

KINDRED CONNECTIONS

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"See, I am doing a new thing. Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." — Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

Siblings in Christ,

August has arrived, and with it comes the excitement of a new school year and the last stretch of summer fun. At Kindred Lutheran, this season marks a time of preparation. We're getting ready for Sunday School and Confirmation, planning worship and events for the fall, finalizing our yearly calendar, and turning our attention to all that is coming up in the weeks ahead.

Before we get too deep into those plans, I have some exciting news to share. In our June/July newsletter, we hinted that something exciting was on the horizon. Now we are delighted to officially welcome **Lanah Akvik** as our new **Youth Director**. She began her role on July 21, and we are thrilled to have her on our team. Lanah brings great energy and ideas for our youth, and we look forward to the ways she will bless this ministry.

You will have a couple of great opportunities to get to know Lanah this month:

- **August 9** at the **Kindred Days Burger Stand**, where you can volunteer alongside Lanah and others from the congregation
- **August 27** at our **Meet & Greet Cookout** from **5:30 to 7:00 PM** at the church, a relaxed evening with food and conversation to help Lanah connect with as many members as possible

Burger Stand
Sign-Up



Our family also has some joyful news to share. Calvin is expecting to become a big brother in January! Katie and I are so grateful and excited, and we deeply appreciate your prayers and encouragement as we prepare to welcome another child into our family.

Now, as summer winds down, we will continue with our summer worship schedule of **9:00 AM** on Sundays through the end of August. Then, beginning on the **first Sunday in September**, we will return to our regular worship time of **10:00 AM**. This day is also **Rally Sunday**, when we kick off the program year with games, food, and fellowship. It is a joyful way to begin a new season of growing in faith together.

Faith Formation
Registration



As part of this preparation, **I encourage all families to register your children for Sunday School and Confirmation**. Registration is a huge help as we plan and communicate more effectively throughout the year. You can sign up by using the QR code located to the left.

Before I close, I want to ask you a question I recently asked our Church Council: **What can we do to make Kindred Lutheran a better church?**

The Council gave thoughtful answers, some of which we are working to implement right away, while others will take longer to bring to life. Now, I want to hear from you. If you have ideas for new ministries, events, or ways we can better serve our community, I hope you will share them with me. I never took a mind-reading class in seminary, so I won't know what you're thinking unless you tell me!

Thank you for being a part of what God is doing here. I'm looking forward to a season of energy, connection, and new beginnings!

Peace,

Pastor Kyle



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Gathered to Grow

August Highlights!

**Saturday,
August 9th
11am-3pm**

The KLC Burger Stand team is preparing all the grilling equipment. If you have two hours to lend a hand during the busy period or for the teardown, we would greatly appreciate your assistance.

**Tuesday,
August 12th
6:30pm**

Suicide Prevention Training

QPR - Question, Persuade, & Refer,
3 simple steps anyone can learn to help prevent
suicide. Presented by NDSU Extension Services

**Sunday,
Aug 17th
@9am**

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Let's embrace the return to school by infusing our backpacks with grace, wisdom, and a sense of fun!

**Wednesday,
August 27th
5:30-7pm**

Meet & Greet

You're cordially invited to swing by and meet Lanah, our fabulous new youth director, and stick around for a delicious supper! Join us in giving her a warm welcome to our church family.

"Nice to
meet you!"

≡Welcome≡

NOW

**Sunday School & Confirmation registrations are open.
Please go to our website to register.
www.kindredlutheran.com**

Prayer Garden Updates!



The Prayer Garden Has Been Enhanced This Summer. New plants and a tree have been introduced to the prayer garden, all made possible by generous donations received over the past decade.

Take a moment to stroll through & appreciate the beauty. Soon, new gliders will be placed under the pergola as well. A big thank you to the committee for their dedicated efforts!



Gathered to Grow

Sep

September Highlights!

do good better.

"let us do good to all..."
-Galatians 6:10

at
Castaway Club
Detroit Lakes, MN

With
Pastor Emily Harkins

grades 6th through 9th
dates September 26-28

registration
\$184 per person by
kindredlutheran.com/youth

Don't miss this unforgettable weekend of connection, purpose, and a whole lot of good.

**EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA
FALL YOUTH RETREAT**

CAMP CASTAWAY @ CASTAWAY CLUB

Kindred Kids
Sunday School

Rally Sunday

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7TH
STARTING @ 9AM
GAMES, FOOD & FUN!

**Register for
Sunday School
& Confirmation**



KLC Monthly Statistics

JUNE

June 1	28
June 8	22
June 15	28
June 22	16
June 29	13

JULY

July 6	9
July 13	25
July 20	25
July 27	26

ATTENDANCE 2025

Financial Giving to the General Fund:

Annual Budget: \$213,309.03

Needed Each Month: \$17,775.75

Donations given through July, 2025: \$85,914.59:

Thank You



Sent to Serve



COMMUNITY SENIOR MEALS

This summer has been bustling with activity centered around our Senior Meals program. We served 40 individuals in June and July, and the enjoyment continued after each meal. John Hertsgaard's daughter, Tarrand, delighted us by playing the piano while her two daughters, Becca & Izzie) sang beautiful and entertaining songs. In July, we were entertained by Linda Otterson, who hosted a lively Summer Bingo game with plenty of prizes. We invite you to join us on the third Monday of every month to partake in the fun and fellowship!

NEXT SENIOR MEAL IS MONDAY, AUG. 18 @ 11:45AM

The Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 12-5pm. Thanks to everyone for wonderful donations.

We will be doing a little more fundraising throughout the year.





Lanah Akvik

✉ youth@kindredlutheran.com

HELLO! I'M LANAH!

Hello KLC! My name is Lanah and I am your new Youth Director. This is my 5th Year in Youth Ministry and I am so excited to be joining the KLC Family. I look forward to meeting all of you soon!



* Random Facts:

- I am a wife, a mom (to 3 kiddos), and love a good iced coffee.
- My Favorite color is green, my favorite food is Italian, and my favorite movie is Now and Then.
- In my spare time, I direct theatre at Cheney Middle School and Richland High School, and I am the Speech Coach at Kindred High School!

* Say Hello!

Email:

Youth@kindredlutheran.com

Drop a note:

Drop a note by my office door anytime!

Come and volunteer at our Burger Stand at Kindred Days! It would be so nice to meet you! Saturday, August 9th!



KINDRED DAYS BURGER STAND – AUGUST 9



VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

We need your help at the Youth Burger Stand during Kindred Days on Saturday, August 9! All proceeds support youth ministry, and it's a great service opportunity for confirmation students. Youth, parents, and church members, sign up today to grill, serve, or help with setup and cleanup.



Prayers & Healing

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

Healing for:

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



Comfort for:

Sending prayers and comfort to the family and friends of Carol Lahren, who left us on July 6, 2024. Carol had recently returned as a monthly visitor to KLC, joining us for our Senior Meals each month.

Comfort for:

We extend our heartfelt prayers to the family of Brian Johnson, who passed away July 27, 2025. Please keep his wife, Becky, and their children, Seth and Kara, in your thoughts. Let us also remember his grandchildren and his parents, Barbara and Roger Johnson, during this difficult time.

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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KINDRED LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor:
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Youth Director:
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Music Coordinator:
Cheryl Rostad

Choir Director:
LaVonne Nokleberg

Contemporary Worship Music:
Eldon & Amy Johnson

Custodians:
Mike & Karla Jostad

New Address:



We express our sincere appreciation to the estate of Marian Perhus for her generous bequest, which enabled us to acquire a new projector for the sanctuary.



Council Notes

Council Minutes

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Kindred Lutheran Church

2026-3 Caitlin Perhus
2026-3 Bryan Halvorson
2028-1 Michele Hillman

2027-2 Justin Fiesel
2027-2 Verne Wolf

2027-2 Sally Erickson
2027-2 Laurie O'Keefe

Called to Order by: Caitlin at 11:38 am

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

Absent: Laurie

Opening Prayer

Secretary's Report/Approval of prior Minutes: Motion to approve April Minutes with one amendment by Bryan, Seconded by Justin. Motion approved.

