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# Pastor's Word

Hello everyone!

Having been here for a few weeks now, I've had a chance to meet many of you and have some conversations in the courtyard after worship. Thanks for stopping and introducing yourself! I thought it might be helpful to share a little about intentional interim ministry and what you might expect. Transitions within pastoral leadership can bring a mix of emotions—excitement, uncertainty, and even a sense of loss. On the other hand, this interim period is an opportunity for growth, renewal, and discernment.



Here are some key aspects of what you can anticipate during our time together:

**1. Collaborative Worship and Spiritual Nourishment:**

I am working hard to get up to speed on the suite of worship services here at Kinsmen and all that is required to put them together. I'll be sharing preaching and presiding duties with Pr. Beth, pretty much the same as Pr. Mark had done in the past. Please be patient with my missteps while I learn the specifics of the Kinsmen way on Sunday morning. Starting in July, I'll be teaching a Sunday school class called "Making Sense of Martin Luther" which you will be hearing more about soon.

**2. Pastoral Care and Support:**

As your interim associate pastor, I will be providing pastoral care and support as part of the team, but since I live about an hour away from our campus, certainly not as much as your future settled associate will be providing. However, please know that I am available for conversation and visitation. Your joys, concerns, and sorrows are all important to me. It is just that it might take a bit longer for me to respond.

**3. Congregational Assessment and Reflection:**

During this interim period, a key task will be for congregational self-reflection and assessment of what gifts and graces we need in our future settled associate pastor. There is a formal process that is used to develop a profile of the congregation and capture our aspirations for how the future settled pastor will help us in carrying out the vision, mission, and values of Kinsmen. *Many of you have already given your input into this, so thank you!* Your insights and perspectives are essential in this process, as the call committee works through the process.

I am excited and deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve as your interim associate pastor and to be part of the journey that lies ahead. Over the next few months, we have a wonderful opportunity to grow in love, deepen our faith, and continue to make a positive difference in our community. If you have any questions or would like to connect with me personally, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Peace and all good!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Stutz".

Interim Pastor of Discipleship

## Note:

Pastor Beth will be on vacation from July 3-16, so please contact the pastoral care line at 281.444.3127 ext. 112 with any pastoral care emergencies.

## 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

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## Staff Updates

**Latino Ministry Pastor:** This Call Committee has met four 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. I'm happy to announce that Kristen Schulze is serving as the part-time Interim Youth Minister.

**Pastor of Discipleship:** A call committee chair has been chosen, Eric Wietstruck, and he is forming a team to be approved by Church Council. He will be giving monthly updates on the progress moving forward.

And as always, if you have any feedback during this transition time, you can fill out this form to Pastor Beth: <https://bit.ly/FeedbackforPB> OR you can fill out a form that will go to the church council president, Eric Turnquist, here: <https://bit.ly/Kinsmenfeedback>

## Call Committee

The Call Committee to call our new Discipleship Pastor (Pastor Mark's former position) has already been trained by the Synod and has met twice. We are rocking and rolling! Thank you to those of you who completed the survey in early June as your feedback has already been helpful to this process. A huge thank you goes to Krista Guerrero, Andrew Hanson, Wade Ivey, Jacob Jyrkama, Linda Martens, Chris Turner, Ellen Wangsmo, and Pastor Beth Warpmaeker for joining me through this process. Please be in prayer for God to send the right person to Kinsmen. If you have any questions about this call process, please feel free to reach out to me.

Eric Wietstruck  
Chair of Discipleship Pastor Call Committee

## Sermon Series: Faith and Film

Lights, Cameras, Action! Our sermon series during July provides all three. The readings shine a light on the sin Jesus calls us to turn away from. They focus in-like a lens-on ways we can grow in following as disciples of Jesus. There's also a lot of action-packed interactions between Jesus and the crowds and Jesus and the disciples. Each week we will pair a movie with the readings so we can be enriched in our faith through various films and movies.

