



# Kviteheid Voice

Kviteheid Lutheran  
Church

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## 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 need and 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



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund  
2025 Financial Responsibilities  
\$262,904

Checking Register  
for the General Fund

7/1/25 balance: \$9,005  
July income: \$14,440  
July expenses: \$21,669  
7/31/25 balance: \$1,777

## Worship Offerings & Attendance



|           |         |    |
|-----------|---------|----|
| July 27   | \$995   | 53 |
| August 3  | \$ 1252 | 68 |
| August 10 | \$ 3345 | 34 |
| August 17 | \$ 1125 | 46 |
| August 24 | \$1470  | 43 |



## Memorials and Gifts

WELCA in Memory  
of  
Dorothy Johnson

## Online Giving ...



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[milanslutheranchurch.com](http://milanslutheranchurch.com)

# PRAYERS

We offer up prayers for ...

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# LOCAL NEWS

## 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 Apostle Paul recognized the

power of prayer, often asking others to pray for him as he shared 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.



**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.

## 2025 Kviteeid 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,**  
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**Emily Heinrich, 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

## 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](http://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 17<sup>TH</sup>**

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 morn-  
ings in the narthex at 10:00 a.m.  
Please sign up to serve treats to en-  
joy along with the coffee. The sign-  
up sheet is on the table in the nar-  
thex. The ushers will make the cof-  
fee.



### Group 8

Captain - Ryan Grant  
734-4924

Tyler Kanten  
Dave Lovehaug  
Luther Opjorden  
Rob Schwendemann

### Looking Ahead



**Wednesday,  
September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**1:30 p.m.**

*Meet in the Narthax*



### SUNDAY SCHOOL

*begins*

**September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**9:15 a.m.**

*Balloon Release at  
10:15 a.m.*

# LOCAL NEWS

## Helping Hands

### Helping Hands

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



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. Sandra 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 verse-by-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 Sandra 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!



## FUNERAL

### SERVICE GROUPS

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

Service Group 1 chairpersons are:

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Ryan & Cheryl Erp   | 226-5219 |
| Greg & Sherry Norby | 734-4873 |
| Matt & Jenna Norby  | 734-4633 |



# LOCAL NEWS

Faith in Action

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Military boxes will be packed on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

# LOCAL NEWS

## 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!!

#### 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.

#### 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



### Red Cross Bloodmobile

will be here on

**Monday, September 22<sup>rd</sup>**

**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](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org)



### 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



### Confirmation Meeting

**Parents and Students**

**September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00pm**

**At Kviteseid Lutheran Church**

**In the Fellowship Hall**

# LOCAL NEWS

## 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 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 the building and renovations are 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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## KVITSEID 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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