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“Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.”

– Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV)

Siblings in Christ,

We're now well into the season of Lent. The ashes have faded from our foreheads. The initial commitments we made may feel less new. This is often the point in the journey when enthusiasm gives way to perseverance.

Hebrews encourages us to “run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus.” I'm not much of a runner, but those words remind me of something many runners experience in long distance races. In the Boston Marathon, there is a stretch known as Heartbreak Hill. It comes late in the race, around mile 20, when exhaustion has well set in. It's not the steepest hill in the world, but its timing makes it difficult. Runners often say that this is where the real test happens. The cheering crowds help, but ultimately each runner must decide to keep putting one foot in front of the other.

Lent can feel like that. The first days are full of intention. We begin a Bible study, adjust our routines, perhaps fast or take on a new discipline. Then the middle comes. The hill appears. We notice our weariness, our distractions, and the quiet resistance in our hearts.

This is why Lent matters.

Lent isn't about a perfect spiritual record. It's about fixing our eyes on Jesus. It's about remembering that we are following the One who walked the long road to Jerusalem with clarity and love. He didn't turn back when the path grew steep or when others encouraged him to. He set his face toward the cross because of his love for the world.

The middle of Lent is a gift because it reveals what's truly shaping us. It asks us gently, where are your eyes fixed. On the noise around you, or on Christ. On the temporary, or on what is eternal.

If your Lenten practice has faltered, this isn't failure. It's an invitation to begin again. If you're feeling spiritually dry, this isn't a sign that God is distant. It may be an opportunity to seek God more intentionally. The Christian life isn't a sprint. It's a faithful, steady race marked out for us by grace.

As we continue toward Holy Week, I encourage you to stay the course. Reengage with your prayer life. Open the Scriptures again. Join us in worship with expectation, and even excitement. The hill isn't the end of the race. Resurrection is ahead.

I'm grateful to be on this journey with you. Let's keep running together, fixing our eyes on Jesus.

Peace,

Pastor Kyle



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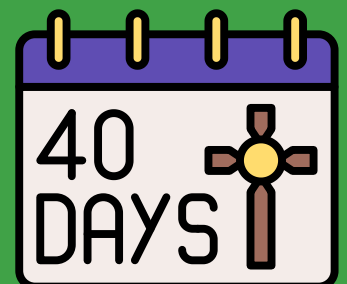
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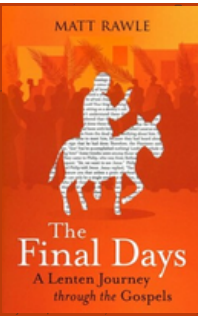
Gathered to Grow

Lenten Bible Study

Each Gospel writer details Jesus' last week in Jerusalem—but through a different lens. Join us as we explore how each perspective shares an abundant picture of God's work in Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection.

Tuesdays at Noon

Cost: \$15



Join us for our Lenten Bible Study, held on Tuesdays at noon.



Kollins Kay Hendrickson was baptized recently at KLC. She has a big sister, Hadley and her parents are Kelsie & Drew Hendrickson. Please welcome Kollins into our KLC family!



Anyone in Grades 1-5 join us for 1st Communion Class! Questions? Contact Pastor Kyle!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

MARCH 29 1:00 PM

Anyone in Grades 1-5

QUESTIONS:
PASTORKYLE@KINDREDLUTHERAN.COM





Gathered to Grow

H O L Y W E E K



PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29
10AM



MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2
7PM



GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3
7PM



EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5
7:30 & 10AM

The KLC Diaper Dash was an absolute hit! Pastor Kyle left with a mountain of diapers and wipes. A big thank you to everyone who joined in the fun!

NOTE FROM PASTOR KYLE AND KATIE:

Thank you all, from the bottom of our hearts, for the many diapers, wipes, clothes, and toys you have given us to welcome Alexander. We also want to once again thank you for allowing Pastor Kyle the time to be home to be with Katie, Calvin, and Alex through January and into February. We are overwhelmed with appreciation, love, and joy. We truly cannot thank you enough!



Help Make Fellowship Happen

The Fellowship Committee invites you to sign up to bring treats for fellowship after church. It's a simple way to help create a welcoming space and it's always appreciated!

