

KINDRED CONNECTIONS

BE STILL
AND KNOW THAT
I AM
GOD
Psalms 46:10

July 2013

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News & Notes from Pastor Andrew



Dear Kindred Family,

My how time flies!

It is hard to believe that I arrived in Kindred five years ago—on July 1, 2008! By Saturday, July 5, I was performing my first wedding and led my first worship service on Sunday, July 6.

From the very first time I met with the call committee, I haven't stopped thanking God for you—for your faith in Christ Jesus, for your outpouring of love and grace, for your discipleship and generosity. God is doing amazing things in you and through you to usher in his Kingdom!

I am reminded of Paul's letter to the Ephesians where he writes:

"But I do more than thank. I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength!" (Ephesians 1:15-19)

That is my prayer for you as well.

Thank you for calling me to serve as your pastor, to walk beside you on this journey of faith, for welcoming me into the sacred places

of your life. I am blessed and honored beyond my greatest hopes. You are good and faithful servants of the Lord. I can't wait to see what Jesus has in store for us!

As you continue to enjoy your summer vacation, remember that our Summer Sunday morning schedule has begun. **Sunday Worship is at 9AM.**

Because many of you head to the lakes on the weekend, I also invite you to grab a friend and join us for a short worship service on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.



Grace and peace!

Pastor Andrew



WHAT WE BELIEVE....

Holy Spirit

God is present in our lives through the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised that when he returned to the Father he would send an advocate, a counselor, the Spirit of truth—the Holy Spirit—so we would never be alone ([John 14:15-20](#); [John 16:7-15](#)).



He is with us always—comforting us, nurturing us, sustaining us, transforming us, equipping us, empowering us and gifting us to fulfill God’s purposes for the sake of the world ([1 Corinthians 12:1-11](#)). The Spirit calls, gathers, sanctifies and sends all believers while forming us into the church, the body of Christ, to be his hands and feet in the world.

The Holy Spirit forms us into one church with a common mission—to witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. And let's be clear: it's not our mission—it's God's. Of course, like the disciples we often can't bear to hear Jesus' words. We get overburdened by sin, grief, confusion, fear, pride, selfishness, pain, and expectations about how life is suppose to be. Life is messy—but, then again, Jesus never promised it would be easy. We have this nasty habit of taking our eyes off Jesus and focusing on the human trinity: "me, myself and I!"

So Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit and we step out in faith, trusting that we are never alone for "he lives *with* you and will be *in* you" ([John 14:16-20](#)).

Please contact [Pastor Andrew](#) if you need prayer, assistance with discipleship or would like to be baptized.

May God strengthen you and guide you with his Holy Spirit on this great adventure as you live as a bold, daring, adventurous follower of Jesus Christ who is gathered to grow...sent to serve! AMEN.

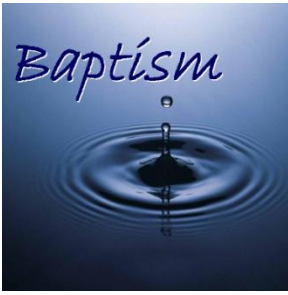
Celebrating Baptism



Join us as we celebrate the gift of baptism. If you do not see your baptism listed for this month, please let the church office know so we can add your date to the database!

Dennis	Nipstad	7	1
Veronica	Miller	7	1
Aarika	Halvorson	7	1
Bentley	Ernst	7	1
Arlene	Lykken	7	6
Trevor	Novak	7	6
Erin	Kub	7	8
Heidi	Mitchell	7	9
Kevin Ray	Mattson	7	9
Maxwell	Opgrand	7	10
Anna	Palmer	7	10
Oliver	Opgrand	7	10
Lily	Opgrand	7	10
Doreen	Brandt	7	12
Becky	Johnson	7	12
Brian	Blumer	7	12
Christopher	Johnson	7	13
Maynard	Lee	7	14
Jennifer	Novak	7	15
Kara	Johnson	7	16
Jason	Bakko	7	16
Christopher	Erickson	7	19
Viola	Toppen	7	19
Brady	Kub	7	19
Erin	Halland	7	19
Craig	Hertsgaard	7	20
Eleanor	Braaten	7	21
Grant	Zick	7	22
Cody	Frietag	7	23
Mataya	Ordahl	7	27
Dylan	Erickson	7	28
Carter	Evenson	7	28
Kelsie	Perhus	7	28
Kari	Johnson	7	29
Maryon	Swisher	7	30

Baptism!



