



Greetings

February often greets us with contrasts. Outside, winter still holds fast—bare branches, frozen ground, and long nights. Inside our lives and our churches, though, February invites us to reflect on love, light, and the quiet work God is doing beneath the surface.

In our culture, February is wrapped in hearts, flowers, and Valentine’s cards. While romantic love gets most of the attention, Scripture reminds us that love is far broader and deeper. The love God shows us is patient and persistent, active and enduring. It is the kind of love that does not depend on perfect circumstances or warm weather—it takes root even in the cold.

The apostle John writes, “*We love because God first loved us*” (1 John 4:19). That love is not abstract. It shows up in concrete ways: caring for neighbors, listening with compassion,

showing up when it would be easier to stay comfortable, and choosing grace over judgment. In the Lutheran tradition, we trust that we are freed by grace to love our neighbor—not to earn God’s favor, but because we already live within it.

February is also a time of transition in the church year. As we move toward Lent, we are invited to reflect more deeply on our lives of faith. This season is not about guilt or self-improvement, but about honesty and hope—recognizing where we are in need of God’s mercy and trusting that God is already at work renewing us. Even when growth is not yet visible, God’s promises are steady and sure.

In a world that often feels divided and weary, the church has a powerful witness to offer: a community shaped by Christ’s love, grounded in

welcome, and committed to justice and compassion. The ELCA’s emphasis on being a church that is “open to all” reminds us that God’s love does not draw narrow boundaries. Instead, it stretches wide enough to hold doubt and faith, joy and grief, questions and convictions.

As we make our way through February, may we pay attention to the small signs of God’s presence among us—a kind word, a shared meal, a prayer spoken quietly, a hand extended in care. These moments may seem simple, but they are seeds of God’s kingdom, planted even in winter.

May this month remind us that love is not just something we celebrate for a day, but something we live every day, trusting that God is always bringing new life—even when we cannot yet see it.

STEWARDSHIP

Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund
2026 Financial Responsibilities
\$269,336

Checking Register
for the General Fund

12/1/25 balance: \$32,325
December income: \$43,392
December expenses: \$14,725
12/31/24 balance: \$60,991

Worship Offerings & Attendance



December 25	\$4,212	202
<i>Christmas Eve</i>		
December 28	<i>No Service</i>	
January 4	\$522	44
January 11	\$959	72
January 18	\$1038	35

Online Giving ...



Visit our website at
milanslutheranchurch.com

MEMORIALS and GIFTS

None

PRAYERS

We offer up prayers for ...

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LOCAL NEWS

Staff & Officers

Call Process Progress

The call process for a pastor is moving along. Our congregational profile has been completed and accepted by the synod. On January 11, a full call committee was assembled. Big Bend has also submitted their profile and formed their call committee.



Although worship will rarely be canceled, please use your own judgment before traveling in to church on those questionable days. Weather related announcements can be heard on KDMA 1460 AM or KLQP 92.1 FM. It will also be posted on the Kviteseid website (www.milans-lutheranchurch.com) home page and on Kviteseid's Facebook page.



Thank you to those completing their terms on church council for your years of service to the congregation. Your time and efforts have been appreciated.

Thank you to outgoing council members:

President:

Judi Bohm

Vice President:

Rob Schwendemann

Board of Education:

Emily Heinrich

Board of Deacons:

Cindy Kanten

2026 Kviteseid Staff & Officers



Office Staff

Pastor Bob Dahl
rldahl1@charter.net

Worship Leader
Jon Hanson

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: Connie Fragodt

V. Pres: Char Strand

Secretary: Jessica Trager

Treasurer: Josh Vetter

Board of Deacons

Heidi Spray, Jon Hanson,
Andrea Westra, 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

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

February Schedules

February Worship Assistants

Deacon Communion Setup

1 - Talia Schuerman
Cheryl Erp

Acolytes

1 - Isaac Link
8 - Lucas Schuerman
15 - London Strand
22 - Thatcher Erp

Lectors

1 - *None Needed*
8 - Jen Tostenson
15 - Teresa Olson
22 - Heidi Hanson
25 - Nancy Streed

Media Operators

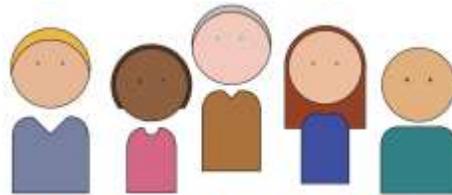
1 - Parker Spray
8 - Daisy Sachariason
15 - Eva Trager
22 - Thatcher Erp

Video Recorders

1 - Jon Hanson
8 - Theresa Erickson
15 - Heidi Spray
22 - Heidi Spray
25 - Cheryl Erp

*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.



