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***"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."***  
- Psalm 51:10 (KJV)

Siblings in Christ,

Lent has a way of slowing us down. It asks us to pause, to reflect, to strip away distractions and honestly examine our hearts. It is a season of surrender, a time to let go of what keeps us from God and to take hold of what draws us closer.

Many of us grew up hearing about the practice of giving something up for Lent—whether it was sweets, television, or another comfort of daily life. There is value in this kind of fasting; it reminds us of our dependence on God rather than on the things that so easily consume our attention. But Lent is not only about what we give up—it is also about what we take up.

What if, instead of only fasting from something, we also committed to something? What if we took up a new spiritual discipline, like daily prayer or Scripture reading? What if we made it a priority to serve—checking in on a lonely neighbor, volunteering, or extending grace in ways we often overlook? What if we allowed Lent to be a time not just of restraint, but of renewal?

This year, our mid-week Lenten services will include reflection on the story of Exodus—how God led the Israelites out of slavery and into freedom. Their journey was not easy. There were moments of doubt, frustration, and fear. But through it all, God remained faithful, shaping them into a people who would trust more deeply. In the same way, Lent leads us through a wilderness of sorts. It is a season of refining, where God works within us to cleanse and renew our hearts.

The psalmist prays, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." That is the heart of Lent. We surrender what weighs us down, and we open ourselves to the transformation God wants to bring. As we begin this season, I encourage you to ask yourself: What is God calling me to let go of? And just as importantly, what is God calling me to take up?

May this Lent be a time of both sacrifice and renewal, of both surrender and growth. And may we walk this journey together, trusting in the new life God is bringing forth.

Peace,

Pastor Kyle



**Kindred**  
Lutheran Church

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# Gathered to Grow

## Welcome to Kindred Lutheran Church, We are Glad you are here!

If you notice someone "new" during Sunday morning worship, please take a moment to extend a warm welcome and thank them for joining us. Your friendliness can make a significant impact and help them feel part of our community. Don't hesitate to share information about upcoming events or activities they might be interested in joining. Remember, a simple smile and greeting can open the door to meaningful connections and lasting friendships. Let's all work together to ensure that everyone who walks through our doors feels the love and warmth of Kindred Lutheran Church. Kindly introduce them to Pastor Kyle or a council member.

### LENTEN SEASON



#### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, March 2

Get ready to party because Irene Roe is hitting the big "95" this month! Join us this Sunday after worship for some cake, coffee, and a rousing rendition of the "Happy Birthday Song" that'll make her grin from ear to ear! 🎂🎉

#### ASH WEDNESDAY

Wed, March 5

Lenten Dinner - 6pm  
Lenten Worship - 7pm



#### KINDRED KIDS SINGING

Sunday, March 9

Kindred Kids are singing today; let's show our appreciation!



#### KLC THREADS



Sunday, March 2

Our new sewing group is starting to meet every other Sunday after worship. We will be meeting this Sunday along with March 16 & 30. If you are interested in joining, please call the Church Office or Katie Giermann.

#### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, March 11 @ Noon



#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY COMMUNITY SENIOR MEAL

Monday, March 17 @ 11:45

**BINGO**  
Want to have some fun? Bring a friend and join us at the senior meal on Monday, March 17. We will be playing BINGO after lunch. Please RSVP to Leah.  
428-3430

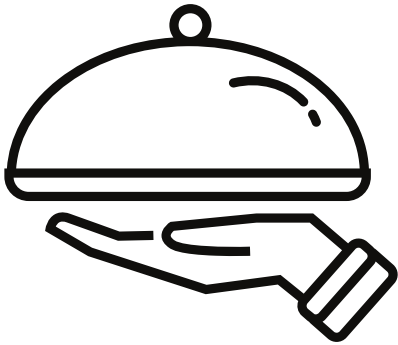


# Gathered to Grow

## ✝ LENTEN SEASON AT KLC ✝

Join us for our Lenten Dinners in March & April. Dinner is at 6pm and Worship is at 7pm.

yum



March 5 - Church Council

March 12 - Altar Guild Committee

March 19 - Sunday School (parents & teachers)

March - 26 Parish Life/Mission Committees

April 2 - Altar Guild Committee

April 9 - Worship/Fellowship Committees

Lent is a bustling time with delightful meals on Wednesday evenings and worship services. A successful church requires many helping hands, and we are grateful to all who will contribute this season. Thank you to our committee members for serving our Lenten dinners.

