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"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

Siblings in Christ,

— 1 Peter 1:3 (NRSV)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

We continue to live in the light of Easter, a light that does not fade after the lilies and flowers are put away or the last hymn is sung, but a light that keeps guiding us through every season. Easter reminds us that we are people of resurrection, people of living hope.

That hope was on full display this Holy Week. With nearly **500 people gathering across Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday**, our worship spaces were filled with reflection, celebration, and the unmistakable presence of Christ. Thank you for your presence and participation, especially those who invited friends or helped behind the scenes. Together, we proclaimed that even in a world of uncertainty, **Christ is risen indeed.**

This resurrection hope also carried us into a more tender moment on April 27, as I attended the **Holy Closure service at Walcott Lutheran**. It was a powerful, emotional gathering. As that congregation closes a chapter, we continue praying for their members and extending our welcome to any who may be looking for a new church home. Please also keep the congregation of **Hickson Lutheran** in your prayers as they prepare for their own **Holy Closure service on Sunday, May 18 at 10:00 a.m.** These are sacred moments of grief, gratitude, and trust in God's unfolding future.

Even amid these transitions, we see God at work in joyful ways too, especially in our children and youth. From our Sunday School students to our graduating seniors, this season is rich with celebration.

What's Coming Up?

- **Sunday, May 4** – Final day of **Kindred Kids Sunday School**. We'll celebrate during worship with a blessing for the children and thanks for our dedicated volunteers.
- **May 4** – **Kindred Kids Celebration Taco in a Bag Potluck** (after worship).
A fun, casual time of food and fellowship. Please sign up to help or bring an item to share!
- **May 4 at 7:00 p.m.** – **Community Baccalaureate Service** here at Kindred Lutheran, hosted in partnership with KAMA churches. All are invited!
- **May 7** – **Last day of Confirmation Classes** until Fall.
- **May 11** – **Blessing of Mothers** during worship as we honor and give thanks for mothers and all who offer nurturing love.
- **May 18** – **Blessing of Graduates** in worship.
Graduates will receive beautiful quilts made by our talented quilters.
- **May 18 at 10:00 a.m.** – **Holy Closure Service at Hickson Lutheran**.
Please keep their members in prayer during this significant time.
- **May 25** – **Final 10:00 a.m. Worship Service** before our summer schedule.
- **May 27-29 5:30pm-7:30pm** – **On The Case VBS!** Open to kids age 4-grade 5.
Sign up online at kindredlutheran.com/vbs or by using a signup sheet in the entry!
- **June 1** – **Begin Summer Worship Schedule at 9:00 a.m.**

May we move through this month with Easter eyes—seeing signs of life, hope, and God's goodness in every celebration, every change, and every gathering. Christ's resurrection is not just a past event, it is our present reality and our future promise. Let's live into it together.

Peace,

Pastor Kyle



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Gathered to Grow

KINDRED KIDS SPRING PRGRAM

Sunday, May 4 @ 10am

This Sunday, during the 10 a.m. worship service, we will celebrate our end-of-the-year Sunday School program, led by Kindred Kids. Following the service, join us for a ****Taco in a Bag Potluck**!** After lunch, there will be outdoor games organized by the Sunday School teachers.

BACCALAUREATE

Sunday, May 4th @ 7pm

The Baccalaureate ceremony for the Kindred High School graduates is set for May 4 at 7 PM, taking place at KLC. Pastor Jonas Bundy from Bethel Evangelical Free Church will be delivering the sermon.



BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES

Sunday, May 18

During worship on Sunday, May 18 the KLC graduates will be given quilts made by our new quilting group:

KLC Threads

These remarkable women have put in great effort to create quilts for our young adults.

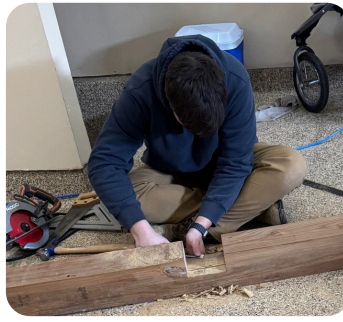


Celebrating Easter at Kindred Lutheran





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PASTOR KYLE AND HIS BROTHER JACOB HAVE CRAFTED A NEW CROSS FOR THE SANCTUARY. IT SERVES AS A BEAUTIFUL ENHANCEMENT TO OUR WORSHIP SPACE.

Truly Grateful for you.

