



Kviteleid Voice

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Greetings from Pastor Kristine Isder

Love: Parts 2 and 3

Last month I wrote about God’s love for us.

That is the first and most important kind of love. The next two kinds of love are connected – love of God and love of others.

“We love because God first loved us.” (1 John 4:19)

Loving God is the vertical dimension of our faith. Our relationship with others represents the horizontal dimension of our faith. Love for God should translate into love for neighbors, those near and far.

We show love to God by showing love to others.

“Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.” (1 John 4:11)

“Let all that you do be done in love.” (1 Corinthians 16:14)

The word for love used in these verses in Greek is “agape”. Greek is the original language of the New Testament. Greek has several words for love, but agape is the type of love the Bible speaks about the most.

Agape love does not mean romantic love, liking or even friendship. Agape love is concerned with the greatest good of another.

Agape love shows a positive regard towards the other, always wanting the best for them. This kind of love is one-sided, because it expects nothing in return.

Love is a verb – something you do. It is what you choose to say, and how you choose to act, or react.

Love builds up; but it does so through the choices we make for

what we say and how we act, with others foremost in mind - not just daily, but countless times each day!

A Pharisee asks Jesus: “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” (Matthew 22:36-40)

Notice Jesus doesn’t say, Believe the right things, or Pray every day, or Read your Bible, or Worship like this. He says, Love.

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STEWARDSHIP

Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund
2022 Financial Responsibilities
\$236,438

Checking Register
for the General Fund

1/1/22 balance:	\$14,114
January income:	\$12,135
January expenses:	\$18,354
1/31/22 balance:	\$7,895

Worship Offerings & Attendance



January 30	\$1,490	46
February 6	\$1,797	45
February 13	\$1,528	52

Gifts & Memorials



Designated Memorials

In memory of:
Phyllis Hanson

Online Giving ...



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milanslutheranchurch.com



PRAYERS

We offer up prayers for ...

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LOCAL NEWS

Pastor, Staff & Officers

Greetings from Pr. Kristine

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That's it. All of Jesus' teachings are distilled down to one word: Love. Love God. Love your neighbor.

If you love God, then the rest follows naturally. Between love of God and love of neighbor, Jesus covers every single commandment you could ever name. Every commandment in the book has something to do with either God or neighbor.

Loving our neighbors is an act of loving God in whose image our neighbors are made.

Russian philosopher and novelist Fyodor Dostoevsky wrote, "To love others means to see them as God intended them."

Jesus talked a lot about agape love:

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35)

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

"I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another." (John 15:17)

The apostle John also wrote about agape love:

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are." (1 John 3:1)

"No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us." (1 John 4:12)

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God." (1 John 4:7)



150th Anniversary

Kviteseid was founded on July 11, 1872 with the adoption of its first constitution.

2022 Kviteseid Staff & Officers



Office Staff

Pastor Kristine Isder
pastor@milanslutheranchurch.com

Parish Assistant:
Theresa Erickson
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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
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**Cindy Kanten, Rich Isder,
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Secretary: Cathy Olson
Treasurer: Theresa Erickson
**Char Johnson, Sue Streed,
Ronae Rose, Karla
Schwendemann, Naomi
Streed**

WORSHIP NEWS

March Schedules



Acolytes

- 2 - *Ash Wednesday*
Scarlett Trager
- 6 - Ty Norby
- 13 - Gabrielle Augeson
- 20 - Isaac Hanson
- 27 - Gunner Liebl

Media Operators

- 2 - *Ash Wednesday*
Rich Isder
- 6 - Scarlett Trager
- 13 - Missy Ervin
- 16 - *Wednesday*
Isaac Hanson
- 20 - Cale Norby
- 23 - *Wednesday*
Tom Moe
- 27 - Jessa Norby
- 30 - *Wednesday*
Erik Boraas

Deacon Communion Setup

- 2 - *Ash Wednesday*
Cindy Kanten
- 6 - Cindy Kanten

Lectors

- 6 - Heidi Hanson
- 13 - Teresa Olson
- 20 - Rob Schwendemann
- 27 - Jen Tostenson

Video Recorders

- 2 - *Ash Wednesday*
Jon Hanson
- 6 - Rich Isder
- 13 - Theresa Erickson
- 16 - *Wednesday*
Jon Hanson
- 20 - Rich Isder
- 23 - *Wednesday*
Theresa Erickson
- 27 - Jon Hanson
- 30 - *Wednesday*
Rich Isder

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.



Coffee Fellowship

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



March MN Food Share Month

The Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign brings together organizations, businesses, faith communities, and individuals to help keep 300 food shelves statewide stocked throughout the year. Minnesota FoodShare has distributed over \$18 million to March Campaign participating food shelves via the Minnesota FoodShare FoodFund. 100% of donations received by Minnesota FoodShare during the March Campaign go into the FoodFund.

