

TOGETHER IN FAITH

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



A Letter from the Pastor: Remembering the Saints

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

Dear Disciples of Jesus Christ:

I love the movie "The Prince of Egypt." If you haven't seen it I strongly encourage you to watch it. There is one song in particular that I want to focus on. It's called, "Through Heaven's Eyes." It takes place after Moses has killed the Egyptian, after he realizes that he has treated his own Jewish brothers and sisters literally like slaves, after he has been told that his whole life is based on a lie. He runs wildly through the wilderness and eventually ends up exhausted near the area of Midian. As a result of everything that he has done, he comes to the conclusion that his life is completely worthless. Then he

meets Jethro, the High Priest of Midian. Jethro sings to Moses and tells him that he can't realize his value and his worth from this limited human perspective. He cannot know his value to God. Moses is an intricate part of God's plan. Jethro compares one person's life to a thread in a tapestry or one small rock on the peak of a mountain. He teaches Moses to look at his life, the way that God looks at it. As one part of God's huge overarching master plan.

All Saints Day is November 1st. It is one day of the year when we look back at the lives of people who have completed their time here on earth. We look back and remember them.

Sunday Worship

Trinity Lutheran Church

Every Sunday at 8:00am

Oak Lake Lutheran Church

Every Sunday at 11:15am

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And maybe now, after they are gone, we have a broader perspective of who they were and what their life meant to us. I am not romanticizing this process. We all know the people who have died before us were not perfect. But being a saint doesn't mean perfect. That is not how the word translates. It means being set apart and made holy. It means living a life in the grace of God, and understanding that your life, no matter how small and insignificant you think it is, has something to do with God's plan for this world. Being a saint has a lot more to do with the gracious love and plan of God, then it has to do with what we think or how we behave.

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Sunday November 2nd, we celebrate All Saints Sunday in Worship. We remember those who have died this past year with the tolling of a bell, or by just naming them out loud for the world to hear. We also name those who have been baptized this past year, the new saints that God has formed through the water of Holy Baptism. We take intentional time in worship to remember and reflect and thank God. As Romans 14: 8 reminds us.... “Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.” Sunday November 2nd, we remember the saints that were, and are, all apart of God’s plan in this amazing world we share together.

God’s peace and strong presence be with you and your family.

News for November

Hunter’s Supper

Saturday, November 8th at 4:30pm. Grab your friends and family and head to **Trinity Lutheran Church** for a cozy evening of food and fellowship! Enjoy a traditional **turkey dinner with all the trimmings**, plus dessert and beverage.

All proceeds go to support the **Bruno Food Shelf**, so every plate helps a neighbor in need.
Cost: Adults \$12 | Kids under 6 \$6
And don’t forget to browse the **Silent Auction** while you’re there!

It’s a night of good food, good company, and giving back—you won’t want to miss it!

Save the Date: Blue Christmas Service

The Trinity/Oak Lake Church Joint Health Council invites you to a **Blue Christmas Service** on **Sunday, December 21st at 4pm** at **Oak Lake Church**.

This special gathering offers a moment of peace and comfort for those who may find the holiday season difficult. Stay afterward for **soup, sandwiches, and fellowship**. *More to come in the December newsletter.*

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Join us at **Bethlehem in Askov** on **Wednesday, November 26th at 6:30pm** for a special Thanksgiving Eve service. A **pie social** will follow the service—each church is asked to bring **2-3 pies** to share. An offering will be collected and **split between the Bruno and Sandstone Food Shelves** to help those in need this holiday season.

Recap: Kettle River WELCA Fall Gathering

The Kettle River WELCA Fall Gathering was held on October 8th, with **48 women** from across the Kettle River Conference churches in attendance. Highlights included a presentation on Historical Trauma by guest speaker **Briana Matrious**, a devotional in song and communion with **Pastor Tim**, music from **Hila and Elaine**, a delicious luncheon, and a diaper project. It was a joyful day of faith, fellowship, and community. **Mark your calendars**—the 2026 Spring Gathering will be held in Pine City!

Grace 80th Anniversary Celebration

Oak Lake and Trinity congregations will join Grace in Sandstone on **Sunday, November 23rd at 10 am** to worship and celebrate their 80th anniversary. A meal will be served after the service.

Carpools: Sign-up sheets will be on the counter to organize and share rides. Oak Lake carpools will depart around 9am, and Trinity carpools will leave around 9:15am.

Recap: Hymns & Hops

Over 50 people, including cooperative churches and friends from the wider community, gathered for a joyful evening of music and fellowship at Hymns and Hops on October 13. Many thanks to **Nathan Frazer** for providing the music and **Tony Koecher** for facilitating the event. Be sure to check out the Cooperative’s **Facebook page and website** for photos from the evening!

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Bruno Food Shelf Hours: Monday, Friday & Saturday 1-2pm Daisy's Thrift Store Hours: Monday, Friday & Saturday 10am-3pm; Thursday 3-6pm						1 All Saints Day
2 Trinity Worship 8am OL Worship 11:15am	3	4 Trinity Council 7pm	5 Confirmation & Sunday School 6- 7:30pm at Oak Lake	6	7	8 Hunter's Supper 4:30pm at Trinity
9 Trinity Worship 8am - Potluck to follow with Food Shelf donations OL Event Mtg 10:15am OL Worship 11:15am	10 Health Council 4:30pm at Oak Lake	11	12 Confirmation & Sunday School 6- 7:30pm at Oak Lake	13 Auxiliary 3pm at Trinity	14 Legion 6pm at Trinity	15
16 Trinity Worship 8am OL Property Mtg 10am OL Worship 11:15am	17	18 WELCA 9:30am at OL Oak Lake Council 6:30pm	19 Confirmation & Sunday School 6- 7:30pm at Oak Lake	20 Newsletter Deadline	21	22
23 Grace Church's 80 th Anniversary Celebration at 10am - Meal to follow No services at Oak Lake & Trinity	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:30pm at Bethlehem in Askov - Pie social to follow No Confirmation & Sunday School	27 Happy Thanksgiving!	28	29
30 Trinity Worship 8am OL Worship 11:15am - Potluck to follow			<u>OL Worship Servants:</u> Altar Guild: Norma H & Diane B Readers: David D (Backup Laurie J) Communion Server: Julie G Greeters, Acolyte, and Sunday Coffee Hosts: Volunteers			