INSTALLATION of Church Council and Board Members

February 1, 2026

Church Board Meetings

Wednesday, February 11

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



February Ushers



Group 3

Captain - Bryan Schuerman
320-289-3127

Paul Belseth
Wade Kittelson
Bruce Loose
Tim Streed
Paul Tostenson

Lenten Services

Lent begins on February 18. We will again have Wednesday night Lenten services jointly with Big Bend with suppers.

Ash Wednesday, **February 18 at Big Bend Lutheran Church** with supper at 6:00 p.m. and worship at 7:00 p.m.

The remaining Lenten services will be as follows with supper at 6:00 p.m. and worship at 7:00 p.m.

⇒ **February 25** at Kviteseid

⇒ **March 4** at Big Bend

⇒ **March 11** at Kviteseid

⇒ **March 18** at Big Bend

⇒ **March 25** at Kviteseid

Meals to be determined soon!

Easter Cantata

A choir is being formed to put on an Easter Cantata!
Stay tuned for more information.



Easter Cantata

LOCAL NEWS

Helping Hands

Helping Hands

Brrr! It is cold outside! It will get better, just you wait and see!

Winter quilting will be

Monday, Feb 9
Wednesday, Feb 16,
Monday, Feb 18
and Monday, Feb 23. Set up will be



Sunday, Feb 8 at 9:30 before church services. All help is welcome! We will quilt from 9 to 3, bring your own bag lunch and if you have, something to share for coffee! All are most welcome, no experience necessary! Love to see lots of folks come to do this valuable, comforting work!

The new Service Group chairpersons will begin their year when the new Service books get delivered by the post office. I'm hoping they will be delivered by the middle of February. Thank you so much to the new chairpersons and also last years chairpersons for sharing your time and talent! You are so appreciated!

Group 3 is next for funeral serving. Take care everyone!

Check elsewhere in the mailer about Lenten Services. At this point, the Helping Hands Board is to serve supper on Ash Wednesday and March 4.

Stay warm everyone! Warmer weather is on the way!



Volunteer Needed

In search of....

Cathy Olson has been leading the gathering and packing of the layettes for the past many years. She is ready to pass on that responsibility to the next person. She would be most willing to share her wealth of knowledge in the gathering of the items that are included in the layettes. She will pack her last layettes this coming fall on God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. Please let her know if you are willing to fill her shoes in this project. If no one comes forward, there won't be a layette program any more. Do give it prayerful consideration! Thank you so much!

Military Boxes

Military boxes will be packed on Tuesday, March 17th at 9:00 a.m. Items that can be sent are candy, jerky, raisins, licorice, microwave popcorn and baked goods (4-6 in a baggie). Monetary donations are also appreciated. Please have items to church by noon on Monday, March 16th.

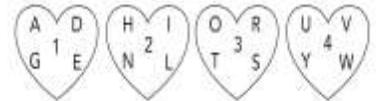


Puzzle!

We see hearts everywhere and love sharing cards and greetings with friends and family.

Use the code to discover a special message from God — perfect for any day, any month.

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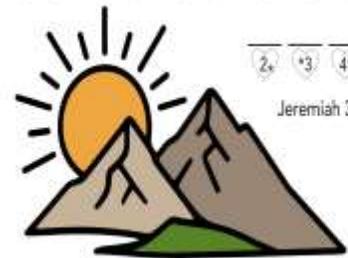
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Jeremiah 31:3

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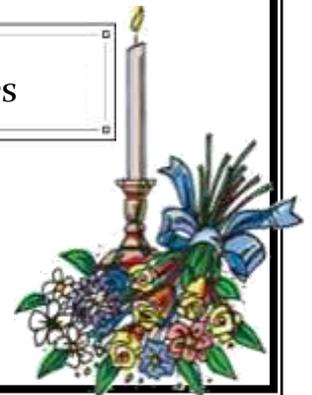
FUNERAL

SERVICE GROUPS

Serving the next funeral will be Group 3.

