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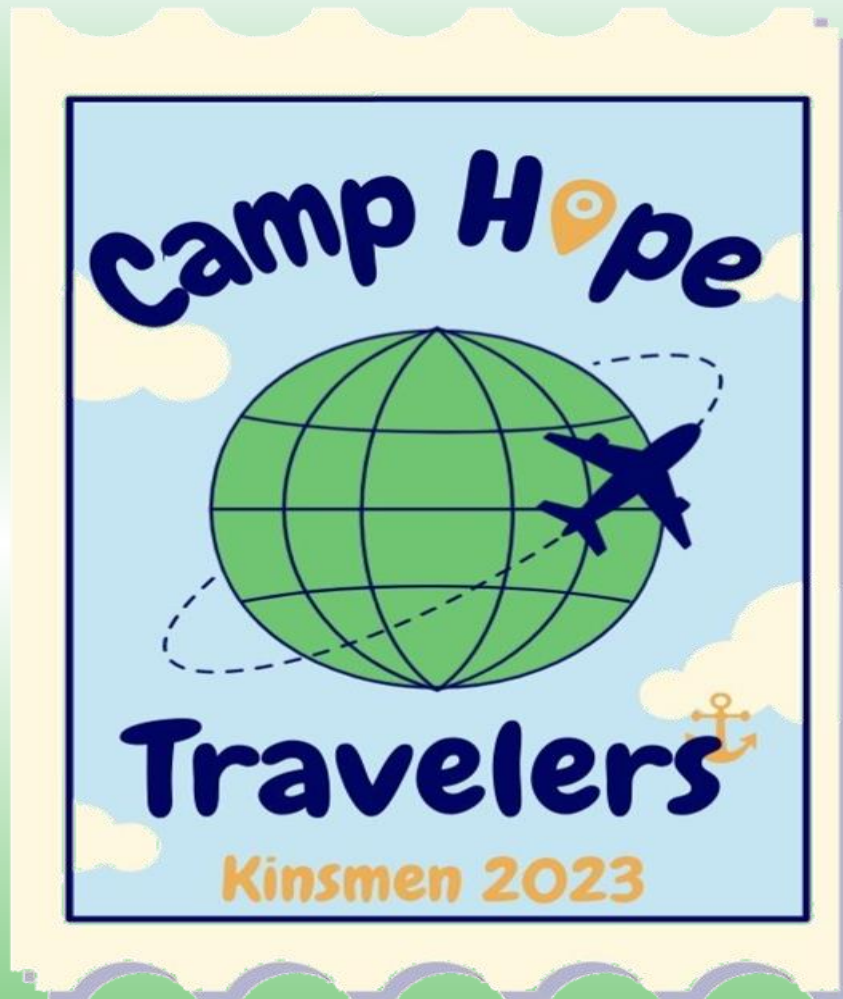
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June 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There are several bible passages I'm meditating on right now that speak to change and transition. One of them is from Isaiah:

*"I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert." -Isaiah 43:19*



This passage reminds me that, yes, we are in the midst of some big transitions, but God is always doing something new and bringing about a new creation. So instead of fear, we can be expectant and anticipate the goodness of God in all times! God's goodness will be made visible in some big ways at Kinsmen this month!

First, we will have two new part-time interims bringing the good news of God's new creation: an Interim Youth Minister and an Interim Pastor. (See page 4.) They'll be helping during this transition as we form a new call committee. Before we form this committee, however, we need to hear from all of you. Go to <https://bit.ly/KinsCall2023> to recommend someone to serve and to give input on the gifts needed in the new pastor by June 14.

Second, there is Camp Hope! We will have at least 43 staff (25 high school, 15 middle school, 3 college students) and even more children filling the church building, having fun, and learning 15 Bible studies through songs, crafts, and other activities. You will see signs of this joy and energy during weekend worship this month.

