



## Greetings from Pastor Kristine Isder

### **Love God. Love your Neighbor.**

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matthew 22:36-40)

A Pharisee asks Jesus which commandment is the greatest. Notice Jesus doesn't say, Believe the right things, or Pray every day, or Read your Bible, or Worship like this. He says, Love. That's it. All of Jesus' teachings are distilled down to one word: Love. Love God. Love your neighbor. On these two commandments hang everything else that matters in this world.

The Apostle Paul says something similar in his Letter to the Romans: "All the commandments" – that is, everything God wants us to do – "is summed up in one word: 'you shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Romans 13:9).

In 1 John we read, "Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen." (1 John 4:20).

The love of neighbor that Jesus talks about is not an emotion. It is not desiring or feeling warm about someone. The love Jesus is talking about is trust, loyalty, being attached to. You don't need to agree with your neighbor but you show love if you continue to act for their well-being and continue in relationship with them.

Loving God is the vertical dimension of our faith. Our relationship with others represents the horizontal dimension of our faith. The second builds on the first. The first demonstrates itself through the second. While the second is built on the first, the first is not complete without the second. Loving our neighbors is an act of loving God in whose image our neighbors are made. One cannot claim to love God unless one does everything in one's capacity to love one's neighbors. Love for God should translate into love for neighbors, those near and far.

If you love God, then the rest follows naturally. Between love of God and love of neighbor, Jesus covers every single commandment you could ever name. Every commandment in the book has something to do with either God or neighbor.

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# STEWARDSHIP

## Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



### FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund	
2020 Financial Responsibilities	
\$218,178	
Checking register for the General Fund	
9/1/20 balance:	\$39,053
September income:	\$13,172
September expenses:	\$16,485
9/30/20 balance:	\$35,740
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Cashflow loan to date:	\$8,000
PPP loan/grant to date:	\$26,257

### Worship Offerings & Attendance



Sept. 27	\$860	27
Oct. 4	\$3,583	76
Oct. 11	\$3,175	17
Oct. 18	\$1,825	18
Oct. 25	\$1,670	17



#### Military Packages

In memory of Billy Thompson

#### Undesignated

In memory of Billy Thompson



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### \*\*\* Financial Reminder \*\*\*

Church financial responsibilities continue as we go through this period of uncertainty. Please send your weekly offerings to the church office or donate online so we can meet our monthly obligations.

**THANK YOU!**

# PRAYERS

We offer up prayers for . . .

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Pastor, Staff & Officers

### Greetings from Pr. Kristine

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A great example of loving and serving your neighbor occurred in our community on Sept. 26. Neighbors and friends came together to harvest Mike Hanen's soybeans after he had heart surgery. Forty-two people, 14 combines and many tractors and trucks harvested 430 acres of soybeans in 3 hours! Thank you to all those who helped, served food and took pictures to document the day.

In this month of Thanksgiving, we give thanks to God for everything that God has done and given to us. We wouldn't be alive and here today if it weren't for God. God is love. God created because of love. Our calling is to love – to love God and to love

others. Let us express our thanks to God through love of neighbor. Let us be thankful to God for all that God has given us.

### Video Recording of Services

The church council and trustees have been looking at putting in a video camera system to record and livestream worship services. We will receive a \$660 grant from the SW MN Synod (see related article). We also applied for, and will receive, a \$5,000 grant from Chippewa County. We are working with New Life Communications of Willmar who installed the projector and worked on our sound system.

The plan is to put a mounted camera in the balcony. The camera video, audio from the sound system and the PowerPoint will all be fed

into a computer to produce a video. It sounds complicated but it will be easy to operate. One of the requirements of the project is that minimal labor is required to run it.

We will need a video team to start the recording and livestreaming and to adjust the camera during the service. New Life will provide training on the new system. Please let Pastor Kristine know if you are interested in being on the video team.



## 2020 Kviteseid Staff & Officers



### Office Staff

**Pastor Kristine Isder**  
pastor@milanslutheranchurch.com

**Parish Assistant:**  
**Theresa Erickson**  
office@milanslutheranchurch.com

**Financial Secretary:**  
**Missy Ervin**

### Building Staff

**Custodian: David Thompson**

**Organist: Judi Bohm**

### Volunteer Leadership

**Sunday School Choir Dir:**  
**Jessica Trager**

**Sunday School Supt.:**  
**Talia Schuerman**

**Contributions Secretaries:**  
**Paul Belseth**  
**Heidi Hanson**

### Church Officers

**President: Jon Hanson**

**Vice Pres.: Ken Lee**

**Secretary: Lorrie Spray**

**Treas.: Rob Schwendemann**

### Board of Deacons

**Lee Haugen, Char Strand,  
Marie Molden, Reed Molden,  
Cindy Kanten**

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Josh Moen, Nate Spray, Josh  
Vetter**

