



Kviteseid Voice

**Kviteseid Lutheran
Church**

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Greetings from Pastor Kristine Isder

“See You Later”

In May we celebrated Mother’s Day and in June we will celebrate Father’s Day. Like many of you, I can’t call my mom and dad on those days. My mom died in January. My dad died two years ago in April. They both died soon after visits from family.

A week and a half after mom moved to the hospice house, my brothers and I arranged a surprise get together with most of the family. Mom knew my brothers were coming but not the granddaughters and great grandkids. She was so surprised when they all came into her room!

We had a good afternoon together and she enjoyed watching the kids play. At the end of the visit, she told us, “Since you’re all here, this is no way to live, I’m

ready to be done, goodbye.”

I thought that just because she wanted to be done, that didn’t mean it would happen soon. Physically I didn’t think she was close to death.

My brothers and sister-in-law visited her the next afternoon. She was really tired, which we expected after the visits the day before. She was doing okay and they left.

At 8:30 that evening I got a call from the hospice nurse that her condition had really deteriorated. Twenty minutes later the nurse called to say that she had died.

She got her wish.

Only a hospice aide was with mom when she died as none of us could get there in time. The aide told my brother that at the end, she asked mom if she saw her husband. Mom got a big smile on her face and said she did. It wasn’t long and

she was gone.

As I’ve told people the story, they comment about what a beautiful ending it was. You couldn’t have written it any better.

One person said it was such a beautiful ending that she didn’t know whether she should smile or cry.

A week before mom died, she said, “We’re not going to say goodbye. We **will** see each other again.”


The last few times I left mom’s room, I would say, “See you later, whether it’s on this side or on the other side.”

As much as we miss mom and dad, our family knows that it’s not “goodbye”, it’s “see you later”. We have the hope that we will see them again. They are together again.

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STEWARDSHIP

Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund
2023 Financial Responsibilities
\$246,213

Checking Register
for the General Fund

4/1/23 balance:	\$7,389
April income:	\$19,553
April expenses:	\$16,878
4/30/23 balance:	\$10,064

Worship Offerings & Attendance



April 30	<i>Confirmation</i>	\$1,311	114
May 7		\$1,329	78
May 14		\$910	37
May 21	<i>Senior Recog.</i>	\$1,305	61

Memorials & Gifts

None to Report

Happy Father's Day!



FOR FATHERS and OTHER GOOD & FAITHFUL MEN
in our lives,
we give you thanks!

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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Those of us left behind live in the sure hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

The good news of resurrection is a core claim of Christianity. We cling to the truth of the words of Jesus, "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

In the words of our funeral liturgy from Romans 6, "When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his,

we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his."

As we pray in the commendation, "Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen."

Because of Jesus' Resurrection, we look forward to the day when we will see our loved ones again.

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, 4055 130th Ave NW, Milan, MN 56262.

Thank You

May 7 was the last Sunday of Sunday School. The Sunday School choir sang during worship and awards were handed out for memory work and attendance.

Thank you to the students for attending Sunday School, the parents who bring them, the Sunday School teachers and superintendent who organize and teach. And a big thank you to the congregation for supporting the Sunday School program.

Sunday School Superintendent: Talia Schuerman. Teachers: Tiffany Moen, Jenna Norby, Jessica Trager, Emily Heinrich, Michelle Ascheman, Sue Streed, and Hillary Spray. Helper: Scarlett Trager.



2023 Kviteseid Staff & Officers



Office Staff

Pastor Kristine Isder
pastor@milanslutheranchurch.com

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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 Ascheman, 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

June Schedules

2023 Senior Graduates



Carter Bowen
Cale Norby
Pastor Kristine Isder
Sara Larson



Group 4

Captain - Jon Kanten
793-6647

Peter Ervin
Gary Heimdahl
Val Johnson
Keith Kvistero
Jason Norby
Nate Spray



Deacon Communion Setup

4 - Cindy Kanten

Lectors

4 - Lee Haugen
11 - Tom Moe
18 - Char Strand
25 - Jon Hanson

Media Operators

4 - Jessa Norby
11 - Rich Isder
18 - Nancy Schneck
25 - Theresa Erickson

Video Recorders

4 - Theresa Erickson
11 - Theresa Erickson
18 - Rich Isder
25 - ?

2023 Confirmands



Pastor Kristine Isder,
Gunner Liebl, Jessa Norby, Ty Norby, Gabrielle Augeson

Coffee Fellowship

Coffee is in the narthex after worship. Ushers will make the coffee. Please sign up to serve. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. If someone would like to serve, we can have coffee in the basement.

Board Meetings

Wednesday, June 14

(Note change of date)

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

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.

