



Greetings from Pastor Kristine Isder

I woke up Sunday morning October 17th with a black sphere on the inside part of my right eye that I couldn't see through.

It didn't get better so Tuesday I went to the eye doctor in Montevideo who could see something was wrong and sent me to a retina specialist in Marshall that afternoon. She diagnosed a detached retina that needed surgery and sent me to Sioux Falls Wednesday. After an exam, I was scheduled for surgery that afternoon.

Surgery went well. The surgeon cut three slits in the white of my eye, drained out the vitreous fluid, put the retina back in place, lasered it and inserted a gas bubble to hold it in place. Vision in that eye is very blurry.

For a week (hopefully only a

week), I need to keep my head down to keep the gas bubble in the right position. During that time, I can't read, use the computer, or drive. Hopefully by the time you read this, some of my restrictions have been removed. My work will be limited for the next 4-6 weeks.

I think it's amazing that researchers discovered that they can go inside the eye and do surgery like mine!

It just so happened that the gospel for October 24th was the story of blind Bartimaeus from Mark 10:46-52. An area pastor said it was fitting that I followed the lectionary!

Blind Bartimaeus approaches Jesus and says, "Oh master let me see again." We don't know how long Bartimaeus was blind but apparently he had his eyesight in

the past because he asked to be able to see again.

I can relate to Bartimaeus not being able to see. But his blindness was permanent and mine is temporary; I can see out of one eye and he couldn't see out of either eye.

Bartimaeus had heard of Jesus and his healings and trusted that he could restore his sight. I trusted medical research and medical professionals and prayers.

In this situation, I am thankful for:

- Medical research that discovered this procedure to restore eyesight.
- Doctors who do these procedures.
- Your prayers for my surgery and recovery.

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STEWARDSHIP

Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund
2021 Financial Responsibilities
\$233,650

Checking Register
for the General Fund

9/1/21 balance: \$32

September income: \$16,091

September expenses: \$15,623

9/30/21 balance: \$499

Worship Offerings & Attendance



September 26	\$1,295	47
October 3	\$1,640	57
October 10	\$4,310.10	68
October 17	\$595	50
October 24	\$4,111	47

Online Giving ... 

Visit our website at
milanslutheranchurch.com



Gifts & Memorials

None to Report

Financial Reminder

Church financial responsibilities continue as we are in 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

Greetings from Pr. Kristine

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November 25 is Thanksgiving Day. What are you thankful for?

In this month of Thanksgiving, we pause to reflect on all that we are thankful for. **AND** to thank God for them. *“For these blessings, Lord, we give you thanks.”*

Thanksgiving Blessings,

Pastor Kristine Isder

Thank You

Thank you for the thoughts and prayers for my eye surgery October 20th. Surgery went well. My work will be limited for the next month.

- Pastor Kristine Isder

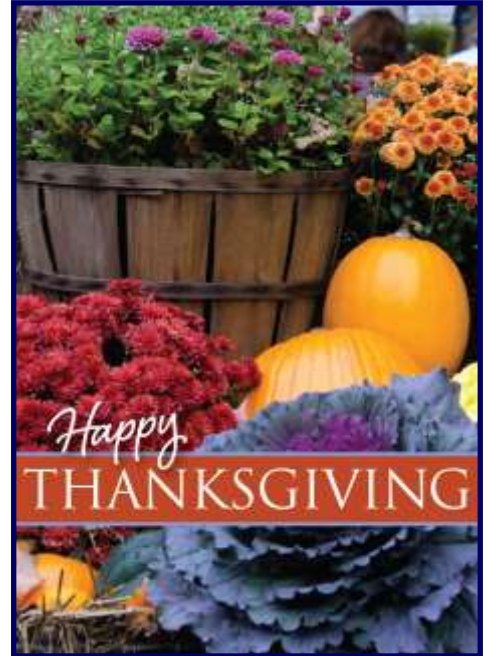
THANK YOU

to Work Group 4 and our older Sunday School kids for doing the fall decorating.



