

# Kviteeid Voice

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Church

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## Greetings

April brings us fully into the joy of the Easter season. After the solemn journey through Lent and the powerful story of Holy Week, we gather as people of the resurrection—people of hope. Easter is not just a single Sunday celebration; in the church we celebrate Easter for **fifty days**, all the way to Pentecost. During this time we continue to proclaim the good news: *Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

The resurrection reminds us that God is always at work bringing new life out of what seems lost or broken. The disciples themselves moved from fear and uncertainty to courage and joy after encountering the risen Christ. Their lives were changed, and

through them the message of God's love began to spread throughout the world.

That same resurrection hope speaks to us today. In our daily lives we face challenges, worries, and times when the future feels uncertain. Yet Easter assures us that God's story does not end with the cross. God brings renewal, healing, and new beginnings even when we least expect it. The empty tomb is God's promise that life and love are stronger than death.

As a congregation, the Easter season is a wonderful time to reflect on how we live as resurrection people. We are called to share Christ's love with our

neighbors, to care for one another, and to look for the signs of new life God is creating in our community. Sometimes those signs appear in simple ways—through acts of kindness, moments of forgiveness, or gathering together in worship and fellowship.

As spring unfolds around us, may the growing light and new life in creation remind us of the greater promise we celebrate in Christ. May the hope of Easter fill your homes, guide your days, and strengthen our life together as the church.

**Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
Christ is risen indeed.  
Alleluia!**

# STEWARDSHIP

## Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



### FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund  
2026 Financial Responsibilities  
\$269,336

Checking Register  
for the General Fund

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| 2/1/26 balance:    | \$66,254 |
| February income:   | \$10,337 |
| February expenses: | \$24,833 |
| 2/28/25 balance:   | \$51,799 |

### Worship Offerings & Attendance



|                                       |        |     |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-----|
| February 22                           | \$1455 | 51  |
| February 25                           | \$686  | 61  |
| - Ash Wednesday                       |        |     |
| March 1                               | \$862  | 73  |
| March 8                               | \$740  | 72  |
| March 11                              | \$322  | 92  |
| - Lent (attendance includes Big Bend) |        |     |
| March 22                              | \$660  | 67  |
| March 25                              | \$282  | 78  |
| - Lent (attendance includes Big Bend) |        |     |
| March 29                              | \$3016 | 107 |



None to Report

### Online Giving ...

Visit our website at  
[milanslutheranchurch.com](http://milanslutheranchurch.com)



### 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.

# PRAYERS

We offer up prayers for ...

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Staff & Officers



### Call Committee Update

The Kviteseid/Big Bend Call Committee consists of: Char Strand, Michelle Ascheman, Rob Schwendman, Jen Tostenson, RJ Strand, Talia Schuerman, Russ Olson and Scott Haugen. The call committee met with the synod on March 6th and completed the required call committee protocol. Our Ministry Site Profile has been approved by the synod bishop. It will be posted on the ELCA website and made available for viewing by prospective candidates. The call committee asks for your continued patience and prayers as we move through the call process.



### New Technology to Enhance Worship & Connection

We are grateful to our Trustees for their dedication and hard work in installing new TVs within the church. These screens will enhance our worship experience by making it easier to follow along with services, readings, and special presentations.

Beyond worship, the new TVs will also open opportunities for meetings, sharing information, and connecting in new ways. Whether for education, fellowship, or church



business, this technology will help keep us engaged and informed as a congregation.

A special thank you also to the Helping Hands and the Milan Fire Department for their support and assistance. Your willingness to lend a hand and serve is truly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who gave their time and effort to strengthen our church's ministry and help us grow together in faith and community.

## 2026 Kviteseid Staff & Officers



### Office Staff

**Pastor Bob Dahl**  
rdahl1@charter.net

**Worship Leader**  
**Jon Hanson**

**Parish Assistant: Cheryl Erp**  
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**  
**Brian Olson**

### Church Officers

**President: Connie Fragodt**

**V. Pres: Char Strand**

**Secretary: Jessica Trager**

**Treasurer: Josh Vetter**

### Board of Deacons

**Teresa Olson, Heidi Spray,**  
**Jon Hanson, Andrea Westra,**  
**Talia Schuerman**

### Board of Trustees

**Cory Heinrich, Ray Trager,**  
**Ryan Erp, Brandon**  
**Ascheman, Bryan Schuerman**

### Board of Education

**Rachel Strand, Tiffany Moen,**  
**Michelle Ascheman, Shea**  
**Joyce, Savannah Moen**

### Helping Hands Board

**President: Nancy Schneck**

**Vice President: Sue Vetter**

**Secretary: Cathy Olson**

**Treasurer: Theresa Erickson**

**Char Johnson, Sue Streed,**  
**Karla Schwendemann, Patee**  
**Spray, Naomi Streed**

# WORSHIP NEWS

## April Schedules



### Deacon Communion Setup

- 2 - *Maundy Thursday*  
All
- 5 - *Easter Sunday*  
All
- 26 - *Confirmation*  
Heidi Spray  
Jon Hanson

