

KINDRED CONNECTIONS

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I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

— Philippians 1:6 (NRSVue)

Siblings in Christ,

October is always a month that carries deep meaning for our Lutheran identity. At the end of the month we celebrate Reformation Sunday, remembering the movement of the Spirit that stirred Martin Luther and countless others to rediscover the heart of the Gospel. This year our congregation will celebrate with even greater joy as sixteen of our young people affirm their baptisms in the rite of confirmation on Reformation Sunday. What a gift it is to witness faith taking root and growing in the lives of our youth, even as we remember how God continues to reform and renew the whole church.

Why is the Reformation so important? For Luther, the central conviction was that salvation is a gift of God's grace, freely given through Jesus Christ. This truth changes everything. We are not left to wonder if we have done enough to earn God's love. We are not burdened by fear or shame. Instead we are set free to live in the joy of God's mercy, to serve our neighbors in love, and to walk in confidence that Christ has already accomplished what we could never accomplish ourselves. That is why the Reformation still matters. It proclaims that our faith does not rest on what we do for God but on what God has already done for us in Christ.

The Reformation is not just some sixteenth century event. It is a living reminder that the church is always being reformed by the Word and Spirit of God. Every generation is called to listen afresh to the Gospel and to ask how God is leading us here and now. In a world of constant change, the spirit of Reformation keeps us grounded in grace while also calling us forward with courage.

That is what makes celebrating confirmation on Reformation Sunday so meaningful. Just as the Reformers once stood boldly for the truth of the Gospel, our sixteen confirmands will stand before the congregation to affirm the promises of baptism. Their confirmation is not the end of a journey but a new chapter. They will continue to grow in faith, guided by the Spirit who began a good work in them and who will bring it to completion in Christ.

As a congregation, we are invited to reflect on how we too are being reformed. Where is God calling us to grow? How might we open our lives more fully to the grace of Christ? How can we embody the freedom of the Gospel in ways that serve our neighbors, welcome the stranger, and strengthen the body of Christ? These are Reformation questions, not just for Luther's time, but for ours.

On Reformation Sunday, as we sing hymns of faith, celebrate the gift of grace, and witness our young people affirm their baptisms, let us remember that God is still at work reforming and renewing the church today. We give thanks for the past, we rejoice in the present, and we look forward with hope to what God will continue to do among us.

Thanks be to God for grace upon grace, for a church that is always being reformed, and for the living faith of these our young people who remind us of God's promises that are always new.

Peace,



Pastor Kyle



Kindred
Lutheran Church

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Gathered to Grow

Directory Update!!



The KLC Directory is still incomplete, and we are uncertain if it will ever be finalized. The individual responsible for our directory sadly passed away, and the company has not maintained communication with us.

As a result, the Church Council has decided to create our own directory. We will be taking photos after church on a couple of Sundays, and we will oversee both the creation and printing processes. Please stay tuned.....

Bible Class & Presentation!!

BIBLE ADVENTURE CLASS

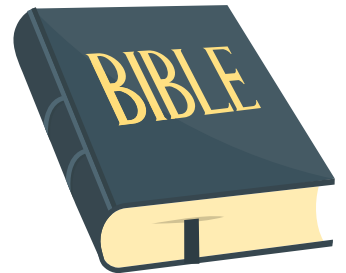
On Sunday, October 5, we will host a Bible Adventure Class for all third graders. The class will take place at 1 PM at the church. Parents, please be sure to accompany your child.

BIBLE PRESENTATION SUNDAY

October 12 marks "Bible Sunday" at KLC. On this special day, our 3rd graders and preschoolers will receive a Bible from families within our community.

The preschool Bibles are donated by the Johnson, Lundquist, and Perry families.

The Bibles for the 3rd graders are presented by Jeanie Washa in loving memory of her parents and brother who have passed away.



Confirmation Sunday
Sunday, October 26





Gathered to Grow

Welcome Audrey Ann Leach!!



**Welcome to the KLC family Audrey!
Proud parents are Alexis and Dylan Leach.**

Meet & Greet with Lanah!

**What a fantastic turnout for our meet-and-greet with Lanah!
Attendees enjoyed hot dogs, burgers, chips, and corn on the
cob, all of which were a hit. If you haven't had the
opportunity to meet Lanah yet, be sure to introduce yourself!**





Sent to Serve

God's Work, Our Hands!!



KLC truly excelled during our bustling God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. We wrapped up the day by enjoying seven different varieties of chili, accompanied by delicious root beer floats.



Our congregation created personal care kits for the Viking Village and helped clean up the town by filling our garbage cans. Additionally, they installed a shelf in the archives closet and trimmed some hedges.



Youth

Confirmation



Confirmation has started! Pastor Kyle and I are so excited for the year ahead! We have started with "We Are Family" and that's what we are, God's Family!



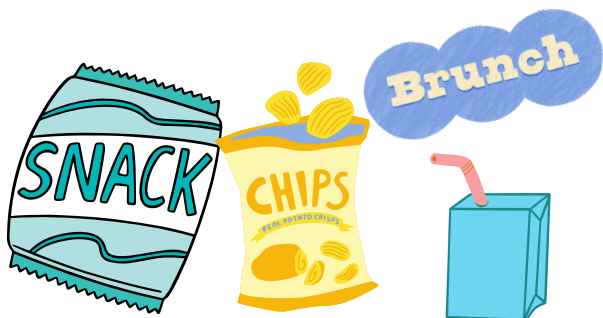
Reformation Sunday is October 26th for our KLC 9th Graders. They will be affirming their baptism at the 10 am service!



