



## KINDRED CONNECTIONS

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**"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."**

Siblings in Christ,

– Matthew 18:20 (NRSV)

As we step into the new year, my heart overflows with gratitude and joy for the ways God has been present in our community. This past Christmas Eve, we experienced something extraordinary. Three hundred of you—members, visitors, and friends—gathered in our sanctuary to celebrate the birth of Christ. It was the largest attendance we've seen since I joined Kindred Lutheran, and what a blessing it was to worship together in such a vibrant and faith-filled gathering!

This milestone reminds us of the power of community and the promise that Christ is present when we gather in God's name. Worshipping together strengthens us, not only in faith but also in our shared mission as a church. As we enter 2024, I encourage you to lean into that mission—whether it's through regular worship, service projects, or simply offering your prayers for one another and for the world.

This year also brings opportunities to dream big about what we can achieve as a congregation. Our ministry depends on the generous gifts of time, talent, and financial resources from all of us. Every offering—whether small or large—helps sustain our worship, outreach, and programs, ensuring we can be a source of hope and light in our community. If you haven't already, I invite you to prayerfully consider how you might increase your giving in the year ahead. Together, our contributions make an incredible difference in bringing God's love to life.

Let us move forward with hope and excitement, trusting that God will guide us in our ministry and strengthen us as we grow in faith together. I am deeply grateful for each of you and for all the ways we are building the kingdom of God here at Kindred Lutheran.

Blessings to you and yours in this new year!

Peace,

Pastor Kyle



**Kindred**  
Lutheran Church

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*Happy  
New Year*





# gathered to grow



## Baptism

Clark Thomas Hertsgaard was welcomed into the faith through baptism on December 9 at KLC. His parents, Tim and Kelli Hertsgaard, along with his older brother Ray, are filled with joy. Proud grandparents of Clark are Karen and Craig Hertsgaard. Welcome to our KLC Family, Clark!



Kindred Kids showcased their "NEW STAR" Christmas Program on Sunday, December 15, during the Worship Service. A big THANK YOU to Erin Kub and Tarrand Fiesel for their incredible efforts in organizing this fantastic program.







# gathered to grow

## Christmas Eve



### Introducing **Kindred Threads**

We're starting a brand-new quilting group, and you're invited! Together, we'll craft beautiful quilts as heartfelt gifts for our graduating seniors. Whether you're an experienced quilter or a complete beginner, this is a wonderful opportunity to learn, create, and connect. Our first meeting will be on January 25 at 10 am, so mark your calendars! If you have any quilting equipment, feel free to bring it along. Let's sew love and care into every stitch—everyone is welcome to join!



**Contact Katie Giermann at (701) 430-3263 or the church office if you have any questions.**

### 2025 VBS **Planning Committee**



Prepare for an exciting journey because it's time for VBS planning! We invite you to join the VBS Planning Committee and help craft an unforgettable experience for our children. Together, we can create a vibrant adventure that not only fills their hearts with joy but also shares the love of God in a meaningful way. Your innovative ideas and contributions can make a lasting impact, so let's come together and make this year's VBS truly special!



**Sign-up in the entryway.**





# gathered to grow

## Memorial Poinsettias

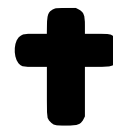
- Cheryl & David Rostad** in Memory of **Our Parents**
- Mark & Lana Perry** in Memory of **Our Heavenly Family**
- LaVonne Nokleberg** in Memory of **Elder & Eleanor Braaten**
- Todd & LeAnn Toppen** in Memory of **Our Parents, Palmer & Evelyn, Marlowe & Viola**
- Arlene Lykken & Family** in Memory of **Bud Lykken**
- John Hertsgaard** in Memory of **Jean Hertsgaard**
- Laurie O'Keefe** in Memory of **DeWayne Simonson, Brad Simonson**
- Steve & Joan Halland** in Memory of **Elmer & Rita Halland, Don & Jean Kapaun, Cole Halland**
- Ron & Leah Lundquist** in Memory of **Altha Johnson, Harriett & Bud**
- Dustin, Michele, Elizabeth & Leah Hillman** in Memory of **Cindi Hillman**
- Irene Roe & family** in Memory of **James Roe**
- Tony & Kathryn Gray** in Memory of **Our Grandparents, Brian Gray**
- Kelly & Deb Perhus** in Memory of **Our Heavenly Family**
- Suzanne, Rodney, Elliott Wolf** in Memory of **Jeanne Moll**
- Pastor Kyle, Katie, & Calvin Giermann** in Memory of **Karol Utt, Paul Anderson, Buck & MaryAnn Johnston, Jan Johnston, Bradley Johnston, Greta Paschke**

