

Kviteeid Voice

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Greetings

As we welcome the month of May, we are greeted by the beauty of spring—longer days, warmer sunshine, and the promise of new life all around us. The Easter season continues to remind us of the hope and renewal we have in Christ, a hope that carries us into this joyful time of year.

We give thanks for our confirmands who affirmed their faith in April. It was a meaningful milestone in their journey, and we are grateful for the dedication of their families, teachers, and mentors who have walked alongside them. Please continue to keep these young people in your prayers as they grow in their faith.

In the weeks ahead, we look forward to celebrating our

graduating seniors. Senior Recognition is a special opportunity for us as a congregation to honor their accomplishments and to bless them as they take their next steps. We are proud of each of them and pray that God will guide and strengthen them in the years to come.

May also brings one of our cherished traditions—the Syttende Mai Tea. This time of fellowship and celebration of our Norwegian heritage is always a highlight in the life of our church. We invite everyone to come, enjoy good food, warm conversation, and the joy of being together as a community.

As we move through this beautiful season, may we take time to notice the blessings around us and share

God's love with those we meet. "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24)

Wishing you all a blessed and joy-filled May.



STEWARDSHIP

Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund
2026 Financial Responsibilities
\$269,336

Checking Register
for the General Fund

3/1/26 balance:	\$24,317
March income:	\$12,397
March expenses:	\$11,766
3/31/26 balance:	\$24,949

Worship Offerings & Attendance



April 2	\$1,311	65
- Maundy Thursday (attendance includes Big Bend)		
April 3	\$425	122
- Good Friday (attendance includes Big Bend)		
April 5	\$2938	195
- Easter Sunday		
April 12	\$1075	57
April 19	\$691	91



Memorials and Gifts

Undesignated
In memory of:
Bruce Loose

Cemetery Fund
In memory of:
Bruce Loose

Online Giving ...



Visit our website at
milanslutheranchurch.com

PRAYERS

We offer up prayers for ...

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LOCAL NEWS

Looking Ahead



WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

JULY 12
9:00 A.M.

LAKESIDE WORSHIP

MAY 24
JULY 5
SEPTEMBER 7



TWC Bible Study

“Together with Christ”
Bible study will meet in the church
fellowship hall at 1:30 p.m. on
Wednesday, May 13th.



Coffee Fellowship

Join us for coffee and fellowship
before 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.

Church Board Meetings

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Deacons - 6 p.m.
Trustees - 7 p.m.



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, Jodi Tongen,
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

May Schedules

Lakeside Worship Service

at Milan Beach Resort

(Randall's - Lac qui Parle Lake)

Sunday, May 24th - 9:30 a.m.

Bring a lawn chair ☩ In case of inclement weather, service will be held at Kviteseid, Milan.

Hosted by Big Bend, Borgund, Immanuel, Kviteseid, Minnesota Valley, and Zion Lutheran Churches

Loose offering will be given to the area food shelves

Free will donation for coffee and goodies following worship.



Lectors

- 3 - Nancy Streed
- 10 - Eva Trager
- 17 - Heidi Hanson
- 24 - Lakeside Worship Char Strand
- 31 - Theresa Olson

Media Operators

- 3 - Iver Heinrich
- 10 - Theresa Erickson
- 17 - London Strand
- 24 - Lakeside Worship None Needed
- 31 - Parker Spray

Video Recorders

- 3 - Jon Hanson
- 10 - Heidi Spray
- 17 - Theresa Erickson
- 24 - Lakeside Worship None Needed
- 31 - Theresa Erickson

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.



Gabby Augeson
Gunner Liebl
Jessa Norby
Ty Norby

Senior Recognition

Sunday, May 17
during 10:30 a.m. Worship

A reception will be held in their honor following morning worship in the fellowship hall



Group 2

Captain - Char Johnson
752-4577

Connie Fragodt
Kim Heimdahl
Teresa Olson
Karla Schwendemann
Sue Streed
Kim Thompson

LOCAL NEWS

Helping Hands

Helping Hands

Here it is! Spring!! Enjoy to the max!!

Thank you to Group 4, chairpersons Bob/Diane Berven, Heidi Spray, Sue Streed, for serving the lunch following the funeral of Bruce Loose. Much appreciated by the Bruce's family.