Sign-up is available in the narthex, or you can call or email Leah at 701-428-3630 or admin@kindredlutheran.com.

Fellowship time after worship gives us a chance to connect, support one another, and share life together. It's one of the ways we strengthen both our faith and our KLC family.

Senior Meals

A smaller February group led to lots of fun as we celebrated Valentine's Day and enjoyed Beef & Vegetable Soup with Bingo.

Join us on March 16 for our next meal!





Sent to Serve

KLC is collaborating with Norman Lutheran and St. Maurice Catholic Church to support our local charities. We have established a rotating schedule, and here are the items required for this month. Thank you immensely for your generosity!

Community Closet

Dish Soap
Toilet Paper

Viking Village

deodorant
men's/women's

Food Pantry

pancake mix, syrup
Pop tarts, cereal

We have donation tubs available for all locations that are requesting items.
You can find them located downstairs in the Sunday School hallway.

LENTEN DINNERS

Wed, Mar 4	-	Sunday School (parents & teachers)
Wed, Mar 11	-	Parish Life/Missions
Wed, Mar 18	-	Fellowship
Wed, Mar 25	-	Altar Guild

Please join us for Lenten Dinners beginning on Ash Wednesday, Feb 18th. All dinners start at 6pm followed by our Lenten Worship Service.

Lenten Worship Offering will go to Community Care sponsoring our local nurse, Charley Rose

Lenten Dinner Offering will be given to a local family who lost a child due to an illness.

Easter Food Baskets Collection

KLC is collecting monetary donations for KAMA Easter Food Baskets. We are collecting to provide Milk and Butter. Donations can be placed in the offering plate, noted for Easter Food Baskets, or can be dropped off in the office.



Confirmation

Upcoming Confirmation Events:

No Confirmation from February 18th - April 5th.

We will see you all back on Wednesday, April 8th!



Upcoming Youth Events:

Serving a meal at NDSU Crossroads March 1. 6-12 grade, join us!



Sign up TODAY!!!

Roadtrip for 9-12 graders this summer! July 7-14, 2026

Questions? Email Lannah youth@kindredlutheran.com




FAITH FELLOWSHIP FUN SUMMER YOUTH ROADTRIP

JULY 7-14, 2026

KLY (Clay)



After Lenten Midweek Service

Youth Grades 6-12

Reflection, Prayer, & Fellowship in the Youth Room

Join us for the fun! March 6th 7-11pm in Fargo, at Bethlehem Lutheran



6th-10th Graders! Join us for...

Lutheran Youth After Dark

- fun games
- friends
- snacks
- good vibes!

Register Now 

March 6, 7-11pm
At Bethlehem Lutheran Church

GATHERING WITH FRIENDS FROM
FAITH JOURNEY LUTHERAN
MESSIAH LUTHERAN
KINDRED LUTHERAN
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN
BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN



Prayers & Healing

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

Healing for:

John Carlson
Maverick Wilson
Joan Pratt
Tonna Horsely

Healing for:

Carol Mitskog
Pastor Karin Moberg
Joan Hoffarth

Comfort for:

Lanah Akvik & family on the loss of her sister "Rina".

KLC Prayer Chain



If you have a private prayer request, please call Pastor Kyle (701-429-1413) and he will communicate with our list of prayer warriors on your behalf.



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Cheryl Rostad

Choir Director:
LaVonne Nokleberg

Contemporary Worship Music:
Eldon & Amy Johnson

Custodians:
Mike & Karla Jostad



Offering

Contributions for the LOVE Offering totaled \$392. Thank you! These funds will be utilized by Kindred Kids to "pay it forward." The Sunday School and Missions Committees are collaborating to empower our youth to donate to a cause they are passionate about.



Council Notes

Council Minutes

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Kindred Lutheran Church

2026-3 Caitlin Perhus 2027-2 Sally Erickson 2027-2 Laurie O'Keefe

2026-3 Bryan Halvorson 2027-2 Verne Wolf 2028-1 Michele Hillman 2027-2 Justin Fiesel

Called to Order by: Caitlin at 6 :01 pm

Present: Pastor Kyle, Caitlin, Justin, Bryan, Sally, Laurie, and Michele

Absent: Verne

Opening Prayer

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

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

- Balanced through October.
- Purchased a new Treasurer's computer on Black Friday for \$500.

