



**Kviteseid Lutheran Church**

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**Greetings from Pastor Kristine Isder**

In our weekly prayers, we will be praying for two girls going to school in South Africa: Anele Alwande Ngema and Noluvo Nozibusiso Sithole.

**Why is this significant?**

Our congregation, through its dues to the Lac qui Parle Conference, is helping to sponsor these girls so they can attend school. In South Africa, usually only the boys get to go to school because of the cost. Our outreach efforts are helping to educate girls who will then use their education to improve their life.

Since 1990 our Southwestern Minnesota (SWMN) Synod has been in a companion synod relationship with the South Eastern Diocese (SED) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa. This relationship is based

on accompaniment and mutual respect.

The South Eastern Diocese is on the east side of South Africa, below Swaziland:



Our conference's companion circuit in South Africa is Kwa Nodwengu.

In 2024, our conference is sponsoring 32 students in the Kwa Nodwengu circuit to go to school. The cost is \$250/student for a year

for two uniforms, room and board and supplies.

Our conference dean, Pastor Don McKee, has divided up the list of students for congregations of our conference to pray for.

Here is a little information about the girls:

**Anele Alwande Ngema** is 13 and is in 8<sup>th</sup>

grade. She is staying with her aunt who is unemployed. Therefore, she is really in need of financial assistance for her schooling.



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# STEWARDSHIP

Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund  
2024 Financial Responsibilities  
\$251,736

Checking Register  
for the General Fund

6/1/24 balance:	\$10,360
June income:	\$16,089
June expenses:	\$20,167
6/30/24 balance:	\$6,282

## Worship Offerings & Attendance



June 23	\$940	55
June 30	\$840	36
July 7		
Lakeside Worship	\$350	62
- Loose offering to area food shelves	\$250	
July 14	\$2,063.50	33
July 21	\$1,385	44



## Memorials & Gifts

None to Report

## Online Giving ...



Visit our website at  
[milanslutheranchurch.com](http://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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**Noluvo Nozibusiso Sithole** is 12 and is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. She is staying with her single mother who is unemployed and is really struggling.



Helping others is one way we share the love of Jesus. Helping to send these girls to school is making a big difference in their lives and in the lives of their families.

*Please PRAY for Anele and Noluvo!*

### God's Work. Our Hands Sunday.

On **Sunday, September 8**, we will be working on service projects like we've done in the past.

It will be an opportunity for people of all ages to work together.

What can you do?

Come and help on September 8!

Suggest projects. If you know of anybody who could use some help, please let us know. We want to help people. What can we do? Contact Pastor Kristine.

Planned projects include: pack military boxes, assemble layettes, roll cloth bandages, tie quilts, pick up garbage in road ditch and around town.

Lunch will be provided.

***Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name, sharing the good news of your Gospel.***



### Bible Quiz

What musical instrument is mentioned in the final poem of Psalms as a means to praise the Lord?



- A. brass
- B. percussion
- C. strings
- D. woodwinds
- E. all of the above

**ANSWER:**  
See Psalm 150:3-5 OR pg. 7

## 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**

### Board of Deacons

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

### Board of Trustees

**Brandon Ascheman, Bryan 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

## August Schedules

### Coffee Fellowship



Join us for coffee and fellowship following worship Sunday mornings in the narthex at 10:00 a.m.

Please sign up to serve treats to enjoy along with the coffee. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. The ushers will make the coffee.

### Board Meetings

Wednesday, August 21



Deacons - 6:00 p.m.

Trustees - 7:00 p.m.

### TWC Bible Study

Wednesday, August 14  
1:30 p.m.