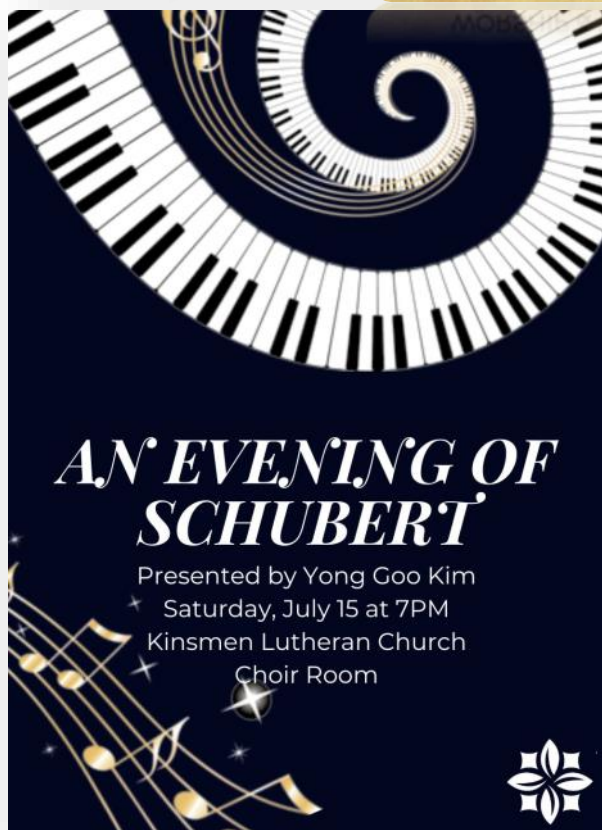
Come join us for this 5-week fun sermon series!



Dates	Sermon Title	Movie	First Reading	Gospel
July 1-2	A Cup of Cold Water	A Man Called Otto	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
July 8-9	Red Pill, Blue Pill	The Matrix	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 15-16	Good Soil is Hard to Find	WALL-E	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
July 22-23	In Hope We're Saved	Puss in Boots	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
July 29-30	All the Evil in the World	Wonder Woman (2017)	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52


## ABENDMUSIK

WORSHIP & THE ARTS AT KINSMEN



**AN EVENING OF  
SCHUBERT**

Presented by Yong Goo Kim  
Saturday, July 15 at 7PM  
Kinsmen Lutheran Church  
Choir Room




2023

**Peregrinos y  
Extranjeros**

Spanish Language  
Worship Musicians

Orlando Caruci,  
Celene Nucette,  
Luis Humberto

**Friday, July 21  
7PM**



## 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.

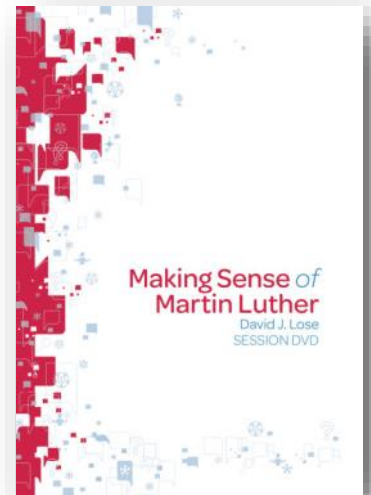


The facilitator of this class will be the Rev. Dr. Nancy Maeker. She is a retired ELCA pastor who has served in congregations, on a synod staff, and as an executive director of a non-profit. She’s also a Qualified Administrator of the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI). In her current vocation 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>

## Making Sense of Martin Luther by David Lose

Sundays at 9:45AM (July 9-August 20)

This class will explore how Luther’s understanding of God’s life-changing gospel informs day-to-day faith and life in the world today. This will be a video and discussion class led by Pastors Beth and Steve. To get the most out of the class, you can download the book on Kindle or order it in paperback on Amazon or Augsburg Fortress. Having a book is recommended, but not necessary. Register here: <https://bit.ly/MLuther2023>



Session 1: The Reluctant Reformer—Introducing “the Monk Who Changed the World”

Session 2: Freedom! Justification by Grace through Faith

Session 3: The Present-Tense God—Law and Gospel

Session 4: The Ambidextrous God—The Two Kingdoms and God’s Ongoing Work in the World

Session 5: Called for Good—Vocation, Sinning Boldly, and the Respiratory System of the Body of Christ

Session 6: God Hidden and Revealed—Luther’s Theology of the Cross and the Sacraments

Session 7: *Semper Simul*—Sin, Forgiveness, and “Becoming Christian”

## Naomi Bible Study Summer of Connections

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? We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM. Because of Independence Day, in July we will meet on the 11th at a member’s home.

