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Greetings from Pastor Kristine Isder

Have you heard about the new James Webb Space Telescope?

Webb will study the solar system and photograph stars and galaxies we didn't even know existed.

Webb was launched on December 25, 2021 and on January 24 arrived at its destination about a million miles from earth. The first image was released July 11.

"Today, we present humanity with a groundbreaking new view of the cosmos from the James Webb Space Telescope – a view the world has never seen before," said NASA Administrator Bill Nelson. "These images, including the deepest infrared view of our universe that has ever been taken, show us how Webb will help to uncover the answers to questions we don't even yet know to ask; questions that will

help us better understand our universe and humanity's place within it."

I read that there are many more stars in the universe than grains of sand on the earth. And now we will be able to see more of them. It's hard to imagine the scale of God's creation.

"Awareness of the divine begins with wonder." (Abraham Heschel)

In the words of "How Great Thou Art":

*O Lord my God!
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works
thy hand hath made,
I see the stars,
I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout
the universe displayed;*

*Then sings my soul,
my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art,
how great Thou art!*

"The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork." (Psalm 19:1)

There are many references to stars in the Bible.

The first is in the first chapter of Genesis in the creation story: "God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." (Genesis 1:16-17)

Another is the promise to Abraham: "God brought Abraham outside and said,

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STEWARDSHIP

Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund
2022 Financial Responsibilities
\$236,438

Checking Register
for the General Fund

6/1/22 balance:	\$8,440
June income:	\$11,995
June expenses:	\$17,658
6/30/22 balance:	\$2,777

Worship Offerings & Attendance



June 19	\$1,300	45
June 26	\$880	36
July 3 - Lakeside Worship	\$340	44
- Loose offering to area Food Shelves	\$80	
July 10	\$2,798	55
July 17	\$735	32
July 24	\$3,843.06	48

Online Giving ...

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milanslutheranchurch.com



None to Report

O LORD,
HEAR
OUR PRAYER

PRAYERS

We offer up prayers for ...

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LOCAL NEWS

Pastor, Staff & Officers

Greetings from Pr. Kristine

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‘Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’” (Genesis 15:5)

As great as the stars revealed by the Webb, the love of God is greater. God’s grace stretches beyond the limits of light and time. The witness of the Bible and the lives of faithful believers are each a lens which together make clearer the grand truth of God’s goodness.

Wonder. Awe. That’s the response of seeing the pictures from the Webb telescope.

As the Psalmist once wrote: “When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are

mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?” (Psalm 8:3-4)

When we look up to the stars, we are reminded of all that God has created. And we also remember God’s promise to be with us.

“And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20)

God’s Work. Our Hands Sunday.

On Sunday, September 11, we will be working on service projects like we’ve done in the past. It will be an opportunity for people of all ages to work together. What can you do?

1. Come and help on September 11!
2. 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.

Contribution Statements

Statements were mailed out for contributions given through June. Please check your statement to your records and let the church office know if there is a discrepancy. Statements were only mailed to those with contributions of record.

Church Meetings

TUESDAY, August 16th

Deacons
6:00 p.m.

Trustees
7:00 p.m.



2022 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: Roger Strand
Vice Pres: Paul Tostenson
Secretary: Sherry Norby
Treasurer: Josh Moen

Board of Deacons

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

Board of Trustees

Nate Spray, Josh Vetter, Erik Boraas, Brandon Ascheman, Bryan Schuerman

Board of Education

Emily Heinrich, Hillary Spray, Holly Kanten, Jenna Norby, Sue Streed

Helping Hands Board

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

WORSHIP NEWS

August Schedules

Kviteseid Connectors

Kviteseid Connectors has been in existence for about two years now. We are a team formed to reach out and connect with our members who are unable to attend worship. This may include members living in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or alone in their own homes. Connections can be made through phone calls, emails, mailed notes, face-to-face visits, etc. This could be done by a family, a couple, an individual, or even you and a friend could do it as a team.

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.



Group 6

Captain - Tom Moe
734-4707

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



Lectors

7 - Reed Molden
14 - Sherry Norby
21 - Judy Thompson
28 - Teresa Olson

Media Operators

7 - Ty Norby
14 - Scarlett Trager
21 - Paul Tostenson
28 - Missy Ervin

Deacon Communion Setup

7 - Char Strand

Video Recorders

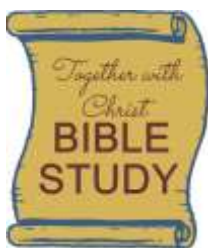
7 - Rich Isder
14 - Rich Isder
21 - Theresa Erickson
28 - Jon Hanson

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.

TWC Bible Study

Wednesday, August 10th



1:30 p.m.

