



# Kviteseid Voice

Kviteseid Lutheran Church

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## Bishop Jon's Goodbye: To God Be the Glory

It has been something, being called to serve as a bishop in this synod for the past eighteen years.

As I remember and process this moment in our life and mine, I am struck by the persistence of gratitude.

To serve as a bishop here has been something stunning, amazing, challenging, funny, full of losses, sad, hard, rewarding, full of joys, full of broken gifted people and a reminder of God's amazing presence and grace day after day after day. It has been a great honor and privilege.

Thanks for being on the road with me as we sought to follow Jesus. Thanks to all the folks who have and currently serve as synod staff. Thanks to all the people who have and are serving on boards, committees, task forces and the

synod council. Thanks to all the colleagues in synod and churchwide offices who coached, challenged, and encouraged me.

Now it is time to hand off this responsibility to a new bishop. I am confident that Bishop Dee Pederson, the remaining staff, and the new staff who will be called to this synod into the next, and I trust, even better chapter of its life. She has deeper history in this synod than I do. I trust God was in the process that called her. I trust that God's Spirit will walk with her into this next chapter and all of you.

In my daily Bible reading, reflection and prayer it was powerful on my last Monday as bishop when this lesson showed up in the 12th Chapter of Romans. I will use Eugene Peterson's paraphrase to help you hear it

afresh.

12: 1-2) So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

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# STEWARDSHIP

## Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



### FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund  
2021 Financial Responsibilities  
\$233,650

Checking Register  
for the General Fund

8/1/21 balance:       \$1,184  
August income:       \$13,679  
August expenses:    \$14,831  
8/31/21 balance:     \$32

### Worship Offerings & Attendance



August 29	\$585	49
September 5 - Lakeside	\$240	81
- Loose offering to FLY		
Backpack program	\$260	
September 12	\$2,867	88
September 19	\$2,095.26	88



### Gifts & Memorials

**Helping Hands - Kitchen**  
*In memory of Lois Berge*

Online Giving ...



Visit our website at

**[milanslutheranchurch.com](http://milanslutheranchurch.com)**

### Financial Reminder

Church financial responsibilities continue as we enter the last quarter of the fiscal year. Please send your weekly offerings to the church office or donate online so we can meet our monthly obligations.

**THANK YOU!**

# PRAYERS

We offer up prayers for ...

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Pastor, Staff & Officers

### **Bishop Jon's Goodbye: To God Be the Glory** *continued from page 1*

3) I'm speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him.

4-6) In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way

around. The body we're talking about is Christ's body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn't amount to much, would we? So since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvelously functioning parts in Christ's body, let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't.

6-8) If you preach, just preach God's Message, nothing else; if you help, just help, don't take over; if you teach, stick to your teaching; if you give encouraging guidance, be careful that you don't get bossy; if you're put in charge, don't manipulate; if you're called to give aid to people in distress, keep your

eyes open and be quick to respond; if you work with the disadvantaged, don't let yourself get irritated with them or depressed by them. Keep a smile on your face.

+ Bishop Jon V. Anderson



October is  
*Pastor Appreciation Month*

## **THANK YOU**

Pastor Kristine

for all you do for Kviteseid!

## 2021 Kviteseid Staff & Officers



### Office Staff

**Pastor Kristine Isder**  
pastor@milanslutheranchurch.com

**Parish Assistant:**  
**Theresa Erickson**  
office@milanslutheranchurch.com

**Financial Secretary:**  
**Missy Ervin**

### Building Staff

**Custodian: David Thompson**  
**Organist: Judi Bohm**

### Volunteer Leadership

**Sunday School Choir Dir:**  
**Jessica Trager**

**Sunday School Supt.:**  
**Talia Schuerman**

**Contributions Secretaries:**  
**Paul Belseth**  
**Heidi Hanson**

### Church Officers

**President: Roger Strand**

**Vice Pres.: Ken Lee**

**Secretary: Sherry Norby**

**Treas.: Rob Schwendemann**

### Board of Deacons

**Marie Molden, Reed Molden,  
Cindy Kanten, Rich Isder,  
Char Strand**

### Board of Trustees

**Bruce Loose, Josh Moen,  
Nate Spray, Josh Vetter, Erik  
Boraas**

### Board of Education

**Sue Streed, Emily Heinrich,  
Hillary Spray, Holly Kanten,  
Jenna Norby**

### Helping Hands Board

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

# WORSHIP NEWS

## October Schedules & Events

### October Worship Assistants

#### Acolytes

- 3 - Isaac Hanson
- 10 - Carson Spray
- 17 - Gabrielle Augeson
- 24 - Gunner Liebl
- 31 - Jessa Norby

