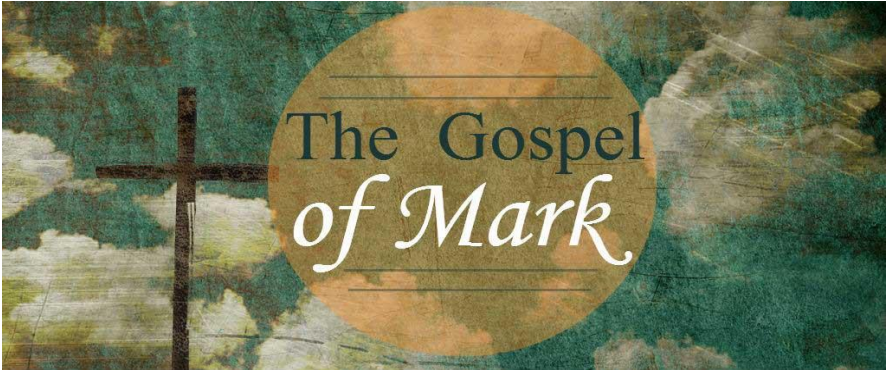


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February's Pastor Post

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

First off, God has blessed me with serving side-by-side with the best congregation in the world. You are supportive, curious, and courageous while being willing to experiment. Most of all, you are faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. I thank God for each of you and our partnership in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We have an incredible staff—our newest member, Mallory Vorwerk, along with Emily Teberg, LaVonne Nokleberg, Cheryl Rostad, Barb Halvorsen, Wes and Velora Robertsdaahl, and Mike Jostad. We have a dedicated church council whose wisdom, passion, and faithfulness are truly inspiring. A special thank you to all our volunteers, for their faithfulness, dedication, and generosity. All of you serve and glorify the Lord in all that you do and say—not only here at church, but in your everyday calling to live as disciples at work, in your families, and at play. Thanks to all of you for blessing me, encouraging me, and challenging me. I am blessed beyond all measure!

Our theme for 2019 was: **see, hear, know, and say**. Our goal was to learn how to discern God's active presence and talk to one another about God. We became **detectives of divinity!** As our curious Sherlock Psalms from last year's videos would tell us:

I'm looking all around
for signs of God's activity
wherever they are found
God is up to something
of that you can be sure
So let's start the investigation
The clues are everywhere . . .

We learned together how to be detectives of divinity and discern God's active presence. The phrase **active presence** is vital: God is truly **present** here and now, not out there somewhere "watching us from a distance." Not only is God truly present, but God is **actively** engaged in history in the lives of real people like you and me.

The Holy Spirit changed us by equipping us to discern God's active presence and engage in dialogue around the question, "What is God up to?" Our missional imagination was transformed as we discerned the reality that God is acting. We responded by living in a faith community, engaging in Christian practices, and discerning God's active presence. The triune God is truly present in, with, and under ministry and witness.

The Holy Spirit transformed our missional imagination by granting us eyes to **see** and ears to **hear** as we live in a posture of openness, attentiveness, and expectation toward God, Scripture, and one another.

We **know** Jesus by living in fellowship with him and listening to him. We **know** our neighbors by entering into fellowship with them and listening to their stories.

We witness by **saying** the Good News of the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. By sharing stories, we enter into each other's lives and proclaim the active presence of the triune God in Scripture, in our lives, in the lives of those close to us, in our community, in the world, and in the church. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus after their encounter with the risen Christ, we are witnesses who must not remain silent.

We experience the ministering presence of the living Christ **to us** through the ministry of our neighbors and **through us** as we minister to them, especially in places we might not expect to find God—times of suffering, pain, and heartbreak.

The hope is that we will not only continue to grow in faith as we discern the active presence of the triune God and engage in dialogue, but will respond to the invitational opportunities of the Holy Spirit: **see** the stranger, **hear** the neighbor, **know** their suffering, and **say** words of comfort, salvation, and hope.

To God be the glory,
Pastor Andrew Schlecht



JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND

Join Pastor Andrew on a journey of the Holy Land on September 4-14, 2020! The trip is organized by Good Shepherd Travel. Cost is \$3,790 from MSP including roundtrip airfare, hotels, and meals.

