

Kviteseid Voice

Kviteseid Lutheran Church

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Greetings from Pastor Kristine Isder

Summer is rapidly coming to a close. It seems as if summer just began, and now it's almost over.

September brings a return to school for our students and a return to Christian education.

Rally Day is September 10 when we will kick off the beginning of another year of Christian education. We will also work on projects for God's Work Our Hands Sunday.

Education isn't just for kids.

Every person, no matter of what age, is called to continue to learn about our faith. Parents and adults are important models, and children learn from your actions as well as your words. What are you teaching your children about your own faith journey and the importance you place on growing in your relationship with the Lord? Be a

model of learning by praying with your children and letting them catch you reading your Bible. Invite them to join you!

We also pray for our young people attending post-secondary schools this fall. We ask God to keep them safe and to calm the nerves of parents who are sending their child away from home.

Prayers for the beginning of the school year:

Lord, we offer prayers for the young people that are preparing to begin or return to the learning institutions around our country. We thank you that our young people have the opportunity to learn and grow as they prepare for their future. We ask that you not only bless them in those efforts, but that you also guide their footsteps. We

pray that they are protected and that through your Spirit they continually know that you are with them and that they are loved. Amen.

O God, source of all goodness:
We give you thanks for the gift of



reason and the opportunity for education. Bless our schools, that they may be places of learning and safety where teachers challenge the minds and nurture the hearts of

students. Grant that teachers and students may work together in mutual respect and find joy in the challenges of academic life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (ELW, p. 78)

Best of luck to all students, young and old, as they return to school and education events this fall. **God goes with you!**

STEWARDSHIP

Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund	
2023 Financial Responsibilities	
\$246,213	
Checking Register	
for the General Fund	
7/1/23 balance:	\$3,604
July income:	\$15,582
July expenses:	\$14,682
7/31/23 balance:	\$4,503

Worship Offerings & Attendance

July 30	\$647	36
August 6	\$3,410.35	38
August 13	\$996.25	41
August 20	\$2,400	38

MEMORIALS & GIFTS

None to Report

Online Giving ...

Visit our website at
milanslutheranchurch.com

911

Patriot Day

Never Forget

PRAYERS

We offer up prayers for ...



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LOCAL NEWS

Pastor, Staff & Officers



Bible Reading Plans

Booklets are available at church with these Bible reading plans plus a Bible time line.



Readings for September to read the Bible in a year Chronologically

Sep 1 Ezekiel 18-19
 Sep 2 Ezekiel 20-21
 Sep 3 Ezekiel 22-23
 Sep 4 Ezekiel 24-27
 Sep 5 Ezekiel 28-31
 Sep 6 Ezekiel 32-34
 Sep 7 Ezekiel 35-37
 Sep 8 Ezekiel 38-39

Sep 9 Ezekiel 40-41
 Sep 10 Ezekiel 42-43
 Sep 11 Ezekiel 44-45
 Sep 12 Ezekiel 46-48
 Sep 13 Joel
 Sep 14 Daniel 1-3
 Sep 15 Daniel 4-6
 Sep 16 Daniel 7-9
 Sep 17 Daniel 10-12
 Sep 18 Ezra 1-3
 Sep 19 Ezra 4-6;
 Psalm 137

Sep 20 Haggai 1-2
 Sep 21 Zechariah 1-7
 Sep 22 Zechariah 8-14
 Sep 23 Esther 1-5
 Sep 24 Esther 6-10
 Sep 25 Ezra 7-10
 Sep 26 Nehemiah 1-5
 Sep 27 Nehemiah 6-7
 Sep 28 Nehemiah 8-10
 Sep 29 Nehemiah 11-13;
 Psalm 126
 Sep 30 Malachi 1-4



Grandparents
Day
September 10



2023 Kviteseid Staff & Officers



Office Staff

Pastor Kristine Isder
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Theresa Erickson
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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
Vice Pres: Paul Tostenson
Secretary: Gwen Olson
Treasurer: Josh Moen