#### Lectors

- 3 - Sherry Norby
- 10 - Heidi Hanson
- 17 - Teresa Olson
- 24 - Rob Schwendemann
- 31 - Jen Tostenson

#### Media Operators

- 3 - Jessa Norby
- 10 - Erik Boraas
- 17 - Ty Norby
- 24 - Julian Bowen
- 31 - Nancy Schneck

#### Deacon Communion Setup

- 3 - Rich Isder
- 10 - Char Strand

#### Video Recorders

- 3 - Theresa Erickson
- 10 - Jon Hanson
- 17 - Theresa Erickson
- 24 - Jon Hanson
- 31 - Rich Isder

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

Schedules are also available online at [milanslutheranchurch.com](http://milanslutheranchurch.com)



9:15 a.m.  
Sunday School

9:45 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship

10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service

10:30 a.m.  
Facebook Live Worship



#### Group 5

Captain - Brian Olson  
734-4615

Randy Fragodt  
David Thompson  
John Vetter  
Josh Vetter  
Ray Trager

### Coffee Fellowship

Coffee in the narthex at 9:45 a.m. Sundays. Ushers will make the coffee. Please sign up to serve. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.



Sunday, October 31  
10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service

**WEAR RED!**

### TWC Bible Study

TWC "Together with Christ" Bible Study will meet Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

### Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated or helped with the packing of the military boxes.

# WORSHIP NEWS

October

## Church Supper

Our annual church supper will not be held again this year. In past years, our annual supper has raised between \$3,500 and \$4,500 for our church, depending on expenses and turnout.

The church council is asking members to give a contribution to help offset this lack of income. On average, a couple would have spent about \$25 for the meal, not to mention all the time spent and donations of food. Many people commented "I would rather just write a check."

In the month of October, please consider giving a financial gift in lieu of the church supper. Donations can be sent to the church or put in the offering plate marked "church supper." Thank you!

*If someone would like to lead a church meal, talk to a council member. It can be any type of meal.*

## Looking Ahead

Sunday  
November 7

### All Saints Sunday

**We will remember those who have died in the last year and those who have been baptized.**

### New Member Welcome

*Interested in becoming a member of Kviteseid?*

**Talk to Pastor Kristine.  
We will be welcoming new members on November 7<sup>th</sup>.**

## God's Work. Our Hands Sunday

On Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, we worked on service projects after church. Seventy-one people from ages 1 to over 90 participated!

Projects completed: road ditch clean up, home visits, 1 quilt tied, 14 military boxes packed, 27 layettes assembled, many cloth bandages rolled, and many pictures colored. The pictures will be put in military boxes and given to shut-ins. People of all ages worked together and enjoyed fellowship!

Everyone gathered together afterwards for lunch, thanks to a Thrivent grant.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated and did God's Work with Their Hands!



*See pictures on page 8.*

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Helping Hands & Sunday School

### Helping Hands

Welcome to fall everyone! It is so awesome to see green lawns again!

Thank you to all the service groups for doing church cleaning late this summer! It feels good to have that done and it is appreciated! Many hands make light work!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the God's Work, Our Hands projects! It was a fun Sunday of helpfulness and fellowship!

Thank you to Service Group 1, chairpersons Josh/Tiffany Moen, Bob/Kim Molden, Greg/Sherry Norby, for serving lunch for those who participated in God's Work, Our Hands/Rally Sunday projects of rolling bandages, packing military boxes, quilting, coloring, cleaning ditches and visitation. All of those things are very meaningful to someone. Funds for the lunch were provided by a Thrivent Live Generously grant. Thank you Thrivent!

