



Kviteid Voice

Kviteid Lutheran
Church

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Greetings from Pastor Kristine Isder

Slowly but surely, we made the transition from winter to spring and now even to summer-like weather.

The warm weather the last half of May got the crops and plants growing and the leaves to open up on the trees.

Every year when the corn is planted, we wait anxiously for the first little green spears to be visible in the fields. Especially when it's been cold and dry, we wonder if it will ever come up. But it does. And then it seems almost overnight that it's a couple inches tall and before long it's knee high and then waist high. All of this in a span of two months, a pretty high rate of growth.

May 23rd was the Day of Pentecost, known as the birthday of the church, when the Holy Spirit was given to the disciples in

Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit blew through the believers and set the church in motion.

The disciples made their way out into the streets and began to share with others what their faith in Christ meant to them.

When people heard this, they asked the disciples, "what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." (Acts 2:38-39)

The result: "those who welcomed the message were baptized, and that day about three

thousand persons were added." (Acts 2:41)

That was a lot of growth in a short amount of time! The Holy Spirit causes growth in faith, just like rain and sunshine cause growth in crops.

This group of saved and saving ones has a special name in the New Testament - it is called "the Church."

The disciples went out from Jerusalem to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

Because of what they did, we have heard the good news also.

And what they were sent out to do is also our mission today: to proclaim the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people.

What is the work of the Holy Spirit? Lutherans believe that we

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STEWARDSHIP

Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund 2021 Financial Responsibilities \$233,650
Checking Register for the General Fund
4/1/21 balance: \$1,841
April income: \$21,217
April expenses: \$15,850
4/30/21 balance: \$7,208

Worship Offerings & Attendance



May 2	\$1,620	55
May 9	\$1,360	71
May 16	\$1,785	34
May 23	\$555	39

Online Giving ... 

Visit our website at
milanslutheranchurch.com



Gifts & Memorials

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

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come to faith, remain in the faith, and live our lives of faith by the power of the Holy Spirit. The work of the Holy Spirit is to continually draw us to Christ, in spite of our desire to strike out on our own.

We need not pray for the Spirit to come. The Spirit is constantly among and beside us. The need is for us to listen to what the Spirit wishes to make known.

It is in the midst of the gathered community of the church that we become truly holy, not perfect, but holy, devoted to God and aware of God's presence in us and in others and in the world.

And it is as we have been gathered and enlightened and made holy that we realize that we have

not been made those things for ourselves and for our own benefit and for our own personal growth, but for the world.

We realize that we have been gathered so that we might be sent, sent into a world that needs love, that needs care, that needs compassion, that needs to see Jesus in the midst of all the things that are going on around us.

Church Guidelines Update

The Minnesota Department of Health updated guidelines for churches effective May 14.

The deacons met May 19 and decided that we will continue to tape off the pews, use just the north door, take attendance and not pass the offering plates.

If you have been fully

vaccinated, facemasks are no longer required. If it makes you feel comfortable, you may continue to wear a mask.

The church council will discuss the Covid plan at the June meeting based on guidelines at that time.

Thank You

Thank you again 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, which will be given to the synod Gifts of Grace fund appeal.

Other memorials will be given to Green Lake Lutheran Ministries to provide Bible camp opportunities for young people.

- Pastor Kristine

2021 Kviteseid Staff & Officers



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Cindy Kanten, Rich Isder,
Char Strand

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Streed, Char Johnson, Sue

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WORSHIP NEWS

June Schedules



Lectors

- 6 - Char Strand
- 13 - Jon Hanson
- 20 - Reed Molden
- 27 - Judy Thompson

Media Operators

- 6 - Erik Boraas
- 13 - Ty Norby
- 20 - Carter Bowen
- 27 - Nancy Schneck

Deacon Communion Setup

- 6 - Char Strand

Video Recorders

- 6 - Rich Isder
- 13 - Theresa Erickson
- 20 - Rich Isder
- 27 - 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

Looking Ahead

Sunday, July 4
Lakeside Worship
9:00 a.m.
Milan Beach Resort



Worship Time Change
starts
Sunday, July 11
Worship will be at
10:30 a.m.

Sign-up sheet to serve coffee and goodies each Sunday is on the bulletin board by the north door.



Senior Recognition Sunday, May 9
Gauge Liebl & Bryce Tongen
with quilts made and given by
Kviteseid Church



Group 6

Captain - Tom Moe
734-4707

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

TWC Bible Study

TWC "Together with Christ" Bible Study will meet Wednesday, June 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring your own beverage and snack.

Church Boards & Church Council

meet in-person
Wednesday, June 16

Boards and Council

Deacons - 6:00 p.m.
Trustees - 7:00 p.m.
Church Council - 7:30 p.m.



LOCAL NEWS

Helping Hands

Helping Hands

Spring has sprung and summer is almost here! Enjoy it to the max!