Third, the installation of a Memorial Fountain and Memorial Plaza will be dedicated after each worship service June 3-4. This fountain was always the wish and vision of Sherrie McMahon, our former Organist and Office Manager, and June marks the one-year anniversary of her death. The Campus Management team designated funds toward the fountain and drainage system. The Kinsmen Endowment Fund made possible the initiation of the Memorial Plaza project. If you would like to contribute toward this project, you may do so with "Memorial Fountain Project" noted on the check or online donation. We expect to have a second phase of this project that will provide opportunities for the naming of loved ones.

And lastly, we will continue to share God's grace in the community through food distribution every other week, but there is also a new community garden project. Check it out on the east lawn near the large playground.

God is doing some exciting things in the midst of this and every transition. So join me in praying this second bible passage as a reminder of God's constant peace and goodness.

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."-Philippians 4:6-8

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Warpmaker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Senior Pastor

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES—JULY 2023

A graphic designed to look like a movie marquee. It features a red border with a row of glowing yellow lights. Below the lights, the words "FAITH AND FILM" are written in a bold, red, stylized font on a white background.

Church Council

News from the Church Council President and Treasurer:

With the departure of Pastor Mark (and Pastor Gabriel), and the ongoing desire to have a dedicated Youth Minister—along with the impacts of Covid, and the departure of several members over the past year—we have been asked the following question: Is it still prudent to fill all three of these positions. Financially, despite lower than expected offerings this year, the Congregation still has the resources to support the three positions at this time and for the foreseeable future [with the congregation's continued generosity.] As a result, the Church Council still supports the vision of growing the Church through: 1) Youth Ministry leadership, 2) Spanish-speaking pastoral support, and 3) an Associate Pastor of Discipleship. We feel we can responsibly make the investment in these positions for the future of our church given our sound financial position.

However, we would like to hear from you about the pastoral priorities needed within Kinsmen as well as any concerns you have with this direction. Depending on the skill set of potential candidates for these positions, we may end up re-shaping our staff responsibilities to best meet the needs you help us identify. Please respond to this survey <https://bit.ly/KinsCall2023> by June 12th. We will also be available for discussion in the narthex after the worship services on June 3-4. Thank you.

- Mark Hanson, treasurer; Eric Turnquist, president

News from the Church Council Vice President:

Do you Know Someone who feels Called to Serve?

Kinsmen is seeking to fill three church council positions (2024-2026), assemble a team of three members for the 2024 Nominating Committee, and select two Kinsmen representatives for the 2024 Synod Assembly. If you or someone you know is interested in serving, I invite you to submit your nominations to <https://bit.ly/KinsmenFeedback> If you have any questions, please contact myself or Pastor Beth at <https://bit.ly/FeedbackforPB>

- 3 - Church Council Members (2024-2026)
- 3 - 2023 Nominating Committee Members
- 2 - Representatives for the 2024 Synod Assembly

Peace in Christ,
Jennifer Kaurich, Kinsmen 2023 Church Council Vice President

From Pastor Mark

Dear Kinsmen,

Thank you so much for all of the kind words and generous and unique gifts that you gave me as my call as one of your pastors came to a close. And a big thank you to all who helped plan the events on my final Sunday. Thank you for including my family in your family as our daughter grew from the beginning of preschool to graduation from High School. As I begin this new season of ministry as an interim pastor, I will hold in my heart what we have shared together and all I have learned from being in ministry with you.

May God bless and keep you,
Mark



Sermon Series: Travelers Trust God

Many of us will take vacations and travel this summer. We do so hoping to find rest, relaxation, rejuvenation and even a bit of adventure. Traveling often helps us see the world and our lives with a new lens. The life of faith is often referred to as a trip or a journey because following Christ gives us a new perspective that is filtered with love. As pilgrims, sojourners, and travelers through life, we are reminded that we never travel alone and we are always loved by God. Join us for this Camp Hope-inspired sermon series in June. During these 3-weeks we will be reminded that travelers trust God to lead them, travelers trust that God sends them, and travelers trust that God is always watching over them.