Syttende Mai is right around the corner! We are in need of some willing souls to help with washing dishes and clearing tables. Please contact Nancy Schneck or Char Strand if you can be one of those who are willing to share a couple of hours on Saturday, May 16! Thank you to all who share their time, talents and Thrivent cards to make the Smorgås Tea a success! You are all appreciated!

This year's quilts were distributed to our Seniors, those new to assisted living or nursing home living, Heartland Girls Ranch, Family Services of Chippewa County, Prairie 5 of Chippewa County, Hospice Home in St. Cloud, Korean Homeless Ministry in Minneapolis, Bridging in Roseville. Many, many people felt the love and compassion of our Quilt

Ministry. Thank you to all helped make them and to those who delivered them.

Thank you to Beth Dalen for creating more Hardanger Baptismal towels for our baptized souls. You are amazing!

We are still looking for a leader for the layette project. If that could be you, please contact Nancy Schneck or Cathy Olson. Thank you so much!

Thank you to Kim Molden for donating centerpiece crosses for tables in the Fellowship Hall. You are appreciated!

Don't forget to get your raffle tickets for the Helping Hands Raffle to be drawn at the Smorgås Tea May 16. The prizes are a quilt created by Cindy Ziemann and finished by Kim Molden, a walnut bowl turned by Jim Anderson and a Hardanger table runner created by Nancy Schneck. Tickets are available from Helping Hands board members and are \$10. All proceeds will be divided among Lac qui Parle, Chippewa and Swift County Food Shelves. Your donation is appreciated!

Blessings to all and enjoy spring!

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!



20th Annual Milan Syttende Mai celebration

Saturday, May 16th

**10 am - 4 pm
Main Street**



Smorgås Tea

**10 am - 1 pm
at Kviteseid Church
in the Fellowship Hall**

Uff-da **PARADE** at 2 pm
downtown Milan

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

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, May 3th — 9 :15 a.m.



Vacation Bible School

Plans are being made to hold
Vacation Bible School .

Details coming soon!



Thank You,
Teachers!

Thank you to the Sunday School staff and the students for another successful, enlightening, action-filled FUN Sunday School year. We appreciate all you do!

Sunday School Choir

- April 19, 2026 -



Confirmation Class of 2026



Confirmation Class of 2026
Daisy Sachariason, Iver Heinrich, Creed Joyce , Thatcher Erp and London Strand

Instructors
Heidi Spray and Jon Hanson

Officiant
Pastor Bob Dahl



LOCAL NEWS

March Joint Council Meeting

Kviteseid Lutheran Church Joint Council Minutes March 25, 2026

KLC Joint Council Meeting

March 25, 2026

Members present: Talia Schuerman, Connie Fragodt, Char Strand, Josh Vetter, Ryan Erp, Ray Trager, Bryan Schuerman, Cory Heinrich, Teresa Olson, Jessica Trager, Jon Hanson

The meeting was called to order at 7:29pm and a devotion was read by Connie Fragodt, President.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to add to previous meeting minutes

Treasurer's Report: Josh Vetter. Everything is in order; bills have been paid. \$15,000 to the good in checking. Old Men's Account with roughly \$265 in it was closed and that money was put toward the new tvs and monitors.

Deacon's Report: Decided to not pass offering trays on Good Friday, but will have them set out at the entrances of the sanctuary. Carter Moen will be raising and dropping the black cloth on Good Friday/Easter Morning services. On 4/15, they will be doing interviews and faith statements with the confirmands. Confirmation will be on April 26th for the 5 students. Senior Recognition will be on 5/17. Andrea Westra is stepping down from

her position with the deacons, please speak to anyone on the council or Cheryl Erp if you are interested in filling that position. Discussion of summer lake services, contacting area churches to see if they are interested again.

Board of Education: Tiff Moen, Sunday School. Kids have been busy learning; most recent story was the parting of the Red Sea, next is the Battle of Jericho. We served suppers for 2 Lenten services and will be serving muffins/juice in the narthex prior to Easter Sunday service. Kids will be singing on Palm Sunday and again April 19th.

Michelle Molden, Youth Group. We have been working on vision boards; how do we plan for Jesus to be a part of our daily lives and why that is important.

The season of Lent and the critical meaning of understanding why this matters so much.

