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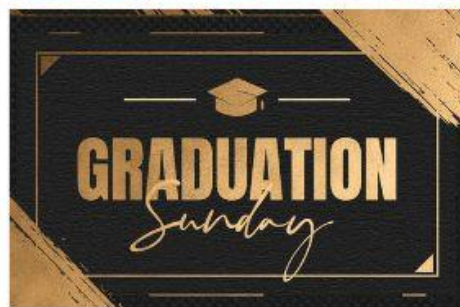
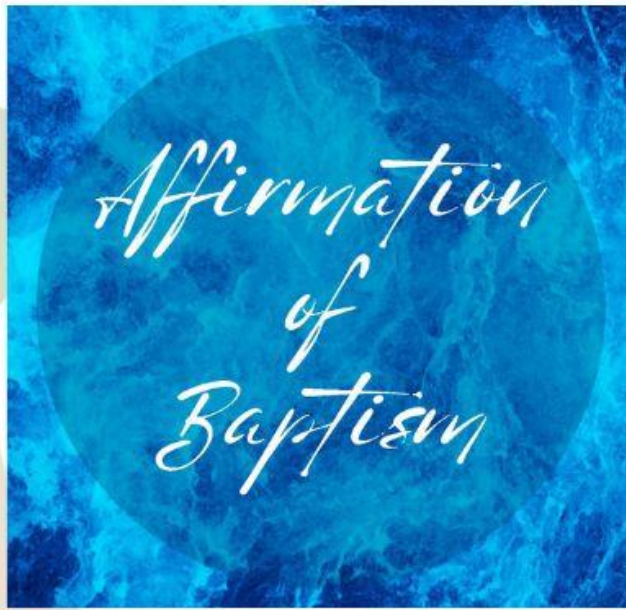
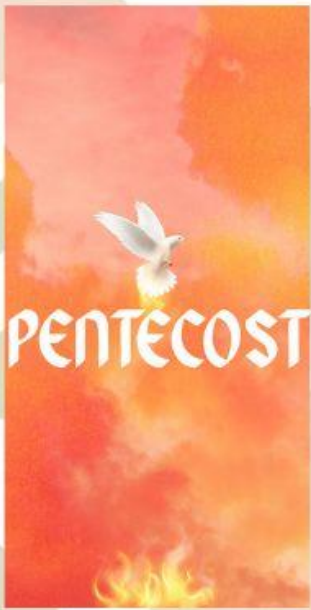
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Pastor's Word

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This past weekend, my husband, Mark, and I took two trips along I-10 going west. The first trip was to Seguin to attend the last lecture of a dear, beloved professor, Dr. Norm Beck, from Texas Lutheran University. He's the one professor everyone who went to TLU had to take to fulfill their theology class requirement and he is retiring after teaching for 49 ½ years at the age of 90! Just amazing! As I listened to his lecture and as I greeted him afterwards, I realized how celebrating this milestone for him was just as important for me. It was a time to mark, honor and give thanks for him and the impact he had on my life (and so many other students). Then, as we drove along I-10 on our second trip (this time to San Antonio to go to our son's last band concert at Trinity University), I had a lot of time to think about the importance of milestones.



There are many places in the Bible where milestone moments are referenced, but the most meaningful one is described in Joshua 4. The Israelites are moving from a life of wandering into a settled life in the Promised Land. As they crossed the Jordan, Joshua asked a man from each tribe to carry a stone from the riverbed and make a marker at Gilgal. This transitional moment was a big deal, so they took a moment to mark it, state the significance of it, remember God's faithfulness in the past, and trust in God's goodness in the new unknown, sometimes scary road ahead. We will do the same with the many milestones during the month of May.

Personally, I will be celebrating 25 years of ordained ministry on May 2 and both of our sons will be graduating—one from college and the other from high school. (So I need all prayers and compassion if I'm a bit emotional this month! ☺)

At Kinsmen, we will be celebrating and marking milestones every weekend in worship. Here's a quick overview:

May 4-5

This is Confirmation Weekend and 19 youth will be affirming their Baptisms: 8 at the 11AM worship service and 11 at the 12:30PM worship service.

May 11-12

This is **Mother's Day weekend**, so all of us will remember and give thanks for our mother's. Flowers with a blessing will be handed out at all worship services. This is also when my oldest son (and other families') college graduations are taking place.

May 18-19

This is Pentecost Weekend, the birthday of the church, and we will have a guest preacher, Pastor José Luis Escalera (see his bio on page 3). Pastor Jay will also have a 25th ordination anniversary blessing for me in worship during the English services and First Communion will be celebrated at the Spanish speaking worship service at 12:30PM with 14 youth.

