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# Pastor's Word

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
This May, perhaps more than others, is full of milestones and celebrations at Kinsmen. Here's a quick overview:

## May 5-7

This is **Confirmation Weekend** and five youth will be affirming their Baptisms at the 11:00 AM worship service (see page 8). Also, there will be a high school gathering to say goodbye to Pastor Mark on Friday and we will be interviewing someone for the youth ministry position on Saturday and Sunday.

## May 13-14

As most of you have already heard, **Pastor Mark will be leaving Kinsmen** to take a new call after faithfully serving here for 15 years. This will be his last weekend. We will have:

- a reception after the Saturday 5:30 PM worship service on May 13,
- a program and reception to celebrate and roast him at 9:45AM on Sunday May 14, *and*
- a Farewell and Godspeed sending liturgy at all worship services.

Please join us for one or more of these times to thank him for his dedicated ministry. If you'd like to contribute to a gift for him, you can make a contribution with the "Pastor's gift" designation. Also, send me any photos of him in ministry by May 4 so we can include them in a goodbye gift.

This is also **Mother's Day weekend**, and all mothers will receive a flower at the worship services (see a reflection on page 6).

## May 21

This is the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of **Kinsmen's Charter Sunday**. To mark this milestone, we are offering an educational time to help you think about the Legacy you want to leave. There will also be the **First Communion Milestone** celebrated in the Spanish Language worship service for 9 youth.

## May 27-28

This is **Memorial Day Weekend** where we will honor all those who lost their lives while defending our country. It is also the weekend when we will celebrate the **Graduation Milestone** for the Class of 2023! (see page 8)

I look forward to seeing all of you and celebrating these many milestones in the life of this congregation this month!

Grace and Peace,

Beth Warpmaeker



Senior Pastor



## Staff Updates

**Latino Ministry Pastor** Interim Pastor, Adriana Johnson-Rivas, has been doing a great job. The Call Committee has met twice and is filling out the Ministry Site Profile for the Synod so we can receive names of people to interview.

**Youth Ministry Role** This is a position we were hoping to fill before Pastor Mark decided to take another call. We started looking for this position over 2 years ago. An interview team has decided to bring a candidate to Kinsmen for an in person interview this month.

**Pastor of Youth and Family (Discipleship)** Pastor Beth has met with a Pastor who may serve in an Interim part-time role after Pastor Mark's departure. The Church Council will decide whether or not we extend a contract call to him for the next few months. A call committee has not yet been formed.

If you have feedback on any of these interview processes, you can fill out this form to me: <https://bit.ly/FeedbackforPB>  
OR you can fill out the form that will go to the church council president, Eric Turnquist at: <https://bit.ly/Kinsmenfeedback>

### Latino Pastor Call Committee Members



## Sermon Series Title: Living Hope

After the disciples saw the empty tomb, they experienced glimpses of hope. Jesus appeared to them in different ways. It took some time—God’s own time—but eventually those glimpses turned into something that would remain: living hope. We, too, are promised that as we move beyond the sadness and fleeting joy, we will be sustained by a living hope that abides today, tomorrow and always.

Join us as we continue this sermon series that will strengthen us in faith and hope.



Dates	Sermon Title	First Reading	Gospel
May 6-7	Like Living Stones	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 13-14	The Hope That Is In You	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
May 20-21	Entrusted to God	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11

## UPCOMING SERMON SERIES



**JUNE 2023!**



**JULY 2023!**

## Join a Group or Bible Study

Grow in faith and friendship through Group Life at Kinsmen. There are opportunities on Sunday mornings and other times during the week to gather around God's Word or around Common Interests.

