



Kviteseid Lutheran Church | January 2023 | Volume 33 | Number 1

Greetings from Pastor Kristine Isder

New Year's Day marks the beginning of a new year. A lot of people make New Year's resolutions. Some are good at keeping them. Others have broken them by the second week of January. The goal of most New Year's resolutions is to improve some aspect of your life.

How about making a resolution for 2023 to read your Bible more? How about starting a plan to read the whole Bible in a year?

There are several ways to read the Bible in a year. A plan I like is chronological, where you read the events of the Bible as they occurred. It can be easier to understand how all the events fit together. It puts all the stories together that are about the same thing and puts the psalms with the stories they may have been written

about. While this list isn't guaranteed to be exact, many theologians have agreed on this order.

Welcome to a journey, a trip through the most famous and well-read book of all - The Bible.

Each month we will put the daily readings in the newsletter. We will also print a booklet that you can pick up at church with the readings for the whole year.

This reading plan came from the website Read the Bible in One Year (christianity.com). On this website you can create your own Bible reading plan. You can choose to read the Bible from beginning to end, chronologically (as events happened), historically (in the order the books were written) or start with the New Testament. You can choose your start date and version

of the Bible. Then bookmark the page so you can open it every day and read the passages for that day.

Does reading the whole Bible seem daunting? There is another plan to read the key stories of the Bible in chronological order in **61 days**. That would be a good way to spend the winter months.


This reading plan introduces the major people and events of the Bible in chronological order, beginning with Creation, moving through the birth and history of the Israel nation, and ending with Revelation's prophetic words. It's all broken down into 61 easily readable segments.

We will also put this plan in the newsletter and print a list that you can pick up at church. Get out your Bible and dig in!

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STEWARDSHIP


Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund	
2022 Financial Responsibilities	
\$236,438	
Checking Register for the General Fund	
11/1/22 balance:	\$28,606
November income:	\$13,553
November expenses:	\$18,185
11/30/22 balance:	\$23,974
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Cashflow loan to date:	\$5,000

Worship Offerings & Attendance



November 24 - <i>Thanksgiving</i>	\$260	44
November 27	\$985	52
December 4	\$815	57
December 11	\$1,525	57
December 18 - <i>Sunday School</i> <i>Christmas Program</i>	\$4,318	135
December 24 - <i>Christmas Eve</i>	\$2,384	142
December 25 - <i>Christmas Day</i>	\$2,625	51



Memorials & Gifts

Undesignated
In memory of Ron Streed

General Fund
In memory of Ron Streed

Military Fund
In memory of Ron Streed

Online Giving ...

Visit our website at



milanslutheranchurch.com

PRAYERS

We offer up prayers for ...

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LOCAL NEWS

Pastor, Staff & Officers

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Readings for January to read the Bible in a year Chronologically

Jan 1	Genesis 1-3
Jan 2	Genesis 4-7
Jan 3	Genesis 8-11
Jan 4	Job 1-5
Jan 5	Job 6-9
Jan 6	Job 10-13
Jan 7	Job 14-16
Jan 8	Job 17-20
Jan 9	Job 21-23
Jan 10	Job 24-28
Jan 11	Job 29-31
Jan 12	Job 32-34

Jan 13	Job 35-37
Jan 14	Job 38-39
Jan 15	Job 40-42
Jan 16	Genesis 12-15
Jan 17	Genesis 16-18
Jan 18	Genesis 19-21
Jan 19	Genesis 22-24
Jan 20	Genesis 25-26
Jan 21	Genesis 27-29
Jan 22	Genesis 30-31
Jan 23	Genesis 32-34
Jan 24	Genesis 35-37
Jan 25	Genesis 38-40
Jan 26	Genesis 41-42
Jan 27	Genesis 43-45
Jan 28	Genesis 46-47
Jan 29	Genesis 48-50
Jan 30	Exodus 1-3
Jan 31	Exodus 4-6

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Church Board Meetings

Wednesday, January 18

Deacons meet at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees meet at 7:00 p.m.

