



Kviteseid Voice

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Greetings from Pastor Bob Dahl

Some religions teach that we Here we are coming to the month of November and a “time to remember” and give thanks! It is also a time for elections. Do we talk about elections within the realm of faith? Well, the matter of “election” is very much included in Holy Scripture. “Election” is a matter of choosing and God has chosen to be our God and He intends that we should be His people. We give thanks that we have been chosen and therefore

“elected” by God to carry out his mission of abiding in His word and His ways. Before that “election”, the Lord God states clearly, “I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other Gods before Me.” Jesus brings his further clarification to that in stating that He is sent by the Father to be the way, the truth and the life. To be His chosen people means to live by those words as we walk a sidewalk, drive a highway or seek to untangle the mixed messages of

campaign time. We are thankful to again have a time set for choices by political election. May we be prayerful and alert to the Word in every season of choosing. With such guidance, we trust that the way ahead for our country will be well served. Blessings and the Lord’s guidance to and for you always!

STEWARDSHIP

Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund
2025 Financial Responsibilities
\$262,904

Checking Register
for the General Fund

9/1/25 balance: \$5,802

September income: \$10,774

September expenses: \$2,809

9/30/25 balance: \$13,767

Worship Offerings & Attendance



September 28 \$907 48

October 5 \$846 55

October 12 \$5,7270 103

October 19 \$1,455 65

October 26 \$785 66

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Thank you for your financial support of the church. Contributions may be mailed to the church office if you are unable to make it to worship. You can also contribute online on our website.

Online Giving ...

Visit our website at

milanslutheranchurch.com



MEMORIALS and GIFTS

None to Report

PRAYERS

We offer up prayers for ...

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LOCAL NEWS



**Children's Choir sings
November 16th
during worship
service**

Giving Thanks for All Things

It's easy to list the blessings in life: good health, family, a satisfying career, a comfortable home. We might even be thankful for things others take for granted such as freedom and clean drinking water, reliable transportation and food enough to eat. Then there are the little things, such as gardens, sunrises, pets and coffee.

But what about life's storms or unanswered prayers? Should we be thankful for these? Loss and hardship remind us of our dependence on God. He uses trials to draw us closer to him, to show us that He is our rock and refuge. In misfortune and grief, we discover God's comfort and strength. Should we not, then, be thankful for the storms, too?



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Luther Opjorden

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Spray, Naomi Streed**

WORSHIP NEWS

November Schedules

All Saints & New Member Sunday

Sunday, November 2

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

We will remember those who have
joined the church triumphant.

*If you are interested in becoming a
member of Kviteseid, talk to a Deacon.*

Fall Festival Potluck

Fellowship Dinner

will follow worship

A-M: bring salad

N-Z: bring hotdish

Service Group 2 will be serving the meal

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

ends Sunday, Nov. 2



Remember to set your clocks back one hour.



Group 6

Captain - Tom Moe

320-734-4707

Erik Boraas

Jon Hanson

Cory Heinrich

Jim Kanten

Tim Kanten

Steve Thompson



Wednesday, November 26

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

at 7:00 p.m.

This year the Thanksgiving Offer-
ing (envelopes and cash) will go to
the general fund of the church.

In the past, the Thanksgiving Of-
fering has been given to Lutheran
Campus Ministry of Southwest Min-
nesota State University, Marshall MN
and University of Minnesota, Morris,
MN.

This year we will receive a spe-
cial offering for Lutheran Campus
Ministry during the month of Novem-
ber. Please note on your check or en-
velope that you are giving to Luther-
an Campus Ministry. Please make all
gifts before November 30.

These funds help support the col-
lege youth to take an active role in
service and mission work, giving
back to their community and sharing
God's love with others.



Veteran Recognition

Sunday, November 9

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Join us as we recognize all of our
military veterans during our Sunday
morning worship service.

NOVEMBER Worship Assistants

Deacon Communion Setup

2 - Heidi Spray

16 - Cheryl Erp

Acolytes

2 - Thatcher Erp

9 - Iver Heinrich

16 - Creed Joyce

23 - Daisy Sacharison

27 - *Thanksgiving
None Needed*

30 - Isaac Link

Lectors

2 - Gabby Augeson

9 - Rob Schwendemann

16 - Connie Fragodt

23 - Jen Tostenson

27 - *Thanksgiving*
Nancy Streed

30 - Charlie Hanson

Media Operators

2 - Matt Schuerman

9 - Lucas Schuerman

16 - Parker Spray

23 - Daisy Sacharison

27 - *Thanksgiving*
Eva Trager

30 - Thatcher Erp

Video Recorders

2 - Theresa Erickson

9 - Theresa Erickson

16 - Jon Hanson

23 - Heidi Spray

27 - *Thanksgiving*
Jon Hanson

30 - Heidi Spray

*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.

LOCAL NEWS

Helping Hands

Helping Hands

Fall is here! Everyone enjoy...winter is coming!!

