

# KINDRED CONNECTIONS

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***"Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."***

*- Psalm 46:10 (NRSV)*

Siblings in Christ,

This Christmas we were joined by the unwelcome presence of an ice storm. After experiencing very little snow leading into Christmas, a Christmas Day storm that presented icy roads and knocked out power for hours or even days was likely not in anyone's plans. For many it caused schedule changes, leaving early from gatherings, or staying longer with family than planned. But the storm also brought good things. The storm gave us an opportunity to slow down and appreciate those around us. It took us out of the hustle and bustle of the Holiday season and let us just be for a little while.

Now as we enter into a New Year, we enter into the hustle and bustle of all that is to come. New Year's resolutions, goals for the year, and all the things we have scheduled can end up leaving us feeling like we miss out on so much.

But it doesn't have to be like that. This year I invite you into the practice of slowing down. Instead of moving from one thing to the next, allow your schedule to be changed so you can appreciate each thing. Take a step back from all that is happening to focus on what is truly important, family and God. Heed the words from the Psalms "Be still, and know that I am God!"

Allow yourself to be present in your own life and the life of your family. Concern yourself not with what everyone else is doing, but with what you and your family need and where God is calling you to be. If you slow down and take time to appreciate the important things, you truly will miss out on nothing.

Peace,



Pastor Kyle



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# gathered to grow



## KINDRED KIDS SUNDAY FUNDAY

Sunday, Jan 7 @ 9am

Get ready for a cozy and epic morning with Kindred Kids! Come join us for our Pajama Party, complete with a movie and donuts on January 7th!

## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, Jan 14 @ 10am  
Get your groove on and come hang with us at the Contemporary Worship Service on Jan 14th!

## NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, Jan 14

## KINDRED KIDS SING

Sunday, Jan 28 @ 10am  
Kindred Kids (pre-K - 2nd grade) will be singing during the 10 am service.

## POTLUCK

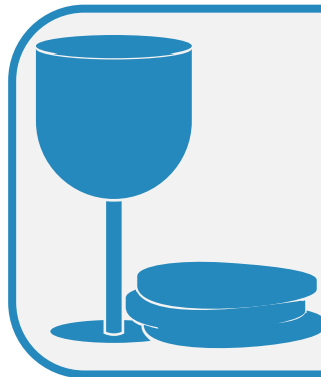
Sunday, Jan 28  
Please join us on Jan 28 for a potluck. A-M please bring main dish and work in kitchen. N-Z bring a side dish or dessert.

## POTLUCK 101

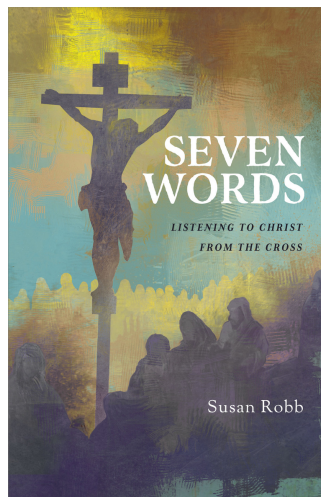
At KLC, participants are divided into two groups by last name, A-M and N-Z, with rotating responsibilities.

This January, Group A-M is responsible for main dishes (e.g.: tator tot hotdish, chicken casserole, taco hot dish, spaghetti, meatballs, etc.) and is asked to help in the kitchen with set up, serving, & cleanup. Group N-Z, in January, handles side dishes and desserts (e.g.: salad, jello, bread, sandwiches, pickles, chips, bars, cake, cookies, veggies, cheese whiz on bread with green olives, etc.)

We extend a warm invitation to all community members to join us on potluck days, fostering connections with neighbors and fellow congregants. Seconds are always recommended!



The Altar Guild is seeking volunteers to assist with serving wine and bread during Communion on Sunday mornings. Interested individuals can contact the office and let Leah know. No setup or takedown is required. Thank You!