May 25-26

This is **Memorial Day Weekend** where we will honor all those who have served in the military. It is also the weekend when we will celebrate the **Graduation Milestone** for the Class of 2024!

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

Grace and Peace,

Beth Warpmaeker

Beth Warpmaeker
Senior Pastor

Sermon Series: Wrestling with Doubt

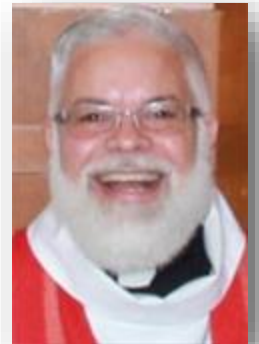
Join us for the last 2 weeks of the “Wrestling with Doubt” sermon series where we will respond to questions that came from group members at Kinsmen. May 5 is also Confirmation Weekend and May 12 is Mother’s Day! On May 18-19, Pentecost, we will have a guest preacher, Pastor José Luis Escalera, Bishop’s Associate for Mission in the Gulf Coast Synod. Finally, on May 24-25, we will celebrate Holy Trinity and all our graduates!



Dates	Season	Sermon Title	First Reading	Gospel
May 4-5	Easter 6	Why Church?	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
May 11-12	Easter 7	Why does God let (so many) bad things happen?	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
May 18-19	Pentecost	Guest Preacher: José Luis Escalera	Acts 2:1-21	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
May 25-26	Holy Trinity	Oh, the places the Spirit will lead you!	Isaiah 6:1-8	John 3:1-17

Guest Pentecost Preacher: Pastor José Luis Escalera

Pastor José moved to Texas and began his work in the Gulf Coast Synod in November 2023. José was born in Ponce, a town in the south of the Island of Puerto Rico. Pastor Escalera and his wife Magda come to us from the New Jersey Synod. He has a bachelor’s degree in finance and a master’s degree in theology from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He is a trained mission developer who has served congregations in Puerto Rico and New Jersey. In his previous call, he was re-developing Temple Lutheran Church, while launching a new Latino ministry, Misión Luterana Reconciliación. Currently, Pastor Escalera is called as Bishop’s Associate for Mission in the Gulf Coast Synod. Half of his job description involves working with the Synod Mission Table to plant new faith communities and renewing existing ones. The other half includes important aspects of the Synod Strategic Plan: developing a Lay School, attending to diversity and hospitality ministries, visiting congregations and conferences, representing the Office of the Bishop, and speaking publicly for the sake of the gospel.



PENTECOST WEEKEND

FOREIGN LANGUAGE HELP... PENTECOST, THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH, WILL BE CELEBRATED ON MAY 18 AND 19. DO YOU SPEAK A FOREIGN LANGUAGE? IF YES, MIGHT YOU BE WILLING TO HELP WITH PENTECOST WEEKEND WORSHIP?

IF YES, PLEASE CONTACT LYNNAE SCHATZ
(LSCHATZ@KINSMENLUTHERAN.ORG).

Affirmation of Baptism Celebration May 5

We celebrate those youth affirming their baptisms on May 5 during the 11AM and 12:30PM Worship Services.

Congratulations to:

Shanna Alzuru	Colton Lane	Ben Sachnik
Kimberly Berrios	Ashley López	Karen Salamanca
Anderson Díaz	Arianna Meléndez	Adanayth Salazar
Brianna Gómez	Haziel Montano	Sallie Stewart
Christian Gómez	Samuel Montano	Elisabeth Stuller
Shafer Gribb	Cristal Núñez	Carolyn Turnquist
Audrey Harms	Sammie Pulcifer	Columba Zaragoza



High School Graduation Milestone— May 26

Congratulations to the Class of 2024! Kinsmen would love to recognize and bless all graduating seniors during the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Worship Services on May 26.

If you are a senior or know a senior, please go to <https://bit.ly/KinGrad2024> and fill out the form by **May 12** so that we can prepare for this recognition.



Send us your Selfies!!

With two new pastors here, it would be good for them to have a digital photo directory to look through and learn names. Please email us your individual selfies or photos, so we can update our photo database.

Send to office@kinsmenlutheran.org Thank you!





Try Alpha beginning August 4

Beginning August 4

We all have questions, ideas and opinions about life and faith. Alpha is a series of evening sessions that provide a fun, safe, non-judgmental and pressure-free environment for you to explore your questions and share your thoughts. Kinsmen church members are invited to bring a friend or volunteer to help facilitate. Then join us at 6:45PM on Sundays beginning August 4. Let Pastor Beth know if you can help.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/TryAlphaAugust>



Naomi Bible Study

Scripture and Nature: Food

Women of all ages are invited to join us on **May 7th** at 10AM in the Coffee House in the Community Life Center.