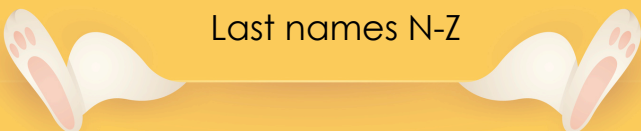


Potluck: Sunday March 23

Come and make new friends or visit with old acquaintances.

Side Dish/Dessert - Last names begin with A-M

Main Dish/Set Up/Clean Up - Last names N-Z



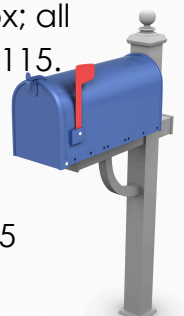
## Easter Flowers

This year, we're taking a fresh approach with our Easter flowers. Rather than opting for Easter Lilies, we'll be selecting a range of vibrant spring flowers for the sanctuary. If you'd like to help with the cost of these flowers, please reach out to Leah 428-3630



KLC is removing the front mailbox; all mail will now be sent to PO Box 115.

Current address:  
Kindred Lutheran Church  
391 Spruce Street, PO Box 115  
Kindred, ND 58051



# Sent to Serve



## SPECIAL OFFERINGS



*Lenten Dinner Offerings will be contributed to Community Care to support Charlie Rose, RN, who provides services in the Kindred Area.*



*Lenten offerings will be contributed to Lutheran World Relief, for the California Wildfires Fund, providing support for families who have lost their homes.*



**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**



## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



### WALK IN FAITH

collecting: men's socks  
new or gently used, any  
size towels - new or used



### BACKPACK PROGRAM

Collecting donations  
for the program.

Needs: toilet paper, laundry  
soap, dishsoap; canned chicken,  
tuna, meat, muffin mix  
(mix with water)  
poptarts and Money \$\$

**FOOD  
PANTRY**





# State of the Congregation

5 - baptisms  
3 - Funerals (4 deaths)  
1- Wedding  
6 - kids celebrated  
1st communion  
11- kids received Bibles

64 - Worship Services  
93 - People per sunday (in person)  
42 - people per Sunday (online)

15 - 9th graders confirmed  
38 - 6th-8th graders in confirmation  
38 - kids in Kindred Kids

## ATTENDANCE

12 New Members  
460 Members

## YOUTH

6 attended National Youth Gathering  
8 attended EaND Fall Youth Retreat  
\$1447.45 Kindred Days Burger Stand

## COMMUNITY

Food Pantry  
Over 100 vouchers given out  
Backpack Program  
Over 900- bags given out

COMMUNITY  
Holiday Food Baskets  
65 Baskets prepared  
20 pre-cooked meal  
Senior Meals  
35-40 meals/month

## 2024 FINANCES

\$231,630.55 budget  
\$221,122.96 actual income  
\$209,003.45 actual expenses

## 2025 FINANCES

\$213,309.03 Proposed budget  
(\$4102.10 per week)

**The 2024 Annual Report is ready for pickup at the office**  
**or can be sent to you by email. Simply inform Leah of**  
**your preference.**

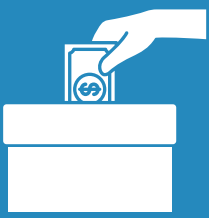
## KLC CHURCH COUNCIL 2025

President - Caitlin Perhus  
Vice President - Justin Fiesel  
Treasurer - Bryan Halvorson  
Secretary - Michele Hillman  
Buildings & Grounds - Verne Wolf  
Social Ministry & Outreach - Laurie O'Keefe  
Faith Formation & Growth - Sally Erickson