## Lenten Bible Study

## SEVEN WORDS

LISTENING TO CHRIST FROM THE CROSS

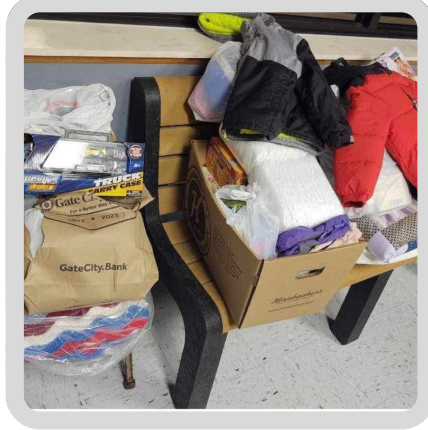
Starting  
Feb 14 at noon  
or Feb 15 at 6:30pm

Cost: \$15

Sign up in the entryway

# sent to serve

## Golden Drive Homeless Kids Christmas Gift Event



We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all who contributed to the Homeless Kids drive.

### Kindred Area Community Services

We are excited to announce the latest addition to our services - "Walk In Faith". This initiative was previously known as the Shoe and Boot Run, started by Norman Lutheran Church. It provided new shoes and boots to children in the Kindred School district. Recently, we had the opportunity to join in their vision and "Walk In Faith" was created. This past Christmas, Walk In Faith provided families with Christmas gifts, boots, coats, gently used clothing and so much more.

With the community's support, we were able to assist three local families with pressing needs and are continuing to help with requests.

Check out our new Facebook page "Kindred Area Community Services". Please follow this page for future announcements and any current needs for the programs.

If you have any questions about future needs of the program or would like to donate, please reach out to Pastor Kyle at 701-429-1413, or Leah Lundquist at 428-3630.

### **KITCHEN MAKEOVER**

Our KLC kitchen items are in need of an upgrade. We are looking for the following items: a new knife set, can openers, measuring cups, 10 dish clothes, serving spoons, new pots and pans, baking dishes, serving bowls, and baking pans. Thank you.

### **CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS**

Thank you to everyone that donated to the Christmas Food Baskets. We were able to give out 25 food baskets filled with hams, potatoes, cake, bread, milk, eggs, and so much more.

### Would you like to work in the Kindred Area?

Community of Care is expanding our services to older adults in rural Cass County. We are adding a 10 – 12 hour/week Faith Community Nurse (FCN) to serve in Kindred and Leonard. A Faith Community Nurse is a licensed RN who focuses on preventative care for older adults. The FCN will work with the rest of the Community of Care team to provide a holistic approach to keeping older adults in their homes. To learn more about the position or to apply, contact Myrna Hanson, Executive Director, at 701/347-0032 or mhanson@communityofcarend.com



## PRAYERS & COMFORT

*"THE PRAYER OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE!" JAMES 5.16*

### KLC Prayer Chain

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

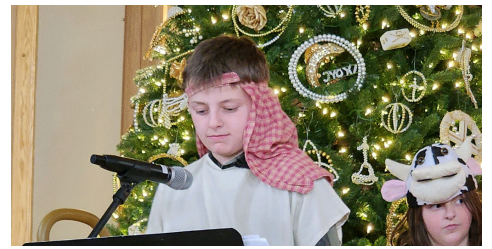
### HEALING FOR:

Peggy Lahren, Terry Kannas, Pastor Joel Russell, Sandy Olsgard  
Pastor Phil Larson, Garrett Fenner, Lloyd Hoffarth Sr.,  
Pastor Erika Buller, Ruth Smith, and Collins Arnold.