### Acolytes

- 2 - *Maundy Thursday*  
Lucas Schuerman
- 5 - *Easter Sunday*  
Thatcher Erp
- 12 - Iver Heinrich
- 19 - Creed Joyce
- 23 - *Confirmation*  
Lucas Schuerman

### Lectors

- 2 - *Maundy Thursday*  
Rob Schwendemann
- 3 - *Good Friday*  
Jon Hanson
- 5 - *Easter Sunday*  
Connie Fragodt
- 12 - Gabby Augeson
- 19 - Jen Tostenson
- 27 - *Confirmation*  
Confirmands

### Media Operators

- 2 - *Maundy Thursday*  
Carter Moen
- 3 - *Good Friday*  
Ty Norby
- 5 - *Easter Sunday*  
Parker Spray
- 12 - Daisy Sachariason
- 19 - Thatcher Erp
- 26 - *Confirmation*  
Eva Trager

### Video Recorders

- 2 - *Maundy Thursday*  
Theresa Erickson
- 3 - *Good Friday*  
Heidi Spray
- 5 - *Easter Sunday*  
Jon Hanson
- 12 - Theresa Erickson
- 19 - Heidi Spray
- 26 - *Confirmation*  
Theresa Erickson

*Schedules are also available online at [milanslutheranchurch.com](http://milanslutheranchurch.com)*

**Reminder:** It is your responsibility to find a replacement if you are unable to be there the day you are scheduled.



### HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



#### PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 29  
Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
- *Palm Procession*  
- *Children's Choir*



#### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 2  
Worship at 7:00 p.m.  
- *Holy Communion*

#### GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 3  
Worship at 7:00 p.m.

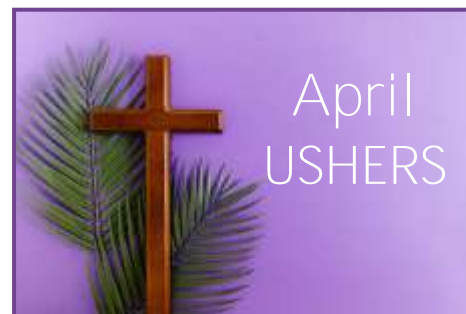


#### EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 5  
Easter Brunch at 8:30 a.m..  
Easter Egg Hunt at 8:30 a.m..  
Worship at 9:00 a.m.  
- *Holy Communion*



- All services will be  
livestreamed -



#### Group 7

Captain - Ken Lee  
320-226-3970  
Robert Blom  
Josh Moen  
Matt Norby  
Paul Spray  
Andy Streed

# LOCAL NEWS

## Easter Brunch

**Easter Sunday, April 5**

8:30 a.m. in the Narthex

**Muffins and Juice**

*Served by the "Kviteseid Kids"*



## Video Team

We are in need of a few more people willing to record, stream, and monitor the camera system to record our worship services. Our hope is to continue streaming our worship services on Facebook but we will be down to only two people doing the recording. Please consider volunteering to be a part of this team so we can continue offering an online worship service each Sunday. Training will be provided. Please let Judi Bohm know if you are interested.



## Helping Hands Raffle

A raffle sponsored by the Helping Hands! Included in the raffle is a quilt created by Cindy Ziemann Madden and professionally stitched, a walnut bowl turned by Jim Anderson and a Hardanger piece created by Nancy Schneck. All the proceeds will go to the Chippewa, Lac Qui Parker and Swift County food shelves! The drawing will be held at 1:00, Saturday, May 16 at the Syttende Mai Tea. The Helping Hands would love your support and the food shelves would really love your support!



## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Milan Syttende Mai

celebration



**Saturday,  
May 16<sup>th</sup>**

## Smorgå's Tea

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Kviteseid Church Fellowship Hall

Contact Nancy Schneck or Char Strand if you are willing to help with the tea



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### Visitation Ministry

- Contact Char Strand

### Ushers

- Contact Tom Moe

### Funeral Ushers

- Contact Tom Moe

### Lectors

- Contact Heidi Hanson

### Media

- Contact Judi Bohm

### Video Team

- Contact Judi Bohm

### Helping Hands

- Contact Nancy Schneck

# LOCAL NEWS

## Helping Hands

### Helping Hands

Welcome to spring, wait a minute I mean winter, wait another minute, I'm pretty sure I mean spring!!!

