



Kviteseid Voice

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Greetings from Pastor Kristine Isder

Our journey through Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Due to the blizzard, we didn't receive ashes until the following Sunday.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient practice of placing ashes on worshippers' foreheads as a sign of humility before God, a symbol of mourning and sorrow at the death that sin brings into the world. We anticipate the death of Jesus and also realize the consequences of sin.

The ashes also remind us of our mortality. But we know that isn't where our story ends. We have the hope of eternal life.

My mom died at the end of January. My dad died less than two years ago. I have walked with many

of you through the death of family members.

This year the liturgy for the imposition of ashes really speaks to me as it talks both of our mortality and eternal life.

"Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

These words are said as ashes are placed on our foreheads: 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.'

After ashes are received, we continue:

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation, **that we**

may show forth your glory in the world. By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior, **bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen."

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The final destination of this journey of Lent is Holy Week. On Easter Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord.

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STEWARDSHIP

Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund
2023 Financial Responsibilities
\$246,313

Checking Register
for the General Fund

1/1/23 balance: \$17,135
January income: \$13,339
January expenses: \$15,847
1/31/23 balance: \$14,627

Worship Offerings & Attendance



January 29	\$460	55
February 5	\$1,258.34	60
February 12	\$1,342	60
February 19	\$821	42

Online Giving ...

Visit our website at
milanslutheranchurch.com

Memorials & Gifts



None to Report

40 OF
Lent
DAYS

PRAYERS

We offer up prayers for ...

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LOCAL NEWS

Pastor, Staff & Officers

Greetings from Pastor Kristine

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We will celebrate the fact that the grave couldn't hold Jesus. Death had lost and life had won! We celebrate that because Jesus conquered death, we will also have eternal life.

We look forward with faith to the resurrection to come. Thanks be to God.



Update on Pastor Kristine's Mom, Margaret Kelm

My mother, Margaret Kelm, has entered the church triumphant. She passed away Sunday evening

January 29th after seeing most of her family the day before. She was ready to go and told us goodbye. Her funeral will be Saturday, April 22nd at 2:00 p.m. at Amo Lutheran Church, rural Storden. Thank you for the cards and prayers.



*Rest eternal grant her,
O Lord, and let light
perpetual shine upon her.*

— Pastor Kristine Isder —



Looking for ways to help out the church?

There are many opportunities.

Visitation ministry. Contact Char Strand.

Ushers. Contact Tom Moe.

Funeral ushers. Contact Pastor Kristine.

Lectors. Contact Heidi Hanson.

Media. Contact Judi Bohm.

Video team. Contact Pastor Kristine.

Helping Hands. Contact Nancy Schneck.

2023 Kviteseid Staff & Officers



Office Staff

Pastor Kristine Isder
pastor@milanslutheranchurch.com

Parish Assistant:
Theresa Erickson
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
Luther Opjorden

Church Officers

President: Tom Moe
Vice Pres: Paul Tostenson
Secretary: Gwen Olson
Treasurer: Josh Moen

Board of Deacons

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

Board of Trustees

Erik Boraas, Brandon Ascherman, Bryan Schuerman, Cory Heinrich, Ray Trager

Board of Education

Holly Kanten, Jenna Norby, Sue Streed, Emily Heinrich, Tiffany Moen

Helping Hands Board

President: Nancy Schneck
Vice President: Sue Vetter
Secretary: Cathy Olson
Treasurer: Theresa Erickson
Sue Streed, Ronae Rose, Karla Schwendemann, Naomi Streed, Char Johnson

WORSHIP NEWS

March Schedules

Lenten Services

The theme of our Lenten services this year is “**Places of the Passion**”. Join us as we follow in the footsteps of our Savior, contemplating the places where Jesus stood on his path to salvation.

- Ash Wednesday The City of Jerusalem
- Week 1 Bethany
- Week 2 The Mount of Olives
- Week 3 The Garden of Gethsemane
- Week 4 The Courtyard
- Week 5 Pilate’s Judgment Hall
- Palm Sunday Bethphage
- Maunder Thursday The Upper Room
- Good Friday Golgotha
- Easter Sunday The Garden Tomb

March 1

Joint Worship at Big Bend

Supper at 6:00 p.m.
Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Online worship on Big Bend Facebook page.

March 8, 15, 22, and 29

Joint Worship at Kviteseid

Supper at 6:00 p.m.
(need some groups to serve)
Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Online worship will be available for all Lenten services.

March MN Food Share Month

The Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign brings together organizations, businesses, faith communities, and individuals to help keep 300 food shelves statewide stocked throughout the year. Minnesota FoodShare has distributed over \$18 million to

March Campaign participating food shelves via the Minnesota FoodShare FoodFund. 100% of donations received by Minnesota Foodshare during the March Campaign go into the FoodFund.



Lac qui Parle and Swift County food shelves.

