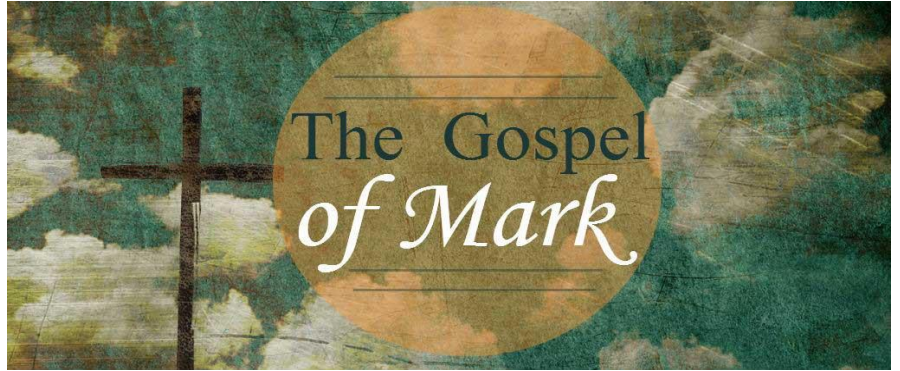


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### January's Pastor Post

**Dear Kindred Saints,**  
 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a restful and joy filled December, despite all the snow!

I love to read. When I first arrived in Kindred over 11 years ago, members of KLC helped us unload the moving van and half-jokingly complained about all the heavy boxes filled with books!

If you read a book, do you arbitrarily flip to a page, read a few paragraphs, and then close it ... and then start all over the next day from a different place, skipping around willy-nilly? Do you watch a movie or a TV show that way? Or do you start from the beginning and read all the way through, a little each day?

In November and December, I issued an Invitation and a Challenge: Read through the entire Gospel of Mark once every month from December through May!

The good news: Mark has only 16 chapters and the average reading time is only 2 hours—to read the ENTIRE book of Mark!

New Testament scholar Scot McKnight teaches that the goal of reading the Bible is not to know our Bible; it is to know the God of the Bible. We must have the proper end in sight: not more information, but a deeper relationship with God.

What does it mean to know God?

The Jewish view is that “knowledge of God” is having a life in relationship with him. To know speaks of commitment, loyalty, trust, understanding, experience, and relationship, and then acting based on that knowledge. Jesus is Jewish, which means that his sense of the word “know” is deeply rooted in his relationship with the Father rather than proving the existence of God.

How do we know?  
 Jesus promises to send God’s personal presence, the Holy Spirit, whom he describes as the *Paraclete*, which means comforter, guide, counselor, helper, advocate, advisor, encourager, and, best of all, one called beside us. The Holy Spirit makes known to us what he received from Jesus: he guides us into truth, enables us to understand, helps us remember, and empowers us to testify who Jesus is (John 16:12-15).

By the active presence of the Holy Spirit, we fulfill Paul’s exhortation, “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will” (Rom. 12:2).

**Will you dare to join me? Read the entire gospel of Mark once every month through May!**

**Grace and peace,  
 Pastor Andrew Schlecht**

*PS: You can read the Bible on your phone using the KLC App from Google Play or the Apple App store.*



## 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.

**SUNDAY JAN 26 | 11am**

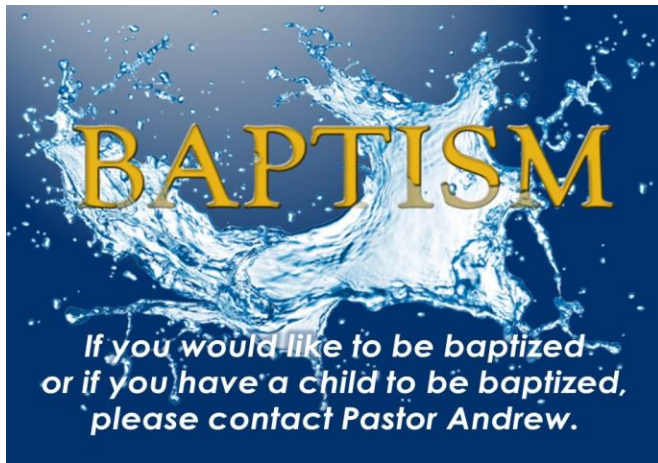


**ANNUAL MEETING**

Sunday, February 2nd - 11am

**NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON  
FEBRUARY 9th | 11AM**





## BAPTISM

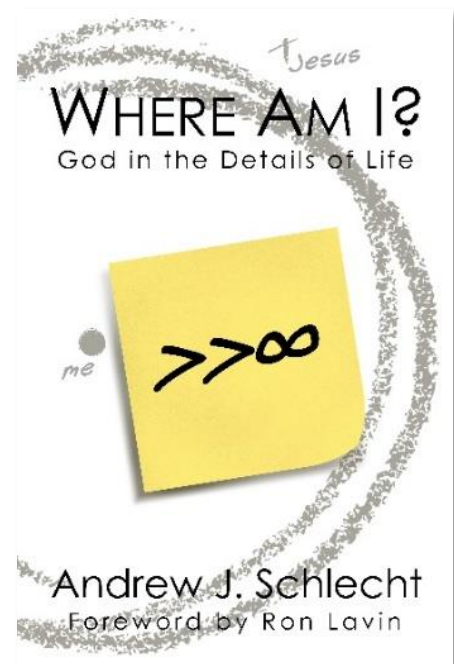
Jesus tells Nicodemus, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again. . . . Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit” (John 3:3,5-6).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

January BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS			
Name	Date	Name	Date
Karen Brayton	01/00	Taya Spelhaug	01/17
Bristol Swanson	01/00	Daryl Brandt	01/19
Roger Johnson	01/03	Lori Pearson	01/20
Jay Olson	01/03	Taeryn Teberg	01/20
Karen Hertsgaard	01/05	William Engstrom	01/22
Tenille Bakko	01/08	Riley Miller	01/25
Dylan Brandt	01/09	Sue Overboe	01/26
Treyton Teberg	01/09	Tyler Sahr	01/26
Brenden Fowler	01/09	Cora Johnson	01/28
Brittany Fowler	01/09	John Hertsgaard	01/29
Brock Woehl	01/09	Suzanne Boyer	01/29
Nicholle Zurn	01/10	Candace Mattson	01/29
Gavin Rude	01/10	Susan Johnson	01/30
Darryl Olson	01/11	Jack Ilvedson	01/30
Masie Score	01/14	David Roe	01/31
Tate Miller	01/14	Jackie Miller	01/31
Owen Hoyme	01/15		

## 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.



## 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.



## SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO ASK FOR HELP

We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that's not God's plan.

Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. (It's confidential too!) To learn more about what Stephen Ministry can do for you, talk to one of our Stephen Leader Vallorie Schlecht (428-9187) or Dona Schock (361-2824). Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

## 2020 Sunday School Music Dates to Sing in Church

### Primary Music (Pre K – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade)

January 26<sup>th</sup>  
February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
March 8<sup>th</sup>

### Secondary Music (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

January 12<sup>th</sup>  
February 9<sup>th</sup>  
March 22<sup>nd</sup>



*“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)
- For people who suffer from depression, anxiety and other mental illnesses.
- Sandy Olsgard (autoimmune disease)
- Dean (Vascular Dementia; Nancy Ebens’ brother)
- Alisha (heart, pacemaker, friend of Erin Halland)
- Eric Hewitt (ALS diagnosis)
- Cory (addiction)
- Phil (paralyzed; auto-immune disease)
- Bev & Reuben Braaten (parents of Paula Erickson)
- Josie Lundquist (tore her Achilles tendon)
- Peggy Tommeraus (at Mayo clinic)
- Karen Brayton (is home from surgery recovering)

**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.

# JANUARY 2020

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:45 AM No Sunday School 10:00 AM Celebration Worship 11:00 AM Fellowship	30 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours 8:00 PM Dakota Harmony Rehearsal	31 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours 10:00 AM Pastors Text Study	1 New Year's Day	2 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours	3	4 Pastor Andrew's Day Off
5 8:45 AM Learning 10:00 AM Celebration Worship/Epiphany/Baptism of our Lord/No Communion 11:00 AM Fellowship	6 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours Pastor Andrew at Luther Seminary 8:00 PM Dakota Harmony Rehearsal	7 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours Pastor Andrew at Luther Seminary 9:00 AM KAMA Meeting 10:00 AM Pastors Text Study	8 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours <b>NO 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation</b> Pastor Andrew at Luther Seminary <b>NO ignite</b> <b>Wednesday worship</b> <b>NO Choir Rehearsal</b>	9 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours Pastor Andrew at Luther Seminary	10 Pastor Andrew at Luther Seminary	11 Pastor Andrew's Day Off
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19 Annual Reports Due 8:45 AM Learning 10:00 AM Celebration Worship/Adult Choir Sings 11:00 AM Fellowship	20 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours 8:00 PM Dakota Harmony Rehearsal	21 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours Newsletter Articles Due 10:00 AM Pastors Text Study	22 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	23 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours	24	25 Pastor Andrew's Day Off
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## KINDRED LUTHERAN CHURCH MINUTES November 17th 2019

**Members Present:** Rich Schock, Suzanne Wolf, Rob Sahr, Tony Gray and Pastor Andrew

**Member Absent:** Lisa Davis, Lori Pearson and Lloyd Hoffarth

**Call to Order:** Kindred Lutheran Church (KLC) President Rich Schock called the meeting to order at 11:41am

**Old Business:** No Discussion

**New Business:**

- A motion was made to withdraw up to 15,000.00 from the endowment fund through contributions raised. Motion made by Suzanne Wolf 2nd by Tony Gray
- A motion was made to withdraw CD coming to term at Elm River Credit Union. All in Favor
- Treasures report was approved. Motion made by Suzanne Wolf 2nd by Rob Sahr
- Renovation budget is 13,000.00 under our Budget.
- Two quotes received on window replacement One in the amount of 13,500.00 on One in the amount of 13,900.00 (looking into Warranty)
- We will be getting some pricing on new table and chairs for the fellowship hall.