Learn more here. <https://bit.ly/experiencefamily>



## Simon Peter Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sunday Mornings 9:45AM, April 16—June 4

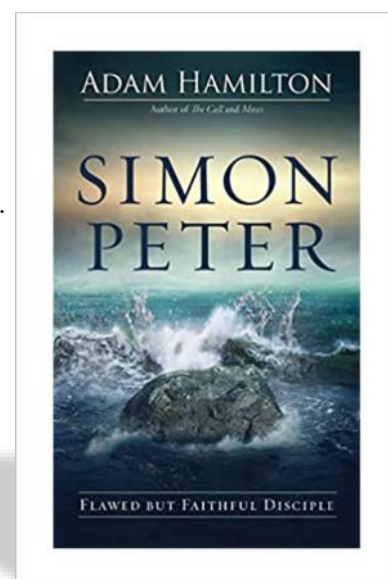
Together we will take an in-depth dive into the life, faith, and character of Simon Peter. Through video teaching, we will join Adam Hamilton on location at key sites in Peter's life. The main resource you will need is the Bible. However, we will be using the book, *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple*, to guide us through this six-session Bible Study. Register here: <https://bit.ly/KinsPeter>

May 7: I Will Not Deny You

**TWO WEEK BREAK**

May 28: From Cowardice to Courage

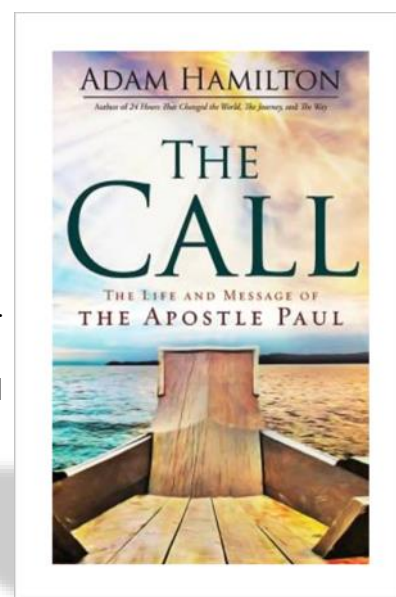
June 4: The Rest of the Story



## Men's Monday Evening Bible Study

The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul

We have had some great discussions centered on scripture as we have learned together how God's Word continues to speak into our lives. We will be starting a new study so this is a great time to join. Follow the journeys of Paul, beginning with his dramatic conversion, as he spread the Gospel through modern-day Greece and Turkey. In this six-week study, you are invited to experience faith through Christ's greatest teacher and missionary. The main resource you will need is the Bible. However, we will be using the book, *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul* to guide us through this six-session Bible Study. You can purchase a book through Amazon or another online retailer. Please sign up for the session here. <https://bit.ly/KinMenBibleStudyPaul>



## Join a trip to the Holy Land

Trip Dates: June 4-17, 2024 with an optional extension to Jordan.

Join Kinsmen members and friends on this life-changing trip to the Holy Land!

This trip will visit biblical and archaeological sites from as far south as Beer Sheva to as far north as Ancient Dan. It will deepen your understanding of the Bible, but it will also give you insight into the current Christian witness of our Lutheran brothers and sisters, specifically in the city of Bethlehem.

The brochures are being finalized now. Please contact Pastor Beth if you are interested in receiving a brochure and future updates on this journey of faith, learning and relationship building.



## Naomi Bible Study

Guidrails for Love of God and Neighbor:  
Commandments 7, 8, 9, and 10

We invite women of all ages to join us for Naomi Bible Study. The May session will be our fourth and final look at how the Ten Commandments are a gift to us that still speaks to the challenges of our world today. We will consider sayings from Proverbs and other Biblical wisdom related to minding our tongues, integrity in the marketplace, and practical ways to serve our neighbors.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM in the Coffee House in the Community Life Center. Bible readings are combined with application to issues in our lives, community and world. Studies have some leader-led direction but a lot of sharing. Naomi Bible Study is informal with a caring group of women.

Please join us!

## Pickleball

May 25 at 6:30PM

Join in on the fun on Thursday, April 27 at 7PM. All equipment is provided.

Dress comfortably.

Questions? Contact Lynnae Schatz or Ken Mersiovsky.



## Euchre

May 22 at 7PM

Like to play cards? Check out Euchre on Monday, May 22 at 7 PM in the Coffee House. Euchre is an easy and fun card game that uses a 24-card deck.

Questions? Contact Colette Edwards.

# MINISTERIO LATINO



## Mother's love, an unlimited and incomparable love

Have you ever wondered how far the love that mothers feel for their children goes? Most of us, before we had children, thought we knew what love was. But love is known at its best when you are a mother. And it is that mother's love that has no limits.