During the year, 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. In July and August, we plan to meet in a member’s home and spend time learning more about one another and connecting on a deeper level. We would love to have you join us!

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

## 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 **complete**. Please contact [Pastor Beth](#) if you are interested in receiving a brochure and future updates on this journey of faith, learning and relationship building. There are also brochures in the church office or go to [shepherdstours.com/packages](https://shepherdstours.com/packages).



## Mental Health Matters - Special Event

July 26 at 6:30PM

The Mental Health Matters initiative and Kinsmen Lutheran Church are proud to present a special Panel Discussion on July 26, 2023, from 6:30 - 8:00PM. Join us as our diverse panel present their viewpoints on why mental health is so important for all people. Our panelists will also be available for questions both before and after the presentation.

Panelists include:

Pastor Steve Stutz

Shawn Keith, MS, LPC

Shannon Jolly Schaefer, Fitness & Yoga Teacher

Sarah Hornstein, MHPS, Community of Hope International Lay Chaplain



## Pickleball

July 27 at 6:30PM

Join in on the fun on Thursday, July 27 at 6:30PM. All equipment is provided.

Dress comfortably.

Questions?

Contact Lynnae Schatz or Ken Mersiovsky.

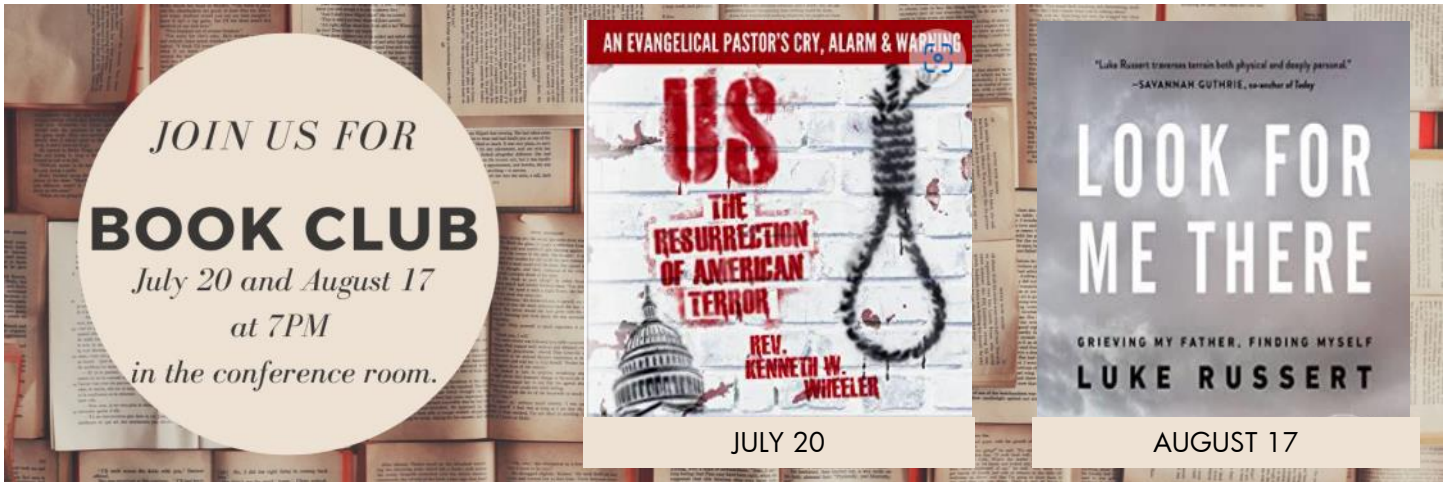


## Euchre

July 24 at 7PM

Like to play cards? Check out Euchre on Monday, July 24 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.