Please contact Pastor Andrew for more detailed information.

ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, February 2nd - 11am

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 9th | 11AM



FEBRUARY 23RD DURING THE POTLUCK

Donations Needed - you can donate items towards a basket theme below our your create your own basket



PARISH ED DATE NIGHT IN

PRE-K POOL PARTY! (think summer)

KINDER These are a few of my favorite things. (outdoor fun)

1ST FAMILY GAME NIGHT

2ND Get crafty with me! (arts & crafts)

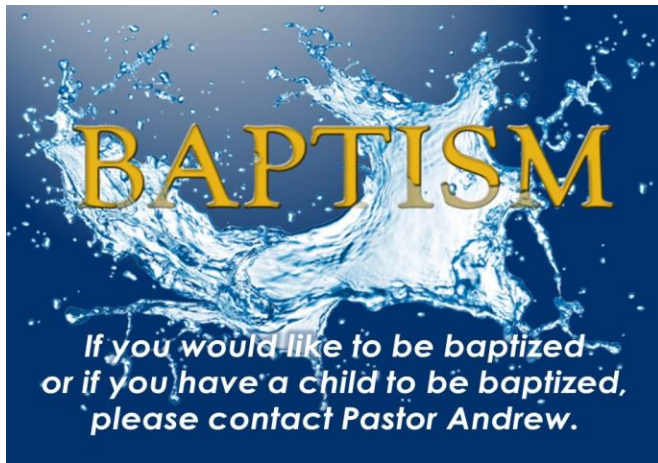
3RD Take me out to the ball game! (baseball/softball)

4TH MOVIE NIGHT

5TH/6TH Join me for a PICNIC. (picnic supplies)

SILENT AUCTION BASKET EXTRAVAGANZA

All proceeds from the silent auction will be donated to Westin Hage's medical expenses



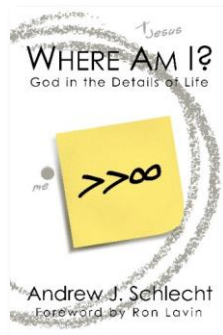
BAPTISM

Jesus tells Nicodemus, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again. . . . Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit” (John 3:3,5-6). As Christians, our baptismal birthday is more important than our birthday! “I am baptized!” Baptism makes all the difference!

WHERE AM I?

GOD IN THE DETAILS OF LIFE

Pastor Andrew published his memoir entitled *Where Am I? God in the Details of Life*. Lying in bed, Andrew felt restless, full of anxiety, self-doubt and anger. He was now president of the architecture company, but he didn’t like who he was or where he was going. The pain from Melinda’s suicide would not go away. He found himself asking hard questions. “What more could I have done? What should I have done differently? Who am I? Where is God? Where am I?” Life was overwhelming. Empty and alone, he felt like his heart had turned to stone. He could feel the hardness and the heaviness within his chest. Sometimes he could hardly breathe His book is available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) both Kindle and paperback.



February BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date
Maverick Besette	02/20	Daniel Nipstad	02/24
Arlen Blumer	02/26	Marlan Olson	02/11
Vicki Hamry	02/25	Kayla Otterson	02/28
Ann Helbling	02/27	Sarah Ouse	02/00
Harvey Hoyme	02/15	Gerald Overboe	02/17
Auda Ilvedson	02/02	Rylie Rankin	02/00
Kensey Knight	02/05	Paisley Ritterman	02/21
Kacie Kramer	02/21	Marie Robertsdahl	02/23
Nevaeh Kramer	02/28	Bailey Schock	02/07
Julie Lee	02/27	Brianna Schock	02/08
Paige Lee	02/02	Terrance Spelhaug	02/18
Leah Lundquist	02/19	Tehnlee Teberg	02/14
Adeline Mattson	02/17	Joseph Tommeraus	02/28
Jeremiah Mattson	02/26	Karina Waloch	02/03
Maia Miller	02/00	Sarah Zech	02/00

