

KINDRED CONNECTIONS

News & Notes from Pastor Andrew

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Dear Kindred Family,

Greetings and salutations! Hope your are having a relaxing, fun-filled, blessed summer! Here are some highlights for August

Everest July 27-30:

Vacation Bible School (VBS) promises to be mountains of fun! Plus, kids will walk away with a rock-solid faith that they can rely on God when life gets tough.

Each day, kids will participate in small groups, called Climbing Crews, and discover practical ways to hold on to God's mighty power! Not only will they experience exciting Bible adventures but they'll also watch for God in everyday life through something called God Sightings™. You and your kids will discover that God is active in our lives and that His fingerprints are everywhere!

ignite

Wednesday evening ignite worship continues at 7 pm except for July 29 due to VBS. Grab a friend and join us as we gather for an informal worship service featuring guitar and a mixture of hymns and contemporary songs!

Saturday, August 1:

Enjoy the Kindred Days parade. Feast on some good food at the KLC Burger Stand! Treat yourself to some delicious pie and ice cream inside the Memorial Building!

Sunday August 2:

We will gather for a great community worship service **at the memorial Building in Kindred Park at 10 AM** (note the time change)! Davenport Lutheran, Norman Lutheran and Calvary Methodist Churches will be joining us!

Saturday August 8:

Americana powerhouse vocal trio Red Molly is coming to Kindred. Burgers and Beans will be sold at 6 pm to benefit the Kindred Community Swimming Pool. Doors open at 7:00 pm with the concert starting at 7:30 pm. Tickets are only \$20 and are available on line at

www.KindredConcertSeries.com

Red Molly is known for their gorgeous harmonies, crisp musicianship, infectious songwriting, and warm, engaging stage presence. Laurie MacAllister (bass), Abbie Gardner (Dobro), and Molly Venter (guitar) weave together the threads of American music—from folk roots to bluegrass, from heartbreaking ballads to barn-burning honky tonk—as effortlessly as they blend their caramel voices into their signature soaring, crystalline three-part harmonies.

Gracing stages from Denver to Denmark, from Australia to Austin, Red Molly is renowned for their live shows. Their latest CD, "The Red Album", was featured in USA Today and CMT Edge. It spent 16 weeks on the Americana Radio Top 40 chart, reaching #10, and it was #1 on the Folk DJ Radio Chart for all of 2014.

May God shower you with an abundant life filled with faith, hope, love and joy! To God be the glory!

Grace and peace!
Pastor Andrew Schlecht



Jesus tells Nicodemus, **“Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.... Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit”** (John 3:3,5-6).
As Christians,

our baptismal birthday is more important than our birthday! “I am baptized!” Baptism makes all the difference!

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Lavonne	Nokleberg	8	1
Sandra	Peterson	8	3
William	Bergh	8	4
Savanna	Nesemeier	8	6
Velora	Robertsdahl	8	6
Tiffany	Lewis	8	7
Kaylie	Isaman	8	12
Grant	Spelhaug	8	14
Chase	Miller	8	14
Ava	Spelhaug	8	14
Edwin	Overboe, Jr.	8	15
Carly	Pearson	8	20
LeAnn	Toppen	8	21
Lana	Perry	8	22
Emma	Ilvedson	8	23
Alivia	Hildebrand	8	26
Lauren	Otterson	8	27
George	Kruse	8	27
Marilyn	Blumer	8	27
James	Fiesel	8	28
Kayla	Hoyme	8	29
Debra	Perhus	8	30
John	Overboe	8	30
Lance	Nokleberg	8	30

Applying Biblical Principles of Stewardship

A wise person once observed, “Half of any task is having the right tool, and the other half is knowing what to do with it.” Although we don’t often consider it as such, money is a tool which God uses in our lives as a means of spiritual growth.

You see, money is not an end in and of itself. It is a means to an end. And in God’s hands, one of its primary “ends” is to instruct us and to help us grow spiritually. God especially wants us to avoid our natural tendency which is a bent toward selfishness, greed, and hoarding. That’s why the Lord Jesus said, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions” (Luke 12:15).

Well, if an individual’s life does not consist in having a lot of possessions, in what does it consist? Jesus provided an insightful answer to that question in Matthew 6:20-21, where He said, “. . . store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Now, according to Jesus’ teaching in the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25), there is nothing wrong with saving. There is nothing wrong with investing or earning interest on investments. There is nothing wrong with being a wise steward by planning for the future. In fact, Jesus taught that those who do so are to be commended. But our primary emphasis as God’s children is to make our investments in the “Bank of Heaven.” When we do that, our investments are secure. They are not affected by inflation, by theft, by wear and tear, or anything of the kind.