Meet in the Fellowship Hall



We are looking for a few more people willing to record, stream, and monitor the camera system to

record our worship services. Training will be provided. Please let Pastor Kristine know if you are interested.

FUNERAL

SERVICE GROUPS

Serving the next funeral will be Group 1.

Service Group 1 chairpersons are:

Ryan & Cheryl Erp	734-4430
Gary & Kim Heimdahl	752-4529
Jason & Chanda Norby	734-4844



LOCAL NEWS

150th Anniversary

Kviteseid
turns 150!



Kviteseid is now 150 years old! The church has come a long way since July 11, 1872.

The 150th anniversary celebration will be held on Sunday, September 25. The day will include worship, a program and a meal.

The celebration events are for **all** current and former members of Kviteseid.

Invitations will not be sent to former members. Please spread the word and invite anyone you think may be interested in attending.

Former pastors and members who have become pastors have been contacted.

If you are interested in helping with the 150th Anniversary Celebration, please contact Char Strand or the church office.

Kviteseid History Trivia - *continued from July*

How often were services held in the early days? Once a month.

When were the first baptisms? August 4, 1872. Two girls were baptized.

When was the first confirmation service? May 1874 when four people were confirmed.

Where were worship services held before the first church was built? At such places as the members found convenient, usually in members' houses. The place of the next meeting was decided at each service. Beginning about 1879, services were held at the schoolhouse near the present cemetery.

Who led the singing during worship in the early years of the church? A sexton or "Klokker". Later, when choirs were organized, it was their responsibility to lead the singing at the services. Hymnbooks brought from Norway were used. There were few instruments.

How long did the congregation worship without a church building? From 1872 to 1884.

When did construction start on the first church building? July 2, 1883. It was completed in 1884.

Project: Layettes

On September 11, we will be having God's Work Our Hands Sunday. One of our projects is putting together layettes. We hope to put together 20 layettes.

We are short some items. We need 12 new wash cloths, 12 new bath towels (52 inches long), 20 bars of ivory soap, and 12 pillow cases.

If you would like to donate any of these items, please leave them at the church in the narthex. If you would prefer, you can donate money toward the project.

The layettes will go to Global Health Ministries.

Thank you!

- Cathy Olson, 289-3066

Summer Quilting



LOCAL NEWS

Helping Hands

Helping Hands

Summer is here in all its glory! Do enjoy every minute! It will be cold before you know it!

Summer quilting was held July 11, 14 and 18. There were about a dozen gals who participated each day ... including one from Colorado! It was fun to have you Cindy! Come again! We did more than 20 quilts in those three days! It was cool and comfortable in the basement. The same could not be said for the out of doors on those hot days! We had a good time quilting, having coffee and lunch, too! Come and try it some time! We will be quilting again late next winter! Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way toward our quilting mission. We appreciate all of you!

We will be doing a work day, Monday August 15, to cut sheets for bandages for God's Work Our Hands Sunday and also sew quilt bats together to make use of the odds and ends of our batting. We would appreciate any help ... no experience necessary! Hopefully enough folks will come that we should only work in the morning, 9 until about 12.

The Kviteseid Cookbook committee purchased two new coffee makers for Sunday morning coffee in the Narthex. They will each brew 14 cups of coffee in about 11 minutes! Come and enjoy coffee and goodies with us following worship! Thanks to the Cookbook committee!

It has been difficult to schedule Pie Day for August. It was decided not to do that mission this summer. Maybe next year! Thank you Judy

Thompson for trying to get that done.

Church cleaning is needing to be done. It would be great to do that toward the end of August or the beginning of September

so it would be nice for the churches 150th celebration. Be sure to be on the lookout for a message from the chairpeople of your group. Many hands make light work! Kids are a wonderful help! David has already done much work cleaning carpets. They look so much better! Thank you David!

Group 1 is still on deck for funeral serving. Stay healthy everyone!

Enjoy your summer, vacations, reunions and other special activities!



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LOCAL NEWS

Southwest Minnesota Synod

Synod News

Churchwide News

The 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly will be held in Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 8-12. Participants will gather under the theme, *Embody the Word*.

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly is the primary decision-making body of the church and meets every three years.

When the ELCA Churchwide Assembly convenes, its voting members meet with confidence in God's grace to carry on their work on behalf of the entire church. Over the course of the assembly, voting members:

- Hear reports and review the work of churchwide officers, leaders and units
- Receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies
- Elect officers, board members and other leaders as specified by the constitution or bylaws
- Establish ELCA churchwide policy
- Worship together
- Adopt a budget
- Conduct other business related to the ELCA churchwide organization.

O God, we pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and its members, who gather for its Churchwide Assembly. Inspire the celebration of God's varied works throughout the church. Instill your peace in the midst of the work you have called us to and the deliberations that will take place. Shape the work of the church according to your will for the whole world. Amen.