Spoke about Passover and the plagues.

Why is it important to understand Jesus, who He was and who He is to us today Biblical facts that are mind blowing about the crucifixion, betrayal, the Last Supper and the journey to the cross.

Jesus was Jewish- We are Christians Last Supper Experience during Palm Sunday class

Trustees: Cory Heinrich. Got signatures updated for the Fidelity account. Speakers & microphones have been updated in the sanctuary. Bathroom grab bars have been in-

stalled. Window repairs expected to start soon in the narthex. Will be meeting with Tony Crotty about water mitigation in April, hoping to start that project in May. Reminder to all that events should be scheduled through Cheryl Erp as Parish Assistant.

Old Business: Pastor Bob continuing to help with services. Jon Hanson and Alyssa Kalvestran also helping as worship leaders. IT (Ryan Erp) working on putting all old services on to hard drive for storage.

New Business: Call committee had a synod meeting, everything is submitted. Looking at generating questions for interviews with potential candidates. Brain storming on ways to update our website/FB page. Current pictures, more of a social media presence. Updated billing agreement with Big Bend is in progress.

Bryan Schuerman motioned to accept all reports, Ray Trager seconded.

Meeting was concluded with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned. Next meeting will be June 17, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Trager
Council Secretary

LOCAL NEWS

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 church office know if you are interested.



GROWING IN GOD'S word



Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

What you need:

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant or packet of seeds
- Newspaper or paper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker



What you do:

1. Spread some newspaper out on a table for your working area.
2. Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
3. Paint designs on the pot and plate.
4. When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the top part of the pot write: Growing in God's Word.
5. Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With adults help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
6. Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant everyday and keep the soil moist.
7. Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you too, need care as you grow in God's Word.

2 Peter 3:18 NIV

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

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LOCAL NEWS

Letters of Thanks

Thank You

Thank you so much for your kind donation of lovely quilts!

- Santa Anonymous, Chippewa County Family Services



Thank you for your thoughtfulness and goodie filled Easter basket

- Bruce & Connie Streed



Thank you very much for the easter basket filled all the goodies was a nice surprise. Thank you for thinking of us

- Gary & Kim Heimdahl



Thank you so much for the nice Easter Basket .

- Ken & Cindy Lee



Thank you so much for your generous donation to the FLY Program. Your support helps us continue to provide weekend meals to many children and usage continues to increase. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

-FLY Program
Karin Moen



Thank you for your donation of \$500.00 to the Lac qui Parle Community Food Shelf. Your generosity will help to buy nutritious food for those in our community who need some help in meeting their food needs each month.

Last year, 528 households (1372 individuals) were served by

the food shelf taking 42,585# of food, plus garden produce donated by area gardeners.

All the food purchases (\$45,942.12 last year) a jump of are from Second Harvest Heartland (44369#) in St. Paul, which they deliver once a month, 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, the food shelf is able to offer a wide variety of good food.

Thanks again for your gift!

- Lac qui Parle Community Food Shelf



Thank you for your recent charitable gift of \$500.00 to the Chippewa County Food Shelf. Your support and generosity enables us to serve many individuals in our local area. We are grateful for your kindness and your continued support to our food shelf! This is truly a blessing!

- Prairie Five Community Action Council, Montevideo

Thank you to everyone helped/ or donated for the military boxes. We have heard that these men and women really appreciate receiving the boxes.

- Kviteseid Military Committee



During Administrative Professionals Week, Church President Connie and all the church boards would like to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude to Cheryl for all she does as the Secretary of our church-especially during this time without a full-time ordained minister. You have gone above and beyond what is expected during this time of transition. Your dedication, organization and willingness to take on more responsibilities has not gone unnoticed. Thanks again for all that you do. You are a blessing.

Thank You

— Holy Week —

Thank you to the Sunday school choir for leading the palm procession and singing on Palm Sunday.

Thank you to Roger Strand for the special music Good Friday. Thank you to Rob Schwendemann, Heidi Hanson, RJ Strand, Sherry Norby, Char Strand, Gavin Ascherman, Jen Tostenson and Connie Fragodt for reading and to Charlie Hanson for the sound effects.

Thank you to Richard Olson for the drum roll for the Good Friday and Easter services.

Thank you to Carter Moen for veiling and unveiling the cross Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