There is only one way to make deposits in this special “bank”: By giving to the Lord’s work. Although the money is used here, it is credited to your eternal account. Each time you give your tithes and offerings at Kindred Lutheran Church, you are giving to the Lord by investing for eternity. You are storing up “treasures in heaven” that will glorify God forever.

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Groundswell presents "Come Meet Jesus"

All are invited to attend three evenings of music, testimonies (including Vallorie Schlecht on the 6th and Deano Handt), and God's word on August 4, 5, and 6 at 7:00 PM. Each event



will take place at Kindred Park (it will move indoors in case of inclement weather), so bring your lawn chair and your friends, family, and neighbors. FREE ADMISSION! Sponsored by the Kindred Area Ministerial Association (KAMA).



YOU ARE INVITED TO CAPTURE MEMORIES FOR A LIFETIME!

Lifetouch[®]

During worship, do you know the names of the people sitting around you? Put names with faces by being a part of our new family directory and schedule an appointment to have your picture taken. We need YOU to make our new family album complete!

Each family will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and free directory for participating! (No sitting fees).

You can also purchase portrait products at your session. Portraits make wonderful gifts and treasured family keepsakes. How wonderful would it be to have your Christmas cards ordered before the last minute? Lifetouch Photography accepts cash, checks, and major credit cards.

Lifetouch will be taking the pictures at our church on the following dates from 2:00 pm until 9:00 pm:

August:

Tuesday, August 18th

Wednesday, August 19th

September:

Tuesday, September 1st

Wednesday, September 2nd

Thursday, September 3rd

You may schedule your photography session on our website (www.kindredlutheran.com) under 'PORTRAIT SIGNUP' on the top right-hand side of the page. We will also be assisting people after worship services to help with the scheduling process. Or, you may simply call Lifetouch at 866-756-0281 between the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Eastern time and they will schedule your session. Lifetouch will be sending out automated phone reminders prior to your session.

If you would like to help in any way, please contact Janet Kub at 701-428-3049. THANK YOU!!

Electronic Giving



Consider scheduling a recurring contribution today. It's very convenient. You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis. Authorization Forms are available at the church office.



From Karley Perhus:
Thank you so much for all of the support throughout the years! Also, thank you for the very thoughtful quilt! I can't wait to use it this fall when I attend

Montana State University in Bozeman.

From Paige Milbrandt:
Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. The quilt will come in handy next year in the dorms at Minnesota State University – Moorhead. Thanks again!



Fall Events Planner –

August 26	Last ignite wed. worship
September 9	8th & 9th Grade Confirmation Orientation for Students & Parents
September 13	Rally Sunday Sunday School Kickoff Event Back to School Blessing Back to 10:00 AM worship
September 16	Confirmation Begins
September 20	3rd Grade Bible Class Begins Blessing of Incoming Confirmation Students
September 27	Prayer Walk and Chili Feed
October 4	Preschool & 3rd Grade Bible Presentation
October 24	Confirmation Dinner
October 25	Confirmation Sunday
November 25	Community Thanksgiving Service @ Kindred Lutheran
November 29	First Sunday in Advent

(Some dates may be subject to change)

Monday, July 27, 2015

Youth Gathering, from the Sidelines



Sunday, July 19th through Sunday, July 26th the 8th National Youth Bible Camp of EELC (Église Évangélique Luthérienne du Cameroun – the Evangelical Lutheran Church of

Cameroun) took place in Garoua Boulai. Between 250 and 300 Lutheran youth from all around Cameroon attended. I didn't attend events, but saw parts of what was happening since they met at the Bible School near my house and the Central Lutheran Church.

Where would you lodge all these young people?? Remember GB doesn't have hotels and motels like most towns this size in the US. There is one hotel and various guest houses, but they are more expensive than the church would want to spend. Church

Purpose: Be disciples and make disciples who are bold, daring, adventurous followers of Jesus Christ.

members hosted some; some stayed in the Bible School students' houses (since they are in their villages for the summer) and some stayed in the Bible School itself with church members lending the mattresses for the last two places.

The theme for the camp was "The youth of EELC and the preservation of peace in Cameroon according to 2 Timothy 2:22-26." Youth attended conference sessions, worshiped together and went into the community to listen to members or those with difficulties. (They prepared a list so that the catechists and pastors can follow up with these people in the future.)