TWC Bible Study

Wednesday, January 11

1:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Looking Ahead

Sunday, February 26

Lac qui Parle Conference

Assembly at Kviteseid

2022 Kviteseid Staff & Officers



Office Staff

Pastor Kristine Isder
pastor@milanslutheranchurch.com

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office@milanslutheranchurch.com

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Talia Schuerman

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Heidi Hanson
Luther Opjorden

Church Officers

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Vice Pres: Paul Tostenson

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Treasurer: Josh Moen

Board of Deacons

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

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Boraas, Brandon Ascheman,
Bryan Schuerman**

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Sue Streed**

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Streed

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January

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Readings for January to read the Key Stories in 61 Days

<u>Day</u>	<u>Today's Scripture Reading</u>	<u>Description</u>
Day 1	Genesis 1-3	Creation and Fall
Day 2	Genesis 12, 15, and 22	Abraham, Isaac
Day 3	Job 1-3 and 38-42	Story of Job
Day 4	Exodus 1-5, 12-14, and 20	Moses and the Law
Day 5	Leviticus 1, 10-11, 16, and 25-26	Instructions
Day 6	Numbers 3-4, 6, and 11-14	Journey to the Promised Land
Day 7	Deuteronomy 5-8, 28-31, and 34	Moses' last message to the Israelites
Day 8	Joshua 1-6 and 23-24	Joshua, Israelites enter the Promised Land
Day 9	Judges 1-4 and 13-16	Period of the Judges
Day 10	Ruth 1-4	Story of Ruth
Day 11	1 Samuel 7-10, 12	King Saul
Day 12	1 Samuel 15-20, 28, and 31	King Saul
Day 13	2 Samuel 5-8, 1 Chronicles 15-17	King David
Day 14	2 Samuel 11-13, 15, and 18	King David
Day 15	1 Chronicles 21-22, and 28-29	King David
Day 16	Psalms 1, 8, 19, 23, 51, 100, 103 and 139	Psalms of King David
Day 17	1 Kings 3, 6-12	King Solomon
Day 18	2 Chronicles 5-10	King Solomon
Day 19	Ecclesiastes 1-5 and 12	King Solomon
Day 20	Song of Songs 1-2, Proverbs 1-3	King Solomon
Day 21	2 Chronicles 14-16	King Asa
Day 22	1 Kings 17-19, and 21	Elijah
Day 23	2 Kings 1-2, 6-7, 11-12	Elijah, Elisha, Kings
Day 24	2 Chronicles 24-26	Kings
Day 25	Joel 2, Jonah 1, Amos 3, Micah 1-2	Prophecies
Day 26	Isaiah 1-2, 6, Hosea 1-4	Prophecies
Day 27	2 Kings 17-20, 2 Chronicles 29-32	Hezekiah
Day 28	Isaiah 40 and 52-55	Consolation of Israel
Day 29	2 Kings 21-23, 2 Chronicles 33-35	Manasseh, Josiah
Day 30	Nahum 1, Zephaniah 3, Jeremiah 1-5, Habakkuk 1	Prophecies
Day 31	Ezekiel 1-3, 18, and 33, Lamentations 3, Obadiah	Fall of Jerusalem



Thank You

Thank you for the Christmas greetings and treats that were shared with us this Christmas season.

- Pastor Kristine and Rich

On behalf of Lutheran Campus Ministry—Morris, thank you for your gift to support our ministry for students who attend the University of Minnesota, Morris. Thank you for your generous support; for supporting Lutheran Campus Ministry—Morris both prayerfully and financially. Your support helps us to create a “home away

from home” for students at the University of Minnesota, Morris. Through your generosity, we are able to provide meals to students, host fellowship events, and complete service projects. We are grateful for your partnership in ministry.

- Lutheran Campus Ministry,
University of Minnesota, Morris

WORSHIP NEWS

January Schedules

Global Missionary Thank You

Kviteseid Lutheran Church:

Dear friends in Christ,

Thank you for your faithful support of ELCA global missionaries and ministries. We are a church that believes God is calling us into this world – together. Because of your generosity, in 2022 we have been able to support more than 130 missionaries who are serving alongside our companions in Christ in over 40 countries.