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Streed, Emily Heinrich, Hillary  
Spray**

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**Connie Fragodt, Karla  
Schwendemann, Naomi  
Streed, Ronae Rose, Char  
Johnson**

# WORSHIP NEWS

## November Schedules & Events

### Military Packages

Military boxes will be packed on November 17 at 9:00 a.m. Items that can be sent are beef jerky, nuts, raisins, granola bars, trail mix, candy, microwave popcorn and home-baked cookies (4-6 in a plastic bag). Items can be left at the church office or in the basement before November 16. Also, monetary donations are appreciated. For questions, call Judi Bohm at 734-4671 or Nancy Streed at 734-4694.

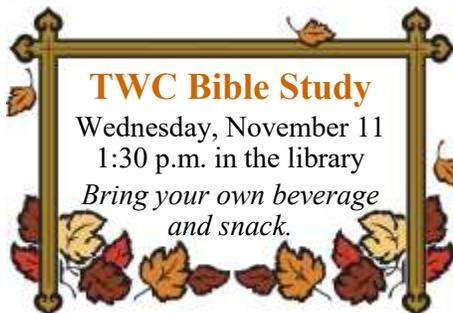
### Thanksgiving Day Worship Service and Offering



Thursday, November 26  
9:00 a.m.

The Thanksgiving offering each year is given to two of our local campus ministries—Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) of Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, MN and University of Minnesota, Morris, MN. These funds help support the college youth to take an active role in service and mission work, giving back to their community and sharing God's love with others.

The offerings that go to LCM are from the loose offerings (no envelopes) and the Thanksgiving offering envelopes. Offerings given in your regular Sunday envelopes will go to the general fund of the church. Thank you for your continued support of this important program!



### TWC Bible Study

Wednesday, November 11  
1:30 p.m. in the library

*Bring your own beverage  
and snack.*

All  
Saints'  
Sunday



### November 1

We will remember those  
who died in the last year  
and those baptized.

## NOVEMBER



Worship Assistants

### Lectors

- 1 - Jon Hanson
- 8 - Sherry Norby
- 15 - Teresa Olson
- 22 - Rob Schwendemann
- 26 - Rich Isder
- 29 - Jen Tostenson

### Media Operators

- 1 - Paul Tostenson
- 8 - Missy Ervin
- 15 - Cale Norby
- 22 - Tom Moe
- 26 - Erik Boraas
- 29 - Rich Isder

### Deacon Communion Setup

- 1 - Reed Molden  
Char Strand

**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.**

november  
Ushers

### Group 3

Captain - Bryan Schuerman  
289-3127

Paul Belseth  
Wade Kittelson  
Bruce Loose  
Tim Streed  
Paul Tostenson



Sunday,  
November 1

Remember to  
turn your  
clocks back  
one hour.

# WORSHIP NEWS

## November

### Church Services Update

We will continue to meet in person following the plan approved at the July council meeting. Service time is 9:00 a.m. We are grateful that people are wearing masks, social distancing and following the guidelines that have been put into place for worship.

We will have communion on November 1. Communion will be distributed at the end of the service.

Pastor Kristine will continue to post worship videos on the Kviteseid Facebook page and church website at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays. The bulletins will be posted on the website.

We realize not everyone has internet access to view the services online. We can make audio CDs of the services to mail out. Please let us know if you would like to receive them or if you would like a printed copy of the bulletin.

Thank you to those who have sent contributions to the church to help meet our financial needs. Your continued support of our ministry is very much appreciated.

You may send contributions at any time or give online.

- **By mail:** send your offering to the church at PO Box 31, Milan MN 56262.

- **Online:** through the Kviteseid web page.

Big Bend has resumed indoor worship at 10:30 a.m. The service will also be broadcast on the FM transmitter in the parking lot for those who feel more comfortable in their vehicles. Kviteseid members are welcome. Tune your radio to FM 88.1 when you arrive.

#### Worship Options:

You now have three options for worship:

- 9:00 a.m. in Kviteseid sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. parking lot at Big Bend
- Online worship video at 9:00 a.m.

