

Greetings



Seasons of Change, Signs of Grace

"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22, NASB).

As autumn begins, we watch the world transform before our eyes. Leaves change color, the air turns crisp, and a new rhythm settles in. In these seasonal shifts, we are reminded of God's faithful hand

over all of creation.

Genesis 8:22 assures us that the cycles of nature—seedtime and harvest, summer and winter—are part of God's ongoing promise. Each season speaks of His order, care, and presence. Autumn, in particular, invites reflection. Just as the trees release their leaves, we are called to let go of what no longer serves us and make space for renewal.

This season also marks a return to routines—school schedules, church programs, and community events. As we step into new responsibilities or revisit familiar ones, may we do so with gratitude and trust. God is not only present in the harvest but in the quiet letting go.

Let this autumn be a time to embrace God's steady rhythm, find beauty in change, and rest in His faithful promises that never cease—even as the world around us shifts.

A Prayer for Autumn's Arrival

Lord of all seasons,

As the leaves change and the days grow cooler, help me embrace the rhythm of your creation. Teach me to let go of what I no longer needand to trust your timing in every part of life.

Thank you for the beauty of autumn for crisp mornings, golden trees, and the promise of harvest. May this season deepen my gratitude, renew my spirit, and draw me closer to your heart.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

STEWARDSHIP

Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



General Fund 2025 Financial Responsibilities \$262,904

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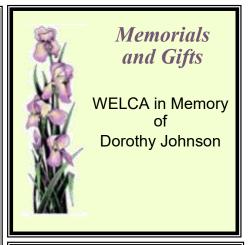
7/1/25 balance: \$9.005

July income: \$14,440

July expenses: \$21,669

7/31/25 balance: \$1,777

Worship Offerings & Attendance	Come & Worship	
July 27	\$995	53
August 3	\$ 1252	68
August 10	\$ 3345	34
August 17	\$ 1125	46
August 24	\$1470	43





PRAYERS

We offer up prayers for ...

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The Power of Prayer **Warriors**

Prayer warriors are spiritual soldiers—men and women who faithfully lift others in prayer, often behind the scenes. Though their work may go unnoticed by the world, it is deeply valued by God. Their intercession can strengthen the weary, comfort the grieving, and open doors for God's will to be done.

In Scripture, we are urged to "pray one for another" (James 5:16, KJV), reminding us that healing and restoration often come through the prayers of the faithful. A prayer warrior stands in the gap, bringing needs before the Lord with boldness and persistence.

the gospel. In the same way, prayer warriors today uphold churches, pastors, families, and communities.

Their prayers may be silent, but their impact is mighty. Never underestimate the difference a praying heart can make.

power of prayer, often asking

others to pray for him as he shared





Sunday, September 7

in the sanctuary following worship

. Please put it on your calendar.

The Trustees invite all members of the congregation to participate in an important discussion regarding water intrusion issues affecting the church building.

Bids have been received for water mitigation efforts to prevent further damage to the **structural foundation** of the church.

We value your input and participation as we seek the best path forward together.

The Apostle Paul recognized the

2025 Kviteseid Staff & Officers



Office Staff

Pastor Bob Dahl rldahl1@charter.net

Worship Leader Chelsea Briones

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 **Luther Opjorden**

Church Officers

President: Judi Bohm

V. Pres: Rob Schwendemann

Secretary: Jessica Trager **Treasurer: Andy Streed**

Board of Deacons

Cindy Kanten, Cheryl Erp, Heidi Spray, Jon Hanson, Andrea Westra

Board of Trustees

Cory Heinrich, Ray Trager, Ryan Erp, Brandon Ascheman, Bryan Schuerman

Board of Education

Emily Heinrich, Tiffany Moen, Michelle Ascheman, Shea Joyce, Savannah Moen

Helping Hands Board

Spray, Naomi Streed

President: Nancy Schneck Vice President: Sue Vetter **Secretary: Cathy Olson Treasurer: Theresa Erickson** Char Johnson, Sue Streed, Karla Schwendemann, Patee

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WORSHIP NEWS

September Schedules



Deacon Communion Setup

7 - Cindy Kanten

14 - Cheryl Erp

Acolytes

14 - Thatcher Erp

21 - Iver Heinrich

28 - Creed Joyce

Lectors

7 - Nancy Streed

14 - Heidi Hanson

21 - Char Strand

28 - Jon Hanson

Media Operators

7 - Eva Trager

14 - Alex Joyce

21 - Mason Erp

28 - Theresa Erickson

Video Recorders

7 - Heidi Spray

14 - Jon Hanson

21 - Theresa Erickson

28- 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.

