



Kviteseid Voice

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Greetings from Pastor Kristine Isder

When Jesus’ disciples argue about who is the greatest among themselves, Jesus ends the argument with these words: *“Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”* (Mark 9:35)

In God’s kingdom, the criteria for greatness is much different than that of the world. To be great in God’s kingdom is to be a servant to all.

God’s kingdom is built on God’s people humbly serving, putting others first and loving their neighbors.

To be number one in God’s kingdom is to put others first, not to put them down.

Jesus’ standards for greatness are very different from the world’s. The world says, “get ahead at all costs. Get the most money, get the

latest and best toys.”

Jesus says, *“Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”*

James illustrates this idea of service as well:

“For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above (God’s wisdom, the way God calls us to live) is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits.” (James 3:16-17)

In Romans, the Apostle Paul suggests how we should relate to each other:

“Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the

best at showing honor to each other. Don’t hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you’re in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer.

Contribute to the needs of God’s people, and welcome strangers into your home. Bless people who harass you—bless and don’t curse them. Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. Consider everyone as equal, and don’t think that you’re better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who

have no status. Don’t think that you’re so smart. Don’t pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for



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STEWARDSHIP

Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund	
2024 Financial Responsibilities	
\$251,736	
Checking Register	
for the General Fund	
8/1/24 balance:	\$4,336
August income:	\$13,090
August expenses:	\$20,903
Cashflow loan:	\$7,000
8/31/24 balance:	\$3,523
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Cashflow loan to date:	\$7,000

Worship Offerings & Attendance



September 1	\$710	72
- Lakeside Worship		
Loose offering to area		
food shelves	\$285	
September 8	\$1,289	75
- God's Work. Our Hands.		
and Rally Sunday		
September 15	\$1,458	73

Online Giving ...

Visit our website at
milanslutheranchurch.com



MEMORIALS and GIFTS

Undesignated

In memory of
Adeline Ellingboe
Jolie (Jerve) Polacek

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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what everyone else believes is good. If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people.” (Romans 12:9-18 CEB)

Living a faithful life isn't usually dramatic. It's reaching out to people who are lonely, making donations to feed the hungry, cleaning up after disasters, welcoming others who may be different than us.

We do it because Jesus tells us to, not for publicity or fame or wealth.

It's treating everyone we meet as a child of God, which they are.

Our mission is to share the hope we've been given in Christ, to reflect the love we have received.

We show this in humble service, loving our neighbors.

“Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

Pastor Appreciation Month



Looking Ahead

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 3

We will remember those who have died and recognize those who have been baptized in the last year.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

November 3

Interested in becoming a member of Kviteseid? Talk to Pastor Kristine.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24

Candlelight communion service at 4:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25

Worship at 9:00 a.m.

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

October Schedules



Deacon Communion Setup

6 - Cheryl Erp
13 - Jon Hanson

Acolytes

6 - Mason Erp
13 - Iver Heinrich
20 - Daisy Sachariason
27 - Creed Joyce

Lectors

6 - Gabby Augeson
13 - Heidi Hanson
20 - Rob Schwendemann
27 - Rich Isder

Media Operators

6 - Tom Moe
13 - Parker Spray
20 - Gavin Ascheman
27 - Jessa Norby

Video Recorders

6 - Theresa Erickson
13 - Rich Isder
20 - Jon Hanson
27 - Theresa Erickson

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.

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.

TWC Bible Study

Wednesday,
October 9

1:30 p.m.



Meet in the Fellowship Hall

Board Meetings

Wednesday, October 16

Deacons - 6:00 p.m.
Trustees - 7:00 p.m.



Group 5

Captain - Brian Olson
734-4615

Randy Fragodt
David Thompson
Ray Trager
John Vetter
Josh Vetter

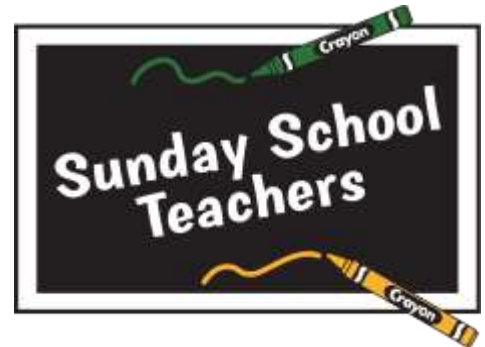


October 27

9:00 a.m.

Worship

WEAR RED!