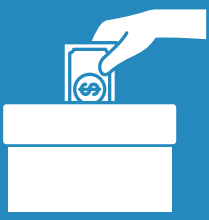
Treasurer's Report/Approval of Report: Motion to approve Report by Sally, Seconded by Michele. Motion approved.

- Dylan will get us up to date soon, as we're only current up to February.
- New line item on the balance sheet, "Spring dinner" for the Shrimp Boil balance.
- Christmas Closet and Christmas offering line items were added too.
- Custodians would prefer to have their paycheck written to Karla instead of Mike.

Pastor's Report:

- We had 500+ people for Easter week and Good Friday service was well attended.
- Getting things ready for VBS.
- Synod assembly dates were confirmed. (Devin, Cheryl, Caitlin, and Pastor attending)
- Contemporary services will be June 8th & 15th (Cheryl will be gone)
- Will be performing a Baptism Thursday May 22nd at 10am.
- Participated in a few online classes.
- Will be gone 6/8 (synod assembly) & 7/20 (wedding in Superior).
- Put water proof covers on the outlets outside on the posts.
- Put a new sign on the Sunday School door.
- Went to the Walcott church for their closing service 4/27 and was asked to participate.

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Council Notes

Updates from Directors:

Faith Formation & Growth:

- Kindred Kids- had their last day of lessons on May 4th. Kids also participated in the service, enjoyed a potluck, and played lots of games afterwards. During the service Pastor Kyle thanked Kelly Engstrom, Jessica Althoff, and Kari Nokleberg for leading the Sunday School team the last few years. The new Kindred Kids committee members are Candance Mattson, Jana Smith, & Kara Anderson.
- VBS- will be held May 27-29 for kids in preschool-5th grade. Registration has started.
- Confirmation- held their last class May 7th.

Management & Grounds:

- Concrete fixing is needed on the east side of the church.
- Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. is working on the natural gas meters in town.
- Accel Energy quote to change the 4 furnaces in the church to natural gas is \$1,600.
- One of the four A/C units at church needs to be fixed (compressor is \$3,700) or replaced (new is \$5,950). They are old machines with hard parts to find.

Motion to buy a new unit by Justin, Seconded by Bryan, motion approved.

- CHS filled 100 gallons in our propane tank even though we asked them not to, so we'll have to get it pumped out since we're using up what we had before the natural gas changeover.
- Lumber for the new cross in the prayer garden is here, we just need time and help to get it up.

Social Ministry & Outreach:

- Fellowship committee is getting together soon to talk about future events. They also served the potluck meal after the 5/4 service and served cake after worship on 5/18 to honor our senior graduates.

Old Business:

- Youth Director- Lanah Akvik interviewed with Pastor Kyle and Caitlin recently and we would like to offer her the position. Motion to offer her the job at \$15/hour for a maximum of 20 hours per week starting sometime after July 1st by Bryan, seconded by Sally. Motion approved.
- Directory- no new updates.
- Improvements Committee- hopefully will meet and start brainstorming ideas soon.
- Projector- the new one has arrived and the arm to hold it is coming 5/24.
- Maintenance Company- "Stein's" came and installed new liquids for the dishwasher and found things to replace on it as well.
- Shrimp Boil- had approximately 24 people attend, and the committee may try adding other options next time. They didn't have a goal for the funds, but will look into that for next time too.

New Business:

- Sunday, July 6th- we might try having an evening service that day since many people are gone over the 4th of July weekend. (Last year we only had 3 people attend the service).

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

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Hillman



Calendar

AUGUST

2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 9am Worship Service	4	5 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	6	7	8 Church Office Closed	9  KLC Burger Stand 11am-2pm
10 9am Contemporary Worship Service 	11	12 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry Suicide Prevention Training 6:30pm	13	14	15 Church Office Closed	16
17 9am Worship Service  Blessing of the backpacks	18 Senior Meal 11:45am	19  Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	20	21	22 Church Office Closed	23
24 9am Worship Service	25	26 Noon-5 pm Food Pantry	27 Meet & Greet with Lanah and a cookout! 5:30-7pm	28	29 Church Office Closed	30
31 9am Worship Service						SEPT 7 NEW WORSHIP HOURS: 10AM 9AM SUNDAY SCHOOL Rally Sunday!!



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