There is no other relationship that can live a love as strong and intense as that of a mother towards her children. And there is nothing in the world that compares to having a little person who is part of you.

Mother's love is something you know until you must live it in your own flesh. As children, we know our moms love us, but until we have our own, we understand that a mother is willing to do anything, because of the love she has for her children.

Many of you have all witnessed the great trial period that I have gone through with the legal situation that my youngest son is going through - time in which my faith and hope have been tested. I have been sustained by the love that God gives me through His word and especially through all the prayers and expressions of affection that I have received from all of you. I believe that in sharing my testimony I have identified with all mothers who would be willing to suffer in their own flesh the sufferings and pains of our children.

I wanted in this message to exalt the love of mothers to all those who are biologically so and to those who have adopted the role of mothers in any circumstance or moment in their lives because this love is a very noble and admirable feeling. A unique and incomparable love. It is something that falls into the same classification as the kind of sensations for which there are simply no words that can describe them.

Mother's love is unlimited, for there is no one in the world who loves someone more naturally, purely, and selflessly than a mother loves her children. Happy Mother's Day!!!!



## COMMUNITY GARDEN - ALL ARE WELCOME, WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

Our Community Garden is advancing, after 4 theoretical classes about the diverse kinds of plants, details of how to recognize, sow and fertilize; we are now getting down to work.

On Saturdays, we meet from 9:00 to 12:00 PM in the church to work on building our beds, and start planting, taking advantage of the fact that we are in the middle of spring.

The engineer Samuel Hernandez, is our tutor. He has extensive knowledge about botany, both theoretical and practical, in addition to generously donating his time to make this beautiful project a reality.

The idea is to create a space for sharing, learning, and harvesting for our community. I guarantee that it will be an enriching experience, ideal to share with family and spend quality time together.

Everyone is welcome, no matter your age, experience, etc., you just need the desire to participate.

This activity is completely free and is funded by a grant from the ELCA.

We invite you to participate. Remember to confirm the next date in the Church announcements, as sometimes severe weather may cause cancellations.

Remember that God gives us opportunities, it is up to us to take advantage of them.

For additional information, contact Adriana Cuina [acuina@kinsmenlutheran.org](mailto:acuina@kinsmenlutheran.org)

**SATURDAYS EVERY 2 WEEKS FROM 9:00 TO 12:00 PM**



## Youth and Family News

Are you receiving the Tuesday Middle School and High School Youth Ministry News?

These emails are one of the primary ways you will stay in the know on all things, especially Confirmation (Middle School) and SWAT (High School) happenings.

### S.W.A.T. Party May 5 at 6PM



Our end of the year party is May 5 from 6-10 p.m. here at Kinsmen. All high school students are invited. We will have food, games, **PICKLEBALL**, and end with a special worship service to celebrate the end of another successful school year. This will also be the last time for youth to gather with Pastor Mark.

Friends are always welcome! <https://bit.ly/KinSWATParty55>

### Congratulations!



Congratulation to those who are affirming their Baptism on May 7:

Geovany DePaz, Michael Guerrero, Victoria Mills, Robert Rall, and Ben Wangsmo.

Be sure to look for their Faith Statement Projects in the Narthex and on social media. Congratulation Confirmands!

## High School Graduation Milestone

Congratulations to the Class of 2023! On May 28, we will be acknowledging and blessing our high school graduates during the 8:30 and 11:00 AM worship services. If you are a graduating senior or the parent of a graduating senior, please complete the following form in preparation for the milestone celebration. <https://bit.ly/KinGrad23>. Please submit the form by May 14.

Any questions? Please contact Kristen at [kschulze@kinsmenlutheran.org](mailto:kschulze@kinsmenlutheran.org)





## Summer Camp at Lutherhill

Summer is coming quickly, but there's still time to register for a week of residential camp at Lutherhill! Our 1st graders go to camp for Sunday - Wednesday. Our 2nd - 8th graders go from Sunday-Friday.

Thinking about sending your kids to camp this summer? Wondering what campers will gain from a week at Lutherhill? We're glad you asked!

