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Greetings from Pastor Kristine Isder

“Do not be afraid; go and tell.”

Excerpts from Bishop Dee Pederson’s 2023 Easter Message

As Matthew tells the resurrection story, Matthew 28:1-10, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary had just stepped into a new reality. Jesus had been crucified. The earth itself was shaking. They had no idea what life would be like in the future. If the grave could be empty, there was no telling what else God might be up to. If the risen Jesus could meet them on the road, then maybe he actually could be going ahead of them and meet them as he promised! For as he told them, *“Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”* (Mt. 28:10)

Easter is an opportunity to

speak good news that our world longs to hear more than ever. Some will come to worship because it is an expected family tradition. Some will come because someone invited them to go with them. Some will dare to come to worship in person because you met them where they were online, and now there is something drawing them to beloved community with you. And some will come having the story nearly memorized but knowing they need to hear the old, old story speak to the new reality of their life today.

Whoever the worshipers are, wherever and however they hear the Easter story, the words of Jesus according to Matthew speak a word for today. *“Do not be afraid; go and tell.”*

“Do not be afraid” is one of those assurances God knows we

need to hear. Again, and again! So, it appears frequently in Scripture. Here in Matthew’s Easter story, fear figures prominently and appears four times: *“For fear of him...” “Do not be afraid...” “... with fear and great joy...” “Do not be afraid...”*

What a relevant word that is for Easter 2023! It seems like fear tries to grip us in so many ways. We are afraid about:

- health issues and emotional well-being – our own or of those we love
- the polarization of our communities and congregations
- flooding and drought
- our children’s safety while at school
- the health of creation

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STEWARDSHIP

Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund	
2023 Financial Responsibilities	\$246,213
Checking Register for the General Fund	
3/1/23 balance:	\$7,704
March income:	\$16,276
March expenses:	\$16,591
3/31/23 balance:	\$7,389

Worship Offerings & Attendance



Sunday

April 2 <i>Palm Sun.</i>	\$1,574	134
April 9 <i>Easter</i>	\$3,843	213
April 16	\$453	50
April 23	\$2,494	58

Lent (Joint Services - attendance includes Big Bend members)

March 29 <i>Wed</i>	\$165	50
April 6 <i>Maundy Thu.</i>	\$536	96
April 7 <i>Good Fri.</i>	\$165.25	104



Memorials & Gifts

None to Report

Online Giving ...

Visit our website at

milanslutheranchurch.com



PRAYERS

We offer up prayers for ...

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LOCAL NEWS

Pastor, Staff & Officers

Greetings from Pastor Kristine

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- peace in Ukraine and in the Middle East
- the economy
- the survival of our churches

Do the words of the living Jesus make a difference this Easter? Yes! Like the Marys, you and I have stepped into a new reality. Sure, it's not what we would have chosen; but this is where, by God's grace, we are standing right now. And like the Marys, by God's grace, Jesus does not just tell us to keep on standing where we are in fear. He says:

"Do not be afraid." Calm down. God is on the side of life, and nothing can stop God from loving you. If Jesus could go to the

cross and overcome death and the grave with life, be assured that he has the power to give you courage and strength for the living of these days.

"Go and tell." Go. Don't freeze where you are. Walking the way of Jesus is THE way to live; it is what it means to have life and have it abundantly. And that is a message too good to keep to oneself. So, go. Be a witness. Tell someone else.

"I am going ahead of you." Yes - Jesus is out ahead of you, bringing new life before we can even imagine the power and presence of God being there. There is no place where you or I will go that Jesus has not gone already.

"Go to Galilee." Jesus and the first followers went to Galilee. You and I are sent to the Galilees of our lives, our communities, our world - to the places and people who look for healing, freedom, forgiveness,

faith, love, and belonging.

Dear friends, I give thanks for you and for your faithfulness to tell the Easter story in the cities, farmland, and towns where God has planted you. I pray for each of our congregations as you embody the good news of a living Jesus this Easter and every day. May this living Jesus strengthen your hearts, calm your fears, and send you to go and tell.

