



Kviteseid Lutheran Church

**We Are The Church
Together**

150 Years

*Abounding in Grace, Faith
and Love*

Kviteseid Voice

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July 11, 1872 - 2022

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Greetings from Pastor Kristine Isder

150 years! Wow! That's a long time! That's how long Kviteseid has been an official congregation.

It's all about the people—past, present and future.

The first settlers arrived in the area in 1870. They brought Bibles, hymnals and devotional books with them from Norway. But there was a longing to get together in the Service of the Lord.

Some of the settlers heard that a pastor was serving newly organized congregations near Benson. Upon request, he held several services south of Milan. At a service on July 2, 1872, it was decided to organize a congregation and the constitution was adopted on July 11, 1872. There were 12 members, all men.

Just think of all the worship services, baptisms, weddings, funerals and social events that have

been held in this congregation. Hundreds (maybe thousands) of people have been involved with the congregation over those years.

Hundreds of children began their life in faith at their baptism here. Many grew in their faith attending Sunday school and confirmation classes here.

We wouldn't be here today if it weren't for all the people throughout the years who kept the faith and taught and modeled the faith to others.

Thousands of others have benefited from the acts of outreach of this congregation. Many people have been warmed by the quilts the quilters made. Many babies were warmed by the layette kits that were assembled here. Many military members felt remembered when receiving a military box packed

here. Many wounds were bandaged with the bandages rolled here.

Just like throwing a pebble into a lake creates ripples that keep extending outward, so activities at Kviteseid have had a ripple effect throughout the country and the world! Quilts and bandages have been sent overseas. Our support of missionaries has touched people in many countries.

Our 150th anniversary is a time to celebrate the ministries and activities that have been held here. It is also a time to look forward to many more years of active ministry here in Milan that will have ripple effects going out from here.

So to all those people, past and present, who have been involved in any way in the life of this congregation, **THANK YOU!**

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STEWARDSHIP

Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund
2022 Financial Responsibilities
\$236,438

Checking Register
for the General Fund

7/1/22 balance:	\$2,777
July income:	\$16,087
July expenses:	\$13,472
7/31/22 balance:	\$5,392

Worship Offerings & Attendance



July 31	\$475	26
August 7	\$1,165	41
August 14	\$495	31

Online Giving ...

Visit our website at

milanslutheranchurch.com



Memorials & Gifts



Cemetery Fund

In memory of
Yvonne Hilden



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PRAYERS

We offer up prayers for ...

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LOCAL NEWS

Pastor, Staff & Officers

Greetings from Pr. Kristine

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WE are the church together! We look back with thanksgiving and look forward in hope. Now it's our turn to carry this church and ministry forward into the future.

As people of faith, we know that we do not face the day or the future alone. God has promised to be with us, no matter what happens.

We don't know what the future holds, but we do know WHO holds the future.

God has been with us in the past and will continue to be with us in the future, as we hear in the words of this hymn:

"O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come, still be
on guard while troubles last and our
eternal home."

*"And remember, I am with you
always, to the end of the age."*

- Matthew 28:20

Thanks be to God!

**CHURCH BOARDS and
CHURCH COUNCIL meet**

**Wednesday,
September 21**

Deacons	6:00 p.m.
Trustees	7:00 p.m.
Church Council	7:30 p.m.

Letters of Thanks

On behalf of Swift County Food Shelf, I would like to thank you for your donation of \$142 made on 7-18-22. Swift County Food Shelf relies on the generosity of donors such as yourself and is grateful for your support. Thank you once again.

- Sue Fragodt,
Swift County Outreach

Thank you for your recent charitable gift of \$143. Your support and generosity enable us to serve many individuals in our local area. We are grateful for your kindness and your continued support.