## 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.

Community of Hope International is designed to create Christian communities of lay volunteer pastoral caregivers united in prayer, shaped by Benedictine Spirituality and equipped for and serving in pastoral care ministries. The volunteer Pastoral Caregivers remain united in prayer and community as their ministries lead them to serve in the congregation and in the wider community. The program remains rooted in Benedictine Spirituality and is based on the classic "clinical pastoral education" model used in many hospitals to train pastoral caregivers.

The Community of Hope training awakens trainees to God's call on each of our lives by helping individuals discover and better understand their own spiritual gifts for ministry. Each participant is encouraged to make this experience a journey into wholeness to use this opportunity to explore a "rule of life", practice sacred silence, Christian meditation, compassionate listening, pastoral identity and Lectio Divina, all within the context of Benedictine Spirituality.

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



# MINISTERIO LATINO

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## LUTHERANISM AND THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY

In our congregation, most of the Hispanic community that has grown exponentially in recent years, comes from the Roman Catholic Church. However, many of them are seeking to renew their faith, to adapt to their new way of life in this country, and to meet their spiritual needs.

At the same time, the immigrant community faces great challenges from the cultural, economic, educational, social, language point of view, (among many others) and requires support through educational programs, accompaniment and help to lead them to become integral citizens, with all their rights and duties that positively contribute to their abilities.

In the Latino Kinsmen / Sagrada Familia we want to focus on making known, learning, and adopting Lutheranism as a way of life, so that parishioners really understand what being Lutheran is about and how to practice it.

First, Lutherans are Catholics: Christ makes himself present in communion.

And we practice within our liturgy:

- the Bible Readings
- the intercessory Prayers
- Greeting of Peace
- Offerings
- Eucharistic Prayer
- Holy Communion

**WE WORK ON THESE VALUES  
DURING OUR SUNDAY  
CELEBRATIONS AND IN ALL THE  
ACTIVITIES WE CARRY OUT TO  
MAKE LUTHERANISM A WAY OF  
LIFE FOR OUR HISPANIC  
COMMUNITY.**

We are Catholic Christians, members of the universal and apostolic church, one family in Christ, through Baptism. We work and pray for the unity of the entire church on earth, longing for that day when the Holy Spirit will be reunited with all Christians into one body, a people who will be one, just as Jesus and the Father are one.

*According to Lutheran teaching, faith is not an intellectual acceptance of doctrines about God but is a dynamic transforming trust of the unconditional love of God, who justifies the wicked.*

Through GRACE: living the Church as a family that has received the gift of forgiveness, reconciliation, and liberation.

Through FAITH: which springs from the trust and obedience that allows us to live in the family where we share the gifts of forgiveness and reconciliation.

In conclusion, our message is Salvation by God's grace through faith, and our contribution to the community.

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Under these premises we are preparing to impart during the summer these teachings, as a prologue to the membership classes. As a tool we will use the material: Baptized We Live: Lutheranism as a way of life by Daniel Erlander, in its Spanish version, where he explains in a simple and concise way the most important aspects of being Lutheran.

We think that the greater knowledge of our doctrine is a fundamental part to stimulate the Latino community to membership, without forgetting its roots and cultural traditions to welcome an integrated and multicultural church, where the predominant values are the Faith, and the love of God and our brothers.



# Report on Latino Ministry

*Interim Pastor, Adriana Johnson-Rivas*

These are activities that have happened during the past month:

**FIRST COMMUNION:** On May 21, we celebrated the first communion of 9 young Hispanics. It was a very spiritual celebration and we had large attendance. At the end, we had a lunch with most of the families and their friends. We had great help from volunteers in organizing this event. Without them it would not have been possible. We thank them for their support. We also appreciate the assistance of Pastor Beth during communion and blessing each communicant.

**HORIZON GRANT:** One youth in the congregation received a Horizon grant from the ELCA. The objective of this program is to support youth who do not have English as their first language and who are willing to work in the Church during the summer receiving a financial stipend from the ELCA. This program will continue until next August.

**ESL AND HUNGER GRANT:** On May 25, we concluded our ESL semester with a celebration of English and Spanish students. We will continue working on cultural integration, unfortunately one of the original teachers, Connie McMahon, is retiring from teaching, but we are so grateful to her and Charlie!