Thank you 



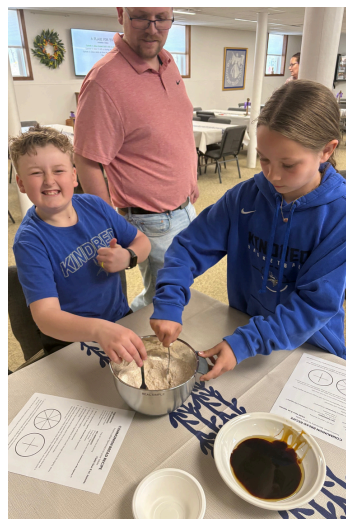
The most recent Lenten dinner was organized by the Worship and Fellowship Committees. All meals were prepared and served by the committees at KLC. If you're interested in joining a committee or would like more information, please feel free to call the office at 428-3630, and we will gladly assist you.



First Communion



On April 13, Pastor Kyle conducted a 1st Communion class, which saw nine children enroll. The participants made communion bread and learned about the significance of communion. The Altar Guild served this bread during Easter, and it will continue to be used throughout the month of May.





Gathered to Grow



Left to Right - Laurie O'Keefe, Michele Hillman, Bryan Halvorson, Justin Fiesel, Caitlin Perhus. Not pictured - Verne Wolf and Sally Erickson

KLC CHURCH COUNCIL 2025

The installation of our church council took place on Sunday, April 6. Let us come together to show our support and gratitude for these individuals who dedicate their time to our church. If you want to get in contact with the council please use this email address:

ChurchCouncil@kindredlutheran.com

Financial Giving to the General Fund:

Annual Budget \$213,309.03

Needed Each Month \$17,775.75

Donations given through April 30th, 2025: \$66,980.03

APRIL ATTENDANCE 2025

<u>April 2</u>	30
<u>April 6</u>	92
<u>April 9</u>	47
<u>April 13</u> <u>Palm Sunday</u>	143
<u>April 17</u> <u>Maundy Thurs</u>	88
<u>April 18</u> <u>Good Friday</u>	96
<u>April 20,</u> <u>7:30am</u>	88
<u>April 20,</u> <u>10am</u>	198
<u>April 27</u>	87

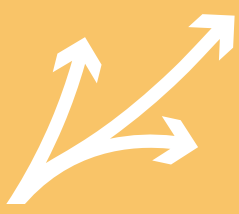
SHRIMP BOIL 2025

KLC hosted a Shrimp Boil on April 27 following worship services. The delightful menu featured potatoes, corn, sausage, and shrimp! A heartfelt thank you goes out to those who collaborated to provide us with this delicious meal. We appreciate your participation!

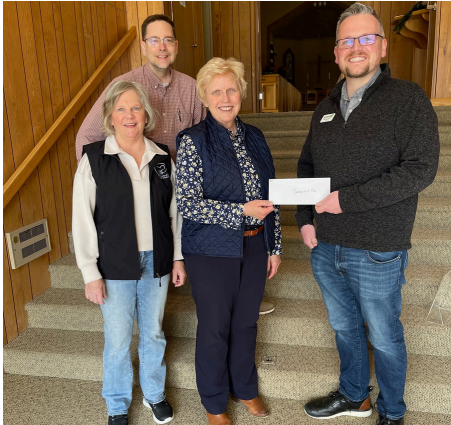


delicious!





Sent to Serve



Community of Care

The Lenten offerings collected during worship services and meals (\$1,000) will be contributed to the Community of Care. This initiative supports our local registered nurse, Charley Rose, who serves as the faith community nurse in our area. Charley has been a wonderful addition to the area and has an office downtown Kindred. He has office hours Mondays and Thursdays 9am-3pm - 701-346-6000

Pictured L-R, Charley Rose, Karen Hertsgaard, Myrna Hanson and Pastor Kyle.

Community Senior Meals

Our community's senior meal program recently celebrated its first anniversary, providing meals and activities for seniors. Delicious food has been supplied by Uptown Eatery, Champs Chicken, and generous cooks. Activities include BINGO, singing, games, and more. Everyone is welcome to join; reserve a spot by contacting Leah. The next meal is on **Monday, May 19, at 11:45 AM. For reservations, call **701-428-3630**.**

Community Food Pantry

The food pantry is preparing for the summer season, ensuring that we meet everyone's food needs.

We have received generous donations from the community.



We are currently looking for donations of canned meat, tuna, chicken, spam and packets of rice, mashed potatoes, noodles, mac and cheese, canned fruit, condiments, & crackers.