ELCA missionaries serve as medical doctors, teachers, pastors, theological educators, communications specialists and so much more. Through them, this church is actively engaging with the global church thanks to your generosity and partnership.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, our global work has looked different as we adapted to extraordinary challenges. However, thanks to your support, we have been able to continue strengthening relationships as we walk alongside our partner communities around the world. Now your gifts are allowing us to resume our previous work in some areas, and to find new and creative ways to meet the needs of our neighbors in others.

Thank you for your support, and may we continue to walk faithfully together in this mission.

In gratitude,

Rev. Mark Olsen, Senior Director for Congregational Stewardship and Generosity, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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.



Church Supper Update

No church supper was held this year. Members were asked to give a monetary donation in lieu of the supper. Total received this year was \$2,389. **Thank you!**



Group 6
 Captain - Tom Moe
 734-4707

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



Acolytes

- 1 - None needed
- 8 - Gabrielle Augeson
- 15 - Jessa Norby
- 22 - Gunner Lieb
- 29 - Ty Norby

Lectors

- 1 - Char Strand
- 8 - Jon Hanson
- 15 - Reed Molden
- 22 - Sherry Norby
- 29 - Teresa Olson

Media Operators

- 1 - Jessa Norby
- 8 - Nancy Schneck
- 15 - Rich Isder
- 22 - Nancy Schneck
- 29 - Theresa Erickson

Video Recorders

- 1 - Jon Hanson
- 8 - Rich Isder
- 15 - Theresa Erickson
- 22 - Theresa Erickson
- 29 - Rich Isder

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

Christmas Day is past, but it is my hope that the spirit of Christmas lives in each of us all year long! Blessings to all!

Thank you to everyone of our members who have contributed in any way to the life of our congregation this year. Whether you were an officer, deacon, trustee, education or Helping Hands board member, altar guild worker, usher, lector, video or media operator, Sunday school teacher, Sunday school student, accompanist, you are appreciated! Whether you are the organist, parish assistant, janitor, or pastor, you are appreciated! Whether you watered the flowers, packed military boxes, called our shut-ins, served funerals, made quilts, made bars and cookies, served Lenten suppers, decorated for fall or Christmas, filled and delivered Easter baskets, served God's Work, Our Hands lunch, rolled bandages, wrote thank you notes, helped a neighbor, or any number of other things, you are appreciated! As you can see it takes a Village! Each of us is part of the Village!

Thank you to the Sunday school teachers and students for their presentation of their annual Christmas program. It was delightful! Thank you so much for bringing treats for coffee as well!

Thank you to those who have answered the call to be Service Group leaders for this next year. If you are called to take this responsibility please prayerfully consider doing it. Thank you so much!

Thank you to Group 2, chairpersons, Jim/Paulette

Anderson, Val/Char Johnson, and Jon/Cindy Kanten, for decorating the church for fall and also for taking the decorations down. It looked so pretty!

Thank you to Group 3, chairpersons, Robert/Melissa Enevoldsen, Cathy Olson, and Jan/Lori Rheingans, for decorating the church for the Christmas season! It looks lovely! Thank you to Teresa Olson for making new bows for one wreath this year and more for next year! Thank you for taking the decorations down in January.

Quilting will begin February 2, 6, 9 and 13. Be ready to have some fun and fellowship with friends and make quilts to keep others warm!

Carry the message of Christmas in your heart and a happy New Year to All!

Kviteseid Memory Tree

Several years ago a Kviteseid Memory Tree was started. It is a smaller tree, decorated, and located somewhere in the Narthex. This year it is down by the Heritage Cabinet. It is decorated with ornaments given by family or friends in memory of loved ones. Each ornament has a tag attached to it with the name of a loved one and

also the person or family remembering their loved one.

Please feel free to add an ornament to the tree. There are tags in a container under the tree. When you are taking down your Christmas decorations this year and see an ornament you would like to donate or see one in the stores, please feel free to add to the collection. It is best if the ornament is not too fragile. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Schneck, Sue Vetter or Cathy Olson. Thank you!