Dates	Sermon Title	First Reading	Gospel
June 3-4	Holy Trinity Weekend	Psalm 8	Matthew 28:16-20
June 10-11	Travelers Trust God to Lead Them	Genesis 12:1-9	Matthew 9:9-13
June 17-18	Travelers Trust that God Sends Them	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:14
June 24-25	Travelers Trust that God Watches Over Them	Genesis 21:8-21	Matthew 10:24-39

Staff Updates

Latino Ministry Pastor: This Call Committee has met three times and we have almost completed the process of filling out the Ministry Site Profile for the Synod so we can receive names of rostered leaders to interview.

Youth Ministry Role: This is a position we started looking for over 2 years ago. An interview team decided to do an in-person interview with someone in May, but this person would have needed more coaching than we could provide for her to be successful. Instead, we decided to hire someone who needs no coaching because she has been doing part of this role for many years. I'm happy to announce that Kristen Schulze will be the part-time Interim Youth Minister.

Pastor of Discipleship: Pastor Steve Stutz will serve in a part-time Interim role to help with preaching, teaching and pastoral care during this transition time. His first Sunday will be on June 4. Pastor Steve comes to us having just finished a 2.5 year intentional interim pastorate at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in southeast downtown Houston. Previously, he served as Interim Pastor at Memorial Lutheran-First Presbyterian Church in Texas City. He was ordained in 1998 after leaving the U.S. Army and has served churches in rural west Texas, Pasadena, and Houston. He has a Doctor of Ministry degree in spiritual direction and formation from the Houston Graduate School of Theology, where he is an adjunct professor. Pastor Steve and his wife, Krista, are originally from St. Louis, MO, have three grown daughters, and eight grandchildren.



If you have feedback on any of these interview processes, you can fill out this form:

<https://bit.ly/FeedbackforPB> which will go to Pastor Beth.

OR you can fill out the form that will go to the church council president, Eric Turnquist at: <https://bit.ly/Kinsmenfeedback>

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

You decide...so they don't have to...

A three-part educational series sponsored by the Kinsmen Generosity Team

June 11, 2023 (Sunday, 9:45 – 10:45 AM), 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 25, 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?

Storytelling: To Reveal Our Values Sunday at 9:45 AM (July 2)

This class will introduce the concept of storytelling as a tool for revealing personal values. Participants will identify a formative event or experience that gave birth to a personal value and a particular belief. Storytelling can reveal why we believe what we believe. In sharing our formative stories, we can find commonality with others who may have different values and beliefs. After this one class, participants will have the OPTION of whether or not to begin an "Exploring Alternatives to Division" multi-week experience.

The facilitator of this class will be the Rev. Dr. Nancy Mæker. She is a retired ELCA pastor who has served in congregations, on a synod staff, and as an executive director of a non-profit. She's also a Qualified Administrator of the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI). In her current vocation she is working to break down walls that divide people from one another—politically, socially, religiously. No books or resources needed at this time—only your personal stories. Register here: <https://bit.ly/story2023>



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

Promised Salvation Now—Jesus Brings Wellness

Are you wanting to meet other women in the church, or are you interested in informal Bible study with a caring group of Kinsmen women? Naomi Circle's June Bible study will focus on "Salvation Now." Of all the gospel writers, John is uniquely concerned about the effectiveness of Jesus' immediate presence. One clue is his regular use of the word "now," a tiny but powerful word which appears more here than in the other gospels combined. We'll note a few instances of the "Now" and delve into John's observations about the way he focuses not so much on the "hereafter" but more on sharing the difference that Jesus makes in people's lives right now.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM in the Coffeehouse in the Community Life Center. Bible readings are combined with application to issues in our lives, communities, and world. Studies have some leader-led direction but a lot of sharing. Please join us!

For any questions, contact [Pastor Beth Warpmaeker](#).

Pickleball

June 22 at 6:30PM

Join in on the fun on Thursday, June 22 at 7PM. All equipment is provided.

Dress comfortably.

Questions?

Contact Lynnae Schatz or Ken Mersiovsky.



Euchre

June 26 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.

