

Kviteid Voice

Kviteid Lutheran Church
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Greetings from Pastor Kristine Isder

Will the restrictions of Covid-19 ever end?

How much longer will we have to wear face masks?

Now that we've been in Covid-19 precautions for six months (seems like 12 months!), people are getting anxious to get on with their lives.

We thought that after a month we would know what the path forward would look like. But month after month went by, bringing more news that Covid-19 was continuing to spread rather than subside.

Now after six months there is as much uncertainty as at the beginning.

We may not know what tomorrow holds, but we do know who holds tomorrow. God has been with God's people through the centuries since creation.

The Bible contains many words of encouragement.

"Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful." (Hebrews 10:23)

"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:28-29, 31)

"Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you." (Psalm 33:20-27)

What scripture texts give you hope and encouragement?

This prayer in our hymnal speaks to what we are going through at this time with Covid-19. It's also known as:

The Prayer of Good Courage

"O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship. Augsburg Fortress Press, Minneapolis: 2006)

STEWARDSHIP

Contributions, Gifts, Memorials & Worship



FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund	
2020 Financial Responsibilities	\$218,178
Checking register for the General Fund	
7/1/20 balance:	\$35,325
July receipts:	\$17,845
July disbursements:	\$14,025
7/31/20 balance:	\$39,144
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Cashflow loan to date:	\$8,000
PPP loan/grant to date:	\$26,257

Worship Offerings/ RECEIPTS

*In-house worship was canceled
March 18 - August 16*



For the month of July:

Offerings	\$13,383
Big Bend Lutheran Church	\$3,000
Miscellaneous	\$1,462



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memorials & gifts

Undesignated Gifts & Memorials

In memory of Arlo Tostenson

*** 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

Holy Communion



If you would like to receive Holy Communion, call and set up a time with Pastor Kristine. We can meet at the church and take precautions to limit the spread of disease. If you aren't able to come to the church or don't feel safe doing so, call Pastor Kristine and we can talk about an alternative method. Some pastors are doing communion by phone. People use their own bread and wine or juice and the words are spoken over the phone.

God's Work. Our Hands.

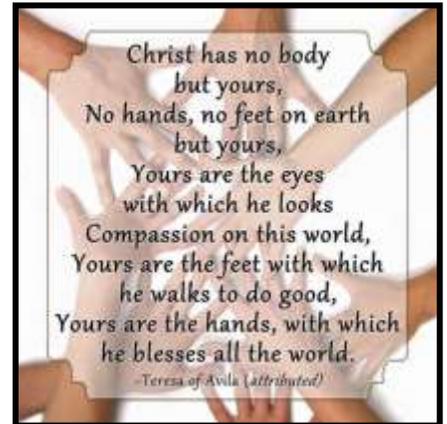
September 13, 2020

Due to Covid-19, we will only be doing outdoor projects on God's Work Our Hands Sunday on September 13.

Garbage will be picked up in road ditches if the weather cooperates. Meet after worship to get vests and supplies.

If anyone knows of any other outdoor projects that could be done that day, let Pastor Kristine know.

There are many things families and individuals can do to serve others. Some ideas: call or write cards or letters to people who have been homebound due to Covid-19; send



thank you cards to essential workers; ask neighbors if they need help with any outdoor projects such as weeding, raking, painting or washing windows; pick up litter in your neighborhood.

We do these projects to serve our neighbor and by doing so, we serve God.



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WORSHIP NEWS

September Schedules & Events

September Worship Assistants

Lectors

- 6 - Jen Tostenson
- 13 - Rich Isder
- 20 - Connie Fragodt
- 27 - Sherry Norby

Media Operators

- 6 - Rich Isder
- 13 - Carter Bowen
- 20 - Nancy Schneck
- 27 - Theresa Erickson

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.

Youth Education

We are postponing the start of Sunday school and confirmation classes for the time being. This, along with dates for confirmation Sunday and first communion—events we missed last spring due to Covid-19—will be discussed in September. Look for updates in the October newsletter, the weekly announcements, on the church website, and on the Kviteseid Facebook page.



September Ushers

Group 2

Captain - Char Johnson
752-4577

Connie Fragodt
Jody Molden
Kim Olson
Sue Streed
Kim Thompson
Teresa Olson

Come join us for a Lakeside Worship Service at Milan Beach Resort

(Randall's - Lac qui Parle Lake)

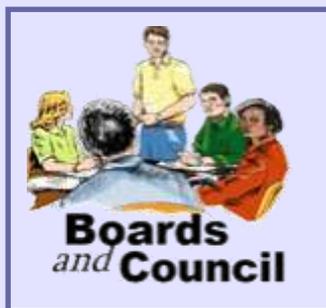
Sunday, September 6 - 9 a.m.

Bring a lawn chair † In case of inclement weather, service will be held at Kviteseid, Milan.

