

Kviteeid Voice



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Greetings from Pastor Kristine Isder

Our journey through Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 17. Lent is a time of prayer and preparation to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter.

Lent has been celebrated by the church since the fourth century. Originally Lent was the time of preparation for those who were to be baptized at Easter. It was a time of concentrated study and prayer before baptism on Easter. Since these new members were to be received into a living community of faith, the entire community was called to preparation.

Christians today use the time of Lent for introspection, self-examination and repentance. Some people “give up” something during Lent. Others “take up” something, such as intentional Lenten devotions, intentional prayer or a service project.

The color of Lent is purple, which symbolizes both the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus as well as the suffering of humanity and the world under sin. But purple is also the color of royalty and anticipates the resurrection and hope of newness that comes after the suffering.

The final destination of this journey of Lent is Holy Week and Easter Sunday. But in 2020 we didn’t get to celebrate Holy Week and Easter in the church building.

It was a year ago in March when activities started to be shut down because of the Covid-19 pandemic. March 15 was our last in-person worship service until

August 23.

Some people feel like Lent of 2020 never ended; others say it’s the longest Lent-ish season they have experienced. Almost a year later, we are still not back to “normal” activities. We lament all the activities that were missed.

But Easter was still celebrated in 2020. The celebration just looked different than other years. Instead of a church full of people, services were broadcast online and people watched at home.

We still celebrated the fact that the grave couldn’t hold Jesus. Death had lost and life had won! We celebrate that because Jesus conquered death, we will also have eternal life. Again this year we will celebrate Easter in whatever form it takes.



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STEWARDSHIP

Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund
2021 Financial Responsibilities
\$233,650

Checking Register
for the General Fund

1/1/21 balance: \$10,480
January income: \$9,824
January expenses: \$14,863
1/31/21 balance: \$5,441

Worship Offerings & Attendance



Sunday

January 31	\$2,742	25
February 7	\$766	41
February 14	\$520	15
February 21	\$1,136	36

Lent (Joint Services - attendance includes Big Bend members)

February 17	\$180	46
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(Ash Wednesday)

Donate online...



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milanslutheranchurch.com

*** Financial Reminder ***

Church financial responsibilities continue as we go through this period of uncertainty. Please send your weekly offerings to the church office or donate online so we can meet our monthly obligations.

THANK YOU!

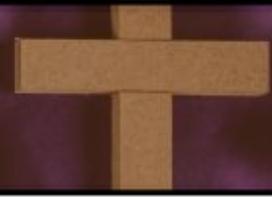
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We offer up prayers for ...

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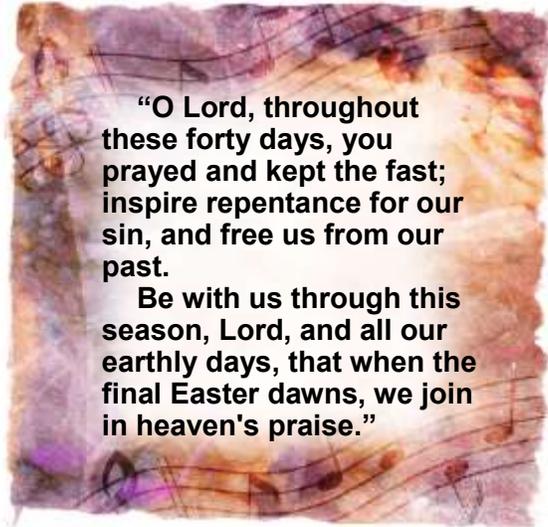
Pastor, Staff & Officers



Greetings from Pr. Kristine

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This hymn speaks to our time of Lent:



“O Lord, throughout these forty days, you prayed and kept the fast; inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past.

Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days, that when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.”

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Cross of Triumph



Also known as the Cross of Victory, this cross symbolizes Christ's final triumph and his reign throughout the earth. The Cross of Triumph is often depicted atop Jesus' scepter when he's shown in his kingly office.

Minnesota Facemask Regulations



In Minnesota, facemasks are required to be worn in all indoor spaces to limit the spread of Covid-19.

Places of worship

need to follow these provisions.



