



# KINDRED CONNECTIONS

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**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

- Psalm 136:1 (NRSV)

Siblings in Christ,

As we wrap up October, pack away Halloween decorations, and look toward the coming holidays, it's so easy to find ourselves shifting gears right to Christmas. I'm guilty of it myself—there's just something about the early glow of Christmas lights and the joy of holiday music that I can't resist. But when we mentally skip over Thanksgiving, we miss out on a season that grounds us, reminding us of the importance of gratitude. Thanksgiving holds a unique place in our lives, inviting us to pause and recognize the blessings around us. It reminds us to stop and reflect on what God has done and how others have played a role in shaping who we are today.



On November 10, I'm excited to introduce a new sermon series, Thanks and Giving: Developing a Heart of Gratitude. Over three weeks, we'll explore how the practice of gratitude can transform our lives. The big idea of this series is that gratitude isn't meant to be a one-time or seasonal act; instead, it's a lifestyle—a way of being in the world that shapes our hearts, minds, and even our actions toward others. We'll look at how giving thanks to God goes beyond simply saying "thank you." It draws us deeper into God's

presence, empowers us to be grateful no matter our circumstances, and creates in us a spirit of generosity.

Psalm 136:1 says, "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever." This simple yet beautiful verse reminds us of God's steadfast love, a love that deserves our gratitude not just in November but every day of the year. When we make room in our hearts for thankfulness, we find that our lives begin to overflow with generosity—not because we feel pressured, but because we are grateful for what God has given to us.

And this season, as we consider ways to show that gratitude, we're reminded that giving can take many forms—time, talents, or, yes, financial support for the ministry we do together at Kindred Lutheran. As we pause to reflect on the gifts we've received, I invite each of us to consider how we might give back in response to God's love and faithfulness.

Let's come together with grateful hearts, ready to share in ways that support our church community and beyond. May our gratitude spill over into generosity, strengthening the ministry we share. I look forward to reflecting on this with you throughout November.

Peace,

Pastor Kyle



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*Bethlehem*  
ADULT ADVENT STUDY  
BEGINNING THE WEEK OF  
**DECEMBER 1**  
FEATURING:  
**BOOK COST: \$15**      **MAX LUCADO**



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*IN ALL*  
**Things**  
GIVE  
**Thanks**



# gathered to grow

Join us!!  
Sunday, Nov 3

# All Saints Sunday

## EVENTS

### CHRISTMAS CLOSET

Nov 2 @ 9am-Noon

Bake Sale and Christmas Decor Sale

### HAM DINNER

Nov 3 @ 11am-1pm

You do not have to cook - just show up and eat!! See you there!!

### COMMUNITY SENIOR MEAL

Nov 18 @ 11:45am

Join us for food and fun!! Our crowd is usually around 35 people. Don't Miss Out!!

### KINDRED KIDS SINGING

Nov 24 @ 10am

All ages of sunday school are singing on November 24. Let's celebrate this season of Thanksgiving!!

Please check the calendar online for updates

### WISH LIST

- 1. New blinds/fellowship hall
- 2. New BUNN coffee maker 
- 3. Pots & Pans for kitchen 
- 4. New banners - sanctuary  
\* 2 purchased



PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH ROLLED AROUND IN OCTOBER, AND WE WHIPPED UP A CAKE TO HONOR THE AMAZING PASTOR KYLE! WHILE WE MISSED TAKING A PHOTO OF HIM, WE DO HAVE A FABULOUS SNAPSHOT OF THE CAKE!! A HUGE SHOUTOUT TO PASTOR KYLE FOR ALWAYS BRIGHTENING OUR SPIRITS WITH HIS SMILE AND STEERING US ON THE RIGHT PATH WITH THE WISDOM OF GOD! 🎂🍰




Thank you!





# gathered to grow



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If you are interested in the Bible study, please reach out to the office or inform Pastor Kyle. You can call 701-428-3630.

**You Are Invited!**  
**Christmas Closet**  
Saturday, Nov. 2  
9am-noon  
Bake Sale/Christmas Goodies  
New & Gently used Christmas Items  
Kindred Lutheran Church  
391 Spruce Street, Kindred



## CHRISTMAS CLOSET

Please join us this Saturday, November 2, from 9 AM to noon.

Our first Christmas Closet will take place in the fellowship hall at KLC. Come and shop until you drop!

All funds raised will be donated to the Viking Village and the local food pantry.

We are still in need of Christmas baked goods, which can be brought to the church on Friday, November 1.

## KLC HAM DINNER

Join us on Sunday, November 3, from 11 AM to 1 PM for a delightful ham dinner. On the menu is ham, baked potatoes, carrots, dinner roll and a selection of pie for dessert.