Meet in the Fellowship Hall



#### Group 2

Captain - Char Johnson  
752-4577

Connie Fragodt  
Kim Heimdahl  
Teresa Olson

Karla Schwendemann  
Sue Streed  
Kim Thompson



### Deacon Communion Setup

4 - Cheryl Erp

#### Lectors

4 - Isaac Hanson  
11 - Jen Tostenson  
18 - Char Strand  
25 - Jon Hanson

#### Media Operators

4 - Nancy Schneck  
11 - Theresa Erickson  
18 - Gabby Augeson  
25 - Ty Norby

#### Video Recorders

4 - Theresa Erickson  
11 - Rich Isder  
18 - Jon Hanson  
25 - Rich Isder

*Schedules are also available online at [milanslutheranchurch.com](http://milanslutheranchurch.com)*

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

## Lakeside Worship Service

### at Milan Beach Resort

(Randall's - Lac qui Parle Lake)

**Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> - 9:30 a.m.**

Bring a lawn chair ☩ In case of inclement weather, service will be held at Kviteseid, Milan.

Hosted by Big Bend, Borgund, Immanuel, Kviteseid, Minnesota Valley, and Zion Lutheran Churches

*Loose offering will be given to the area food shelves*

Free will donation for coffee and goodies following worship.

# LOCAL NEWS

## Helping Hands

### Helping Hands

Summer is here! Enjoy!

Another quilting session is here and gone! It was terrific! We made 38 quilts and actually got through some tops and backs that have been waiting for us for a long time! We had a great time with lots of fun, food and laughs...And... some gals who hadn't been in our quilting group before joined us! We are so happy to have them join us! Please come again in the winter when we gather again!

A big, big thank you to Cindy Ziemann Madden from Colorado who faithfully sends us a box of tops and backs that she has put together and shares with us! In addition, she usually graces us with her presence in summer quilting. She couldn't come this year as she recently broke her arm. We wish her very well, a speedy recovery and we can't wait for her to come and visit her mother and quilt with us!

We are planning a work day for Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or so, to tear bandages, sew quilt bats together and maybe get some more pieces ready for quilting the next time we meet. We would love to have lots of help! Bring a

bag lunch and get ready to have some fun!

Be sure to put September 8<sup>th</sup>, God's Work, Our Hands Sunday on your calendar! Lots of good things are being planned for that day!

Group 3, with chairpersons Theresa Erickson, Rob/Karla Schwendemann, Ray/Jessica Trager, is in charge of the next funeral lunch! Stay well everyone!



### Layettes

In September we will again be putting together layettes for God's Work Our Hands. Last September we made 40 layettes which was super! We hope to do as many or more this year. Needed are: washcloths, ivory bar soap, towels (52 inches long), and blankets (30 by 30, 36 by 36, or 42 by 42 inches).



Contact Cathy Olson at 289-3066 if you have questions. Thank you for your help in this project!



*Looking for ways to help out the church?*

*There are many opportunities.*

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#### 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.

# FUNERAL

## 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

## Faith in Action

### Kviteseid Connectors

Kviteseid Connectors has been in existence for about four years now. We are a team of volunteers formed to reach out and connect with our members who may not always be able 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 in joining our group, or if you are an individual who would like someone to talk to and/or occasionally visit with, please call or text Char Strand at 320-815-0219 or send her an email at [lakeannie@fedteldirect.net](mailto:lakeannie@fedteldirect.net). It is a fun way to help everyone remember that they are an important part of our congregation and we care about them!!

### 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.

### Lakeside Worship

— July 7, 2024 —

Lakeside worship was held July 7<sup>th</sup> at Milan Beach Resort. Sixty-two people attended on a beautiful morning. It was a joint service with six churches: Kviteseid, Big Bend, Minnesota Valley, Borgund, Zion in Appleton, and Immanuel of Montevideo. Music was provided by "Classic Brass", a brass quintet. Loose offering was given to the three area food shelves.



Please join the  
KVISTERO FAMILY  
in celebrating



Keith's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

and

Keith & Marlys's

56<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

FRIDAY

AUGUST 9

4:00 - 7:00 P.M.

MILAN LEGION



*No gifts please!*

# LOCAL NEWS

## Letters of Thanks

### Looking Ahead

**September 1**

**Lakeside Worship**

**September 8**

**God's Work Our Hands  
and Rally Sunday**

### Contribution Statements

Mid-year contribution statements were sent out in mid-July. You should have received yours either by mail or email. Statements were only sent out to those with contributions of record. Please check your statement carefully with your records and let the church office know if there is a discrepancy. If you would like to receive yours by email instead of by mail, please contact the church office.

