

Kviteleid Voice

Kviteleid Lutheran Church

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Greetings from Pastor Kristine Isder

Moving from Lent to Easter

After a long and seemingly unending winter, we hope that spring will soon be here. As we change seasons from winter to spring, in the church year we move from Lent to Holy Week and to Easter.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on April 2 when we observe Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It was a joyful celebration with the crowds waving palm branches and singing Hosanna to the redeemer king.

On Maundy Thursday we remember the last meal Jesus ate with his disciples. We continue to celebrate the Last Supper every time we observe the sacrament of Holy Communion.

After the meal, Jesus went with his disciples to the Garden of

Gethsemane where he prayed. Judas arrived with a large crowd from the chief priests and elders and betrayed Jesus. He was arrested and led off for trial.

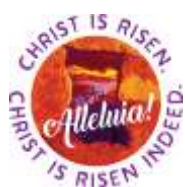
On Good Friday we remember Jesus' trial, crucifixion, suffering, death and burial. It's a solemn day. It seems that death has won with Jesus in the grave.

But it's not the end.

On Easter Sunday we hear the amazing news that the tomb is empty:

"He is not here; for he has been raised, as He said." (Matthew 28:6)

Death had lost and life had won.



The words of the hymn

**"Christ Is Risen!
Alleluia!"**

expresses the joy of the resurrection:

"Christ is risen! All the sadness
of our Lenten fast is o'er;
through the open gates of gladness
he returns to life once more;
death and hell before him bending
see him rise, the victor now,
angels on his steps attending,
glory round his wounded brow.

Christ is risen! All the sorrow
that last evening round him lay
now has found a glorious morrow
in the rising of today.
See the grave its first fruits giving,
springing up from holy ground;
Christ was dead, but now is living;
he was lost, but he is found.

Christ is risen! Henceforth never
death or hell shall us enthral.
We are Christ's, in him forever
we have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection
of our trembling hearts have ceased;
hail the day of resurrection!"

(Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.)

STEWARDSHIP

Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund
2023 Financial Responsibilities
\$246,313

Checking Register
for the General Fund

2/1/23 balance: \$14,677
February income: \$13,903
February expenses: \$20,876
2/28/23 balance: \$7,704

Worship Offerings & Attendance



Sunday

February 26	\$826	60
March 5	\$1,714	71
March 12	\$1,102	45
March 19	\$1,380	54
March 26	\$1,147	49

Lent (Joint Services - attendance includes Big Bend members)

March 8	\$110	38
March 15	\$101	44
March 22	\$97	50

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

Micronesian Gift

Many things in life take a village to complete. So it is with the gift to the Micronesian community from the congregation of Kviteseid congratulating them on their new church building in Appleton.

Here is how that gift came about. Jodi Schneck Bungarden had commissioned Kim Heimdahl to photograph many of her mom's



pieces of rosemaling for another project. One of these photographs was selected and applied to a canvas by Poly Mendes Photography. After that process, Nancy lettered "Sing for Joy" in one corner and a cross in the opposite corner. As we all know the Micronesians are well known for their glorious, heartfelt singing. A plaque is attached to the back of the canvas detailing the gift and the origin of the words.

Many thanks to Nancy, Jodi, Kim, Poly and to Char Strand for

coordinating the whole process.

The gift was presented to the Micronesian congregation on March 5th when they held a worship service at Kviteseid.

In February, Pastor Kristine was interviewed by former Bishop Jon Anderson for a class at Luther Seminary. The topic was "Loving Your Neighbors-South Pacific". The recording is part of a series of "Loving Your Neighbors".



Pastor Kristine presenting the Kviteseid gift to Samuel Sepinon of The Romanum Milan Minnesota Christian Church Congregation on March 5.

2023 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
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

April Schedules



Acolytes

- 2 - Thor Hewitt
- 6 - *Maundy Thursday*
Gabrielle Augeson
- 9 - *Easter*
Jessa Norby
- 16 - Ty Norby
- 23 - Alexandra Joyce
- 30 - *Confirmation*
Matthew Schuerman

Deacon Communion Setup

- 6 - Cindy Kanten
- 9 - Stacey Lea
- 30 - Stacey Lea

Lectors

- 2 - Jen Tostenson
- 6 - *Maundy Thursday*
Reed Molden
- 7 - *Good Friday*
Rob Schwendemann
- 9 - *Easter*
Teresa Olson
- 16 - Sherry Norby
- 23 - Jon Hanson
- 30 - *Confirmation*
Confirmands

Media Operators

- 2 - Jessa Norby
- 6 - *Maundy Thursday*
Rich Isder
- 7 - *Good Friday*
Nancy Schneck
- 9 - *Easter*
Tom Moe
- 16 - Gabrielle Augeson
- 23 - Ty Norby
- 30 - *Confirmation*
Scarlett Trager

Video Recorders

- 2 - Rich Isder
- 6 - *Maundy Thursday*
Theresa Erickson
- 7 - *Good Friday*
Jon Hanson
- 9 - *Easter*
Rich Isder
- 16 - Jon Hanson
- 23 - Theresa Erickson
- 30 - *Confirmation*
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.