+ Grace, and peace in Christ,
Rev. Dee Pederson, D.Min.
Bishop, Southwestern Minnesota
Synod, ELCA



2023 Kviteseid Staff & Officers



Office Staff

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Jessica Trager

Sunday School Supt.:
Talia Schuerman

Contributions Secretaries:
Heidi Hanson
Luther Opjorden

Church Officers

President: Tom Moe
Vice Pres: Paul Tostenson
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Rich Isder, Char Strand, Jon Hanson, Stacey Lea, Cindy Kanten

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President: Nancy Schneck
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Secretary: Cathy Olson
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Sue Streed, Ronae Rose, Karla Schwendemann, Naomi Streed, Char Johnson

WORSHIP NEWS

May Schedules



Deacon Communion Setup

- 7 - Char Strand
- 14 - Jon Hanson

Lectors

- 7 - Rich Isder
- 14 - Heidi Hanson
- 21 - Judy Thompson
- 28 - *Lakeside Worship*
Connie Fragodt

Media Operators

- 7 - Paul Tostenson
- 14 - Isaac Hanson
- 21 - Tom Moe
- 28 - *None needed*

Video Recorders

- 7 - Jon Hanson
- 14 - Rich Isder
- 21 - Jon Hanson
- 28 - *None needed*

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 3

Captain - Bryan Schuerman
289-3127

Paul Belseth
Wade Kittelson
Bruce Loose
Tim Streed
Paul Tostenson

Quilt Blessing

**Sunday,
May 7**

during
9:00 a.m.
worship



Road Ditch Clean-up

**Sunday, May 7
9:45 a.m.**

Meet at the church

Bring a pair
of gloves



Senior Recognition

Sunday, May 21

during 9 a.m. Worship



Carter Bowen
Cale Norby
Sara Larson

A reception will be held in their honor following morning worship in the fellowship hall

Lakeside Worship Service

at Milan Beach Resort

(Randall's - Lac qui Parle Lake)

Sunday, May 28th - 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 provided by Randall's following worship.

LOCAL NEWS

Bible Readings and Sunday School

Bible Reading Plans

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



Readings for May to read the Bible in a year Chronologically

May 1 2 Samuel 5:1-10;
1 Chronicles 11-12
May 2 Psalm 133
May 3 Psalm 106-107
May 4 2 Samuel 5:11-6:23;
1 Chronicles 13-16
May 5 Psalm 1-2/15/22-24/
47/68
May 6 Psalm 89/96/100-101/
105/132
May 7 2 Samuel 7;
1 Chronicles 17
May 8 Psalm 25/29/33/36/39
May 9 2 Samuel 8-9;
1 Chronicles 18

May 10 Psalm 50/53/60/75
May 11 2 Samuel 10;
1 Chronicles 19;
Psalm 20
May 12 Psalm 65-67/69-70
May 13 2 Samuel 11-12;
1 Chronicles 20
May 14 Psalm 32/51/86/122
May 15 2 Samuel 13-15
May 16 Psalm 3-4/12-13/
28/55
May 17 2 Samuel 16-18
May 18 Psalm 26/40/58/
61-62/64
May 19 2 Samuel 19-21
May 20 Psalm 5/38/41-42
May 21 2 Samuel 22-23;
Psalm 57

May 22 Psalm 95/97-99
May 23 2 Samuel 24;
1 Chronicles 21-22;
Psalm 30
May 24 Psalm 108-110
May 25 1 Chronicles 23-25
May 26 Psalm 131/138-139/
143-145
May 27 1 Chronicles 26-29;
Psalm 127
May 28 Psalm 111-118
May 29 1 Kings 1-2;
Psalm 37/71/94
May 30 Psalm 119:1-88
May 31 1 Kings 3-4;
2 Chronicles 1;
Psalm 72

First Communion

Isaac Link

Lucas Schuerman

Making the Communion Bread



Sunday School

Singing on Palm Sunday



Making Resurrection Eggs



Playing Bingo



LOCAL NEWS

Helping Hands

Helping Hands

Well, spring is supposed to be here! I am hoping it is still coming and that we haven't missed it!

The Milan Syttende Mai Celebration - Taste of Syttende Mai - is right around the corner - May 20, 10 a.m to 1 p.m.! Thank you to all who are working on making our part of the celebration happen. You are heroes! We are still in need of some help in various areas of the Taste to be held at Kviteseid. If you are contacted, please feel free to help out! If you are so moved, please call Nancy at 734-4736 or catch me on the street to offer your help! That would be so wonderful! We are so appreciative of all who are doing all the baking, assembling and cooking of the various items. It would be so great to see lots of our members come and partake of the traditional goodies to be had! There are lots of things that need to be purchased. If you would like to contribute money towards the purchase of those items, please contact Nancy Schneck to direct the use of those funds. Thank you so much!

Thank you to Service Group 3, chairpersons Theresa Erickson, Rob/Karla Schwendemann, Ray/Jessica Trager, for serving the

family and friends of Rod Olson. It was so appreciated by the family. Thank you to those who stepped up to help with the serving and cleanup. You are appreciated too!

Service Group 4, chairpersons, Bob/Diane Berven, Heidi Spray, Sue Streed, are next to serve for funeral service.

