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April's Pastor Post

Dear Kindred Saints,

This promises to be one of the strangest Holy Weeks in our lives. I am not certain what the next month holds in store for us, but I trust that all things are in God's hands. We will celebrate Holy Week together on **FACEBOOK LIVE**. Special thanks to Craig Hertsgaard, LaVonne Nokleberg, and Cheryl Rostad for making this possible! They are amazing, faithful, talented disciples of Jesus Christ and I thank God for them!

I invite you to join us on FACEBOOK LIVE for all four worship services during Holy Week so you experience the depth and breadth of what God has done, is doing, and will do *for you*....

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

April 5 Worship 10 AM

...we wave palm branches and celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem during his final week.

Maundy Thursday

April 9 Worship 7 PM

...we remember the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples when he washed the disciple's feet and instituted communion.

Good Friday

April 10 Worship 7 PM

...we meditate on the passion, suffering, death & burial of Jesus.

Easter Sunday

April 12 Worship 10 AM
(Note the time)

...we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead!

When worshipping together online, I encourage you to not be just a spectator—participate in the service. Engage your mind, your body, your voice, your soul. Set aside distractions and disengage from other activities like the TV, blogs, or chores. The liturgy, Scripture, and lyrics are shown on the video. But don't just read them in your head—speak them aloud, whether you are alone or with others. Speaking the words aloud makes them more real, more concrete.

In addition, we have generated ideas to more fully engage in worship from home or car. On the next page you will find **Holy Week Worship Home Participation Instructions**. It includes ideas for adults, youth, and children to worship together as a family while watching the live streaming worship services during Holy Week. Please note that some of the ideas are completed prior to worship.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Pastor Andrew Schlecht

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP HOME PARTICIPATION INSTRUCTIONS

Here are some ideas so you can participate in worship at home, whether it is by yourself or with your immediate family. Please note some of ideas are completed prior to worship



Send us your videos!! Erin Kub is going to put together a video for Palm Sunday worship with kids singing the “Hosanna Rock” song they were going to sing on Palm Sunday. For those who would like to participate, please video your kids singing along to the song and send it to Erin either by posting it in the comments on Facebook, messaging Kindred Kids, or emailing it to ertoppen@hotmail.com. We'll take clips from each video and piece it together to go with the song. I think it will be really neat! I hope you will join us!! Here is the link to the song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5582z642wFY>

PALM SUNDAY, April 5 ...we wave palm branches and celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem during his final week.

Worship: 10 AM on FACEBOOK LIVE

Before worship:

- Everyone is invited to make Palm branches. Instructions are on the Kindred Kids Facebook Page (<https://tinyurl.com/ruoy65y>) and page 7 of this newsletter.

During worship:

- Take a short video or picture of the kids waving your palm branch and shouting Hosanna!! Parents are encouraged to post on Facebook.
- Join us for Palm Sunday Worship on Facebook live Sunday morning at 10:00 AM.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 9 ...we remember the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples when he washed the disciple's feet and instituted communion.

Worship: 7 PM on FACEBOOK LIVE

Before worship:

- Bake unleavened bread before the worship service. A recipe is provided below on page 3. The bread will be used for communion during the worship service via FACEBOOK LIVE.
- Gather bread (the unleavened you made or some other type) and something to drink such as grape juice, wine, or even water for the worship service.
- Gather a large bowl, a pitcher of water, and a towel so you can wash one another's feet

During worship:

- During worship on FACEBOOK LIVE, you can participate by washing one another's feet and sharing communion. Follow the pastor's instructions.
- When washing one another's feet, hold their foot over the bowl, pour water from the pitcher over each foot, and then dry them with the towel. As you do this, say a blessing such as “NAME may the Lord bless you.”
- At the end of worship, dim or turn out the lights when the altar is stripped.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 10 ...we meditate on the passion, suffering, death & burial of Jesus.

Worship: 7PM on FACEBOOK LIVE

Before worship:

- Gather eight candles and light them all just before the service. The candles do not need to match and can be a variety of sizes and colors.