Thank you very much to Group 3, chairpersons Brandon/Michelle Ascheman, Jan/Lori Rheingans, Rob/Karla Schwendemann, and most especially the Senior High Sunday School kids for bringing the totes down and helping to decorate the sanctuary for the fall season! You did a really great job!!

Group 1, chairpersons, Ryan/Cheryl Erp, Greg/Sherry Norby, Matt/Jenna Norby, will be decorating for the Christmas season. Watch for that date and time!

All Saints Sunday is November 2. There will be a potluck dinner served by Group 2. A-M is scheduled to bring salads and N-Z is scheduled to bring hot dishes. It is the day reserved to honor those who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past year. All are welcome!

The annual Helping Hands meeting will be Wednesday Nov 12th 5:30 at church. An agenda will be coming out soon. We will have pizza for supper...bring your own beverage...we will all share in the cost of the pizza. Come with ideas! If others have ideas or concerns, please share them with any board member!

The Quilting Group received a thank you note from Theresa Erickson expressing thanks and appreciation for the quilt she received! We have appreciated you very much these past years of service! Best to you in retirement!

One group of faithful workers who aren't often recognized are those who are in charge of the banners. They go up, down and are changed with the church seasons. You are so appreciated! Sherry Norby and Connie Streed are chairpeople of their group and are assisted by several others! Be sure to thank them for their good work!

Safe harvests and a productive school year to all!

Military Boxes

Military boxes will be packed on Tuesday, November 18th at 9:00 a.m. Plans are to send 13 boxes. Items that can be sent are candy, jerky, raisins, licorice, microwave popcorn and baked goods (4-6 in a baggie). Monetary donations are also appreciated. Please have items to church by noon on Friday, November 17th.



FUNERAL

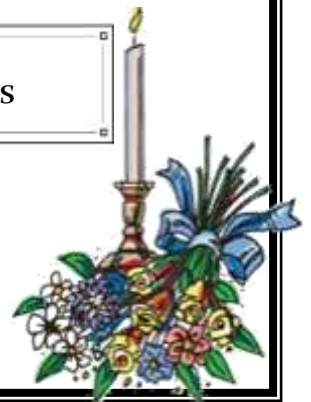
SERVICE GROUPS

Serving the next funeral will be Group 1.

Service Group 4 chairpersons are:

Ryan & Cheryl Erp
Greg & Sherry Norby
Matt & Jenna Norby

226-5219
734-4873
734-4633



LOCAL NEWS

Faith in Action

Alternative Gifts

We can give a gift of hope to others through alternative gifts. There are many places where we can give animals, honey bees, fruit-tree seedlings, blankets, mosquito nets, school supplies and much more to help people in need. Give the gifts that mean the most to you, or choose gifts to give in honor of someone special. Your gifts support the ministries of the ELCA in nearly 80 countries around the world, including the United States.

Among these are ELCA Good Gifts, Lutheran World Relief and Heifer International. Information is available on the table in the narthex.

Looking Ahead

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Date and Time To be determined

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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

Tuesday, December 24

Time to be Determined

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CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP *No Service*

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JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, December 17

at 7:00 p.m. p



Poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas can be purchased and given in memory or in honor of loved ones. After Christmas, those of you who purchased a poinsettia may take one home with you to enjoy throughout the rest of the holiday season.

If you would like to purchase one, contact the church office (734-4455). All poinsettias will be red this year. The cost is \$20.00 per poinsettia. Checks should be made out to Kviteseid Lutheran Church. A limited number of poinsettias have been ordered for your purchase.

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LOCAL NEWS

November



Thankful Garland

Celebrate the season of gratitude by creating a colorful Thankful decoration.

What you need:

- Construction paper in a variety of fall colors
- Pencil, marker, or crayons
- Yarn, ribbon, or raffia
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Spray bottle filled with water
- Real leaves (Optional)
- Wooden or plastic beads, cereal with holes (Cheerios, Froot Loops, etc.), or any dried pasta with a hole (Optional)

What you do:

1. Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
2. Lay the paper flat and spray with water until the paper is completely wet.
3. Crumple the wet paper into balls.
4. Open the paper and let the sheets dry flat.
5. When dry, cut out each leaf.
6. On each leaf, write the name of one person or thing you're thankful for.
7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
8. Lace the leaves, beads, cereal, and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon, or raffia.
9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

Thank You

Thank you so much for all the people who contributed to the layette project.

We were very successful this year. We put together 60 Layettes.

They will go to global mission to be distributed.

I am so grateful to all who made this project so successful.

God Bless all of you

~Cathy Olson

Coffee Fellowship

Join us for coffee and fellowship following worship Sunday mornings in the narthex at 10:00 a.m. Please sign up to serve treats to enjoy along with the coffee. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. The ushers will make the coffee.

TWC Bible Study



**Wednesday,
November 12**

**1:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall**

Board Meetings

**Wednesday,
November 19**

Deacons - 6:00 p.m.

Trustees - 7:00 p.m.