## CHRISTMAS CLOSET 2025

We are gathering Christmas items for our 2025 Christmas Closet. Donations will be accepted through the end of January. Thank you!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2025



## KLC Prayer Partners

The prayer partner crew met after worship and revealed their secret prayer warriors. They enjoyed delicious treats and coffee, forming a family of 18. New members are welcome to join! For questions, contact Barb Rude.





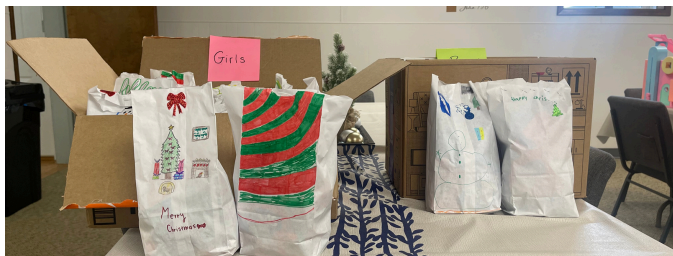
# ↗ sent to serve



## Community Senior Meals

In December, we hosted a joyful Christmas Party featuring KHS graduate Andrew Rutten, who showcased his talent on the clarinet and bass clarinet. Thanks to all the volunteers and UPTOWN EATERY for the delicious food!

## KAMA Christmas Food Baskets



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the KAMA Christmas Food Baskets this year. Volunteers assembled bags for 20 members of the local communities. Vicki Milbrandt's 5th-grade class created delightful treat bags filled with toys and candy for each basket. We truly appreciate everyone's support!



# sent to serve

KAMA = Kindred Area Minstrial Association



KAMA sponsored 11 homemade dinners made by Mark & Lana Perry for local, single members of the Kindred community, which included ham, cheesy potatoes, green bean casserole, and homemade Christmas cookies made by the Confirmation Class.

**A HUGE thank you to the Sunday School classes and congregation on their Christmas donations to the Viking Village. Socks, underwear and jammies were donated to the Viking Village. Thanks**

## Kindred Area Food Pantry

New Operating Hours for 2025:  
 Tuesdays: 12 PM - 5 PM  
 Donations are always welcomed.  
 Drop box at the church entrance and Hawk's Market.  
 We appreciate your generosity!  
 You can also contribute via VENMO at @kindredfoodpantry.

**Meal Train®**  
 for:  
**Alicia Hildebrand**



Visit this link or scan the QR Code:  
[mealtrain.com/gdyny3](https://mealtrain.com/gdyny3)

KLC Family, it's time to rally around our superstar!  
 Let's whip up some delicious dishes and deliver them to Alicia and her crew! 🍴❤️



## JOAN PRATT BENEFIT & YOUTH MEATBALL DINNER



PLUS  
 sleigh rides | cider | silent  
 auction | bake sale

**SUNDAY JANUARY 12, 2025**

**11:00 AM - 1:30 PM**  
 (meatball dinner, silent auction,  
 bake sale, sleigh rides)

**1:30 pm - 5 pm**  
 (bake sale, cookies &  
 sleigh rides)



Donate

## MENU

*Meatballs (or hotdog  
 for kids), mashed  
 potatoes, gravy,  
 vegetable, coleslaw,  
 desserts, & beverage*

**TAKE OUT MEALS\* | \$15.00  
 ADULTS | \$15.00**

**KIDS(12&UNDER) | \$10.00**  
 \*For Take Out Meals call 701-361-5191

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# prayers & healing

*Please lift up the following in your prayers:*

## Healing for:

Prayers for healing:



Pr. Phil Larsen  
Garrett Fenner  
Leo Kannas  
Shawn Johnson  
Wyatt Simley  
Carlotta Spelhaug  
Polly Roe  
John Carlson  
Alicia Hildebrand  
Maverick Wilson  
Joan Pratt

## Comfort for:

The families and friends of  
MARIAN PERHUS who  
passed away in December.