Here are just a few benefits of camp:

- **FAITH!** We encourage campers to engage their faith with a sense of wonder rather than certainty. This wonder ignites a passion for lifelong faith exploration.
- **AFFIRMATION!** Our young adult staff are specially trained to engage campers in all camp activities while honoring their individual needs.
- **COMMUNITY!** Campers live together in cabins and are partnered with another cabin group to create a 'village'. It's a great way to practice living well with others.
- **ADVENTURE!** Campers are encouraged to try new things and most of all have fun!

Be sure to list your church as Kinsmen and put Kinsmen as a cabin mate! Sara Ray will be at camp this week to help parents and kids with the separation. Questions? Contact [Sara Ray](#).

Register today at [www.lutherhill.org](http://www.lutherhill.org)

## Open Camp Day at Lutherhill

### Saturday, June 3

Slide into summer and experience a fun-filled day with friends and family on June 3rd for Open Camp Day!

You are welcome to attend on your own. Kinsmen is providing bus transportation to Lutherhill that day, leaving Kinsmen at 8:30AM and returning around 6PM. Please fill out our form to save your spot on the bus by May 30. Pastor Adriana will be traveling on the bus for this trip. Contact [Sara Ray](#) with any questions.

<https://bit.ly/OpenCamp23>



**REGISTER NOW!**

**Kinsmen**  
**@ LUTHERHILL**  
**JULY 16-21, 2023**

**Alphas - 1st Graders, \$395**  
(leave camp on Wednesday, July 19)

**Youngns - 2nd & 3rd Graders, \$695**

**Yearlings - 4th & 5th Graders, \$695**

**Amazing Race - 6th-8th Graders, \$745**

Scholarships are available!



**Open Camp Day Fun!**

**10:00am**  
Camp Opens

**11:00am**  
Camp-style Worship

**12:00pm**  
Hamburger Lunch

**1:00pm-4:00pm**  
CAMP ACTIVITIES OPEN!  
*Ropes Course, Pool, Pond, Arts & Crafts and more!*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD**

## Camp Hope

June 12-16, June 19-23, June 26-30.

Kinsmen Lutheran Church invites children entering kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade to go on a great adventure this summer, at Camp Hope.

Camp Hope is a unique summer day camp where Bible stories come alive, faith becomes real, and mentoring relationships are formed. The experience is led entirely by faith-filled high school and college students, many of whom grew up attending Camp Hope themselves.

This year's camp features a traveling theme, where kids can explore new "destinations" and have a blast making new memories. Each day centers around a different Bible story with every activity—games, crafts, worship, drama, small group time and even snacks—pointing back to the story of the day. Older campers also participate in service projects to benefit the community. By the end of Camp Hope, kids who attend all three weeks have learned 15 Bible stories that will influence their life for years to come.

Camp Hope will be offered from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. the weeks of June 12-16, June 19-23, and June 26-30. Cost of the camp is \$115 per week, with before or after care available for an additional \$30. Families may register their child for one, two or all three weeks.

Register today for Camp Hope 2023 at [www.kinsmenlutheran.org/camp](http://www.kinsmenlutheran.org/camp)



## Playground Playdate

Saturday, May 13 at 10AM

We'd love to help parents connect with other families in the same life stage while kiddos connect with others their age.

Snacks and water bottles are provided!

If your kiddo is too young to run and play, we encourage you to bring a blanket or a stroller so you can still enjoy the adult fellowship.

We meet in the North Parking Lot (the small lot off of Pinewood Springs). This event is aimed at those 5-years-old and younger, but all are welcome!



# CAMP HOPE 2023

## Travelers

**FOR CHILDREN ENTERING  
KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 7TH  
GRADE IN FALL 2023**



*More than a day camp...*

It's a place where Bible stories come alive, faith becomes real and mentoring relationships are formed—all through the leadership of passionate teens and young adults.



*Campers learn 15 bible stories*

Each day centers around a different Bible story, with every activity—games, crafts, drama and even snacks—pointing back to the story of the day. Vibrant worship, small group time, and service projects for older campers round out the day.

**REGISTER  
NOW!**

- June 12-16
- June 19-23
- June 26-29



[www.kinsmenlutheran.org/camp](http://www.kinsmenlutheran.org/camp)





Preschool registration is now open for the 2023-24 school year!