Or use our [venmo](#) & have us pick up the groceries.
@kindredfoodpantry

Easter Food Baskets



KAMA prepared 20 Easter food baskets for families in the surrounding area. Hams, potatoes, eggs, bread, butter, fruit, juice, and an angel food cake was included in the bags. Lots of work is put into shopping, gathering, organizing and distributing the bags. Thanks for you generous donations.

The Community Closet

The community closet is now OPEN.

Located: Global Methodist Church located at 281 Linden Street in Kindred.

Open Tuesdays- noon to 5pm

Call Pastor Greta to schedule a time to bring your Donations to the church at 701.361.2480 or Rochelle Rustad at 701.212.6232.

The closet is open to the families that are in need of home items, personal care items, and many other goodies.

Please help spread the word in the surrounding communities so everyone knows about this amazing addition to our community.



Appreciation for our outgoing Kindred Kids Sunday School Board

As the Sunday School season draws to a close, it's important to express our gratitude to our Sunday School board for their dedication over the past three years in organizing, preparing, and teaching our youth.

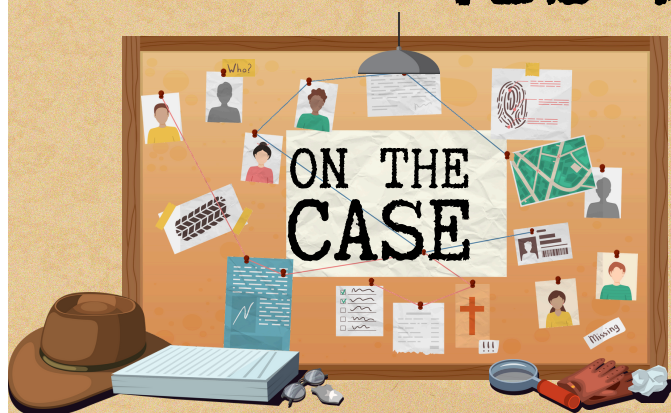


Special Thanks to:






Jess Althoff,
Kelly Engstrom (for four years of service)
Kari Nokleberg

Thank You

VBS 2025!




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 May 27-29, 2025 |  5:30-7:30 PM
 Kindred Lutheran |  **FREE!**
 Kids Entering Pre-K - 5th Grade

Join us for a fun-filled, 3-night mystery adventure! Kids will solve clues, play games, make crafts, and explore Jesus' parables to discover the truth about faith, love, and God.

Register now! kindredlutheran.com/vbs

 Don't miss out—invite a friend!

2025-2026 KINDRED KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are fortunate to have a NEW Sunday School Board in place for the upcoming year. Let's extend a warm welcome to Kara Anderson, Candace Mattson, and Jana Smith as they guide us through the next year of activities.

They are getting ready for the upcoming year and are seeking new teachers to lend a hand. You can find a sign-up board in the church's entryway, or feel free to reach out to the office if you're interested in helping.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**





Council Notes

Council Minutes

Sunday, March 16, 2025
Kindred Lutheran Church

2026-3 Caitlin Perhus 2027-2 Justin Fiesel 2027-2 Sally Erickson
2026-3 Bryan Halvorson 2027-2 Verne Wolf 2027-2 Laurie O'Keefe
2028-1 Michele Hillman

Called to Order by: Caitlin at 11:23 am

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

Absent: Justin

Opening Prayer

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

Treasurer's Report/Approval of Report: Motion to approve Report by Laurie, Seconded by Michele. Motion approved.
Dylan only had reports up to January as he's behind due to tax season. A CD at the credit union matured this month so we rolled it into a new one.

Pastor's Report:

- Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Parishes-will be closing soon. The last services will be April 27th for Walcott (Pastor will attend this one) and May 18th for Hickson. We'll be sending out postcards to their member list to welcome them to try out KLC. We'll send out another postcard to the community as a whole after the closings as well.
- Pastor Kim Adams-will fill in next Sunday (3/23) in Pastor's absence.
- Kindred Kids committee- has 3 new people who are considering filling the positions.
- Missions Committee- have added 2 new people to their group.
- VBS-postcards are in the works for the May 27-29 event.
- Confirmation-students participated in a hunger experience and have a packet to work on at home during Lent while classes are not in session. They are also encouraged to attend the Wednesday evening Lenten services.
- Easter Brunch- the Fellowship committee is wondering if Confirmation students/family would want to provide the brunch as a fundraiser for future events.
- First Communion class- will be held Sunday April 13th.
- Weddings-there are 3 weddings on the schedule (7/19 in Superior, 9/5 at KLC, and 10/17 in Casselton) and we'll need Pastoral support on 7/20.
- Funeral-there's one planned in June over the Synod Assembly weekend.
- Synod Assembly-we've added another person to attend the meetings that weekend.
- Baccalaureate-is planned for May 4th at 7pm, this will coincide with Senior Night.