- Chippewa County Food Shelf

2022 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: Roger Strand
Vice Pres: Paul Tostenson
Secretary: Sherry Norby
Treasurer: Josh Moen

Board of Deacons

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

Board of Trustees

**Nate Spray, Josh Vetter, Erik
Boraas, Brandon Ascheman,
Bryan Schuerman**

Board of Education

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

Helping Hands Board

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



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WORSHIP NEWS

September Schedules



- Acolytes**
 18 - Gabrielle Augeson
 25 - Jessa Norby

- Lectors**
 4 - Rob Schwendemann
 11 - Heidi Hanson
 18 - Jen Tostenson
 25 - Rich Isder

- Media Operators**
 4 - *None needed*
 11 - Isaac Hanson
 18 - Cale Norby
 25 - Tom Moe

- Deacon Communion Setup**
 11 - Cindy Kanten
 25 - Stacey Lea

- Video Recorders**
 4 - *None needed*
 11 - Rich Isder
 18 - Theresa Erickson
 25 - Jon Hanson

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.



- Group 8**
 Captain - Ryan Grant
 734-4924

- Rich Isder
 Tyler Kanten
 Dave Lovehaug
 Reed Molden
 Luther Opjorden
 Rob Schwendemann

TWC Bible Study

Wednesday,
 September 14th
 — 1:30 p.m. —
 Meet in the Fellowship Hall



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.



Sunday School

Rally Sunday

September 18th

Balloon Release at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday School to follow



All students age 3 to 12th grade are welcome.

In Remembrance of Sept.



Lakeside Worship Service

at Milan Beach Resort

(Randall's - Lac qui Parle Lake)

Sunday, September 4th - 9 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 provided by Randall's following worship.



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God's Work. Our Hands.

God's Work. Our Hands Sunday.

On Sunday, September 11th, we will be working on service projects like we've done in the past. It will be an opportunity for people of all ages to work together.

What can you do?

1. Come and help on September 11th!
2. Suggest projects. If you know of anybody who could use some help, please let us know. We want to help people. What can we do? Contact Pastor Kristine.

Schedule for the day:

- 9:00 Worship with communion and sending out.
- 10:00-11:15 Work on service projects.
- 11:15 Gather back at church for a meal together. Dinner will be provided, thanks to a Thrivent grant.

Projects:

- Pack military boxes.
- Assemble layettes.
- Roll cloth bandages.
- Tie quilts.
- Color pictures to give to shut-ins.
- Clean up road ditches and around town.
- Visit. Do you ever think, "I should visit ___"? Well, here's your chance. Take this opportunity to go visit them.

There will be projects for people from age 2 to 100! It's a great time to work together and get to know other members of the church. Please come and join us as we

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



do God's Work with Our Hands!

Since 2013, thousands of ELCA congregations have participated in this dedicated day of service, gathering to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people. This is one way we can be "church together" and "church for the sake of the world".

"God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

We will join with many other ELCA congregations across the country to boldly participate in God's work in the world. We will use our various gifts in service to our community.

I have heard many good comments from recipients of our service projects in the past.

We look forward to working together again this year.

Come and see what's happening!

Layettes

On September 11th, we will be having God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. One of our projects is putting together layettes. We hope to put together 20 layettes.

We are short some items. We need 12 new wash cloths, 12 new

bath towels (52 inches long), 20 bars of ivory soap, and 12 pillow cases.

If you would like to donate any of these items, please leave them at the church in the narthex. If you would prefer, you can donate money toward the project.

The layettes will go to Global Health Ministries. Thank you!

- Cathy Olson, 289-3066

Military Boxes

Military boxes will be packed on Sunday, September 11th following Sunday church services as one of the projects for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. Items that can be sent are: jerky, licorice, raisins, individual treats, microwave popcorn and baked goodies (4-6 in a baggie). Please have items to church by 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 9th. For questions, call Judi at 734-4671 or Nancy at 734-4694.



Red Cross Bloodmobile

will be here on Monday,
September 26th from 1:00 to
7:00 p.m. Please call 1-800-RED
CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit
RedCrossBlood.org. Enter
Sponsor Code: Milan Community



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150th Anniversary

Sesquicentennial Celebration

Please put Sunday, September 25, 2022 on your calendar!!! Our congregation will be celebrating the SESQUICENTENNIAL of Kviteseid Lutheran Church. That means that we have existed and thrived for one hundred fifty years.