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Bible Readings

Bible Reading Plans

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



Readings for June to read the Bible in a year Chronologically

Jun 1 Psalm 119:89-176
 Jun 2 Song of Solomon 1-8
 Jun 3 Proverbs 1-3
 Jun 4 Proverbs 4-6
 Jun 5 Proverbs 7-9
 Jun 6 Proverbs 10-12
 Jun 7 Proverbs 13-15
 Jun 8 Proverbs 16-18
 Jun 9 Proverbs 19-21
 Jun 10 Proverbs 22-24

Jun 11 1 Kings 5-6;
 2 Chronicles 2-3
 Jun 12 1 Kings 7;
 2 Chronicles 4
 Jun 13 1 Kings 8;
 2 Chronicles 5
 Jun 14 2 Chronicles 6-7;
 Psalm 136
 Jun 15 Psalm 134/146-150
 Jun 16 1 Kings 9;
 2 Chronicles 8
 Jun 17 Proverbs 25-26
 Jun 18 Proverbs 27-29
 Jun 19 Ecclesiastes 1-6
 Jun 20 Ecclesiastes 7-12

Jun 21 1 Kings 10-11;
 2 Chronicles 9
 Jun 22 Proverbs 30-31
 Jun 23 1 Kings 12-14
 Jun 24 2 Chronicles 10-12
 Jun 25 1 Kings 15:1-24;
 2 Chronicles 13-16
 Jun 26 1 Kings 15:25-16:34;
 2 Chronicles 17
 Jun 27 1 Kings 17-19
 Jun 28 1 Kings 20-21
 Jun 29 1 Kings 22;
 2 Chronicles 18
 Jun 30 2 Chronicles 19-23

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

Worship Time Change

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

Lakeside Worship

Milan Beach Resort
 at 9:30 a.m.

July 2
September 3

50th

Wedding Anniversary

Bob & Diane Berven



Open House at Milan Legion
 Friday, June 9 4:00-8:00 p.m.

No Gifts Please

TWC Bible Study

Wednesday, June 14



1:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

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

Helping Hands

Helping Hands

Glorious days are ahead! Relish them! Celebrate them! Enjoy them!

Sunday, May 21, we celebrated students who have been confirmed in our congregation and will be graduating this spring. Carter Bowen, Sara Larson and Cale Norby were honored as they await their graduation exercises from Dawson (Carter and Sara) and Montevideo (Cale) High Schools. The quilts that they chose were presented to them by their parents. We pray that they will feel wrapped in the love and prayers of Kviteseid congregation. The church service was followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall, featuring open faced sandwiches, fried potato klub, rommegrøt, almond cake, various Norwegian cookies and coffee. Best wishes to Carter, Sara and Cale as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

Saturday, May 20, the 17th Annual Taste of Syttende Mai was celebrated in Milan. The Smorgås Tea was held in the Kviteseid Fellowship Hall. It takes many villagers to make this happen and to make it so successful! All your time and talent is so appreciated. A special shout out to the table waiters, Scarlett, Ava and Huxton Trager and Mason and Thatcher Erp and their leader Cheryl Erp, for their outstanding service in caring for the people attending the Tea. Thank you so much! There were too many helpers, bakers, cooks, dishwashers, and dryers to name, but know that we appreciate all of you. Thank you so much! It is mind boggling to think that we could put together a smorgås of open faced sandwiches, blød klub, potato klub,

herring, Jarlesburg cheese, beet pickles, so much lefse and flat bred, waffles with cream and fruit, krans



kake, almond cake with rhubarb sauce, rice with red sauce, fruit soup, rommegrøt, krum kake, rosettes, Norwegian macraoons, spritz, sandbakkels, Berlinerkranser, Smaltringers, Trillbees, Fattimund, fruit snaps, Foscabakelsers and coffee and lemonade for just about 300 people. If you weren't there, that is what you missed!! Make plans to attend next year!



Thank you very much to Thrivent for their Live Generously grants to help with financing the Helping Hands portion of advertising and also in the purchase of food and other supplies needed to enhance our Syttende Mai celebration! Your generosity is appreciated!

A major shout out to John Vetter who came to the rescue to save the day and fixed the dishwasher a week before Syttende Mai. We so appreciate those who have special talents and share them so generously! Your rewards are out of this world!

Special recognition to those veterans who have served our country, those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and those still serving. We all know that freedom isn't free and thank those who have served or are still serving. Thank a veteran today!

Mark your calendars, July quilting is July 10 and 13, 9 a.m. to about 3 p.m.! Bring a bag lunch and prepare to have some fun!

Enjoy the summer! Share it with friends and relatives!

Smorgås Tea

Where do they come from?