Quilts have been delivered to Hospice, Bridging, Prairie 5, Family Services, Heartland Girl's Ranch and Lutheran World Relief. Rolled bandages will be delivered the middle of October and layettes were delivered to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to those who packed and delivered those bundles!

Thank you to all who have brought goodies for coffee fellowship before church! Always enjoyable!

Group 4, chairpersons Robert/Jill Blom, Erik Boraas, Craig/Char Strand is next for serving funerals.

Blessings for a safe and bountiful harvest this fall! Take care everyone and stay safe!

### 2021 - 2022 Sunday School Teachers

Pre-School	Sue Streed
Theater	Emily Heinrich
Cooking	Jenna Norby
Art	Hillary Spray & Tiffany Moen
Jr. High Forum	Michelle Ascheman
Sr. High Forum	Heidi Spray
Music	Jessica Trager
Superintendent	Talia Schuerman

### Sunday School Youth Fundraiser

**"You are the light of the world."**  
— Matthew 5:14 —

Be the Light! Our Kviteseid youth (ages 3 - 18) are selling "Be the Light" t-shirts before and after church until October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Shirts will be charcoal gray with white font. Shirts for ALL Sunday School kids will be covered. These shirts are for anyone. Cost is \$15 (plus \$ for larger sizes).



### Kviteseid Connectors

About a year ago, our congregation formed a group of volunteers called Kviteseid Connectors. We consist of 3 couples, 7 individuals, and 2 families. Our mission is to reach out to members of our congregation who may not always be able to attend worship. We began with members who live in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. We have expanded to some members who live in their own homes. We send notes, make phone calls, and visit when it's possible. It is a fun way to help everyone remember that they are an important part of our congregation and we care about them!!



Throughout this last year, many people have felt isolated at times and perhaps have felt lonely. If this sounds like you, we invite you to let us know. Our group is made up of people who care about others. If you would like someone to talk to and/or occasionally visit with, we would like to connect. If interested, please call Char Strand 320-815-0219 or e-mail her at [lakeannie@fedteldirect.net](mailto:lakeannie@fedteldirect.net).

## FUNERAL

### SERVICE GROUPS

**Serving the next funeral will be Group 4.**

Service Group 4 chairpersons are:

Robert & Jill Blom	793-6740
Erik Boraas	605-695-9862
Craig & Char Strand	734-4758



# LOCAL NEWS

## Church Council Meeting

### Kviteseid Lutheran Church Council Minutes September 15, 2021

**Members Present:** Ken Lee, Sherry Norby, Rob Schwendemann, Josh Moen, Nate Spray, Josh Vetter, Marie Molden, Reed Molden, Cindy Kanten, Rich Isder, Char Strand and Pastor Kristine Isder.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Vice President Ken Lee. Pastor Kristine led the group in devotions and prayer.

Motion was made by Reed Molden, seconded by Josh Moen, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Secretary's Report:** The secretary's report was reviewed with no changes. Motion was made by Rich Isder, seconded by Josh Vetter, to approve the Secretary's report. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** The church is doing good financially. Rob Schwendemann has gone over the monthly reports, check ledgers, etc. and everything balanced out. Motion was made by Josh Moen, seconded by Reed Molden, to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**Deacons' Report:** Marie Molden reported that Communion has been going well at the altar. Those serving communion will wear masks. They will continue to tape every other pew so people will sit further apart. Motion was made by Josh Vetter, seconded by Nate Spray, to approve the Deacons' report. Motion carried.

**Trustees' Report:** Josh Vetter stated that the rock on the east side of the church will be taken out and replaced with new river rock. Part of it has been done by the Tosten-son family as a memorial to Arlo. The sump pump issue in the elevator was fixed, but now there appears to be some leaking. Motion was made by Reed Molden, seconded by Cindy Kanten, to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**Board of Education Report:** No report. Pastor said that Rally Sunday went well. The students released balloons and one was found that evening by Jordan MN (138 miles away)! There are t-shirts for sale in the Narthex as a fundraiser for the Sunday School/youth program.