The beautiful quilts that were assembled this winter will be blessed the first Sunday in May. Those individuals who were confirmed at Kviteseid and are now Seniors will be invited to come that Sunday and pick the quilt that speaks to them and they will be presented to them on Senior Recognition Sunday, May 21 during the worship service. Thank you to all who had a part in making the quilts!

Condolences to Pastor Kristine and Rich Isder on the death of her mother. Her funeral was held recently and several members of the congregation were with her to



celebrate a special life. Prayers to the family.

Blessings to everyone and happy spring! It will get here soon!

Milan Syttende Mai Smorgas Tea

Saturday, May 20



10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kviteseid Fellowship Hall

Layettes

Last year when we had God's Work Our Hands Sunday we did Layettes as one of our projects. We would like to do it again this year.

We are in need of receiving blankets. They need to be either 30x30 or 36x36 or 42x42. We hope you can help us out. We are thinking about having a day later to make some blankets. Hope you can help. If you need more info, call me at 289-3066. Thanks for your help.

- Cathy Olson

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FUNERAL

SERVICE GROUPS

Serving the next funeral will be Group 4.

Service Group 4 chairpersons are:

Bob & Diane Berven	269-8949
Heidi Spray	226-3422
Sue Streed	734-4424

LOCAL NEWS

Southwest Minnesota Synod

Synod News

2023 Synod Assembly

The 2023 Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly will be held in person June 9-10 at Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter.

The theme is Embody the Word.

We can have two voting members. If you are interested in being a voting member at synod assembly, talk to Pastor Kristine.

Up for election at this year's Synod Assembly are the following positions:

- ⇒ Synod Vice President (Lay)
- ⇒ Synod Secretary (Lay or Rostered)
- ⇒ Synod Treasurer (Lay or Rostered)
- ⇒ Synod Council-At Large (Rostered Male)
- ⇒ Synod Council-At Large (Lay Female)
- ⇒ Consultation Committee (Lay Female and Male)
- ⇒ Discipline Committee (Rostered Male)



Board Meetings

Wednesday, May 17



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

Relay for Life

Relay for Life Chippewa/ Yellow Medicine counties will be held Friday, June 9th in Montevideo at Smith Park. Donations will be collected for the American Cancer Society. Donations may be mailed or given to Lorrie Spray.



Lorrie Spray
4055 130th Ave NW
Milan, MN 56262

Coffee Fellowship

Join us for coffee in the narthex after worship. Ushers will make the coffee. Please sign up to serve goodies. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.



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LOCAL NEWS

Letters of Thanks

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers, cards, memorials and expressions of sympathy on the death of my mother, Margaret Kelm. Thank you also to the congregation for the plant and plaque for the funeral and the memorial gift.

Thank you to those who attended the funeral.

Memorials will be given to Green Lake Lutheran Ministries to provide Bible camp opportunities for young people.

I really appreciate your prayers and support.

- Pastor Kristine

Thank you for your continued support of the Lac qui Parle Community Food Shelf with your donation of \$58.50.

Last year, 442 households (796 individuals) were served by the food shelf taking 31,956 pounds of food plus garden produce donated by area gardeners.

All the food purchases are from Second Harvest Heartland in St. Paul, which they deliver once a month, and from Jubilee Foods in Madison.

Everyone involved with the food shelf, and there are many, is a volunteer.

Because of caring folks like you, the food shelf is able to offer a wide variety of good food.

Thanks again for your donation!

- Stan Olson, Treasurer
Lac qui Parle County Food Shelf



Thank you Kviteseid Lutheran Church for your recent charitable donation of \$58.50. Your support and generosity enable us to serve many individuals in our local area. We are grateful for your kindness and your continued support.

- Prairie Five CAC
Chippewa County Food Shelf



Thank you to our Sunday School teachers, superintendent, music director, and helpers for the giving of your time and energy and for sharing your love for God with our kids each Sunday morning. Also, thank you to our students for attending and participating in our many Sunday School activities.

Bible Camp

Summer 2023 Bible Camp at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

As Green Lake Lutheran Ministries enters our 85th year of summer camp ministry, we invite you to GATHER together, GROW in faith, and be inspired to GO share God's love with the world!

Our relationship with God requires the same care we give to plants to help them flourish. And like harvesting and sharing produce with others, we are called to share and experience faith with others. Through Bible study and worship, meals and activities, campers will engage in ways to plant and root themselves in the promise of Jesus Christ and discover what it means to bear good fruit to share with others.

Calling all kids to register for Bible Camp! Registration is open.

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
Kviteseid Church	\$150



Looking Ahead

Worship Time Change

Worship at 10:30 a.m. starting **July 9**



Lakeside Worship

at Milan Beach Resort



July 2
September 3

TWC Bible Study

Wednesday,
May 10

1:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall



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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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