

TOGETHER IN FAITH

Let us gather as a community to celebrate the blessings that surround us



A Letter from the Pastor: Living Our True Colors

By Pastor Tim Ehling -- Mission Developer for the Kettle River Cooperative

Dear Friends,

I love the season of Fall. The change in temperature, the color of the leaves, the smells, even the anticipation that something new is about to happen. It reminds me of a story I once heard.

A pastor was meeting with a group of 5th graders. It was a question and answer time. The pastor began...you can ask me any question you like...and then jokingly added...just don't ask why the sky is blue. The class sat in silence thinking for a while, and then a girl raised her hand and asked... "Why are the leaves green?" Before the pastor could respond....the young lady answered

her own question. She said, "You know that green is not their true color. You don't see their true color until the fall."

Think about it...the leaves on a tree don't show their true colors until they have lived their life and are about to die. I wonder if the same is true for us as well. We live our life day to day, interacting with the people we live and work with. Greeting friends and those we hardly know in the grocery store. Maybe even saying hi at a sports event, or at church on Sunday morning to those we regularly worship with. But do we ever really let someone know us and our true colors. What are we really like on the inside. Or, is it only after

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Every Sunday at 8:00am

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Every Sunday at 11:15am

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we die that people come to know us in a few paragraphs in the paper, and the true colors of who we have been are revealed. This body we are given is only a shell that God has blessed us with temporarily. What is on the inside of us...our colors... are what make us who we are. And that is God's gift to the world...forever.

There is sadness in the Fall for me. When the cold has settled in....the leaves have all changed and fallen to the ground....and the sun drops lower and lower in the sky. We know what is coming, the death of winter. It comes to all of us. But even though we know it does....we also know we will rejoice again. For after the dead of winter, comes the new life of Spring.

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God's promise to us is like that. Death is a gate way to new life. So we can rejoice in the gift of life that God gives us. Winter comes, death comes, but for us both are only temporary. Winter turns to spring and death turns into new life, a life that never ends with our God. And in some mysterious, Godly way, maybe it frees us to live our true colors with each other now, revealing the beauty of creation that God has placed in your life for the world to marvel at. So Praise God for life. Praise God for Fall and the true colors of the leaves.

God's peace and strong presence be with you and your family as you live your true colors.

News for October

“What Do I Do With My Anger?” – A Special Video Presentation

Join us on **Wednesday, October 1st at 5:30pm-7:30pm** at **Trinity Lutheran Church** for a video featuring **Richard Rohr, Brian McLaren, and Valerie Kaur**. Together, they explore how to transform anger into healing and hope.

Snacks provided. All are welcome!

Kettle River WELCA Fall Gathering: “I am Worthy”

Wednesday, October 8th at Oak Lake - Registration at 8:30am. All women are welcome to come attend. There will be a guest speaker on Historical Trauma, worship with communion, a luncheon, and a service project will be completed.

Women's Bible Study Update

There will be no **Women's Bible Study in October**. We look forward to gathering again in November for devotions and study ahead of Advent!

Updated Trinity Directories Now Available

The updated **Trinity Church directories** are here! You can pick up your copy **after worship**. The directories remain in the convenient 5x8 format. Be sure to grab yours and stay connected with your church family!

Hymns & Hops

Monday, October 13th at 6pm.

Come join in music fellowship at the Moose Lake Brewery. We will be singing hymns and Nathan Frazer will be there providing music. All are welcome to come join in the fun for this event. Invite your neighbors and friends, let's pack the place!

Halloween Trunk-or-Treat

Saturday, October 25th from 4:00-6:30pm at **Jack E. Berger Park in Duquette**

Get ready for a fun evening for all ages! **Decorate your trunks** and **gather up some treats** as we celebrate fall together.

Donations of candy or non-candy prizes are always welcome!

Come hungry! Enjoy a **Chili Fundraiser** benefiting the Kerrick Community Center.

Contact Anne Marie if you have questions.

Support the Bruno Food Shelf

On the **second Sunday** of each month, Trinity Lutheran Church will take up an additional offering to support the **Bruno Food Shelf**. You're invited to contribute either **monetary donations** or **non-perishable food items**. Every contribution helps provide vital resources to those in need in our community. Thank you for giving generously!

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>OL Worship helpers:</u> Altar Guild: Anne Marie Mast & Charlene Skrivseth Readers: Phil White (Backup Harvey Maciej) Communion Server: Norma Hoffman Acolyte: Volunteers Greeters: Volunteers Sunday Coffee Hosts: Volunteers			¹ “What Do I Do With My Anger?” video presentation 5:30pm at Trinity Confirmation & Sunday School 6-7:30pm at Oak Lake	²	³	⁴
⁵ Trinity Worship 8am OL Worship 11:15am	⁶	⁷ Trinity Council 7pm	⁸ Kettle River WELCA Fall Gathering 8:30am at Oak Lake Confirmation & Sunday School 6-7:30pm at Oak Lake	⁹ Auxiliary 3pm at Trinity	¹⁰ Legion 6pm at Trinity	¹¹
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