Church Board Meetings

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

Deacons - 6 p.m. Trustees - 6:30 p.m. Joint Council - 7:30 p.m.

Coffee Fellowship

Join us for coffee and fellowship following worship Sunday mornings in the narthex at 10:00 a.m. Please sign up to serve treats to enjoy along with the coffee. The signup sheet is on the table in the narthex. The ushers will make the coffee.

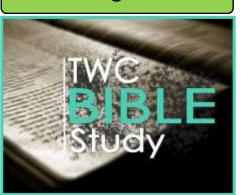


Group 8

Captain - Ryan Grant 734-4924

Tyler Kanten
Dave Lovehaug
Luther Opjorden
Rob Schwendemann

Looking Ahead



Wednesday, September 10th

1:30 p.m.

Meet in the Narthax



SUNDAY SCHOOL

begins
September 7th
9:15 a.m.
Balloon Release at
10:15 a.m.

Helping Hands

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It is hard to believe that it is September already! The weather is best to the students, teachers, nurturing starting to cool off and before you know parents and caregivers. May this year be it, we will be wishing for warm weather your best year ever! again!!

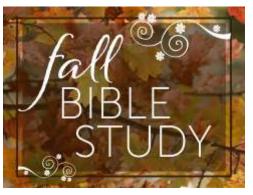
A final report on our summer quilting --We put together 50 quilts, probably more than has been done in the past several years during summer quilting. All is due to the wonderful gals who shared generously of their time, talent and donations of tops, backs, batting and all the other things required to build quilts! We are very thankful to all of the gals who came to help. A good time was had by all, and some beautiful quilts were made! Many thanks!

God's Work, Our Hands and Rally Sunday will be Sunday, September 7. There will be several projects lined up for everyone to choose to work on. The Helping Hands will have a quilt set up, bandages to roll, layettes to be assembled and Military boxes ready to be filled. There will be several other projects and visitations lined up as well. It is a good thing and it is appreciated by all the recipients. Lunch will be served following the completion of the projects. The Helping Hands Board will be serving, Barbeques, calico beans, salad, chips and cookies.

You won't want to miss that! A strong congregation is a busy one! Be a part of busy!!

School is starting -- wishing all the





The **Together With Christ** (TWC) will be continuing as usual. The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 in the Narthex at Kviteseid. Saundra Moe and Char Strand will be the leaders of the group. Sept 11 will be the first meeting with a new study "Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn." It promises to be an interesting, thought provoking and a learning experience. The study includes the study of Sapphira, Bathsheba, Deliah, Jezebel, Eve and others. Whether they were "Bad to the Bone or not Forever" or only "Bad for a Moment" these infamous sisters show women how not to handle the challenges of life. With her trademark humor and encouragement, Liz Curtis Higgs combines a contemporary retelling of the stories of these "other women" in Scripture with a solid verseby-verse study to teach us how to avoid their tragic mistakes and joyfully embrace grace. It promises to be an interesting and a fun Bible Study.

The new study starts Sept. 11 and we will be ordering the study guide very soon. Please contact Saundra or Char soon if you would like to be a part of the Bible study group and a book can be ordered for you. The books will cost less than \$10. All are most welcome to join the group!





Faith in Action

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Military boxes will be packed on Sunday, September 7th following worship service. Plans are to fill eighteen boxes. Items that can be sent are candy, jerky, raisins, licorice, microwave popcorn and baked goods (4-6 in a baggie). Please have items to church by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 5th. Money donations are also appreciated.





We are still looking for a few more people willing to record, stream, and monitor the camera system to record our worship services. Training will be provided.

September

September Happenings

SEPTEMBER 3

Helping Hands Work Day at 9:30 a.m.

We will rip bandages, sew batting, organize layette pieces and whatever else that needs to be done. Bring your own lunch! Come join us! It will be fun! Thank you!!