FUNERAL Ushers are needed

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



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.

2021 Kviteseid Staff & Officers



Office Staff

Pastor Kristine Isder
pastor@milanslutheranchurch.com

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Organist: Judi Bohm

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Sunday School Choir Dir:
Jessica Trager

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Talia Schuerman

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Paul Belseth
Heidi Hanson

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Secretary: Sherry Norby
Treas.: Rob Schwendemann

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

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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

November Schedules & Events



All
Saints'
Sunday

Sunday, November 7

We will remember those who have joined the church triumphant and recognize the newly baptized.

It's also

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

If you are interested in becoming a member of Kviteseid, talk to Pastor Kristine.

Fall Festival Potluck
Fellowship Dinner
will follow worship

Last names beginning with:
A - M bring salad
N - Z bring hotdish

*Helping Hands Board
will be serving the dinner.*



Thanksgiving Day Worship

Thursday, November 25 - 9:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Offering

The Thanksgiving offering each year is given to two of our local campus ministries—Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) of Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, MN and University of Minnesota, Morris, MN. These funds help support the college youth to take an active role in service and mission work, giving back to their community and sharing God's love with others.

The offerings that go to LCM are from the loose offerings (no envelopes) and the Thanksgiving offering envelopes. Offerings given in your regular Sunday envelopes will go to the general fund of the church. Thank you for your continued support of this important program!



Group 7

Captain - Ken Lee
320-226-3970

Robert Blom
Josh Moen
Matt Norby
Paul Spray
Ron Streed



Coffee Fellowship is 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.



Acolytes

7 - Julian Bowen
14 - Scarlett Trager
21 - Ty Norby

Lectors

7 - Rich Isder
14 - Connie Fragodt
21 - Lee Haugen
25 - *Thanksgiving*
Tom Moe
28 - Char Strand

Media Operators

7 - Theresa Erickson
14 - Gage Augeson
21 - Elizabeth Hanson
25 - *Thanksgiving*
Gavin Ascheman
28 - Rich Isder

Deacon Communion Setup

7 - Cindy Kanten
14 - ???

Video Recorders

7 - Jon Hanson
14 - Rich Isder
21 - Theresa Erickson
25 - *Thanksgiving*
Rich Isder
28 - Jon Hanson

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

LOCAL NEWS

November

Special Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, November 21st at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary following worship. The reason for this meeting is to vote on substantial upgrades/improvements for the heating and cooling system.



TWC Bible Study

TWC "Together with Christ" Bible Study will meet Wednesday, November 10th at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.



Looking Ahead

Alternative Gifts

We can give a gift of hope to others through alternative gifts. There are many places where we can give animals, honey bees, fruit-tree seedlings, blankets, school supplies and much more to help people in need. Give the gifts that mean the most to you, or choose gifts to give in honor of someone special. Your gifts support the ministries of the ELCA in nearly 80 countries around the world.

Among these are ELCA Good Gifts, Lutheran World Relief and Heifer International. Information is available on the table in the narthex.



Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 19
10:30 a.m. during
Worship

Christmas Eve Worship with Communion

Friday,
December 24
6:30 p.m.



Christmas Day Worship with Communion

Saturday,
December 25
9:00 a.m.

Church Boards meet in-person



BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesday, November 17th

Deacons 6:00 p.m.
Trustees 7:00 p.m.



Remember to set your clocks back one hour.

This section removed for member privacy.

Sunday, November 7

LOCAL NEWS

Helping Hands

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.

Helping Hands

Well, fall is here and it has been a beautiful one! Enjoy it to the max!!

Thank you to Service Group 4, chairpersons Robert/Jill Blom, Erik Boraas, Craig/Char Strand, Heidi Spray and the older Sunday School kids for the fall decorating this year! It looks just great!

Service Group 2, chairpersons Judi Bohm, Barb Dale, Lorrie Spray, are on deck to decorate for the Christmas season! Heidi Spray and the older Sunday School kids would love to help! Thank you all!