Upcoming Youth Events:

Sunday, October 5th -
Brunch and Chat with Lanah
9 am-10 am

Wednesday, October 8th -
Late Night Snacks and Chat
with Lanah
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm



Synod Fall Youth Retreat at Camp Castaway!

We had 12 students from KLC and 6 Students from Norman/Davenport come with us for our Synod Fall Youth Retreat! We all went to Camp Castaway Friday, September 26 - Sunday, September 28. Our theme was "Do Good Better". Fun was had by all!





Prayers & Healing

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

Healing for:

Garrett Fenner
Wyatt Simley
John Carlson
Maverick Wilson
Joan Pratt
Tonna Horsely

Healing for:

Joan Halland
Carol Mitskog
Tony Kramer
Ryan Perhus
Steve Johnson
Joan Hoffarth

Comfort for:

The family & friends of
Mariah Buck.

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

New Address:



LOST & FOUND AT KLC.

Please check our lost & found located in the entryway at KLC. Jackets, coffee mugs, bibles, sweatshirts, etc....





Council Notes

Council Minutes

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Kindred Lutheran Church

Called to Order by: Caitlin at 7:00 pm

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

Absent: Verne

Opening Prayer

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

Treasurer's Report/Approval of Report: Motion to approve Report by Sally, Seconded by Michele. Motion approved. The report is updated thru June. Dyan said he can get us switched over to his quick books.

Pastor's Report:

- Kindred Days- the Burger stand made around \$1500 (250 hamburgers and 90 hot dogs).
- Fellowship talked about doing the pie social again at Kindred Days next year.
- People asked about having the community service on Sunday, Kindred Days weekend.
- Ordered Thank you cards- to recognize members/people who help at church.
- Starting to get registrations for Sunday School and Confirmation (a few new families too).
- Wedding here on 9/5 for Karley Perhus & Nate Vipond.
- Met with a few committees, and worked on making booklets to go along with each group.
- Had a few emergency visitations and other visitations.
- Funeral here on 8/1 for Brian Johnson.
- Meet & greet for Lanah is planned for 8/27, but she had surgery recently so it may change.
- Will look into making a Church Safety policy for liability reasons.
- Question Persuade Refer (QPR), NDSU extension session, was postponed due to low sign-up and may try again in the fall.
- Serving on the finance committee for the Synod (meet once every 3 months).
- The Missions committee is looking for ideas for "God's Work Our Hands" on 9/21. There will be a chilli potluck also.
- The end of the month we'll send out postcards to inactive members to invite back to church.
- Will look into a sign-in pad or different way to track worship attendance.
- Lanah's husband has ideas for changing the wires for better streaming and wifi throughout the building.

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Council Notes

Updates from Directors:

Faith Formation & Growth:

- Kindred Kids- will have Rally Sunday on 9/7 with a scavenger hunt/prizes in the morning and other activities after worship. They're working on lessons, will have a teacher meeting soon, and will ask the Fellowship committee about doing a potluck.
- Youth- Confirmation starts 9/10 and with Orientation on 9/3. Will email families with details soon.
- Fall youth retreat at Castaway club will be 9/26-28 for 6-9th graders.
- Hoping to get more Bibles and newer tv's for classrooms to use for lessons.

Management & Grounds:

- New Cross in the Prayer Garden was installed. (Thanks to Justin Fiesel, Lorin Miller, Verne, Rodney, & Elliott Wolf, and Pastor Kyle)
- MDU will install gas meters at church/parsonage 8/28, and Accel energy will be out before that time to get things ready.

Social Ministry & Outreach:

- No new updates.

Old Business:

- Youth Director-Lanah officially started 7/21.
- Improvements Committee - no new updates.

New Business:

- Church Safety policy-will get a draft soon.

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

Adjourned at 8:34pm

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Hillman

Financial Giving to the General Fund:

Annual Budget: \$213,309.03

Needed Each Month: \$17,775.75

Donations given through Sept 2025: \$116,650.19



Calendar

2025

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
				9th grade Confirmation - 7:00pm	Church Office Closed	
9am - Sunday School 9am - Brunch & chat w/Lanah 10am - Worship Service 11am- Fellowship Bible Class	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	6th, 7th, 8th Confirmation 6pm 9th grade - 7:30pm 7:30pm Snacks & Chat w/Lanah	9th grade Confirmation - 7:00pm	Church Office Closed	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9am - Sunday School 10am - Contemporary Worship Service 11am- Fellowship Bible Sunday		Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	NO Confirmation	NO Confirmation	Church Office Closed	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am- Fellowship	Senior Meal 11:45am 	Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	6th, 7th, 8th Confirmation 6pm ALL 9th grade - run through service -7:30pm		Church Office Closed	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Service 11am-Fellowship  Confirmation		Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	6th, 7th, 8th Confirmation 6pm		 Reformation Day Church Office Closed HALLOWEEN 	