

Kviteseid Voice

Kviteseid Lutheran
Church

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Greetings from Pastor Kristine Isder

After a very mild winter, we made the transition into spring. We are now in the growing season. Leaves have opened up on trees. Animals have been born. Crops are in the process of being planted and growing.

Every year when the corn is planted, we wait anxiously to spot the first little green spears in the fields. Especially when it's been cold and wet, we wonder if the corn will ever come up. But it does. And then soon it's a couple inches tall and before long it's knee high and then waist high. All of this in a span of two months, a pretty high rate of growth.

In the church year we have celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. We now move

into the Time after Pentecost.

The name for this season is "Ordinary Time". It doesn't mean "common" or "mundane", but comes from the word "ordinal" which simply means *counted time* (the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost, the 3rd Sunday, etc.)

Counted time after Pentecost begins with Trinity Sunday and ends with Christ the King Sunday (the last Sunday before the beginning of Advent).

Green is the sanctuary color for Ordinary Time. Green has traditionally been associated with new life and growth. Even in Hebrew in the Old Testament, the same word for the color "green" also means "young". In Christian tradition, green came to symbolize the life of the church following Pentecost, as well as symbolizing

the hope of new life in the resurrection.

This long "green season" features a series of stories about Jesus' life. Green is for growing. While the crops are growing in the fields, we will also learn to grow in our faith through the teachings of Jesus.

Among the stories we will hear: The parable of the mustard seed, Jesus stills a storm, a girl restored to life and a woman healed, the mission of the twelve disciples, feeding of the five thousand, Jesus walks on water, curing a deaf man, Jesus blesses the children, the rich man, the healing of blind Bartimaeus, the first commandment, Jesus raises Lazarus to life, the widow's offering, Jesus tells Pilate about His kingdom.

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STEWARDSHIP

Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund
2024 Financial Responsibilities
\$251,736

Checking Register
for the General Fund

4/1/24 balance:	\$15,767
April income:	\$16,909
April expenses:	\$15,778
4/30/24 balance:	\$16,898

Worship Offerings & Attendance



April 21	\$690.25	45
April 28	\$1,211	104
- Confirmation		
May 5	\$2,271	79
May 12	\$770	34
May 19	\$1,355	73
- Senior Recognition		



Memorials & Gifts

None to Report

Online Giving ...



Visit our website at
milanslutheranchurch.com

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Thank you for your financial support of the church. Contributions may be mailed to the church office if you are unable to make it to worship. You can also contribute online on our website.

PRAYERS

We offer up prayers for ...

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LOCAL NEWS

Pastor, Staff & Officers

Greetings from Pastor Kristine

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As we hear these stories, we are called to live out our life as a beloved child of God, filled with the Holy Spirit, called to love and to serve and to share the good news!



“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

ELW #705



Lakeside Worship

— May 26, 2024 —



Father's Day — June 16



First Day of Summer
— June 20 —



2024 Kviteseid Staff & Officers



Office Staff

Pastor Kristine Isder
pastor@milanslutheranchurch.com

Parish Assistant:
Theresa Erickson
office@milanslutheranchurch.com

Building Staff

Custodian: David Thompson
Organist: Judi Bohm

Volunteer Leadership

Sunday School Choir Dir:
Jessica Trager

Sunday School Supt.:
Talia Schuerman

Contributions Secretaries:
Heidi Hanson
Luther Opjorden

Church Officers

President: Tom Moe
V. Pres: Rob Schwendemann
Secretary: Sherry Norby
Treasurer: Andy Streed

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Jon Hanson, Cindy Kanten,
Andrea Westra, Cheryl Erp,
Heidi Spray

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Schuerman, Cory Heinrich,
Ray Trager, Ryan Erp

Board of Education

Sue Streed, Emily Heinrich,
Tiffany Moen, Michelle
Ascheman, Shea Joyce

Helping Hands Board

President: Nancy Schneck
Vice President: Sue Vetter
Secretary: Cathy Olson
Treasurer: Theresa Erickson
Karla Schwendemann, Patee
Spray, Naomi Streed, Char
Johnson, Sue Streed

WORSHIP NEWS

June Schedules



Deacon Communion Setup

9 - Heidi Spray

Lectors

2 - Isaac Hanson
9 - Heidi Hanson
16 - Teresa Olson
23 - Charlie Hanson
30 - Rob Schwendemann

Media Operators

2 - Tom Moe
9 - Parker Spray
16 - Gavin Ascherman
23 - Jessa Norby
30 - Eva Trager

Video Recorders

2 - Theresa Erickson
9 - Jon Hanson
16 - Rich Isder
23 - Jon Hanson
30 - Rich Isder

Schedules are also available online at milanslutheranchurch.com

Reminder: It is your responsibility to find a replacement if you are unable to be there the day you are scheduled.