Looking Ahead

September 4

Lakeside Worship
at Milan Beach Resort

September 11

God's Work. Our Hands.

September 25

Kuiteseid 150th
Anniversary Celebration

Letters of Thanks

Thank you for the beautiful red, white, and blue quilt.

- Virgil Kruse

Thank you for your donation of \$142 to the Lac qui Parle Community Food Shelf. Your continued support will help to buy nutritious food for those who need help each month.

Last year, 388 households (764 individuals) were served by the food shelf taking 29,630 pounds of food plus garden produce donated by area gardeners.

All the food purchases are from Second Harvest Heartland in St. Paul, which we get at a reduced cost, and from Jubilee Foods in town.

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

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

Thanks again for your gift!

- Stan Olson, Treasurer, Lac qui Parle Community Food Shelf

Together, we are neighbors helping neighbors. Thank you for your generous gift of \$60 to support the services of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS).

From adoption and foster care to shelter and safety for youth experiencing homelessness to support for people with disabilities to nutritious home-delivered meals for older adults, LSS impacts 1 in every 65 Minnesotans. Your generosity inspires hope, changes lives, and builds community.

- Jesse M. Stremcha,
Lutheran Social Service of MN

Summer camp at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries has begun! There is a distinct feeling at camp these days—a buzz of energy, anticipation for the weeks to come, and joy to be welcoming campers again. God is with us in the important moments like this and we're reminded once again, how thankful we are to be your partner in ministry!

We're so excited for the children in your congregation and community to come to camp. Their enthusiasm and excitement about camp and faith formation is so inspiring. When they return back to you, we hope that they share what they have learned with all of you: God's love for us is vast, unending and **BOUNDLESS!** Everyone could use an encouraging reminder like this and we hope they spread God's message far and wide!

We are excited to continue our partnership with you! We are grateful for your gifts of mission support in the past years, including your gifts of \$210 in 2022.

- Travis Aufderheide,
Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

LOCAL NEWS

Church Council Meeting

Kviteseid Lutheran Church Council Minutes June 15, 2022

Members Present: Paul Tostenson, Josh Vetter, Erik Boraas, Bryan Schuerman, Cindy Kanten, Rich Isder, Char Strand, Jon Hanson, Stacey Lea, and Pastor Kristine Isder.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Vice President Paul Tostenson.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was reviewed with no changes. Motion was made by Cindy Kanten, seconded by Jon Hanson, to approve the Secretary's report. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: There was no treasurer's report, but we haven't had to borrow any funds yet this year.

Deacon's Report:

- There will be no Synod Assembly this year due to lack of quorum.
- The Milan All School Reunion Church Service was held at Kviteseid.
- Lakeside worship will be held July 3.
- Our worship time changes to 9:00 a.m. on July 10. This will be in effect for one year.
- We discussed a possible celebration of the 150th Anniversary of our church.
- Reed Molden and Jon Hanson will lead worship when Pastor Kristine is gone in July.

- We recommend no changes to the COVID protocol at this time.

Trustee's Report:

- Josh Vetter reported that we have received the geo-thermal bill. The rebates are still in place.
- There will be some landscaping done on the south side of the building.
- They are working on ideas for commercial gutters for the north and south sides of the building.

Board of Education: No report. VBS was scheduled for May, but it was canceled due to the May 12 storm.

Pastor's Report:

- Review of church attendance
- Worship time will change to 9:00 a.m. on July 10 and last through June 2023.
- Summer coffee will be after church in the narthex unless someone wants to use the basement.
- Four youth received first communion on Maundy Thursday, April 14. Four were confirmed on April 24. Four graduates were recognized on May 15.
- Road Ditch Cleanup was done on May 1.
- Syttende Mai Smorgas Tea was held on May 14.
- Lakeside worship was held on May 29. Kviteseid, Big Bend, Zion of Appleton, MN Valley, Borgund, and Immanuel were involved. 55 people attended. Loose offering of \$149 was sent to the area food shelves.
- Milan All School Reunion Community Worship was attended by

97 people. \$443 loose offering will be split between Kviteseid, The Milan Alumni Association, and area food shelves.

- The Synod Council will make the decisions that would have been made by the Synod Assembly.
- Video System: New chairs and tables have been installed. Jon Hanson and his family contributed them in memory of his mother.

Motion was made by Bryan Schuerman to approve all reports, seconded by Josh Vetter. Motion carried.

Old Business: No discussion.

New Business:

- We talked about possible celebration of 150th Anniversary. If it is held, we chose the date of September 25, 2022.
- God's Work, Our Hands Sunday will be held September 11, 2022.

Motion was made by Josh Vetter, seconded by Jon Hanson to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

We closed the meeting by praying the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be September 21, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlotte Strand, Acting Secretary

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.



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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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