# Christmas 2023

## Kindred Kids Program



## Advent 2023





# council notes

## Council Minutes

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Kindred Lutheran Church

Present: Pastor Kyle, Kathryn, Bryan, Lloyd, Verne, Michele, & Susie (via phone)

Absent: Caitlin

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

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

### Pastor's Report:

- 1 Baptism was done and 1 more requested this month. Pastor Kyle will have a Pastor fill in on 12/3 when his son gets baptized.
- 13-9th graders were confirmed on 10/29.
- 24 out of 28 confirmation students participated in a hunger experience on 11/15.
- Rodent issue is being addressed.
- 6-3rd graders and 4 preschoolers received bibles on 11/12.
- 6 of the youth are signed up for the New Orleans youth gathering in July and will continue to raise the funds needed to attend.
- Back to a full time schedule after Thanksgiving-completing paternity leave.

### Updates from Directors:

#### Social Ministry & Outreach:

- Vicki Milbrandt is heading up a "Christmas Closet" event for 2024 and will be taking donations of gently used Christmas items. Items can be dropped off at the church.
- Parish Life is making treat bags to be included in the Christmas food baskets.
- Mission Committee is collecting a special offering in November & December for the food pantry.
- Christmas tree & other decorations will start setting up this evening (11-19).

#### Management & Grounds:

- Furnace in the parsonage needed fixing recently (under warranty), outlets outside need a few parts to work properly, pest control is being addressed, & snow removal for the church is lined up for the season.

#### Faith Formation & Growth:

- Treats will be served by Kindred Kids on 12/17 after the Christmas program.
- End of the year Sunday School memory work will be changing and the kids will be helping in leading the service.

#### Old Business:

- Gift Policy-continue to work on the draft.
- Mission Statement-the final draft will be put in the newsletter and bulletins for the congregation to view.
- Service improvement Requests (tv, digital clock, sound system)-waiting for an estimate on items and wiring options.
- Nominating committee-we have 2 spots to fill on council.

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

Adjourned at 12:53pm

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Hillman

Next meeting: Sunday, December 10, 2023-Library

2 Months out: January 21, 2024



# calendar

2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1  New Year's Day	2	3 6pm Confirmation 7:30pm Choir Practice	4	5 Church Office Closed	6 Epiphany
7 9am - Sunday School 10am-Worship Service 11am- Fellowship	8	9	10 6pm Confirmation 7:30pm Choir Practice	11	12 Church Office Closed	13
14 No - Sunday School 10am- Contemporary Worship Service 11am- Fellowship	15 Church Office Closed Annual Reports Due MLK Jr. Day	16	17 6pm Confirmation 7:30pm Choir Practice	18	19 Church Office Closed	20
21 9am - Sunday School 10am-Worship Service 11am- Fellowship	22 Deadline for Newsletter Articles	23	24 6pm Confirmation 7:30pm Choir Practice	25	26 Church Office Closed	27
28 9am - Sunday School 10am-Worship Service Kindred Kids are singing! 11am- Potluck	29	30	31 6pm Confirmation 7:30pm Choir Practice			

# **Proposed Changes to be Voted on at the Annual Meeting**

## **Current Mission Statement**

Kindred Lutheran Church does not have a mission. **God is on a mission - to seek and to save the lost** (Luke 19:10)! The Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is a missional God, actively ushering in his Kingdom, proclaiming forgiveness of sin, setting captives free, healing, reconciling the world to himself and transforming his people through Jesus Christ and him crucified. Jesus invites us to follow him and be his hands and feet for the sake of the world. We do not go to church ..we are the church. We witness to the coming of the Kingdom of God through the life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

## **Proposed New Mission Statement**

As Kindred Lutheran Church, we aspire to live like Jesus, love like Jesus, and lead like Jesus. United together we share His word to all, teach all, nurture all, and welcome all.

*This new mission statement allows us to better define who we are and why we exist. Using it will help us to make decisions on how we seek to serve throughout the community and world.*

## **Proposed Constitutional Amendment**

**C10.01.02.** The annual meeting shall be held ~~the first Sunday~~ in February.

*This amendment allows for proper time to have financial statements finalized and the annual report available.*



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Nokleberg**

**Custodians: Mike & Karla Jostad**