**Pastor's Report:** Worship attendance has increased and there are still 100-200 online worshippers per week.

There were 81 people that attended the lakeside worship on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> and \$260 was collected for the FLY backpack program which provides food/snacks for eligible students on weekends.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday on Sept. 12 was well attended with 71 people helping.

Kviteseid hosted a FedTel Streaming meeting in August. FedTel wired internet to the church basement for the meeting and the equipment will stay. A member paid for the equipment and FedTel covered the rest.

Bishop Dee Pederson assumed her duties on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Next year's National Youth Gathering is in Minneapolis.

**Old Business:** The Luther League treasurer position will again be tabled until the next meeting.

**New Business:** Motion by Nate Spray, seconded by Rob Schwendemann, to continue sponsoring the new missionaries, Dr. Steven and Dr. Jodi Swanson, same as the previous missionary. Motion carried.

Covid precautions will continue and Pastor will check with other pastors as to what they are doing in their churches.

The idea has been raised about having a church supper again. The first thing would be to find people to chair the event. We will again ask for donations in place of the supper.

The date for the Annual Meeting was set for Sunday, January 9, at 9:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Reed Molden, seconded by Josh Moen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Pastor Kristine led the group in the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be December 15, 2021, at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Norby, Council Secretary

Church Boards  
meet in-person  
Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>



BOARD MEETINGS

Deacons  
6:00 p.m.

Trustees  
7:00 p.m.

# LOCAL NEWS

## Southwest Minnesota Synod

### God's Work. Our Hands.

#### Packing Military Boxes



#### Rolling Bandages



#### Assembling Layettees



#### Coloring Pictures



#### Tying Quilts



### Synod News

#### Installation of New Bishop

The Rev. Dr. Dee Pederson became Acting Bishop of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod on September 1.

She will be installed Saturday, October 9 at 2:00 p.m. at Granite Falls Lutheran Church. The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will be present to preside and install the new bishop. Pastors are invited to vest and take part in the processional.

For those not able to attend in person, livestream will be available on the synod's website and Facebook.

Those attending in person are required to wear masks indoors and will be asked to maintain physical distancing. In lieu of a formal reception, the synod will be providing individually wrapped treats to go. Inside and outdoor space will be available for socializing. All are welcome.

#### Fall Theological Conference

In order to ensure the greatest safety and comfort for all participants, the synod decided to move the Fall Theological Conference for pastors online using Zoom. It will be held October 11 and 12. The topic of the conference will be "*Leadership in a Time When Everything Has and Hasn't Changed.*"

#### Staff Changes

Pastor Kathryn Skoglund has retired as a synod minister. The position of Director of Evangelical Mission (DEM) is also open due to

the election of Rev. Dee Pederson as bishop. Sister Sarah Hausken, Synod Youth Ministry Coordinator, will be leaving the synod staff as she has accepted a position as the Director of Vocation and Education for the Deaconess Community of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

Searches are underway to fill these positions.

### Thank You

On behalf of the Global Mission funding team of the ELCA, we would like to thank Kviteseid Lutheran Church for your sponsorship of Alex LaChapelle. Your prayers, communication, and financial support helped make his ministry in Kenya possible.

Alex LaChapelle has completed his service. We thank God for his faithful service in Kenya and for your faithful sponsorship.

The global journey of Alex LaChapelle may be coming to an end, but the need for more witnesses to the gospel and God's work does not. You are now invited to consider sponsoring Dr. Stephen J. and Dr. Jodi Lynn Swanson serving in Tanzania to continue the ELCA's commitment to accompanying our companions. We make this recommendation because of their connection to your synod.

Thanks for your support—it makes a world of difference!

- ELCA Global Church

***The council approved supporting the Swansons as our new missionaries.***



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# KVITSEID LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Sunday Schedule

- ✠ Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. ✠
- ✠ Coffee Fellowship at 9:45 a.m. ✠
- ✠ Worship at 10:30 a.m. ✠
- ✠ Facebook Live Worship at 10:30 a.m. ✠

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