### Thank You

Thank you to **BRIAN OLSON** for polishing the offering plates for the church. They look beautiful!!



On behalf of Swift County Food Shelf, thank you for your donation of \$122. We appreciate your support of the area food shelves as recipients of the loose offerings given at your May 26<sup>th</sup> Lakeside Worship Service. Swift County Food Shelf relies on the generosity of donors and is grateful for your support.

- Swift County Food Shelf



Thank you to those who gave offerings to be given to the area food shelves at your July 7<sup>th</sup> Lakeside Worship Service. Your charitable gift of \$83 to the Chippewa County Food Shelf enables us to serve many individuals in our local area. We are grateful for your kindness and your continued support.

- Chippewa County Food Shelf



Thank you for your generous gift 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.

- Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

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**Bible Quiz (pg. 3)**

**Answer: E**



# LOCAL NEWS

## Southwest Minnesota Synod

### Synod News

Welcome Rev. Seyward Ask, Synod Minister for Equipping Congregation Leaders, Rostered Ministers, Youth, & Families.

This new position brings together responsibilities for call process in five conferences with supporting youth & family ministries and the Lutheran Youth Organization Board in this vital work.

She was installed and began serving in this position at the Synod Assembly.

Pastor Seyward was ordained in 2010 at her home congregation, First Lutheran in Morris. She recently chaired the Equipping Congregations Day planning team, has

been assisting in an interim capacity for Vinje Lutheran, Willmar, and St. John's, Raymond, and has provided pulpit supply for many congregations in the Synod. Pastor Seyward lives in Willmar with her husband (Justin Ask, Lead Pastor at Vinje) and their three children (Brooklyn, Maggie & Remy).

Pastor Seyward writes, "I am so thrilled for this opportunity to serve our Synod in this position. I am eager to work with congregations as they navigate the call process. I also look forward to finding meaningful ways to support and equip youth and family ministry leaders throughout our synod. Both of these areas are so important to the success of a church, and I am excited to begin this new call."

### National Youth Gathering

The 2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering was held July 16-20 in New Orleans. Over 16,000 people participated under the theme "Created To Be".

Over 380 youth and over 120 adults from our synod attended the gathering. They were sent by 34 congregations.

During the gathering, they took part in community life together, mass gatherings, interactive learning and a day of serving in accompaniment with people in New Orleans.

The next National Youth Gathering will be held in Minneapolis June 28-July 2, 2027. All youth who will be in 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2024-2025 school year will be eligible to attend in 2027.

**PUZZLE**

**BY THE SEASHORE**

The sea and its creatures are evidence of God's intention and purpose in creation.

Directions: Unscramble the words. Then copy the circled letters in order below to complete Psalm 104:24-25, NIV.

DASN  
LHSELS  
USN  
ESEDAIS  
BHECA  
LALUBMER  
WRTEA  
FRUS  
VWSEA

How many are your works, Lord!  
In wisdom you made them \_\_\_\_\_;  
the earth is full of your creatures.  
There is the \_\_\_\_\_ vast and spacious,  
teeming with \_\_\_\_\_ beyond number —  
living things both large and small.  
Psalm 104:24-25, NIV



### PRAISE FOR GOD'S HANDIWORK

How wonderful, O Lord, are the works of your hands!  
The heavens declare your glory,  
the arch of sky displays your handiwork.  
In your love you have given us the power  
to behold the beauty of your world  
robed in all its splendor.  
The sun and the stars, the valleys and hills,  
the rivers and lakes all disclose your presence.



The roaring breakers of the sea tell of your awesome  
might;  
the beasts of the field and the birds of the air  
bespeak your wondrous will.  
In your goodness you have made us able to hear  
the music of the world. The voices of loved ones  
reveal to us that you are in our midst.  
A divine voice sings through all creation.

—from *Earth Prayers*



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# KVITSEID LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Sunday Schedule

- ✝ Worship at 9:00 a.m. ✝
- ✝ Online Worship at 9:00 a.m. ✝
- ✝ Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m. ✝

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