



# KINDRED CONNECTIONS

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**"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." – John 13:34-35 (NRSV)**

Siblings in Christ,

At the heart of our faith is Jesus' commandment to love one another as He has loved us. This love is not simply a feeling or ideal; it is the very essence of who we are as His followers. And it is no coincidence that Jesus connects this call to love with His own example: love that is sacrificial, self-giving, and boundless—a love most clearly revealed in His death on the cross and His resurrection from the grave.

Through His crucifixion, Jesus bore the weight of our sin and brokenness. He showed us that true love is willing to sacrifice for the sake of others. In His resurrection, He triumphed over death, giving us new life and the power to love as He loves. This love, poured out for us, is what we are called to embody in our daily lives. It is also the love that claims us in baptism, uniting us with Christ and making us part of His mission to heal a broken world.

In today's divided and hurting world, living out this love is more important than ever. We are surrounded by voices that encourage division, fear, and hate, but as disciples of Jesus, we are called to be different. We are called to be people of love—people who choose compassion, reconciliation, and hope, even when it's difficult. And this love isn't something we muster on our own; it is the love of Christ, alive in us through His Spirit, that enables us to live boldly and generously.

This month, I invite you to reflect on how God is calling you to live out this love. One way we can do this together is through our **Love Offering** on **Sunday, February 9**, which will support Joan Pratt, a member of our Kindred community who has spent her life caring for children and families. As she faces the challenges of cancer, this is an opportunity for us to extend the love of Christ to her through prayer, encouragement, and generosity.

But let us also remember that love is not limited to grand gestures. Every time we come together in worship, every time we encourage one another in faith, and every time we use our God-given gifts to serve, we are participating in the love of Christ. As we walk in the shadow of the cross and the light of the empty tomb, may we continue to share that love in ways both big and small, trusting that God will use it to bring hope and healing to the world.

Peace,



Pastor Kyle



## Kindred Lutheran Church

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# Gathered to Grow



## *Live Like Jesus, Love Like Jesus, & Lead like Jesus*

### LOVE OFFERING

**Sunday, Feb 9**

A special offering will be collected for Joan Pratt on Sunday, Feb 9.  
Let's give to t his lovely lady.

### ANNUAL MEETING 2025

**Sunday, Feb 9**

### NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Sunday, Feb 16**

### SENIOR MEAL

**Monday, Feb 17  
@ 11:45am**

### POTLUCK & KINDRED KIDS SING

**Sunday, Feb 23**

Potluck  
Side Dish/Dessert - Last names  
begin with N-Z Main Dish/ Set  
Up/Clean Up - Last names A-M  
Sunday, February 23 after worship  
Kindred Kids Sing that day!  
KLC Potluck 2025

### VBS GROUP

Do you have suggestions for this summer's VBS? If you're interested in joining a team that is planning the VBS event, please sign up in the entryway. This is simply an "IDEA" group, and all contributions are welcome!



**Did you lose something last Sunday?  
If your confirmation student is missing a  
sweatshirt, visit our overflowing Lost &  
Found box in the entryway!**

*Thank  
you*



# Gathered to Grow

## TAKE A LOOK AT THE NEW NURSERY!

The nursery has moved to the Sunday School wing on the first floor. Lots of extra space for playing. Have mom and dad show you the next time you have Sunday School.

We are looking for some gently used items for the nursery:

- books
- baby dolls - crib
- storage baskets for toys
- markers/crayons
- floor pillows



Giving Statements were emailed on Jan.  
If you need another copy or did not receive one please call the office.  
428-3630



## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

### KINDRED AREA FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is looking for donations of canned meat, cereal, pop-tarts, canned fruit, applesauce. There is a box in the entryway to drop off. Thank you so much!

The food pantry is now open to patrons on Tuesdays from 12-5pm. Donations are accepted anytime.



### KLC TOOL KIT

used tools needed for a tool kit at KLC:  
hammer  
screwdriver  
pliers  
etc..

*"Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference." "It is more rewarding to watch money change the world than to watch it accumulate." "At the end of the day it's not about what you have or even what you've accomplished... it's about who you've lifted up, who you've made better."*





# Gathered to Grow



**FOOD & FELLOWSHIP & FUN!!**



## WHAT SNACKS WOULD JESUS ENJOY?

Cheryl Rostad and Rodney Braaten shared "STUFFED DATES" with everyone at the last potluck. I tried one - I'll try anything. It was really good. Sweet & Spicy!!

