



Kviteseid Voice

Kviteseid Lutheran
Church

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Greetings from Pastor Bob Dahl

Yes! October! A truly great month gifted us by our loving God! As the Wisdom writer put it; “There is a time for every matter under Heaven!” With October comes the time for wrapping up the harvest, the time for getting ready for winter, the time for carving pumpkins, the time for school tournaments, the time for Halloween! With Halloween, there has been growing interest in decorations on the spooky side. Well, it is the time that can be scary. This year, the crop in the bin is likely less than average in a time when

costs of planting, tending and harvesting have been greater than ever. On top of that, the selling of the harvest is met with a market that for many only adds to the deficit. That can be, and is, quite spooky, and the spook that looms up is not shaped like a lawn ornament. It is a very real presence that can shake us to the core. In face of that, we do declare that we must have faith and believe. That is very true. But even with that, we cannot just sit back and be passive. The Lord is always with us and his presence is one of helping us to see where we

have been and what and how we have been doing. In challenging times, we need that time of examination. There are things we cannot change, and there are things we can change. Our hope and prayer is to be agents of change which will make a difference for improvements as we move ahead. We cannot control the future, but we can be a positive influence into that future as we invite our Lord to bring us forward under His guidance. It is never simple to move forward out of challenging times.

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STEWARDSHIP

Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund
2025 Financial Responsibilities
\$262,904

Checking Register
for the General Fund

8/1/25 balance:	\$1,777
August income:	\$7,709
August expenses:	\$9,157
8/31/25 balance:	\$329

Worship Offerings & Attendance



August 31	\$3,716	33
- Lakeside Worship		
September 7	\$1,319	88
- God's Work, Our Hands And Rally Sunday		
September 14	\$5021	104
- Installation of Sunday School Teachers and Bible Presentation		
September 21	\$629	74



Memorials and Gifts

None to Report

Online Giving ...



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PRAYERS

We offer up prayers for ...

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LOCAL NEWS

Pastor, Staff & Officers

Greetings

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The good news is that it has been done many times throughout history. The hopeful news is that it can be done again. Sometimes that calls for re-formation. That is what happened in the time of Martin Luther ... we call it the Reformation! Might it be the time to celebrate the very meaning of that word as we come to Reformation Day, October 2025? Let us ponder, pray and act in ways pleasing to our Lord!



A Prayer for the Harvest

Lord of the Harvest,
We thank You for the
blessings of this season and
for the farmers in our
communities who work so

faithfully with the land. As they gather the fruits of their labor, surround them with Your protection, give them strength for long days, and fill their hearts with peace.

We are grateful for the abundance You provide through their hard work—food to nourish, beauty in creation, and the reminder that all good gifts come from You. May this season be one of joy, safety, and thanksgiving for all who labor in the fields.

Amen.

2025 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: Judi Bohm
V. Pres: Rob Schwendemann
Secretary: Jessica Trager
Treasurer: Andy Streed

Board of Deacons

Cindy Kanten, Cheryl Erp,
Heidi Spray, Jon Hanson,
Andrea Westra

Board of Trustees

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

Board of Education

Emily Heinrich, 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

October Schedules

Military Boxes

Thanksgiving Military boxes will be packed Saturday November 18 at 9:00 a.m.. Plans are to thirteen boxes. Items that can be sent are candy, jerky, raisins, licorice, microwave popcorn and baked goods (4-6 in a baggie). Please have items to church by 12:00 p.m. on Friday November 17th.



TWC Bible Study



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

Church Board Meetings

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Trustees - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Deacons - 6 p.m.



October 26

10:30 a.m.

Worship

WEAR RED!

SERVICE WORK

GROUP 3

Please meet at 9:30 a.m.

October 5th



Group 5

Captain - Brian Olson
734-4615

Randy Fragodt
David Thompson
Ray Trager
John Vetter
Josh Vetter



Deacon Communion Setup

12 - Cheryl Erp
19 - Andrea Spray

Acolytes

5 - Daisy Sachariason
12 - Isaac Link
19 - Lucas Schuerman
26 - London Strand

Lectors

5 - Gavin Ascheman
12 - Teresa Olson
19 - Sherry Norby
26 - Rob Schwendemann

Media Operators

5 - Gabby Augeson
12 - Ty Norby
19 - Carter Moen
26 - Isaac Link

Video Recorders

5 - Heidi Spray
12 - Jon Hanson
19 - Theresa Erickson
26 - 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.

LOCAL NEWS

Helping Hands

Helping Hands

Welcome to Fall!! Enjoy this beautiful time of year!!

Thank you to those who came to help at the work day, Sept 3 in the Fellowship Hall. We tore bandages, cleaned the Sunday morning coffee pots, and a few other odd jobs. Enjoyed lunch and talked smart and went home smarter than before!!

