



Kviteseid Voice

**Kviteseid Lutheran
Church**

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Greetings

As we enter the month of July, we find ourselves in the heart of summer. The fields are growing, gardens are flourishing, and many families are enjoying time together through vacations, reunions, and outdoor activities. In the midst of these busy days, God continues to invite us to pause and recognize the many blessings that surround us.

This year, our nation celebrates the **250th anniversary of American independence**. As we gather with family and friends for community celebrations, parades, and fireworks, we can give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy and remember those who have worked and sacrificed to preserve them throughout our nation's history.

As Christians, we also remember that our greatest freedom comes through Jesus Christ. God's love frees us from

fear, sin, and despair and calls us to live lives of faith, service, and compassion. We are blessed with the opportunity to use our freedoms to serve our neighbors and share Christ's love with the world.

The psalmist reminds us, "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24) Each day is a gift from God, filled with opportunities to share kindness, offer encouragement, and serve others in Christ's name.

Summer often brings a change of routine, but our call as followers of Jesus remains the same. Whether we are worshiping in our church sanctuary, attending outdoor services, visiting family, or simply enjoying God's creation, we are reminded that God goes with us wherever we are.

As a congregation, we give thanks for the many volunteers who faithfully serve, the friendships we share, and the ministry opportunities that continue throughout the summer months. We also remember those who are facing illness, loss, or other challenges, keeping them in our prayers and extending Christ's love through our care and support.

May this July be a time of renewal, joy, and gratitude. May we celebrate both the blessings of our nation and the enduring hope we have in Christ. May we take time to enjoy God's beautiful creation, strengthen our faith, and share the hope of Christ with those around us.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you." — Numbers 6:24-25

STEWARDSHIP

Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund
2026 Financial Responsibilities
\$269,336

Checking Register
for the General Fund

5/1/26 balance:	\$25,319
May income:	\$13,123
May expenses:	\$16,374
5/30/25 balance:	\$22,067

Worship Offerings & Attendance



June 7	\$1447	54
June 14	\$250	31
June 21	\$290	36
June 28	\$	



Memorials and Gifts



None to Report

Online Giving ...



Visit our website at
milanslutheranchurch.com

PRAYERS

We offer up prayers for ...

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LOCAL NEWS

NOTICE TO THE CONGREGATION

A **Congregational meeting** will be held on Sunday, July 12, 2026, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and consider the proposed replacement of the windows near the narthex and roof repairs to the offices.

Sunday, July 12, 2026
following worship service.

All are encouraged to attend.



Update

The council has interviewed a candidate for the for the position of interim pastor. At this point the candidate is considering more than one opportunity. The congregation will be informed if there are any decisions made.

Offering

As our congregation's giving habits continue to evolve, we will no longer be passing the offering plates during worship.

Starting Sunday July 12 Offering plates will be available at each entrance door for those who wish to

give. During the Sharing of the Peace, we will continue our tradition of collecting the Jingle Offering. The offering plates will be brought forward during worship as usual.

This Change reflects the many ways our members now support the church, including online giving, monthly contributions, and giving schedules that work best for individual families.

Thank you for your faithful generosity and continued support of our ministry.



2026 Kviteseid Staff & Officers



Office Staff

Pastor Bob Dahl
rldahl1@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

June Schedules



Deacon Communion Setup

12 - Teresa Olson
Heidi Spray

Lectors

5 - Nancy Streed
12 - Gabby Augeson
19 - Connie Fragodt
26 - Jen Tostenson

Media Operators

5 - None needed
12 - Theresa Erickson
19 - London Strand
26 - Carter Moen

Video Recorders

5 - None needed
12 - Jon Hanson
19 - Theresa Erickson
26 - Heidi Spray

*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.

TWC Bible Study

"Together with Christ"
Bible study will meet in the church
fellowship hall at 1:30 p.m. on
Wednesday, July 8th.



Church Board Meetings

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

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



Group 4

Captain - Jon Kanten
793-6647
Gary Heimdahl
Val Johnson
Christian Kanten
Cale Norby
Jason Norby
Alex Olson

Coffee Fellowship

Join us for coffee and fellowship
after worship Sunday mornings in
the narthex at 10:30 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.



Looking Ahead

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

**JULY 12
9:00 A.M.**



LAKE SIDE WORSHIP

**JULY 5
SEPTEMBER 7
9:30 A.M.**



LMM Golf Tournament

**LUTHERAN
MEN IN MISSION
32ND ANNUAL
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

JULY 24, 2026

REDWOOD FALLS GOLF CLUB

Registration deadline:
Monday July 20th

LOCAL NEWS

Helping Hands

Helping Hands

Summer is here! Yaaaay!!
Enjoy!

Just a reminder, quilting is Monday, July 13, Wednesday, July 15, Monday, July 20 and Wednesday, July 22, 9 am to 3 pm. Please bring your lunch, and IF you have something to share for coffee, feel free to do that! Yum! No experience necessary! Love to see lots of people ... guys are welcome too!!

Another reminder, Rally Sunday/ God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is September 13. Worship is at 9:00 and we will work and share until 11:00 or so. Lunch will be provided and served by Group 3, chairpersons, Brandon/Michelle Ascherman, Theresa Erickson and Ray/Jessica Trager.

Have a blessed summer, safe and full of fun!



Recipe

Many people were asking for the recipe for the coleslaw at Bruce Loose's funeral. His daughter shared it with Char Strand

Bruce's Coleslaw Recipe

1 cup Miracle Whip
1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
2 tsp. mustard
celery seed-as much as you like
red onion, dice-as much as you like
coleslaw mix



New Diabetes Emergency Kits Available

Thanks to the generous support of the local Lions Club, Kviteseid Lutheran Church now has Diabetes Emergency Kits available in the back of the church.