## ATTENDANCE: JAN 2025

<u>Jan 5</u>	67
<u>Jan 12</u>	44
<u>Jan 19</u>	48
<u>Jan 26</u>	92

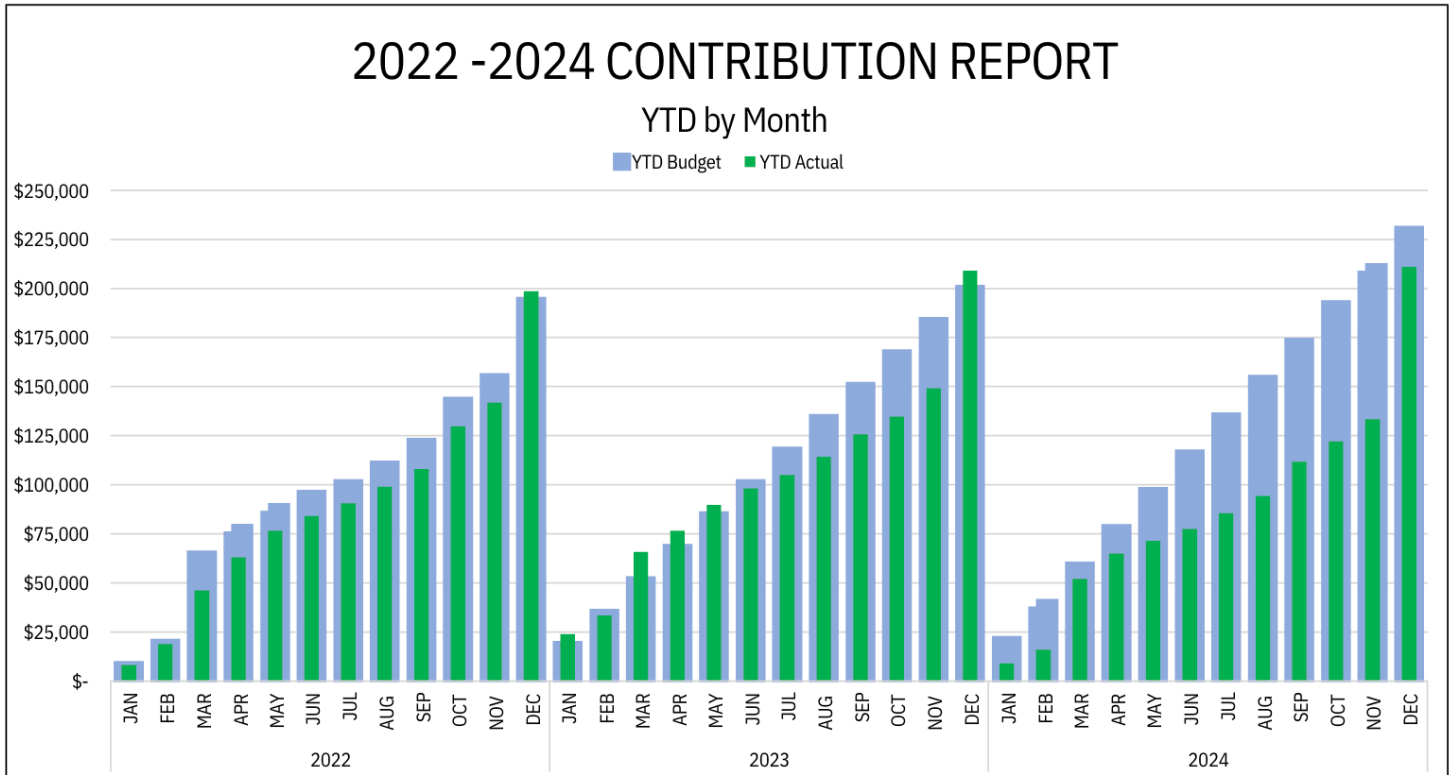
**Financial Giving to the General Fund:**  
Annual Budget \$213,309.03  
Needed Each Month \$17,775.75  
Given through February \$ 15,936.18