The Helping Hands Board will be serving the Potluck dinner on Sunday for All Saints Day and celebrating new members. A-M salads, N-Z hot dishes. It will be yummy!

The annual Helping Hands Board meeting will be Wednesday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. We will enjoy pizza from the Legion for supper. Bring a beverage of your choice. Board members include Sue Vetter, Theresa Erickson, Naomi Streed, Karla Schwendemann, Char Johnson, Sue Streed, Ronae Rose, Cathy Olson and Nancy Schneck. We are always open to new ideas and suggestions. If you have ideas and suggestions,

please contact a board member! We would love to hear from you!

Thank you to all who have brought goodies for Sunday morning coffee --- there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. The time of fellowship is so fun!

Group 4 is next to serve funerals. Everyone take care.

Christmas shopping could be a challenge this year....just an idea....there are gray and green Kviteseid Cookbooks available. The green ones are \$10 each and the gray (a reprint of the original gray one) is \$15. If you buy both of them, they are \$20! A great gift for Christmas, stocking stuffers or if you have wedding showers, weddings, birthdays or if yours need to be replaced due to excessive use!!! They are available at the church office or from Nancy Schneck!

Take care, stay safe and have a great fall!

Sunday School Rally Day Balloon Release

“What a beautiful thing to find on my walk,” was the response of Wendy who found one of the balloons released by the Sunday School on Rally Day. It made it all the way to Jordan, MN on the same day it was released. Wendy also says, “Thanks for spreading God's love for all to find. God Bless.”



A second one was found tangled in one of Crow River Winery's vineyards in Hutchinson, MN. They also said it was a “FUN” find for their team.

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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

Faith in Action

Military Packages

Military boxes will be packed on November 16th at 9:00 a.m. Items that can be sent are: beef jerky, nuts, raisins, individual snack items, candy or home-baked cookies (4-6 in a baggie). Also, monetary donations for expenses are appreciated. Items can be left at the church office during regular hours or in the basement on the kitchen counter before 12:00 noon November 15th. For questions, call Judi (734-4671) or Nancy (734-4694).

E-statements

Quarterly contribution statements can be sent to you electronically. All we need is your email address and permission. Contact the church office to get signed up.

Thank You

On behalf of the Chippewa County Family Services Board, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the generous donation of quilts that was given to our agency. This donation will be designated to families in need throughout Chippewa County.

- Dave Nordaune
Family Service Board Chair

Thank you for the money that you gave the Fly Backpack Program from the offering given at the September 12th lake service. We have 100 students in the program. We greatly appreciate your donation.

- FLY Backpack Board

As our 83rd year of summer camp comes to an end, we want to say thank you! Thank you for your partnership, kind thoughts, and gifts of mission support over the past few months. Your gifts make an incredible summer of ministry like this a reality. After summer camp ends, we miss the sounds of their laughter, the joy they shared with our staff, and the meaningful conversations held over meals and in Bible studies - which your gifts made possible.

This year's theme, *Guided by the Light*, shared with campers how the light of God has guided people throughout the Bible, and continues to guide us in our daily lives.

Your gifts of mission support help us continue to provide opportunities for these important faith conversations that are so important to the relational ministry that happens at our three camps. Thank you for all of the ways that you support GLLM - your prayers, your presence, and your generosity.

- Green Lake Lutheran Ministries



THANK YOU

to everyone who has served our country! Your sacrifices are unparalleled and your courage is amazing.

Thank you for keeping us safe!



Poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas can be purchased and given in memory or in honor of loved ones. After Christmas, those of you who purchased a poinsettia may take one home with you to enjoy throughout the rest of the holiday season. If you would like to purchase one, you can do so at Country Floral (289-1321) in Appleton. Standard poinsettias will be \$15.95 and a more deluxe version with a bow will be \$18.95.