Summer coffee has started and will happen in the Fellowship Hall after church! Do sign up to furnish cookies, etc.! They do not have to be homemade --- there are terrific ones in the cookie aisle at the grocery store!! Thank you so much! It is always fun to visit with friends and neighbors since we haven't had that luxury for a long time!

There will be a Quilting Work Day Tuesday, June 8, at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We need to finish some baby quilts, sew some batting together and some other miscellaneous things. Bring your lunch -- it will be a fun day. Thank you to all who can come!

Group 3, chairpersons, Brandon/Michelle Ascheman, Wade/Kim Kittelson, Rodger/Nancy Schneck, will be putting together Liberty Baskets, very similar to Easter Baskets, on Sunday, June 27 in the Fellowship Hall, following church. Those in that group should be looking for a communication from the chairpersons concerning this event and be thinking about what you would like to contribute. Some ideas are granola bars, small packages of snack crackers, nuts,

chips, candy bars, 2 or 3 cookies in snack bags, oranges, apples and similar items.

Many of the recipients are single folks or couples and appreciate small amounts of things. People who receive these baskets include those who have had a death in their family since Easter 2019, prolonged illness, shut ins, or others in need of just a bit of special attention. It is a fun project and we thank you for your contribution.

Congratulations to Gauge Liebl and Bryce Tongen who were honored on Senior Recognition Sunday with quilts made by the quilting group at the church. We wish them all the best!

Take care and have a blessed summer!!

Layette Mission Project

Helping Hands is completing their Layette Mission Project and is in need of the following items: 19 hand towels, 38 bars of ivory soap, 31 shirts, 17 jackets (no hoods) or button-down sweaters (no hoods), and 13 sleepers. Please leave items on the bench by the north door of the church by June 30th. Any questions, call Judy Thompson at 320-760-2420.

Quilting "Workday"

Tuesday, June 8th
9:30 a.m.

- ◆ Tie baby quilts
- ◆ Sew batting together
- ◆ Other miscellaneous projects



LOVE

to see lots of quilters come!
— Bring your own lunch —

Thank You

In December, gifts were given to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Good Gifts. The adult Sunday school class gave \$50, and Together with Christ Bible Study gave \$200.

We received thank you letters for these gifts: "Thank you for your generous gift to ELCA ministries through ELCA Good Gifts. Your Good Gift is a very good gift, indeed. With resources such as seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you're equipping God's people – around the world and around the corner – with what they need to live abundant lives."

Thank you for your recent charitable gift of \$45.00. Your support and generosity enables us to serve many individuals in our local area. We are grateful for your kindness and your continued support.

- Swift County Food Shelf

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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

June Events

Kviteseid Connectors

About a year ago, our congregation formed a group of volunteers called Kviteseid Connectors. We consist of 3 couples, 7 individuals, and 2 families. Our mission is to

reach out to members of our congregation who may not always be able to attend worship. We began with members who live in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. We have expanded to some members who live in their own homes. We send notes, make phone calls, and visit when it's possible. It is a fun way to help everyone remember that they are an important part of our congregation and we care about them!!

Throughout this last year, many people have felt isolated at times and perhaps have felt lonely. If this



sounds like you, we invite you to let us know. Our group is made up of people who care about others. If you would like someone to talk to and/or occasionally visit with, we would like to connect. If interested, please call Char Strand 320-815-0219 or e-mail her at lakeannie@fedteldirect.net.

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, 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, and Kviteseid Church - \$150.

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LOCAL NEWS

Southwest Minnesota Synod

Synod News

Synod Assembly

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

The theme of the assembly is “God of Peace Will Be With You”.

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.

What can you do? Pray for the voting members of the assembly as they make decisions and for the work of the synod.

The assembly will be livestreamed and anyone can watch it on the synod website at this link: <https://swmnelca.org/synod-assembly/> and then click on Live Feed.

Char Strand, Reed Molden and Pastor Kristine will attend the assembly as voting members. Pastor Kristine is also a member of the credentials committee and will attend the assembly in person in St. Peter.

Gifts of Grace

Gratitude for 18 Years of Leadership

“Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.” – Philippians 4:9



Gifts of Grace
Toward Financial Wellbeing

On June 14, 2003, Pastor Jon V. Anderson was elected to serve as the bishop of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA. For the past 18 years, Bishop Jon has faithfully served as pastor to leaders and congregations, led synod governance, and flourished as a teacher of theology and Scripture.

During the last year, Bp. Jon guided us through the pandemic. His leadership over these 18 yrs. will have a lasting impact!

You can honor Bp. Jon’s legacy by making a special gift in support of a ministry he cares about deeply: *Gifts of Grace – Toward Financial Well-being.*

Gifts of Grace has been creating a culture of generosity and transforming leaders and congregations since 2016. In partnership with Lilly Endowment, Inc., Gifts of Grace has had an impact by:

- Increasing generosity and stewardship in our congregations through trainings, such as Stewardship for All Seasons, Cultivating Generous Congregations, and the Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising.
- Freeing pastors to lead their congregations in generosity by relieving their own anxiety about stifling educational loans, unexpected medical bills, and retirement insecurity. In 2020, we were able to give 84 grants like this to rostered ministers, freeing them to better serve.