2020 Lenten Soup/Sandwich Schedule

February 26th
Church Council

March 4th
½ Alter Guild

March 11th
Worship Committee

March 18th
Parish Life/Missions

March 25th
½ Alter Guild

April 1st
Youth/Children’s Ministry

Committee heads will contact the members

**WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR
ADDITIONAL PEOPLE TO HELP OUT.
PLEASE CONTACT VICKI THOMPSON AT
701-730-4025 (CALL OR TEXT)**

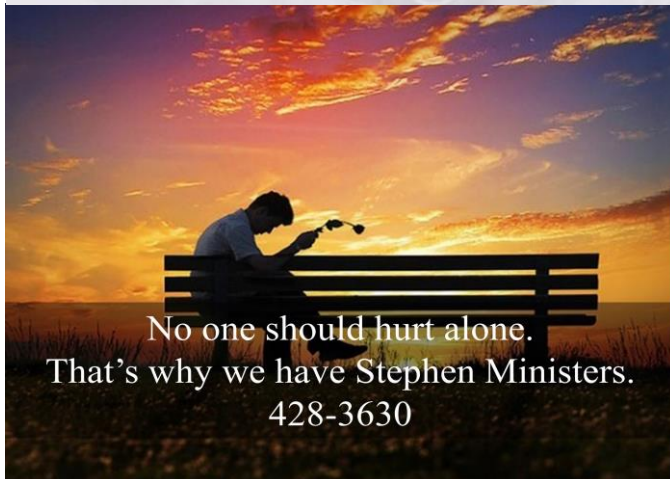
CHURCHES UNITED FOR THE HOMELESS

Kindred Lutheran Church prepares, cooks and serves dinner at Churches United for the Homeless in Moorhead, MN, on the **third Friday of every month** from **4PM to 7:15PM**. Typically a team of 4 to 5 adults and youth work together to help serve 100 or more adults and children at the shelter. **Volunteers needed!** In 2013 alone, Churches United for the Homeless served 121,000 meals! If you would like to volunteer please go to the KLC website, use the church App or contact the church office.



When "Pull Yourself Together" Doesn't Work

You've heard it time and time again: "Pull yourself together. . . . Cheer up. . . . Tough it out. . . . It's not that bad." Perhaps people have said it to you. Or perhaps you keep saying it to yourself. But it hasn't helped. You're still hurting. Things are coming apart. Here's the good news: You don't have to go through your struggles alone. Help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers who will walk with you, listen to you, and provide confidential, one-to-one care as you search through the pieces and find what is truly in your heart. To learn more about what Stephen Ministry can do for you, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Dona Schock or Vallorie Schlecht. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you.



2020 Sunday School Music Dates to Sing in Church

Primary Music (Pre K – 1st Grade)

February 23rd
March 8th
April 5th

Secondary Music (2nd Grade – 6th Grade)

February 9th
March 22nd
April 5th



“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.

Healing for:

- Savannah (NICU, niece of Alex & Brittany Waloch)
- Jeff Kub (paralyzed)
- Cindy (ALS)
- Sharon Erickson (Sally’s Aunt)
- Velora Robertsdahl
- Westin Hage (son of Dustin & Tasha; 1 yr old; cancer)
- Carmen Howell (cancer)
- Evelyn Brown
- Linda (cancer)
- Travis Anderson (brain cancer)
- Sandy Olsgard (autoimmune disease)
- Dean (Vascular Dementia; Nancy Ebens’ brother)
- Alisha (heart, pacemaker, friend of Erin Halland)
- Eric Hewitt (ALS diagnosis)
- Cory (addiction)
- Bev & Reuben Braaten (parents of Paula Erickson)
- Josie Lundquist (tore her Achilles tendon)
- Karen Brayton (is home from surgery recovering)
- Hunter Pinke (Spinal Injury- UND Football player)
- For people who suffer from depression, anxiety and other mental illnesses.