Two evenings they met on the lawn outside the Bible School for music and some speeches.

Thursday evening it went on until about 10 p.m. The sound system was a good one – they could have been in the living room with me! (And, there weren't a lot of distortions even with it that loud). Saturday night they wanted to sing, dance and pray all night, but (fortunately for me) it rained. They started, took a break for some heavy rain, started again, and had to quit again when more heavy rain fell. They had a bonfire that night, too. Too bad (for them). I wouldn't have been happy had they gone all night, but having



more time together would have been good for them!

Imagine preparing food for so many people for a week! Yes, caterers do it in the USA, too – and 300 is a lot less than the 30,000+ that went to Detroit! But, here the women prepared all the food over wood fires

outside. That's a challenge at any time, but especially in the heart of the rainy season. I found out that the Mayor of GB donated a cow (to be butchered and cooked!) I know that in the US I don't think about where the meat for so many people comes from. Here, you buy the whole animal – or several of them for lots of people and lots of meals!

The camp ended with the worship service Sunday. Most of the youth attended the French service at the Central Lutheran Church (where I usually attend). A few who live the furthest away – Douala and Yaoundé, for example, left early Sunday, but most participated. What a joyful service. Lots of singing and celebrating. At one point all of the youth who participated went upfront to sing a song. Most of them were wearing the t-shirts they had been given – sort of sounds like Detroit, no?! This picture captures most of the youth, but the ones on the edges were cut off! It was a lot of kids.



Interesting note: The sanctuary has large windows in the front; parts of these are open air so it is not unusual to see small birds flying around near the front. As I tried to take a picture of

them Sunday, I ended up getting the beginnings of a wasps nest – and later part of the bird's nest in the rafters! All God's creatures got a place in the choir! (or at least in the church.)



It was fun watching from the sidelines. Here's a picture of a bus some youth rented. I hope that everyone who attended was able to travel safely home with great memories and inspiration as they work for peace in Cameroon.

Prayers of Intercession

"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective!"
James 5.16



Please lift up the following in your prayers this month.

THANKFULNESS FOR...

George & Karen Kruse's 50th Wedding Anniversary
Leon & Marian Perhus' 34th Wedding Anniversary
The healing of Harlen (gastroschisis - born w/ intestines outside body)

HEALING FOR...

Irene Kub
Bud Lykken
John Hertsgaard
Bud Johnson (cancer, Dave Johnson's uncle)
Karen (cancer, Dave Johnson's sister)
Betty Johnson (Dave Johnson's mother)
Hailey and her friend (car accident, Dave Johnson's niece)
Stewart (heart and kidney problems)
Jason Allison
Karen Johnson
Zach White (burns to half of body)
Jeffrey (schizophrenia, missing person)
Katie Ayer (EDS and Ankylosing spondylitis)
Chris Wear (Leukemia)
Sandra Johnson (juvenile myoclonic epilepsy)
Arlene Lykken
Mikel Karels (5 year old, cancer)
Marci Conlin and Genny
Katelyn Alyce (baby 12 weeks premature)
Phil (paralyzed, auto-immune disease)
Jere Hill (cancer; Pastor Andrew's friend)
Blair Grandalen
Jim Ostenson (dementia, kidney failure)
Layne Billing (cancer)
Bev & Reuben Braaten (parents of Paula Erickson)
Casey Perhus (cancer, Leon Perhus' daughter-in-law)
Sue (Marian Perhus' daughter)
Sarah (Marian Perhus' granddaughter, tumor)
Todd (prison, suicidal, addiction)
Deb Hoyme (breast cancer)
Marvin & Corrine Swanson (Deb Leslie's parents)

COMFORT FOR...

Families of the 4 marines and 1 sailor killed in Tennessee.
Families of the victims of the shooting in Charleston, South Carolina.
Family of Doris Olsgaard who passed away.
Family of Shea Magstad (Tennille Bakko's brother) who passed away.
Family of Zelda Zimmerman who passed away.

HOPE FOR...

The people of Africa and the United States and an end to the Ebola epidemic.
Peace in the Central African Republic, Syria and Iraq.
Missionaries: Sam & Rebekka Rood; Louis and Annie Liss and son David in Lebanon; Susan Smith in the Central African Republic.
Christians in Egypt, Iraq, Central African Republic and throughout the world who face persecution.
The Gideon's ministry that doors would be opened and Scripture would be placed and God's Word would accomplish what God sets out to do!
Our brave men and women in Libya, Afghanistan and Iraq and throughout the world, especially Jonathan Schlecht.