These kits are designed to provide quick access to emergency supplies for individuals experiencing a diabetic emergency while attending worship services, meetings, or other church activities. Having these kits on hand helps us create a safer and more welcoming environment for all who gather here.

We are grateful to the Lions Club for their thoughtful donation and their continued commitment to supporting the health and well-being of our community. Their generosity is helping us better care for one another and be prepared when emergencies arise.

Thank you, Lions Club, for making a difference in the lives of our congregation and community.



FUNERAL

SERVICE
GROUPS

Serving the next funeral will be Group 1.

Service Group 1 chairpersons are:

Gary & Kim Heimdahl
Bon & Kim Molden
Bob & Jen Tostenson

752-4529
734-4660
226-8520



LOCAL NEWS

Youth

Vacation Bible School



Plans are being made to hold
Details coming soon



The Board of Education is seeking a teacher for the 7th–12th grade Sunday School class for the 2026–2027 school year. If you are interested in sharing your faith with our youth, please contact a member of the Board of Education.



JOYFUL PSALMS

Psalm 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150 are happy songs of praise.
They all begin and end with the same sentence.

Put the words below in alphabetical order in the boxes. Then read down the second column to discover the special sentence from Psalms!



FEAST
KHAKI
MOUTH
ESSAY
LLAMA
ORBIT
CARRY
UDDER
BRUSH
ITEMS
APPLE
LEARN
CIDER





Answer: Praise the Lord!

LOCAL NEWS

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Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped and/or donated items for the military boxes.

- The Military Committee

The Board of Education would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Michelle Ascheman for her many years of faithful service teaching our 7th–12th grade Sunday School class. Michelle's enthusiasm, creativity, and dedication made learning about God's love fun and exciting for our youth. We are grateful for the time, care, and faith she shared with so many students over the years.

Thank you, Michelle, for making a lasting difference in the lives of our young people and our church family.

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LAKE SIDE
WORSHIP
SERVICE

JULY 5TH
9:30AM
— AT —
MILAN BEACH RESORT
MILAN, MN

Bring a lawn chair!

In case of inclement weather, service will be held at Kviteiseid, Milan.

Free will donation for coffee and goodies following worship.

Loose offering will go to the **THREE AREA FOOD SHELVES.**

Hosted by
BIG BEND • BORGUND • IMMANUEL • KVITSEID • MINNESOTA VALLEY • ZION LUTHERAN CHURCHES

GOD
BLESS
AMERICA

LOCAL NEWS

JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

KLC Joint Council Meeting

June 17, 2026

Members Present: Connie Fragodt, Char Strand, Jessica Trager, Josh Vetter, Cory Heinrich, Ray Trager, Ryan Erp, Brandon Ascherman, Bryan Schuerman, Teresa Olson, Heidi Spray, Jon Hanson

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm and a devotion was read by Connie Fragodt, President.

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

Treasurer's Report: Josh Vetter No change. We have not had to borrow any money and are on budget as of now.

Deacon's Report: Heidi Spray We had five confirmands this year with Pastor Bob presiding and Heidi Spray and Jon Hanson helping during that service. Jodi Tongen has replaced Drea Westra who stepped down. Still continuing to have Pastor Bob do communion one Sunday per month. Lakeside service with Pastor Estling was a success over Memorial Day weekend. Jon continuing to do 3 of 4 Sundays per month. Looking into getting church bells to ring inside to signal beginning of church service. May try a different coffee cart/bar set up along with positioning of tables in the Narthex.

Trustee's Report: Cory Heinrich Additional set of picture holders were hung on basement wall for

confirmation class pictures. Continuing to do more research for water mitigation by elevator, checking for any other places of leakage before fixing. Narthex windows have received a new estimate with a special meeting on July 12th to approve budget for that. Problem ended up being much larger when the replacement was originally started. Windows were originally placed incorrectly so water does not drain as it's supposed to, entire framing needs to be redone.

Board of Education: Read by Connie Fragodt Kviteseid Kids wrapped up another great year of Sunday School. Throughout the spring the children participated in several church events including the Palm Sunday Processional Parade, served muffins and juice before Easter Sunday Service and the annual Easter Egg Hunt. They shared their faith by filling the church walkway with encouraging messages and decorating the entryway with stars as part of our "Shine for Jesus" theme. To celebrate the end of the year, they enjoyed a fun-filled pizza party. Looking ahead, we're excited to end summer with Vacation Bible School and are planning on joining forces with Big Bend. More details will be shared as plans are finalized. Thank you to all of our volunteers, families and congregation members who continue to support our Kviteseid Kids to help make these meaningful experiences possible!

Michelle Molden also announced her resignation/retirement from

leading Youth Group and we will be looking to fill that position for the upcoming year. Please talk to the Board of Ed if you are interested!

Old Business: Meeting with Big Bend being set up with Trustees to go over pastoral agreement/finances.

New Business: Judi Bohm will be back to play piano for services starting the second Sunday in July. In addition, the Trustees have also found an upload of the entire hymnal book for the organ to have as a backup and will be working on getting that set up.

Synod Authorized Minister (SAM)-Connie Fragodt spoke with Heather Culuris. Steps completed for Jon Hanson to continue his training. The church will need to complete a request every 6 months to remain an SAM site.

Potential interim pastor candidate. Connie distributed information regarding Pastor Linda Peterson Molitor and after discussion amongst the council, it was decided to call and set up an interview with her and available council members. Ray Trager motioned for reports to be accepted, Ryan Erp seconded. Meeting was concluded with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 8:18pm.

Next meeting will be September 16, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Trager
Council Secretary