

KINDRED CONNECTIONS

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“I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” – Joshua 1:9 (NRSVue)

Siblings in Christ,

There are only so many summer weekends.

Before long, the boats will be winterized again, the lawn chairs will disappear into the garage, and somebody will eventually say the words none of us are ready to hear yet: “Feels like fall is coming.”

Maybe that's why people try to squeeze so much into these few short months. We wait a long time for sunshine, green grass, and evenings that stay light past supper. Summer feels precious because it never lasts quite as long as we want it to.

That's part of what makes this season such a gift from God.

At the end of May during Vacation Bible School, our kids explored the theme *Road Trip: On the Go with God*. Throughout the week, they were reminded that **“the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”** (Joshua 1:9). Honestly, adults probably need that reminder just as much as children do. Summer scatters us in all kinds of directions. Cabins, campgrounds, vacations, ballgames, family reunions, fishing trips, and backyard grills all become part of the rhythm of the season. Through all of it, God remains present.

Summer also gives us opportunities to experience faith in ways we sometimes overlook during busier seasons. There's something special about slowing down enough to notice creation again. A quiet morning by the water. A thunderstorm rolling across the horizon. Kids running barefoot through the yard. Moments like those wake us up to God's goodness.

At the same time, summer can quietly pull us out of healthy spiritual rhythms. Missing worship once while traveling makes sense. Then another weekend comes along, and another after that, and suddenly church begins to feel distant instead of grounding. We weren't created to do faith alone. Worship matters because we need reminders of grace, community, forgiveness, hope, and the steady presence of God in our lives.

As we move into the summer months, we will worship at **10:00 a.m. on Sundays**. I hope gathering together remains part of your plans this summer whenever possible. And when you are away, bring your faith with you. Pray before a long drive. Read scripture on the deck with your morning coffee. Pause long enough to thank God for the people around your table.

The beautiful thing about faith is that God meets us both in the sanctuary and beyond it.

My prayer for you this summer is that you make wonderful memories, find true rest, share plenty of laughter, and discover again that every season of life becomes richer when we walk through it with God.

Peace,

Pastor Kyle



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SUMMER

WORSHIP

AT 10AM.

BRING A FRIEND!

**WE WEREN'T
CREATED TO
DO FAITH
ALONE.**



GATHERED TO GROW



2026 Seniors at KLC

Three graduates were presented with quilts made by our talented KLC quilters. Let's keep these students in our thoughts and prayers as they embark on their next journeys.

Lila Kittleson, Josie Matthys, and Wyatt Vining



Baccalaureate was held at KLC this year. The fellowship committee served the students cake and lemonade.



SCOUT AND HENRY WERE TAKING A "ROAD TRIP" ON THE FIRST DAY OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS THAT HELPED WITH PLANNING AND WORKING THIS YEAR.



GATHERED TO GROW



Sunday School concluded with a special program and awards ceremony. Be sure to express your gratitude to a Sunday School teacher for their dedication and hard work.



SENT TO SERVE

KLC is collaborating with Norman Lutheran and St. Maurice Catholic Church 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

Dish soap
toilet paper

Viking Village

Men/Women
Deodorant

Food Pantry

Cereal, canned
fruit, canned meat

We have donation tubs available for all locations that are requesting items.
You can find them located downstairs in the Sunday School hallway.

KLC DIRECTORY

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE THAT WOULD BE ABLE TO HELP WITH THE NEW DIRECTORY. PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN AT THE CHURCH WITH A LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHER. EVERYTHING WILL BE DONE LOCALLY.

PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR KYLE IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP.
THANK YOU



A new AED machine has been acquired for the church, thanks to the Ham Dinner Fund!

OUR LENTEN DINNER OFFERING (\$655) WAS SENT TO A LOCAL FAMILY THAT HAS RECENTLY LOST A CHILD.

OUR LENTEN WORSHIP OFFERING (\$756) WAS SENT TO COMMUNITY OF CARE IN CASSELTON TO HELP FUND OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY NURSE CHARLEY ROSE, RN

KLY (Clay)



JOIN KLC and LCC for
**Feed My Starving Children and
 Valleyfair!**

August 6th, 2026

price includes: transportation, snacks,
 park admission, and dinner! Need a
 scholarship? talk to Lanah!

YOUTH GATHERING 2027

Minneapolis MN!

June 28-July 2, 2027



Register by October 1st
**Questions? Please reach out
 to Lanah at any time!**

This summer, check out **CAMP!**
 Middle School and Senior High Options
 available!



<< **Red Willow Ministries**
 June or August 2026
 Our own Pastor Kyle was
 a counselor here, have
 questions? Just ask!



^^^ **Inspriation Point**

June or July 2026 for 6-12
 grade - and August 2026 for 6-
 8 grade. Join friends from
 Norman/Davenport of this
 camp adventure!

Luther Crest June or July 2026. >>>

This beautiful camp is located
 near the outskirts of Alexandria
 MN. Come and see the
 excitement of faith and fun!



Volunteer!



Burger Stand Sign up coming next
 month! Mark your calendars for
 Saturday, August 8th!
 We cannot wait to have your help!