We are also open all summer long.

Contact Rachel Santellana for more information! 281.444.3127 x123

Did you know together Camp Kinsmen and Camp Hope provide school-aged children with full-time care all summer?

Register today at [www.kinsmenlutheran.org/summer](http://www.kinsmenlutheran.org/summer)



## Kinsmen Summer University

The classes have been determined. Dates for some of the classes are still being finalized. Be watching the weekly *News You Can Use* emails for class registrations. Classes include:

- Crocheting – Tuesdays, June 5 and June 12 – 6:30 – 8PM
- Watercolor Painting – Thursdays, July 21 and 27 from 6 – 7:30PM
- Generosity Legacy Classes – Estate, Legacy, and Medicare planning, Planning your Funeral and Kinsmen Endowment Fund – May 23; June 11, 18 and 25 at 9:45AM
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace – Kinsmen Day – Saturday June 24 from 8:30AM – 12:30 PM. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/SHPJune24>
- Gardening – TBD
- Bike Trail Riding – TBD
- Japanese Cooking – Making Okonomiyaki—June 16 at 6:30PM; Sushi TBA
- Cookie Decorating – July 8 at 10AM



## Legacy Planning Workshops: Financial Planning, Liturgical Preparation, and Endowment Overview

*A four-part educational series sponsored by the Kinsmen Generosity Team*

### Estate and Legacy Planning

Sunday, May 21 at 9:45AM in the Community Room



May 21 is Kinsmen's Charter Sunday. To mark this date, we are offering a class to educate and encourage legacy giving to Kinsmen's Endowment fund. Join us on **Sunday, May 21 at 9:45AM**, between worship services when Dr. Lizbeth Johnson will be here to share information about estate planning that can benefit the church and other ministries as well as your family. The gift planner specializes in tax-advantaged ways to include ministry in your planning for family/friends.

In addition to the session at Kinsmen, she can provide private consultation with individuals and families, to create "blueprints" or illustration to show a personal plan that achieve your goals based on what you would like to accomplish for family and ministry at no cost or obligation.

All of us have the opportunity to control our assets during life, and it is possible to convey our values at the end-of-life through a well thought-out plan. Dr. Johnson will provide examples of what is possible when considering both family and charitable intent in your plans. Her contact information is 713.775.1595 or [ljohnson@lfsu.org](mailto:ljohnson@lfsu.org).

Facilitator: Dr. Lizbeth Johnson is the Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod Gift Planner available for your confidential assessment and plans at no charge or obligation.

### Coming Soon

**June 11, 2023 (Sunday, 9:45 – 10:45AM), Medicare, Hospitals, Rehab, Home Healthcare, Hospice**  
(facilitated by Lynnae Schatz)

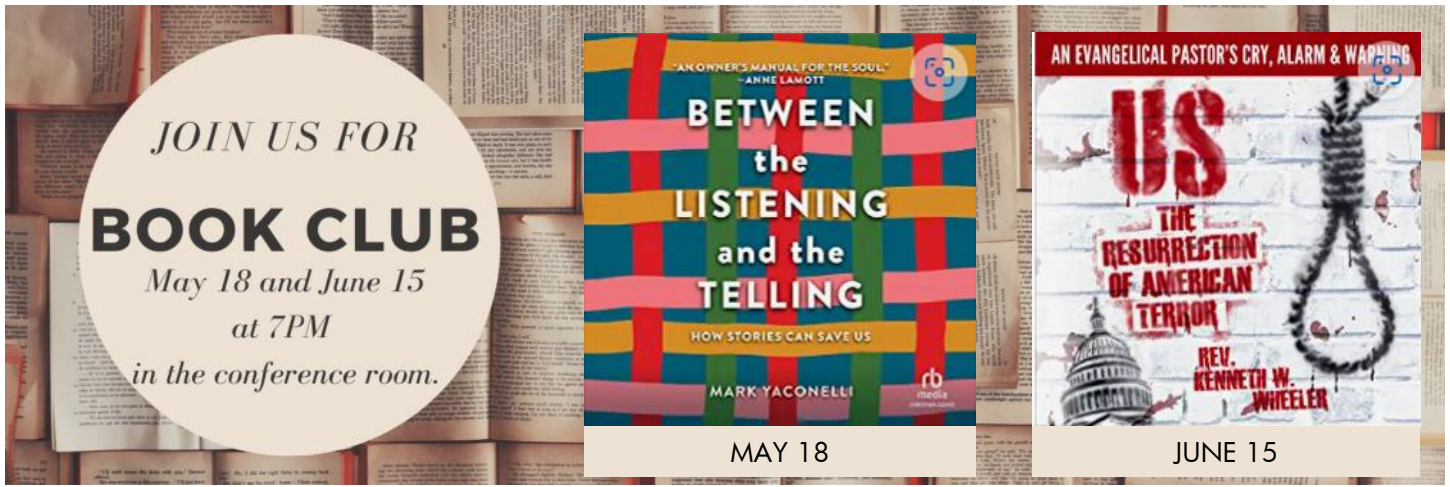
**June 18, 2023 (Sunday, 9:45 – 10:45 AM), Plan Your Funeral** (facilitated by Pastor Beth)