Service Work Groups


Please take a look at your 2022 Service Work Group booklet and check your listed phone number. We know many of you have disconnected your landline phones and now only use cell phones. As we are now entering 2023 and are putting together this year's Service Group booklet, we would like to make sure we have your most current phone number listed so our chairpeople can easily make contact with you when necessary. Please call or email the church office with any changes. Email: office@milanslutheranchurch.com Phone: (320) 734-4455

FUNERALSERVICE GROUPS

Serving the next funeral will be Group 3.

Service Group 3 chairpersons are:

Robert & Melissa Enevoldsen	269-8712
Cathy Olson	289-3066
Jan & Lori Rheingans	289-2669



LOCAL NEWS

Youth

“Jesus is the Reason”

The Sunday School Christmas program was Sunday, December 18th during worship.

Thank you to the Board of Education, the Sunday School superintendent, the teachers, students, parents, and all those who contributed to the Sunday School Christmas program!

Great job everyone!



Gifts of Love

In December the Kviteseid Teens hosted a “Gifts of Love” event. Gifts were collected for shut-ins and struggling families.

Thank you to everyone who donated and the Kviteseid Teens for organizing this event.

From the Kviteseid Teens:

Thank you for the amazing gifts YOU helped to bring to others!!! We asked for donations and the Church family delivered! There were sweets, treats, fuzzy and warm

gifts, and activities in each bag. Some were for littles and some were for elders. But all were filled with LOVE for community members who were in need!

Deliveries were made the week of Christmas. Merry Christmas!

Kviteseid Annual Meeting

Sunday
January 22

— 9:45 a.m. —

Fellowship Lunch following
the meeting



Reports *due* January 5th

Cancellations

Although worship will rarely be canceled, please use your own judgment before traveling in to church on those questionable days. Weather related announcements can be heard on KDMA 1460 AM or KLQP 92.1 FM. It will also be posted on the Kviteseid website (www.milanslutheranchurch.com) home page and on Kviteseid’s Facebook page.



LOCAL NEWS

Southwest Minnesota Synod

Synod News

From Southwestern Minnesota Synod

“Walking together in confidence, we cultivate life-giving congregations, nurture partner ministries, and cooperate in the life of the ELCA.”

Dear friends in Christ,

We are church together. From small congregations on the prairie to large congregations in urban centers (and everything in between), we come together as the Southwestern Minnesota Synod. Thank you for your financial support of our shared ministry.

We Are Church Together!

As we look ahead to 2023 we have exciting opportunities ahead of us. An additional \$75,000 in Mission Support will:

- Expand leader’s capacity to guide congregations, experimenting and adapting to define who they are and what ministry can look like in these challenging times. This will happen as we expand our coaching network through a coordinator and scholarships and as we expand scholarships to lay ministry training. It will happen as we invest in innovation.
- Grow the faith of youth, providing tools and coordination for congregations to deeply connect with young people. This will happen as we expand the Synod Youth Ministry Coordinator position.
- Invest in our thriving new ministries. Increasing support for our two emerging ministries will allow them to proclaim the Good News in new ways. Our Laotian community has the highest number of adult baptisms of anywhere in the synod – probably the Re-

gion!

- Discern God’s call for the Synod, as the Synod Council engages in vital conversations about the possibilities for our ministry together.
- Maintain our excellent ministry, providing critical resources to continue our existing work of supporting congregations and leaders.

As you consider your congregation’s Mission Support for 2023, we invite you to prayerfully consider growing in generosity.

Know that whatever amount you share, we highly value your partnership in God’s mission.

Again, **thank you** for your partnership in God’s mission. We are church together!

In Christ, Rev. Dee Pederson,
D. Min. Bishop, Southwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA



Saturday, January 14

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

for

Sawyer Layne

son of Travis & Wendy Olson

— born October 24, 2022 —

Registered at
Amazon and Target

With it being cold/flu season, if you are unwell, we ask that you do not attend and send your well wishes instead.

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KVITSEID LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Schedule

- ✝ Worship at 9:00 a.m. ✝
- ✝ Online Worship at 9:00 a.m. ✝
- ✝ Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ✝
- ✝ Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m. ✝

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