Red Cross Bloodmobile

will be here on

Monday, September 22rd

from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
For more information or to make
an appointment, call 1-800-RED
CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit
www.RedCrossBlood.org



SEPTEMBER 7

"Rally Sunday" and "God's Work Our Hands" Sunday

Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

Balloon Release at 10:15 a.m.

Worship with communion

at 10:30 a.m.

Service Projects at 11:00 a.m.

Dinner at 12:15 a.m.



Confirmation Meeting

Parents and Students

September 10th

7:00pm

At Kviteseid Lutheran Church
In the Fellowship Hall

Thank You

THANK YOU to the Kviteseid Church Council and Congregation for the coffee and cake retirement celebration in my honor and also for the gift card. Thank you to the quilters for the lovely quilt that I will always treasure in my heart. Thank you to the Cemetery Board for the nice thank you letter and to all the Congregation Members for the cards, gifts, notes of thanks and appreciation, and well wishes in my retirement. I have enjoyed my six years as Parish Assistant and feel fortunate to be part of such a caring congregation. Thanks again for all the help and support you have given me through the years!

~Theresa Erickson

SEPTEMBER 14

Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Installation of Sunday School Teachers and Bible Presentation

during worship

Southwestern Minnesota Synod

Synod News

37 Years of our Synod Home Milestones mark important moments in our lives. Right now, many of our young people and parents are getting ready for the milestone of beginning a new school year. There are milestones of welcoming a new child in a family, getting a driver's license, first job, graduation, moving, and retirement. We celebrate the milestones of baptism, first Communion, confirmation, and marriage. And we grieve and give thanks for the lives of those dear to us when life on this earth ends. Many of these milestones involve changes in relationships, where we live, or how we spend our daily callings. As people of faith, we mark these milestones with prayer.

On April 16, 1989, the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA marked the milestone of moving its offices to Redwood Falls and the site of a new office building. On August 20, 2025, staff and previous synod staff marked the milestone of vacating a portion of 175 E. Bridge Street and moving to the west side of the building. This transition comes, thanks to the opportunity to be even better stewards of synod resources and lease the east half of the building to Anfinson Thompson, Inc., trusted ELCA partners, beginning September 1. Those gathered gave thanks for all who have served here, and all the ministry accomplished during the past 37 years. It was a time for singing, Scripture, prayer, tears, laughter, and storytelling, of course. You view and download the liturgy that marked this significant

milestone for the Southwestern Minnesota Synod.

+Bishop Dee Pederson

The offices of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod have operated out of 175 E. Bridge Street in Redwood Falls since 1989 – the location that represented both the geographic center and a theological rooting for synod ministries.

During those past 37 years, work patterns, staffing levels, and online meeting opportunities have changed the building and renovations are the shape of ministry, yet synod leadership is committed to faithfully stewarding our valuable assets. We are thrilled to announce that effective September 1, 2025, Anfinson Thompson & Co. will move from its current location in Redwood Falls and begin leasing a portion of the synod office building. Anfinson Thompson is a trusted business partner. CEO David Anfinson served as an officer and teacher for the synod for many years. Welcoming the offices of Anfinson Thompson will provide the synod with sustainable income through a lease agreement. We also hope this action can model wise use of our facility for congregations who find themselves with space that could serve their wider community and area.

Synod office operations will move to the west side of the building. Staff offices will be located in the north end of the building, with the large room on the south (current Resource Center) available for collaboration, in-person gatherings, and larger-group meetings. Renovations will provide appropriate office space for synod staff, secure records storage, and update restrooms to current code.

We are grateful for the way this opportunity allows us to be even better stewards of our building and of our resources. We remain dedicated to this synod ministry rooted in Redwood Falls at the center of the cities, farms, and towns where God planted us. Going forward, our office will point toward the Redwood River, the ever-present reminder of the waters of baptism and of our ministry flowing out into the world. While this transition takes place in made, synod staff will set up temporary workspace on the west side of the building.

On Wednesday, August 20, at 3 p.m., we will hold a liturgy of thanksgiving for all the ministry that has taken place through this office. All are invited to come and join in as we walk through the space, share memories, give thanks for those who served in these spaces, and offer prayers of thanks to God for the privilege of serving in synod ministry together. Please come and join us!





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KVITESEID LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Schedule

[↑] Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. [↑]

[↑] Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m. [↑]

₩ Worship at 10:30 a.m. ₩

♣ Online Worship at 10:30 a.m. ♣

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