During worship:

- Dim the lights before worship begins.
- At various points during the worship service on FACEBOOK LIVE, a candle will be extinguished. Extinguish one of your candles as well.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 12 ...we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead!

Worship: 10 AM on FACEBOOK LIVE

Before worship:

- Make signs that say: “Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!” Post them in your windows at your house and post them in your car windows (just not while driving 😊).
- Take a picture of your signs and post them on the Kindred Kids or KLC Facebook pages.
- Get dressed up for Easter Sunday! Wear your best clothes and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!
- Drive to KLC. In order to preserve social distancing and prevent the transfer of the virus, park in the parking lot or on the streets around the church but stay in your cars. Pull out your smartphones or your tablets and watch the Easter Service in your cars. This will be like going to an old drive-in theater! You can wave to your friends and put up your posters in the car windows.

Unleavened Communion Bread for Maundy Thursday on April 9 on FACEBOOK LIVE

See Page 2 for additional information. Please make the bread ahead of time so you can use it during worship.

- 1½ cups flour
- ½ cup whole wheat flour
- ¾ tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp salt
- 3 tbsp shortening
- 6 to 10 tbsp honey
- ¾ cup water

Mix dry ingredients. Cut in shortening. Add honey, then water. Mix by hand. Turn onto a floured surface and knead for a bit. Divide and shape into 4 balls. Roll or press to ¼ inch even thickness. Cut a shallow cross through the top. Bake for 10 minutes at 350 degrees on a cookie sheet.

Note that this will seem like a lot of bread, but it is delicious and can be eaten anytime. It also can be frozen for a later time.



APRIL BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS			
Name	Date	Name	Date
Julie Johnson	04/00	Travis Goerger	04/21
Donald Hamry	04/01	Josie Lundquist	04/21
Rodney Braaten	04/01	Kaylee Bartram	04/24
Mark Perry	04/02	Sarah Bartram	04/24
Susanne Mathias	04/02	Breanna Christenson	04/24
Haley Thompson	04/04	Tammy Kraus	04/24
Jeremy Bakko	04/06	Kevin Roger Mattson	04/25
Matthew Pearson	04/06	Andrea Hoyme	04/25
James Parker	04/07	Becca Fiesel	04/25
Timothy Paul	04/07	Cindy Bakko	04/26
Paul Lykken	04/08	Karley Perhus	04/27
Alicia Nipstad	04/11	Kacee Bakko	04/27
Katherine McCollum	04/12	Samantha Engstrom	04/27
Briella Otteson	04/12	Linda Otterson	04/28
Tara Hoyme	04/14	Mya Gietzen	04/28
Leon Perhus	04/16	Olive Swenson	04/28
Stacy Mead	04/16	Stephen Rostad	04/29
Kellan Otteson	04/17	Beau Bubach	04/29
Irene Roe	04/18	Morgan Sahr	04/29
Brandon Thilmony	04/20	Elizabeth Schlecht	04/30
Elliot Mathias	04/20	Travis Goerger	04/21

Free Meals For Children Up To 18 Years Old

Kindred Public School will continue to provide free meals to children due to the COVID-19 school closure.

Free meals will be available for any child up to the age of 18 (up to 21 if receiving special education services). The free meal distribution will be solely for the pick-up of meals.

I will send out a new sign up every Friday for the next week.

NEW PICK UP TIMES:

Kindred High School 11:30-12:00 pm Please stay in your car at the high school, and we will bring the meals out to you.

Walcott Post Office 11:30-11:45 am

Davenport School 11:25-11:40 am

Leonard C Store 11:05-11:10 am

Hickson Community Center 12:00 pm

Click on the link below to sign or visit the Kindred Public School website and click on Breakfast & lunch meals.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Kni_2_HO8UqGyB-SAQYdtn5ha488ZYVMiWgStSyWmylUN0EzOFFaQzYxTEU5NVU2MlpURDdWWVpaUi4u

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.