Hosted by Big Bend & Kviteseid Lutheran Churches

Church Boards and Council will meet Wednesday, September 16th by In-Person and Zoom

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



Church Council at 7:45 p.m.

WORSHIP OPTIONS

- 9:00 a.m. worship in Kviteseid sanctuary following guidelines, face-masks required
- 10:00 a.m. parking lot worship at Big Bend
- Online video worship, time to be determined

LOCAL NEWS

September News

Church Cancellation Update

Worship in the sanctuary began on August 23. We had 27 people for the first service. We plan to continue to meet in person following the plan approved at the July council meeting.

The deacons will decide at their September meeting when we will resume having communion.

Pastor Kristine will continue to post worship videos on the Kviteseid Facebook page and church website. We are trying to figure out how to record services and when we do, video services will be posted later on Sunday. We will keep the website updated with times the videos will be posted.

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.

Pastoral care visits will likely be limited for most of September. If you have pastoral care needs, you can contact Pastor Kristine by phone at the church (734-4455), at home (737-4667) or by email.

Worship Options

You now have three options for worship:

- 9:00 a.m. in Kviteseid sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. parking lot at Big Bend
- Online worship, time to be determined.

Clarification

The Kviteseid reopening plan states, “Those in high risk categories—over 65 with underlying health issues—are encouraged to stay home at this time.” If you’re over 65 but don’t have underlying health issues, you are welcome to join us for worship.

Big Bend Parking Lot Worship

Kviteseid members are invited to parking lot worship services at Big Bend. Tune your radio to FM 88.1 when you arrive. Services will be at 10:00 a.m. on September 13, 20 and 27.

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LOCAL NEWS

Faith in Action

Letter of Thanks

Thank you to all those that made a donation to the Relay for Life. Hopefully next year we will have an in-person Relay as we have had in the past. The American Cancer Society continues to help cancer patients in many ways and your donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Lorrie and Marie

Back to School

Schools have set their back to school plans for the new school year. Some schools are starting the new year in person, some are going online and some are doing a hybrid model. But, like most things in this year of Covid-19, the plans may change, even weekly.

With all the unknowns, it will be different, hard and often overwhelming for students, parents and teachers.

A Prayer for Back to School

At the start of the school year, we are beginning something new
New things can be exciting
New things can be scary
New things can be wonderful
New things can be confusing
God, you are always with us
You are with us when things are exciting, or scary, or wonderful, or confusing
You are with us every day
And all the time
God, please help us to feel your presence with us on the first day of school, and every day, Amen
- Traci Smith

Minnesota Facemask Regulations



Starting July 25, 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.” 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.



Wednesday, September 9

1:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall I

One person per table

Bring your own beverage and snack

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



Grandparents DAY



Sunday, September 13

LOCAL NEWS

Southwest Minnesota Synod

Synod News

The Equipping Congregations Day (ECD) held in Willmar in February is taking a year off in 2021. In place of the ECD there will be Ministry Basics Zoom Workshops.

Ministry Basics will be a series of hour-long presentations like those you would expect at the annual ECD. Several Zoom workshops will be well-received workshop highlights from recent years, along with new workshops which will arise from current issues. The workshops will be held at least monthly throughout the year.

September 8th is the *Ministry Basic: Copyright Workshop*: What you need to know NOW about online worship and Christian education.

With the growth of online ministry has come an increased need to understand the world of intellectual property law. Congregations have been sued, sometime paying significant penalties. And besides – it is stealing! This workshop should be of interest to pastors, musicians, and Christian education leaders.

If you are interested in this workshop, please see the synod website at <https://swmnelca.org/>.

“All Workers are Essential”

The concept of vocation, Latin for “to call,” previously referred only to a calling to church work. But then Martin Luther emphasized the importance — and even sanctity — of *all* types of labors. The reformer pointed out that “God doesn’t need our good works, but our neighbor does.”

RJ Grunewald, in a blog post titled “God Makes Pizza,” describes how this looks today: “God is busy about *his* work in the midst of *your* work whether you realize it or not. The laundry, the spreadsheets, the phone calls and the cups of coffee are all deeply spiritual because God is at work in the world. He is serving your family, your coworkers and your community through the work you do. God is at work providing ‘daily bread’ through the work that you do, no matter what that work is.”



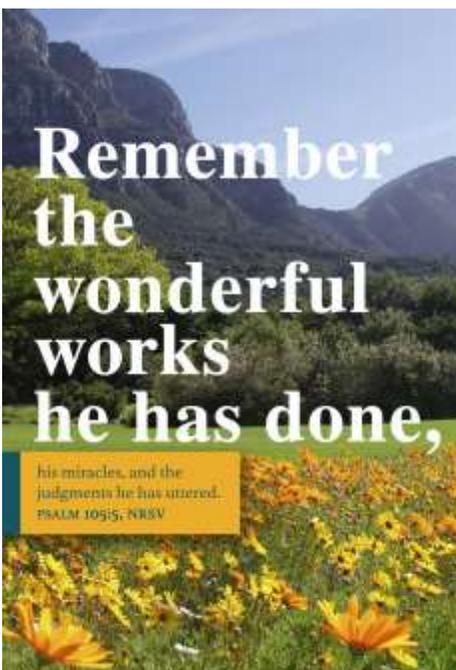
Bible Study “Just Love”

**Tuesday, September 1
and
Wednesday, September 9
at 7:00 p.m. in the church library**



Christians often imagine that if we had enough love, we would be able to solve the world’s problems. But love by itself has been insufficient in eradicating the manifold forms of injustice that continue to plague our world.