Please come help take down the church fall decorations on date and time to be determined. Others are welcome to come help as well, including our youth.

Big Bend Meatball Supper

**Wednesday, November 5th
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**



Meatballs, corn, green beans, mashed potatoes & gravy, dinner roll, lefse, coleslaw and apple crisp

\$14.00 per plate

*Basement seating or
take-out orders available.*

Call 320-793-6621
to place a take-out order
(call day of supper only)

Contribution Statements

Third Quarter contribution statements will be sent out in beginning of November. You should receive yours by mail. Statements were only sent out to those with contributions of record. Please check your statement carefully with your records and let the church office know if there is a discrepancy.



LOCAL NEWS

Southwest Minnesota Synod

Synod News

Bishop's Reflections

Children are a gift from the Lord;
they are a real blessing.

— Psalm 127:3 (GNT)

This week, I am thinking about the children. How can so much happen in such a short time? Two weeks ago I was reflecting on blessing our children in worship and as they excitedly prepared for that first day of school. Since last week's tragedy at Annunciation Church and School, the verses from Lamentations 3 echo in my mind. Long ago, that writer was reflecting on a terrible circumstance and said, "My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me." (Lam. 3:20 NRSVUE). We can't stop thinking of the heartbreak and trauma of parents, students, teachers, staff, pastors, and all who grieve.

Events like this upend all of us: parents, grandparents, teachers, administrators, staff, pastors, church staff, emergency responders, and of course — the children. Our precious children of God should never ever have to worry about being trained and prepared for what to do when there is an active shooter in their school or church. Lord, have mercy, what have we come to?!

This week we must hold a tension of thoughts as we think of our children and young people: excitement and fear, joy and heartbreak, hope and cries for help. The writer of Lamentations knows this reality, too: But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;

they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." — Lam. 3:21-24 (NRSVUE)

It is not that our trust in God's love erases the grief. It is not that God's faithfulness makes everything rosey. It is that in the midst of whatever difficult or impossible circumstance we are experiencing, God's long arm

of love has the power to reach into that pain and hold us close. In Jesus Christ crucified and risen, we see that it is so.

It is said that among the Masai tribe of Africa, people greet one another saying, "And how are the children?" And the traditional answer is, "All the children are well." The response means that things are good and that everyone is safe and at peace. What a powerful greeting for our time: How is it with our children and the children of our communities?

As we continue to send off our kiddos with fresh excitement for a new school year AND mourn the heartbreak of last week, please continue to make use of the resource created by the six Minnesota ELCA Bishops here.

As our prayers move us to action, consider creating a time for conversation in your congregation or community. Lutherans know the importance of education; and we know that education can lead to well-informed action. The time is right to open up the ELCA's Social Message on Gun-Related Violence. A resource like this provides a framework for healthy conversation on a difficult topic. Recognize that we all will not agree with every sentence in our studies, but commit to listening intently to others as a first step toward action.

In last year's synod-wide listening process, our people indicated that our highest priority for ministry is children, youth, and families. We want to draw in the energy and joy of young people. But we honestly must ask ourselves whether our desire is to "keep the doors open" or to help our young people grow as disciples of Jesus and right now.

Last Sunday I had the joy of seeing how one congregation in a small town lives out the importance of their children right now. The pastor began worship remarking on how different things felt that day because....there weren't many children present. I figured that was just a reference to the fact that it was Labor Day weekend and people were gone. What she meant however, was that because it was a holiday weekend and there weren't as many children present, they were in need of worship leaders. There were no children serving as

ushers, so she asked for a grown-up to help out. There were no basket-holders for Communion, so she asked for a grown-up to step up and help. In a beautiful way, the pastor had flipped everyone's thinking and normalized the fact that in that congregation, children are the leaders right now. Their presence was not relegated to "Youth Sunday" as the time when the grown-ups "let" the young people "take over" worship. In this church, the presence of children and grandchildren is expected, essential, recognized, and a gift that is named and included every day.

Finally, I hope you will make plans now to send a group of people from your congregations to attend Synod Equipping Day, Saturday, November 8, 9am-2:30pm at Peace Lutheran in New London. Rev. Todd Buegler will keynote the day with, Rooted in Belonging: Fresh Paths for Youth and Family Ministry. The Synod Youth Band will lead us in song. So come and bring a careful of friends! Our goal is for every child to know they are a beloved child of God, a gift of God, a real blessing to all who know them. As this new school year is still beginning, we send our young people out the door with our love.

We can also dial-up our family's God talk and send them out the door with God's love: the sign of the cross + - the reminder of baptism traced on their forehead, a promise that Jesus loves them and is with them, and the blessing of God's faithfulness — all of these help form the foundation of a living faith today.

May we use our voices and our feet to ensure that every child is beloved and safe and at peace. May it be well with all the children. - The Conference of Bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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Sunday Schedule

- ✠ Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. ✠
- ✠ Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m. ✠
- ✠ Worship at 10:30 a.m. ✠
- ✠ Online Worship at 10:30 a.m. ✠

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