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COUNCIL'S POST

Dear Kindred Saints,

“Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.” Ephesians 1:11

As our church continues to navigate through the pandemic and the loss of Pastor Andrew, KLC Council wanted to keep you all apprised of all that has been going on in these planning stages over the past month. When Pastor Andrew announced his resignation on Sunday, October 4th, KLC Council met on the evening of October 5th to discuss organizing the Call Committee and set a meeting with the ELCA Eastern North Dakota Synod, of which we are a member congregation. We are excited the following members have joined the KLC Call Committee whose task it will be to seek out, interview, and recommend a pastor for KLC: Dona Schock (Chair), Barb Rude, John Hertsgaard, Scott Milbrandt, Doreen Brandt, Mattea Johnson, and Matthew Pearson. Please keep these individuals in your prayers and support them through this journey. We appreciate their discipleship and dedication.

Finding a new pastor for this church is not a task that KLC Council or the Call Committee plans to take lightly. There are many things to consider and steps that have to be taken. We want to give our congregation time to mourn the loss of a pastor that has been a part of us for over 12 years, time to explore old and new ideas, time to find out where we are, where we want to be, and who God is calling us to be. Council has decided that, most likely, we will seek a Pastor willing to fill an 18-month Term Call. A Term Call gives our church and the Term Pastor time to navigate this journey together and at the end of this call, KLC can decide to extend this calling permanently or dismiss the calling and start the search process anew.

As we navigate through these times together, it is important to remember that WE are the Church and we are not alone as God has a plan. “Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you.” Hebrews 13:5

Continue to watch for updates from Council and the Call Committee as this process unfolds. This past Sunday, our church welcomed Pastor Corey Lange. It is our hope that Pastor Lange will be part of our ministry over the next couple of Sundays while we navigate through the call process to find the Term Pastor that God has in mind for us. There is no question that these are unprecedented times with the pandemic, the election and finding new ministry, but we will get through this. We ask for your prayers and your trust. “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.” Colossians 3:12

Blessings, KLC Council



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EVENTS

YOUTH GROUP

Sundays • 1:00pm

Youth Group is open to all KLC Youth grades 9-12. Youth will meet from 1:00pm - 2:30pm every other Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. Nov 8 & 22 and Dec 6 & 20. Please bring a mask.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

Nov 22

Cans of cranberries and gallons of milk should be delivered to KLC by Sunday November 22 to be sure that the holiday food baskets can be distributed on time to those in need.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Nov 29 • 10:00am

Join us in-person or live on Facebook as we light the first candle of the Advent season.

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

CHANGES TO OUR CHURCH CALENDAR

The COVID-19 global pandemic has certainly affected us even here in our small rural town. As stewards of your faith formation and aware that fellowship is an important part of our community, Kindred Lutheran Church has continued to meet in-person whenever possible. But some events that we anticipate each year in the life of our church must, unfortunately, be cancelled out of an abundance of caution.

The Men's Ham Dinner, the New Member Luncheon and New Member Worship Service, the Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service as well as the Sunday School Christmas Program are some of the major events that will not take place in 2020. Let us all pray for healing for our ailing world and for an opportunity to celebrate these events together in 2021!





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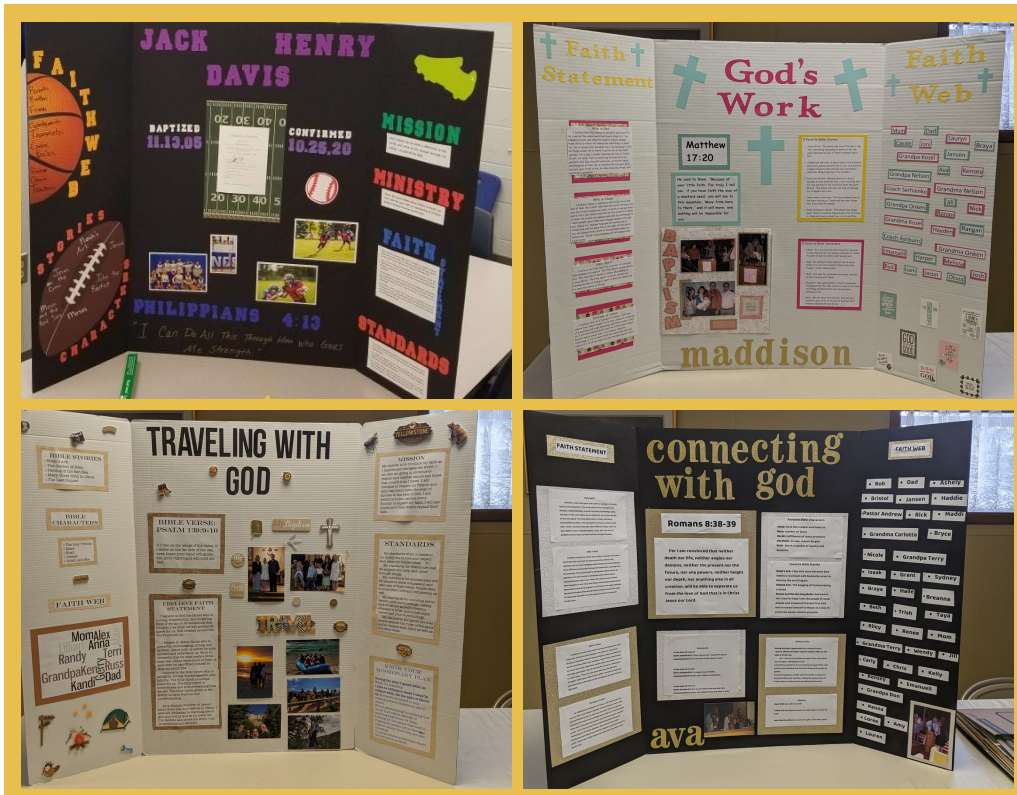
CONFIRMATION 2020

