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“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

- Proverbs 3: 5-6 (NRSV)

Siblings in Christ,

Happy New Year! A few years ago, I needed to be at a church out of town on Sunday morning, but a storm was coming along my route, so I ended up leaving the night before so I could get there. It was dark and heavy snow had started to come down. I knew where I was going and how to get there but it was getting difficult to see so I didn't know what was coming up ahead of me. To make my drive easier I ended up turning on the navigation on my phone, so that I could fully focus on the other drivers on the road and on the road itself. Not being able to completely see where I was going but knowing my final destination was a slightly frightening experience.

Thinking back on that experience got me thinking about this new year. A new year is filled with exciting things, many of which we know are coming and some that will come unexpectedly. We look forward with excitement at many of the things we know are coming, like birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, fun trips, reunions, etc. Those things often drive us through the year, knowing that it is only so many days until the next exciting thing. We prepare for them and reminisce upon them after they have passed. Then there are the unexpected things that may come, like life changes, death, shocking things in our world or country, etc. These are things that we don't prepare for. They often throw us off course and can even make us feel uneasy about what is coming. Like a snowstorm while driving, these unexpected occurrences can cause us to really have to focus in and take extra steps that we aren't used to taking. We feel like we are losing control.

As we work our way into a new year, it is important to remind ourselves of the promises of scripture. When all things are going well in our lives, God is with us and guides our steps. When life seems to be spiraling out of control and we can't see what is coming next, God is with us and guides our steps. In Proverbs 3: 5-6, we are called to trust in the Lord. This means that through all of the good things and the bad that we should put our trust in God. When we put our trust in God, we receive the promise that God will not forsake us, God will not lead us astray, God will watch over us and make our paths straight. God is the navigation system for our life. But unlike the navigations systems we use when we are driving, God is always guiding us in the right direction, even when we feel like we don't need guidance.

With the promises of God, we can face the new year with confidence, power, and grace. For God, all things are possible. So, when we feel lost, out of place, tired, or sick of it all, we can place our trust in God and know that God will lead us through. And, when all is going well, we get to place our trust in God to guide us to where we need to go next.

God's Peace and Happy New Year,



Pastor Kyle



Kindred Lutheran Church

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THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



The Sunday School Kids will have a Painting Party on Sunday, January 22 from 3-5 pm. Please RSVP by Jan.12. Snacks and drinks will be provided. More information will be sent home with your child..



The Kindred Area Food Panty was very busy in December with HUGE donations and also many visitors. THANKS SO MUCH to everyone that helped fulfill this community need.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS



thank you

Kama was able to assemble 23 Christmas Baskets that were given out to people in the surrounding communities. Vicki Milbrandt's 5th grade class made candy treat bags that were also included in each basket.

sent to serve

THANK YOU!




Kindred Kids collected items, in December, for the "Golden Drive Homeless Kids Christmas Gift Event" in the Fargo-Moorhead Communities. The focus was on "homeless teens". They collected hygiene products, winter gear and life items, such as blankets, backpacks and gift cards. Thanks to all who donated!!!

Save the Date



Evan and Marie Moe
411 Everett Ave East,
Apt 252
Fergus Falls, MN
56537

Evan and Marie Moe have moved to an assisted living in Fergus Falls, MN. Let's fill their mailbox with letters from their KLC friends.



JOE AND EVELYN BROWN BENEFIT

February 25th, 2023 4pm-8pm
Davenport Community Center

A photograph of an elderly couple, Joe and Evelyn Brown, sitting on a dirt path outdoors. They are smiling and looking towards the camera. The photo is framed by a red border.

NOTICE

The annual meeting has been rescheduled to February 12, following worship.

All Committee annual reports are due Jan. 15.

A yellow rectangular sign with a black border and rounded corners. The word "NOTICE" is written in large, bold, black letters at the top. Below it, the text is in a mix of bold and italicized fonts.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING DONATIONS FOR DECEMBER WERE \$345 AND WAS DONATED TO BACKPACK PROGRAM AT THE KINDRED SCHOOLS.

A photograph of a pink and orange backpack, a brown paper bag, a glass of orange juice, and a red apple, set against a grey brick wall background.

gathered to grow



WELCOME OLIVIA!
Please welcome
Olivia Jo Mitchell to
our KLC family. Her
parents are *Justin &
Caitlyn Mitchell* and
sister *Mckenzie*.



NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 15



KINDRED KIDS SINGING

JANUARY 22!

JANUARY POTLUCK

January 22

A-M please bring main
dish and help serve

N-Z please bring a side
dish or dessert



"BEHIND THE SCENES"

January 29

Want to learn how
things happen behind
the scenes at the
church? Pastor Kyle is
opening the curtain to
give you a chance to
learn about the
different ways you can
help make worship and
ministry possible.



Cheryl Rostad performing
"A Journey to Bethlehem"



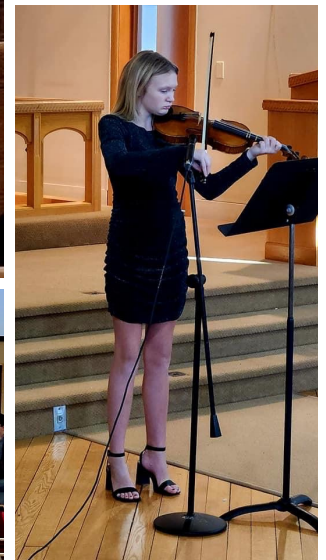
The Prayer Partner group for 2023. If you
are interested in joining please contact
Carlotta Spelhaug.

