

Kindred Connections

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“See, I am making all things new.” – Revelation 21:5 (NRSV)

Siblings in Christ,

January has a way of making us think about fresh starts. New calendars, new routines, new hopes. Even if we don't make formal resolutions, there's something about turning the page that invites reflection. We ask ourselves quiet questions: Where is God leading me? What needs renewing in my life? What am I holding onto that I need to place back in God's hands?

Scripture reminds us that God is always at work making things new. Not just at the start of a year, but in every season of life. Renewal doesn't always come with fireworks or dramatic change. Often it shows up in small, faithful steps. A prayer spoken honestly. A moment of patience where there used to be frustration. A willingness to trust God one more day.

As we begin this new year together, my prayer is that we give ourselves permission to grow slowly and faithfully. Faith is not about having everything figured out. It's about showing up, again and again, trusting that God meets us exactly where we are.

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This January will also be a season of new beginnings for my family, as I will be on paternity leave for the month. I am deeply grateful for your support, prayers, and understanding during this time. Thank you for allowing me the space to be present with my family as we welcome this new chapter.

Please know that while I am away, you are in very good hands. Our worship life will continue to be rich and meaningful. We will begin the year with Lessons and Carols on January 4. On January 11 we will welcome pulpit supply. On January 18, Gavin Rude, a youth of our congregation, will be preaching. Sally Erickson will preach on January 25. Then on February 1, Jen Engquist, Disaster Capacity Builder for the synod and a former youth director of mine, will bring the message. I will return from paternity leave in time for our Annual Meeting on February 8, and I look forward to being back with you then.

As we step into this new year, may we do so with trust rather than fear, hope rather than uncertainty, and confidence that God is already at work among us. Wherever this year leads, we go forward together, held by grace.

Peace,

Pastor Kyle



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Gathered to Grow

Memorial Poinsettias

Brandon & Amy Thilmony in Memory of **Cole Schempp, Lorne & Judy Tetrauh**

Mark & Lana Perry in Memory of **Our Heavenly Family**

LaVonne Nokleberg in Memory of **Elder & Eleanor Braaten**

Todd & LeAnn Toppen in Memory of **Our Parents, Palmer & Evelyn, Marlowe & Viola**

Arlene Lykken & Family in Memory of **Bud Lykken**

The Fiesel Family in Memory of **Jean Hertsgaard**

Laurie O'Keefe in Memory of **DeWayne Simonson, Brad Simonson**

Ernst & Brown Families in Memory of **Joe Brown**

Ron & Leah Lundquist in Memory of **Altha Johnson, Harriett & Bud**

The Akvik Family in Memory of **Grandparents & Great Grandparents**

Irene Roe & family in Memory of **James Roe**

Jean Lahren Washa in Memory of **Joe & Marcella Lahren & Daryl Lahren**

Kelly & Deb Perhus in Memory of **Gene & Eileen Perhus, Kim Perhus, Karen Gilbertson**

Terry & Carlotta Spelhaug in Memory of **Lorrain & Ilert, Carlott & Olin**

Pastor Kyle, Katie, & Calvin Giermann in Memory of **Karol Utt, Paul Anderson, Buck & MaryAnn Johnston, Jan Johnston, Bradley Johnston, Greta Paschke**



SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM





Sent to Serve

KLC is collaborating with Norman Lutheran and the Catholic Church in Kindred to support our local charities. We have established a rotating schedule, and here are the items required for this month. Thank you immensely for your generosity!

Community Closet

Liquid Laundry
Detergent

Viking Village

Teen feminine
products

Food Pantry

Baking Items:
flour, sugar,
vegetable oil

We have donation tubs available for all locations that are requesting items.

You can find them located downstairs in the Sunday School hallway.

COMMUNITY SENIOR MEAL

So much fun was had at the Christmas Party for our Senior Meal. Chicken and mashed potatoes were served and there was entertainment by Zachary Johnson who played the bagpipes. It was wonderful Join us in January for our next meal. 1/19/26



The Giving Tree - \$470 was raised for the students at KHS
Christmas Offering - our members raised \$1,265 for the family in need.

Confirmation

Upcoming Confirmation Events:

Wednesday, January 7 - Activity Day!

January 14 - Starting "After You" Curriculum!



Upcoming Youth Events:

Serving a meal at NDSU Crossroads March 1. 9-12 grade, join us!



Roadtrip for 9-12 graders this summer! July 7-14, 2026

Questions? Email Lannah
youth@kindredlutheran.com



Game Night - You asked, it's back!
Friday, January 30

Join us for Game Night at KLC
ALL Youth are welcome 6-12 grade!
Snacks will be provided.
7pm-9pm



KLY (Clay)

Senior High Winter Camp

Are you a 9-12 grader? Would you like to "Recharge" from the daily stresses? Please, join us for a Senior High Winter Retreat to "Recharge" February 20-22, 2026 at Luther Crest Bible Camp in Alexandria, MN. Cost is \$210/participant. Please Email Lannah if you are interested!





Prayers AND Healing

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

Healing for:

John Carlson
Maverick Wilson
Joan Pratt
Tonna Horsely

Healing for:

Carol Mitskog
Pastor Karin Moberg
Pastor Ryan Patenaude
Joan Hoffarth

Comfort for:

The family & friends of
Lloyd Olsgard who passed
away in December.

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Diane Lee who passed away
in December.

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.



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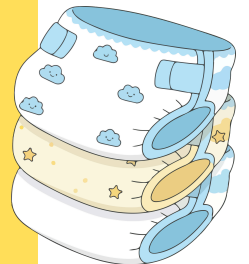
Custodians:
Mike & Karla Jostad

DIAPER DASH

We are hosting a diaper dash for Pastor Kyle and Katie. Please bring in diapers for the month of January. Please use the chart below to determine what size to bring.



- A - F - Size 1
- G - L - Size 2
- M - R - Size 3
- S - Z - size 4



Huggies & Pampers are the diapers preferred.



Calendar

January



2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
					Church Office Closed	Lloyd Olsgaard's Funeral 11am
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am - Fellowship		Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	6th, 7th, 8th Confirmation 6pm Choir Practice 5:30pm		Church Office Closed	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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Happy New Year 2026



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