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Council Notes

Updates from Directors:

Faith Formation & Growth:

- Kindred Kids-will be having an easter egg hunt on Palm Sunday. The end of the year program will be on 5/4 with the kids singing and helping during worship, and will ask the Fellowship committee about having a potluck that day.
- VBS-committee and anyone having input will meet 3/17 to plan the event. It will run May 27-29th (Tue-Thur) with more details and sign ups for volunteering to come.

Management & Grounds:

- Natural Gas- we received a quote for the change over at the church and parsonage.
(\$4500 for a new furnace/change over at the parsonage and \$2400 for the 4 furnaces at church to be changed over)
- Heating the church-blowers in the church furnaces were serviced recently and now the heat is being distributed much better.
- Painting at church-Sharlene Mattson painted the old nursery/bathroom area in the basement, and is touching up other areas in the sanctuary.
- New nursery- a new room is set up in the basement on the east side of the Sunday School wing. There's also a TV in there for parents to watch the services.

Social Ministry & Outreach

- Fellowship Committee- will try to do potlucks once/month.
- Volunteers- have been added to a few committees.
- Easter Brunch- planning has started and will have more details soon.

Old Business:

- Youth Director-no new applicants, but will keep trying.
- Directory- no news to report.
- Improvements Committee- Brandon Kub is interested in being a part of this group.

New Business:

- Council Installation Date- Sunday, April 6th during worship.
- Shrimp boil- Rodney Braaten is leading this event on Sunday, April 27th.
- Projector for worship- a new one is needed and we're looking at options to replace it.
- Maintenance Company- a company the school uses recently came to the church to share how they could help us with supplying paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, etc. at wholesale prices), maintaining equipment (deep clean the dishwasher twice a year, service vacuums, etc) and provide soap/chemicals. We'll get quotes and see if this is something that would be beneficial to us.
- Shepherd of the Prairie-(Walcott/Hickson church)-Pastor Kyle and Leah recently went there to look at items at their churches. They would like to give items to other churches that would be of use. They're also entrusting us with their church's archives.

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

Adjourned at 12:35 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Hillman



Prayers & Healing

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

Healing for:

Garrett Fenner
Shawn Johnson
Wyatt Simley
John Carlson
Alicia Hildebrand
Maverick Wilson
Joan Pratt
Tonna Horsely
Bea Bachmeier
John Wickenheiser
Carol Mitskog
Teresa F.



Prayers for:

The KLC Congregation has sent out eight Easter cards to our members who are unable to attend our worship services regularly. Please remember to keep them in your prayers.

Easter Cards:

John Brayton
Marilyn Blumer
Sandy & Lloyd Olsgard
Pat McCullom
Marles Bergene
Evan Moe
Velora Robertstahl
Karen Kruse

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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KINDRED LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor:

Rev. Kyle Giermann

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Admin. Assistant:

Leah Lundquist

Hours: 9am-3pm M-Th

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Music Coordinator:

Cheryl Rostad

Choir Director:

LaVonne Nokleberg

Contemporary Worship Music:

Eldon & Amy Johnson

Custodians:

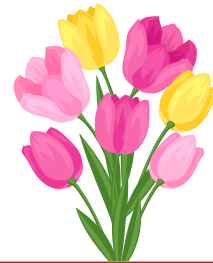
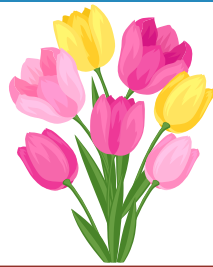
Mike & Karla Jostad



During Holy Week, the cross in the prayer garden was knocked down by strong winds, which was truly disheartening to see. Thankfully, the KLC members united and acquired materials to create a *new* cross. Stay tuned for updates!



Calendar



2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Church Office Closed	3
9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship Service 11 AM Taco in a Bag potluck 7pm Baccalaureate	5	6 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	7 6pm Confirmation	8	9 Church Office Closed	10
10am Worship Service 11am Fellowship Happy Mother's Day	12	13 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	14	15	16 Church Office Closed	17
10am Worship Service "Blessing of the Graduates" 11am Fellowship	19 Senior Meal 11:45am	20 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	21 LAST DAY of School!	22	23 Church Office Closed	24
10am Worship Service 11am Fellowship	26 Church Office Closed HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY	27 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	28	29	30 Church Office Closed	31



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