We thank all our volunteer teachers for their efforts and dedication. Classes resumes in August.

The grant for the financing of these educational programs came to an end this year. However we are in the process of applying for it to be renewed for a period of 3 years. We hope that these funds will be awarded to us to continue the ESL, as well as Financial Peace and Citizenship Classes.

**OPEN CAMP AT LUTHERHILL:** For the first time, a group from Latino Ministry visited Lutherhill. 42 people attended! They had a day full of entertainment and fun. This has been a great opportunity to show our parishioners the resources we have that are for the enjoyment of the community. We hope to continue organizing activities.

## Coming up

1. Citizenship Classes: July TBA.
2. Kinsmen Summer university: Watercoloring.
3. Classes on Lutheranism for new members in Spanish: TBA
4. Community Health Fair: we have already started working with the participating agencies. The date will be September 23 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
5. Mexican Loteria: TBA





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★ *Camp Hope* ★  
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Travelers 2023



## Camp Hope 2023

3 college staff  
22 high school staff  
18 middle school staff  
Over 95 campers

Over 3 weeks, 15 different bible stories were taught through worship, small group time, games, drama, art, STEM, and snacks!

Thank you for your support of this great ministry through your time, donations of supplies, and financial contributions.

About 80% of the campers here this year were from the community!

Save the date for Camp Hope 2024!

**June 10-28**

## The ELCA Youth Gathering July 2024!!

What is the ELCA Youth Gathering?

Every 3 years, the ELCA has a gathering for high school youth. There are usually 30,000 participants from across the United States and the world who gather in a host city. The Gathering will take place in New Orleans, July 16-20, 2024. It is a life changing and faith building experience that includes service learning, interactive learning, and mass gatherings held in the Superdome, which include inspiring speakers, worship, and uplifting music. It is also an event that will give high school students an understanding of how big the church really is, and how we can be a church together. There will be an informative meeting on **Sunday, July 23 at 12:15PM** in the Community Room. Students (going into 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade in 2023-24) and their parents are invited to attend. Any questions? Contact Kristen Schulze ([kschulze@kinsmenlutheran.org](mailto:kschulze@kinsmenlutheran.org)) Please RSVP for the meeting here. <https://bit.ly/ELCAYouthGathering2024>

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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Young  
Adult  
Gathering

## 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](#)

- **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.



## Upcoming 55+ Events

Lunch at Swanny's Grill on July 17 at 12PM

Let's Play Ball! We have 20 tickets for Sunday July 30. The cost is \$39/ticket. We will be taking the Kinsmen bus. Reserve your ticket and bus seat here: <https://bit.ly/55Astros>

Lunch at Dimassi's Mediterranean Buffet. On August 14 at 12PM

For more information on any of these events, contact Colette at [Cedwards@kinsmenlutheran.org](mailto:Cedwards@kinsmenlutheran.org)



 A red and white graphic for a 4th of July parade. It features blue and white stars scattered across the background. The text "4TH OF JULY" is in bold blue letters, and "Parade" is written in a large, white, cursive font.
 

**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?**



## KCA Early Learning Program

Our Early Learning Program operates full-time, year-round for those ages 6 weeks to Pre-K (4-years-old). Register today for summer and fall!

[www.kinsmenlutheran.org/early](http://www.kinsmenlutheran.org/early)  
Or contact Rachel at [rsantellana@kinsmenlutheran.org](mailto:rsantellana@kinsmenlutheran.org),  
281.444.3127 x 123



## KCA Before and After School Program

We are now enrolling for our Before and After School Program!

We bus kids to and from these local schools:

- Greenwood Forest Elementary
- Klenk Elementary
- Wunderlich Intermediate
- Yeager Elementary
- Harmony School of Technology

[www.kinsmenlutheran.org/before](http://www.kinsmenlutheran.org/before)  
Or contact Dennisse – [dmejia-cruz@kinsmenlutheran.org](mailto:dmejia-cruz@kinsmenlutheran.org)



## Blessing of the Backpacks!

Save the date as we bless our students, teachers, bus drivers, and all others as we begin a new school year!