Faith Milestones

In April we will celebrate two faith milestones in the lives of our young people.

The fifth graders have been attending first communion classes in preparation to receive Holy Communion for the first time. They will receive their first communion on Maundy Thursday, April 6th. The fifth graders are: **Isaac Link and Lucas Schuerman.**

The second milestone in April is confirmation Sunday on April 30th. Four of our young people will affirm their baptism: **Gabby Augeson, Gunner Liebl, Jessa Norby and Ty Norby.** When they were baptized, their parents made promises for them. Now they will affirm these promises for themselves.

Come and support our young people as they receive first communion and affirm their baptism.

April USHERS

Group 7

Captain - Ken Lee
320-226-3970

Robert Blom
Josh Moen
Matt Norby
Paul Spray
Andy Streed

Coffee Fellowship

Coffee is 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.



LOCAL NEWS

Bible Readings

Bible Reading Plans

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



Readings for April to read the Bible in a year Chronologically

Apr 1 Judges 6-7
Apr 2 Judges 8-9
Apr 3 Judges 10-12
Apr 4 Judges 13-15
Apr 5 Judges 16-18
Apr 6 Judges 19-21
Apr 7 Ruth
Apr 8 1 Samuel 1-3
Apr 9 1 Samuel 4-8
Apr 10 1 Samuel 9-12

Apr 11 1 Samuel 13-14
Apr 12 1 Samuel 15-17
Apr 13 1 Samuel 18-20;
Psalm 11/59
Apr 14 1 Samuel 21-24
Apr 15 Psalm 7/27/31/34/52
Apr 16 Psalm 56/120/140-
142
Apr 17 1 Samuel 25-27
Apr 18 Psalm 17/35/54/63
Apr 19 1 Samuel 28-31;
Psalm 18
Apr 20 Psalm 121/123-
125/128-130

Apr 21 2 Samuel 1-4
Apr 22 Psalm 6/8-1
0/14/16/19/21
Apr 23 1 Chronicles 1-2
Apr 24 Psalm 43-45/49/84-
85/87
Apr 25 1 Chronicles 3-5
Apr 26 Psalm 73/77-78
Apr 27 1 Chronicles 6
Apr 28 Psalm 81/88/92-93
Apr 29 1 Chronicles 7-10
Apr 30 Psalm 102-104

HOLY WEEK “Places of the Passion”

In this worship series we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, contemplating what happened at each place our Savior stood along the path of his Passion. Each service explains the meaning, history and spiritual inspiration associated with that location. We will learn things we may not have known before as we grow to understand more deeply the hard road our Lord took to his crucifixion.



April 2 - 9 a.m. Palm Sunday

Palm Processional
Sunday School Choir

Bethpage

April 6 - 7 p.m.

Maundy Thursday The Upper Room

Fifth Grade - First Communion
Holy Communion

April 7 - 7 p.m. Good Friday

Tenebrae Service

Golgotha

April 9 - 9 a.m. Easter

Easter Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt - 8:30 a.m.
Unveiling of the Cross
Holy Communion

The Garden Tomb



Easter Lilies, to be placed in the sanctuary for Easter worship in memory or in honor of a loved one, may be purchased at **Country Floral in Appleton (289-1321)**. Cost is \$17.95 (+ tax). You may take your purchased lily home after Easter morning worship.

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



LOCAL NEWS

Helping Hands

Helping Hands

I hope everyone has had a meaningful and reflective Lenten season. It is a very special time of the church year and in each of our lives.

Thank you to the Helping Hands Board, the Sunday School, Keith/Marlys Kvistero, Pastor Kristine/Rich Isder and a few others for providing and serving Lenten suppers this year. It is a fun time to visit with friends and neighbors. Who doesn't enjoy that!

We have received several \$250 Thrivent Action Team grants from Thrivent this year for our quilting missions and also for our upcoming Syttende Mai celebration. We thank Thrivent for their consideration. If you have Thrivent products, you can qualify for two of these grants each year.

Syttende Mai will be celebrated in Milan on May 20. There will be events and entertainment in downtown Milan as well as the Smorgås Tea at Kviteseid. If you feel motivated to help with this event, please contact Nancy Schneck or Marlys Kvistero. You could help with financial assistance, providing particular baked goods, helping at the serving table, kitchen or in the dining room or washing

dishes. Thank you to all who faithfully do this year after year. The proceeds of the event finance the contributions made to charitable organizations at the end of the year.

Service Group 3, chairpersons Theresa Erickson, Rob/Karla Schwendemann, Ray/Jessica Trager, is still next for funeral serving. Stay well everyone!

Congratulations to the 2023 Confirmation Class. Their service of celebration and renewal is April 30. Keep them in your prayers.

Happy Easter to everyone! Live in the Resurrection!