Service Group 3 chairpersons are:

Brandon & Michelle Ascherman 226-0658
Jan & Lori Rheigans 289-2669
Rob & Karla Schwendemann 320-226-3700



LOCAL NEWS

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 sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. The ushers will make the coffee.

TWC Bible Study

Wednesday, February 11

1:30 p.m.

Meet at the church in the Narthex



Open House Baby Shower

Braiden and Emily Kittelson

Saturday, March 7

at 2 p.m.

Kviteseid Fellowship Hall

Registered at
Target
&
Amazon



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**March Newsletter
Deadline Due
February 19th**

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LOCAL NEWS

2024 Annual Meeting

Kviteseid Lutheran Church 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes January 11, 2026

*Minutes taken by Teresa Olson in the absence of Jessica Trager.

Meeting was called to order by Judi Bohm, President at 9:00am.

Adopted Agenda: Motion made: Michelle Ascheman, 2nd Bryan Schuerman. Motion carried.

Devotion given by Judi Bohm

Approve 2025 Minutes: Motion made Tom Moe, 2nd Jon Hanson. Motion carried.

Following reports were given:

Treasurer's Report: Andy Streed \$38,000 in checking. Budget used: 72%. Motion made: Cindy Kanten, 2nd: Wade Kittelson. Motion carried

Deacon's Report given by Cindy Kanten

No Pastor's Report but report was put together by Judi Bohm. Motion made: Jen Tostenson, 2nd Bryan Schuerman. Motion carried.

Board of Education: Michelle Ascheman

Fruit of the Spirit for the teenagers Younger kids rotating Bible stories through the Spark program

300 eggs were hidden for Easter-Lenten Supper served 1 meal Fishing for VBS this summer at Char & Craig Strand's Christmas Sunday School program performed Addi-

tional kids this year, average census 20+

Motion made: Rob Schwendeman, 2nd Ray Trager. Motion carried.

Board of Trustees: Cory Heinrich

Welcomed Cheryl Erp as new church assistant as Theresa Erickson transitioned out. Replacement of retaining wall was completed with Link family donation of fabric and grass seed.

HVAC and elevator inspected.

Fixed windows and leaks in Sunday School wing

Technology Updates- computers, microphones and speakers.

Looking ahead: French drain water project, parsonage refresh and upkeep.

Motion made: Andy Streed, 2nd Jon Hanson Motion carried.

Helping Hands: Nancy Schneck

Quilting February and July for Senior graduates and other organization donated to.

Will have a raffle this year for a Cindy Ziemann quilt, walnut bowl by Jim Anderson and Hardanger piece by Nancy Schneck with the drawing being held at the 2026 Syttende Mai Tea. 300 people were served at Syttende Mai Tea 2025, \$3500 made.

Served 2 Lenten Suppers

Military Boxes packed 6 times

Work groups- decorating and 5 funerals served.

Motion made: Craig Strand, 2nd Pattee Spray Motion carried.

Endowment Board: no report received

Old Business: None

Election:

President: Connie Fragodt

Vice President: Char Strand

Secretary: Jessica Trager

Treasurer: Josh Vetter

Board of Deacons: Talia Schuerman & Andrew Westera

Board of Trustees: Ray Trager & Cory Heinrich

Board of Education: Tiffany Moen & Rachel Strand

Contribution Secretaries: Heidi Hanson & Luther Opjorden

Motion made: Michelle Ascheman, 2nd Char Strand. Motion carried to accept positions.

Kviteseid Lutheran Milan Methodist Cemetery Board: Richard Olson & Josh Moen

Lay Delegates to Madison Lutheran Home Annual Meeting: Rob & Karla Schwendeman

Lay Delegates to Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Annual Meeting: Nancy Streed & ???

Lay Delegates to SW MN Synod Assembly: Jon Hanson & ???