Bring your backpacks, briefcases, keys, lunch boxes, or whatever tools you use for your school/job, and come to worship on August 5 & 6 for a small gift and blessing.



## Noisy Offering – July 15/16

### Lutherhill

This month, our noisy offering will be given to Lutherhill Ministries. The Noisy Offering will be collected on the 3rd weekend this month.

Lutherhill Ministries welcomes all to experience the Love of Christ through outdoor ministry at summer camp and retreats at Lutherhill La Grange and Lutherhill Galveston. Both locations offer a place set apart so that all can rest and play in God's creation. [lutherhill.org](http://lutherhill.org)

The **17th Annual S'mores & Champagne Gala** will be on September 9, 2023 and promises to be the BEST. NIGHT. EVER. as we toast to the ministry and come together to raise funds and make it possible for Lutherhill Ministries to continue providing affordable experiences for all. S'mores & Champagne Gala [lutherhill.org/gala](http://lutherhill.org/gala)

**Fall Family Retreat** Oct. 13 - 15, 2023 Escape to the Hill for a fun-filled family weekend.

**Advent Retreat** Dec. 1 - 2, 2023 A gathering for 1st - 6th grade youth to explore the joy of Advent.

**Fall 2023 Retreats** [lutherhill.org/all-retreats](http://lutherhill.org/all-retreats)

Summer camp is offered at Lutherhill La Grange and is an incredible time for faith formation, community & fun. This summer, in holy curiosity and playful study, campers will explore our theme **Amen + Let it be so!**

**Summer 2023** [lutherhill.org/all-summer-camps](http://lutherhill.org/all-summer-camps)



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

Kinsmen Lutheran Church, in partnership with Bridging for Tomorrow and the Houston Food Bank, serves as a Mobile Food Distribution Site every month.

The distribution dates for July are July 1 and 15 from 8:00 AM—11:00 AM. The food is for everyone. Volunteers are needed to make the Distribution possible. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available.

Shifts begin as early as 7 AM and the entire event is over by noon.

Visit [kinsmenlutheran.org](https://kinsmenlutheran.org) - EVENTS - to sign up to volunteer.

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



## ELCA Youth Gathering Volunteers

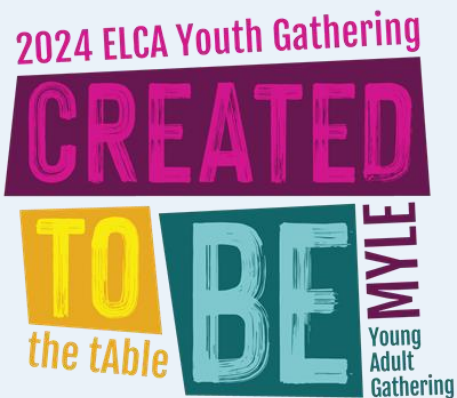
The ELCA Youth Gathering will be held in New Orleans July 16-20, 2024.

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 soon.

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](#).



## 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/>

## Hurricane Season



# Preparedness





**God's work.  
Our hands.**

## Save the Date

God's Work. Our Hands. will be celebrated August 26 and 27.

If you'd like a "God's Work. Our Hands." t shirt please contact Lynnae ([lschatz@kinsmenlutheran.org](mailto:lschatz@kinsmenlutheran.org)) by July 31.

Cost for the t shirt is \$15.

# LUTHERAN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Will you be attending a Lutheran College or University in 2022-2023?

The deadline to apply is July 31, 2023

Kinsmen Lutheran Church has a scholarship fund to provide financial assistance to Kinsmen members who will be attending a Lutheran College or University. The amount of the scholarship will be determined based upon the amount available in the fund, the number of applicants, and the financial need of the student.

Contact Lynnae Schatz ([lschatz@kinsmenlutheran.org](mailto:lschatz@kinsmenlutheran.org)) for an application.