JOIN US FOR
BOOK CLUB
July 20 and August 17
at 7PM
in the conference room.

AN EVANGELICAL PASTOR'S CRY, ALARM & WARNING
US
THE RESURRECTION OF AMERICAN TERROR!
REV. KENNETH W. WHEELER
JULY 20

"Luke Russert transcends terrain both physical and deeply personal."
-SAVANNAH GUTHRIE, co-author of Today
LOOK FOR ME THERE
GRIEVING MY FATHER. FINDING MYSELF
LUKE RUSSERT
AUGUST 17

Mental Health Matters

The Mental Health Matters initiative is excited to present a special *Speaker Event* this June 28, 2023, from 6:30pm – 8:00pm, followed by a light reception.

Join us for "Let's Have the Conversation" with noted speaker Kim Williams. Kim is a passionate mental health advocate, ally, speaker with lived experience whose commitment is to open the door for the hard conversations around mental health and close the door on stigmas. She has presented to a myriad of corporate and community groups around the nation. Kim is a healthcare professional with more than 25 years of experience in healthcare marketing, communications, sales and community engagement.



Kim currently sits on the board of directors for NAMI Greater Houston, The Women's Fund for Health, Education and Resiliency, Corporate Community Relations Council and the advisory board of the Houston Philanthropy Circle. She is a NAMI Peer-to-Peer leader and a trained Stephen Minister. Additionally, Kim is a certified trainer for Inspiring Comfort, committed to mending a hurting world by teaching care and connection through the skill of comfort.

In 2021, Kim served as an Executive with Heart for American Heart Association. Kim is also a graduate of the Center for Houston's Future Leadership Program and West Houston Leadership Institute.

Kim's educational accomplishments include a Bachelor of Science in Journalism with a minor in Marketing and specialization in Public Relations from Texas A&M University, and a Master's in Business Administration from Texas Woman's University. **Register here:** <https://bit.ly/MHMReg>

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](#). Registration ends June 11.
"Come to me all who are heavy laden and I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28-29



MINISTERIO LATINO



ESL



Spanish Classes



Día del Niño



Community Garden



Kinsmen at the Mall



Library Day



Women's Retreat

Faith in action / Fé en acción



Mother's DAY



Memorials



First Communion



KLEIN SCHOOLS



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 26-30



www.kinsmenlutheran.org/camp



Camp Hope Wish List

In order to keep costs low for the community, we rely on your generous donations for Camp Hope!

This year our wish list will also help another church, St. James/Santiago Apostol, prepare for their Camp Hope. We doubled our wish list so we can help them! In 2014 we helped them start Camp Hope, so we are happy to help them be successful.

Check out the wish list here: <https://bit.ly/CHWishList23>



Camp Hope Kickoff Luncheon

Join us on June 11 at noon as we kickoff Camp Hope with a celebratory Spaghetti Luncheon in the gym. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the Camp Hope staff.

A freewill offering will be collected to help offset the lunch expenses.

Camp Hope

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

Kinsmen Lutheran Church invites children entering kindergarten through 7th 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.

Camp Hope is \$115 per week, with before or after care available for an additional \$30. Families may register their child for one, two or three weeks. Sessions 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 all three weeks.

Register today for Camp Hope 2023 at www.kinsmenlutheran.org/camp

Summer Camp at Lutherhill

Summer is here, 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

ELCA Youth Gathering

The ELCA Youth Gathering will be held in New Orleans July 16-20.

Volunteers are an integral part of every Gathering. Might you like to volunteer at the Gathering and help young people grow in faith while they encounter Christ? Volunteer applications open on June 15, 2023.

Volunteer applications and more information on volunteering can be found here: <https://www.elca.church/gathering/attend/volunteers>

If you have questions, contact [Lynnae Schatz](#).



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!

HAPPY 4th OF JULY!

Tuesday, July 4

Greenwood Forest's 4th of July parade will be held at 10 AM on July 4.

It will begin in Kinsmen's parking lot.

Can you help provide hospitality?

Can you help us with a presence in the parade?