The Church Is Here For You

The church is here to help. If you are in need of anything please call. This includes:

- **Food from the pantry**
- **Help with bills**
- **Delivery of food from the grocery store**
- **Prayer**
- **Encouragement**
- **Just need someone to talk to**

Pastor Andrew's cell phone number is 701-238-1196.



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.



“The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective!” James 5.16

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

Thankfulness For:

Nurses, doctors, anesthesiologists, pharmacists, medical staff, technicians, researchers and others in the medical profession.
 Truck drivers, delivery people, pilots, clerks, people stocking the shelves, warehouse staff, cashiers.
 People working at drive-throughs at restaurants and banks, and pharmacies.
 Farmers, workers at the grain elevators.
 Teachers, school staff, and administrators.
 Emergency services, ambulance, fire department, police, and sheriffs.
 US military and national guard delivering test kits and mobilizing hospital ships.
 Politicians and community leaders.

Healing for:

People throughout the world who are battling the Corona virus
 Sandy (cancer, Irene Roe’s daughter-in-law)
 Bruce Lykken (surgery)
 Caitlyn (Multiple Sclerosis flaring up)
 Don Matthias (Arlan Matthias’ father)
 Melissa Fischer (cancer; Kristin Hoyme’s sister)
 Shirley Jermstad
 Helen
 Rick Huether
 Vallorie Schlecht (spinal stenosis)
 Hunter Pinke (Spinal Injury- UND Football player)
 Savannah (NICU, niece of Alex & Brittany Waloch)
 Jeff Kub (paralyzed)
 Cindy (ALS)
 Velora Robertsdahl
 Westin Hage (son of Dustin & Tasha; 1 yr old; cancer)
 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)
 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:
 Ruth (Irene Roe’s sister)
 Matthew (Irene Roe’s nephew)
 Larry Hagen
 Ande and Abby on the loss of their son, Archie
 Ivonne Olson
 Carmen Howell
 Lila Hoyme
 Rita (Steve Halland’s Mother)
 Victims of sexual abuse and assault

Hope For:

An end to the corona virus.
 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!

April 2020

Schedule is tentative and depends on the course of the Coronavirus. Office hours listed are not guaranteed.
Please check the calendar online for updates or use the KLC App.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:00 AM Celebration Worship	30	31	1	2	3 4:00 PM Wedding Matthew & Alexis	4 Pastor Andrew's Day Off
5 Palm Sunday 10:00 AM Celebration Worship Facebook Live	6	7 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours	8 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours	9 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Facebook Live	10 7:00 PM Good Friday Worship Facebook Live	11 Pastor Andrew's Day Off
12 Easter Sunday 10:00 AM Celebration Worship Facebook Live	13 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	14 Pastor Andrew out of office -defending his thesis	15 Pastor Andrew out of office -defending his thesis	16 Pastor Andrew out of office -defending his thesis	17 4:00 PM Feed Homeless at Churches United for the Homeless	18 Pastor Andrew's Day Off
19 10:00 AM Celebration Worship Facebook Live	20 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours	21 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours Newsletter Articles Due	22 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours	23 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office Hours	24	25 Pastor Andrew's Day Off
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FINANCIAL GIVING			
Annual Budget	Received this Year	Needed Each Month	Received in March
\$222,409	\$75,091	\$17,684	\$41,091

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.

MAKING PALM BRANCHES

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PALMS for PALM SUNDAY APRIL 5



STEP 1. Supplies needed include: green construction paper (or white paper and color it), a pencil, your hand, scissors, glue, and a paint stir stick/ruler/large popsicle stick.



STEP 2. Trace your hand as many times as you can on each green paper.



STEP 3. Cut out your hands from the paper. Color the hands before cutting the paper if using white paper.



STEP 4. Glue your paper hands to the stir stick/ruler/popsicle stick.



STEP 5. Ta-da!! You have a palm branch!