Kviteseid will be receiving a special local hunger offering on Sundays, March 6 and 13. These monies will be sent to the Chipewa, Lac qui Parle and Swift County food shelves.



Group 1
Luther League

TWC Bible Study

Wednesday, March 9th
1:30 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall



are needed. If you are able to help out, please contact Pastor Kristine.

WORSHIP NEWS

Lent

Lenten Services

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2.

Big Bend will have a non-traditional start to the Lenten season. They are hosting a Fat Tuesday celebration on March 1. A waffle supper will be served from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., followed by Lenten Bingo at 6:30 p.m. The evening will conclude with Ash Wednesday worship at 7:00 p.m. with imposition of ashes and holy communion. Kviteseid members are invited to attend all or part of the activities.

Kviteseid will have Ash Wednesday service on March 2 at 7:00 p.m. with imposition of ashes and holy communion.

Wednesday evening Lenten services will be held at 7:00 p.m. with supper at 6:00 p.m. The services will be joint with Big Bend.

March 2: at Kviteseid

March 9: at Big Bend

March 16, 23, 30 at Kviteseid

The theme of our services this year is **“To Seek and To Save”**.

In this worship series for Lent and Holy Week, we follow Jesus as he turns toward Jerusalem and the cross. Walk in his footsteps, from the miracle of the raising of Lazarus to Jesus’ own empty tomb on Easter morning. This was the purpose for which Jesus had come—to seek and to save the lost.



March 2: Ash Wednesday: *Unbind Him*

March 9: *That One Man Should Die*

March 16: *For My Burial*

March 23: *Up to Jerusalem*

March 30: *The Cup That I Drink*

Lent Suppers

Suppers before Wednesday Lent services begin at 6:00 p.m. A free-will donation will be taken to support these fundraising groups. Big Bend is invited to join us at Kviteseid for supper and worship. Serving will be:

March 2: Helping Hands

March 9: *Service at Big Bend*

March 16: Luther League

March 23: *Open*

March 30: Helping Hands

April 6: Luther League

Fat Tuesday at Big Bend Lutheran Church

Big Bend is inviting Kviteseid to join them in their kick-off to the Lenten season. Come celebrate with them on Fat Tuesday, March 1st with food and fun. A supper of waffles and sausage will be served from 5:00-6:30 p.m., Lenten bingo will begin at 6:30 p.m., and a worship service with the imposition of ashes will be held at 7:00 p.m.



Lent Devotionals

Want to take up something for Lent? Try a daily devotional.

Kviteseid has “Christ in Our Home” and “The Word in Season” devotion books with a devotion for every day.

There are also online daily devotions. God Pause from Luther Seminary is a good one. Here is the link: <https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/>. You can read it online or sign up to receive it by email every day.



**meet in-person
Wednesday, March 16th**

Deacons at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees at 6:00 p.m.

Church Council at 7:45 p.m.



Spring Ahead!

**Remember to set clocks
ahead one hour on
Sunday, March 13th.**

LOCAL NEWS

Helping Hands

Helping Hands

March is here and spring is right around the corner! Enjoy these last days of winter and do something fun!

We have been very busy quilting during February and have made some beautiful quilts for folks to love and enjoy keeping warm! Thank you so much to all who helped in any way! Many made donations of many kinds, including funds for batting, making tops, purchasing sheets and other backing materials, cutting squares, tying the quilts, trimming, cutting and sewing them together. It takes many willing hands to make a quilt and we appreciate all of them!

We will quilt two days in July as well! Watch for that and make plans to come and have a good time helping quilt!

Thank you to Service Group 1, chairpersons Ryan/Cheryl Erp, Gary/Kim Heimdahl, Jason/Chanda Norby, for serving the funeral lunch for the family and friends of Deb Kleven. Your time and dedication is appreciated.

Service Group 2, chairpersons, Jim/Paulette Anderson, Val/Char Johnson, Jon/Cindy Kanten, is next for funeral serving.

It has been a difficult winter for several families in the Kviteseid and Big Bend Lutheran Churches. Please keep Pastor Kristine in your prayers as she brings peace and comfort to grieving families.

We will be serving Lenten suppers before each Lenten service this year. The Helping Hands is willing to serve Ash Wednesday and March 30. The Luther League will be serving March 16 and April 6. That leaves Wednesday, March 23 supper to serve. Please contact the church office if you and some friends would be willing to serve the meal. A free will offering is taken and the serving group can designate who will receive that donation. It isn't hard and it is a fun time --- please consider doing this service for our congregation.

We are invited to join Big Bend congregation for supper before services on Tuesday, March 1 and also Wednesday, March 9. We love it when they come to our supper and Lenten service, let's go there and enjoy their supper and services too!