If yes to either question, please contact [Lynnae Schatz](#)

Kinsmen Summer University

Want to take an opportunity to learn something new or refresh something old you knew before or even meet new people? Kinsmen Summer University (KSU) has a wide variety of classes to do just that. The class list is noted below. Registration can be found here: <https://bit.ly/KSU2023>

Questions? Contact [Lynnae Schatz](#)

- **Bike (Trail) Riding** - Join in on the fun on June 3 (rain day is June 10) by meeting at Meyer Park at 8 AM. Eric Wietstruck, Instructor.
- **CPR training with certification** - Train for moments that matter. Get certified, and gain lifesaving skills that can help you respond to emergencies. Cost \$45. Class is June 4 at 1 PM in the Choir Room.
- **Learn to Crochet** - Tuesdays June 6 and 13 at 6:30 PM with Sandra Schinderling. Sandra teaches at Vistas High School. Bring a G or H crochet hook to the class.
- **Japanese Cooking at home with the Iveys** - Come experience Okonomiyaki with the Iveys. **Okonomiyaki** is a delicious Japanese savory pancake made with flour, eggs, cabbage, and protein, and topped with a variety of condiments. There will be plenty to taste. This class is June 16 at 6:30 PM. Cost: \$10 per person
- **Sushi Preparation with Chris Nemoto** - Chris Nemoto, an experienced sushi chef, will demonstrate (and allow for participation) the preparation of sushi. There will be plenty to taste. This class is June 19 at 6:30 PM. Cost: \$10 per person
- **Cookie Decorating** - This class is intended for young cooks and an adult. The class will meet on Saturday, July 8 at 10:30 AM. Lorie Turner will be providing instructions on basic cookie decorating.
- **Watercolor 2 with Adriana Cuina** - Everyone can create a watercolor. Cost: \$10 per class. This class is limited to 10 students. The class will meet July 21 and July 27 from 6 - 7:30 PM.



55+ Lunch June 19, 12PM

**GOODSON'S
CAFE**

"Home of the Best Chicken Fried Steak in Texas"

Let us know you are coming at: <https://bit.ly/GoodsonsCafe>

For more information contact Colette at Cedwards@kinsmenlutheran.org



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



Travel the World with Camp Kinsmen

GRADES GOING IN 1ST-8TH GRADE FALL OF 2023
SIGN UP FOR A WEEK OR ALL SUMMER LONG
EMAIL DMEJIA-CRUZ@KINSMENLUTHERAN.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS

Travel Itinerary

May 30th-June 2nd	Italy
June 5th-9th	Brazil
June 12-30	Camp Hope
July 3rd, & 5-7th	USA
July 10th- 14th	England
July 17th-21th	Australia
July 24th-28th	China
July 31st-Aug 4th	Mexico

9:30am-3:30pm
Before & After Care Available

Book your trip today!

Community of Hope Training

Do you want to grow in your relationship with Christ? Do you want to acquire the skills to handle different life situations in your everyday journey? Then, the Community of Hope is for you where you will be challenged in your relationship with Christ and utilize life skills to help others.

This experience builds Community and develops spiritually centered pastoral caregivers. Community of Hope training will begin August 15. Interested or questions? Contact Lynnae Schatz for an application. The cost for the class is \$50.

"Care of the sick must rank above and before all else so they may truly be served as Christ, who said, "I was sick and you visited me." (Matthew 25:36) The Rule of Benedict; Chapter 36



Noisy Offering – Bridging for Tomorrow

It is a Kinsmen tradition to collect a Noisy Offering for a Mission Partner on the second weekend of every month. During the month of Camp Hope, the Camp Hope Managers select the Mission Partner. This month's Mission Partner is Bridging for Tomorrow.

Bridging for Tomorrow has been walking side by side with our neighbors, empowering them to discover their full potential for the last 10 years. Bridging for Tomorrow believes that stronger communities are built by recognizing our neighbors, investing in relationships, learning from each other, and creating opportunities for families to thrive.

