



Kviteid Voice

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Greetings from Pastor Kristine Isder

Our community has been shaken by the senseless and tragic death of a young man who grew up here.

In a perfect world, we wouldn't be grieving the loss of a young man. In a perfect world, people wouldn't have their life cut short by violence.

But we don't live in a perfect world. When God created humankind, God gave us free will. The sin and evil in this world are the result of that free will.

We have been reminded that life is not fair, that sometimes people die far too young, and sometimes people make choices which have disastrous consequences for others in the world around them.

Do we lament with hope or with despair? We rage against the cruelty of it all. But we also proclaim that there is hope. As people of faith, we stare into the face of death and proclaim that life is the final victor.

We can stare into the face of death, even unexpected and tragic death, and proclaim that life still wins.

We can lament with hope. But we can only do it with faith. We can only do it by reminding ourselves of the promise we find in our faith stories, stories of people who often found reason to weep and lament and worry, but who also had hope. We only do it by reminding ourselves that we are not alone.

Every Sunday people gather together at church or online to remember the story of Jesus, the one who promised his friends that there was something beyond death. Jesus told his friends that he is going to prepare a place for them. Going to prepare a place means that there is a place for us. It is our promise that something lies beyond death. This is good news. Even in the face of tragedy this promise can give us hope.

The apostle Paul writes in Romans that NOTHING can separate us from the love of God. Nothing in life, not even death, can separate us from the God who has shared every breath of our lives.

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STEWARDSHIP

Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund
2021 Financial Responsibilities
\$233,650

Checking Register
for the General Fund

3/1/21 balance:	\$6,337
March income:	\$15,795
March expenses:	\$20,291
3/31/21 balance:	\$1,841

Worship Offerings & Attendance



Sunday

March 28	\$2,098	101
April 4 - <i>Easter</i>	\$6,442	126
April 11	\$1,160	43
April 18	\$535	37
April 25 - <i>Confirmation</i>	\$1,305	146

Holy Week *(Joint Services - attendance includes Big Bend members)*

April 1 - <i>Maundy Thurs.</i>	\$2,805	102
April 2 - <i>Good Friday</i>	\$148	63

Minnesota Facemask Regulations



In Minnesota, facemasks are required to be worn in all indoor spaces to limit the spread of Covid-19.

Places of worship need to follow these provisions.



Undesignated
In memory of Joel Lund

PRAYERS

We offer up prayers for . . .

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LOCAL NEWS

Pastor, Staff & Officers

Greetings from Pr. Kristine *continued from page 1*

Here is more hope. If death can not separate us from God then there must be something beyond death. Something beyond the tragedy for all of us.

We wonder, where is God in times like this?

God is right here in our midst comforting us. In times like this, God is the one who helps us get up in the morning, who helps us stand up when the weight of the world crushes in on our shoulders.

In Psalm 46 the poet says that God is our rock, our refuge, a help in times of trouble. Even when the earth shakes and life seems uncertain, God is our rock and refuge.

In Psalm 121 the poet looks up at the seemingly barren hillsides and asks, “where will my help come from?” Think of that image, down at the bottom of a deep valley, surrounded by high hills that seem insurmountable. That sounds like a good image for the depths of grief we feel at a time like this.

And the Psalmist knows that his help will come from God, that God is always there, that God is not asleep at the switch, that God “will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.”

God is not there to stop the tragedy from happening, as much as we might want that. But God is there to help us climb back out of the valley. Even when the world is falling to pieces around us, God is there to help us put the pieces back into some sort of order. And this is a cause for hope.

We are not alone in our grief and anger and wondering. God is with us. God is with us as we gather together to share memories and share our grief.

God will be with us. God is the one we can lean on, the one who gives us strength when we can go no further on our own. God is there to help us find the life that lies beyond death.

In Romans we read, “The Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.” We know that God hears the prayers we can’t even put into words.

We don’t live in a perfect world, at least not yet.

But some day, Jesus will return to redeem the world and all of creation. In that perfect world, there will be no more tears and no more sadness.

And that is the hope that we can hold on to.

2021 Kviteseid Staff & Officers



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Heidi Hanson

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Board of Deacons

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

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Streed**

WORSHIP NEWS

May Schedules

May Worship Assistants

Lectors

- 2 - Jen Tostenson
- 9 - Rich Isder
- 16 - Connie Fragodt
- 23 - Lee Haugen
- 30 - Tom Moe

Media Operators

- 2 - Missy Ervin
- 9 - Isaac Hanson
- 16 - Cale Norby
- 23 - Tom Moe

Deacon Communion Setup

- 2 - Reed Molden

Video Recorders

- 2 - Theresa Erickson
- 9 - Theresa Erickson
- 16 - Rich Isder
- 23 - Rich Isder

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

Synod News

Synod Assembly

The 2021 Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly will be held June 6, 11 and 12 online.

People will gather virtually on Zoom, a videoconferencing platform, as a synod, to worship, and conduct the business of the assembly.

