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PASTOR'S POST

I'm a rather avid reader and since getting an Audible account, I've been able to keep up with my goal to read at least one book each month. This summer I am looking to read the book "The Blue Parakeet" written by Scot McKnight and would like to invite you to read this book along with me.

In 'The Blue Parakeet', McKnight likens certain verses in the Bible to a chance encounter he had in his backyard. An avid birdwatcher, McKnight noticed an odd flash of blue instead of the usual brown of the sparrows. It was just someone's stray pet, a blue parakeet. McKnight noticed how the sparrows were terrorized by the presence of this escaped pet. He observed that overtime the sparrows grew accustomed to this strange bird and even began to imitate it.

McKnight asks us to think about those verses in the Bible that make us uncomfortable, or cause us to pause, or ones we skip rather than address. How we respond to these "blue parakeet passages" really does matter. McKnight argues, "when chance encounters with blue parakeet passages in the Bible happen, we are given the opportunity to observe and learn. In such cases we really do open ourselves to the thrill of learning how to read the Bible. But, like the sparrows, we have to get over our fears and learn to adjust to the squawks of the Bible's blue parakeets. We dare not try to tame them."

McKnight calls all Christians to stop trying to tame the Bible and simply let it speak anew in our hearts. We do this by challenging ourselves to rethink how we read the Bible, not just to puzzle it together into some systematic belief but to see it as a Story that we are summoned to enter and to carry forward in our day. For example, McKnight will seek to demonstrate the truthfulness of his claim that we all do indeed pick and choose from the Bible what to obey and how to obey; after which he tries to lay down some ground rules that help us understand why we pick and choose, and how we should pick and choose biblically – in "a way that honors God and embraces the Bible as God's Word from all time."

How do you read the Bible? This is the question Scot McKnight will explore in his book The Blue Parakeet. I hope you will take my invitation seriously and make time to read this book along with me over the summer.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Michael
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sent to serve

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Church Council member Rob Sahr for organizing a work day here at KLC! Amy & Hannah Thilmony and Nicole & Morgan Sahr spent time raking the yard to clear it of rock debris piled up over the winter. Meanwhile, a crew was inside the Parish Ed building finishing up projects in the classrooms; thanks to Terry Spelhaug, Bruce Lykken, Brandon Thilmony and Rob Sahr.

DATES TO KNOW!

- A reminder that summer worship services are at 9AM
- Pastor Michael will be on vacation starting June 7th and returning June 21st. If you need anything during this time, please call the office at 428-3630. Pastor Dave Isaacson from Fargo will be leading worship.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** Yes! We will be hosting a VBS program this summer. More details to come!
- There will be a congregational meeting held after the worship service on Sunday, June 27th. We need to vote on adopting an updated church constitution. A copy of all changes are available at the church office. Mark your calendars!

JUNE BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Oakley Torgerson 06/01
Raegan Torgerson 06/01
Luke Erickson 06/02
Jodi Nesemeier 06/04
Kelly Perhus 06/07
Todd Toppen 06/07
Jaden Rude 06/10
Harper Ritterman 06/10
Julie Hornbacher 06/12
Sandra Perhus 06/14
Kara Jensen 06/14
Paul Jensen 06/17
Adam Spelhaug 06/17
Carlotta Spelhaug 06/18
Laine Larson 06/18
Diane Lee 06/19
Douglas Otterson 06/20
Archer Swanson 06/22
Linda Widner 06/23
Paula Erickson 06/24
Brady Mitchell 06/24
Joan Halland 06/26
Amelia Perhus 06/26
Nicholas Milbrandt 06/27
Leona Strouse 06/30

Please help keep our records accurate by reporting any omissions and errors.
Thank you!



HELP NEEDED!

Council Treasurer, Lloyd Hoffarth, is hoping to re-instate the practice of having two persons responsible for the contributions after each worship service. These volunteers would be asked to count & record the offering then drop off at the local bank. There would be a rotating schedule of volunteers to spread out the commitment. Please contact Lloyd with questions at 541-5762 or kindredlutherantreasurer@gmail.com. Please sign up in the narthex or call the office at 428-3630. Thank you!

