

# Kviteseid Voice

**Kviteseid Lutheran  
Church**

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## Greetings

As we welcome the month of June, we also welcome the beginning of summer—a season filled with sunshine, gatherings, travel, and opportunities to enjoy God’s creation. Even as our routines change, we are reminded that God’s presence remains constant in every season of life.

May was a joyful and busy month in the life of our church. We celebrated our graduating seniors and recognized their hard work, accomplishments, and bright futures ahead. We also enjoyed wonderful fellowship during the Syttende Mai Smorgas Tea and other spring gatherings. Thank you to everyone who helped make these events special through volunteering, donating food, decorating, serving, and supporting our church family in so many ways.

As summer begins, we look forward to worship opportunities together, including Lakeside Worship Services and continued fellowship within our congregation and neighboring churches. Summer often brings guests, family visits, and time away, but it also offers meaningful moments to reconnect with faith, community, and the beauty of God’s world around us. June reminds us to slow down and notice the blessings we sometimes overlook—a warm breeze, laughter with friends, time spent outdoors, and the comfort of worshipping together. Whether you are traveling, working in the garden, attending ballgames, or simply enjoying longer days, may you find moments to rest in God’s grace and love.

We continue to thank all who serve our congregation in countless ways. Your dedication keeps our ministries active and welcoming throughout the year. Every act of kindness, no matter how small, helps strengthen our church family. Wishing everyone a safe, joyful, and blessed June! We look forward to seeing you in worship and fellowship throughout the summer months.

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” — Psalm 118:24



# STEWARDSHIP

## Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



### FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund  
2026 Financial Responsibilities  
\$269,336

Checking Register  
for the General Fund

4/1/26 balance:	\$24,949
April income:	\$13,600
April expenses:	\$13,230
4/30/25 balance:	\$25,319

### Worship Offerings & Attendance



April 26	\$1091	165
- Confirmation Sunday		
May 3	\$4842	94
May 10	\$3100	52
May 17	\$454	80
- Senior Recognition Sunday		
May 24		
- Lakeside Worship		
Envelope offering	\$	75
Loose offering to area food shelves	\$	389



### Memorials and Gifts

Undesignated

*In memory of:*

Luther &  
Martha Opjorden

Online Giving ...



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# PRAYERS

We offer up prayers for ...

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Southwestern Minnesota Synod

### Synod Assembly Offering

This year, the Synod Assembly offering goal is \$35,000 to support our shared commitment to ensuring every congregation is led by authorized Word and Sacrament ministry.

In the synod-wide Listening Survey launched at the 2024 Synod Assembly, congregations identified worship as a top priority. Word and Sacrament ministry remains central to the faith formation of our communities. In response, synod staff continue to devote substantial time, energy, and prayer to equipping every congregation with consistent and meaningful access to this authorized ministry.

At the same time, longstanding trends present challenges. Many seminary graduates raised up within

our synod feel called to serve beyond our region, while fewer candidates and rostered leaders return to rural synods across Region 3. Combined with increasing pastoral retirements and a declining number of seminary graduates, this has prompted a necessary shift.

Congregations are now being asked to identify individuals with the faith, gifts, and temperament for theological study and potential lay ministry, whether part-time or full-time. This effort is already bearing fruit. Individuals are coming forward with a sense of call, and as they complete their theological studies, they are supported by mentors who accompany them through lay ministry.

This initiative is partially funded through a grant from Wartburg Seminary and sustained by the synod

budget, including the dedicated work of the bishop and synod staff. The purpose is clear: to ensure that the good news of the life and love of Jesus Christ continues to be proclaimed through your congregation.

**These investments strengthen congregations of all sizes and contexts, rural and urban areas alike. To sustain this work, the synod has set a \$35,000 goal. Congregations are invited to participate in ways that fit their context: contributing \$1 per baptized member, drawing from endowment funds, incorporating the offering into outreach ministries, or organizing special collections. Individual gifts are also encouraged.**

## 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

7 - Heidi Spray  
Jodi Tongen

### Lectors

7 - Judy Thompson  
14 - Charlie Hanson  
21 - Sherry Norby  
28 - Rob Schwendemann

### Media Operators

7 - Daisy Sachariason  
14 - Eva Trager  
21 - Thatcher Erp  
28 - Iver Heinrich

### Video Recorders

7 - Jon Hanson  
14 - Theresa Erickson  
21 - Heidi Spray  
28 - Emily Heinrich

*Schedules are also available online at [milanslutheranchurch.com](http://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, June 10<sup>th</sup>.



### Group 5

Captain - Brian Olson  
734-4615

Randy Fragodt  
David Thompson  
Ray Trager  
John Vetter  
Josh Vetter

### Church Board Meetings

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17**

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

**Council Meeting at 7:30**

### 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.



### Looking Ahead



**WORSHIP TIME CHANGE**

**JULY 12**

**9:00 A.M.**

### LAKESIDE WORSHIP

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



# LOCAL NEWS

## Helping Hands

### Helping Hands

Welcome to spring in Minnesota! Some days are nice and some days aren't! Be thankful for each one!