Board of Deacons

Rich Isder, Char Strand, Jon
Hanson, Stacey Lea, Cindy
Kanten

Board of Trustees

Erik Boraas, Brandon
Ascherman, Bryan
Schuerman, Cory Heinrich,
Ray Trager

Board of Education

Holly Kanten, Jenna Norby,
Sue Streed, Emily Heinrich,
Tiffany Moen

Helping Hands Board

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

WORSHIP NEWS

September Schedules



Acolytes

17 - Charlie Hanson
24 - Thor Hewitt

Deacon Communion Setup

10 - Cindy Kanten
17 - Rich Isder

Lectors

3 - Lee Haugen
10 - Tom Moe
17 - Char Strand
24 - Jon Hanson

Media Operators

3 - *None needed*
10 - Gavin Ascheman
17 - Gabby Augeson
24 - Isaac Hanson

Video Recorders

3 - *None needed*
10 - Rich Isder
17 - Jon Hanson
24 - 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 6

Captain - Tom Moe
734-4707

Erik Boraas
Jon Hanson
Cory Heinrich
Jim Kanten
Tim Kanten
Steve Thompson

Teacher Installation & Bible Presentation



Sunday, September 17
during
10:30 a.m. Worship

Church Board & Council Meetings

Wednesday, September 20

Deacons..... 6:00 p.m.
Trustees 7:00 p.m.
Church Council ... 7:30 p.m.

TWC Bible Study

Wednesday, September 13
1:30 p.m.

Meet in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY SCHOOL

begins
September 10
9:15 a.m.

Balloon Release at 10:15 a.m.



Lakeside Worship Service

at Milan Beach Resort

(Randall's - Lac qui Parle Lake)

Sunday, September 3rd - 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 go to the three area food shelves

Free will donation for coffee and goodies provided by Randall's following worship.

LOCAL NEWS

Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School

“Wandering in the Wilderness”

Vacation Bible School was held August 13-14 with 16 kids and 8 helpers the first night. Prayer sticks were made. Rocks were painted to distribute around town so keep an eye out for them!



LOCAL NEWS

Helping Hands



Helping Hands

School is starting, schedules are in place, and fall is right around the corner! Enjoy these last few days of our great summer weather!

Thank you to all who came on our work day to sew together battings, organize layettes, organize the quilt room and cut bandage strips. We accomplished much in those six hours, in addition to sharing coffee, lunch and awesome visiting time. Be sure to come the next time we do this - it is fun!

God's Work, Our Hands is coming up on Rally Sunday, September 10. Check elsewhere in the newsletter for the schedule. There will be lots of projects for adults and kids to participate in, including quilting, bandage rolling, assembling layettes, putting together military boxes, visiting some shut-ins and much more. To cap it off, join us for lunch at 12:15 p.m. provided by a Thrivent Grant and served by the Helping Hands board. We appreciate everyone who can be a part of this event.

Thank you to Groups 1 and 2, chairpersons, Cory/Emily Heinrich, Greg/Sherry Norby, Bob/Jen

Tostenson, Randy/Connie Fragodt, Paul/Patee Spray, Andrew/Andrea Westra, for their cleaning efforts in the Fellowship Hall, chapel and other rooms in the church. We appreciate your efforts!

Group 1 is next in line for funeral serving. Thank you so much!

National Youth Gathering 2024



The next ELCA Youth Gathering will take place July 16-20, 2024, in New Orleans, LA. There will

be daily events to participate in: from learning workshops to a day of service in the city of New Orleans to worship every evening. The Gathering is for youth grades 8-12 (in the fall of 2023 school year).

Registration will open on September 15, 2023, and continue until April 15, 2024. The earlier you register, the cheaper it will be.

Cost starts at \$375 and goes up from there. There is a \$150 deposit for each participant due at time of registration, and the rest at a later date.

More information can be found on the ELCA Gathering Website, www.elca.org/gathering.

Interested in attending? Talk to Pastor Kristine.