We will finish our study of Scripture and Nature. We have looked at weather, creatures, and rivers. This month, we will consider food, daily bread for the health of the world. Most of us hunt, harvest, and forage in grocery store aisles. We may have forgotten the ways our food first comes to us—from fields, flocks, forests and farms. Considering our relationship with creation and our faithful stewardship of the earth means paying attention to the ways we eat. In this final session, we'll see how stories of food in scripture offer us ways of faithful eating that are responsible, celebratory, and delicious. Locust and wild honey, anyone?

Please join us! 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.

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

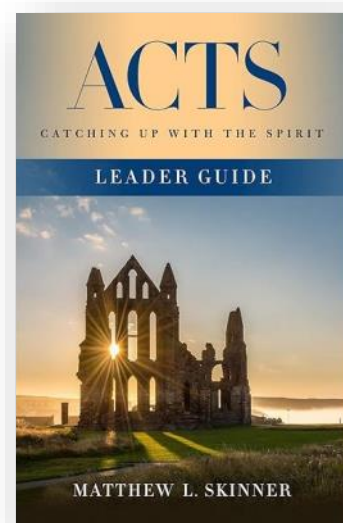
Men's Bible Study

Mondays at 7PM

Please join us Monday evenings at 7 pm in the church's conference room for a Bible Study series on Acts. We will be utilizing the 6 weeks video series entitled "Acts: Catching Up With The Spirit" by Matthew Skinner.

The accompanying book is available on Amazon in paperback or e-book version.

Looking forward to seeing you there.



Discipleship Path: Sensitive Evangelism

Take the next step!

Grow as a P.R.A.I.S.E Disciple (Passionate Worship, Radical Hospitality, Adventurous Service, Intentional Faith Formation, Sensitive Evangelism, Extraordinary Generosity) through the Discipleship Path at Kinsmen.

We want to help you grow in sharing your faith or what we call, Sensitive Evangelism, and the season of Easter is a great time to take the next step! By "sensitive" we mean that we are both sensitive to where people are in their life's journey and sensitive to how the Holy Spirit opens up opportunities to both share good news and be good news. What's your next step(s) to grow in sensitive evangelism and sharing your faith?

The Discipleship Path connects you to concrete ways to grow in your faith. Take the inventory here to determine what your next step might be: <https://bit.ly/SensitiveEvangelism>.



Synod Trip to Peru

Bishop Mike Rinehart is taking a Synod Trip to Peru in August.

At this point it's only 2 per congregation who will be allowed to go. Please let Pastor Beth know if you are interested in going and becoming a "champion" for this partnership moving forward.

From Bishop Mike:

We are excited that this year we will have a Peru trip. We have not had one for some time due to pandemic and political upheaval. This year our trip will be August 1-11, Lima and Cuzco. The cost will be \$1600 per person plus your plane fare. At the request of our friends in Peru, we will take 30 people, 12 from the LaCrosse Area Synod (Wisconsin) and two from the British Columbia Synod (Canada). This leaves a maximum of 16 people from the Gulf Coast Synod. To register, please make a \$100 refundable deposit at this website: <https://bishopmike.com/events/peru-trip>

General information can be found here: <https://bishopmike.com/events/peru-trip>.

A Zoom for all participants will be held on June 1. A second payment of \$750 will be due on that day. The payment is nonrefundable, due to the fact that we have to make financial commitments for hotel and ground transportation. A second Zoom will be held on July 6. The third and final nonrefundable payment of \$750 is due on that day.

Please prayerfully consider if you would like to take part in this pilgrimage.

Bishop Mike & Pastor Alan Kethan (Chair)



Read and Discuss a book with Pastor Beth

Pastor Beth invites you to read Leslie Newbigin's book:
[The Open Secret: An Introduction to the Theology of Mission](#) in June!

Bring a snack or beverage to share and we will eat, drink, and discuss.

Order it on your own or email Pastor Beth by June 2 and she will order it for you.

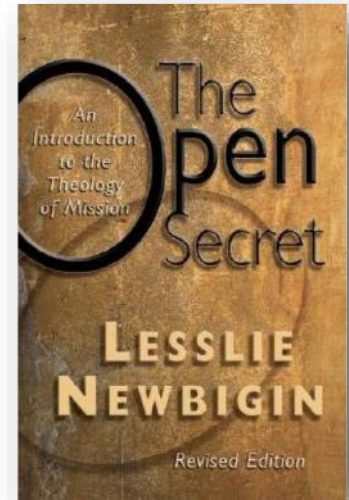
There will be two discussion times:

Wednesday, June 12 at 6:30 PM - Discuss Chapters 1-5

Wednesday, June 19 at 6:30 PM - Discuss Chapters 6-10

Both will meet in the Coffeehouse.