If you're able to lend a hand, please contact the office and let us know. We will need assistance with kitchen duties, serving, and cleaning tables.



**KLC**  
**HAM** Dinner  
Sunday, Nov. 3 11am - 1pm  
\$15 - Adults  
\$6 - Children (ages 4-10)  
Takeout available (701-428-3630)  
menu  
Ham, Baked Potato, Coleslaw  
Glazed Carrots, Dinner Roll, Dessert  
Kindred Lutheran Church  
391 Spruce St.  
Kindred, ND





# gathered to grow



Faith  
Hope  
Love



In October, the Preschool and 3rd grade classes received Bibles. The Bibles for the preschool class were generously donated by Lana Perry, Chris Johnson, and Leah Lundquist in memory of their nephew, Luke Zietlow. Meanwhile, the Bibles for the 3rd grade class were given by Jeanie Lahren Washa in memory of her brother, Daryl Lahren, and her parents, Joe and Marcella Lahren. Let us remember to keep these children in our prayers as they explore their faith and the many blessings from God.



## BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

In October, KLC hosted a bake sale to support Alicia Hildebrand and her family. Friends of Alicia organized a highly successful event on a Sunday morning, raising \$1,800 to assist her in her fight against breast cancer.







## SENIOR MEALS

Community Senior Meals hosted a Halloween party in October, and it was an absolute blast! The combination of music, games, prizes, and tasty food made for a delightful afternoon. We invite you to join us for our next meal on November 18. If you're available and would like to help serve, please reach out to Leah in the office: 428-3630



Kindred Kids gathered personal items for the local food pantry. In September and October, they set up donation boxes, and the results were fantastic! A heartfelt thank you to everyone for your support with this initiative!

## KAMA FOOD BASKETS

KAMA is preparing Thanksgiving baskets for 20 families, with KLC donating 20 gallons of milk and 20 pounds of butter. Fund collection is open until Sunday, Nov 24. Please label your check as "food baskets." Thank you for supporting this community program.

**THANKSGIVING  
FOOD BASKETS**

KLC IS COLLECTING  
MONEY FOR:  
**MILK & BUTTER**

Have Money to KLC by: **NOV 24**

Baskets will be assembled and distributed on Tuesday, November 26. Assistance with picking up milk or butter would be greatly appreciated—please let us know if you can help!





# prayers & healing

*Please lift up the following in your prayers:*

## Healing for:

Prayers for healing:



Arlen Blumer  
Pr. Phil Larsen  
Garrett Fenner  
Leo Kannas  
Shawn Johnson  
Wyatt Simley  
Rodney Braaten  
Polly Roe  
David Rostad  
John Carlson  
Alicia Hildebrand  
Maverick Wilson

## Comfort for:

The families and friends of Marian Perhus, whose funeral took place at KLC in October.

The individuals on the East Coast who have been impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

Family, friends, and neighbors who fought against the wildfires in eastern North Dakota.

## Help for:

Lend A Hand Up Donations for:



Shawn Johnson  
Polly Roe  
Wyatt Simley  
Camden Anderson

All families are in the Kindred Area. Links below

**Camden Anderson:**

<https://lendahandup.org/give/camden769/>

**Shawn Johnson:**

<https://lendahandup.org/give/shawn805/>

**Wyatt Simley:**

<https://lendahandup.org/give/wyatt768/>

**Polly Roe:**

<https://lendahandup.org/give/polly770/>

*If you, or anyone you know, would like to be added to this list of prayers for healing, please call or email the church office.*

### KINDRED LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF:

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**Music Coordinator:**

**Cheryl Rostad**

**Choir Director:**

**LaVonne Nokleberg**

**Contemporary Worship Music:**

**Eldon & Amy Johnson**

**Custodians:**

**Mike & Karla Jostad**



**GOD, please let every veteran of our nation's armed forces feel truly and appropriately honored by the attention and appreciation of their fellow citizens. Let no one feel forgotten or neglected. Let every man and woman, young or old, feel the deep and enduring gratitude of our nation and its inhabitants. AMEN**

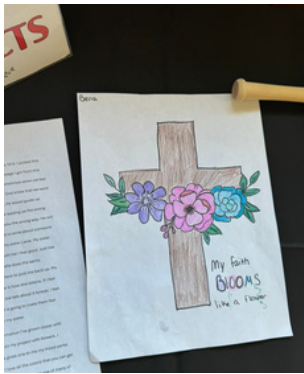


*Congratulations* **CONFIRMATION 2024**



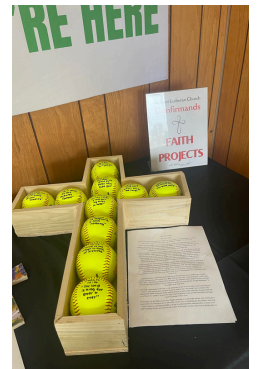
KLC confirmed 15 youth on Reformation Sunday.  
 (back row, L-R) Elizabeth Hillman, Becca Fiesel, Ellee Kautz, Maia Miller, Isabella Bierdeman,  
 Jeremy Knight, Trey Teberg, Ian Hoffarth, Devin Gray, Riley O'Keefe  
 (front row L-R) Jackson Kub, Gavin Rude, Elliot Wolf, Isaac Johnson, Joey Westman

## ✝ FAITH PROJECTS ✝



The confirmation students crafted remarkable Faith Projects, proudly showcased on Sunday.