We will mark the occasion with worship at 10:00 a.m. at Kviteseid. Former pastors and members who became ordained ministers have been invited to participate. We look forward to catching up and reminiscing with some of them.

The worship service will be immediately followed by an anniversary program which will be held in the sanctuary. As part of the program, we will have a slide show highlighting life in our congregation through the years. If you have pictures of events in the past and would like to share them, please scan and send to Char Strand at lakeannie@fedteldirect.net.

At the conclusion of the program, a photo will be taken of all who are in attendance. The celebration will continue in the fellowship hall with a meal and visiting. We certainly hope that everyone will join in to commemorate this wonderful milestone!!

Kviteseid History

Trivia - *continued from July and August*

When did construction start on the first church building? July 2, 1883. It was completed in 1884. It was 50 x 30 feet. It was built like many of the churches of that era: a white building with a spire pointed to the skies.

Where was the first church building located? On the lots west of where it is now. In 1897 it was moved to its present site. A basement was built in 1906 and a furnace installed. The basement was enlarged in 1921. The original plan was to build the church at the site of the present cemetery but members decided to build it in town.

What was the cost of the first church building? \$2,674, which is \$80,418 in 2022 dollars. Many members contributed labor to the building project. Members hauled stones for the foundation. Two members built all of the pews.

When were services first conducted in the English language? In 1913 the members decided to use the English Lutheran hymnary.

When were the church meeting minutes first recorded in English? 1938.

What meal was Kviteseid well known for in the 1920s? It's annual lutefisk supper.

What was the cost for the lutefisk supper in 1926? 50 cents for adults. Menu: lutefisk, lefse, fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry jam, salad, pickles, pie, cookies and coffee.

What was the theme of the 75th anniversary celebration in 1947? "Our History, Heritage, Fellowship, Task, Hope and Assurance." Services were held at the Nykaas

homestead where the founders first met to organize a congregation.

What year did women receive the right to become voting members in the church? 1953.

What year was the Parish House (Sunday school addition) completed? In 1955 at a cost of \$44,000.

What significant event took place Feb. 6, 1955? The church building burned to the ground. All that was left was the safe containing the church records and the lighted outside bulletin board. The cause of the fire is not known. The fire alarm was turned in about 12:40 a.m. when smoke was seen pouring from the structure.

When did the congregation vote to build a new church? Feb. 21, 1955.

When was groundbreaking for the new church? Oct. 30, 1955.

What was the cost of the new church and furnishings? \$230,000 which is \$2,411,472 in 2022 dollars.

How was the money raised for the new building? A month after the fire the Finance Committee launched a campaign for one-year pledges. Approximately \$100,000 was pledged. Insurance proceeds were \$32,000. The final payment on the church was completed in 1964.

Where were worship services held after the fire? In the new school auditorium. The school and the church went together to purchase bleachers at this time. Meetings were held at the legion hall.

When was the first church service held in the new church building? Feb. 17, 1957.

When was the new church dedicated? May 12, 1957 along with the 85th anniversary celebration. What was the theme of the Centennial in 1972? "Continue in the Faith".



Celebrate Our Heritage



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Helping Hands

Helping Hands

It's back!! The time for school and schedules is back! I hope everyone enjoyed the summer!

As we are gearing up to celebrate Kviteseid's 150th Anniversary on September 25th, there are some things that would be nice to have done by then. Work is underway in writing an addendum to the 125th history book. The three meeting rooms/Sunday School rooms in the basement are in the process of being cleaned. Each of the Service Group chairpersons are determining dates for their groups to clean the specified parts of the church and hopefully, the active Sunday school rooms will be cleaned for Sunday school to begin and for the celebration.



Please help and do your part to make these things happen! Thank you in advance for that!! The Helping Hands board has been asked to prepare and serve the noon meal for the Sunday 150th Celebration. We are asking for ten pans of bars from the congregation. If you would be willing to make a pan of bars for the lunch, please let Nancy Schneck know as soon as possible. Thank you so much!