Comfort For:

- The families of those who have passed into the loving arms of Jesus Christ our Savior:
- Family of Johnnie Rae (Vallorie Schlecht’s sister)
- Victims of sexual abuse and assault

Hope For:

- People of Hong Kong
- An abundant harvest and asking for safety for all the farmers and workers in the field.
- Our leaders that God would grant them wisdom.
- Our brave men and women in Libya, Iraq, Afghanistan and throughout the world.
- Police, Sherriff, firefighters, EMTs.
- Peace on the Korean Peninsula, in the Central African Republic, Syria, Iraq and the places affected by terror attacks.
- 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!

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Heavenly Father, I lift up _____ to you. Please calm the storms in his/her life and help him/her keep his/her heart focused on Jesus. Let him/her feel your loving arms wrapped around him/her and hear you whisper in their ear, “I love you! We’re going to make it! Dad knows the way home.” Strengthen their faith so that they will stand firm to the end and grant them the gift of eternal life. Amen.

FEBRUARY 2020

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:45 AM Learning 10:00 AM Celebration Worship/Children Choir 11:00 AM Fellowship/Pot Luck	27 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours 8:00 PM Dakota Harmony Rehearsal	28 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours 10:00 AM Pastors Text Study 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting	29 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours 4:00 PM 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00 PM ignite Wednesday worship 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	30 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours	31	1 Pastor Andrew's Day Off
2 8:45 AM Learning 10:00 AM Celebration Worship/Adult Choir Sings 11:00 AM Annual Meeting	3 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours 8:00 PM Dakota Harmony Rehearsal	4 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours 9:00 AM KAMA Meeting 10:00 AM Pastors Text Study	5 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours 10:00 AM Chapel by Pastor Andrew at Co-Op 4:00 PM 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00 PM ignite Wednesday worship 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	6 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours	7	8 Pastor Andrew's Day Off
9 8:45 AM Learning 10:00 AM Celebration Worship/Installation of Council/No Communion/Children's Choir Sings 11:00 AM New Member Luncheon 6:00 PM Council Meeting 6:30 PM 4H	10 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours 8:00 PM Dakota Harmony Rehearsal	11 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours 10:00 AM Pastors Text Study	12 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours 4:00 PM 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00 PM ignite Wednesday worship 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	13 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours	14	15 Pastor Andrew's Day Off
16 8:45 AM Learning 10:00 AM Celebration Worship/Love Offering/Adult Choir Sings/Baptism Austyn Fraedrich/ No Communion 11:00 AM Fellowship	17 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Church Office Hours 8:00 PM Dakota Harmony Rehearsal	18 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours 10:00 AM Chapel by Pastor Andrew at Riverview 10:00 AM Pastors Text Study	19 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours 4:00 PM 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00 PM ignite Wednesday worship 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	20 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours	21 Newsletter Articles Due 4:00 PM Feed Homeless at Churches United for the Homeless	22 Pastor Andrew's Day Off
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KINDRED LUTHERAN CHURCH MINUTES December 8th 2019

Members Present: Rich Schock, Suzanne Wolf, Rob Sahr, Lloyd Hoffarth, Lisa Davis, Tony Gray and Pastor Andrew.

Member Absent: Lori Pearson

Call to Order: Kindred Lutheran Church (KLC) President Rich Schock called the meeting to order at 6:06pm

Secretary's Report: Went of November 17, 2019 minutes. A motion made by Suzanne Wolf 2nd Rob Sahr.

Treasurer's Report: Discussion of 2020 Budget. A motion made by Suzanne Wolf 2nd Rob Sahr.

Old Business:

- Renovation project still in progress but the end is close.
- Still in search of a youth director.
- Tabled New windows to access end of the year budget.
- Waiting on estimates on hail damage.

New Business:

- Agreed to follow worship committee recommendation on a 4:00pm and a 6:00pm Advent service times.
- We proposed to buy (2) commercial vacuum cleaners up to 1,000.00
- Discussion on program times on school nights. School programs and community activities fill a lot of time it is getting harder and harder to find appropriate times. Thanks to all that took their time to give us such a great program.
- Reviewed Annual Budget for 2020.

A motion was made by Suzanne Wolf 2nd Tony Gray

With no further business for discussion, Motion by Tony Gray to adjourn 2nd by Lisa Davis

FINANCIAL GIVING

Annual Budget	Received this Year	Needed Each Month	Received in January
\$212,208	\$11,850	\$17,684	\$11,850

“FLY!”