Programs at Bridging for Tomorrow are intentionally planned to provide opportunities and experiences that meet the social, emotional and educational needs of everyone in the family. Mentoring, educational support, Family Summer Camp, and mental health support are just a few of the programs Bridging for Tomorrow provides.

Fighting food insecurity in the neighborhood is a vital part of the Bridging for Tomorrow ministry. Kinsmen's Mobile Food Distributions are possible because of Bridging for Tomorrow's relationship with the Houston Food Bank. In 2022, Bridging for Tomorrow (with Kinsmen's Mobile Food Distributions) provided over 1 million pounds of healthy food to local families in Northwest Houston.

The June Noisy Offering will also include an in-kind gathering of cereal. The Noisy Offering will be collected in worship on June 10 and 11. Thanks be to God for this opportunity to share grace with our neighbors.



Summer is here and many of us will be traveling and may miss a service or two at Kinsmen. However, Kinsmen's ministries endure and God's mission continues- so should our gifts to our Church Home. If you will be traveling and you 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—Sign up to Volunteer

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 has resumed hosting the twice a month food distributions. The distribution dates and times are June 3 and June 17 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 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.



Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Bedmaking and/or delivering on June 24 beginning at 8:20 AM.
This is Kinsmen's Day with Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Participants will learn:
how to build bunk beds.

how to use woodworking tools such as saws, drills, sanders, hammers and many other pieces of equipment
how to measure, level and make true woodcuts.
how to sand and stain wood and
see how branding a bed works.

Sign up here for this KSU opportunity: <https://bit.ly/SIHPJUNE24>

72 Hour Lutheran

Hurricane season is from June 1 through November 30. We may not be as prepared as we need to be. We encourage each and every one of you to **become a 72 Hour Lutheran**, a person who has enough supplies in their home to meet their household's basic needs for 72 hours. What supplies do you need? Go to this link: <https://gulfcoastsynod.org/congregations/disaster-prep-recovery/72-hour-lutheran/>

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center Donor Coach will be at Kinsmen on
Sunday, June 11 from 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM.

Each unit of blood donated
helps save up to three lives.

Please consider scheduling your
appointment today at:
<https://bit.ly/blooddrivejune23>

June 11
8AM -12:30PM



Generosity Team Legacy Planning Tips

I would like to create my last will and testament and would like to know if I can do it myself or if I need to hire a lawyer?

How to Prepare a Will

While almost everyone should have a will, only about one-third of Americans have an estate plan in place. Having a last will and testament is important because it ensures your money and property will be distributed to the people you want to receive it after you pass. If you pass away without a will, also known as dying "intestate", your estate will be settled in accordance with state law. Details vary by state, but assets are typically distributed using a hierarchy of survivors (i.e., first to a spouse, then to children, then your siblings, and so on). You should also be aware that certain accounts take precedence over a will. For example, if you jointly own a home or a bank account, the house and the funds in the account will go to the joint holder, even if your will directs otherwise. Similarly, retirement accounts and life insurance policies are distributed to the beneficiaries you designate, so it is important to keep those up to date.

Do You Need a Lawyer?

Creating a will with a do-it-yourself software program may be acceptable in some cases, particularly if you are a young person with a simple, straightforward estate and an uncomplicated family situation. If you have minor children, a blended family, a difficult family member, own real estate, own a business or have a substantial estate, you may save thousands of dollars in estate costs by seeking professional advice. An experienced lawyer can make sure you cover all your bases, which can help avoid family confusion and lawsuits after you are gone. Costs will vary depending on your location and the complexity of your situation, but you can expect to pay somewhere between \$250 and \$8,000 or more to have your will drafted. To help you save, shop around and get price quotes from several different firms. If expenses are of issue, search online to find low-cost legal help in your area. It is also recommended that if you decide to create your own will, have a lawyer review it to make sure it covers all the important bases.

You may find that a will is a start to an estate plan, but a living trust may be better suited for many individuals. An estate planning attorney can help determine what is the best course of action for your circumstances.

Where to Store it?