Pastor's Report:

- Planning to go to Fergus Falls for a visit soon.
- Have two private baptisms on 12/22.
- Have a Wedding on 12/31.
- Gone for Paternity leave 1/2/26 - 2/2/26. There is no ordained Pastor lined up yet in January. We'll look for someone to be able to have communion at least once.
- Pastor Katie will do the funeral service 1/3/26 for Lloyd Olsgard.
- Will come back to do the funeral service for Diane Lee on 1/15/26.
- There are two baptisms scheduled in February.
- We had 5 families join the church and welcomed them on Sunday 11/23.
- Working on moving the computer for services from the front to the back of the sanctuary, but there are some technical things to work out.
- End of the year evaluations are coming up for Lanah & Leah.
- Looking for someone to take over the food pantry. (It's taking up Leah's church work time)
- Adult Bible study had 6 people attending regularly.

Easter Flowers

Easter flowers will be available to purchase in memory or honor of loved ones later this month.

COST: \$18

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Council Notes

Updates from Directors:

Faith Formation & Growth:

- **Kindred Kids**

-Christmas Program was today!

-No Sunday School during the winter break from Dec. 21-Jan. 4.

-After the break they will have a new learning series but will first start off with a movie/donuts/fun day.

- **Youth group**

-There were 15 kids that attended the game night at the church.

- There are regular students coming to Bible study on Monday evenings.

- **Future planning ideas for the Youth**

-Ski trip at Fort Ransom

-Parents Night out

-High School Retreats in 2026

-Roadtrip for 9-12 grades

-Another game night

-Bible study this Spring

-Easter sunrise Youth breakfast

-Confirmation/Youth Lenten Meal night

-NDSU Crossroads meal serving in March

Management & Grounds:

- No mouse sightings since early November.

- Light on the street by the church is burnt out and the city will look into it.

Social Ministry & Outreach:

- The Missions committee is doing a giving tree through 12/14 to purchase gift cards from local stores.

- The Parish Life committee provided a cake for new members on Sunday 11/23.

- The Fellowship committee helped serve cookies after church on 12/14. Sunday School families were asked to bring 1 dozen cookies.

Old Business:

- Improvements committee- we have another person interested in joining the group.

- Misconduct Prevention Policy- no new updates.

- Directory- no new updates, still looking for people to help with it.

- Back-up Custodian list- discussed a few names.

New Business:

Constitution updates- we need to get information to the congregation 30 days prior to the Annual meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Justin, Seconded by Bryan. Motion approved.

Adjourned at 6:47 pm

- Respectfully submitted by: Michele Hillman



Calendar

MARCH

2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am - Fellowship</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Bible Study -noon Noon-5 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6pm Lenten Dinner 7pm Lenten Service</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>7</p> <p> Remember to move your clocks ahead!!</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9am - Sunday School 10am - Contemporary Worship Service 11am - Fellowship KK Singing</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bible Study -noon Noon-5 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6pm Lenten Dinner 7pm Lenten Service</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am - Fellowship</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Senior Meal 11:45am </p>	<p>17</p> <p> Bible Study -noon Noon-5 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6pm Lenten Dinner 7pm Lenten Service</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am - Fellowship</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Bible Study -noon Noon-5 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6pm Lenten Dinner 7pm Lenten Service</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am - Fellowship 1pm - First Communion Class KK Singing <i>Palm Sunday</i> </p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Bible Study -noon Noon-5 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p><i>April 1</i></p> <p>3pm Food Basket Distribution 5:30pm Choir Practice 6pm Confirmation</p>	<p><i>April 2</i></p> <p>7pm Maundy Thursday Service Celebration of First Communion <i>Maundy Thursday</i> </p>	<p><i>April 3</i></p> <p>7pm Good Friday Service <i>Good Friday</i> </p>	<p><i>April 4</i></p> <p>Church Office Closed <i>Holy Saturday</i> </p>



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March