

Kviteseid Voice

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Greetings from Pastor Linda Molitor

Mark 13:32-33 *32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come.*

Are you a person who worries about the coming of the end of the world? Do you find yourself caught up in the bad news and wonder about when? We are heading into the season of Advent the end of this month. It is strange that leading up to Christmas when we are counting down the arrival of Christ's birth, we actually focus on the readings about the end of the age when Jesus returns.

This is a time of waiting and while we know about Jesus' coming to us as a child and departing after his resurrection. That is not the end of the story. We are assured that he will be returning. His return involves some scary things with judgment but also that excitement of being changed to no longer have suffering or death. It is something I declare at funerals about how we will be reunited with those who have died and no longer tied to a body that decays.

There are times when I look around and wonder how much more suffering will there be before Jesus returns. It has been such a long time since he was here that it is easy to wonder if he will ever come.

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STEWARDSHIP

Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund
2026 Financial Responsibilities
$269,336
Checking Register
For the General Fund

9/1/26 balance:	$24,602
September income	$15,215
September expenses:	$19,703
9/31/26 balance:	$20,114

Come Worship with Us!

WORSHIP
OFFERINGS &
ATTENDANCE

October 4	$691	71
October 11	$2425	75
October 18	$765	41
October 25	$615	93



Memorials and Gifts

Undesignated
In memory of
Elaine Erickson

Undesignated
In memory of
Mary Ziemann

Online Giving
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Online Giving

PRAYERS

We offer up prayers for;

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LOCAL NEWS

Pastor, Staff & Officers

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Of course, our sense of time and heavenly time differs. It is possible we will see him arrive, maybe even this year. Jesus told a number of stories to warn against not being prepared such as the 10 virgins waiting for the arrival of the bridegroom and some not being prepared when the time came so they missed out.

We need to be watchful, yet we can't stop living our lives. Advent is taking the time to acknowledge this awkward time between Jesus as a child and his return in glory as our Lord. Remembering the larger picture also helps us not to get too stressed out about the things around us. Yes, we still need to deal with things in our life. We can also look at the bigger eternal picture and assess how important is the current issue causing stress in your life. We watch in hope as we see chaos around us and all the ways we see a broken world.

We take time this month to honor those who have died, give thanks for all our blessings and look toward the promised future of Jesus' return.

In Christ, Pastor Linda Molitor

2026 Kviteseid Staff & Officers



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Custodian: David Thompson

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Sunday School Choir Dir: Jessica Trager
Sunday School Supt.: Talia Schuerman
Contributions Secretaries: Heidi Hanson
Brian Olson

Church Officers
President: Connie Fragodt
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Secretary: Jessica Trager
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Board of Deacons
Teresa Olson, Heidi Spray, Jon Hanson, Jodi Tongen, Talia Schuerman

Board of Trustees
Cory Heinrich, Ray Trager, Ryan Erp, Brandon Ascheman, Bryan Schuerman

Board of Education
Rachel Strand, Tiffany Moen, Michelle Ascheman, Shea Joyce, Savannah Moen

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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

November Schedules



Deacon Communion Setup

1- Heidi Spray
-Talia Schuerman
8- Teresa Olson
29 – Jon Hanson

Acolytes

1 -Josie Norby
8 -Elixis Spray
15 -Boden Strand
22 -Isaac Link
29 – Boden Strand

Lectors

1 -Teresa Olson
8 -Sherry Norby
15 -Rob Schwendemann
22 -Nancy Streed
29 – Charlie Hanson

Media Operators

1 – Iver Heinrich
8 -Theresa Erickson
15 -London Strand
22 – Carter Moen
29 - Daisy Sachariason

Video Recorders

1 -Emily Heinrich
8 – Jon Hanson
15 -Theresa Erickson
22- Heidi Spray
29 – Theresa Erickson

Schedules are also available online at milanslutherancurch.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,
November 18th
Deacons – 5:30 p.m.
Trustees – 7 p.m.

Coffee Fellowship

Join us for coffee and fellowship before worship Sunday morning in the narthex. Please sign up to serve treats to enjoy along with the coffee. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. The ushers will make the coffee.