BENEFIT for Spencer Thorsland

son of Cory Thorsland
and grandson of
Mark & Terri Thorsland

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8



at the Lac qui Parle Valley High School before the football game with Dawson/Boyd

- Meal
- Silent Auction
- Other Activities



Spencer is undergoing treatment for cancer.

Come even if you are NOT planning on attending the football game.



Red Cross Bloodmobile

will be here on

Monday, September 25th

from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information,
call 1-800-RED CROSS

(1-800-733-2767) or visit
www.RedCrossBlood.org

FUNERAL

SERVICE GROUPS

Serving the next funeral will be Group 1.

Service Group 1 chairpersons are:

Cory & Emily Heinrich	320-815-8320
Greg & Sherry Norby	734-4873
Bob & Jen Tostenson	269-8185

LOCAL NEWS

God's Work. Our Hands.



"God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday

On Sunday, September 10th, we will be working on service projects like we've done in the past.

People of all ages can work together.

What can you do?

- Come and help on September 10!
- 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.



Schedule for the day:

- 9:15 Sunday school
- 9:45 Coffee fellowship
- 10:15 Balloon release
- 10:30 Worship with communion and sending out
- 11:00-12:15 Work on Service projects
- 12:15 Fellowship Dinner
Gather back at church for a meal together. Dinner will be provided, thanks to a Thrivent grant.

Projects:

- Pack military boxes
- Assemble layettes
- Roll cloth bandages
- Tie quilts
- Make cards/color pictures for military boxes and shut ins
- Clean up road ditch and around town
- Visit. Do you ever think, "I should visit ___"? Well, here's your chance. Take this opportunity to go visit them.

There will be projects for people from age 2 to 100! It's a great time to work together and get to know other members of the church.

Please come and join us as we do God's Work with Our Hands!

Since 2013, thousands of ELCA congregations have participated in this dedicated day of service, gathering to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people. This is one way we can be "church together" and "church for the sake of the world".

"God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

We will join with many other ELCA congregations across the country to boldly participate in God's work in the world. We will use our various gifts in service to our community.

Come and see what's happening!



Synod News

Ordination of Mort Meyenburg

"Let it be acclaimed that Mort Meyenburg is called and ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the church of Christ."

Mort provided pulpit supply to many area churches, including Kviteseid, as a lay leader for several years. She also coordinated the lay ministry classes for our synod. Then she felt the call to full-time ministry. She entered Luther Seminary while also serving as a vicar at Healing Waters Parish of Yellow Medicine County for three years. She graduated with a Master of Divinity degree from Luther in May. Pr. Mort has been called to serve as pastor at Healing Waters Parish.

Mort's ordination celebration took place on Saturday, July 22nd at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Montevideo MN.

Pastor Kristine helped serve communion at the service.

Pictured are the pastors who were in attendance for the ordination service. Second row second from the right is Pastor Kathryn Rothman who served at Big Bend from 1993 to 1997.

LOCAL NEWS

September



Thank You

Dear Area Churches,

Thank you for your donation of \$79.00 from the Lakeside Worship Service. The three area food shelves are happy to receive your gift. The need seems to be increasing and more food has to be bought locally as we can't get all that is needed each month from second Harvest Heartland in St. Paul. As you know everyone involved with the food shelf is a volunteer.

Thanks again to help feed the needy.

- Stan Olson, Treasurer
LqP Community Food Shelf

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 is on the table in the narthex. The ushers will make the coffee.

Congratulations

Congratulations to
Immanuel Lutheran Church
of rural Montevideo.
They celebrated their
150th anniversary August 13.

Military Boxes

Military boxes will be packed on September 10th, God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. Items that can be sent are candy, jerky, raisins, licorice, microwave popcorn and baked goods (4-6 in a baggie). Please



have donated items to church by 12:00 p.m. Friday, September 8th. Monetary donations are also appreciated. For questions, please call Judi (734-4671) or Nancy (734-4694).

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Sunday Schedule

- ✝ Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. ✝
- ✝ Coffee Fellowship at 9:45 a.m. ✝
- ✝ Worship at 10:30 a.m. ✝
- ✝ Online Worship at 10:30 a.m. ✝

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