Where did people come from to celebrate Syttende Mai in Milan? It is so fun to see where in the country -- and yes, where in the world they came from!! We saw about 300 people come through the Smorgås Tea line.

Of course they came from Milan, Appleton, Montevideo (lots of people), Benson, Madison, Dawson, Ortonville, Willmar, Spicer/New London, Clarkfield, Granite Falls and several other area communities.

In addition to the local bunch, they came from the Metro including Savage, Lakeville, Maple Grove, Jordan, Eden Prairie, Hastings, Cottage Grove, Hopkins, Woodbury (besides Jodi Bungarden!), Mound, St. Louis Park, Mahtamedi, Eagan, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Chanhassen, Farmington and more!

And besides that, they came from Roseau, Ironton, Sebeka, St. Cloud, Melrose, Colledgeville, Alexandria, Glenwood, Perham, Starbuck. They came from the south, Marshall, Porter, Silver Lake, Litchfield, Winthrop and more.

In all, we can say that people came from Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Norway and China! Not bad for our little town and our special celebration!



THANK YOU



to everyone who helped with the Smorgås Tea — from the making of the traditional treats, to those who worked the event, to those who contributed financially. Because of you, this annual Milan Taste of Syttende Mai event was a success. We appreciate your generosity!

LOCAL NEWS

June

Quilt Blessing

At winter quilting days, 45 full size quilts were made. The quilts were blessed during worship on May 7th.



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Southwest Minnesota Synod

2023 Synod Assembly

Voting members from the synod's 227 congregations and all rostered ministers in the Southwestern Minnesota Synod gather annually to worship, learn, conduct business, and prayerfully deliberate about what God is calling us to do in the synod. The Synod Assembly is the synod's highest legislative authority within the SW MN Synod.

The assembly will be held at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter June 9-10.

What a joy to look forward to the Synod Assembly meeting in person for the first time in 4 years! A lot has happened, a lot has changed in that time. Yet the holy Trinity continues to call, gather, and send us into God's mission in the cities, farmlands, and towns where we're planted together under one prairie sky.

Synod Assembly 2023 will echo the focus of the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, "Embody the Word". There is a double meaning to this theme:

- *Embody* – pointing both to the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, and the life of the church and our congregations as the body of Christ.
- *Word* – referring to Jesus Christ and to scripture.

Speaker Matt Bloom's presentations will fill our hearts as we consider our own well-being as beloved children of God and the well-being of our churches in this changing time. Yes, as Luther said, we are Christ's (we belong to Christ) and we become "little Christs" in the world, and so "embody the Word" where God sends us. As we conclude every Baptism, the baptized are welcomed to "bear God's

creative and redeeming word to all the world."

We will discover together how Jesus is sending the people of our Southwestern Minnesota Synod to Embody the Word.

This year the synod assembly is going paperless!

Assembly materials (ballots, reports, schedules, workshop descriptions, etc.) will be posted to the Guidebook app and the synod webpage. Voting will take place using the Assembly Guidebook app. A low-tech option will also be available. Anyone can download and view the app.

Three Zoom Meetings were held the week of May 22: Proposed Budget Hearing, Assembly/ Guidebook Orientation, Proposed Compensation Guidelines Hearing. These zoom meetings provided voting members an opportunity to learn and ask questions regarding the 2025 Proposed Budget and 2024 Proposed Compensation Guidelines. The Assembly Orientation provided help with the Guidebook app and a practice session on voting.

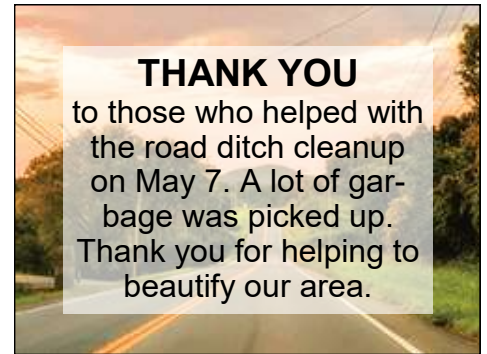
Rich Isder and Pastor Kristine will attend the assembly as voting members.

Thank You

Thank you for the donation to the FLY backpack program from the last Lenten supper. It is greatly appreciated. We have about 90 students in the program.

Thank you again!

- Cathy Olson, FLY Board



Open House
Baby Shower 

Ivy Marie Tostenson

daughter of
Blair & Stephanie Tostenson



Saturday, June 10
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Kviteseid
Fellowship Hall

Registered at Target and Amazon

Open House
Bridal Shower

for
Emily Kennedy

bride-to-be of
Braiden Kittelson



Wednesday,
June 21
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Kviteseid 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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