Welcome **Brennan Paul Burd and Luke Nelson Erickson** who were baptized into the family of God! Alleluia!

Both boys were baptized on June 2nd. Please keep them and their families and sponsors in your prayers.

In Baptism, you are born again (John 3:3-8)! God promises to:

- *make you a child of God, for you are baptized in God's name* (Matthew 28:19; Galatians 3:26-29),
- *wash you clean of sin* (Acts 22:16),
- *give you the Holy Spirit, which will enable you to call upon Jesus as Lord* (Titus 3:5; Acts 2:38),
- *make you a member of the body of Christ, the Church* (Romans 6:1-10), and *grant you eternal life* (Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21-22; Romans 6:3-7).

Baptism marks the beginning of your calling to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Every day when you wash your face or hands or while standing under the shower or taking a bath, remember your baptism and live in the confidence of God's promise.



Luke Nelson Erickson

Special Congregational Meeting

Greetings!

I'd like to invite you all to a Special Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, July 14th to discuss the reconstruction of the parking lot, driveway loop and the prayer garden. I urge you to attend to discuss and vote on this important project.

As you know, the council has been in discussions to address the issues with the parking lot in conjunction with building the Prayer Garden. The existing parking lot is about 50 years old and needs major repairs. The asphalt is crumbling and because the elevation of the asphalt paving being higher than the surrounding area, water cannot be properly drained away from the building. As we see every spring, people have to wade through the water to enter the church. In the winter, the water freezes creating a slippery and dangerous situation. In addition, since the water cannot be properly drained away from the building it seeps into the basement on the west, north and east—sometimes even running down the east stairs into the basement. Replacing and repairing the parking lot, sidewalks and loop drive will alleviate these problems.

Pending approval of the congregation at the special meeting, both projects would commence this summer, hopefully in August. The goal is to start construction after the three summer weddings but complete the work before Sunday School resumes in September. As this is a maintenance and repair project, most of the money would be funded by the Endowment Fund. Some of the money in the Endowment Fund needs to be matched by donations from the congregation. The council also has concerns of depleting the Endowment Fund for this project so we will be fundraising as much as possible and as soon as possible. The minimum goal to be raised is \$35,000. The council would like to have all the money in hand prior to signing the contract for the construction. The timeframe for donations will be July 14th through July 29th.

Your donations and support will be paramount to the success of this project.

There will also be an information-only meeting on Wednesday, July 10th after worship for anyone who has an interest in learning the logistics of this project. Worship begins at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting will commence at about 7:30 p.m. I urge you to contact any member of the council if you have questions or concerns.

Grace and peace,
Dona Schock
President



Note: Because of the Independence Day Holiday, there will be no ignite worship on the evening of July 3rd. The church office will also be closed the 4th and the 5th.

Sunday School Teachers needed....

Please contact one of the Parish Education team members (*contacts below*) if you would be willing to commit to the 2013-2014 year to help teach our children.

Doreen Brandt: 701.429.1412 or the4dbrandts@yahoo.com
Tanya Kvamme: tlkvan@yahoo.com
Tenille Bakko: Tenille.Bakko@sendit.nodak.edu

Vacation Bible School!



DATES: July 22nd – July 25th, 2013
TIMES: 6:00 PM – 8:15 PM
PLACE: Kindred Lutheran Church
AGES: 4 years old –

entering 6th grade

Come join the fun and excitement of this year's community VBS here at Kindred Lutheran Church! For more information or to volunteer to help out, please contact:

Kari Johnson 428-9890 or 866-4469
davidkarijohnson600@msn.com.

We look forward to a great year. God Bless!



It's a Baby Shower!



Come and help celebrate the birth of Isaac Bernard Bateson, son of Sheena (Mattson) Bateson! This event will be held in the Fellowship Hall on July 7th from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM. All are welcome!

Sheena is registered at Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, Babies R Us, and Buy Buy Baby.