Confirmation is actually properly known as “Affirmation of Baptism”—the time when you become an adult and respond to God’s gift of salvation through Jesus Christ and his call on your life. This past October 25th, 9th grade students partook in a special worship service to Confirm that Baptism. Please congratulate these students and keep them in your prayers as they embark on the next chapter of their faith journey!

Layne Billing, Breanna Christenson, Jack Davis, Owen Hoyme, Jansen Jordheim, Kensey Knight, Nicole Larson, Ben Miller, Madison Onken, Carly Pearson, Lane Schuchard, Ava Spelhaug, and Grant Spelhaug.

NOVEMBER BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

- Rylee Berg 11/00
- Tasha Hage 11/00
- Kamryn Halvorson 11/00
- Becki Woehl 11/00
- DeEtte Goerger 11/01
- Brandon Hoyme 11/01
- Sydney Lunde 11/01
- Rodney Wolf 11/01
- Kylie Vining 11/02
- Ryan Davis 11/04
- Christopher Twite 11/04
- Joel Hoyme 11/07
- Nicholas Mathias 11/07
- Bruce Lykken 11/08
- Jacob Pearson 11/08
- Brian Nipstad 11/10
- Entzi Oswald 11/10
- David Johnson 11/14
- Haakon Kvamme 11/14
- Kiley Kvamme 11/14
- Kelli Bakko 11/15
- Parker Bubach 11/15
- Jon Erickson 11/15
- Christian Hustad 11/15
- Julie Jensen 11/15
- Peyton Kub 11/15
- Timothy Hertsgaard 11/16
- Michele Becker 11/17
- Ward Blumer 11/17
- Marie Moe 11/19
- Jake Schmidt 11/20
- Margo Blumer 11/21
- Terryn Johnson 11/23
- Linda Otterson 11/25
- David Braaten 11/26
- Vicki Milbrandt 11/27
- Mark Rostad 11/27
- Leah Hillman 11/29
- Brian Johnson 11/29
- Lennon Wolf 11/29
- Darren Hoyme 11/30





sent to serve

FAREWELL

Dear Kindred Saints,

I began serving as your pastor on July 1, 2008. The past twelve years have been an amazing adventure! KLC was my first call to serve as a pastor. Some people thought I was crazy when I resigned from my architecture business to attend seminary. Some thought I was crazy to accept a call to North Dakota. Truth be told, maybe I was crazy! But the Holy Spirit knew what he was doing—Kindred Lutheran has been an incredible blessing. You accepted Vallorie, Jonathan, Elizabeth, and me with great enthusiasm and grace. You showered us with love. You walked beside us when times were difficult. You lifted us up when we were down. You prayed with us and for us. You invited us into your lives and allowed us to share sacred moments with you. You guided me and forgave me for the many mistakes I made over the years. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and will cherish you always.



Now as you journey together into God’s preferred and promised future, remember that you are all saints—not because you are perfect and not because you have never done anything wrong. You know the sorrow of sin and the pain it causes. You are saints because God declared you to be holy, forgiven, and loved through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. You are baptized—it makes all the difference! You are among God’s “great cloud of witnesses” who have been gathered to grow and sent to serve!

So we leave you with these words from the Apostle Paul from Philippians 1:3-11:

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Love and blessings,

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*“MY GOD WILL SUPPLY EVERY NEED OF YOURS
ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES IN GLORY IN CHRIST JESUS”
PHILLIPIANS 4.19*

Here’s a little true or false test. Be forewarned that the question is somewhat tricky. True or false: A Christian can expect to have all of his or her needs supplied by God.