Your contributions can assure that Bishop Jon’s commitment to vibrant and vital congregational ministry continues. Not only that, your gift has double the impact, as all gifts will be doubled through the generosity of the Lilly Endowment grant.

The goal for Gifts of Grace: Gratitude for 18 Years of Leadership is \$70,000. This would amount to



“Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about[] these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.”
– Philippians 4: 8-9 (NRSV)

\$140,000 with the match by Lilly Endowment, Inc. We ask you to consider prayerfully how you and your congregation have been blessed in these past 18 years. We invite you to express your gratitude for Bishop Jon’s leadership legacy by responding generously to this Appeal.

Gifts will be received at any time. The total amount of gifts and commitments received by June 1 will be announced at the opening of the 2021 Synod Assembly on June 6 when Bishop Jon is honored.

For more information or to give, go to this link on the synod website: <https://swmnelca.org/gifts-of-grace/>

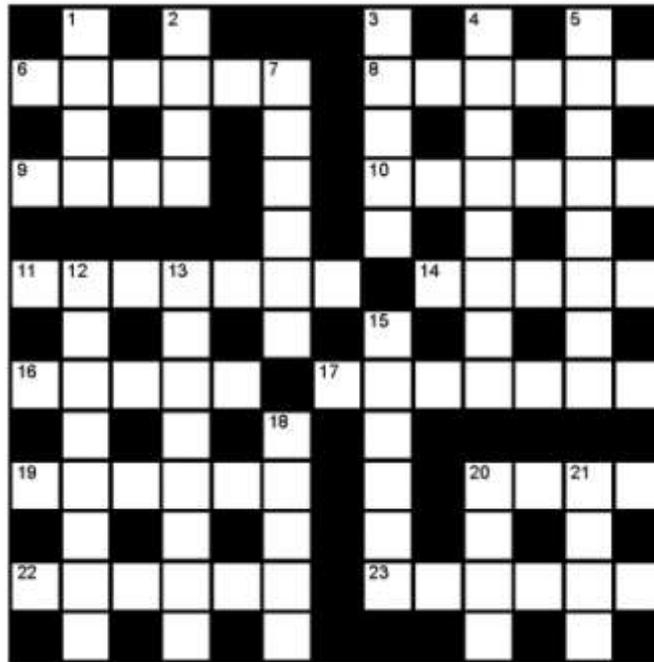
Thank you for your partnership as part of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA. As our synod Mission Statement says, “By God’s grace, together we have what we need.” Your generosity close to home and around the globe is blessing others with the love of Jesus Christ. We are better as the church because we walk together.

The Southwestern Minnesota Synod is committed to building a culture of healthy, sustained ministry in its congregations. The Gifts of Grace project is a tool to help the congregations that make up our synod lay a foundation for healthy vibrant ministry now and into the future. We want to invite you to make an investment in the health of our congregations and leaders.

JUST FOR FUN

The Book of Jude

Jude



Across

- 6 “Thou _____ the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.” Psa 89:9 (6)
- 8 “And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting _____ under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.” Jude 1:6 (6)
- 9 “Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man’s heart shall _____.” Isa 13:7 (4)
- 10 What they did not have. Jude 1:19 (6)
- 11 The son of Azareel. Neh 11:13 (7)
- 14 “Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own _____; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.” Jude 1:13 (5)
- 16 The man who led Israel out of Egypt. Jude 1:9 (5)
- 17 “For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God _____ his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh,” Rom 8:3 (7)

- 19 “Let the brother of low _____ rejoice in that he is exalted.” James 1:9 (6)
- 20 Enoch was the seventh from _____. Jude 1:14 (4)
- 22 Another word for dirty. Jude 1:8 (6)
- 23 Ahiam’s father. 2 Sam 23:33 (6)

Down

- 1 The brother of James. Jude 1:1 (4)
- 2 “Thou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother; usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of any thing that is _____ upon usury.” Deut 23:19 (4)
- 3 “Happy is that people, that is in such “_____.” Psa 144:15 (1, 4)

- 4 Sent away. 2 Sam 14:14 (8)
- 5 “And at _____, and at Zareah, and at Jarmuth,” Neh 11:29 (8)
- 7 The disciple who saw Jesus and believed. John 20:29 (6)
- 12 The plain mentioned in Judg 9:37 (8)
- 13 “And he that shall swear by heaven, _____ by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.” Matt 23:22 (8)
- 15 Jude said there were spots in these in Jude 1:12. (6)
- 18 A type of stone. Ezek 10:9 (5)
- 20 “_____ for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.” Joel 1:15 (4)
- 21 “Heaven and earth shall pass _____: but my words shall not pass _____.” Mark 13:31 (4)

Answer Key
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Sunday Schedule

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

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