Worship Service EaND Synod Assembly	3 ← Time Change!	4	5 Free Workshop Lindsey Bierdeman @ 6:30	6	7 Church Office Closed	1 EaND Synod Assembly 8
9 9am Worship Service Summer Baggage: Bitterness & Anger	10	11	12 Family Fun Night 5-6pm Kindred City Park Kindred Parks and Rec	13	14 Church Office Closed	15
16 9am Worship Service Summer Baggage: Pride 	17 Senior Meal 11:45am 	18	19 FUNDRAISER for Polly Roe at 5:30pm in the Kindred Baseball Fields	20	21 Church Office Closed	22
23 9am Worship Service Summer Baggage: Fear	24	25	26	27	28 Church Office Closed	29
30 9am Worship Service Summer Baggage: Jealousy & Envy						



# calendar

2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 <b>4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY</b>	5 Church Office Closed	6
7 9am Worship Service Summer on the Mount: The Beatitudes	8	9	10	11	12 Church Office Closed	13
14 9am Contemporary Worship Service Summer on the Mount: Salt & Light	15 Senior Meal 11:45am <b>JOIN US</b>	16	17	18	19 Church Office Closed	20
21 9am Worship Service <b>Bringing Home the NYG</b>	22	23	24 Deadline for Newsletter Articles	25	26 Church Office Closed	27
28 9am Worship Service Summer on the Mount: Law & Prophets	29	30	31			

**CELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING - NEW ORLEANS**