Thank you to the Altar Guild Committee for all you do! Be sure to take notice during the year, sometimes it is day to day and week to week that the paraments change color. It is a big job! This week, the Trustees helped them out by

making a pulley system to assist them in changing the large banners that hang in the Chancel behind the Altar. Thank you to them for making that job easier!

Stay warm, stay well, stay safe! Enjoy life!!

Bible Camp

Summer 2022 Bible Camp at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries



This summer's theme: "I pray that you and all of God's people will understand what is called wide or long or high or deep. I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is."

Ephesians 3:18-19

Calling all kids to register for Bible Camp! Registration is open.

For more information, there are brochures at church or check out their website: <http://www.gllm.org/>

To help offset the cost of Bible Camp for those who would like to attend, the following help is available to those who attend a full week of camp:

- Helping Hands: \$100
- Endowment Fund: \$150
- Pastor Kristine and Rich: \$100
- Kviteseid Church: \$150

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SERVICE GROUPS

Serving the next funeral will be Group 2.

Service Group 2 chairpersons are:

Jim & Paulette Anderson	734-4726
Val & Char Johnson	752-4577
Jon & Cindy Kanten	793-6647





LOCAL NEWS

Volunteer Opportunities

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Kviteleid Connectors

Kviteleid Connectors is a group of volunteers whose mission is to reach out to members of our congregation who may not always be able to attend worship. We currently have 13 individuals and 2 families who are volunteering with hopes of gaining more.

We began connecting 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 these last two years, 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.

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Visitation ministry.

Contact Char Strand.

Ushers. Contact Tom Moe.

Funeral ushers. Contact Pastor Kristine.

Lectors. Contact Heidi Hanson.

Media. Contact Judi Bohm.

Video team. Contact Pastor Kristine.

Helping Hands. Contact Nancy Schneck.

Video Team

We are looking for a few more people willing to record, stream, and monitor the camera system to record our services. Training will be provided. Please let Pastor Kristine know if you are interested.



LOCAL NEWS

Southwest Minnesota Synod

Synod News

Synod Assembly

The Synod Assembly Planning Committee began meeting in October with the hope and intention of holding an in-person Synod Assembly at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. Since then, many things have changed, but the realities of the pandemic have not.

After much prayer and conversation, for the sake of greater involvement and safety, the Synod Council has determined that the 2022 Synod Assembly will be held online, Saturday, June 11. This decision has been made now to allow time for appropriate planning.

We are so blessed by the fact that Gustavus has the technology to allow us to conduct yet another successful assembly online. Gathering in this way will allow greater inclusion for participants of all ages and locations. There will be beautiful and inspiring worship, engaging Bible study, and plenty of opportunities to build relationships across our synod.

One day we will assemble together in person again. When that day comes, we know that the pandemic will have changed us and the church in significant ways. But because the Risen Christ is always surprising us, we will look forward to discovering how the Holy Spirit has been working through all our innovating, experimenting, and walking in faith during these years. When that day comes, we will sing our praise, and tell each other stories of how we have seen God's presence in ways we'd never expected.

If you are interested in being a voting member at synod assembly,

talk to Pastor Kristine.

The Lac qui Parle Conference Assembly will be held on Sunday, February 27 at Salem Lutheran Church in Montevideo.

Registration is at 1:30 p.m. with the meeting to start at 2:00 p.m.

We plan to meet in person but the technology is available if we need to move online. We can have six voting members. If interested in attending, please let Pastor Kristine know.

Letters of Thanks

Dear Kviteseid Lutheran Church Endowment Trust Fund,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$500 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts.

Your Good Gift is a very good gift indeed. With seedlings and seminar courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets you're equipping God's people—around the world and around the corner—with what they need to live abundant lives.

Jesus was born to reign in us forever. Now you are inviting countless others into his gracious kingdom. Thank you.

With gratitude,

- Rachel Wind,
Executive for Philanthropy, ELCA



Dear Kviteseid Lutheran Church Endowment Trust Fund,

Thank you for your generous donation to the military service project.

- Kviteseid Military Committee

Dear Members of Kviteseid Lutheran,

Thank you for your recent gift of mission support to Green Lake Lutheran Ministries—what a blessing! Your gift will be used to share God's word with campers in new and innovative ways, maintain the beautiful spaces we've been blessed with, and spread God's love and grace further through retreat ministry. We are incredibly grateful for your gifts and what we can accomplish together. Thank you for continuing to partner with us!

- Travis Aufderheide
Executive Director,
Green Lake Lutheran Ministries



Church Cancellations

Although worship will rarely be canceled, please use your own judgment before traveling in to church on those questionable days. If Pastor Kristine and Rich can get to the church, a worship service will be recorded and posted online. Weather related announcements can be heard on KDMA 1460 AM or KLQP 92.1 FM. It will also be posted on the Kviteseid website home page and on Kviteseid's Facebook page.



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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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