Kviteseid Cookbooks

Need a Christmas gift idea? Remember those mouth-watering recipes your mother or your grandmother used to make? How about one of our original (reprint) gray cookbooks (produced in 1986) or one of our newer green cookbooks (printed in 1997)?

Cost is \$15 for the gray cookbook and \$10 for the green cookbook. Or for a real deal, buy one of each for \$20!

Contact the church office or Nancy Schneck to purchase.



LOCAL NEWS

Southwest Minnesota Synod

Synod News

Pastor Kristine attended the installation of Rev. Dr. Dee Pederson as bishop of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod on October 9 in Granite Falls.

It was a festive and inspiring service and it was good to get together with pastor colleagues again. There were 65 pastors and bishops in attendance who processed in for the service.

You can watch the installation service on the synod's website: <https://swmmelca.org/>

Transition

by Bishop Dee Pederson

Dear beloved people of God –

For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. – 1 Cor. 3:9, NIV

At the February 2020 Equipping Congregations Day, I led a workshop on imagining new ways to adapt in ministry in light of a culture that was rapidly changing. I referenced Tod Bolsinger's *Canoeing the Mountains* and H. George Anderson's *It's a Good time to Be the Church*. Back then, the decades-long cultural shifts in religious affiliation, institutional loyalty, and communication were already clear. But many of us were doing just well enough that we thought we could be exempt from these cultural shifts a little longer.

When the pandemic hit, all those trends we wanted to deny were suddenly exacerbated. And now, across the country and across denominations, we as church leaders wonder where everyone went and if they will return.

Everything about life in the church, in our communities, in our country, and around this God-beloved world has changed. We grieve having lost so much. We're exhausted. And

those of us leading congregations and synods might find ourselves feeling that there's never been a more difficult time to be the church– until we remember and tell the stories: the stories of Scripture, of the early Jesus movement, the beginning of the Lutheran movement, and pretty much any time except the decades of privilege many of us grew up in the church expecting. Honestly, I wouldn't go back to those Leave It to Beaver days. We can't. The only way forward is to do just that: move forward in God's service.

I begin serving and leading as with you, giving thanks for the identity we share in our synod mission statement:

- *God places us in cities, farms, and towns together, under one prairie sky.*
- *The Risen Christ surprises us with opportunities to plant God's Word in the world.*
- *Walking together in confidence, we cultivate life-giving congregations, nurture partner ministries, and cooperate in the life of the ELCA.*
- *By God's grace, together we have what we need.*

What catches your heart in that statement?

There's so much there! And while I'd like to condense it to 3 good trinitarian points, for me right now, there are four things that have captured me:

- The diversity of communities in which God has planted our congregations, and the importance of paying attention to each particular context as we think about ministries.
- The presence of the Risen Christ always coming as a surprise to people in the stories of Scripture and in our



Bishop Dee Pederson

lives today.

- The word *together*, which appears twice. It's a word of confidence and imagination in this changing time.

- The promise that we together will have what we need by God's grace.

I look forward to many opportunities for conversation with you about how you hear God leading to us together.

A significant area of focus across the synod and across denominations is the need for Rostered Ministers to lead congregations. In our synod, there are many congregations seeking pastors and many who seek an Interim Rostered Minister. In the time being, we are seeing:

- Lay leaders who hear a call from the Holy Spirit to lead worship, preach, and equip others for visitation and care of their church community.
- Area congregations beginning conversations and being surprised at how they might be in relationship to share programming and ministries in ways they'd never imagined before.
- Rostered Ministers who are graciously assisting area congregations with Word and Sacrament ministry.

There is a clear need to identify, affirm, and raise up people who have the gifts, faith, and temperament to pursue one of the many paths of theological education for lay or rostered ministry. Please pray about this individually and in worship. Look around your congregation and community, and pray about who you might ask, "Have you ever thought about ministry?" By God's grace, together we will have the leaders we need.

For now, I am humbled and grateful for your prayers and encouragement as I begin this new call as bishop and as we begin this new chapter of our life together. Thank you, beloved synod community. Together, *we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.*

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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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