The main item at this year's assembly is the election of a new bishop. Bishop Jon V. Anderson is not running for reelection after serving for 18 years.

Individuals, congregations and conferences have pre-identified eight rostered leaders who have agreed to be considered for bishop. Biographical information about them has been posted on the SWMN Synod website. Candidates for bishop will be officially nominated on the first ecclesiastical ballot of the assembly on June 6. After the second ballot, the top seven individuals will continue on and more information will be gathered about them before the assembly reconvenes on June 11.

What can you do? Pray for the candidates for bishop, for the voting members and for the work of the synod.

Char Strand, Reed Molden and Pastor Kristine will attend the assembly as voting members.

MAY BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 19 - In-person

Deacons meet at 7:00 p.m.

Trustees meet at 8:00 p.m.

MAY USHERS

Group 5

Captain - Brian Olson
734-4615

Randy Fragodt
David Thompson
John Vetter
Josh Vetter
Ray Trager

Senior Recognition

Sunday, May 9
during 9 a.m. Worship



**Celebrating
Our Graduates**

Gauge Liebl
Bryce Tongen

Coffee & Goodies
will be served following
the church service
in the fellowship hall

LOCAL NEWS

Helping Hands

Helping Hands

I believe that spring is finally here! The tulips were just a bit wilted trying to survive a few cold, cold nights, but they are looking hopeful now. We should be like tulips and after a winter of wilted, spring to new life as spring comes around!

We held four days of quilting and it was so good to be back together again. We completed about 35 quilts to be shared with our high school graduates, members who have recently gone to live in assisted living housing and nursing homes, and those in need. It was so satisfying to see the beautiful finished quilts stacked and ready for use. Many, many thanks to all who helped tie, trim, pin and sew them, those who made the beautiful tops and those who contributed money or fabric for the bottoms and batting. A special thanks to Sandy Moe who spent her pandemic months sewing 25 stunning tops and sharing them with us! We plan to have a work day coming up and also a couple of days of quilting in the summer. Look for that!

Thank you to Group 1, chairpersons Josh/Tiffany Moen, Robert/Kim Molden, Greg/Sherry Norby, for serving the family and friends

of Gloria Moen following her funeral service. Your time and effort was appreciated.

Thank you to Group 2, chairpersons Judi Bohm, Barb Dale, Lorrie Spray, for serving the family and friends of Justin Berge following his funeral service. Your time and effort was appreciated.

Thank you to Nancy Streed and her Military Box committee for packing and mailing Easter boxes to our military personnel. Thank you to those who contributed to making those boxes so special to those receiving them. Their military service is appreciated.

Congratulations to our confirmands this year: Cale Norby, Carter Bowen, Sara Larson, Kaitlyn Kittelson and Gavin Aschemann. May your renewed life in Christ be fulfilling for you.

Condolences to Pastor Kristine and her family in the loss of her father. His funeral service was held in Storden recently. Our hearts and prayers are with you.

Please get vaccinated and continue to wear masks and social distance -- We are almost through this most difficult time. Blessings to all!!



Kviteseid Connectors

The "Kviteseid Connectors" visitation ministry team is looking for a few more people to join them in reaching out and connecting with our members who are unable to attend worship. Because of Covid-19, we are limited to doing non-contact visitation which may include phone calls, emails, and/or notes in the mail. Prayerfully consider becoming a part of this ministry.



If interested, please call or text Char Strand at 320-815-0219 or send her an email at lakeannie@fedteldirect.net.

Volunteer Opportunities

**Looking for ways to help out the church?
There are many opportunities.**



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.

FUNERAL

SERVICE GROUPS

Serving the next funeral will be Group 3.

Service Group 3 chairpersons are:

Brandon & Michelle Ascheman	226-0658
Wade & Kim Kittelson	734-4742
Rodger & Nancy Schneck	734-4736



LOCAL NEWS

Thank Yous and May Events

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers, cards, memorials and expressions of sympathy on the death of my dad, Norman Kelm. Thank you also to the congregation for the plant and plaque for the funeral and the memorial gift.

Thank you also for the prayers of support during the two weeks of my dad's death and three funerals here at Kviteseid.

I really appreciate your prayers and support.

- Pastor Kristine



Thank you to all the Sunday school teachers who taught Sunday school this year. Thank you to the students who attended.

Thank you for your donation of \$45.00 to the Lac qui Parle Community Food Shelf. Your donation will help buy nutritious food for those in our community who need help in meeting their food needs each month.

All the food purchases are from Second Harvest Heartland in St. Paul, which costs us 25¢ on the dollar, and from Jubilee Foods in town. Everyone involved with the food shelf is a volunteer. Because of caring folks like you in our community, the food shelf is able to offer a wide variety of good food.

Thanks again for your gift!
Sincerely, Stan Olson, Treasurer

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.

Bible Camp



Calling all kids to register for Bible Camp! Green Lake is looking forward to welcoming kids to camp this summer after having to cancel camp last summer. Registration is open. For more information, contact the 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,

Open House 90th Birthday Reception

for

Janet Tostenson

Saturday, May 15th

2 - 4 p.m.