Kviteseid will be receiving a special local hunger offering on Sundays, March 5 and 12.

These monies will be sent to the Chippewa,



Group 1 Luther League



Acolytes

- 5 - Jessa Norby
- 12 - Gunner Liebl
- 19 - Ty Norby
- 26 - Thor Hewitt

Deacon Communion Setup

- 5 - Stacey Lea
- 12 - Rich Isder

Lectors

- 5 - Connie Fragodt
- 12 - Lee Haugen
- 19 - Tom Moe
- 26 - Char Strand

Schedules are also available online at milanslutheranchurch.com

Media Operators

- 5 - Missy Ervin
- 12 - Isaac Hanson
- 19 - Theresa Erickson
- 26 - Gavin Ascherman

Video Recorders

- 5 - Rich Isder
- 8 - *Lent*
Jon Hanson
- 12 - Theresa Erickson
- 15 - *Lent*
Rich Isder
- 19 - Jon Hanson
- 22 - *Lent*
Theresa Erickson
- 26 - Rich Isder
- 29 - *Lent*
Jon Hanson

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

LOCAL NEWS

Bible Readings

Bible Reading Plans

Booklets are available at church with these Bible reading plans plus a Bible time line.



Readings for March to read the Bible in a year Chronologically

Mar 1	Numbers 14-15; Psalm 90	Mar 8	Numbers 31-32	Mar 21	Deuteronomy 30-31
Mar 2	Numbers 16-17	Mar 9	Numbers 33-34	Mar 22	Deuteronomy 32-34; Psalm 91
Mar 3	Numbers 18-20	Mar 10	Numbers 35-36	Mar 23	Joshua 1-4
Mar 4	Numbers 21-22	Mar 11	Deuteronomy 1-2	Mar 24	Joshua 5-8
Mar 5	Numbers 23-25	Mar 12	Deuteronomy 3-4	Mar 25	Joshua 9-11
Mar 6	Numbers 26-27	Mar 13	Deuteronomy 5-7	Mar 26	Joshua 12-15
Mar 7	Numbers 28-30	Mar 14	Deuteronomy 8-10	Mar 27	Joshua 16-18
		Mar 15	Deuteronomy 11-13	Mar 28	Joshua 19-21
		Mar 16	Deuteronomy 14-16	Mar 29	Joshua 22-24
		Mar 17	Deuteronomy 17-20	Mar 30	Judges 1-2
		Mar 18	Deuteronomy 21-23	Mar 31	Judges 3-5
		Mar 19	Deuteronomy 24-27		
		Mar 20	Deuteronomy 28-29		

Kviteseid Connectors

Kviteseid Connectors has been in existence for about three years now. We are a team formed to reach out and connect with our members who are unable to attend worship. This may include members living in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or alone in their own homes. Connections can be made through phone calls, emails, mailed notes, face-to-face visits, etc. This could be done by a family, a couple, an individual, or even you and a friend could do it as a team.



Prayerfully consider becoming a part of this ministry. If interested, please call or text Char Strand at 320-815-0219 or send her an email at lakeannie@fedteldirect.net.

Military Boxes

Military boxes will be packed on Tuesday, March 28th. Items that can be sent are: nuts, granola bars, trail mix, candy, jerky, licorice, raisins, individual treats, microwave popcorn and baked goodies (4-6 in a baggie). Please have donated items to the church by 12:00 noon Monday, March 27th. Monetary donations are also appreciated. For questions, call Judi at 734-4671 or Nancy at 734-4694.



Easter Lilies, to be placed in the sanctuary for Easter worship in memory or in honor of a loved one, may be purchased at **Country Floral in Appleton (289-1321)**. Cost is \$17.95 (+ tax). You may take your purchased lily home after Easter morning worship.

Looking Ahead

Palm Sunday	April 2
Maundy Thursday	April 6
Good Friday	April 7
Easter Sunday	April 9



Deacons

6:00 p.m. (during supper)

Trustees

6:00 p.m. (during supper)

Church Council

7:45 p.m. (after worship)



**Remember to set clocks
ahead one hour on
Sunday, March 12th.**

LOCAL NEWS

Helping Hands

Helping Hands

Hope everyone had a nice Valentine's Day!! Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!

Many, many thanks to all who came to the four quilting days we just had. It was the best ever! In those four days, we did more than 40 quilts; and they are just gorgeous! Thank you to those who made the tops, donated money, purchased the backs, batting and other materials, tied, trimmed, pinned and sewed them. You are blessed indeed!

Lenten season is here again. The Big Bend church will have the supper and service on March 1. Since the Ash Wednesday supper and service was canceled, the Helping Hands Board will be serving the supper before the Wednesday, March 8th worship service. The free will donations will be given to the Chippewa, Swift and Lac qui Parle food shelves. Donations will be matched dollar for dollar. There are still three Wednesdays, March 15, 22 and 29, without anyone to serve supper. Give it some thought, contact a couple of friends and give the church office a call. It is a fun service project!

Syttende Mai will be held in Milan on May 20. Our church will again sponsor the Smørgås Tea. Thank you to everyone who faithfully does their part to help with this rather large project! Your effort is appreciated!

Senior Recognition Sunday will be May 21. The seniors will be contacted to come to pick out their quilts on the Sunday when the quilts are blessed.

Thank you to those who provided cookies and coffee for the Lac qui Parle Conference meeting held at our church on February 26. Can't have a meeting at Kviteseid without coffee and cookies! Thank you!

Group 3, chairpersons Theresa Erickson, Rob/Karla Schwendemann, Ray/Jessica Trager, is next for funeral serving. Stay well everyone!

Wishing everyone a meaningful Lenten season!

Video Team

We are looking for a few more people willing to record, stream, and monitor the camera system to record our worship services. Training will be provided. Please let Pastor Kristine know if you are interested.

Winter Quilting

THANK YOU
TO OUR QUILTING TEAM



FUNERAL

SERVICE GROUPS

Serving the next funeral will be Group 3.

Service Group 3 chairpersons are:

Theresa Erickson	734-4879
Rob & Karla Schwendemann	320-226-3700
Ray & Jessica Trager	320-309-4467



LOCAL NEWS

March

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Bible Camp

Summer 2023 Bible Camp at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

As Green Lake Lutheran Ministries enters our 85th year of summer camp ministry, we invite you to GATHER together, GROW in faith, and be inspired to GO share God's love with the world!



"Plant your roots in Christ and let God be the foundation for your life. Be strong in your faith, just as you were taught. And be grateful."
—Colossians 2:7

Our relationship with God requires the same care we give to plants to help them flourish. And like harvesting and sharing produce with others, we are called to share and experience faith with others. Through Bible study and worship, meals and activities, campers will engage in ways to plant and root themselves in the promise of Jesus Christ and discover what it means to bear good fruit to share with others.

Calling all kids to register for Bible Camp! Registration is open.

For more information, there are brochures at church or check out their website: <http://www.gllm.org/>

To help offset the cost of Bible Camp for those who would like to attend, the following help is available to those who attend a full week of camp:

Helping Hand	\$100
Endowment Fund	\$150
Pastor Kristine and Rich	\$100
Kviteseid Church	\$150

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 home page (www.milanslutheranchurch.com) and on Kviteseid's Facebook page.

Coffee Fellowship

Coffee is in the narthex after worship. Ushers will make the coffee. Please sign up to serve goodies. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.

TWC Bible Study

Wednesday,
March 8



1:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

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LOCAL NEWS

Southwest Minnesota Synod

Synod News

2023 Synod Assembly

The 2023 Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly will be held in person June 9-10 at Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter.

The theme is “Embody the Word”.

We can have two voting members. If you are interested in being a voting member at synod assembly, talk to Pastor Kristine.



Lutheran Disaster Response

On February 6th two powerful earthquakes hit Turkey and significantly impacted neighboring Syria. Thousands of people have been killed and thousands more have been injured. Lutheran Disaster Response has been active in this region for several years.

What you can do:

• Pray

Please pray for people in Türkiye and Syria who have been impacted by the earthquakes. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.

• Give

Give to Lutheran Disaster Response. Gifts designated for “Middle East Crisis” will be used entirely (100%) to provide long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by disasters in the region.

<https://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response>



Thank You Kviteseid

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.

Thank you again so much for your support of this ministry. We are incredibly blessed to have generous supporters like you.

Blessings,

- Dylan Reese,

Lutheran Campus Ministry,
University of Minnesota, Morris



Thank You KLC Endowment

Thank you so much for the money donation to the Lac qui Parle Asset Builders/STF! It is greatly appreciated! We will use it to help fund activities, events, etc. that students in grades pre-school through 12th grade can benefit from. Thanks again!

- Brooks Bjerke,
Asset Builders/STF

Thank you for the generous donation to the Kviteseid Military Fund. We know that these men and women really appreciate these boxes.

- Nancy Streed,
Military Fund

Thank you for your generous gift of \$500 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts.

Your Good Gift is a very good gift indeed. With gifts designated for honeybees and a community vegetable garden (\$220), God's Global Barnyard (\$30), and a share of a safe water project (\$250), you're equipping God's people—around the world and around the corner—with what they need to live abundant lives.

Jesus was born to reign in us forever. Now you are inviting countless others into his gracious kingdom. Thank you. With gratitude,

- Rachel Wind,
ELCA Good Gifts

Thank You TWC Bible Study

Thank you for your generous gift of \$300 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts.

Your Good Gift is a very good gift indeed. With gifts designated for a goat (\$100) and a community vegetable garden (\$200), you're equipping God's people—around the world and around the corner—with what they need to live abundant lives.

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- Rachel Wind,
ELCA Good Gifts

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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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