Register at <https://bit.ly/KSU24>



The Call of the Apostle Paul

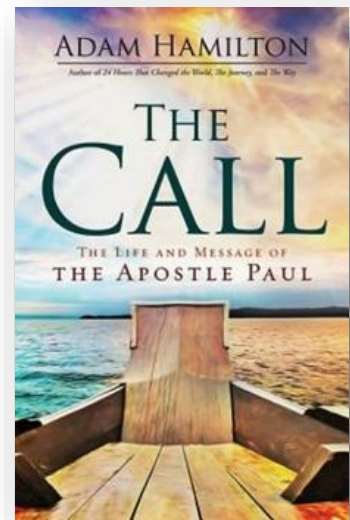
Sundays at 9:45AM beginning May 26

Together we will take an in-depth dive into the life, faith, and character of the Apostle Paul. Through video teaching, we will join Adam Hamilton on location at key sites in Paul's journeys.

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 on Paul's missionary journeys.

To get the most out of the class, you are encouraged to download the book on Kindle or order it on Amazon. Having a book is recommended, but not necessary.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/CallofPaul>

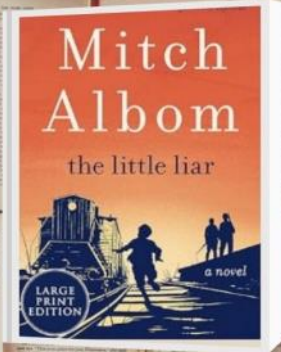


JOIN US FOR
BOOK CLUB
May 16
in the coffee house.

Kinsmen has a Book Club that meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Our May book selection is The Little Liar by Mitch Albom.

We will meet in the Coffee House at 7PM on May 16 to discuss the book.
 All are welcome!



May
The Little Liar
 by Mitch Albom

June
The Women
 by Kristen Hannah

Young Adult Ministry

May 23

Everyone needs to talk about the ups and downs of life, and how God might (or might not) fit into it. Kinsmen's Young Adult ministry is beginning a new monthly discussion gathering to do just that. The last Thursday of every month we'll meet at 11-Below Brewing at 7PM to grab a beer and share a table together. This group is welcome to all young adults of any background, faith tradition, and traditions of no faith, especially those who have been hurt by the faith of others. No questions are out of bounds, and all thoughts will be respected.

Please get a hold of Pastor Jay if you have any questions at jshailer@kinsmenlutheran.org



WHEN

Monday, May 13 at noon
Giuseppe's Restaurant & Pizzeria
8320 Louetta Road

kinsmenlutheran.org/special-events
for more information

PRAYER WALK

Join us in prayer with and for the community. Kinsmen will be participating in the National Day of Prayer Walk hosted by Spring Interfaith Council on Thursday, May 2 from 5 - 6:30 PM at Cypress Creek Christian Church, 6823 Cypresswood Dr, Spring, TX 77379.

Along the walk route there will be "prayer stations". Various community organizations or faith communities, like Kinsmen, will host these "prayer stations". As the walkers arrive at a station, the walkers will stop and the "prayer leader" at the Prayer Station will lead the walkers in prayers for a specific need or concern of our community. At each station the walkers will pray for a different need or concern. The walkers will continue to pray for that concern as they walk to the next station.

Join us as we pray with and for our community. Questions, contact Lynnae Schatz.

Mental Health Matters

May 1, 15, & 29


May is Mental Health Awareness Month and there is no better time to support yourself and those you love than through connection and community.

The Mental Health Matters Initiative is an independent, community mental health group who come together to share our experiences & provide emotional support to one another. Individual lay chaplain visits & community resources are provided upon request.

The group will meet during May as follows:

- May 1st & 29th - online via Zoom from 6:30 – 8 PM.
- May 15th - in-person in the Coffee House from 6:30 - 8 PM.

Register here to receive the Zoom link: <http://bit.ly/MHMZLink>

KINSMEN SUMMER UNIVERSITY

Kinsmen Summer University (KSU) is an opportunity to learn something new and/or experience fellowship. Classes will be held in June and July.

Confirmed classes thus far are: Salsa and Merengue dancing with P. Adriana, Watercolor painting with Adriana Cuina, Chair Yoga, 8 Dimensions of Wellness, Cooking with Lawrence Fogarty, Legacy and Funeral planning classes and more coming.