**New Members:** Motion made by Suzanne Wolf 2nd by Rob Sahr

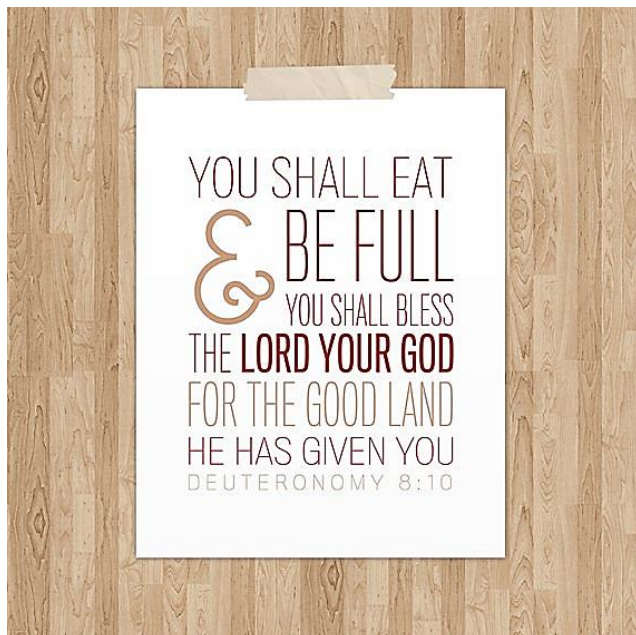
Cody, Trish, Blake and Riley Miller  
Alex, Brittney, Karina, Blake and Ellie Waloch  
Jesse, Sarah and Karson Ouse  
Shelby Best  
Brock and Sloane Richardson  
Brian, Genelle, Beau and Parker Bubach  
Please welcome our new members

With no further business for discussion, Motion by Tony Gray to adjourn meeting 2nd by Rob Sahr

## FINANCIAL GIVING

Annual Budget	Received this Year	Needed Each Month	Received in December
\$212,208	\$175,035	\$17,684	\$27,678

**“First Give Thanks, and Then Give!”**



“When you have eaten and are satisfied, bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. . . .But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth. . . .” (Deut. 8:10, 18).

The Bible repeatedly says that we are to “praise the Lord,” but what does that mean? Whatever else it might mean, it entails having a thankful heart for all that God has done for us. It’s easy, you know, to go to an extreme and to emphasize only God’s spiritual blessings to the exclusion of His temporal blessings. It’s also easy to emphasize only His material blessings and to forget His provisions for us spiritually. In reality, we are to emphasize both the material and spiritual blessings we receive from God, remembering that all that we have comes from His bountiful hand.

As we realize God’s provisions for us, day after day, week after week, month after month, and year after year, we literally “praise the Lord” by a lifestyle that is marked by thanksgiving for all that God has done for us. And that spirit of gratitude for past, present and future blessings causes us to want to give to the Lord from the bounty He has provided for us. As one

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

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unknown author wrote, “Thanksgiving, to be truly Thanksgiving, is first thanks, then giving.”

Think about it: As we receive God’s blessings, we offer praise and thanksgiving to Him. And as we realize afresh that all that we have is a result of God’s goodness, our response to His faithfulness is to give back to God a portion of that which was already His. We do so, not because we have to or out of any sense of obligation or guilt. We give to the Lord because we want to do so, in response to His great love for us and in response to His goodness.

Dwight L. Moody was once reading Psalm 103. When he came to the verse, “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,” he stopped short in his inimitable way and exclaimed, “You can’t remember them all, of course, but don’t forget them all. Remember some of them!” And as you “remember some of them,” remember the sequence: First thanks, then giving.

This month, we remember all that God has done for us and are thankful. We learn the proper sequence as expressed by an unknown author, “Thanksgiving, to be truly Thanksgiving, must first be thanks, and then giving.” Look up and read aloud Deuteronomy 8:7-18 and Psalm 103:1-2 in your Bible. Then answer the following questions:

1. What relationship does thanksgiving have to giving?
2. What does it mean to “bless the Lord”?
3. Is it ever possible to remember all of the Lord’s benefits and therefore to thank Him for all of them?
4. In Deuteronomy 8:18, Moses proclaimed that God gives us the ability to make money. How does this provision from God affect our giving?





There was a large oversized speaker that was being stored at the church that has gone missing. Have you seen it, or know where it might be?



If you know of it whereabouts please let Mallory know by sending an email to [Mallory@kindredlutheran.com](mailto:Mallory@kindredlutheran.com) or calling the church Monday-Thursday from 8-2

## 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 Robertsdaahl for leading the Prayer Partners for so many years.



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