God's Work, Our Hands and Rally Sunday was very successful! There were many balloons released, a bunch of kids in Sunday School, 400 bandages wrapped, 60 layettes assembled, one quilt tied, 15 military boxes packed, ditches walked, cookies decorated, were among the projects accomplished. Lunch was provided by the Helping Hands Board together with a Thrivent grant! Thank you Thrivent and all who participated in the projects!

The TWC Bible Study met and had an introduction to the new Bible study "Bad Girls of the Bible." It will be very interesting. You can still join if you would like. Contact Char Strand. Chances are there will be an evening Bible Study as well. Contact Michelle Molden for information.

Thank you to Group 3, chairpersons Brandon/Michelle Ascheman, Jan/Lori Rheingans, Rob/Karla Schwendemann, for decorating the Sanctuary for the fall season on Sunday, October 5 at 9:30. Please plan to help if possible. Many hands make lighter work!

All Saints Sunday will be November 2. Service Group 2, chairpersons Jim/Paulette Anderson, Judi Bohm, Barb Dale, Lorrie Spray, will be serving a potluck dinner following worship services. All are welcome!

The Helping Hands annual meeting will be Wednesday, November 12 at 5:00. We will again order pizza and share the cost among all of the board members. Bring whatever beverage you would like! If congregational member have questions or concerns, please contact Nancy Schneck. All questions and concerns are welcome.

Happy Fall!!!

Thank you
VOLUNTEERS!



FUNERAL

SERVICE
GROUPS

Serving the next funeral will be Group 1.

Service Group 2 chairpersons are:

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

226-5219
734-4873
734-4633



LOCAL NEWS

Youth

Faith Milestones



Jingle Offering

Rally Sunday 2025

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.

On September 14th 3-4-year olds, 3rd graders and 7th graders received their bibles.

Gracelyn Petersen, Loretta Laughlin, Live Strand, Breslynn Hoime, Cory Moen, Simon Moen, Pepin Stran, Warren Heinrich, Josie Norby, Elixis Spray and Boden Strand.

LOCAL NEWS

September Joint Council Meeting

Kviteseid Lutheran Church Joint Council Minutes *September 17, 2025*

Members present: Andy Streed, Ryan Erp, Ray Trager, Cory Heinrich, Cindy Kanten, Jon Hanson, Judi Bohm, Cheryl Erp, and Jessica Trager.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Judi Bohm, President and then led us in prayer.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was reviewed with no changes.

Treasurer's Report: Andy Streed reported fund balances: \$175,000 Gift/Memorials, \$73,000 in the Building Fund and \$6400 in checking.

Deacon's Report: Jon Hanson reported that he and Heidi Spray are gathering information for the profile of Kviteseid's ministry site. Confirmation will begin 9/24/25 being led by Jon and Heidi Spray. Information will be placed in the bulletin and mailer for those interested in volunteering to be on the call committee. All Saints Service will be on 11/2/2025. New members service date to be determined. Will continue to assemble welcome baskets and personally invite new members.

Trustee's Report: Cory Heinrich reported the approval of funds for the water diversion project. They are looking into a humidifier for in the sanctuary during the winter to keep moisture in the wood and the pews to prevent cracking. WIC will be done using Kviteseid in December. Cheryl will now be the point of contact for any Micronesian requests for use of space at Kviteseid. Mark Molden and Andy Streed checked the roof to verify

there are not leaks from above that could be contributing to the elevator shaft water leak. Landscaping is wrapping up. Thank you to Ryan Link and family for donating the grass seed and fabric for outside. We continue to be on the list with the contractor for the replacement of windows. Ryan Erp has been helping with IT and updating our computers, along with the livestream.

Board of Education: We have about 50 kids from 3-year-olds – 12th grade. A few new families and a lot of younger children attending. The first two weeks have gone well!

Pastor's Report: N/A

Jon Hanson motioned to approve reports, Ray Trager seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Call Process- placing info in the bulletin and mailer

Synod- nothing new at this time

Constitution update- does not need to be completely redone per Synod, Heather Culuris. Will be reviewed at a later date.

Nominating Committee- has been filled by Jenna Norby, Andrew Westra and Christian Kanten

Audit Committee-Financials are ready. Tiff Moen and Roger Strand to coordinate to complete audit.

God's Work Our Hands 9/7- All projects and ditch cleaning went well. Will be looking for suggestions for projects for the middle school aged children for next year.

Pastor's farewell June 29th was successful.

New Business:

Pastoral transition- continue to have Pastor Bob and Chelsie lead services. Ministry Site Profile- Heidi Spray and

Jon Hanson working on

Ryan has made folders for both the old audio and video recordings of worship service.

Pastor's office- continue to be cleaned out. Will be updated with painting/curtains in near future. Trustees will be doing a walk through of the parsonage on 9/21/2025.

Jon Hanson motioned, Ray Trager seconded. Motion carried.

Closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned by Judi Bohm, President at 7:50pm.