2021 Kviteseid Staff & Officers



Office Staff

Pastor Kristine Isder
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Parish Assistant:
Theresa Erickson
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Financial Secretary:
Missy Ervin

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Custodian: David Thompson
Organist: Judi Bohm

Volunteer Leadership

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Jessica Trager

Sunday School Supt.:
Talia Schuerman

Contributions Secretaries:
Paul Belseth
Heidi Hanson

Church Officers

President: Roger Strand

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Secretary: Sherry Norby

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Board of Deacons

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Cindy Kanten, Rich Isder,
Char Strand

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Nate Spray, Josh Vetter, Erik Boraas

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Hillary Spray, Holly Kanten,
Jenna Norby

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

WORSHIP NEWS

March Schedules & Events



Lenten Services

Wednesday evening Lenten services will be held at 7:00 p.m. There will be no suppers. Big Bend members will be joining us.

The theme of our services this year is “**The Body of Christ**”.

This is a series of services that takes the time to consider seriously our Lord’s humanity, the human body in which he wrought our salvation. Each week, scripture readings, messages, hymns and prayers will invite us to focus our attention on: the feet of Christ, the eyes of Christ, the hands of Christ, the mouth of Christ, the ears of Christ, the heart of Christ.

March 3: The Mouth of Christ

March 10: The Ears of Christ

March 17: The Eyes of Christ

March 24: The Heart of Christ

April 1 - Maundy Thursday: The Blood of Christ

April 2 - Good Friday: The Body of Christ

April 4 - Easter: The Risen Body of Christ

Church Cancellations

Although worship will rarely be canceled, please use your own judgment before traveling in to church on those questionable days. If Pastor Kristine and Rich can get to the church, a worship service will be recorded and posted online. Weather related announcements can be heard on KDMA 1460 AM or KLQP 92.1 FM. It will also be posted on the Kviteleid website home page and on Kviteleid’s Facebook page.



MARCH
USHER
SCHEDULE

Group 1
Luther League

March is MN FoodShare Month

The MN Food Share March Campaign kicks off March 1. After years of steadily declining food insecurity rates, it was projected that food insecurity in Minnesota in 2020, impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, could rise to 13%. A record over 3.75 million visits to food shelves were expected to occur during 2020. More than 400,000 Minnesotans receive nutrition benefits via SNAP



(Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) each month. Impacted by Covid-19, data from 2020 is still being evaluated.

Kviteleid will be receiving a special local hunger offering on Sundays, March 7 and 14. These monies will be sent to the Chipewa, Lac qui Parle and Swift County food shelves.



“HOSANNA!
BLESSED IS THE ONE
WHO COMES IN THE
NAME OF THE LORD
— THE KING OF ISRAEL!”
JOHN 12:13



MARCH
Worship
Assistants

Lectors

- 7 - Connie Fragodt
- 14 - Lee Haugen
- 21 - Tom Moe
- 28 - Jon Hanson

Media Operators

- 7 - Ty Norby
- 14 - Carter Bowen
- 21 - Nancy Schneck
- 28 - Theresa Erickson

Deacon Communion Setup

- 7 - Cindy Kanten

Video Recorders

- 7 - Rich Isder
- 14 - Theresa Erickson
- 21 - Theresa Erickson
- 28 - 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.



Spring Ahead

Remember to set clocks ahead Sunday, March 14

WORSHIP NEWS

March



Looking Ahead

Worship Services for Holy Week and Easter



Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 28 at 9:00 a.m.



Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.
Holy Communion
First Communion



Good Friday

Friday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.

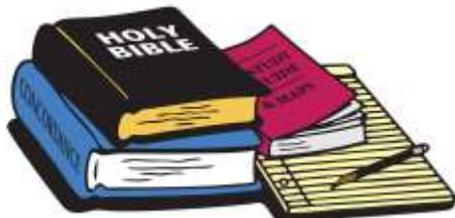


Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 4 at 9:00 a.m.
Holy Communion

TWC Bible Study

Together with Christ Bible study will meet Wednesday, March 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall socially distanced. Big Bend will be joining us. Bring your own beverage and snack.



Kviteseid Connectors

The “Kviteseid Connectors” visitation ministry team is looking for a few more people to join them in reaching out and connecting with our members who are unable to attend worship. Because of Covid-19, we are limited to doing non-contact visitation which may include phone calls, emails, and/or notes in the mail. Prayerfully consider becoming a part of this ministry. If interested, please call or text Char Strand at 320-815-0219 or send her an email at lakeannie@fedteldirect.net.



FUNERAL Ushers are needed

If you are able to help out, please contact Pastor Kristine.