- Worship planning for your service
- Burial/cremation/donating body
- Realities of funeral homes

**June 18, 2023 (Sunday, 9:45 – 10:45 AM), Kinsmen Endowment Fund: History, Leadership, and Funding** (facilitated by Melissa Turnquist, Chair of the Generosity Team)

- What is the Kinsmen Endowment Fund?
- Who manages it and who decides how funding is spent?
- What is the Kinsmen Endowment Fund current financial position?
- How does the Kinsmen Endowment Fund benefit congregation members and the Body of Christ?
- How can YOU get involved?





**JOIN US FOR  
BOOK CLUB**  
May 18 and June 15  
at 7PM  
in the conference room.

**BETWEEN  
the  
LISTENING  
and the  
TELLING**  
HOW STORIES CAN SAVE US  
MARK YACONELLI  
MAY 18

**AN EVANGELICAL PASTOR'S CRY, ALARM & WARNING**  
**US**  
THE  
RESURRECTION  
OF AMERICAN  
TERROR!  
REV. KENNETH W. WHEELER  
JUNE 15

## Mental Health Matters

Kinsmen is forming community based supportive groups to help ourselves and each other with promoting better mental health practices. These groups meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm either in person or virtually.

This initiative will include resources, support groups, personal listening opportunities and educational classes. Kinsmen chooses to stand up for each other, fight stigma and shame to cultivate better relationships. Kinsmen Cares!

For more information contact [Lynnae Schatz](#).



## Walking the Mourner's Path

We all experience the grief that comes with losing someone we love and with that grief comes the journey of mourning. Beginning Sunday, June 25 at 3 PM Kinsmen will offer this eight-week support program.

Participants will have the opportunity to share their journey with others and discover that while their pain is unique, they are not alone. Christ is present with those who mourn and there are tools for moving forward while honoring our loved ones.

For more information please contact Lynnae Schatz ([lschatz@kinsmenlutheran.org](mailto:lschatz@kinsmenlutheran.org)). Registration ends June 11.

"Come to me all who are heavy laden and I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28-29



## Noisy Offering – NAM

It is Kinsmen’s tradition to collect a Noisy Offering for a Mission Partner the second weekend of the month. This month’s partner is Northwest Assistance Ministries.

Back in 1983, Kinsmen and 9 other congregations in Northwest Houston came together to form Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM) and love their neighbors in a tangible way. Today that network has grown to include dozens of congregations, representing a diversity of denominations and beliefs, who support NAM through financial contributions, volunteer service, in-kind donations and more.

Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM) is a nonprofit, community-based, multi-program social service agency that strives to meet basic human needs through Neighbors Helping Neighbors. NAM provides assistance in areas including food, shelter, clothing, education, domestic violence, behavioral health, and more.



## NORTHWEST ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES

*Neighbors Helping Neighbors*

A look at NAM’s numbers from 2022

- 31,914 clients received emergency basic needs
- 32,360 clients received food from the Joanne Watford Nutrition Center
- 1,195 homebound seniors received Meals on Wheels
- 388 survivors received assistance from the Family Violence Center
- 44,109 hours were delivered by 3500 caring volunteers

In addition, NAM also offers a Pediatric Health Center, Senior Center, a Learning & Vocational Training Center and its Resale Shop.