Group 6
Caption – Tom Moe
734-4707

Erik Boraas
Jon Hanson
Cory Heinrich
Jim Kanten
Tim Kantne
Steve Thompson



Looking Ahead

TWC Bible Study

Wednesday,
November 11th
1:30 p.m.
Meet in the Narthax



Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held at Big Bend Lutheran Church November 25th, 2026, at 6:30p.m.



Daylight saving time ends November 1st.

Remember to set your clocks back One hour.

Veteran Recognition
Sunday, November 8 Worship at 9:00a.m. *Join us as we recognize all of our military veterans during our Sunday morning worship service*

LOCAL NEWS

Helping Hands

November is the month to be thankful...we should be thankful every day of every month!!

Thank you very much to Roger Strand for again delivering bandages and layettes to Global Missions in Fridley! We appreciate you!

Thank you to Service Group One, chairpersons Gary/Kim Heimdahl, Bob/Kim Molden, Bob/Jen Tostenson, for a great job of fall decorating! The church looks great! Thank you to all who assisted! We appreciate all who helped!

Service Group Four, chairpersons, Bob/Diane Berven, Heide Spray, Sue Streed, will be in charge of decorating for Christmas. Please feel free to help them if you see when the decorating will happen. All help is appreciated!

The annual Helping Hands meeting will be November 11, at 5:00 in the church library. Board members will get an agenda before the meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend. We welcome Kim Molden as a new board member and say a very heartfelt thank you to Cathy Olson who has served on the WELCA/Helping Hands boards for many, many faithful years! Thank you so much, Cathy and a warm welcome to Kim!

Thank you to Service Group Two, chairpersons, Randy/Connie Fragodt, Jon/Cindy Kanten, Paul/Patee Spray, for serving the lunch following the funeral service for Elaine Erickson. The family is very appreciative.

Thank you to Service Group Three, chairpersons, Brandon/Michelle Ascheman, Theresa Erickson, Ray/Jessica Trager, for serving the lunch following the funeral service for Mary Ziemann. The family is very appreciative.

November...be thankful now and always!!



I would like to thank everyone who donated to the Layette Project this year. I wasn't going to do it any more but after some encouragement I will go another year.

We need a bath towel, bath size bar of Ivory soap, diapers, blankets, wash cloths, and pillow cases. You can also donate money towards the purchase of some of these items.

We made 60 layettes this year and they all went to Global Missions. They really appreciate our donations.

Again, a big thank you to all of you for making this project a success!

God Bless

Cathy

FUNERAL SERVICE GROUPS

Serving the next funeral will be Group 4

Service Group 4 chairpersons are:

Bob & Diane Berven	269-8949
Heidi Spray	320-226-3422
Sue Streed	734-4424





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Military Boxes

Military boxes for Christmas will be packed on Tuesday, December 8 at 9:00 a.m. Plans are to fill boxes. Items that can be sent are candy, jerky, raisins, licorice, microwave popcorn or baked goods (4-6 in a baggie). Please have items at the church by 12 p.m. on Friday, December 4,





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, contact the church office (734-4455). All poinsettias will be red this year. The cost is $20.00 per poinsettia. Check should be made out to Kviteseid Lutheran Church. A limited number of poinsettias have been ordered for your purchase.

Looking Ahead/ Key Dates

- **November 1** – All Saints Sunday worship communion
- **November 8** – Worship- communion Veterans Recognition
- **November 11** – TWC Bible Study
- **November 15** – Worship
- **November 18** – Deacon & Trustee Meeting
- **November 22** – Worship
- **November 25** – Thanksgiving Eve worship at Big Bend Lutheran Church at 6:30 pm
- **November 26 –** No Worship
- **November 29** – Worship
- **December 6** – Worship – communion
- **December 9** – TWC Bible Study
- **December 13** – Worship – communion
- **December 16** – Deacon, Trustee & Joint Council Meetings
- **December 20** – Worship
- **December 24** – Christmas Eve candlelight service at 4:30 pm
- **December 25** – No Worship
- **December 27** – Worship

*December Sunday School Program to be determined

Thank You

Thank you very much for your silent auction donation this year at out Walk in the Park. Your generosity and kindness have made it possible for us to give $500.00 grants for people going through cancer treatment. We would not be able to do what we do without the support of people like you.