**Financial Giving to the General Fund: Annual Budget \$230,619 Received this Year \$85,877
Needed Each Month \$19,218 Given in May \$8,397**



gathered to grow



KINDRED KIDS YEAR-END PROGRAM

On May 16th we were treated to the Kindred Kids year-end program. The children led the entire worship service and entertained us with their beautiful music! The adult choir also got in on the fun! Afterwards, we enjoyed a delicious hot dog lunch, ice cream treats, and bouncy houses. Thank you to the Kindred Kids committee for putting together such a memorable day (**Erin Kub, Tarrand Fiesel, Stephanie Swanson, Amy Thilmony**). We'd also like to recognize all of the amazing Sunday School teachers who gave their time and love to our children this year:

- Terryrn Johnson
- Kari Johnson
- Lori Pearson
- Stacy Johnson
- Ashley Mund
- Sally Erickson
- Michele Hillman
- Katie Tangen
- Angie Matthys
- Kacie Kramer
- Tasha Hage
- Kelly Engstrom
- Kathryn Gray
- Verne Wolf
- Bekki DuBord
- Nicole Sahr
- Jessica Althoff
- Dona Schock
- Suzanne Wolf



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Thanks to all who contributed to the making of quilts for each of our seniors! The creation of these pieces of art is a large undertaking and we would like to share our gratitude to **Peggy Kragnes** for the quilting (batting and decorative stitching). The quilt tops and binding were finished by **Ann Helbling, Carlotta Spelhaug, Karen Hertsgaard, and JoAnn Ordahl**.

A special blessing and the quilts were presented to the graduates during worship on Sunday, May 16th. Pictured below are: **Sarah Bartram, Dallas Brandt, Auda Ilvedson, Elliot Mathias, Veronica Miller, and Matthew Pearson**. (*Brandt Mead not pictured*)



CIA NEWS

Watch for info on...

- Bonfire and open mic night
- Trish around to pick up shirts!
- Kindred Days July 31 Burger Stand
- October Activity



End of the school year supper fun!



council notes

Kindred Lutheran Church - Council Meeting April 18, 2021

Present: Lisa Hosman-Davis, Lloyd Hoffarth, Kathryn Gray, Rob Sahr, Lori Pearson, Pr. Michael Buller
Absent: Rich Schock, Susie Mathias

Call to Order: 12:16 by Lisa Davis.
Approval of agenda: Reviewed, additional items added.
Approval of prior minutes: Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Currently exceeding contributions over budget.
- Rob makes motion to approve treasurer's report 2nd by Lori. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

- Constitution
- Internal office work
- The Covid effect-volunteers for upcoming baptisms. Five upcoming.
- Continuing Education

Director's Reports:

Management & Grounds:

- Maximum roofing agreed to bid provided by church insurance. Dates TBD.
- Ram roofing agreed to do flat roof above classrooms. Deposit of \$7,000 paid. Dates TBD.
- All needed hardware to finish classrooms will be here the end of the month.

Faith Formation & Growth:

- Exit interviews done with Education Committee.
- Erin Kub agreed to be on nominating committee for Education Committee.
- Congregation member discussed musical item missing and replacing as such. Executive committee will meet with music staff and congregation member.
- Rob made motion for a Nominating Committee to be formed for the specific purpose of finding future members of the Education Committee and to be disbanded once members are selected. Second by Lori. Motion carried.

Social Ministry & Outreach: (Susie was absent but provided an update; Lori read)

- Three baptisms in April. Parish Life Committee wondering if funds available for welcome baskets for new members. Kathryn made a motion to designate \$1,000 to Parish Life Committee for welcome baskets, from Undesignated Budget Fund. Second by Lori. Motion carried.
- Congregation members are not signing up for fellowship after service. Suggestions possibly to have worship committee possibly starting coffee and check with Uptown Eatery for cost to bring in coffee and sweets.

Old Business:

- Rich received estimate from T&S Custom homes to make repairs for the parsonage. The total cost of repairs is \$11,124.95. Lloyd made motion to approve total cost of repairs contingent on finalized date of project out of Parsonage Maintenance Fund. Second by Kathryn. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Volunteers for printed materials. This is taking 4-6 hours of Bekki's time currently. Also a need for a volunteer for data entry for Icon. Lisa will volunteer to help with data entry. Rob will contact MLGC to increase internet speed to help with downloading to one google drive. Council is looking for new web designer for church website, Lori offered to find this person.
- Continuing Resolutions were reviewed, and actions were taken.
 1. C10.06.A94. was reviewed, and by unanimous vote removed.
 2. C12.01.A09. was reviewed, edited, restructured, adopted by unanimous vote, and the title we revised to C12.01.A21., it reads, "There shall be three (3) directors who, together with the Executive Committee, form the Congregation Council. Duties of these three directors shall be specified in the Continuing Resolutions."