The next scheduled meeting will be December 17th @ 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Jessica Trager, Council Secretary

Special Congregational Meeting Minutes *September 7, 2025*

Trustees called for a special meeting following the church service on September 7, 2025. Explanation of the problem of water around the elevator addition and the shaft into the basement. The elevator was placed 25 years ago and the water has been an ongoing problem. The trustees proposed a solution of having a drain system placed on the SE side and Sunday School area of the church for an estimated \$9,000 with flexing a bit more for incidental costs. This was put to the congregation for a vote and was unanimously approved. Respectfully submitted by

Jessica Trager, Council Secretary

LOCAL NEWS

Faith in Action

Sunday School Choir

October 12 the Sunday school choir will be singing



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Video Team

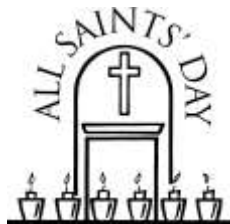
We are in need of a few more people willing to record, stream, and monitor the camera system to record our worship services. Our hope is to continue streaming our worship services on Facebook but we will be down to only two people doing the recording. Please consider volunteering to be a part of this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

Volunteers

Looking for congregation members to be on the Call Committee. If interested please contact to a council member.

Looking Ahead

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 2ND**



Novem-ber 2nd

Fall Festival - Potluck and Fellowship dinner. A-M Salad, N-Z Hotdish, Group 2 serving

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**COFFEE
Fellowship**

Sign-up sheet to serve coffee and goodies each Sunday before worship is on the bulletin board by the north door.



LOCAL NEWS

Letters of Thanks

Thank You

Thank You to everyone who donated treats, monetary gifts and helped with the military boxes on Sunday Sept. 7th.

- Nancy Streed



Thank You! We are so filled with gratitude for you and your thoughtful gift of mission support to Green Lake Lutheran Ministries!

As we settle in to fall at camp, there is so much to be thankful for. Our sites were busy all summer long with summer campers and retreat guests, filled to the brim with joyful laughter, sandy feet and sunshine. Day camp and Serve Boldly teams stretched far and wide across the country to bring that same joy and fun to many, many more young lives. All summer, our campers learned about living out a faith that overflows— a vibrant, active faith that spreads love, kindness, and God's grace like a ripples in the stream.

Your gifts of mission support make it possible for thousands of campers and participants to hear this important message and then go back

out into their communities to share that message further. Your generosity has spread so far and wide! Thank you for being such considerate and generous friends of camp.

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries



Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to Ryan & Jen Link and family for generously provided grass seed and netting for our church grounds. Your kindness and support help keep our church property beautiful and welcoming for all who come. We are grateful for your gift and the care you've shown for our church family.

~ Trustees



Special Thanks

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Steve Thompson for faithfully mowing the lawn at the parsonage. Your time and effort are deeply appreciated and help keep the grounds looking beautiful. Thank you, Steve, for sharing your care and dedication with our church family!

~Trustees



Thank You, Pastor Bob & Chelsea

During Pastor Appreciation Month, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to Pastor Bob and to Chelsea, our worship leader. Your faithful leadership, encouragement, and dedication to guiding our congregation draw us closer to God each week. We are blessed by your messages and the ways you serve with love and joy. Thank you for all you do to nurture our faith and strengthen our church family.



LOCAL NEWS

Southwestern Minnesota Synod

Synod

Reflections on the 2025

ELCA Churchwide Assembly

Bishop Dee Pederson

Dear Friends in Christ,

This summer, over 800 Voting Members and hundreds of guests gathered for the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, under the theme “For the Life of the World.” Central to our gathering were the words of Jesus: “I am the living bread that came down from heaven... the bread that I give for the life of the world is my flesh” (John 6:51).

First, we give thanks to our 18 Synod Voting Members who represented us with faith, dedication, and good spirit. They gave a week of their lives to pray, listen, learn, and participate in the life of the church. Their work reminds us that we serve a mission far larger than ourselves—for the life of the world.

Worship was a highlight of the Assembly, with inspiring sermons from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Rev. Imad Mousa Dawood Haddad, Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie,

and Rev. Dr. Wyvetta Bullock. You can listen to these messages and read summaries of the Assembly on Living Lutheran - 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

Significant decisions were made:

Bishop Yehiel Currey was elected Presiding Bishop, and Rev. CeCee Mills was elected Secretary.

We welcomed new members to the Church Council and various committees, including the affirmation of youth and young adult participation at 20%.

Memorials and social statements were adopted, including Faith and Civic Life: For the Well-being of All and updates on human sexuality and Palestinian rights.

The Assembly recognized the importance of prayer, reflection, and learning, including awareness for missing and murdered Indigenous women, and a candlelight vigil for refugees and immigrants.

As we move forward, let us continue to pray for these leaders and support their ministries. The Assembly reminded us that the church is always

growing, learning, and responding to God’s call. As Martin Luther reminds us: “We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it; the process is not yet finished, but it is going on.”

May we embrace the world God is bringing to life in Christ, and live out the mission of the church for the life of the world to come—here and now.



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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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