The Noisy Offering will be collected in worship May 13 and 14 and throughout the month of May. In addition we will collect Peanut Butter and Jelly to support NAM’s food pantry and Survival Over the Summer food drive.

Thanks be to God for your extraordinary generosity in supporting NAM for 40 years. Thanks be to God for NAM’s ministry.



Summer is (ALMOST) here and many of us will be traveling and may miss a service or two at Kinsmen. However, Kinsmen endures and God’s mission continues, so should our gifts to our Church Home. If you will be traveling and might miss a Thankoffering along the way, please consider scheduling your monthly/weekly gift online (<https://kinsmenlutheran.org/online-giving/>). OR you can always automate your gift through auto bill pay with your bank. We will be here when you get back!

# Summer Giving

## Food Distribution Returns!

The Houston Food Bank has approved a new MOU between Bridging for Tomorrow and Kinsmen Lutheran Church. This is very good news! What this means is that Kinsmen can resume hosting the twice a month food distributions. The distribution dates and times for May are May 6 and May 20 from 8 AM – 11 AM (or whenever the food is gone). Volunteers are needed to make the distributions possible. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available. Visit: [kinsmenlutheran.org](http://kinsmenlutheran.org) to sign up to volunteer.

The food is available for anyone on a first come, first served basis.

Contact [Lynnae Schatz](#) if you have any questions.



## Blest be the Tie that Binds our hearts in Christian Love

A faithful group gathers twice a month to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief twice a month from August through April/May. If you can tie your shoe or open and close a safety pin you have the skills to help quilt for Lutheran World Relief.

Come check it out on Saturday, May 13 from 9 - 11:30AM. No experience necessary!

Quilting takes place in the gym.

Questions? Contact Connie Jackson or Lynnae Schatz

## Office Volunteers Needed

Could you help in the church office in the afternoon? We need helpers to answer phones, open the door, be a friendly face, receive deliveries, and do small projects for the church. Call Chris Ray at the church office 281-444-3126 ex. 110.





We enjoy shade from trees we did not plant and water  
from wells we did not dig.  
Deuteronomy 6:11

Call for Project Proposals to Benefit from Endowment Fund  
Allocations!

The Kinsmen Generosity Team is now accepting proposal requests to fund ministries and projects apart from the Kinsmen Lutheran Church annual budget from the Kinsmen Endowment Fund. These ministries and programs must be connected in some way to the values, vision, and purpose of Kinsmen Lutheran Church.

Projects to be considered would fall within the \$3,000 - \$5,000 range. A completion of a grant application is not guaranteed to be fully or partially funded. Please complete and return the Kinsmen Endowment Fund Grant Application Form by October 1st for consideration in 2023.

The Grant Application Form is available on the Endowment Fund web page: <http://kinsmenlutheran.org/kinsmen-endowment-fund>.

If you have any questions about the Kinsmen Endowment Fund or the Grant Application Form, please contact Melissa Turnquist at [mturnquist@tcftm.org](mailto:mturnquist@tcftm.org) or Pastor Beth Warpmaeker.

Peace in Christ,  
Melissa Turnquist, Generosity Team Chair  
Generosity Team Members: Loretta Castaño, Andrew Hanson, Benita Huff, Jen Nash, Ed Newhard, Craig Sutter, Melissa Turnquist, Richard Vermilyea, Pastor Beth Warpmaeker, and Brad Young.

To see a complete list of projects made possible by the Kinsmen Endowment Fund, visit <http://kinsmenlutheran.org/>



**MAKE A GIFT!**

**TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND**

In honor of Kinsmen's 51st anniversary, we are inviting you to make a gift using 5's and 1's