Register at <https://bit.ly/KSU24>

Camp Hope—Save the Dates

June 10-14; June 17-21; June 24-28

Join us for our 25th summer of Camp Hope!

Campers will experience a new bible story each day through worship, small group time, games, crafts, snacks, STEM, and drama activities. The youth of the church are the staff of this camp, and camp is overseen by Pastor Jay and Sara Ray. Campers are going into Kinder through 7th grade in Fall 2024.

Join us for one, two, or all three weeks of faith, friends, and fun!



Playground Playdate

May 4 at 10AM

Join us for a fun-filled playground playdate with your little ones! On Saturday, May 4 at 10 AM, we're gathering for a delightful morning of play and laughter.

We understand nap schedules can be tricky, so feel free to drop by whenever it's most convenient for you! Let's make new friends, share stories, and let our preschoolers explore and have a blast.

See you at the playground! We usually stay until about 11:30 AM.



Open Camp Day at Lutherhill

Saturday June 1

You're invited out to Lutherhill to kick off Summer 2024 - REAL.WONDER.

Join in the fun at Lutherhill in La Grange for this FREE event - bring your family and friends out to experience an action-packed day of camp.

The day includes:

- 10am Camp Opens
- 11am Camp-style Worship
- 12pm Hamburger Lunch
- 1-4pm Camp Activities Open: Ropes Course, Pool, Pond, Arts & Crafts and more!

PLUS, a few 70 year anniversary surprises!

RSVP to office@lutherhill.org or call Lutherhill at (979) 217-1954.



Camp Kinsmen Registration

Children going into 1st through 8th grades in Fall of 2024 are invited to join us for our licensed childcare program for school-aged kids all summer long! We will go on weekly field trips, have hot lunch, play in the full-sized gym, and enjoy our time together following Klein's summer schedule.

Register today! www.kinsmenlutheran.org/camp-kinsmen/



Weekly Tuition \$115

Camp Day 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Extended Care Available 7 AM to 6 PM for an extra cost

CAMP Kinsmen

save your spot now! limited space available.



Kinsmen Children's Academy

Now Enrolling!

We're thrilled to announce that enrollment is now open for our preschool program, providing full-time, year-round care for infants through preschool-aged children. As a trusted home for families, we're excited to offer a nurturing environment where children can learn and grow right within the familiarity of their own church community. Whether you're looking for care now or planning ahead for the next school year, our dedicated staff is here to provide quality education and support. Contact us today to secure your child's spot! Go to www.kinsmenlutheran.org/kca for more information, or contact Sara Ray (sray@kinsmenlutheran.org)



kinsmen CHILDREN'S ACADEMY

Preschool Enrollment

- Art and Crafts
- Music & Movement
- Science and Discovery
- Christian Curriculum

Contact Rachel 281.444.3127 ext. 123 rsantellana@kinsmenlutheran.org

Pickleball

May 23 at 6:30PM

Thursday, May 23 at 6:30PM.



Come join in the fun!

Contact Ken Mersiovsky or [Lynnae Schatz](#) for more information.

St. Jude Trike-a-thon!

On April 25th, KCA hosted our 20th annual St. Jude Trike-a-thon! This year we raised \$2,459 and that brings our 20-year total to over \$25,000. Thanks be to God for your extraordinary generosity!



LUTHERHILL SUMMER CAMP

Travel with your Kinsmen friends
to Lutherhill for a week this
summer!

Register your 1st-8th grader today!

Sunday, July 7 to Friday, July 12
(1st graders leave on Wednesday)

JOIN US!

Register at: www.lutherhill.org





SWAT (Students With A Testimony)

May 5

We have regular gatherings for high school students during the school year. We are also continuing to prepare for our summer trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

Our meeting in May will be May 5.

For further information, please contact Kristen at kschulze@kinsmenlutheran.org.



Get ready to glow at Neon Night!

May 10 from 7:30 - 9:30PM

Get ready to glow at Neon Night! Dress up in your brightest neon colors for a night of games, food, and glow-in-the-dark fun. All Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us on May 10th from 7:30PM-9:30PM.

Invite your friends, this event is going to be epic!

Contact Pastor Jay with any questions.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/3UmH0hj>



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 Confirmation (Middle School) and SWAT (High School) happenings. If you are not receiving the Tuesday email, contact [Kristen Schulze](mailto:kschulze@kinsmenlutheran.org).



Welcome Pastor Adriana

The Latino Community of Kinsmen is deeply grateful for the great work done by the Call Committee, the Council, and the staff members for the installation of Pastors Adriana Johnson-Rivas and Jay Shailer.