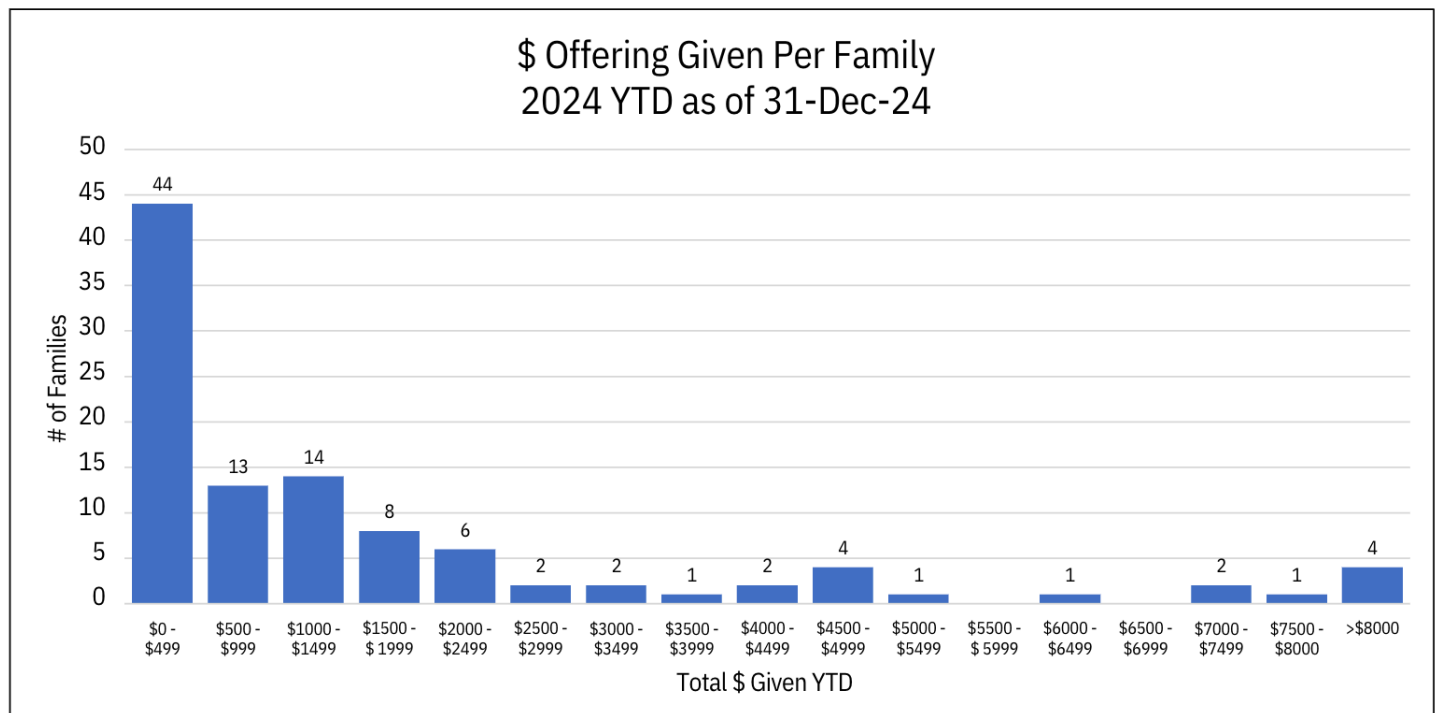
# 2024 Contributions

## OFFERING CONTRIBUTION STATISTICS

The council constantly monitors offering contributions versus the budget. It can be difficult to determine if we will meet our budget until the very end of the year. This is because historically a large percentage of contributions are received in December. The below chart shows how contributions compare to the monthly budget throughout the year.