## Extraordinary Generosity

### A Gift from Barbara Phillips



An incredible gift has been given to Kinsmen from the Estate of Barbara Phillips. Barbara died in September 2022. She wasn't officially a member, but when she was healthy, she was here every weekend. When she became ill, Kinsmen staff and lay chaplains visited her regularly. After her death, we were taken aback and surprised to learn that Kinsmen was the beneficiary of her entire Estate. This gift will eventually be over \$550,000!

Her extraordinary generosity will be divided up and put toward the following purposes:

- Campus improvements determined by the Campus Management Team: \$192,500.00
- Endowment Fund where grants can be requested for specific projects: \$227,500.00
  - "Green" projects that will save energy costs in the future: \$75,000.00
  - Go into a reserve fund: \$55,000.00

This gift, with support from the Endowment Fund, has already made the Memorial Fountain and Plaza project possible.



# July Birthdays

Krista Dankert	7/01	Damon Tipping	7/10	Dale Hilpert	7/19	Mariclare McNeill	7/26
Steven Long	7/01	Emma Bohmann	7/10	Melody Rivera	7/19	Becky Hanson	7/27
John Turnquist	7/02	John De Leon	7/12	Renita Hillis	7/19	Matthew Reder	7/27
Donald Hudson	7/04	Ted Keeling	7/13	Jonathan Cade	7/20	Ruthie Kirkwood	7/27
Jacob Sartor	7/05	Janine Blackbourn	7/13	Ken O'Neal	7/20	Preston Maisel	7/27
Debby Simpson	7/05	Arabella DeLuca	7/13	Christopher Matson	7/20	Jason C Lockhart	7/27
Tim Timmerman	7/06	John Wood	7/14	Jaakko Jyrkama	7/20	Olivia Guerrero	7/27
Tracy Mann	7/06	Kasey Zabadal	7/14	Salena Gonzalez	7/20	Siri Borchert	7/27
Thomas Peterson	7/07	David Cook	7/15	John Remmert	7/21	Kenneth Gerner	7/28
Tanner Foreman	7/07	Chris Ray	7/15	Rhonda Tavey	7/22	Oliver Gribb	7/28
Tess Long	7/07	Braden Nott	7/16	Ray McClure	7/22	Montie Doyle	7/28
Lorena Castaneda	7/08	Juan Silva	7/16	Gary Schroeder	7/22	Sheri Alsguth	7/28
Jack McIntosh	7/08	Kennedy Dankert	7/17	Dillon Chadick	7/22	Roger Junker	7/29
Caleb Shaw	7/09	David Lane	7/17	Androulla Ward	7/22	Kathleen Masiko	7/29
Roger Helgoe	7/09	Ed Sachnik	7/17	Danny Kolkhorst	7/23	Dianne Giroir	7/29
Kinsey Moore	7/09	Ed Newhard	7/17	Kimberly Cook	7/23	Gabriel Gonzalez	7/30
Erin Silva	7/09	Connie McMahan	7/18	Valerie Hope	7/23		
Melissa Sanchez	7/09	Carter Hambrick	7/18	Jacob Ramos	7/24		
Amber Walker	7/09	Abby England	7/18	Brent Bayer	7/26		
Carl John Turnquist	7/10	Michele Mulkey	7/19	Rachel Wehring	7/26		



# 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

February 26 to May 27, 2023, 37 households used their card at least once for a total donation of \$76.00.

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

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Total Income	162,476	164,674	1,898
Total Expenses	162,274	149,743	(14,531)
Net			
<b>Year-to-Date (2023)</b>			
Total Income	834,197	794,024	(40,174)
Total Expenses	792,613	788,940	(3,673)
Net	41,585	5,084	(36,501)

### GIVING UPDATE

Thankoffering	Budget	Actual	Variance
May 2023	93,278	87,702	(5,577)
2023	501,792	480,860	(20,931)

## GLIMPSES OF SHARING GRACE

### CARE MINISTRY

June 2023	
Flower Deliveries	47
Prayer Shawls	2

## GLIMPSES OF GRACE

May	
Noisy Offering/NAM	2,901.67
General Mission Support	8,528.66
Designated Mission Support	241.50
KCA Scholarships	150.00
Lutheran World Relief	1,827.00
May TOTAL	13,648.83
YTD TOTAL	63,232.69

## 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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