In Latino Ministry, Pastor Adriana will continue to work with the community to strengthen and increase Latino participation in our Church. And as she has shown us during her interim period, she possesses the qualities this ministry needs.

We wish her many blessings and success in this new pastoral journey.

Horizon Apprenticeship Program is

a program from ELCA that aims to help young adults whose primary language is not English to acquire a missional imagination to help them discern their future and the role that Jesus and the church have in their life.

We are so happy that four young women from the Latino community have been accepted to participate over the summer. CONGRATULATIONS!!!



In April we celebrated 6 Baptisms



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24 of our children and youth are completing their preparation to affirm their Baptisms and receive First Communion during the month of May.

Noisy Offering—ELCA Youth Gathering Offering

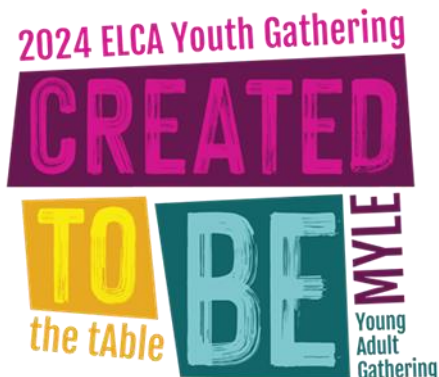
May 11/12

Kinsmen has a group of 16 youth and adults that will be heading to New Orleans for the ELCA Youth Gathering in July. As part of the Gathering, participants are encouraged to bring an offering either in-kind or monetary. The in-kind offering will be items to make disaster relief kits. In the aftermath of a storm, hurricane, or tornado, New Orleans residents regularly find themselves without electricity. This quickly becomes a health crisis as people try to manage life in the hot and humid Gulf Coast summers. City leaders and community organizers identified the eight most requested items to help residents while they are waiting for power to be restored.

Each region (we are region 4) has been asked to bring and/or purchase the items to go in the relief kits. Region 4 has been asked to bring Liquid IV. The goal is to create 3,000 disaster relief kits to give to New Orleans residents in the aftermath of a disaster. It costs \$100 to make one kit so our Noisy Offering will help us purchase Liquid IV from their Amazon Wishlist so that it can be shipped directly to New Orleans.

If you would like to know more information, you can check out the Gathering website:

<https://www.elca.church/gathering/about/offering>



Camp Hope Donation List

June 2024

Camp Hope is coming in June, and we need your help! Help us by buying items from our Amazon wish list to help keep the cost down for Camp Hope.

Items are due to Kinsmen by June 1. Using the wish list you can either send them directly to Kinsmen or bring them with you and leave them at the table in the Narthex.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

<https://bit.ly/CHWishList24>



Blest be the Tie that Binds

Saturday, May 11 and 20

Join Kinsmen quilters on May 11 from 9 - 11:30 AM and Monday, May 20 from 1 - 3:30 PM.

All are welcome. Training is provided. NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

Contact Connie Jackson or Lynnae Schatz (lschatz@kinsmenlutheran.org) for more information.



Sleep in Heavenly Peace Community Bed Build and Delivery Saturday, May 11th at the MET Church

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) will be building beds on **Saturday, May 11th** and are looking for Volunteers. No skills or prior experience needed. On the job training is provided. Sign up using the link below.

Build Volunteers:

<https://bit.ly/SHPMay11Build>

OR

Bed Delivery from The Met Church

Saturday May 11th

SHP has the opportunity to get 50 kids into a bed of their own on May 11. SHP is looking for delivery helpers. No skills or prior experience needed. On the job training is provided. Sign up using the link below.

<https://bit.ly/SHPMay11>

Any questions? Contact Peter Abt, John Boldt, Ed Newhard or Lynnae Schatz.

The MET Church is located at 13000 Jones Road, Houston, 77070.



Kinsmen family,

In the month of April, you learned more about a new Kinsmen mission partner, Redeemed. Redeemed has a safe house for the women they serve, but they had to give up separate office space some months back due to financial constraints.



Ideally, there should be a separation between the residence and office space for these recovering victims. The ladies thrive more when they have a routine that includes leaving their home to go "work/learn" and then return home to unwind and do chores. They are working hard to maintain a work/school focus as Redeemed has had to work out of the safe house, but things would be greatly improved with an office space.

Redeemed is seeking office space with little or no rent which they can utilize long term. The ideal space would have:

- Private or secluded location in north/east Spring area, ideally (not 1960 - too busy and unsafe)
- 6 private offices
- 2 open areas for classes and support groups
- storage areas
- 2 bathrooms
- kitchen or kitchenette
- parking for 10

If you or someone you know has or knows of potential space and would be willing to learn more, please contact the church office.