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is coming! This is a great time to share our talents and serve our neighbor, whether it is in Milan or elsewhere. Come to church, serve your neighbor and have lunch served by Group 4. Chairpersons of Group 4 are Bruce/Connie Streed, Sue Streed and John/Sue Vetter. Thank you to Thrivent for providing a grant to assist in the lunch!

Fortunately, there have been no funerals this month and so the same group is in charge of the next one. Stay healthy everyone!

To summarize:

- Watch for when your group is cleaning your part of the church - More hands make easier work!
- Sunday school teachers and Board of Education, please make sure the Sunday School areas are picked up and organized for the 150th
- Let Nancy Schneck know if you can help by making bars for the lunch on September 25th

Thank you so much and have a blessed new school year - students, teachers and parents!

Food for our Learning Youth (FLY)

Since the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year, the FLY backpack food program has been providing weekend take home meals for students in the Lac qui Parle Valley school district.

The bags are distributed to students on the last day of each school week. Each bag typically contains two breakfasts, two lunches, and two fruit/snack items.

During the 2021-2022 school year, FLY averaged 65 bags per week for the K-4 classes in the Appleton-Milan Elementary School for a total of approximately 2200 bags during the school year.

In 2019, 5th and 6th graders were added to the distribution, for an

additional 25 students for half of the school year. The Madison FLY program covers the other half of the year.

The average bag of food costs between \$4 and \$5, for a total of approximately \$12,000 to \$15,000 in food expense for a school year.

Local churches have been investing in this program as a ministry outreach project. Any and all donations are welcome.

FLY is also looking for additional board members.

If you are interested in donating or volunteering, please contact Cathy Olson.

LOST & FOUND



Please check the coat rack area by the elevator for items you may have left behind and forgot. There are jackets, shoes, boots, caps, hats, cake pans, tote bags, sunglasses, cups, and more. Anything left after September 11th be disposed of or taken to a thrift store.

FUNERAL

SERVICE GROUPS

Serving the next funeral will be Group 1.

Service Group 1 chairpersons are:

Ryan & Cheryl Erp	734-4430
Gary & Kim Heimdahl	752-4529
Jason & Chanda Norby	734-4844





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LOCAL NEWS

Southwest Minnesota Synod

Synod News

Churchwide News

The 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly met August 8-12 in Columbus, Ohio. Participants gathered under the theme, *Embody the Word*.

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly is the primary decision-making body of the church and meets every three years.

Twenty-two voting members attended from our synod. There were 831 voting members present.

Worship was held daily. One service was rooted in Indigenous traditions.

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton led a public apology to Iglesia Luterana Santa María Peregrina in Stockton, Calif. for harm experienced

from actions taken by the Sierra Pacific Synod and the ELCA.

Key actions taken by the assembly:

- Elected Imran Siddiqui as vice president. The final three candidates were all persons of color.
- Directed the ELCA Church Council to establish a Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church to reconsider the statements of purpose for each expression of this church, the principles of organizational structure and our shared commitment to dismantle racism, with findings to be reported to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly in preparation for a possible reconstituting convention.
- Authorized revisions to the social statement *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*; approved exploration of reconsideration of the four stated

positions of "bound conscience."

- Encouraged members, congregations and synods of this church to educate themselves about Indigenous peoples, calling on the churchwide organization to work with synods and Indigenous partners to identify sources of funding for ministries for Indigenous peoples.
 - Approved the budget proposal for the next three years along with a spending authorization of \$22,869,000 for ELCA World Hunger.
 - Responded to memorials sent by synods.
 - Elected members of the Church Council and other committees.
- For more information, go to:
<https://www.elca.org/cwa-2022>

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Sunday Schedule

- ✠ Worship at 9:00 a.m. ✠
- ✠ Online Worship at 9:00 a.m. ✠
- ✠ Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. (Sept. 18) ✠
- ✠ Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m. ✠

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