Thank you again to all who contributed to our quilting mission. Quilts were delivered to Girl's Ranch in Benson, Family Services and Prairie Five in Montevideo, Relay for Life, Bridging in Roseville, Korean Homeless Ministry in Minneapolis and a Hospice Center in St. Cloud. What a wonderful thing to be able to help that many people! Thank you!!

Thank you to the Sunday School kids, teachers, parents and the Helping Hands Board for serving Lenten meals this year. So delicious!! Thank you!

Be sure to notice the new banner during Holy Week! Thank you Connie and Sherry!



Syttende Mai is just around the corner! We may be coming to ask YOU for a couple of hours of help on Saturday, May 16! Please be open to help us for just a bit! We have the reputation of hosting a wonderful event and

that takes a bunch of people before the day and on that day! We would appreciate your help! If you would like to help that event financially, we would love that! Please give your contribution to Theresa Erickson or Nancy Schneck. Thank you!

Don't forget to get your very rare Helping Hands Raffle ticket! We haven't had a raffle for many years! This is your chance to contribute to the three county food shelves represented in our congregation. All proceeds will be divided among those food shelves! The drawing will be held at the Smørgås Tea at Syttende Mai! The three prizes will be a quilt designed by Cindy Ziemann Madden, a walnut bowl turned by Jim Anderson, and a piece of Hardanger created by Nancy Schneck. Tickets are available from the Helping Hands Board members.

We are still searching for a

person or persons to take over the Layette Project from Cathy Olson. Please contact her or Nancy Schneck if you are interested. If no one steps forward, that project will be discontinued.

Thank you to the Call Committee for your continued work on behalf of our congregation and the Big Bend Congregation. Your work is appreciated!

Thank you to Jon Hanson and others for stepping up during our time without a pastor. Your time and talent is appreciated!

Happy Easter to all!




# FUNERAL

SERVICE  
GROUPS

**Serving the next funeral will be Group 1.**

Service Group 1 chairpersons are:

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Gary & Kim Heimdahl | 752-4529     |
| Bob & Kim Molden    | 734-4660     |
| Bob & Jen Tostenson | 320-226-8520 |



# LOCAL NEWS

## Youth

### Children's Choir

— Sunday, March 29—



### 7 –12 Grade “Last Supper” experience



I often share that the Bible is a book for every reader. It holds mystery, love, horror, drama, and encompasses a promise of hope! The 7-12 grade class discovered and discussed the beautiful, heavy and heroic story of Jesus and the disciples. This biblically defined lesson brought us through the friendships and travels - His patience and perseverance in carrying the weight of the cross - The painful and cruel crucifixion and the torment endured - His teachings, His Promise - His Goodness - His gift of Hope and how each day is an opportunity to be a messenger and light to others.

Palm Sunday presented a "Last Supper" experience. It is unimaginable to relate to life over 2000 years ago; reading the stories in the bible and understanding them is complicated. An experience like this brings 'The Story' to a tangible level. We tasted traditional foods served in a Passover

meal and explored why these foods are served, acknowledging Jesus did this, drawing a closer understanding to the lessons in the Bible.

Thank you for sharing this time together ~Michelle Molden Ascheman, 7-12 grade Teacher

### Faith Milestones

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

The milestone in April is confirmation Sunday on April 26. Five of our young people will affirm their baptism: Thatcher Erp, Iver Heinrich, Creed Joyce, Daisy Sacharison and London Strand. 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.



### Congratulations

**Congratulations** to the Lac qui Parle/Dawson-Boyd Danceline for their 1<sup>st</sup> place Jazz and 2nd place Kick teams finishes in the state class A tournament in February.

**Congratulations** also to the Montevideo Danceline Kick team for advancing to the state tournament in February. Gabby Augeson, Daisy Sacharison and London Strand are members of the team.



# LOCAL NEWS

## Church Board Meetings

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

Deacons - 6:00 p.m.

Trustees - 7:00 p.m.

## Vacation Bible School

Plans are being made to hold  
Vacation Bible School

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Look for details  
coming soon!

## TWC Bible Study

"Together with Christ"  
Bible study will meet in the  
church fellowship hall at 1:30  
p.m. on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.



## Coffee Fellowship

Join us for coffee and fellow-  
ship 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



## Red Cross Bloodmobile

will be here on Monday,  
April 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

For more information or to  
make an appointment, call Sue  
at 734-4424 or (320) 212-4411 or  
visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org).

## Looking Ahead

SATURDAY  
MAY 16

Syttende Mai

SUNDAY  
MAY 17

Senior Recognition



## Jingle Offering

New this Sunday school year  
is a jingle offering for kids to  
put coins in during worship.  
The kids will decide where  
the money will be sent.

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