All that we have belongs to God. He is our Source according to Psalm 62:5. We are only managers and stewards of what He has entrusted to us.

Because all that we have belongs to God, and because He gives us the ability to obtain wealth, every spending decision is in reality a spiritual decision. Our constant goal must be to glorify God in how we use His resources.

We have a choice. We can squander them on things that do not matter in “the long run,” things that do not count for eternity. We can hoard them, putting our total emphasis on the “rainy day” that is yet to come. We can refuse to share with others who are in need. We can be stingy when it comes to giving back to the Lord that which is rightfully His. Certainly we have the ability to treat our possessions in any of these ways. But do we have the right?

When we take any of these approaches, we act as though the money is really ours. We fail to recognize the truth of Deuteronomy 8:18: “But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.” And when we act as though the money is ours, we fail to glorify God in its use.

If our goals and ambitions are truly set on spiritual things, if our emphasis in life is to glorify God, we will use the funds He has entrusted to us on a temporary basis to glorify Him. We will put God’s money and possessions to good use by giving to His work and by storing up “treasures in heaven” (Matthew 6:19-21).

In *Run with the Horses*, Eugene Peterson tells how he saw a family of birds teaching their young to fly. Three young swallows were perched on a dead branch that stretched out over a lake.

One adult swallow got alongside the chicks and started shoving them out toward the end of the branch. . . .The end one fell off. Somewhere between the branch and the water four feet below, the wings started working, and the fledgling was off on his own. Then the second one.

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. Authorization Forms are available at the church office. You can also contribute via the Kindred Lutheran Church App. Download it for free on Google Play or the App Store.

The third was not to be bullied. At the last possible moment, his grip on the branch loosened just enough so that he swung downward, then tightened again, bulldog tenacious. The parent was without sentiment. He pecked at the desperately clinging talons until it was more painful for the poor chick to hang on than risk the insecurities of flying. The grip was released, and the inexperienced wings began pumping. The mature swallow knew what the chick did not — that it would fly, that there was no danger in making it do what it was perfectly designed to do.

Birds have feet and can walk. Birds have talons and can grasp a branch securely. . . . But flying is their characteristic action, and not until they fly are they living at their best, gracefully and beautifully.

Giving is what we do best. It is the air into which we were born. It is the action that was designed into us before our birth. . . . Some of us try desperately to hold on to ourselves, to live for ourselves. We look so bedraggled and pathetic doing it, hanging on to the dead branch of a bank account for dear life, afraid to risk ourselves on the untried wings of giving. We don’t think we can live generously because we have never tried. But the sooner we start, the better, for we are going to have to give up our lives finally, and the longer we wait, the less time we have for the soaring and swooping life of grace.

As you consider your offering to the Lord this year in light of giving glory to Him, remember, giving is what we’re designed to do. It’s what we do best.



This is the Meal Train for The Kub Family: [HTTPS://MEALTRAIN.COM/8YNR01](https://mealtrain.com/8YNR01)
What is a meal train? There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends give a meal, this is a Meal Train.

SIGN UP!
BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH
11am
right after service

POTLUCK SUNDAY
FEB. 23rd

Serving Group O-Z
setup starts at 9:15AM
Breakdown, Cleanup & Dishes after

Women's secret PRAYER partners

Would you like to have someone pray for you all year long? Why not become a prayer partner? In December the prayer partners met to reveal who has been their secret prayer partner for 2019 - the one who has been sending cards for special occasions, but most importantly, has been praying for their prayer partner all year long.

We are looking for more members. Please sign up on the tear off card on the bulletin and the end of January you will be notified of your prayer partner. Please include your address, birthdate and wedding anniversary.

It's easy You pray for your chosen partner throughout the year and send them a card on their birthday, anniversary or as you choose. We get together after church during coffee hour on a Sunday in Dec and exchange gifts, approximately \$15.

If you have questions please contact Carlotta Spelhaug or Barb Rude. Thank you Velora Roberts Dahl for leading the Prayer Partners for so many years.



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