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PASTOR'S POST

"Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf of springtime." Martin Luther

I like to garden. This past winter I decided it was a good year to attempt growing my own plants from seed. This meant creating a place in our house where the seeds could grow, without interruption (which is getting hard to find now with three little ones in tow). It also requires extra care and attention as the seeds make their transition into plants. As my seedlings continue to grow, I am excited to see the fullness of this endeavor.

I believe it is no coincidence that Easter happens in springtime. I also think Luther is right about witnessing the resurrection in new growth, sprouting seeds, and budding trees. It's amazing how a patch of ground, which appeared dead, seems to change color over night with the growth of new grass, or everyone's favorite dandelions. Trees are quietly growing trees new buds and even the air has a different smell. All these small changes are resurrection moment, happening all around us, wanting to be noticed and appreciated.

Think of the power of the seed; so small, so insignificant, and appearing to be dead. So dead we bury it in the ground. The mystery of its growth happens in the dark, happening quietly, out of sight and out of mind. Life emerges almost suddenly, a new plant grows, and this plant if uninterrupted will undoubtedly make more seeds. Every plant brings the promise of new life, and more life to come.

The work of Easter also happened in the dark. In sadness and grief, those who followed Jesus laid his body in the tomb, expecting it to remain just a body. Yet in the dark of the tomb, in quiet and in secret, God was working on behalf of new life, and more life to come. The empty tomb means nothing can stop the love of God revealed in the resurrected Christ Jesus. Nothing, not even death itself. Turns out, the empty tomb, the place where Christ burst forth, changes everything. For us, Easter changes everything.

Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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gathered to grow



Thank you!

LENTEN OFFERING

We are able to contribute \$350 to Churches United for the Homeless thanks to your generous donations during the season of Lent. God bless you!

CARE KITS

KLC donated enough items to provide 43 Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits to those in need around the world! Thank you to those who contributed and to the Missions Committee for giving us this opportunity to be the hands & feet of Christ. The kits will receive a blessing on Sunday, April 11th.

EASTER FOOD BASKETS

With the help of all the area churches, the Kindred Area Ministerial Association gave out 20 Easter meals to local families in need. Thank you for the hams and pies! A special thank you to the Youth Group for crafting a special present for each family and for preparing the baskets.

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

SUNDAY APRIL 25TH

Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth, will be visiting KLC on Sunday, April 25th. She was elected August 16, 2020 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Eastern North Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Rev Leiseth will be performing the official installation of Rev Michael Buller as the Term Pastor of KLC until May 31st, 2022. Please join us in welcoming her to Kindred.

Pastor Michael's daughter, Eliza, will be baptized this day!





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THANK YOU

Holy Week at KLC was a wonderful time of togetherness and celebration! Thank you to all those who made these events possible so that we could focus on the true meaning of this important season. Thank you to the Altar Guild, Worship Committee, 5th & 6th grade students and parents, Musicians, Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Parish Education Committee, and the Technical team.



Christ is Risen! Alleluia!





sent to serve

HELP WANTED!

“I appeal to you therefore. . .to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. . .” Romans 12:1

When each of us serves the Lord with the gifts He’s given, then our church can accomplish all that God has called us to. How can you use your time, talents, and resources to serve? There are many fundamental needs inside of KLC where you can be a great encouragement to your church family! The newsletter is a great way to keep up-to-date with these needs. In this issue, I've highlighted just two of the many opportunities that are currently available.

SEWING

Our fabulous group of quilters is nearly done with this year's quilts for high school seniors! They need two volunteers to sew down the bindings on some of the graduation quilts. Please contact Carlotta Spelhaug at 361-7057 or Karen Hertsgaard at 428-3067.

WORDPRESS EDITOR

We are looking for someone to help with the KLC website. It's a wonderful resource for all things KLC and we'd like to use this tool even more. In order to do that, we need a volunteer with experience in the WordPress website creation tool. The task would take approximately 1-2 hours per month primarily focused on troubleshooting content issues. From time to time, we may have a more in-depth project such as adding a new page/section or integrating a new plug-in to the site. Bekki can handle most of the day-to-day, but not HTML code, help! :) If you or someone you know is willing to serve in this way, please call the office at 428-3630.

APRIL BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

- Julie Johnson 04/00
- Donald Hamry 04/01
- Rodney Braaten 04/01
- Mark Perry 04/02
- Susanne Mathias 04/02
- Haley Thompson 04/04
- Jeremy Bakko 04/06
- Matthew Pearson 04/06
- James Parker 04/07
- Timothy Paul 04/07
- Paul Lykken 04/08
- Alicia Nipstad 04/11
- Katherine McCollum 04/12
- Briella Otteson 04/12
- Tara Hoyme 04/14
- Stacy Mead 04/16
- Kellan Otteson 04/17
- Irene Roe 04/18
- Brandon Thilmony 04/20
- Elliot Mathias 04/20
- Travis Goerger 04/21
- Josie Lundquist 04/21
- Kaylee Bartram 04/24
- Sarah Bartram 04/24
- Breanna Christenson 04/24
- Tammy Kraus 04/24
- Kevin Roger Mattson 04/25
- Andrea Hoyme 04/25
- Becca Fiesel 04/25
- Cindy Bakko 04/26
- Karley Perhus 04/27
- Kacee Bakko 04/27
- Samantha Engstrom 04/27
- Mya Gietzen 04/28
- Olive Swenson 04/28
- Stephen Rostad 04/29
- Beau Bubach 04/29
- Morgan Sahr 04/29

Financial Giving to the General Fund:

Annual Budget \$230,619 Received this Year \$61,565 Needed Each Month \$19,218 Given in March \$44,154



sent to serve

Spring has sprung.
Hopefully, COVID is past.
We know these geraniums
will really last!



