

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 8th 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



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

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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Pastor, Staff & Officers

Greetings from Pastor Kristine

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Noluvo Nozibusiso Sithole is



12 and is in 8th 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!

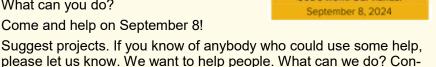
God's Work. Our Hands Sunday.

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!

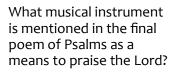


tact Pastor Kristine. Planned projects include: pack military boxes, assemble layettes, roll cloth bandages, tie quilts, pick up garbage in road ditch and around

Lunch will be provided.

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

Bible Quiz





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



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

<u>Video Recorders</u>

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

Lakeside Worship Service

at Milan Beach Resort

(Randall's - Lac qui Parle Lake)

Sunday, September 1st - 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

<u>Loose offering will be given to the area food shelves</u>
Free will donation for coffee and goodies following worship.

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 12th 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 8th, 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!







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

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.

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.

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. 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 7th at Milan Beach Resort. Sixtytwo 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.













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.

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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 shelfs as recipients of the loose offerings given at your May 26th Lakeside Worship Service. Swift County Food Shelf relies on the generosity of donors and is grateful for your support.

- Swift County Food Shelf

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Thank you to those who gave offerings to be given to the area food shelves.at your July 7th 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

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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

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 Vinie) 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 Orle-

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



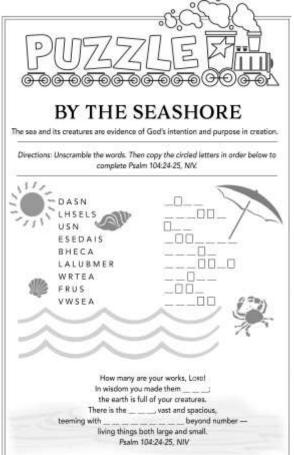
The heavens declare your glory,

robed in all its splendor.

to behold the beauty of your world

the arch of sky displays your handiwork. In your love you have given us the power

The sun and the stars, the valleys and hills,



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.

PRAISE FOR GOD'S HANDIWORK

How wonderful, O Lord, are the works of your hands!

The roaring breakers of the sea tell of your awesome miaht:

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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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