



KINDRED CONNECTIONS

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But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. - Acts 1:8 (NIV)

Siblings in Christ,

As the vibrant colors of May paint our world with beauty, we find ourselves amidst a season rich with both celebration and reflection. This month, we unite in honoring significant milestones within our community, embracing the spirit of Pentecost, the excitement of graduation, and the closure of another Sunday School year.

On May 19th, we commemorate Pentecost, a pivotal moment in Christian history when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples, empowering them with divine fervor. This event symbolizes the birth of the Church and reminds us of the ongoing presence and power of the Spirit in our lives today. As we celebrate Pentecost, may we be inspired to embrace the flames of the Spirit, igniting our hearts with passion for God's kingdom and emboldening us to be agents of love and reconciliation in our world.

May also marks a time of transition and achievement as we honor our graduates. Whether they are stepping out of high school, college, or graduate programs, each graduate represents a journey of growth, perseverance, and hope. To our graduates, we offer our heartfelt congratulations and prayers as they embark on new horizons. May they carry with them the lessons of faith, resilience, and compassion nurtured within our church community, knowing that God's guidance accompanies them in every step of their journey. We will recognize our high school graduates during worship on May 19th, with a short order of thankfulness and the presentation of blankets. Then on the evening of May 19th we will join with the area congregations for our baccalaureate service at St. Maurices at 7pm.

On May 5th we will celebrate the end of the Sunday School year. And as we bid farewell to another Sunday School year, we reflect on the growth and camaraderie fostered among our children and youth. We express our gratitude to the dedicated teachers and volunteers who have invested their time and passion in nurturing the spiritual development of our youngest members. The end of the Sunday School year not only signifies academic accomplishment but also underscores the bonds of fellowship and support that define our church family.

On May 12th, we will celebrate the mothers and mothering figures in our lives, who have done so much for us during our regular worship service. We hope you will be able to join us for this important day and all the important days we are celebrating this month.

In this season of celebration and transition, may we find solace and strength in the steadfast presence of God. Let us cherish the moments of fellowship, worship, and service that unite us as a community of faith, drawing inspiration from the teachings of Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Peace,

Pastor Kyle



Kindred Lutheran Church

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gathered to grow

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!



Calvin Jacob Hall was officially baptized on April 7 at KLC. Let's extend a warm welcome to Calvin as he joins our church family, with Matt and Jenny Hall as his proud parents.

Please extend a warm welcome to the newest members of the KLC community: Hunter, Kayla, and Archer Carter, as well as (r) Matt, Jenny, and Calvin Hall.

Introduce yourselves and ensure they feel welcomed and included as they embark on their faith journey with their new church family.



KINDRED KIDS SPRING PROGRAM, POTLUCK & PARTY

May 5 • 10am

Join us this Sunday for the Spring Program at 10am and stay for the PARTY & POTLUCK after worship!

Potluck: Taco in a Bag

A-M - bring the "fixins"

(shredded lettuce and cheese, salsa and sour cream, taco sauce)

N-Z - main dish

bring taco meat and please help in the kitchen (set up/clean up)

NO chips are needed.

CUPCAKES will be provided!

PARTY

Kickball, Pop Walk, Pinata, and Bingo!!

BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES

May 19 • 10am

Our KLC graduates will receive recognition and a blanket during the 10 a.m. worship service. Let's show our KLC Love and support for them as they begin their new chapter in life.

BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY

May 19 • 7pm

Baccalaureate will be held at St. Maurice's Catholic Church.

PENTECOST

May 19 • 10am

We will also celebrate the Day of Pentecost on Sunday, May 19! Remember to wear RED!

Pentecost occurs 50 days after Easter, it commemorates the day when the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' disciples in Jerusalem.

YOUR CHURCH!

Financial Giving to the General Fund:

Annual Budget \$232,930.54

Needed Each Month \$19,411.

Received in 2024 \$61,195.



sent to serve

YOU ARE INVITED

Community Senior Meals

EVERY 3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

KLC is hosting senior meals every third Monday of the month. Our next meal is Monday, May 20 at 11:45am. Uptown Eatery will be catering the meal. Free Will Donation. Please join us for fellowship and fun!! Please let Leah in the office know if you can make it. Thanks 701-428-3630

Lenten Soup & Sandwich Offerings - \$397

This money has been donated to the Community of Care in support of the nurse servicing Kindred and surrounding areas.



Lenten Offerings given on our Wednesday night services was in the amount of \$1,431.00

This money has been donated to the Church's United for the Homeless.



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES!

DELAGATES NEEDED

Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly June 1-2, 2024 + Holiday Inn, Fargo

The Eastern North Dakota Synod will gather in Assembly on June 1-2, 2024 at the Holiday Inn in Fargo, ND under the theme of "CHALLENGE: Learn, Discern, Respond". This year's theme comes from our Mission Statement, "Jesus Christ calls us to live in love as we serve, equip, and CHALLENGE God's people."

The EaND Synod Assembly will begin at 9:00am on Saturday and end after lunch on Sunday (approximately 1:30pm).

Share your ideas with the ND Synod. Contact Pastor Kyle if you are interested. 701-429-1413



Eastern North Dakota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

KINDRED AREA FOOD PANTRY

THE FOOD PANTRY IS CHANGING HOURS. IT WILL BE OPEN 1ST AND 3RD TUESDAYS FROM 3-6 PM.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS - OVER 18- TO COVER THESE HOURS. TWO PEOPLE AT A TIME. RESPONSIBILITIES WOULD BE TO GREET PATRONS AND HELP WITH FILLING THEIR BAGS/BOXES WITH SUPPLIES. PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR KYLE OR LEAH IN THE OFFICE AT 428-3630 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT.