The council thought it would be useful to show the distribution of offering contributions from each individual family. Any amount, large or small, is greatly appreciated and is what allows the church to continue its mission.



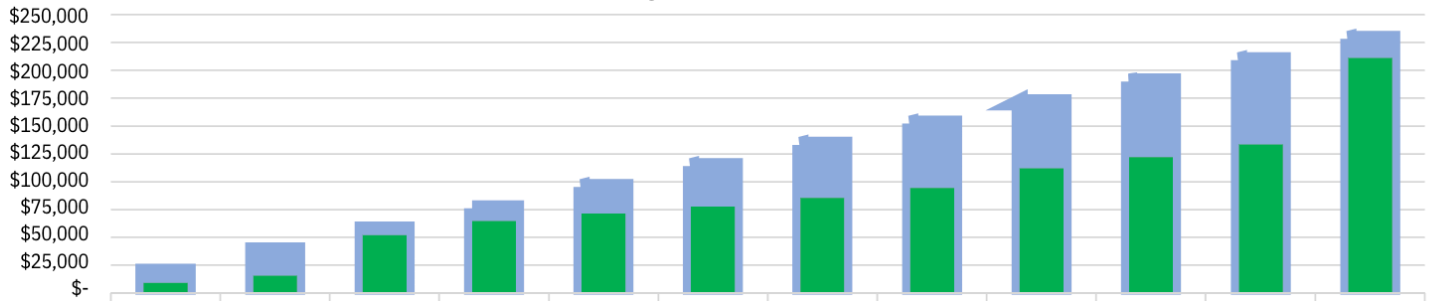


# 2024 Contributions

## 2024 CONTRIBUTION REPORT

### YTD BY MONTH

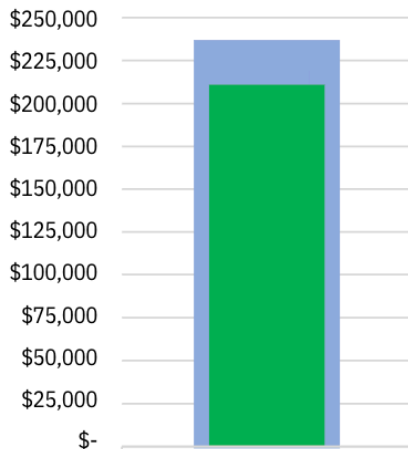
■ YTD Budget ■ YTD Actual



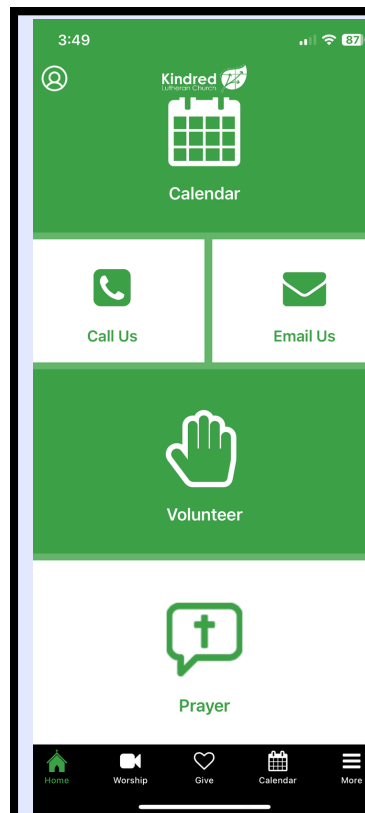
	2024											
Month Budget	\$19,011	\$19,011	\$19,011	\$19,011	\$19,011	\$19,011	\$19,011	\$19,011	\$19,011	\$19,011	\$19,011	\$19,011
Month Actual	\$8,974	\$6,885	\$36,090	\$12,969	\$6,511	\$6,119	\$7,885	\$8,994	\$17,324	\$10,304	\$11,404	\$77,557
Month \$ Over Budget	(\$10,037)	(\$12,126)	\$17,079	(\$6,042)	(\$12,500)	(\$12,892)	(\$11,126)	(\$10,017)	(\$1,686)	(\$8,707)	(\$7,607)	\$58,546
YTD Budget	\$19,011	\$38,022	\$57,033	\$76,044	\$95,054	\$114,065	\$133,076	\$152,087	\$171,098	\$190,109	\$209,120	\$228,131
YTD Actual	\$8,974	\$15,859	\$51,949	\$64,917	\$71,429	\$77,548	\$85,432	\$94,426	\$111,750	\$122,054	\$133,458	\$211,015
YTD \$ Over Budget	(\$10,037)	(\$22,163)	(\$5,084)	(\$11,126)	(\$23,626)	(\$36,518)	(\$47,644)	(\$57,661)	(\$59,348)	(\$68,055)	(\$75,662)	(\$17,116)