### Christmas 2020

What will Christmas Eve worship look like this year? It won't look like it has in the past. The deacons talked about it at the October meeting. Last year's Christmas Eve attendance was 233. Due to social distancing requirements because of Covid-19, we can't have that many people in the sanctuary. Some churches have already canceled Christmas Eve worship services and made alternate plans. A decision will be made at the November 18 deacon meeting. How we worship together and celebrate the holidays will continue to be driven by CDC guidelines and the spread of the virus in our community.

**Christmas Day Worship will be held at 9:00 a.m.**

### Minnesota Facemask Regulations



**In Minnesota, facemasks are required to be worn in all indoor spaces to limit the spread of Covid-19.**

**Places of worship need to follow these provisions.**

### Visitation Ministry

We are looking for a few more people to be on our team of "caring for our members." Right now, we are doing non-contact visitation which may include phone calls, emails, and/or notes in the mail. Prayerfully consider becoming a part of this ministry.

If interested, please call or text Char Strand at 320-815-0219 or send her an email at lakeannie@fedteldirect.net.

# FUNERAL

SERVICE GROUPS

**Serving the next funeral will be group four.**

Service Group 4 chairpersons are:

Robert & Jill Blom	793-6740
Erik Boraas	605-695-9862
Craig & Char Strand	734-4758



**Funeral Ushers**  
are needed

If you are able to help out, please contact Pastor Kristine.

# LOCAL NEWS

## November News

### Alternative Gifts

We can give a gift of hope to others through alternative gifts. There are many places where we can give animals, honey bees, fruit-tree seedlings, blankets, school supplies and much more to help people in need. Give the gifts that mean the most to you, or choose gifts to give in honor of someone special. Your gifts support the ministries of the ELCA in nearly 80 countries around the world.

Among these are ELCA Good Gifts, Lutheran World Relief and Heifer International. Information is available on the table in the narthex.



### Church Boards

will meet

Wednesday,

November 18<sup>th</sup>

by In-Person and Zoom

Deacons at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees at 7:00 p.m.



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, you can do so at Bergen's Prairie Market in Milan or Country Floral in Appleton (those purchased from Country Floral will be labeled with your name). ***Due to the unpredicted Christmas season events this year, there will be a limited number of poinsettias available at Bergen's Prairie Market.***

### "Growing through Gratitude"



Thankfulness, studies show, has multiple physical, mental and emotional benefits. Psychologist Robert Emmons calls gratitude "fertilizer for the mind" because of its powerful effects.

He admits gratitude isn't always easy — especially when life throws us curveballs (see the year 2020) — but says it can be most helpful during and after difficulties. Emmons suggests reframing challenges using thankfulness-based language. Ask, for example: Though I wasn't grateful for the experience at the time, how can I be now? What lessons did I learn, and how did I grow as a person?

Throughout his letters, the apostle Paul reframes his extensive sufferings and urges us to do the same. "Give thanks in all circumstances," he writes, "for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV).



**"The thankful receiver bears a plentiful harvest."  
—William Blake**



# LOCAL NEWS

## Southwest Minnesota Synod

### Synod News

#### Mission Grants Awarded to ELCA Congregations

Kviteseid Lutheran Church of Milan, MN is one of many congregations of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA (SW MN Synod) that has received an Endowment Mission Grant. The Endowment Fund Committee of the SW MN Synod developed the Endowment Mission Grant Program to empower and support

congregations of the synod, enabling growth in Christian Faith and service to God's people.

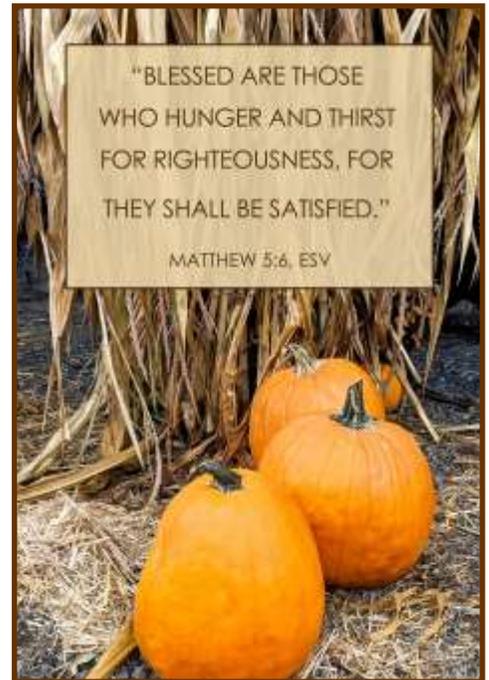
Kviteseid received \$660 of the awarded total of \$18,685 that is being shared with fourteen congregations within the SW MN Synod.