Group 5

Captain - Brian Olson
734-4615

Randy Fragodt
David Thompson
Ray Trager
John Vetter
Josh Vetter

Vacation Bible School



Mark your calendars!
Friday, June 7
8:30AM - 12PM

Camp Out: "Getting S'more of Jesus" will be held Friday, June 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please contact Michelle Ascherman at 320-226-0658 for more information.

Board and Council Meetings

Wednesday, June 19

Deacons - 6:00 p.m.

Trustees - 7:00 p.m.

Joint Council - 7:30 p.m.

TWC Bible Study

Wednesday, June 12
1:30 p.m.



Meet in the Fellowship Hall

Video Team

We are looking for a few more people willing to record, stream, and monitor the camera system to record our worship services. Training will be provided. Please let Pastor Kristine know if you are interested.



Coffee Fellowship



Join us for coffee and fellowship before worship Sunday mornings in the narthex starting at 9:45 a.m. Please sign up to bring and serve goodies to enjoy along with the coffee. The sign-up sheet to bring treats is on the table in the narthex. The ushers will make the coffee.

WORSHIP NEWS

Youth

Confirmation

In April we celebrated a **faith milestone** in the lives of our young people – Confirmation Sunday on April 28. Three of our young people affirmed their baptism: Charlie Hanson, Alexandra Joyce and Matthew Schuerman. When they were baptized, their parents made promises for them. Now they affirmed these promises for themselves.

Thank you for supporting these young people as they affirmed their baptism.



Pastor Kristine, Charlie Hanson, Matthew Schuerman, and Alexandra Joyce

Sunday School

May 5 was the last Sunday of Sunday School. The Sunday School choir sang during worship and awards were handed out for memory work and attendance.

After worship kids and teachers planted flowers in the courtyard flower pots and to give to members of the community. They also painted rocks to put around the church. The morning ended with a pizza party.

Thank you to the students for attending Sunday school, the parents who bring them, the Sunday school teachers and superintendent who organize and teach. And a big thank you to the congregation for supporting the Sunday School program.

Sunday School superintendent: Talia Schuerman. Teachers: Tiffany Moen, Jenna Norby, Jessica Trager, Emily Heinrich, Michelle Ascheman, Sue Streed, and Hillary Spray. Helper: Scarlett Trager.



Graduating Seniors

Graduating Seniors, Gavin Ascheman and Kaitlyn Kittelson, were recognized May 19 during worship. Quilts were presented to the graduates.



Kaitlyn Kittelson, Pastor Kristine, and Gavin Ascheman



LOCAL NEWS

Helping Hands

Helping Hands

Happy spring everyone!! Enjoy it to the max!!

Syttende Mai has come and gone! What a beautiful day it was! If you weren't able to enjoy it this year, do put it on your calendar for next year!

Thank you to Thrivent Grants that we applied for and received to help with the Smorgåas Tea. It is so helpful!!

The Smorgåas Tea was a super success with nearly 300 people from all over the state, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Washington, California and even Japan! Amazing! There were so many very nice compliments for the food, the guys in the kitchen, the table servers and the overall ambience of the event! Thank you everyone!

Thank you to all who made or contributed food for the Tea! Outstanding! The presentation was amazing! Thank you to all who helped prepare and get the goodies to the table! Perfect! Thank you to the kids who were table servers: Mason, Thatcher, Scarlett, Huxton and Greta! You were awesome! Thank you kids and moms Jessica and Cheryl! Thank you to the guys who helped with dishes! Impressive!



Thank you for the so very interesting picture boards on display! Fabulous! Thank you to those who helped get a new edition of the Norwegian Cookbook produced! So appreciated!

Thank you to those who contributed money to help fund some of the items we served! So generous! It takes a village to put this event together! Thank you all!

Thank you to Group 1, chairpersons Ryan/Cheryl Erp, Gary/Kim Heimdahl, Josh/Tiffany Moen, for serving the funeral luncheon for the family and friends of Oma Fairchild. Your time and effort is appreciated.

Thank you to Group 4, chairpersons Robert/Jill Bloom, Brian/Teresa Olson, Craig/Char Strand, for making and delivering May baskets to the shut-ins, those with recent illnesses, death in the family in the past year, and assisted living and nursing home residents in the area. There were lots of expressions of thanks for your thoughtfulness!

Please note that the dates for July quilting have been altered just a bit. We will quilt Monday, July 8, Tuesday, July 9, Monday, July 15 and Wednesday, July 17. Bring a bag lunch! No experience necessary! Come and have fun!

Congratulations to the Seniors Kaitlyn Kittelson and Gavin



Ascheman! Wishing you much success in your next adventure! All the best to you!

Group 3, with chairpersons Theresa Erickson, Rob & Karla Schwendemann, and Ray & Jessica Trager is next to serve a funeral. Stay well everyone!