On the surface, that would seem to be true. After all, Philippians 4:19 says, “And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” But what many people fail to realize is that this promise is a conditional promise. The reason God will supply all of our needs is based on Philippians 4:18 where the Apostle Paul describes how his needs were met by the Christians at Philippi through the sacrificial offering which they had sent to him.

In other words, although those first-century Christians gave to Paul with the desire of assisting him in his ministry to the early church, because of their giving, they earned the “right” to expect that God would fully meet all of their needs. Because of their willingness to share their resources with Paul, as he indicated in Philippians 4:17, fruit would abound to their account. They could then look to God to supply all of their needs. Although they did not “give to get,” they would “get” because they gave.

That same principle holds true today. As one person expressed it so well, “We do not give to get, but when we give,

we get.” That’s what the Lord Jesus said in Luke 6:38. He indicated that by whatever measure we give, we will in turn receive.

Jack Hartman, a Christian businessman, said it this way: “. . . the more we give to God, the more this opens the channel for Him to see that we receive abundantly in return. If we withhold our giving, we are actually withholding the blessing that God wants to give us.”

Someone described non-essentials in life as “. . . playing Scrabble on the Hindenburg or rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic.” Maybe that’s a picture of how you view giving – as a non-essential, something not very important in the totality of life. Could it be that is why your needs are not being met in full?

Think about this: What would happen if you began to place a rightful priority on your giving, even to the point of giving sacrificially? You see, you would then have the “right” to claim Philippians 4:19 with the expectation that in response to your giving, God would meet all of your needs. Your obedience to God’s direction in your life to give would then result in having Him meet your needs, even with the same “measure” that you give to Him.

FINANCIAL GIVING

Annual Budget	\$222,409
Received this Year	\$147,210
Needed Each Month	\$17,684
Received Oct	\$11,022

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

This year, KLC is responsible for 25 each of canned cranberries and gallons of milk. Please bring them to the church by Sunday November 22.





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Wanted

9TH - 12TH GRADERS

When: Every Other Sunday
Time: 1pm - 2:30pm
Where: Fellowship Hall

YOUTH GROUP!

The KLC Youth Group has launched! All youth grades 9-12 are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall every other Sunday starting at 1:00pm. Many great ideas for what this group will look like have already been generated; but we need your help! Come and have a voice in what activities will take place on these Sunday afternoons. Get excited about spending time with your friends here at KLC and with our new Youth Director, Trish Miller (she's awesome!).

If you have any questions or ideas, please contact
 Trish@kindredlutheran.com.

Dates for 2020 • 1:00pm
Nov 8 & 22
Dec 6 & 20

7TH & 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Please keep a look out for the monthly "In the Loop" newsletter that will be sent home with Confirmation students and sent out via email! Make sure that you have Trish saved in your email contacts so you aren't missing out: trish@kindredlutheran.com.

A reminder that Confirmation follows Kindred Public Schools Covid status and schedule. Any changes will be emailed as needed. Also, it is a requirement that students sign up for worship duties on Sundays. We've made it easy to pick your dates online! Go to: <https://signup.com/go/CewyPDS>

We are in need of parent volunteers to monitor confirmation students until Trish can get to the building on Wednesdays. Monitor will be from 3:00-4:15pm. Please see your email for the sign up link; a new link will be emailed out monthly.

Month Readings from the books of Joshua, Ruth, 1&2 Samuel. Posters displayed in Fellowship Hall

Dates for 2020 • 4:15pm
Nov 4 & 18
Dec 2, 9 & 16



HELLO
Trish!



prayers

“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.

Blessing on the move and new calling for Pastor Andrew and Vallorie.

All of those who have been steadfastly serving others, whether in their personal or professional lives, during this unprecedented time of a global pandemic. Including, teachers and school administrators, the military, politicians, and community leaders.

HEALING FOR:

All victims of COVID-19

Llowell Tangen

Brody Seter

Scott Wooster

Marc

Don Schlecht

Peggy Carlson

Eleanor Johnson

Lloyd Hoffarth

Jack Anderson

Ken

Wes Robertsdahl

Cindy

Craig

Carlotta

Jason

Erbie Hopwood

Raymond William

Sandy

Shirley Jermstad

Helen

Hunter Pinke

Jeff Kub

Cindy

Velora Robertsdahl

Westin Hage

Linda

Travis Anderson

Sandy Olgard

Dean

Cory

Josh Ostenson

HOPE FOR:

An end to the global pandemic.

The Call Committee that God would grant them wisdom and guidance during the search for a new Pastor for KLC.

Our entire congregation that we would clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, and unity during this time of transition.

An abundant harvest and asking for safety for all the farmers and workers in the field.

Our local and national leaders that God would grant them wisdom.

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!

COMFORT FOR:

The families of those who have passed into the loving arms of Jesus Christ our Savior:

Muriel Evenson

Victims of sexual abuse and assault



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