Here is your chance to brighten up a flower garden, deck or patio!

The Bethany Auxiliary is selling geranium plants in 4½” pots for just \$5.25 each. These beautiful plants are locally grown at *Bloomfield Garden Center* in Sabin MN. They are available in four colors: red, pink, salmon and white.

The Auxiliary Geranium Sale helps raise money to provide items for Bethany residents – such things as *Portals of Prayer* devotional booklets, subscriptions to *The Forum*, blanket warmers, Netflix services, heat lamps, and support for the Chaplaincy program, just to name a few. These purchases enrich the lives of all residents at both Bethany campuses.

For every plant purchased, \$2.25 will be used to benefit the residents.

Order form & payment due to the KLC Church Office by Sunday, May 2, 2021
Plants may be picked up Thursday, May 13 at Kindred Lutheran Church

Questions? Contact Carlotta Spelhaug at 361-7057 or cspelhaug@aol.com

Geranium Plant Order Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

of plants/Color

_____ Red

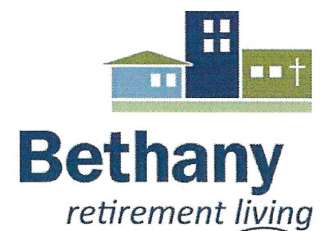
_____ Pink

of plants/Color

_____ Salmon

_____ White

Total # of plants: _____ @ \$5.25 ea = _____



Please make checks payable to **Bethany Auxiliary**.

_____ I would like to make an additional donation to Bethany: \$ _____



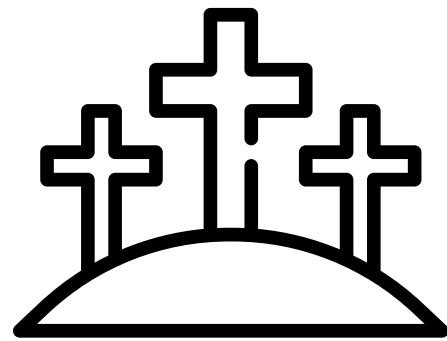
youth

Confirmation resumes with Pastor Michael

We welcome April with resuming confirmation classes at KLC from 4pm-5:30pm



Thank you Christians in Action for assembling food baskets and making an Easter magnet



save the date

Confirmation April 7, 14, 21, 28

Youth Group April 11, & 25 @1pm



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 Term Pastor Michael Buller that he would feel reassured by God’s call to KLC and that he would receive the Spirit’s wisdom and direction as he walks with us through this time of transition.

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

Christian

Maverick

Velora Robertsdahl

Llowell Tangen

Brody Seter

Scott Wooster

Marc

Peggy Carlson

Eleanor Johnson

Jack Anderson

Ken

Cindy

Craig

Sandy

Shirley Jermstad

Helen

Hunter Pinke

Cindy

Westin Hage

Linda

Travis Anderson

Sandy Olsgard

Dean

Cory

Josh Ostenson

Carlotta

Jason

Erbie Hopwood

Raymond William

HOPE FOR:

An end to the global pandemic.

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

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

Missionaries: Anne & Willie Langdji serving West Africa and the CAR

Christians in China, Egypt, Iraq, Central African Republic and throughout the world who face persecution.

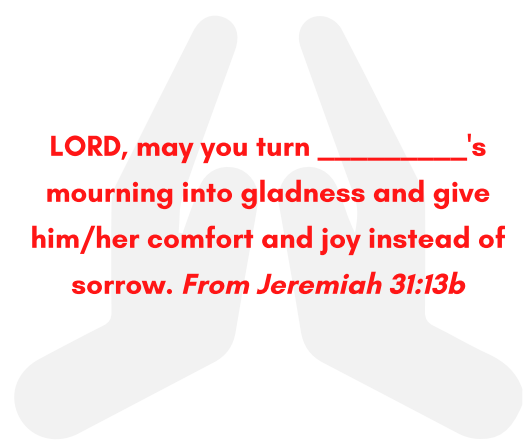
The Gideon’s ministry that doors would be opened and Scripture would be placed and God’s Word would accomplish what God sets out to do!

COMFORT FOR:

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

Viola Toppen

LORD, may you turn _____'s mourning into gladness and give him/her comfort and joy instead of sorrow. From Jeremiah 31:13b





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