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# May Birthdays

Carter Roth	05/01	Jeanne Nelsen	05/10	Ben Wangsmo	05/19	Laura Maisel	05/27
Emma Holsberg	05/01	Winona Herwig	05/10	Chuck Nott	05/20	Robert Hope	05/27
Peter Jeremenko	05/01	Meagan Ruen	05/10	Andrew Chow	05/20	Nathan Bair	05/28
Shayla Gradoni	05/01	Sean Tobin	05/11	Carol Boller	05/21	Riley Lester	05/28
Kyle Zabadal	05/02	Michelle Wehring	05/12	Diane Nott	05/21	Howard Nau	05/28
Tim Schroeder	05/03	Royce Hakala	05/13	Jonah Awbrey	05/21	Susan Loudermilk	05/28
John Hjerpe	05/03	Colby Williamson	05/14	Maggie Awbrey	05/21	Megan Nott	05/28
Benjamin Vindiola	05/03	Aaron Guerrero	05/15	Aaron Sewell	05/21	Rolfe Harper	05/28
Will Stuller	05/03	Jaxsen Johnson	05/15	Kayla Hughes	05/22	Micah Mathis	05/28
Rudy Havran	05/04	Jeanne Tobin	05/16	Amy Hambrick	05/22	Shannon Funke	05/29
Dawn Harvey	05/05	Jimmy Ebner	05/16	Kenna Zochert	05/22	Easton Gwamanda	05/29
Ashley Grace	05/06	Miguel Moreno	05/16	Tullia Lane	05/22	Zachary Roth	05/30
Chase Hardy	05/06	Melesa Peckhaus	05/17	Ronny Gwamanda	05/23	Corrigan Roth	05/30
Mark England	05/06	John Vindiola Jr.	05/17	Jonathan Gillette	05/23	Michael Fredrick Ford	05/30
Ezekiel Gonzalez	05/06	Mark Warpmaeker	05/17	Sarah Gillette	05/23	Melanie Ortman	05/30
Kara Hambrick	05/07	Scarlett Bowman	05/17	Edward Walker	05/23	Sylvia Alewine	05/31
Sunitha Yalamanchili	05/07	Shirley Rudy	05/18	Eric Fidler	05/24	Victoria Karker	05/31
Sandra Cavallino Johnson	05/07	Lindsay Augerinos	05/18	Kelly Groover	05/24	Silvia Elizondo	05/31
Mattison Maisel	05/08	Jeffrey Watson	05/18	Colette Edwards	05/26		
Ainsley Kobmann	05/08	Justin Neuendorff	05/18	Bob Kloppenburg	05/26		
Dave Metting	05/09	Chris Nemoto	05/18	Maycey Wicker	05/26		
Katelyn Fox	05/09	Jason Lockhart	05/19	Lila Garlin	05/27		
Matthew Dankert	05/09	Aidan Nelsen	05/19	Lois Raschke	05/27		



# GLIMPSES of GRACE

## Kroger and Grocery Rewards Programs

We encourage you to link your Kroger and other grocery rewards cards to Kinsmen. Kroger's Community Rewards is easy to use. The more you shop and use your rewards card, the more money Kinsmen will earn! From

November 27, 2022 to February 25, 2023, 38 households used their card at least once for a total donation of \$65.88.

### KINSMEN BUDGET UPDATE - CHURCH ONLY OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS FOR March 2023

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Total Income	157,525	149,203	(8,322)
Total Expenses	160,666	147,367	(13,299)
Net	(3,141)	1,835	4,977
<b>Year-to-Date (2023)</b>			
Total Income	475,042	497,950	22,908
Total Expenses	465,032	465,691	659
Net	10,010	32,259	22,249

## GLIMPSES OF SHARING GRACE

### CARE MINISTRY

April 2023	
Flower Deliveries	72

### GIVING UPDATE

Thankoffering	Budget	Actual	Variance
March 2023	93,278	79,994	(13,284)
2023	279,835	307,355	27,520

## GLIMPSES OF GRACE

March 2023	
Noisy Offering LWR	3,827.63
General Mission Support	7,769.60
Designated Mission Support	229.80
KCA Scholarships	137.50
March TOTAL	11,964.53
YTD TOTAL	39,157.98

# IN PERSON AND ONLINE WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

## INFORMAL WORSHIP

Saturday  
5:30 PM

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Sundays  
8:30 AM

## EDUCATIONAL HOUR

Sundays  
9:45 AM

## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Sundays  
11:00 AM

## MISA en ESPAÑOL

Domingos  
12:30 PM

## ESCUELA DOMINICAL

Domingos  
12:30 PM

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