Note: If you have a prayer request to add to the prayer chain, please submit on line under "Prayer Chain" and you may submit a prayer request directly to Pastor Andrew and to the prayer chain.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Heavenly Father, I lift up _____ to you. Please calm the storms in his/her life and help him/her keep his/her heart focused on Jesus. Let him/her feel your loving arms wrapped around him/her and hear you whisper in their ear, "I love you! We're going to make it! Dad knows the way home." Strengthen their faith so that they will stand firm to the end and grant them the gift of eternal life. Amen.

AUGUST 2015

Serving group for August is Mark (I – N).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26</p> <p>Counters - Harvey/Gerry Hoyme & Lloyd/Sandy Olsgard 9:00 AM Celebration Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship 11:15 AM Stephen Ministry Meeting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30 AM 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Church Office Hours 6:00 PM Community Vacation Bible School</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 AM Pastors Text Study 6:00 PM Community Vacation Bible School</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:30 AM 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Church Office Hours 6:00 PM Community Vacation Bible School 7:00 PM NO ignite wednesday worship due to VBS</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00 PM Community Vacation Bible School</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:30 AM 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Church Office Hours 1:00 PM Seniors Gathering</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Kindred Days Pastor Andrew's Day Off</p>
<p>2</p>  <p>Counters - Rich Schock & Rodney Braaten Kindred Days 10:00 AM Community Worship</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 AM 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Church Office Hours</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 AM KAMA Meeting 9:00 AM Pastors Text Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 AM 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Church Office Hours 10:00 AM Chapel 7:00 PM ignite wednesday worship</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 AM 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Church Office Hours 9:30 AM Quilting 1:00 PM Seniors Gathering</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>Pastor Andrew's Day Off 7:30 PM Red Molly Concert</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Counters - Christine Ilvedson & Kim Bartram 9:00 AM Celebration Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship 11:15 AM Stephen Ministry Meeting 6:30 PM 4H</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 AM 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Church Office Hours 12:00 PM Seniors Center Dinner</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 AM Pastors Text Study</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>9:30 AM 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Church Office Hours 7:00 PM ignite wednesday worship</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30 PM KLC Council Mtg.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 AM 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Church Office Hours 1:00 PM Seniors Gathering</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Pastor Andrew's Day Off</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Counters - Rich Schock & Rodney Braaten Newsletter Articles Due 9:00 AM Celebration Worship/Baptism 10:00 AM Fellowship</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 AM 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Church Office Hours</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 AM Pastors Text Study</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 AM 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Church Office Hours 7:00 PM ignite wednesday worship</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>9:30 AM 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Church Office Hours 9:30 AM Quilting 1:00 PM Seniors Gathering 4:00 PM Feed Homeless at Churches United for the Homeless/Group D</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Pastor Andrew's Day Off</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Counters - Vicki Thompson & Kim Bartram 9:00 AM Celebration Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship 11:15 AM Stephen Ministry Meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 AM 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Church Office Hours</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 AM Pastors Text Study</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30 AM 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Church Office Hours 7:00 PM ignite wednesday worship</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30 AM 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Church Office Hours 1:00 PM Seniors Gathering</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Pastor Andrew's Day Off</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Counters - Harvey/Gerry Hoyme & Lloyd/Sandy Olsgard 9:00 AM Celebration Worship/Baptism (Liam Gray) 10:00 AM Fellowship</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:30 AM 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Church Office Hours</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:00 AM KAMA Meeting 9:00 AM Pastors Text Study</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 AM 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Church Office Hours 10:00 AM Chapel</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 AM 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Church Office Hours 9:30 AM Quilting 1:00 PM Seniors Gathering</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Pastor Andrew's Day Off</p>



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Vision

Following Jesus is a journey, a lifelong process of faith formation that we describe simply as: **Gathered to Grow . . . Sent to Serve!** This is our vision. And everything that we do at Kindred Lutheran is focused on this faith formation process. It is our way of helping one another become the disciple Jesus is calling us to be. Discipleship is what **we** do. Faith formation is what **God** does.

Repent. Trust his promise. Respond to his call. Follow Jesus. Be his disciple. Enter the kingdom. And together let's be his witnesses! Join us on the journey of a lifetime . . .



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