Easter lilies (standard and deluxe versions) may be purchased at **Country Floral (289-1321) in Appleton** to be placed in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of a loved one. You may take your purchased lily home after Easter morning worship.

Lenten Worship Schedule

Joint Worship with Big Bend

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Kviteseid

— No Suppers —

March 3
March 10
March 17
March 24

Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for ways to help out the church? There are many opportunities.

Ways you can SERVE

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.

LOCAL NEWS

March News & Schedules

Conference News

The Lac qui Parle Conference assembly was held February 14 by Zoom. Our conference stretches from Ortonville to Dawson and east to Maynard and consists of 28 churches and two nursing homes.

Pastor Matt Danielson reported that Lac qui Parle Conference Global Missions has ended. Our conference was the last one in the synod to still have a Global Missions group. It had very dedicated members. The remaining funds were distributed to Friends of Madagascar and Global Health Ministries. Thank you to all those who have participated in these gatherings over the years.

Pr. Dee Pederson and Pr. Art Wiese presented the synod report about activities in the synod.

Two churches in our conference closed in 2020 and were recognized: Jevnaker in June and St. John's of Holloway in September.

Election results:

Pastor Kristine was re-elected as conference dean for another two-year term.

Churchwide Assembly 2022
Voting Members: Clergy Female: Pastor Kristine Isder, Lay Female: Mort Meyenburg.

The conference also pre-identified a candidate for the synod bishop election.

Officers are: Conference Chair: Larry Larson of Big Bend, Conference Dean: Pastor Kristine of Kviteseid and Big Bend; Secretary: Pastor Matt Philaya of Salem in Montevideo, Treasurer: Rich Isder of Kviteseid.



Military Boxes

Military boxes will be packed Tuesday, March 23, at 9:00 a.m. Items that can be sent are jerky, raisins, licorice, microwave popcorn, candy or baked goods (4 - 6 in a baggie). Please have items to church by 12:00 noon Monday, March 22. Also, monetary donations are appreciated.



Video Team

Are you tech savvy? Would you like to be on the first ever Kviteseid video team? We are looking for help. Training will be provided. The system will be easy to use. The video team will be responsible for starting the recording and streaming and monitoring the camera. The camera will be run by remote control and a video mixing program. One person will be needed for each service. Please let Pastor Kristine know if you are interested.



Church Boards & Council



In-Person and by Zoom

Deacons

Tuesday, March 16th
at 7:00 p.m.

Trustees

Wednesday, March 17th
at 6:00 p.m.

Church Council

Wednesday, March 17th
at 7:45 p.m.

The 2021 Offering Envelopes



are on the table in the Narthex.

Please pick yours up at your earliest convenience if you haven't already done so.

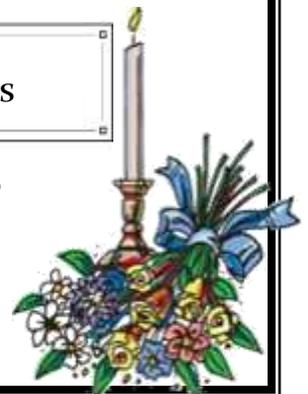
FUNERAL

SERVICE GROUPS

Serving the next funeral will be group four.

Service Group 4 chairpersons are:

Robert & Jill Blom	793-6740
Erik Boraas	605-695-9862
Craig & Char Strand	734-4758



LOCAL NEWS

Southwest Minnesota Synod



Synod News

Excerpts From Bishop Jon Anderson's Annual Report

"I want to weep and lament for the ways our lives and communities of faith have been damaged by the virus. I want to weep for the lives lost, friends who have or will leave us, and fears about the uncertainty of the future.

I also want to shout with praise to God for leading us through this season and getting us to this point nearing the end of our wrestling with this virus. Looking forward I have concerns and fears, but I have a deeper confidence that trusts God is with us and guiding us through this wilderness. Like God's people in troubled times in the past, I trust God will work in the lives of people, congregations, and synod to grow us stronger and more faithful through this time of struggle.

Most of us could never imagine we could do what we have done. We have not gotten everything right, but God has kept leading us, protecting us, inspiring us to forgive and to execute new strategies for all forms of ministry – worship, faith formation, youth ministry, pastoral care, serving our neighbors – to safely navigate this time of the virus.

In the coming days, weeks, months, and years we are called to work together to build a better "normal" for our lives, families, congregations, communities, and world. It will take faith and hope. God will inspire us to love, have courage, and practice forgiveness in the coming year.