Congratulations to each of you, and remember, you shall forever hold a cherished place within the KLC family.







# council notes

## Council Minutes

Sunday, September 15, 2024

### Kindred Lutheran Church

2025-3 Michele Hillman 2026-2 Caitlin Perhus 2027-1 Sally Erickson  
2026-2 Bryan Halvorson 2027-1 Verne Wolf 2027-1 Laurie O'Keefe  
2027-1 Justin Fiesel

Called to Order by: Caitlin at 11:26 am

**Present:** Pastor Kyle, Caitlin, Bryan, Sally, Laurie, Verne, & Michele

Absent: Justin

### Opening Prayer

Will forward the Special Congregation meeting minutes from 9/8/24 to the Annual meeting for approval.

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

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

### Pastor's Report:

- Started Confirmation classes and had several new faces at orientation. We currently have 47 students in 6-9th grade. The 6-8th graders meet Wed. night from - pm, and 9th grade has class Wed. at 7:30 or Sun. at 9am. There is a sign-up for the 6-8th grade students to help with worship duties.

- Hunger experience with the confirmation students will be held before Thanksgiving.

- 6 students are signed up for Camp Castaway next weekend.

Pastor will go with and be back for worship on Sunday.

- Worship attendance has increased since the Rally Sunday kick off.

- Will be officiating a Wedding 9/28 here at the church.

- Had a few visitations at the end of August.

- Attended the Fall Theological conference at Fair Hills Resort on Pelican Lake.

### Updates from Directors:

#### Faith Formation & Growth:

- Kindred Kids-Rally Sunday went very well! There was a magician after church, and 43 kids have signed up. They had fewer volunteers to teach, so some grades were combined this year. They're using a new curriculum, and music time is also combined.

- Bibles will be given to pre-k and 3rd graders on 10/13, and a class for 3rd graders & parents will be 10/6.





# council notes

## **Management & Grounds:**

- Will look into snow removal for this season.
- Some of the Sunday School classrooms need repainting from water issues.
- Parsonage-will switch out the mower/snow blower this fall. Put Round-up around the house, and will need to spray for bugs too.
- Need to contact Plunketts about spraying for bugs at church.
- Some of the windows at church were deep cleaned by a congregation member.
- More gravel needs to be brought in and graded on the East side of the church.

## **Social Ministry & Outreach:**

- Altar Guild committee-is looking for a new chair for their committee.

## **Old Business:**

- Youth Director-had a lead on a candidate, but it didn't work out. We're still looking and will put out new advertising after the New Year.
- House for sale on West side-at the 9/8 special congregational meeting it was decided NOT to pursue the purchase and we are only out the money for the appraisal. Thanks to all who attended to vote and for their input.
- Directory-it is still being worked on.
- WiFi-no updates.

## **New Business:**

- Pastors' medical benefits with Portico need to be decided by 10/1.

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

Adjourned at 12:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Hillman

Next meeting: 10-13-24

2 Months out: 11-17-24

## **Financial Giving to the General Fund:**

**Annual Budget: \$232,930.54**

**Needed Each Month: \$19,411**

**Received in 2024: \$ 118,446.94**



# calendar

2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 All Saints' Day	2  Fall Back 1 Hour
3 <b>All Saints' Sunday</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11am -1pm HAM DINNER	4	5 <b>Election Day</b> 	6 6 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Choir Practice	7	8 Church Office Closed	9
10 9am Sunday School 10am Contemporary Worship Service 11am Fellowship	11 Church Office Closed 	12	13 6 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Choir Practice	14	15 Church Office Closed	16
17 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11am Fellowship	18 Senior Meal 11:45am	19	20 6 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Choir Practice	21 Deadline for Newsletter Articles	22 Church Office Closed	23
24 9am Sunday School 10am Kindred Kids Singing Worship Service 11am - Fellowship Food Basket \$\$ Due	25	26 2-3pm Food Basket Assembly 	27 NO Confirmation 7:30 pm Choir Practice	28  Church Office Closed	29 Church Office Closed No School	30 <b>Advent Starts Dec 1</b>