Superintendent

Talia Schuerman

Teachers

Tiffany Moen, Jenna Norby, Jessica Trager, Emily Heinrich, Michelle Ascheman and Hillary Spray

Helper

Scarlett Trager

JINGLE OFFERING

every Sunday
for kids



SERVICE WORK

GROUP 3

Please meet after church on Sunday,

October 6

to help with the fall decorating



LOCAL NEWS

Helping Hands and Youth

Helping Hands

Fall is here, schedules are ready and all is well! Very soon the fall colors will be in full bloom! Enjoy!!

Thank you to Group 2, chairpersons Val/Char Johnson, Ken/Cindy Lee, Naomi Streed, for preparing a delicious lunch for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday! It was awesome! Thank you to Delores Running for providing the Thrivent Grant to facilitate the lunch.

God's Work, Our Hands was again a successful event! We packed 15 military boxes, rolled about 300 bandages, assembled 50 layettes when all supplies were utilized, tied 2 quilts, colored many pictures, weeded the areas around the church and much more! Thanks to all who participated!

Thank you to all the folks who delivered or will be delivering the quilts to Prairie Five and Girls Ranch and delivered bandages and layettes to Global Missions in Fridley. Your efforts are appreciated!

We will be doing layettes again next year. As you may know they don't get assembled on their own. It takes lots of contributions of baby

blankets, towels, soap, wash cloths, sleepers, diapers, caps, and a pillow case to pack it all in. If you can help with any of these things, please contact Cathy Olson. If you can't supply any of those items, please consider a cash donation to help fill the needs to complete a layette. It will make a mama and baby somewhere so happy! Thank you very much!

We will be trying a new quilting idea. We have much fabric in the quilt room, some cut in squares, some in large pieces and much more. We would like to get together for a quilt work day on Wednesday, October 16, 9:00 to about 3:00 to use some of that fabric and assemble quilt tops. If you think you don't know how, come and find out, or help in any way you feel comfortable! It will be a fun day! Bring your lunch and we will eat, talk smart, drink coffee and have a good time as we make use of fabric brought to us! Thank you to those who have given Thrivent cards for the purchase of quilt batting and other quilting supplies. It is very much appreciated!

Thank you to all who contribute in any way toward the life of our congregation. Each one is very important!

Enjoy a beautiful fall!

Sunday School

*by Michelle Molden Ascheman
Jr. High Sunday School Teacher*

The Sunday School program is limited on the amount of time we have annually to teach, reach and share the stories of the Bible. I found images and created pictures that highlight a small amount of impactful stories that introduce or remind church goers of the history in the pages of the Bible. The artwork has the appropriate Bible verses and can take the curious minds directly to the pages of the story in their Bible!

You can find the pictures along



the wall of the basement stairs near the north entrance.

Do you have furniture you no longer want /need?

Jr. High is looking for a sofa to go in our classroom. (Ours has broken legs and we have fixed it several times already over the years.)

Wanted: Stable Entry Table or Taller Sofa Table for Sunday School wing entrance to enhance appearance of entry (current table is unsteady).

Contact Michelle Molden Ascheman at (320) 226-0658.

National Youth Gathering 2027

The next ELCA Youth Gathering will take place June 28 – July 2, 2027 in Minneapolis.

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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

Lakeside Worship

Lakeside worship was held September 1 at Milan Beach Resort. Seventy-two people attended on a beautiful morning. It was a joint service with six churches: Kviteseid, Big Bend, Zion in Appleton, Minnesota Valley, Borgund and Immanuel of Montevideo. Loose offering was given to the three area food shelves.



Photo below by Jodi (Schneck) Bungarden



God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday

On Sunday, September 8, we worked on service projects after church. Many people of all ages participated – from age 3 to 80 plus!

Projects completed: road ditch cleanup, church yard cleanup, two

quilts tied, 15 military boxes packed, 51 layettes assembled, and many cloth bandages rolled.

People of all ages worked together and enjoyed fellowship!

Everyone gathered together afterwards for lunch, thanks to a Thrivent grant.

Thank you to everyone who participated and did God's Work with Their Hands!



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LOCAL NEWS

September Joint Council and Congregational Meetings

Kviteseid Lutheran Church Joint Council Minutes September 18, 2024

Members Present: Tom Moe, Rob Schwendemann, Sherry Norby, Andy Streed, Brandon Ascheman, Cory Heinrich, Heidi Spray, Cheryl Erp, Andrea Westra, Michelle Ascheman and Pastor Kristine Isder.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Tom Moe.

Pastor Kristine gave devotions and a prayer.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was reviewed with no changes. Motion was made by Brandon Ascheman, seconded by Heidi Spray to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Andy Streed reported the Gifts and Memorials Fund has a balance of \$152,000 and the Building Fund has a balance of \$75,000 (The structural improvements recently approved by the congregation will be paid from the building fund.)