Lay Delegates to Lac Qui Parle Conference Assembly: (can have 6 voting members) check on

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2024 Annual Meeting

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Nominating Committee for January 2027: Cindy Kanten, Christian Kanten, need 4 more (2 out-going council members, 4 non-council members)

Motion made: Ray Trager, 2nd Teresa Olson to accept all volunteered persons. Motion carried.

Adopt 2026 Budget, presented by Cory Heinrich

Increase pulpit supply monies due to no pastor yet for Kviteseid.

Motion made: Ray Trager, 2nd Jon Hanson. Motion carried.

New Pastor Discussion:

Judi reported the Kviteseid profile has been sent in to Synod. Meeting with Big Bend on Tuesday, January 13th.

Call committee Volunteers: R.J. Strand, Rob Schwendeman, Jennifer Tostenson, Talia Schuerman, Michelle Ascheman, Char Strand.

Call committee will meet and appoint one person to be the lead for the committee.

Motion made: Nancy Streed, 2nd Bryan Schuerman. Motion carried.

Motion made to adjourn meeting: Ray Trager, 2nd Teresa Olson.

Cemetery Board Report given by Wade Kittelson.

Motion to accept Richard Olson & Josh Moen: Ryan Erp, 2nd Jon Hanson.

Closed meeting with the Lord's Prayer, 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Trager, Council Secretary

Looking Ahead

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18

At Big Bend

Lutheran Church



Thank You KLC Members

Thank you to Connie Streed and Sue Streed for her help taking care of the poinsettias.

- Nancy Streed

Thank you for your recent generous gift of \$60 supporting the services of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota. Together, we are neighbors helping neighbors.

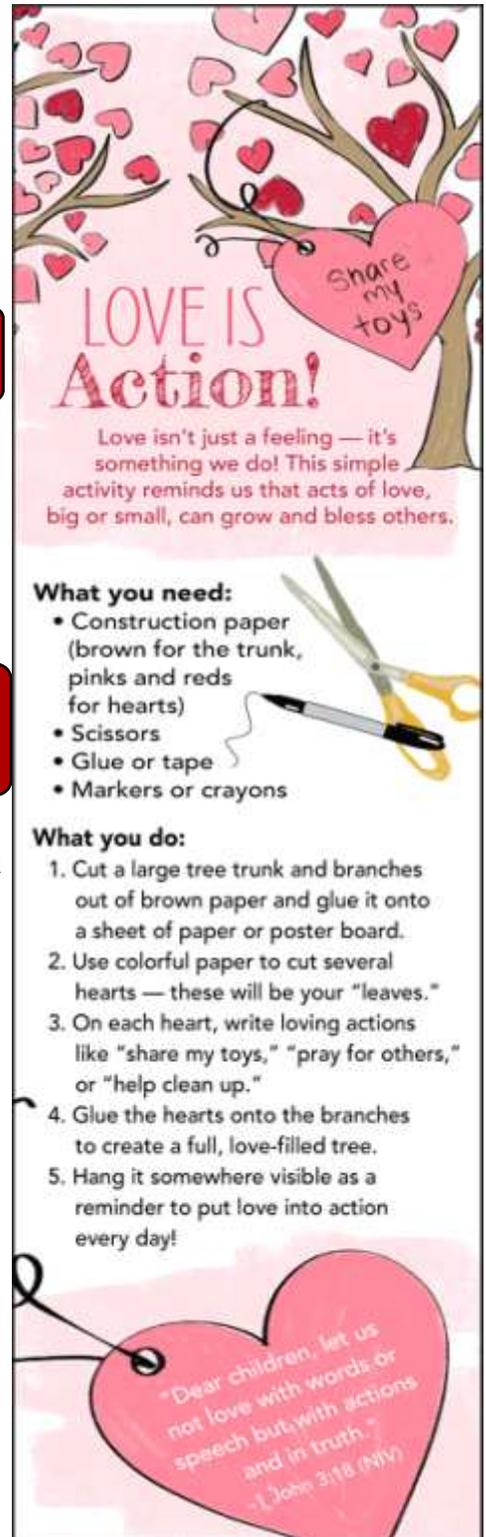
With gratitude,

- LSS Church Partnership Team

Thank You for Keeping the light of Christ shining for all who come to water's edge.

Sincerely,

Travis Aufderheide
Water's Edge Ministries



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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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