The families and friends of  
CURTIS BORUD who passed  
away in December.

## Help for:

Lend A Hand Up  
Donations for:



Shawn Johnson  
Joan Pratt

Please google Lend A  
Hand Up to donate to  
these families.

*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.*

### KINDRED LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF:

**Pastor:**

Rev. Kyle Giermann

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**Music Coordinator:**

Cheryl Rostad

**Choir Director:**

LaVonne Nokleberg

**Contemporary Worship Music:**

Eldon & Amy Johnson

**Custodians:**

Mike & Karla Jostad

## LOVE OFFERING

The KLC Love Offering will be gathered on  
Sunday, February 9, during worship  
services. All funds raised will be donated  
to Joan Pratt, who is currently  
undergoing cancer treatments. Let's come  
together to show Joan some KLC LOVE!





# council notes

## Council Minutes

Sunday, November 10, 2024

Kindred Lutheran Church

2025-3 Michele Hillman 2026-2 Caitlin Perhus 2027-1 Sally Erickson  
2026-2 Bryan Halvorson 2027-1 Verne Wolf 2027-1 Laurie O'Keefe  
2027-1 Justin Fiesel

**Called to Order by: Caitlin at 11:17 am**

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

**Absent: Laurie**

**Opening Prayer**

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

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

Dylan found inaccurate payments from Pastors social security taxes which will get corrected and should be getting a credit. We're behind on contributions for this time of year which is typical and hopefully the holiday season will help us meet our budget needs.

## **Pastor's Report:**

- Presided over the Funeral for Arlen Blumer at Boulger Funeral Home in Fargo.
- Went to several Visitations.
- Confirmed 15 9th graders on Reformation Sunday held October 27.
- Have had parents reach out about students having unfavorable behaviors at Confirmation classes.

## **Updates from Directors:**

### Faith Formation & Growth:

- Kindred Kids- will have their Christmas program during worship on Sunday 12/15. They are planning to do a fundraiser sometime this winter. On Sunday 1/5/25 they will have a pajama & movie day.

### Management & Grounds:

- Getting ready for winter and snow removal is lined up.
- Sewer smell in the kitchen-will have a plumber come check it out.





# council notes

## **Social Ministry & Outreach:**

- Nothing to report

## **Old Business:**

- Youth Director- no new applicants.
- Directory- is almost completed and will be submitted to the company soon.
- WiFi- Pastor talked to Craig & Scott and they recommended getting our own system. We'll start looking for something soon as we should be able to get a good deal this time of year.
- Improvements Committee- will look for volunteers.

## **New Business:**

- Storage changes- would like to move the nursery to a better location and use that area for storage.

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

Adjourned at 12:46 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Hillman

Next meeting: 12-8

2 Months out: 1-12







# calendar

2025

# January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Church Office Closed	4
5 9am Sunday School 10am - Contemporary Worship Service 11am - Fellowship	6	7 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	8 6 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Choir Practice	9	10 Church Office Closed	11
12 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11am Fellowship	13 Annual Reports Due	14 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	15 6 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Choir Practice	16	17 Church Office Closed	18
19 NO Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11am Fellowship 9am	20 <b>Senior Meal 11:45am</b>	21 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	22 6 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Choir Practice	23 Deadline for Newsletter Articles	24 Church Office Closed	25 10am KLC Threads
26 Sunday School 10am Worship Service Kids singing 11am <b>POTLUCK</b> N-Z Main Dish A-M - Side Dish	27	28 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	29 6 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Choir Practice	30	31 Church Office Closed	