Share

It's not just about "your" money, it's about how sharing impacts your family, community, and the world.

Save

For a rainy day, for retirement, or for something more. How would your life change with a comfortable cushion?

Spend

Money makes the world go round, how and where you spend money is a powerful statement.

Nathan Dungan is a thought-leader on helping youth and adults link their money decisions to their values.

Founder and President of **Share, Save, Spend**

**MONEY, MEANING
& faith**

Practical Guidance for Families, Individuals & Congregations with Nathan Dungan

October 26, 2013

10 am-3 pm

Knutson Center

Concordia College - Moorhead, MN

Sponsored by the EaND & NW MN Synods

Contact/registration information will be available later this summer.

This event is for people of all ages, but we particularly encourage young adults and those who work with youth and families to attend along with other congregational leaders.

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 the birth of Isaac Bateson grandson of Kevin & Sharlene Mattson.
For the baptism of Luke Erickson, Brennan Burd and Olive Ann Swenson!
For the birth of Kolton John to Cassie and Brandon Kisse!
For the baptism of Miranda Hewson!

HEALING

Jack (surgery, friend of Pastor Andrew), Deb Leslie, Scott Gietzen, Kees Jongsma (ulcerative colitis, friend of Pastor Andrew), Joshua Peterson (10, needs heart transplant), Marcie Conlon, Goody Hertsgaard, Ron Main (cancer), Berniece Braaten, Bev Lee, Curt Kjoness, Lauri Hopwood (Vicki Thompson sister-in-law), Jordan Peterson (cystic fibrosis, lung transplant), Sue (Marian Perhus' daughter), Vance Bakke (brain surgery), Bev & Reuben Braaten (parents of Paula Erickson), Jere Hill (cancer), Kennedy (great granddaughter of Elenore Johnson), Leon Smith (Cathy Miller's father), Carla (brain tumor), Scott Bakko (cancer), Casey Perhus (colon cancer, Leon Perhus' daughter-in-law), Sarah (Marian Perhus' granddaughter, tumor), Bill Hilgedick (Karen Hertsgaard's father), Abigail Timmerman (grgrdaughter of Elenore Johnson), Coreen Swanson (Deb Leslie's mom), and Lorraine (mother of JoAnn Ordahl).

COMFORT

For the family of Keith Ostrander (friend of pastor Andrew) who passed away on May 6.
For the death of Jim Grossnickel on May 9.
For the family of Donald Pederson (cousin of Leroy Schneider) who recently passed away.

HOPE

For peace in Syria.
For the students, faculty and staff at Luther Seminary.
For 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!
For Jackie Griffin as she serves the Lord in the Central African Republic.
For David, that his heart would be open to the Lord and his faith strengthened.
For our brave men and women in Libya, Afghanistan and Iraq and throughout the world, including Lane Mobley and Ryan West(in Afghanistan).

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.

JULY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Pastor Andrew on Vacation 9:00 AM Celebration Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship	1 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Church Office Hours Pastor Andrew on Vacation	2 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Church Office Hours Pastor Andrew on Vacation	3 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Church Office Hours Pastor Andrew on Vacation	4  Church Office Closed Independence Day	5 Church Office Closed 1:00 PM Seniors Gathering 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal Nichole Brown & Matt Ernst	6 Pastor Andrew's Day Off 6:00 PM Brown/Ernst Wedding
7 9:00 AM Celebration Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship 4:00 PM Bateson Baby Shower	8 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Church Office Hours 12:00 PM Seniors Center Dinner	9 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Church Office Hours 8:00 AM Missions Committee	10  9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Church Office Hours 7:00 PM Ignite Worship 7:30 PM Special Congregational Meeting Information Session	11 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Church Office Hours 6:30 PM KLC Council Mtg.	12 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Church Office Hours 1:00 PM Seniors Gathering	13 Pastor Andrew's Day Off
14 9:00 AM Celebration Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship/Special Congregational Meeting	15 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Church Office Hours	16 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Church Office Hours Newsletter Articles Due	17 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Church Office Hours 7:00 PM Ignite Worship	18 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Church Office Hours	19 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Church Office Hours 1:00 PM Seniors Gathering	20 Pastor Andrew's Day Off
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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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