Your synod office is thankful for your ongoing generosity and support. Your support of your congregation and your larger church has been heroic, noticed and appreciated."

Full report: <https://swmnelca.org/2021/01/07/what-will-serve-the-gospel-now/>

"Grace and peace to you. We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you." -1 Thessalonians 1

Bible Camp

"Guided by the Light"

Calling all kids to register for Bible Camp! Green Lake is looking forward to welcoming kids to camp this summer after having to cancel camp last summer. Registration is open. Early bird discount ends March 1.



For more information, contact the 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

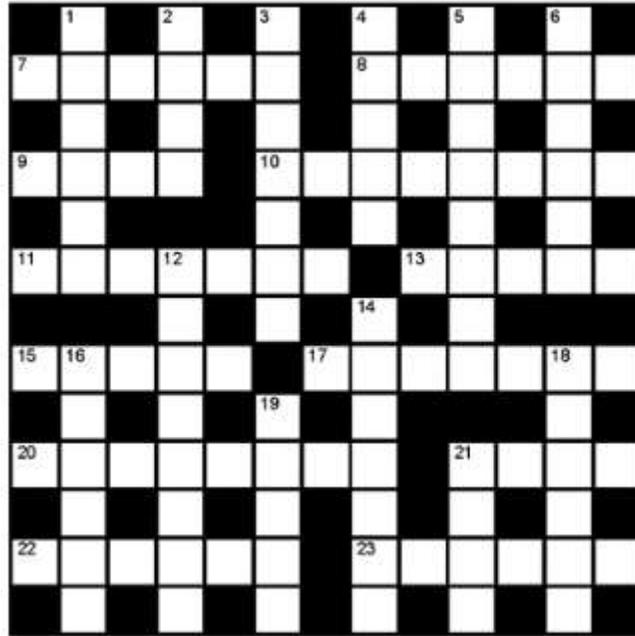
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JUST FOR FUN

The Book of 1 Peter

1 Peter



Answer Key
is posted on the
Newsletters page online
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Across

- 7 Peter encourages servants to be subject to not only the good and _____ masters, but also the forward. 1 Peter 2:18 (6)
- 8 The Hebrew name for God. (6)
- 9 “For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of _____ souls.” 1 Peter 2:25 (4)
- 10 Your faith is more _____ than gold. 1 Peter 1:7 (8)
- 11 Peter urges us to be sober and vigilant because the devil is like a lion, _____ whom he may devour. 1 Peter 5:8 (7)
- 13 Christ “was manifest in these last _____ for you.” 1 Peter 1:20 (5)
- 15 Christ suffered for our sins so that He might _____ us to God. 1 Peter 3:18 (5)
- 17 “Likewise, ye _____, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.” 1 Peter 5:5 (7)
- 20 Peter was one of these. There were 12 total. (8)

- 21 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, but His _____ is against those who do evil. 1 Peter 3:12 (4)
- 22 “But the word of the Lord _____ th for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.” 1 Peter 1:25 (6)
- 23 Peter says to be ready to give this to anyone who asks for a reason for the hope that is in you. 1 Peter 3:15 (6)

Down

- 1 Christ was “foreordained _____ the foundation of the world.” 1 Peter 1:20 (6)
- 2 This appeared in the sky at Christ’s birth. (4)
- 3 This creature beguiled Eve and was cursed to crawl on its belly. (7)

- 4 Also called Cephas and means “rock.” (5)
- 5 “To him be glory and _____ for ever and ever. Amen.” 1 Peter 5:11 (8)
- 6 The phrase “The like _____ whereunto” is used to compare the saving of Noah and his family from the flood with the baptism of believers. 1 Peter 3:21 (6)

- 12 Two words. This Old Testament character pursued David and sought to kill him. (4,4)
- 14 Two words. These are the rules that the Lord gave to the Hebrews through Moses. (4,3)
- 16 1 Peter 2:11 urges believers to “abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul.” The bible teaches to do this if you do sin. (6)
- 18 This word means to abstain or keep away from. 1 Peter 3:11 (6)
- 19 Peter exhorts these people to be examples and feed the flock of God. 1 Peter 5:1 (5)
- 21 Along with prayer, this spiritual discipline was practiced by many members of the early church. (4)

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Sunday Schedule

✝ **Worship at 9:00 a.m.** ✝
✝ **Online Video Worship at 9:00 a.m.** ✝

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