Kviteseid fellowship hall



No gifts please.
Let your presence
be your gift.

All are welcome!

Happy
MOTHER'S DAY!

You're Invited to a **Bridal Shower**

for

Rachel Strand

Bride-to-be of Justin Laughlin

Sunday,
May 23rd
12:00 noon

Kviteseid
Fellowship
Hall



A light lunch will be served

Rachel is registered at Target

Come join us for a Lakeside Worship Service

at Milan Beach Resort

(Randall's - Lac qui Parle Lake)

Sunday, May 30 - 9 a.m.

**Bring a lawn chair. † In case of inclement weather,
service will be held at Kviteseid, Milan.**

Hosted by Big Bend & Kviteseid Lutheran Churches

LOCAL NEWS

May

First Communion
Thursday, April 1, 2021

Faith Milestones

Confirmation
Sunday, April 25, 2021



L to R: Pastor Kristine Isder, Sophie Hewitt, Eva Trager, Mason Erp, Carter Moen and Parker Spray

L to R: Pastor Kristine Isder, Sara Larson, Kaitlyn Kittelson, Cale Norby, Gavin Ascherman and Carter Bowen



Making the Bread for First Communion

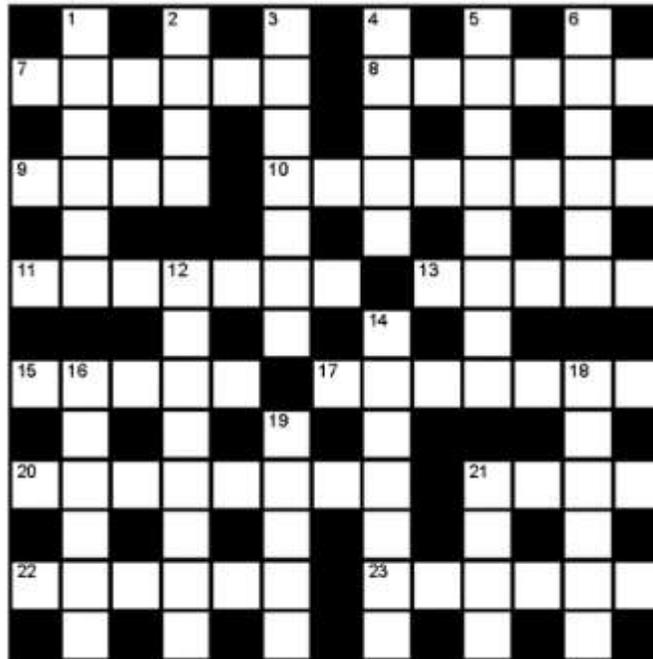


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JUST FOR FUN

The Books of 1, 2, & 3 John

1, 2, & 3 John



Answer Key
is posted on the
Newsletters page online
milanslutheranchurch.com

Across

- 7 Abide in Christ so that we may have confidence “and not be ashamed _____ him at his coming.” 1 John 2:28 (6)
- 8 The Hebrew name for the Lord. (6)
- 9 The writer of these three epistles as well as a gospel and the book of Revelation. (4)
- 10 If a man sees a brother in need “and _____ up his bowels of compassion from him,” how can the love of God be in him? 1 John 3:17 (8)
- 11 God has promised us this kind of life. 1 John 2:25 (7)
- 13 What you should lay down for the brethren. 1 John 3:16 (5)
- 15 “That _____ was from the beginning, _____ we have heard, _____ we have seen with our eyes, _____ we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life.” 1 John 1:1 (5)
- 17 “And now I _____ thee ... that we love one another.” 2 John 1:5 (7)

- 20 “He was _____ ed to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.” 1 John 3:5 (8)
- 21 “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the _____ Ghost: and these three are one.” 1 John 5:7 (4)
- 22 To turn away from. (6)
- 23 Along with Jesus Christ, the Son, this is who our fellowship is with. 1 John 1:3 (6)

Down

- 1 “Demetrius hath good _____ of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true.” 3 John 1:12 (6)
- 2 “Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is _____ of God.” 1 John 5:1 (4)

- 3 Anointed one. (7)
- 4 He that came by water and blood. 1 John 5:6 (5)
- 5 If you abide in this, you have both the Father and the Son. 2 John 1:9 (8)
- 6 John uses the term “_____ children” nine times in his first letter. (6)

- 12 “I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have _____ a commandment from the Father.” 2 John 1:4 (8)
- 14 “And we have seen and do _____ that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.” 1 John 4:14 (7)
- 16 “For there are three that bear record in _____ ...” 1 John 5:7 (6)
- 18 “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be _____ the sons of God.” 1 John 3:1 (6)
- 19 “But whoso hath this world’s good, and _____ his brother have need ...” 1 John 3:17 (5)
- 21 “He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil _____ not seen God.” 3 John 1:11 (4)

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KVITSEID LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Schedule

✝ **Worship at 9:00 a.m.** ✝
✝ **Online Video Worship at 9:00 a.m.** ✝

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