Blessings,

Vicki Bigham, Kinsmen Champion for Redeemed

Food Distribution—Sign up to Volunteer

May 4 and 18

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 May are May 4 and May 18 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 <https://kinsmenlutheran.org/food-distribution> - to sign up to volunteer.



Legacy Planning Workshops: Practical, Financial, and Liturgical Preparation

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

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

June 9, 2024 (Sunday, 9:45AM),

Financial Planning Legacy

- John Roalson is Presenter
- How to avoid probate court
- How to distribute personal items
- How to give to your values after death
- Documents every individual needs
- Vehicles for end-of-life planning
- Means of fund transfer from one individual to another
 - Generic examples of financial scenarios
 - Advantages of including charity in your end-of-life plan
 - Kinsmen Endowment overview: Planned Giving Cheat Sheet
 - Endowment Video to Show – Goal for 2025 update the video for use
 - "Join-me" challenges - someone donates something in a designated way and challenge others to join them.
 - Establish a Giving Fund - A person would set aside 3 to 6 months of their monthly offering amount then use it, if needed, should there be a disruption in their income (job loss, pandemic, etc.) so their donations would not fall behind.
- Meet the Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Gift Planner available for your confidential assessment and plans at no charge or obligation



June 16, 2024 (Sunday, 9:45AM), Plan Your Funeral

- Pastor Beth will facilitate this class
- Worship planning for your service
- Burial/cremation/donating body
- Realities of funeral homes

June 23, 2024 (Sunday, 9:45AM), Hospitals, Rehab, Home Healthcare, Hospice

- Lynnae Schatz will talk about Home Health: Private Pay vs. Medicare/Insurance, Palliative Care: What is it and how is it reimbursed?
- Hospice
- Independent Living vs. Assisted Living vs. Memory Care



From the Generosity Team

If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? James 2:15-16

Call for Project Proposals from Endowment Fund Allocations!

The Kinsmen Generosity Team recently approved 2 Endowment Grant applications. One was for new chairs and a rug for Pastor Jay's office. The other was for an X-Scrub Floor Cleaner requested by the Custodians.

The Team continues to accept proposal requests to fund ministries and special projects apart from the Kinsmen Lutheran Church's annual budget from the Kinsmen Endowment Fund. These ministries and projects may be internal to Kinsmen, supporting our surrounding community, or of national & global outreach, but must be connected in some way to the values, vision, and purpose of Kinsmen Lutheran Church.

Projects to be considered would typically fall within the \$1,000 - \$5,000 range, but other amounts may be possible. 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 2024 to Pastor Beth Warpmaeker. The Grant Application Form is available on the Endowment Fund web page: <https://kinsmenlutheran.org/endowment/>.

If you have any questions about the Kinsmen Endowment Fund or the Grant Application Form, please contact Melissa Turnquist at mturnquist95@gmail.com or Pastor Beth Warpmaeker.

Peace in Christ,

Melissa Turnquist, *Generosity Team Chair*

Generosity Team Members: Loretta Castaño, Andrew Hanson, Jen Nash, Ed Newhard, David Bartholomew, 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 <https://kinsmenlutheran.org/endowment>

Summer Giving

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 at <https://kinsmenlutheran.org/give>

OR you can always automate your gift through auto bill pay with your bank. We will be here when you get back!

May 21, 2024 is the 52nd Anniversary of "Charter Sunday" for Kinsmen.

In honor of Kinsmen's 52nd Anniversary, we invite you to make a donation to the Endowment fund in the amount of 5's and 2's: \$.52, \$5.20, \$52.00, \$520, \$5200, \$52,000, etc.