~MN Valley River Valley Cancer Connections -Dustin, Karen & Jean

LOCAL NEWS

Faith in Action



Sunday, November 1

Worship at 9:00 a.m.

We will remember those who have joined the church triumphant.
Coffee, Juice & Fresh Rolls
will be served by the Helping Hands Board following worship in the Fellowship Hall



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Volunteers Needed

Need more volunteers to run the camera during the worship service.

Need additional lectors. Only scheduled approximately once every other month & we can work with your schedule. Contact Heidi Hanson if interested.

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The 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering will take place June 28–July 2, 2027, in Minneapolis, Minn. MYLE (Multicultural Youth Leadership Event) and the tAble will take place June 26-28, 2027, also in Minneapolis. The Young Adult Gathering will take place concurrent with the Gathering, June 28–July 2, 2027.

Connect and plan for the gathering!
www.elca.org/gathering

Email: gathering@elca.org

Sign up for the gNews. Stay in the loop for all things Gathering. The gNews is your go-to source for the latest updates, tips and reminders, straight from the Gathering team.

ELCA Regional Representative, Shane Marcus is part of a refreshed leadership structure designed to strengthen collaboration and support across the church throughout the Gathering cycle.

"This marks a shift from the Gathering Synod Champion (or Gathering Synod Coordinator) model of previous cycles. Moving to regional representation allows us to offer more consistent support, deeper collaboration, and a broader network of leaders across the church. As your Regional Rep, I am here to walk with you and your synod through every phase of Gathering preparation—answering questions, sharing timely updates, connecting leaders, and offering contextual guidance based on what's happening in our region—while also ensuring that your synod retains full freedom to lead and organize your own Gathering related efforts. If your synod plans to host retreats, lock-ins, trainings, or other Gathering focused events, please continue those valuable efforts." - Shane

Regional Reps serve as partners alongside our synod's work—not replacements. If you have any questions, please connect with Synod Minister Pr. Seyward Ask or Shane Marcus.

Email: shane.michael.marcus@gmail.com
Phone: 612.723.7899
Volunteers
Would you like to volunteer at the Gathering and help our young people grow in faith and encounter Christ? Serving the youth of this church is a vocational calling that requires careful discernment.

There are several ways to volunteer. Responsibilities and commitments vary by category, but every volunteer must agree to a volunteer code of conduct and submit to a background check run by the ELCA.

Serving as a volunteer requires no application fee, but applicants who are offered a volunteer role will be asked to pay a $50 processing fee to ensure their attendance and cover the cost of a background check. If this fee prohibits you from serving, reach out to the Gathering office.

Key Dates
Dec. 1, 2026 Servant Companion applications open
Jan. 15, 2027 Servant Companion applications close



NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Sunday – White *Daylight Saving Time ends* Worship - *All Saints & communion* 9 a Online Worship 9 a Sunday School 10 a Coffee, Juice & Rolls Fellowship 10 a	**2** Pastor off	**3** 	**4** Pastor – Worship at Apple Ridge 10 a Confirmation 6:30 p	**5** Pastor - Interim meeting am	**6**	**7**
8 24th after Pentecost – Green Worship - *Veteran Recognition*, comm 9 a Online Worship 9 a Sunday School 10 a Coffee Fellowship 10 a	**9** Pastor off	**10**	**11** TWC Bible Sunday 1:30p Confirmation 6:30p 	**12**	**13**	**14**
15 25th after Pentecost – Green Worship 9 a Online Worship 9 a Sunday School 10 a Coffee Fellowship 10 a	**16** Pastor off	**17**	**18** Confirmation 6:30 p Board meetings - Deacons 6p - Trustees 7p	**19** Pastor – conference Meeting 10 a	**20** 	**21**
22 26th after Pentecost – Green Worship 9 a Online Worship 9 a Sunday School 10 a Coffee Fellowship 10 a	**23** Pastor off	**24**	**25** Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at Big Bend Lutheran Church 6:30p Online Worship BBLC 6:30p	**26** 	**27**	**28**
29 Christ the King - White Worship 9 a Online Worship 9 a Sunday School 10 a Coffee Fellowship 10 a Norby Baptism	**30** Pastor off					

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Sunday Schedule

Worship at 9:00 a.m.
Online Worship at 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

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