Kviteseid received the grant for a Video Camera System to record worship services. The recorded services will be uploaded to the church Facebook page and website. Our shut-ins will be served as well as others who do not feel safe attending in person worship services. We have been reaching over 100 people each Sunday with our worship service videos even after returning to in-person worship. This is an outreach ministry because many people who are not members are watching the services. Some of these people live in the area and are interested in our ministries. Members of Big Bend Lutheran Church are also watching the services.

The SW MN Synod is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with more than 3.5 million members in nearly 9,300 congregations across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. Known as the church of "God's work. Our hands," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians, and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of the German church reformer Martin Luther.

More information about the SW MN Synod is available at [www.swmnelca.org](http://www.swmnelca.org).



**We will be receiving new members during in-person worship on Sunday, November 1.**

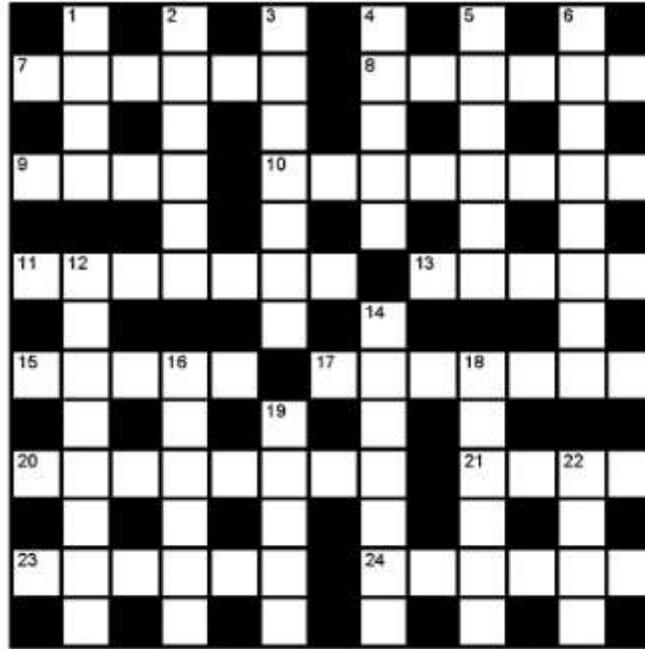


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# JUST FOR FUN

## The Book of Titus

### Titus



**Answer Key**  
is posted on the  
*Newsletters* page online  
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#### Across

- 7 Paul instructs Titus to \_\_\_\_\_ elders. Titus 1:5 (6)
- 8 In the beginning, God created this and the earth. Gen 1:1 (6)
- 9 Some profess to know God, but do this by their works. Titus 1:16 (4)
- 10 A friend and companion of Paul. Titus 3:12 (8)
- 11 Zenas and Apollos were going on this. Titus 3:13 (7)
- 13 “Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering \_\_\_\_\_.” Titus 2:9 (5)
- 15 “And let our’s also \_\_\_\_\_ to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.” Titus 3:14 (5)
- 17 Older women are to teach younger women to be these at home. Titus 2:5 (7)
- 20 Along with love, this appeared toward man. Titus 3:4 (8)

- 21 Paul instructs Titus that the elders he chooses should not have children that are “accused of \_\_\_\_\_.” Titus 1:6 (4)
- 23 Heavenly creatures. (6)
- 24 “This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou \_\_\_\_\_ constantly ...” Titus 3:8 (6)

#### Down

- 1 “This witness is \_\_\_\_\_.” Titus 1:13 (4)
- 2 The profession of Zenas. Titus 3:13 (6)
- 3 “For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish ... and hating one \_\_\_\_\_.” Titus 3:3 (7)

- 4 “In hope of eternal life, \_\_\_\_\_ God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.” Titus 1:2 (5)
- 5 “This is a faithful \_\_\_\_\_ ...” Titus 3:8 (6)
- 6 God wanted to purify for Himself this type of people. Titus 2:14 (8)
- 12 “Exhort servants to be \_\_\_\_\_ unto their own masters.” Titus 2:9 (8)
- 14 Anointed one. (7)
- 16 Christ came to \_\_\_\_\_ us from iniquity. Titus 2:14 (6)
- 18 Christ came to “\_\_\_\_\_ unto himself” a people. Titus 2:14 (6)
- 19 “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.” Titus, Chapter 2, \_\_\_\_\_ 11. (5)
- 22 “And let \_\_\_\_\_ also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.” Titus 3:14 (4)

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# KVITSEID LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **Sunday Schedule**

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

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