A very big thank you to all who helped in any way to facilitate the successful 20th Annual Smörgås Tea at Kviteseid! Each and everyone is needed to make it happen. Whether you made any of the food items, donated money, helped in the serving, washed the dishes, cleared the tables, personed each of the welcome, woodenware and raffle tables, cashiered, each is a very important part. We are very thankful for our out of town helpers from Alaska, Burnsville, South Dakota and Woodbury. Some did one of those things, some did several things, all are appreciated! About 300 people were served. They came from all over the state and from neighboring states. We netted about \$4300 and that money will be distributed to several groups at our November Helping Hands meeting. Some of the recipients will include Rice Hospice, Caregivers, Heartland Girl's Ranch, Strengthen the Family, FLY Backpacks, Military boxes,

Layettes, Global Missions and more.

A special thank you to Jim Anderson, this year's featured artist on the Syttende Mai poster, donated many of his turned bowls and woodenware pieces to be sold and the proceeds given to the Helping Hands. The sales totaled about \$700. Thank you Jim and Paulette!

Something different this year...we had a raffle of a quilt created by Cindy Ziemann Madden, finished by Kim Molden and professionally stitched compliments of Nancy Streed. Kaleb Schwendemann's name of drawn as winner of the quilt. Jim Anderson donated a turned walnut bowl and Sharon Miller from Minnetonka and was present, whose son owns the former Mildred Banet home, won the bowl. Nancy Schneck donated a piece of her Hardanger and it was won by Pat Lindblad from Dawson. Thank you to all who purchased tickets. Each of the three food shelves will receive more than \$720 from the proceeds of the raffle. Awesome!

Summer quilting will be held Monday, July 13, Wednesday, July 15, Monday, July 20 and Wednesday, July 22 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Bring your own lunch

and if you have, something to share over coffee. Put it on your calendar! It will be fun!!

Enjoy the summer!



### Military Boxes

Military boxes will be packed on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Plans are to send 13 boxes. Items that can be sent are candy, jerky, raisins, licorice, microwave popcorn and baked goods (4-6 in a baggie). Monetary donations are also appreciated. Please have items to church by noon on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.



Care Packages for the Military

# FUNERAL

## SERVICE GROUPS

**Serving the next funeral will be Group 1.**

Service Group 1 chairpersons are:

Gary & Kim Heimdahl	752-4529
Bon & Kim Molden	734-4660
Bob & Jen Tostenson	226-8520



# LOCAL NEWS

## Youth

### Senior Recognition

**Graduating seniors** were recognized May 17 during worship. Quilts were presented to the graduates: Gabrielle Augeson, Gunner Liebl, Jessa Norby and Ty Norby.



Jessa Norby, Gabrielle Augeson, Ty Norby and Gunner Liebl

### Jingle Offering

This year the jingle offering for kids to put coins in during worship. Through May 18 \$237 has been collected. The kids will decide where it will be donated next year during Sunday school.



### Sunday School

May 3 was the last Sunday of Sunday school. Awards were handed out for memory work and attendance. The teachers were also recognized.

Before worship they had a fun morning of playing outside and enjoyed a breakfast pizza and other goodies.

**Thank you** to the students for attending Sunday school, the parents who bring them, the Sunday school teachers and superintendent who organize and teach. And a big thank you to the congregation for supporting the Sunday School program.

Sunday School superintendent: Talia Schuerman. Teachers: Tiffany Moen, Jenna Norby, Jessica Trager, Emily Heinrich, Michelle Ascheman, Hillary Spray and Eva Trager.



Greetings! I have officially given notice that I'm retiring after 4 church transitions and 20 years of teaching. I started in high school here at Kviteseid, moved to Clarkfield, Augustana Lutheran Church where I led 3-5 year olds when Gavin started in Sunday School,

Edgeley ND Our Saviors led 5-6 graders plus First Communion and finished my love of teaching your families back in my home Church with 5&6 graders then 7-12 grade. It has been an adventure, blessing and amazing gift to join the journey in building a foundational relationship with Jesus.

My prayer is that you always see hope, find grace and pass peace of understanding in all the days of your lives. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your journey. Sending you all sunshine and so much love. ❤️ ☩

Thank you again!

Michelle Molden Ascheman

### Vacation Bible School



Plans are being made to hold  
*Details coming soon*



# LOCAL NEWS

## Thank You

Thank you to Nancy Schneck and Char Strand for chairing the Syttende Mai Smorgas Tea. It was a great day and many compliments were received.



Thank you Jon Hanson for the donation of the railroad tie and hammer for the good Friday service.

## MN River Valley Cancer Connections

Lorrie Spray will be collecting donations for the MN River Valley Cancer Connections. The walk this year is Wed. June 4th in Smith Park. Donations can be given at anytime. All donations will stay locally to help anyone presently going through cancer treatment. Thank you!

Lorrie Spray  
4055 130th Ave. NW



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## 2026 Syttende Mai Tea



## Lakeside Worship



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# KVITSEID LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **Sunday Schedule**

✝ Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m. ✝

✝ Worship at 10:30 a.m. ✝

✝ Online Worship at 10:30 a.m. ✝

Church Office Phone: 320-734-4455 ✝ [www.milanslutheranchurch.com](http://www.milanslutheranchurch.com)

Pastor Bob Dahl

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