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Kindred Lutheran Church - Council Meeting April 18, 2021, continued

3. A new resolution was created and adopted to specify the titles of the three (3) directors. This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote and given the title C12.01.B21., it reads, "The directors of this congregation shall be the Director of Management & Grounds, the Director of Faith Formation & Growth, the Director of Social Ministry & Outreach."
4. A new resolution was created and adopted to specify the duties of each director by listing each committee these directors shall oversee. This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote and given the title C12.01.C21., it reads, "The duties of each director shall be: a. The Director of Management & Grounds shall oversee the Buildings & Property Committee, and the Archives Committee. b. The Director of Faith Formation & Growth shall oversee the Education Committee, Youth Director, and the Stewardship Committee. c. The Director of Social Ministry & Outreach shall oversee the Worship & Music Committee, Alter Guild Committee, Fellowship & Evangelism Committee, Mission Committee, the Parish Life Committee, and Stephen's Ministry."
5. A new resolution was created to specify the authority the Congregation Council has over the individual committees of this congregation. This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote and given the title C13.06.A21., it reads, "The Congregation Council of this congregation has the authority to form, dissolve, and merge any of the committees whose duties are not specified in C13.01., C13.02., C13.03., C13.04., C13.05., and shall be responsible for the general oversight of these committees."
6. C12.10.A09. was reviewed, edited, restructured, adopted by unanimous vote, and the title was revised to C12.07.A21., it reads, "Within the authorized committee structure of Kindred Evangelical Lutheran Church, the following recommended guidelines are suggested: a. Each committee shall have a minimum of three (3) members, with no maximum. The members' names will be listed in each committee's annual report. b. There are no term limits. When a position needs to be filled, each committee is empowered to find their own replacements. The Nominating Committee of this congregation is available to assist each committee in filing positions. Each committee shall elect its own chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary. Once elected, these defined roles shall be reported to each committee's appointed Director. c. Each committee shall be responsible for recording and submitting meeting minutes to their appointed Director. The Congregation Council shall be responsible for maintaining a Committee Handbook, to provide a reference for future committee members, and include information on purposed goals, and yearly activity. Each committee shall be responsible for providing a yearly summary to the annual report. d. A yearly summary of the annual report shall include: 1) a summary of the prior year, 2) fundraising events, ongoing programs, or pending special events, 3) a projected activity plan for the upcoming year, 4) any budget requests or financial needs and, 5) outgoing members and current membership. All reports are to be submitted no later than the end of the year to their appointed Director. e. It is expected that after each committee has met, the recorded minutes of this meeting are promptly provided to their appointed Director. f. Each committee shall maintain a relationship with their appointed Director, who acts on their behalf as a liaison to the Congregation Council."
7. C13.10.B09. was reviewed, edited, and adopted by unanimous vote, and the titles was revised to C13.07.B21., it reads, "For serving the mission, purpose, and vision of this congregation, the committees (and social organizations, as pursuant to Chapter 14 of this constitution) within Kindred Evangelical Lutheran Church shall provide activities, opportunities for faith formation & growth, social ministry & outreach, and stewardship of all God continues to bless this congregation."
8. C13.10.C09. was reviewed, deemed redundant when considering the newly adopted C12.01.C21., and by unanimous vote removed.

·A continuing resolution is to be created which communicates that the Treasurer shall be a partner and Congregation Council liaison with the Endowment Committee.

Motion to adjourn by Kathryn. Second by Lloyd. Motion carried at 3:06pm.
Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn Gray, Secretary.



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 the marriage of Brooke and David Hertsgaard.

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

Merl Sullivan

Jamie

Joe

Maverick

Velora Robertsdahl

Llowell Tangen

Brody Seter

Scott Wooster

Marc

Peggy Carlson

Eleanor Johnson

Jack Anderson

Ken

Craig

Sandy

Shirley Jermstad

Helen

Hunter Pinke

Cindy

Westin Hage

Linda

Travis Anderson

Sandy Olsgard

Dean

Cory

Josh Ostenson

Carlotta

Jason

Ernie 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

Clarice Cramer

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word."

From 2 Thess 2:16-17



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