Join Pastor Kristine for the second and third of the three-session Bible study to consider how justice and love intersect. We are using the summer Bible study from Gather magazine but it’s open to anyone. Let Pastor Kristine know if you are interested so she can get you the information.

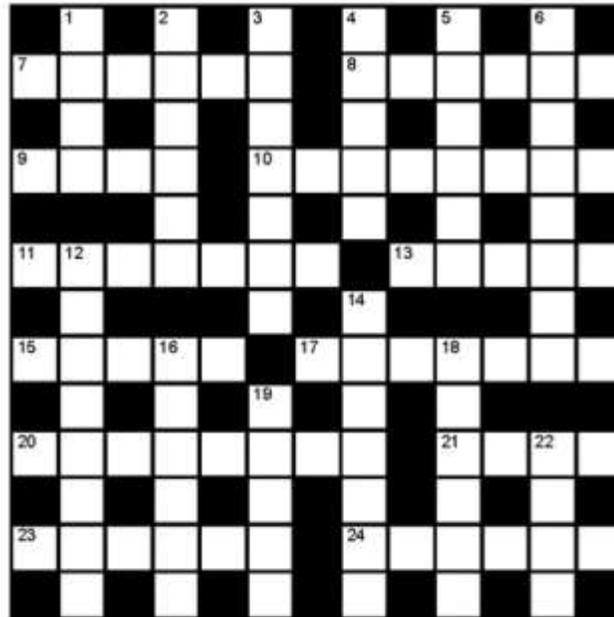


If you are able to help out, please contact Pastor Kristine.

JUST FOR FUN

The Book of 1 Timothy

1 Timothy



Answer Key
is posted on the
Newsletters page online
milanslutheranchurch.com

Across

- 7 “For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good _____, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.” 1 Tim 3:13 (6)
- 8 Paul exhorts that this be made for all men. 1 Tim 2:1 (6)
- 9 “But thou, O man of God, _____ these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.” 1 Tim 6:11 (4)
- 10 In 1 Tim 1:7, Paul instructs Timothy about some who have turned aside to meaningless talk and “desiring to be _____ of the law” but do not understand what they say. (8)
- 11 In later times some will depart from the faith and teach false practices like forbidding marriage and commanding to _____ from meats. 1 Tim 4:3 (7)
- 13 Women are to adorn themselves in modest apparel, not costly _____. 1 Tim 2:9 (5)
- 15 For a man to be a bishop, he should not be a novice so that he isn’t lifted up with this. 1 Tim 3:6 (5)
- 17 The recipient of this letter. (7)

- 20 “And the grace of our Lord was exceeding _____ with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.” 1 Tim 1:14 (8)
- 21 To abstain from food as a spiritual sign of worship. (4)
- 23 “But if I tarry long, that thou _____ know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God.” 1 Tim 3:15 (6)
- 24 Paul instructs not to be high minded or trust in uncertain _____. 1 Tim 6:17 (6)

Down

- 1 The place where Jesus refers to “the fire that never shall be quenched.” Mark 9:43 (4)
- 2 Christ is both king and this. (6)
- 3 “For we brought nothing into this world, and it is _____ we can carry nothing out.” 1 Tim 6:7 (7)

- 4 We can trust Paul as a preacher, apostle, and teacher of the Gentiles. He says, “I _____ the truth in Christ, and lie not.” 1 Tim 2:7 (5)
- 5 “But refuse profane and old wives’ fables, and exercise thyself _____ unto godliness.” 1 Tim 4:7 (6)
- 6 Paul and Timothy “both labour and suffer _____” because of their calling. 1 Tim 4:10 (8)
- 12 This criminal was set free in the place of Christ. (8)
- 14 Timothy is to treat the older women as mothers and the younger as these. 1 Tim 5:2 (7)
- 16 “But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath _____ the faith, and is worse than an infidel.” 1 Tim 5:8 (6)
- 18 Paul gives instruction on the _____ of a deacon and a bishop in 1 Tim 3. (6)
- 19 One of the things Paul encourages Timothy to follow after in 1 Tim 6:11. (5)
- 22 “God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, _____ of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.” 1 Tim 3:16 (4)

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Sunday Schedule

† **Worship at 9:00 a.m.** †
† **Video Online Worship - time TBD** †

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