May Birthdays

Emma Holsberg	5/1	Winona Herwig	5/10	Andrew Chow	5/20	Robert Hope	5/27
Kyle Zabadal	5/2	Meagan Ruen	5/10	Carol Boller	5/21	Nathan Bair	5/28
Tim Schroeder	5/3	Sean Tobin	5/11	Diane Nott	5/21	Riley Lester	5/28
John Hjerpe	5/3	Michelle Wehring	5/12	Jonah Awbrey	5/21	Howard Nau	5/28
Benjamin Vindiola	5/3	Royce Hakala	5/13	Maggie Awbrey	5/21	Susan Loudermilk	5/28
Will Stuller	5/3	Colby Williamson	5/14	Aaron Sewell	5/21	Megan Nott	5/28
Rudy Havran	5/4	Aaron Guerrero	5/15	Kayla Hughes	5/22	Rolfe Harper	5/28
Dawn Harvey	5/5	Jaxsen Johnson	5/15	Amy Hambrick	5/22	Micah Mathis	5/28
Ashley Grace	5/6	Jimmy Ebner	5/16	Kenna Zochert	5/22	Shannon Funke	5/29
Chase Hardy	5/6	Miguel Moreno	5/16	Tullia Lane	5/22	Easton Gwamanda	5/29
Ezekiel Gonzalez	5/6	John Vindiola Jr.	5/17	Ronny Gwamanda	5/23	Zachary Roth	5/30
Terri Gurley	5/6	Mark Warpmaeker	5/17	Jonathan Gillette	5/23	Corrigan Roth	5/30
Kara Hambrick	5/7	Scarlett Bowman	5/17	Sarah Gillette	5/23	Michael Fredrick Ford	5/30
Sunitha Yalamanchili	5/7	Shirley Rudy	5/18	Edward Walker	5/23	Melanie Ortman	5/30
Andy Badger	5/7	Lindsay Augerinos	5/18	Eric Fidler	5/24	Sylvia Alewine	5/31
Adriana Johnson-Rivas	5/7	Jeffrey Watson	5/18	Kelly Groover	5/24	Victoria Karker	5/31
Mattison Maisel	5/8	Justin Neuendorff	5/18	Colette Edwards	5/26	Silvia Elizondo	5/31
Ainsley Kobmann	5/8	Chris Nemoto	5/18	Bob Kloppenburg	5/26		
Dave Metting	5/9	Jason Lockhart	5/19	Maycey Wicker	5/26		
Katelyn Fox	5/9	Aidan Nelsen	5/19	Lila Garlin	5/27		
Matthew Dankert	5/9	Ben Wangsmo	5/19	Lois Raschke	5/27		
Jeanne Nelsen	5/10	Chuck Nott	5/20	Laura Maisel	5/27		



GLIMPSES GRACE

KINSMEN BUDGET UPDATE - CHURCH ONLY OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS FOR March 2024

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Total Income	169,235	141,813	(27,422)
Total Expenses	160,843	147,923	(12,921)
Net	8,391	(6,110)	(14,501)
Year-to-Date (2024)			
Total Income	535,267	537,433	2,166
Total Expenses	507,967	454,644	(53,322)
Net	27,300	82,789	55,489

GIVING UPDATE

Thankoffering	Budget	Actual	Variance
March 2024	88,500	87,842	(658)
2024	305,620	385,534	79,914



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 26—February 24,
35 households used their card at least once for a total
donation of \$67.07

GLIMPSES OF SHARING GRACE

CARE MINISTRY

April 2024	
Flower Deliveries	61
Prayer Shawls	4

GLIMPSES OF GRACE

March 2024	
Noisy Offering— Campus Ministry	1,151.07
General Mission Support	8,467.24
Designated Mission Support	317.00
KCA Scholarships	1,362.50
March TOTAL	11,297.81
YTD TOTAL	44,854.30

UPCOMING EVENTS




Mental Health Matters	May 1, 15, 29	https://bit.ly/MHMZLink
Food Distribution	May 4 & 18	VOLUNTEER
Interfaith Prayer Walk	May 2	CONTACT LYNNAE
Playground Playdate	May 4	CONTACT SARA
Naomi Bible Study	May 7	CONTACT PASTOR BETH
Neon Night	May 10	https://bit.ly/3UmH0hJ
Sleep in Heavenly Peace	May 11	See page 16
Noisy Offering	May 11-12	MAKE AN OFFERING
Quilting	May 11 & 20	CONTACT LYNNAE
55+Lunch	May 13	MORE INFORMATION
Book Club	May 16	CONTACT KRISTEN
Sunday Bible Study: Call of the Apostle Paul		https://bit.ly/CallofPaul
Young Adult Theology on Tap	May 23	CONTACT PASTOR JAY
Pickleball	May 23	CONTACT LYNNAE
Men's Bible Study - Monday Nights	Mondays at 7PM	REGISTER
Women's Bible Study - Thursday Mornings	Thursdays at 10AM	
Discipleship Path: Sensitive Evangelism	Take the Inventory	HERE
Camp Hope	June 10 -28	See page 10
Alpha Class	August 4	https://bit.ly/TryAlphaAugust
Open Camp Day at Lutherhill	June 1	CONTACT SARA

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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is a monthly publication of Kinsmen Lutheran Church. Deadline for submitting news is the **15th** day of each month or the previous church business day if the deadline falls on the weekend or on a church holiday. Articles are preferred electronically, but may be faxed or hand-delivered to a staff member.



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