Thanks for sharing Cheryl and Rodney.  
Super Fun!!







# Gathered to Grow

## KINDRED THREADS

*A new sewing group at KLC is forming to create "SENIOR QUILTS," meeting a couple of times a month after church. For questions about the group, contact Katie Giermann or Cheryl Rostad.*



### Potluck

Side Dish/Dessert - Last names begin with N-Z  
Main Dish/ Set Up/Clean Up - Last names A-M



## KLC POTLUCK

**SUNDAY, FEB 23**

**Sunday, February 23 after worship  
Kindred Kids Sing that day!**

## COMMUNITY SENIOR MEALS

**Bring a friend and join us for our Senior Meals. 3rd Monday of every month! RSVP to Leah at 428-3630**

### Kindred Area Senior Meals

**Third Monday of every month @ 11:45am**

**Bring a friend!**

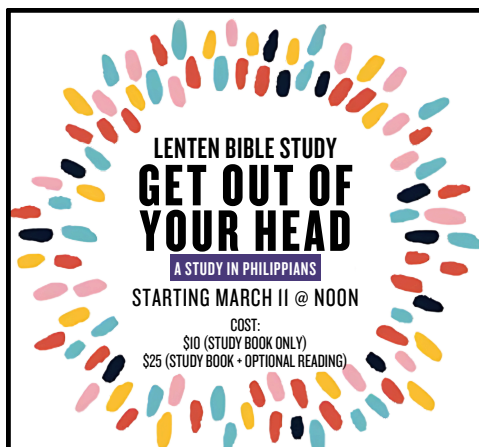
Please RSVP: 701-428-3630

**Kindred Lutheran Church**

\$4.00 suggested donation for meal

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**Games, bingo, singing, prizes, etc...**



## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

**TUESDAY, MARCH 11 • NOON**

**"STOPPING THE SPIRAL OF TOXIC THOUGHTS BY LEARNING HOW TO BECOME IMITATORS OF CHRIST. ARE YOUR THOUGHTS HOLDING YOU CAPTIVE? DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO SWIRL IN A SPIRAL OF DESTRUCTIVE THOUGHTS AND FROM THOSE THOUGHTS, BELIEFS BEGIN TO FORM: "I'LL NEVER BE GOOD ENOUGH." "OTHER PEOPLE HAVE BETTER LIVES THAN I DO." "GOD COULDN'T REALLY LOVE ME."**



# Giving Hearts Day

Give your way



## COMMUNITY OF CARE

Please think about supporting Community of Care. They have an office located in Kindred, where Charley Rose, RN, works on Mondays and Thursdays. Charley has been a fantastic asset to the community and is always eager to lend a helping hand.

Do you have parents....or grandparents....or an older adult you love? Community of Care assists older adults throughout rural Cass County to remain in the homes and communities they love as long as safely possible. YOUR GIFT of \$10 or more will be matched, up to the first \$30,000 donated.

You can donate in several ways – donate NOW or on Giving Hearts Day, Feb. 13th at [GivingHeartsDay.org](http://GivingHeartsDay.org) (select Community of Care). You can mail a check payable to Community of Care PO Box 73 Casselton, ND 58012, drop a check off at our Arthur or Casselton offices or stop by the offices on Thursday, Feb. 13th to enjoy some Valentine's Day treats as you make your donation. YOUR GIFT will help an older adult continue to call rural Cass County HOME!



### ***Thanksgiving Offering***

We raised \$338, which was donated to the ND Wildlife Relief Program in Western ND to assist with the rebuilding efforts following the fires.

### ***Christmas Offering***

We raised a total of \$317, which has been donated to the Lutheran Disaster Fund to support the victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton.





# Prayers & Healing

*Please lift up the following in your prayers:*

## Healing for:

Prayers for healing:



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  
Pastor Phil Larsen who  
passed away in January..

The families and friends of  
Dan McKinnon who passed  
away in December.