Once your will is written, the best place to keep it is either in a fireproof safe or file cabinet at home or on a secure digital storing site with your login credentials held securely. However you decide to store your will, make sure your executor knows where it is and has access to it. If a professional prepares your will, ask to keep the original document at your lawyer's office. Also, be sure to update your will if your family or financial circumstances change or if you move to another state.

Excerpted from Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest:

<http://lfswwgift.org/?pageID=31&docID=1005&RID=146&SLID=827>

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/kinsmen-endowment-fund>.





June Birthdays

Elwy Lee Henry	6/01	Beth Warpmaeker	6/09	Elizabeth Brown	6/20	Connor Matson	6/26
Kaitlynn Augerinos	6/01	Harrison Grimes	6/09	Michelle Ivey	6/20	Patti Tipping	6/26
Wyatt Kobmann	6/01	Ethan Yalamanchili	6/09	Victoria Worlow	6/20	David Mulkey	6/27
Michael Sewell	6/01	Kirk Rovang	6/10	Natalie Schroeder	6/21	Scott Williams	6/27
William Moseley	6/02	Josie Coote	6/10	Judy Osmon	6/21	Rebecca Caraveo	6/27
Charlotte Lester	6/02	Jill Williams	6/11	Lois Boldt	6/21	Peter Abt	6/28
Isabella Biggerstaff	6/02	Madeline Vindiola	6/11	Marlee Rivera	6/21	Cory Monrad	6/28
Larry Liveringhouse	6/03	Jacob Jyrkama	6/11	Joshua Macon	6/21	Eric Wietstruck	6/28
Linda Ritchey	6/03	Mechelle Vindiola	6/12	Tyler Harms	6/21	Kylie Dankert	6/28
Colgan Nash	6/03	Scott Benesh	6/13	Henry Worlow	6/21	Harper Long	6/28
Jason Wehring	6/04	Lauren Grobe	6/13	Dorcas Staff	6/22	Cody Miller	6/30
Luke Peltier	6/04	Elizabeth Grobe	6/13	Pat Howard	6/23	Madison Augerinos	6/30
Elias Borchert	6/04	Lynn Schroeder	6/13	Garrett Rodriguez	6/23		
Michael Lyons	6/04	Audrey Harms	6/13	Carolyn Schulze	6/23		
Hazel Woods	6/04	Riley Reder	6/14	Jimmy Meyer	6/24		
Michael Hart	6/06	Lincoln Denlinger	6/14	Linda Adams	6/24		
Chase Clancy	6/06	Linda Sell	6/15	Joel Wehring	6/24		
Zayden Cesario Luna	6/06	Rebecca Jones	6/15	Nathan Warpmaeker	6/24		
John Worlow	6/06	Kathy Hanson	6/15	Patti Suler	6/26		
Kerri Moore	6/07	Lorelei Cook	6/15	Phyllis Carrier	6/26		
Wendy Young	6/08	Richard Kregel	6/18	Deanna McClure	6/26		
Stephanie Patton	6/08	Michelle Hudson	6/19	Keith Froebel	6/26		
Paul Weber	6/09	Carly Carter	6/20	Clay Jacobs	6/26		



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 April 2023

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Total Income	196,680	131,699	(64,980)
Total Expenses	163,306	173,505	(75,179)
Net	33,373	(41,806)	(75,179)
Year-to-Date (2023)			
Total Income	671,722	629,650	(42,072)
Total Expenses	628,338	639,196	10,858
Net	43,383	(9,547)	(52,930)

GIVING UPDATE

Thankoffering	Budget	Actual	Variance
April 2023	128,678	85,804	(42,875)
2023	408,513	393,159	(15,355)

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CARE MINISTRY

May 2023	
Flower Deliveries	48
Prayer Shawls	2

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April 2023	
Lenten Offering—Affordable Housing at Bethlehem Lutheran	1,708
General Mission Support	8,260.68
Designated Mission Support	319.70
KCA Scholarships	137.50
April TOTAL	10,425.88
YTD TOTAL	49,583.86

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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