Happy Summer to All!

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UNERAL SERVICE GROUPS

Serving the next funeral will be Group 3.

Service Group 3 chairpersons are:

Theresa Erickson	734-4879
Rob & Karla Schwendemann	320-226-3700
Ray & Jessica Trager	320-309-4467



LOCAL NEWS

June



Bible Camp

Summer 2024 Bible Camp at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

Registration is open for Bible camp! The theme this year is **Created to Be!**

Embark on an inspiring summer journey as you explore and discover the authentic person God created in each of us, and how we are called to live out the Gospel of love and justice in the world.

For more information, there are brochures at church or check out their website: <http://www.gllm.org/>

To help offset the cost of Bible Camp for those who would like to attend, the following help is available to those who attend a full week of camp:

- Helping Hands\$100
- Endowment Fund\$150
- Pastor Kristine and Rich ...\$100
- Kviteid Church\$150

“Don’t be Root-Bound”



As a new gardener, Jan Rigenbach used to treat bedding plants with extreme care, setting them into soil without disturbing the roots. Eventually she learned that rough — even ruthless — treatment is better in the long run.

“If the plant has been growing in its pot so long that the roots are circling the bottom, I jab my finger into the bottom of the soil and pull down to untangle the roots,” Rigenbach wrote in her gardening column. “If the whole pot is filled with circling roots, I have to be merciless. I don’t worry if I break some of the roots. That’s better than allowing the roots to continue to circle when the plants are growing in the garden.”

In the same way, it’s easy to grow complacent and inward-focused in our walk with God. But bunched-up roots can’t reach out for sustenance. So for maximum faith growth, dare to let God shake you up from time to time!



Kviteid Connectors

Kviteid Connectors has been in existence for about four years now. We are a team formed to reach out and connect with our members who are unable to attend worship. This may include members living in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or alone in their own homes. Connections can be made through phone calls, emails, mailed notes, face-to-face visits, etc. This could be done by a family, a couple, an individual, or even you and a friend could do it as a team.

Prayerfully consider becoming a part of this ministry. If interested, please call or text Char Strand at 320-815-0219 or send her an email at lakeannie@fedteldirect.net.



Looking for ways to help out the church?

There are many opportunities.

Visitation ministry.

- Contact Char Strand.

Ushers.

- Contact Tom Moe.

Funeral ushers.

- Contact Pastor Kristine.

Lectors.

- Contact Heidi Hanson.

Media.

- Contact Judi Bohm.

Video team.

- Contact Pastor Kristine.

Helping Hands.

- Contact Nancy Schneck.

LOCAL NEWS

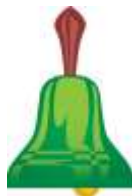
June

Minnesota River Valley Cancer Connections Inc.

The members of the Chippewa and Yellow Medicine cancer committee have decided to start a new support group to help local cancer patients with financial support as they go through their cancer journey. We will no longer be associated with the American Cancer Society. All donations will be kept locally. There will still be a Smith Park Walk on June 5 from 5-9 p.m. Fundraisers are ongoing, and luminaries are available for sale. If you would like to make a donation, checks may be sent to Lorrie Spray at 4055 130th Ave NW, Milan. Please make them out to Minnesota River Valley Cancer Connections Inc. If you know of anyone needing assistance of any kind as they deal with a cancer diagnosis, please let me know and I will direct you to the right person for more information. All information will be confidential. If you have any questions, please call me at 734-4880 or 226-5923.

- Lorrie Spray

Christian Symbol



BELL — A bell symbolizes the call to worship, reflected in the ringing of bells in many churches to announce or open a service. A bell also symbolizes the proclamation of the Gospel to the world: hence, the ringing of church bells at the close of some services as worshippers depart to spread Christ's good news in their daily lives.

Looking Ahead

Worship Time Change

Worship at 9:00 a.m. starting **July 14**



Lakeside Worship



at Milan Beach Resort
July 7 and September 1

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LOCAL NEWS

Southwest Minnesota Synod

Synod News

2024 Synod Assembly

The 2024 Synod Assembly will be held June 7 and 8 both in person and online.

Voting members from the synod's congregations and all rostered ministers in the Southwestern Minnesota Synod will gather to worship, learn, conduct business, and prayerfully deliberate about what God is calling us to do in the synod. The Synod Assembly is the highest legislative authority within the SW MN Synod.

Four zoom hearings were held prior to the assembly: 2024 Proposed Compensation Guidelines, Resolutions, 2025 Proposed Budget and Assembly Orientation.

Jon Hanson and Pastor Kristine will attend the assembly as voting members.

The theme verse of the 2024 Synod Assembly is **Romans 12:5** "So we, who are many, are **ONE BODY**

IN CHRIST, and individually we are members one of another."