My Easter Lily

Muriel Evenson

Note: As I was cleaning and rearranging things in the church office at the end of March 2012, I discovered a folded-up piece of paper under the copy machine. It was an article written by Muriel Evenson dated March 13, 2000! It occurred to me that Muriel's message was especially valuable during times like today as we deal with the consequences of the Wuhan Corona virus. Thanks Muriel for sharing your wisdom and your faith. – Pastor Andrew



The single bloom of an Easter lily reminded me of the one and only source of all good things, our loving God.

It was early in the morning on a day in September. I was upstairs getting dressed when my husband called to me from downstairs, asking me, "Did you see your Easter lily?"

I answered him, "What Easter lily?" He said it was blooming in the garden near the raspberry bushes.

Then I remembered! I had "dug in" the root of a discarded lily I had bought at Easter time (March 31), and kept it in the house. I had roughly cut it off when it was done blooming indoors and carelessly planted it in the garden, in an out-of-the-way spot, and promptly forgot it!

Also in the out-of-the-way place, I had planted onions, which turned out to be a sour variety. A volunteer tomato plant came up there, too, later producing some bright red tomatoes. All summer, I had totally neglected the area, and never watered it, not even once.

That September morning, I couldn't dress fast enough. I had to go see for myself this surprise Easter lily in my garden. There it was, a single blossom, as white and perfect as it could be! The plant was standing there among the onions and the vines of the tomato plant, near the raspberry patch. In late August, I had picked the beautiful tomatoes, right in the shadow of the lily plant, never noticing the lily.

The significance came to me!

God is with us all the time, whether we pay attention to Him or not. He lives among the sour onions and thorny raspberries (we sinners) and stands pure and white, like nothing else does.

By blooming in September, "my" lily was telling me, it is time to stop neglecting my Lord which so many of us do over the summer. (I had not worshipped as regularly as I should).

I had been selfishly helping myself to His goodness (the volunteer tomatoes), never paying attention to His presence.

Now, not only in April, but all year, I will try to be more watchful for all God's little "signs", reminding me of his everlasting mercy.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Kindred Lutheran Church,
I would like to introduce myself as your new Youth Director for KLC. My name is Trish Miller and I am a resident of Davenport. My family joined KLC family about a year ago and enjoyed worshipping with the church family. I thought it would be more appealing to your youth to read a little more about me in a question / answer format to share a little bit more about me.

Q: What is my job?

A: Other than being the Youth Director, I am a teacher at Fargo South High School. I teach 9-12 ILC (Individualized Learning Center) meaning that I work with students who have educational struggles. I enjoy problem solving barriers and helping students be successful in their education journey. During the summer I teach PE for Luther Hall Residential facility.



Q: Do you have kids?
A: Yes! You probably see my children around the church. My husband (Cody) and I have a son, Blake, who is in 1st grade at Kindred Elementary. We also have a daughter Riley who will be starting kindergarten in the fall. You probably see both of my kids up front during children's moments or singing. My daughter has red hair, a very energetic voice, and tends to bow after special music performance. 😊

Q: What is your background to be the Youth Director?

A: I have a bachelor's degree in health education and a master's in Youth Development. I've worked with all areas of youth development and I think having the opportunity to learn, grow, and serve in the church is a fantastic opportunity. I have many fond memories of my church involvement during my youth and cannot wait to start programming.

Q: What am I the most excited for?

A: Getting to know the youth! I am excited to learn about the youth of KLC and work together as we put our faith and talents into practice around the church and community. I am also very excited for Camp Castaway! I have heard many great things!

Q: What is my faith background?

A: I grew up Methodist attending church in Valley City, ND. I attended camps at Wesley Acres for as long as I can remember. While I have joined and changed to Lutheran core values, my faith background doesn't falter from using my talents to praise the Lord. I do sing in the church choir (even though that isn't much of a talent) and try to be a good Christian role model in how I treat others and share the word of the Lord.

Q: What else should we know?

A: As a church, I will eventually be looking for a parent committee to help support the youth and the projects that we may work through.

As soon as we can be social, I will be at confirmation on Wednesday to start getting to learn who everyone is.

I am working on getting the Youth office a place where I can work while Youth can still be. (I kept a couch and bubble chair for hang out!)

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