Numbers are valid as of Jan-11-2025 when report was compiled. Values may change as additional contributions are collected.

## OFFERING CONTRIBUTIONS vs. BUDGET 2024 - THROUGH DECEMBER



	2024 - THROUGH DECEMBER
Budget	\$228,131
Actual	\$211,015
\$ Over Budget	(\$17,116)



You can effortlessly download the Tithe.ly app on your phone for quick access to KLC. With your phone, you can view Sunday morning worship services as well as past services. Moreover, you can easily find the giving section to make donations directly through the app. You can also reach the office or Pastor Kyle by email or phone.



# Prayers & Healing

*Please lift up the following in your prayers:*

## Healing for:

Garrett Fenner  
Shawn Johnson  
Wyatt Simley  
John Carlson  
Alicia Hildebrand  
Maverick Wilson  
Joan Pratt  
Marlys Bergene



## Healing for:

Tonna Horsely  
Bea Bachmeier  
Kylie Gruel  
John Wickenheiser

## Comfort for:

The families and friends of  
Linda Setter who passed away  
in February.

—❖—  
The families and friends of  
Leo Kannas who passed away  
in February.

—❖—  
To Mike Rude, Marilyn Rude,  
and Jennifer Wolsky on the  
loss of their father.

## KLC Prayer Chain

If you have a private prayer request, please call Pastor Kyle (701-429-1413)  
and he will communicate with our list of prayer warriors on your behalf.

### KINDRED LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF:

**Pastor:**  
Rev. Kyle Giermann

[pastorkyle@kindredlutheran.com](mailto:pastorkyle@kindredlutheran.com)

**Admin. Assistant:**  
Leah Lundquist

**Hours:** Noon - 5pm

[admin@kindredlutheran.com](mailto:admin@kindredlutheran.com)

**Music Coordinator:**  
Cheryl Rostad

**Choir Director:**  
LaVonne Nokleberg

**Contemporary Worship Music:**  
Eldon & Amy Johnson

**Custodians:**  
Mike & Karla Jostad

I am  
**Grateful**  
for  
Everything I have  
Everything I know  
Everything I am

**KLC'S LOVE  
OFFERING:  
\$1,168**

On February 9, 2025, we  
collected a total of  
\$1,168 for Joan Pratt  
through our Love  
Offering. We sincerely  
thank our generous  
congregation for their  
support.



# Calendar



# MARCH



2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9am 2 Sunday School 10am Contemporary Worship Service 11am Fellowship	3	4	5 ASH Wednesday  6pm Lenten Dinner 7pm Lenten Worship	6	7 Church Office Closed	8
9am 9 Sunday School 10am Worship Service Kindred Kids Singing 11am Fellowship 	10	11	12	13	14 Church Office Closed	15
9am 16 Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11am Fellowship	17 <b>Senior Meal 11:45am</b> <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19	20	21 Church Office Closed	22
23 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11am POTLUCK	24 Deadline for Newsletter Articles	25	26	27	28 Church Office Closed	29
30 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service 11am Fellowship	31					NOTES: