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Greetings

Walking the Lenten Journey Together

As we enter the month of March, we step more deeply into the season of Lent — a season of reflection, repentance, renewal, and hope. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Lent invites us to slow down, return to Scripture, and remember once again the depth of Christ's love shown to us through the cross.

Lent is not simply about giving something up. It is about making space — space for prayer, space for God's Word, and space for honest reflection. It is a time to ask: Where is God calling me to grow? Where is grace at work in my life? How can I draw closer to Christ and serve my neighbor more faithfully?

Throughout March, we will continue our Lenten worship services as we journey toward Holy Week. These midweek gatherings offer a meaningful opportunity to pause in the middle of busy schedules and center ourselves in worship, song, and prayer. I encourage you to make these services part of your Lenten rhythm if you are able.

Lent also reminds us that faith is lived not only inside the walls of the church, but out in the world. As Lutherans, we believe we are freed by grace to love and serve our neighbor. Whether through acts of kindness, generosity, forgiveness, or quiet encouragement, each of us reflects Christ's light in tangible ways.

As the days begin to grow longer and signs of spring slowly appear, we are reminded that God is always at work bringing new life out of what seems barren. The cross stands before us in Lent — but so does the promise of resurrection.

May this month be a time of deepening faith, renewed hope, and strengthened community as we walk together toward Easter morning.



STEWARDSHIP

Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund
2026 Financial Responsibilities
\$269,336

Checking Register
for the General Fund

1/1/25 balance:	\$30,874
January income:	\$11,102
January expenses:	\$2,867
1/31/25 balance:	\$38,110

Worship Offerings & Attendance



January 25	\$1430	44
February 1	\$821	64
February 8	\$721	42
February 15	\$670	57

Online Giving ...

Visit our website at
milanslutheran-church.com



Undesignated
In memory of
Luther & Martha Opjorden

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

Faith That Blooms Anew

“Why are you anxious?” asked our Lord. Then He said, “Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.” (Matthew 6:28–29, NIV)

Jesus’ words remind us that just as God clothes the lilies of the field in beauty and splendor, he also provides faithfully for his people. The same Creator who tends to the flowers of spring cares for every detail of our lives.

People of faith come to see that truth unfold year after year — in the budding trees, the soft blossoms, and the steady return of color after winter’s gray. God’s reliability is woven into creation itself.

As poet Adeline Whitney once wrote:

God does not send strange
flowers every year,
When the Spring wind blows
o’er the pleasant places,
The same dear things lift up the
same fair faces,
The violet is here.

Each spring, those familiar
blooms whisper the same
promise: God is faithful still.



2026 Kviteseid Staff & Officers



Office Staff

Pastor Bob Dahl
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Jon Hanson

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Sunday School Supt.:
Talia Schuerman

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Brian Olson

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

Spray, Naomi Streed

LOCAL NEWS

Lenten Season

Easter Baskets

Service Work Group 2 will be assembling Easter Baskets on Tuesday, March 26th at 4:00 p.m. in the church basement. Please consider coming to help as well as contribute items such as candy, baked goods (cookies, muffins, and small loaves of quick bread), cheeses, crackers, fruit, individual packaged snacks, etc. Items may be left in the church basement. Volunteers are also needed to deliver the baskets. Please call Randy/Conne Fragost, Jon/Cindy Kanten or Paul/Patee Spray questions or to volunteer to help in any way.



Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies, to be placed in the sanctuary for Easter worship in memory or in honor of a loved one, may be purchased by contacting the church office (734-4455). Cost is \$20. Checks should be made out to Kviteseid Lutheran Church. After Easter worship, you may take your purchased plant home. A limited number of Easter Lilies have been ordered for your purchase.



Easter Choir

Kviteseid choir will be singing Easter Sunday April 5, 2026. High school students and members of Kviteseid are welcome.

We will start practice February 25 after Lent Service. We will practice March 11 and 25 after Lent, and plan to practice on some Sundays. Please come and sing to God a hymn of praises!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Consider being a part of one or more of the following teams



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 Cheryl Erp

Helping Hands

- Contact Nancy Schneck

LOCAL NEWS

Helping Hands

Helping Hands

Well, we had "spring" for a few days, but now it is back to winter! Hang in there, it will get better again!!

A very big thank you to the Kviteseid quilters! We had an awesome response this year, as usual, to our winter quilting days! We made more than 30 quilts! There will be a bunch of folks who will be warm when the weather gets cold again! Thank you to those who made the tops, purchased the bottoms, got the Thrivent cards for batting and fabric, and those who got in the fun of tying, having coffee, lunch, talking smart and having fun!! Come and join us in July! The quilts will be blessed Sunday, March 1. At that time, the Seniors will be able to pick the quilt they love most and will be given to them on Senior Recognition Sunday.

Thank you to Group 3, chairpersons, Brandon/Michelle Aschemann, Jan/Lori Rheingans, Rob/Karla Schwendemann, for serving lunch to the family and friends of Luther and Martha Opjordan following their funeral. The family is very appreciative.

Thank you to Sherry Norby and Connie Streed for making a beautiful new banner for Holy Week! It is lovely! Come to church during Holy Week to see it!

Thank you to the Helping Hands Board for serving supper before the February 25 Lenten service. It is a great time to great friends and neighbors and share a time of fellowship! Thank you to the Sunday School for serving two more suppers. Be sure to come and support the kids!

Syttende Mai is right around the corner! Let the planning begin! The leaders of each of the groups will be getting an email in the next few days confirming that they will continue as leaders of their particular part of the Tea. Thank you so much for your continued support! In addition, in coming weeks, others may be contacted to ask for support in time and money to help with the Tea. We will need many helpers to make food items, help serve, wash dishes, clear tables etc. If you are willing to help, please contact Nancy Schneck or Char Strand. If you are unable to help, perhaps you would be willing to contribute money to purchase some of the items needed for the serving table. Money can be given

to Nancy, Char or Theresa Erickson. We thank you for whatever you can do.

Please keep our newly formed call committee and their work for our congregation in your prayers.

Have a blessed Lenten and Easter season!

Volunteer Needed

In search of...

Cathy Olson has been leading the gathering and packing of the layettes for the past many years. She is ready to pass on that responsibility to the next person. She would be most willing to share her wealth of knowledge in the gathering of the items that are included in the layettes. She will pack her last layettes this coming fall on God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. Please let her know if you are willing to fill her shoes in this project. If no one comes forward, there won't be a layette program any more. Do give it prayerful consideration! Thank you so much!

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SERVICE GROUPS



Serving the next funeral will be Group 4.

Service Group 4 chairpersons are:

Bob & Diane Berven	269-8949
Heidi Spray	226-3422
Sue Streed	734-4424



LOCAL NEWS

Coming Soon

Coming soon! 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!

Winter Quilting



LOCAL NEWS

March

Children's Choir

Children's Choir

will be singing in church

March 15

March 29

April 19



Church Board Meetings

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Deacons

6:00 p.m. during Lenten supper

Trustees

6:00 p.m. during Lenten supper

Church Council

7:45 p.m. after Lenten service



DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME
begins Sunday, March 8.

*Remember to set clocks
ahead one hour!*

Newsletter

March

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Deadline

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LOCAL NEWS

Letters of Thanks

Thank You "KLC Endowment"

The congregation sincerely thanks the Kviteseid Lutheran Church Endowment Board for their generous donation to the Gifts and Memorial Fund. Your thoughtful support helps us honor loved ones in meaningful ways while strengthening the ministries and mission of our church. We are truly grateful for your continued commitment and faithful stewardship. Your generosity is a blessing to our congregation and to all who are touched by this ministry. Thank you again!



We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Kviteseid Lutheran Church Endowment Board for their generous contribution to the Building Fund. Your gift supports the care and maintenance of our church home, ensuring that it remains a welcoming and sacred space for worship, fellowship, and service. Thank you for your dedication to preserving and strengthening our church for both present and future generations.

Thank You

Kviteseid Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your recent gift supporting the services of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota. Together, we are neighbors helping neighbors.

With gratitude,
LLS Church Partnership Team

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 Cheryl Erp know if you are interested.



TWC Bible Study

Wednesday, March 11

1:30 p.m.

Meet at the church
in the narthex

BIBLE
STUDY



Looking Ahead

Sunday, April 5

Easter Worship
at 9:00 a.m.



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.

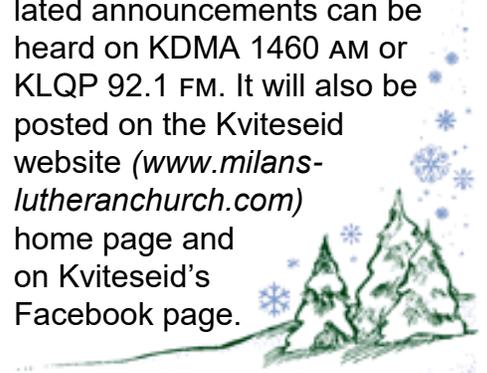
Military Boxes

Military boxes will be packed on Tuesday, March 17th at 9:00 a.m. Plans are to fill 16 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 Monday, March 16th. Money donations are also appreciated.



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.milans-lutheranchurch.com) home page and on Kviteseid's Facebook page.



LOCAL NEWS

Southwestern Minnesota Synod

Synod News

The Capital Appeal is underway!

We are committed to remaining “rooted in Redwood” – centrally located, where our ground touches every part of the open country, cities, and small towns of this synod. This place reflects our ties to creation, a deep legacy of faith, and a commitment to bring healing and hope to all.

We have stepped into the future by making the wise stewardship decision of better utilizing our facility by welcoming a tenant.

Thank you to all those who have generously shared gifts already!

The Mission Endowment Fund of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Montevideo, gave the first gift of \$5,570.00. This gift was shared as part of their Mission Outreach to benefit ministries outside the local community. Pr. Don McKee wrote, “We are honored to partner with the SWMN Synod as they embark on this strategic work to use the Synod Office Building in ways that further the life and mission of our work together.”

SAM Ralph Flitter of Faith Lutheran Church, Madelia serves on the Synod Council and knows the impact of synod ministries. Faith Lutheran presented a gift of \$1,000 for the Appeal when the bishop went there to celebrate the congregation’s 155th Anniversary in November.

Some have found that designating a portion of an estate gift for the Appeal provides the kind of commitment they desire for their legacy.

The Minnesota Valley Conference Assembly recently voted to share \$1,000.00 as a Conference gift towards the Appeal.

There are many ways to share - and we say “thank you” for all of them.

We hope that the renovation can begin in a few weeks and then we anticipate that the project will take about 3.5 months to bring it to completion. Staff working on-site are set up with tables amid the synod’s stored items in the space that used to be the ‘Resource Center.’ The north room will soon become the construction zone.

We give thanks for this building which has been home for synod ministries for the past 37 years. This space stands as a living witness to God’s abundant grace and enduring call to serve. Join us in this appeal to strengthen and sustain these ministries so that – like the life-giving river flowing through the valley – our shared ministry may continue to move faithfully into the future.