gathered to grow

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM





calendar

JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 NEW YEARS DAY 10 am - Worship PJs, Lessons, & Carols No Sunday School	2 Church Office Closed	3	4 No Confirmation or Youth Group 7:30 pm - Choir	5	6 EPIPHANY Church Office Closed	7
8 9am - Sunday School 10 am - Worship 11 am - Fellowship	9	10	11 4:15 pm - Confirmation 5:30 pm - Youth Group 7:30 pm - Choir	12	13 Church Office Closed	14
15 10 am - Worship 11 am - Fellowship No Sunday School	16 MLK JR. DAY	17	18 4:15 pm - Confirmation 5:30 pm - Youth Group - Connect with Christ 7:30 pm - Choir	19	20 Church Office Closed	21
22 9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Worship 11 am - Potluck 12 pm - Council Meeting 2 pm - Kindred Kids Paint Party	23	24	25 4:15 pm - Confirmation 5:30 pm - Youth Group 7:30 pm - Choir	26	27 Church Office Closed	28
29 9am - Sunday School 10 am - Worship 11 am - Fellowship 11 am - Behind the Scenes 11 am - Youth Ski Trip	30	31	NOTES:			

Confirmation

Resumes

Jan 11 @ 4:15pm



Youth Group Schedule

5:30-7:00 @ KLC

Jan 11 - Welcome to the New Year

Do you want to help plan the fun things youth group can do for the year 2023? Tonight is the night to come! Help Trish plan fun activities for the new year!

Jan 18 - Connect with Christ

Contemporary Youth Only Service featuring information on the Youth Gathering 2024 in New Orleans.

Jan 25 - Ski Trip Prep Night

Put sandwich and snack bags together for Detroit Mountain Ski/Tube Trip

Detroit Mountain Ski/Tube Outing

Sunday Jan 29th

Attention all 7-12 grade KLC Youth! Let's go to Detroit Mountain for a ski/tubing day!



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Sign up
until Jan 23

Details

Depart from KLC @ 11am

Return to KLC approx. 5:30pm

(Sack lunch provided for drive to Detroit Mountain)

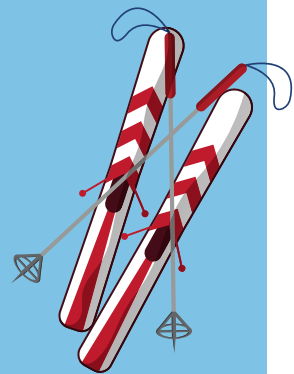
Fee: \$10

(All costs are covered except extra food purchases)

NEED: Adult Drivers!

(Join in the fun at no cost but gas to get us there!)

Sign up for Adult and Youth Participants with QR code



council notes

Kindred Lutheran Church Council Minutes Monday, November 21, 2022

Called to Order by: Lisa at 6:30 pm
Present: Pastor Kyle, Lisa, Rich, Lloyd, Susie, Kathryn, Gene, & Michele
Approval of agenda: Motion to approve by Rich, Seconded by Gene. M



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

Treasurer's Report/Approval of Report:

- Dylan will be gone for the next 3 weeks. We're looking good expense wise and on track heading into the holidays/end of the year.
- Continuing conversations with Churches Mutual for final reimbursement of the Parsonage work.
- Offering counters will be taken off the ushering duties list and until we find a permanent solution, council will help count each week. Motion to approve Report by Rich, Seconded by Kathryn. Motion approved.

Pastor's Report:

- Missions committee looking at doing a fundraiser event in December. Possible groups that could use funding are the Back-pack program & Food Pantry.
- Sundays in January after worship, Pastor would like to host a "church behind the scenes" in which he would show people the "how-to's" of different volunteering opportunities at church... ushering, technology, offering, communion, etc. It would be a different area each week.

Updates from Directors:

1. Faith Formation & Growth:

- Trish has "Camp Sunday" scheduled for 2/26/23 and continues to work on getting the Youth group together for events.
- Sunday School directors would like to try having some family fun events and will look into ideas.

2. Management & Grounds:

- Snow removal...Chris Heinrich will be doing the sidewalks around the church, and Jason Gette will be plowing the parking lot.

3. Social Ministry & Outreach:

- Parish Life served lunch for the new member luncheon held on 11/13/22.
- Worship committee is working on a new calendar sign-up for readers, ushers, & fellowship jobs and will be weekly instead of monthly. Sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex.

Old Business:

- Directory-Lisa & Kathryn are hoping to start the process in February. More to come.
- Phone system-current one is not working well. Lloyd will see what our options are and look into a less expensive system than the one we looked at last month.

New Business:

- Christmas Eve services will be at 4:00pm & 6:00pm. No Sunday service on Christmas Day.
- Nominations committee- we'll have 3 spots on Council to fill by February.

Adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Hillman



gratitude & prayers

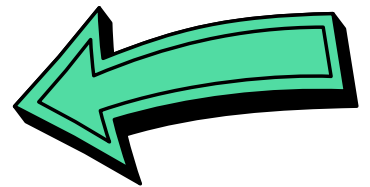


Financial Giving to the General Fund for 2022 will be finalized in the Annual Report (published February 12):



Annual Budget \$222,287
Received in 2022 \$200,083
Needed Each Month \$19,000
Given in December \$50,997

Kindred Lutheran Church is switching its giving software. While we make the transition, you will be getting updates on our changes. Please use this new donation stamp to complete your online giving. Thank you for your generosity.



Please lift up the following in your prayers:

HEALING FOR:

Joe Brown, Evelyn Brown, Bruce Lykken, Pastor Phil Larson, Garrett Fenner, Carlotta Spelhaug, Keith Anderson, Lloyd Hoffarth Sr., Pastor Joel Russell, Sandy Olsgard, Greta Paschke

HOPE FOR:

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.

THANKFULNESS FOR:

The coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

KLC members who have volunteered to serve on the Church Council and other Committees.

COMFORT FOR:

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

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.



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