Deacon's Report: Heidi Spray reported there had been nine Welcome Baskets delivered to new members of the community and they were well received. Attendance is increasing after the summer months. The Jingle Offering is new this year for the youth to put coins in a can during offering. The Sunday School students will decide how to spend the money.

Trustee's Report: Cory Heinrich reported they had contacted Tosel Concrete of Appleton to do the landscape and structural repairs approved by the congregation. It seems work will not begin until the spring of 2025. They are waiting to hear from a window repair company from Marshall regarding fixing some of the church windows.

Roof repairs have been completed on the education wing. Plans are underway to have the church carpeting professionally cleaned.

Board of Education: Michelle Ascheman reported that the Activity Day last Sunday had been well received. Currently there are 20 students in 3-year-old through 6th grade Sunday School. There are 11 students in Jr. High and 11 students in Sr. High.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Kristine expressed appreciation for the recognition and reception honoring her for the 10th Anniversary of her Ordination. She reported lakeside workshop attendance was 62 in July and 72 in September. Six churches participate in those services. Church attendance is increasing and online services reached 65-225 people. There are ten students in Confirmation (8 from Kviteseid and 2 from Big Bend). At God's Work Our Hands Sunday on Sept. 8, two quilts were tied, 51 layettes assembled, many bandages rolled, 15 military boxes loaded, pictures colored, and clean up was done outside the church and road ditches.

Motion was made by Rob Schwendemann, seconded by Cory Heinrich, to approve the reports. Motion carried.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- On September 29, there will be church cleaning after the service with a potluck dinner held. Motion was made by Michelle Ascheman, seconded by Heidi Spray, to invite the Micronesian community to join in the service, cleaning and potluck since they use our church periodically. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held about having a church supper again or some other type of meal to raise funds. The Deacons will work on the ideas presented.
- The annual meeting will be held on

Sunday, January 19, following the church service.

We closed the meeting by praying the Lord's Prayer.

The next scheduled council meeting will be Wednesday, December 18, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherry Norby, Council Secretary

Special Congregational Meeting Minutes September 15, 2024

President Tom Moe called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting was to inform the congregation of the need to do landscaping and structural repairs to the east side of the church and by the bell tower.

Cory Heinrich presented information as the scope of the work and the cost. The Trustees received two bids for the project and Tosel Concrete of Appleton was much lower than the other bid submitted. The Trustees met with Tosel Concrete and went through the project to be sure everything was addressed and it was, so they are recommending to approve the bid from Tosel Concrete at a cost of \$27,582.50.

Keith Kvistero made a motion to proceed with the project and give permission to the Trustees to make the decision to spend additional money, if needed, as the project progresses. Motion was seconded by Bruce Loose. All members present voted "aye" whereupon the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Norby, Council Secretary

LOCAL NEWS

Southwest Minnesota Synod

Synod News

Equipping Congregations Day

Saturday, November 2
Peace Lutheran Church
New London
Theme “Gather Us In”

2024 Synod Junior High Youth Gathering

Friday and Saturday,
November 22-23
Willmar Conference Center
Willmar
Theme “Forever Unbroken”
(based on Romans 8:37-39)



All students in 6th-9th grade are welcome to attend.

This event is coordinated and planned by the SW MN Synod Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO).

The event includes YOUTH LED mass gatherings including singing, growing in faith, student faith talks, building relationships and hanging out with other youth from our very own synod. There is also nightlife featuring swimming, games, food, dancing, service project and much more.

The speaker is Rachel Kurtz.

Music provided by the SWMN Synod Youth Band.

More information is available on the synod web site: swmnelca.org.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated and/or helped with the military boxes on God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday. Also, thank you to Bruce and Connie Streed for donating the Thrivent gift card.

- Military Box Committee



A thank you Kviteseid received for the military package sent to Ryan Erp from him and his crew:



Thank you for your recent charitable gift of \$95.00. Your support and generosity enable us to serve many individuals in our local area. We are grateful for your kindness and your continued support.

Thank you for your blessed donation to the food shelf.

- Chippewa County Food Shelf

Thank you for the donation of \$95.00 from the Lakeside Worship Service on September 1. Your continued support of the Lac qui Parle Community Food Shelf is much appreciated.

More and more food has to be bought from the grocery store in Madison because we can’t get everything we need from Second Harvest Heartland in St. Paul so our food costs are more than they used to be.

Thanks again!

- Lac qui Parle
Community Food Shelf

Rally Sunday Annual Balloon Release — September 8, 2024 —



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KVITSEID LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Schedule

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

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