THANK YOU!

Bethany Homes Representative
We are seeking a new representative from KLC for Bethany Homes in Fargo. Carlotta Spelhaug, who has been our Bethany Rep for several years, is retiring her position. If you are interested, please contact the office. 701-428-3630

gratitude & prayers

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

HEALING FOR:

Pastor Phil Larsen, Garrett Fenner, Leo Kannas, Terese Schafer, Eleanor Perry, Hannah Lundquist, Wyatt Simley, and Marsha Hozheimer.

COMFORT FOR:

The family of George Kruse

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.



Look what showed up in the prayer garden.



A Big Thank You to Our Sunday School Teachers, Committee Members, Adult Choir, Church Council, Pastor Kyle all those who play a part in creating a welcoming atmosphere at our church. Our church is more than just a building; it's a home created by individuals who cultivate a caring and inclusive environment where everyone can grow their faith. Thank you immensely, KLC members!



youth



THANK YOU 😊

Confirmation students rolled up their sleeves and turned into park superheroes, tidying up Kindred parks post-winter. Armed with enthusiasm, they gathered sticks and filled a whopping 5 bags with park treasures!



LAYNE BILLING
BREANNA CHRISTENSEN
JACK DAVIS
OWEN HOYME
JANSEN JORDHEIM
KENSEY KNIGHT



NICOLE LARSON
BEN MILLER
CARLY PEARSON
LANE SCHUCHARD
AVA SPELHAUG
GRANT SPELHAUG

Congratulations to our KLC Seniors!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Join us for the Blessing of the Graduates, May 19 @ 10am, and receive a blanket for KLC. Please look for an email from Trish regarding a senior photo and graduation information. Any questions, contact trish@kindredlutheran.com



Vacation Bible School dates are coming.....



council notes

Church Council Minutes March 10, 2024 Kindred Lutheran Church

Present: Pastor Kyle, Caitlin, Bryan, Sally, Justin, & Michele

Absent: Laurie & Verne

Opening Prayer

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

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

-Would like to start putting the budget/contributions in the bulletins on Sunday's and in the monthly newsletter. Members are wanting to know how we're doing more often than just at the yearly annual meeting.

Pastor's Report:

- Visitations are going well. We currently have 14 on the list to connect with, and sometimes it's a phone call or an email too.
- Trying out themes or sermon series for the sermons lately rather than just breaking down the bible verse from the gospel. Will keep trying this depending on the season of the year.
- There's no Confirmation class during Lent and the students received a packet to do each week while they're off. They're also encouraged to attend the Wednesday evening services.
- First Communion class is being held Sunday 3/24 for kids in grades 1-5 and their parents, and their First Communion being recognized at the Maundy Thursday service.

Updates from Directors:

Faith Formation & Growth:

- Kindred Kids is working on plans for their end of the year celebration, forming a VBS sub committee, looking at curriculum for next year, and thinking of ideas for Rally Sunday next fall.
- Next year the 6th graders may be joining the confirmation students since they'll be middle schoolers and if so, we won't have a 6th grade class for Sunday School.
- We need 2 adults (Pastor + 1) to accompany the youth to New Orleans for the National convention.

Management & Grounds:

- Kody's electric is coming out soon to hook up the electricity to the church garage.
- Have been working on re-securing the screws to the floor on pews that were loose.

Social Ministry & Outreach:

- Pastor would like to meet with each group sometime before summer.

Old Business:

- Youth Director- we had a few applicants that didn't work out. "Indeed" and Facebook ads have expired and we'll try using those again.
- Building Usage-will look into a policy and rates for people wanting to use the space.
- National youth gathering-will meet with parents soon to go over details.
- Leah's computer-is SO slow even with high speed internet and we've had it since 2017. Would like to replace it (\$600-\$1,000). Council approved.



council notes

Council Minutes Continued...

New Business:

- Bethany Homes- we're looking for a representative if anyone would like to volunteer for it. Carlotta Spelhaug is stepping down from the role. We don't currently have any members residing there, but are still able to have a representative.
- Annual reports will be taken off the church website. If anyone needs to see them you can contact the church office and they will get you a copy.
- Natural gas is coming to Kindred. The initial fee for the church is \$500 or \$1,000 depending on usage, and the parsonage is \$250 to get service to the buildings. We should save money in the long run but would need to update furnaces & water heaters. (we're currently using electric and have propane as a backup)
- Custodians will be doing some extra jobs for "spring cleaning".
- Food Pantry- we would like to have set days/times of being open.

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


Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Adjourned at 1:24 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Hillman

Next meeting: Sunday, April 14, 2024

2 Months out: Sunday, May 19, 2024



Summer Schedule for worship
will begin
Sunday, June 2 at 9am.



calendar

2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6 pm Confirmation	2	3 Church Office Closed	4
5 9am - Sunday School 10am- Worship Service Hendrickson Baptism Kindred Kids Spring Program & Potluck	6	7	8 6 pm Confirmation	9	10 Church Office Closed	11
12 10am- Contemporary Worship Service 11am- Fellowship <u>MOTHER'S DAY</u>	13	14	15 6 pm Confirmation	16	17 Church Office Closed	18
19 10am- Pentacost Worship Service & Blessing of our KLC graduates 7pm Baccalareate St. Maurices Catholic Church	20 Senior Meal 11:45am 	21 Deadline for Newsletter Articles	22	23	24 Church Office Closed	25
26 10am- Worship Service 2pm KHS Graduation 	27 Memorial Day Office closed	28	29	30	31 Church Office Closed	 Summer Worship begins Sunday, June 2 at 9am