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

Looking Ahead

Quilt Blessing
May 7



Graduation Recognition
May 21

Lakeside Worship
May 28
July 2
September 3



17th Annual Milan Syttende Mai celebration



Saturday, May 20th
10 am - 4 pm
Main Street

Smorgås Tea
10 am - 1 pm
at Kviteseid Church

Contact Nancy Schneck or Marlys Kvistero if you are willing to help with the tea

FUNERAL

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



Red Cross Bloodmobile

will be here on Monday, April 10th from 2:00 to 6:30 p.m. For more information or to make an appointment, call Karen at (320) 734-4827.

Visit www.RedCrossBlood.org

LOCAL NEWS

Southwest Minnesota Synod

Synod News

Lutheran Men in Mission Spring Gathering

The spring gathering of the SW MN Synod Lutheran Men in Mission will be held Saturday, April 15th at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls. All men are invited to attend. For more information, go to: <https://swmnelca.org/event/lmm-spring-gathering/>

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.



All women are welcome to participate even if their congregation does not have an organized WELCA. The Spring Gathering will be held Tuesday, April 18th at Baxter Lutheran Church starting at 8:30 a.m. The program is on Hope Harbor.

Bishop Dee Pederson presented the synod report about activities in the synod. She also gave an update on our companionship with the Southeastern Diocese in South Africa. Our conference is matched with the KwaNodwengu Circuit.

All of the four officer positions were up for election. Pastor Don McKee of Our Saviors in Montevideo was elected as the new conference dean, replacing Pastor Kristine who served the maximum two two-year terms. We are still looking for a chair, secretary and treasurer. In the meantime, Matt Philaya of Montevideo continues as secretary and Rich Isder of Kviteseid as treasurer.



Discussion was held about the future of the conference. The conference structure may be changed in the future due to lack of interest and participation.

Lac qui Parle Conference Assembly

The Lac qui Parle Conference assembly was held February 26th at Kviteseid. Our conference stretches from Ortonville to Dawson and east to Maynard and consists of 28 churches and two nursing homes.

Jon Hanson, Cindy Kanten, Nancy Streed, Rich Isder and Pastor Kristine attended from Kviteseid.

Carla Johnson gave a Synod Council Report.

Carla is the chair of the Lac qui Parle Conference WELCA and gave the report. WELCA is still holding spring and fall gatherings.



Wednesday, April 19

Deacons - 6:30 p.m.
Trustees - 7:00 p.m.

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LOCAL NEWS

Letters of Thanks

Thank You Kviteseid

Thank you for the cards and prayers following the death of my mom, Margaret Kelm. Her funeral will be Saturday, April 22nd at 2:00 p.m. at Amo Lutheran Church, rural Storden.

- Pastor Kristine Isder



Thank you to family, friends, and neighbors for all the help, food, phone calls, and visits. Thank you Kviteseid for the Easter Basket of treats. It is all very much appreciated.

- Brian & Teresa Olson



Thank you for the nice Easter Treats and for thinking of us.

- Nancy Streed and family



I would like to thank Kviteseid congregation and Workgroup 1 for the Easter Basket I received. Dad passed away on Maundy Thursday last year. Easter has always meant something special to me but now even more so as I remember my dad, David Olson. Thank you for thinking of me and my family at this time.

- Missy Ervin and family



Sometimes it's hard to ask for help. Sometimes it feels selfish to ask someone else to take time to pray for them. I felt like this. I've had lots of medical testing and procedures since the beginning of 2023. It's been hard to do "normal". Missing so much school and trying to do all the activities that I enjoy, but your prayers and

thoughts make things a little easier.

I received an Easter Basket from church and it was a fun surprise. The homemade goodies were really good and I will share the rest with my parents. Thank you again.

- Gavin Ascheman



I wish to thank you so much for the Easter Blessing. Seeing your teacher and students were a bright day's lift to my heart.

- Deloris Running



Thank you for the Easter Basket. There were so many good things to enjoy in there! Thank you for thinking of us!

- Pastor Kristine and Rich



Thank you Kviteseid for the Easter Basket filled with yummy treats. I appreciate your kindness and for thinking of me.

- Rose Ann Hanson



Thank you to everyone who donated treats or contributed financially to the military boxes. Also thank you to everyone who helped with the packing of the boxes.

- Nancy Streed and Judi Bohm

Thank You KLC Endowment

On behalf of Swift County Food Shelf, I would like to thank you for your donation of \$400.00 made on 1-2-2023. Swift County Food Shelf relies on the generosity of donors such as yourself and is grateful for your support. Thank you again.

- Sue Fragodt,
Swift County Outreach

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 Hand	\$100
Endowment Fund	\$150
Pastor Kristine and Rich Kviteseid Church	\$100
	\$150

TWC Bible Study



Wednesday,
April 12 - 1:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Kviteeid Lutheran Church
PO Box 31
Milan, MN 56262
www.milanslutheranchurch.com

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Milan, Minnesota 56262
Permit No. 4

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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.** ✝

Church Office Phone: 320-734-4455 ✝ www.milanslutheranchurch.com



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