## Help for:

Lend A Hand Up  
Donations for:



Shawn Johnson  
Joan Pratt

Joan Pratt's Address:  
30 2nd Ave N  
Kindred, ND

*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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Leah Lundquist  
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**Music Coordinator:**  
Cheryl Rostad

**Choir Director:**  
LaVonne Nokleberg

**Contemporary Worship Music:**  
Eldon & Amy Johnson

**Custodians:**  
Mike & Karla Jostad

The **KLC Love Offering**  
will be gathered on  
Sunday, February 9,  
during our worship  
service. All donations  
will be directed to Joan  
Pratt.

Joan grew up in Kindred and she also raised her  
daughter in Kindred. She has worked at Little  
Buckaroos Daycare for over 10 years!  
She is currently receiving treatment for cancer.  
Let's unite to show Joan our KLC LOVE!

**KLC'S LOVE  
OFFERING  
2-9-25**





# Council Notes

## Council Minutes

**Sunday, December 8, 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 11:31 am

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

### **Opening Prayer**

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

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

Unanimously approved.

- We received a generous donation in memory of Marian Perhus, and will discuss the best ways to use this.
- General fund contributions are still below average, but also common for this time of year.

### **Pastor's Report:**

- Several visitations and calls this month.
- WiFi-we ordered a new system on Cyber Monday for a really good deal.
- Katie is interested in leading a Senior quilts group.
- Mold is showing up in the shower of the Master bathroom at the parsonage. Looks like it wasn't sealed properly.
- Side door with the code lock has been problematic lately.
- Christmas tree lights are not all working.
- We have new TV's for the basement & entryway. They were purchased for a good price on Cyber Monday.
- Youth director idea-will consider changing the job description or make it 2 different positions. (one job for planning events at church, and one job for leading the youth)





# Council Notes

## Updates from Directors:

### **Faith Formation & Growth:**

- Kindred Kids-are fundraising right now collecting pajamas, socks, and underwear in all sizes to be donated to the Viking Village.

### **Management & Grounds:**

- 2 trees outside have lights that don't work.
- Sewer smell in the kitchen has gone away.
- Will monitor the snow removal of the parking lot.

### **Social Ministry & Outreach:**

- The Christmas Closet Committee held their first event in November and raised \$2,000 which was given equally to the Kindred Area Food Pantry and Viking Village.
- Food Baskets-we're collecting money to purchase milk, butter, and 10 individual meals that will be distributed on 12/19.

### **Old Business:**

- Youth Director-no new applicants. Other info in Pastor's Report.
- Directory-is almost done and just needs to have an updated list of members as it's changed since we started this project in 2023.
- WiFi-see Pastor's Report.
- Improvements Committee-will look for volunteers to form this group and discuss at the annual meeting.

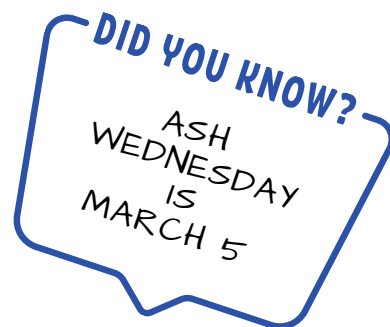
### **New Business:**

- Singing Clinic-Kenzie Knight will be using the church for this event December 19 & 20.
- Motion to adjourn by Bryan, Seconded by Michele. Unanimously approved.

Adjourned at 12:18 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Hillman

Next meeting: January 12, 2025







# Calendar

2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9am 2 Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11am - Fellowship	3	4 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	5 6 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Choir Practice	6	7 Church Office Closed	8
9am 9 Sunday School 10am Contemporary Worship Service Love Offering 11am <u>Annual Meeting</u>	10	11 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	12 6 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Choir Practice	13	 14 Church Office Closed	15
NO 16 Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11am Fellowship	 17 Senior Meal 11:45am Have Fun!	18 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	19 6 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Choir Practice	20 Deadline for Newsletter Articles	21 Church Office Closed	22 10am KLC Threads
9am 23 Sunday School 10am Worship Service Kindred Kids Singing 11am - Potluck	24	25 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	26 6 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Choir Practice	27	28 Church Office Closed	





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February 2025

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Monday -Thursday  
9am-4pm**



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**Happy  
Valentine's  
DAY**