Excerpts from Bishop Dee Pederson's 2024 Synod Assembly Theme Series – Part 2

The theme of the 2024 Synod Assembly is "One Body in Christ".

The body of Christ is the church. St. Paul likens the church to the human body:

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the

body does not consist of one member but of many. 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

And then, Paul goes on to point out the importance of the various parts of our bodies – feet, ears, eyes, hands – each is important and necessary, each honored. Why?

That there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 1 Cor. 12:25-27

Living as the church, the body of Christ, is not something we invent ourselves. This body receives its oneness from the grace and power of God. As Paul also says,

There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:4-5

What a gift we have received in our baptism into the Triune God! What good news we have to live!

We are one body in Christ. We are fully in the presence of Christ and belong to Christ. That identity is not ours because we signed up to join a club. It is given in Holy Baptism, as Christ gathers God's children "in" himself. That means we are one with each other in Christ. We belong to each other. We are one, amid our diversity.

While there are many questions that face the church these days, being "in" Christ provides both promise and direction.

You are "in" Christ. *This is the promise: For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all crea-*

tion, will be able to separate us from the love of God IN Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39.

You are "in" Christ. Your direction for the present and the future is clear: Love God. Love neighbor.

One body in Christ. Christ: How do we say or hear this name for Jesus? How do we use God's name? Like the Small Catechism says, do we use it "to curse, swear, practice magic, lie, or deceive"? Or "to call on, pray to, praise, and give thanks to God?"

Note what Paul says:

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. 1 Cor. 1:10

The words of St. Paul over two thousand years ago are so relevant for our life together and even the survival of the church today. Paul reminds us that in baptism, you and I are *joined to Christ the Anointed One. And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. 2 Cor. 1:21-22.*

In our baptism into Christ, we are made one. Baptism doesn't make us identical, nor does it take away our differences.

All of us live in a culture that tries to pit us against each other. In this time, may we live our belief that it is in the foolishness of the cross that God's greatest wisdom and gift is known. May you live as though you are one body in Christ, because you are. One. Body. In. Christ.

+ grace and peace,

- Rev. Dee Pederson,
D.Min. Bishop, Southwestern
Minnesota Synod, ELCA

LOCAL NEWS

Letters of Thanks

Thank You Kviteseid

Thank you to the Sunday School for the potted flowers I received on May 5th. It was a nice birthday surprise!

- Pastor Kristine



Thank you to all who helped with the Road-Ditch cleanup on Sunday, May 5th.

- Kviteseid Trustees



Thank you all for your support, encouragement and thoughtful gifts celebrating my graduation.

- Gavin John Ascheman
Class of 2024



Thank you for your generous gifts of mission support to Green Lake Lutheran Ministries! You make it possible to foster a space where faith is introduced, explored, and celebrated! You are enriching the camp experience, shaping young adults, and molding the future stewards of faith. The profound impact you can make through camp is beyond measure. That's so special—thank you!

- Green Lake Lutheran
Ministries

Thank You Helping Hands

Thank you to Helping Hands for the nice basket of goodies I received. Thanks to Jill for delivering it. I'll have to share some with the kids. It was very thoughtful.

- Clarice Perseke



Thank you so much to Helping Hands for the lovely May basket. It was very much appreciated. We feel so lucky to be part of such a caring community.

- Gordon & Nona Siverson



Thank you Helping Hands for remembering us with the May basket. We enjoyed it. How well I remember the joy of filling baskets for different occasions and the fun of delivering them. You are a great group who do so many good projects. May God bless each of you!

- Keith & Marlys Kvistero



Thank you so much to Helping Hands for the lovely May Day basket full of goodies. It was so nice of you to think of us and we really appreciate it! Thanks for all you do!

- The Marv Link Family

Thank you Helping Hands for the thoughtful May basket and to Paulette for delivering it.

- Mrs. Arthur Steffenson



Thank you so much to Helping Hands for the May Day basket! What a great surprise and cheerful welcoming home that was! Also thank you for the meal at Brad's funeral! You were so very helpful and comforting to us at the difficult time! Thanks again!

- Josh, Tiff, Carter, Colton
& Corey Moen



Thank you to Nancy Schneck and Char Strand for chairing the Syttende Mai Smorgås Tea. It was a great day and many compliments were received.

Thank you also to Char for the picture display.

- Pastor Kristine

Layettes

In September we will again be putting together layettes for God's Work Our Hands. Last September we made 40 layettes which was great. We will need blankets again. They can be 30 by 30, 36 by 36, or 42 by 42 inches. Thank you for your help in this project.

If you have any questions, give Cathy Olson a call at 289-3066.



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Sunday Schedule

- ✝ Coffee Fellowship at 9:45 a.m. ✝
- ✝ Worship at 10:30 a.m. ✝
- ✝ Online Worship at 10:30 a.m. ✝

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