PRAYERS & HEALING

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

Healing for:

Maverick Wilson
Joan Pratt
Tonna Horsely
Rowan Johnston

Healing for:

Pastor Karin Moberg
Joan Hoffarth
Troy
Mike Heglie

Prayers for:

Let us extend our prayers for all the kids wrapping up the school year and embracing summer with enthusiasm. May we keep them safe and sound as they enjoy a fantastic summer filled with sports, work, and poolside fun.

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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Eldon & Amy Johnson

Custodians:
Mike & Karla Jostad

**Anything look familiar?
Check our lost & found
we have at the church.**





COUNCIL NOTES

Council Minutes

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Kindred Lutheran Church

2027-3 Sally Erickson 2027-3 Laurie O'Keefe 2029-1 Caitlin Perhus
2027-3 Verne Wolf 2028-2 Michele Hillman 2029-1 Bryan Halvorson

2027-3 Justin Fiesel

Called to Order by: Caitlin at 11:09 am

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

Absent: Justin & Laurie

Opening Prayer

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

Treasurer's Report/Approval of Report: Motion to approve Report by Michele, Seconded by Sally.
Motion approved. We're balanced through March.

Pastor's Report:

- Was ill on and off for a few weeks, but did phone visits and emergency in-person visits.
- Had a couple funerals.
- Have a couple personal weddings coming up this summer.
- Synod assembly in June, Devin Gray is interested in attending with Pastor Kyle, Cheryl, and Barb. There are 6 people up for the Bishop position this year.
- Baccalaureate was changed to our church due to a funeral vigil at St. Maurice 4/26.
- Looked into a class on Financial giving. A 3 month class with weekly visits from a "coach" costs \$10,000, which was way more than we expected. There's a self guided option for \$1,500 that we'll consider in the future.
- Volunteers are needed to run the technology for worship on Sundays in the summer.
- Summer service time will be at 10am.



COUNCIL NOTES

Updates from Directors:

Faith Formation & Growth:

• Kindred Kids

- They just did 2 weeks of What's Next lessons from Acts on The Early Church.
- There is only one week left in the program year!
- The Sunday School program will be next Sunday 5/3 during church. A taco-in-a-bag potluck will follow.
 - During church, they will give out attendance awards and gifts for teachers.
 - There will be games, music, chalk, bubbles, etc. outside after potluck.
- VBS will be held May 26-28 with a planning meeting on 4/27 at 6pm.

• Youth

- This past week, there was a traumatic event at the middle school: a 6th grade girl passed away unexpectedly. Her older brother is in 8th grade.
 - Pastor Kyle sent out an email to all parents of confirmation students.
 - There was no lesson that night at confirmation, but a good time for kids to talk, hang out, and play games.
- Youth Gathering 2027 in Minneapolis is starting to be promoted with informational meetings & promotional materials.
- Valleyfair/Feed my Starving Children Day Trip planned with another church on Thursday August 8th for \$125/person.
- Burger Stand at Kindred Days is set for Saturday August 8th.

- Lanah has LOTS of fundraising ideas for the youth and is looking to upgrade the Youth Room this summer with repainting, adding decor, and updating furniture (budget friendly).

Management & Grounds:

- Back-up cleaner- Lexie Leach from Klenz Cleaning.
- We have 3 quotes for the privacy fence at the parsonage but it is a lot more expensive than expected so Pastor and Katie are willing to forgo the fence and update the patio and landscaping instead. We'll look into ideas & prices for those areas.
- The snowblower was put into storage.
- Stein's- has a stronger product for the dishwasher to help with the film on glasses but it would cost as much as buying a water softener in the long run.

Social Ministry & Outreach:

- Fellowship committee is doing a taco-in-a-bag potluck 5/3.
- Missions committee will stories from the Love offering they gave to Sunday school kids in March to help Spread Joy at the 5/3 worship service.
- Will clean out the deep freeze in the kitchen soon, and will look into getting food labels to keep track of things.



COUNCIL NOTES

Old Business:

- Improvements Committee-no new updates
- Misconduct Prevention Policy-no new updates
- Directory-we're still looking for people to help put one together.
- AED-no new updates
- Sanctuary AV system- we have a couple quotes to consider.

New Business:

- The copy machine in the Sunday school office is not working anymore. Instead of replacing it, we'd like to use the one in Leah's office.

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

Adjourned at 12:01pm

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Hillman

Next meeting: Sunday, May 17, 2026- after worship





CALENDAR

JUNE

2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 Synod Assembly Church Office Closed	6 Synod Assembly
7 Synod Assembly 10am Worship Service	8	9 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	10	11	12 Church Office Closed	13
14 10am - Contemporary Worship -	15 Senior Meal 11:45am 	16 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	17	18	19 Church Office Closed	20
21 10am - Worship Service 	22	23 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	24	25	26 Church Office Closed	27
28 10am - Worship Service	29	30 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry			Church Office Closed	



CALENDAR

July

2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4  Church Office Closed
5 10am Worship Service	6 Church Office Closed	7 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	8	9	10 Church Office Closed	11
12 10am - Contemporary Worship -	13	14 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	15	16	17 Church Office Closed	18
19 10am - Worship Service	20 No Senior Meal	21 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	22	23	24 Church Office Closed	25
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