

TOGETHER IN FAITH

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



A Letter from the Pastor: Hand in Hand with Jesus This Lenten Season

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

To the Beloved of God,

The month of February we begin the season of Lent, also known as the "Springtime of our souls." Not only will our Sunday Worship have a different focus as the events of Jesus life unfold and lay themselves before us as we near his suffering and death on Good Friday and the overwhelming Joy and Hope of Easter Sunday, but our midweek Lenten worship will have a unique theme this year.

Our Theme this year is "**Hand in Hand with Jesus.**" Each week a traveling preacher from the cooperative will bring a different word of accompaniment with Jesus.

You will experience 6 of the following:

**Walk with me, Listen to me,
Pray with me, Cry with me,
Learn with me,
Share you concerns with me,
Serve others with me,
Fish with me, Worship with me,
Receive my peace, Abide in me.**

The purpose is to move you into the story of Jesus from a different angle or perspective. It is our hope and prayer that we shall identify ourselves more closely with this Jesus, and be better able to serve and follow him as his disciples in this time and place.

Sunday Worship

Trinity Lutheran Church

Every Sunday at 8:00am

Oak Lake Lutheran Church

Every Sunday at 11:15am

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Kettle River Conference Church Cooperative

Stay updated with upcoming events, news, weekly Bible verses, and share prayer requests.

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Have News to Share?

For questions or to submit content for Trinity, Oak Lake, or Kettle River Co-op communications, contact Amy Nos at ajnos16@hotmail.com or 218-481-5636 – she's happy to help!

Please be kind to our preachers. Some of them have never done this before. Be patient and understanding that they are doing their best. Each church or pair of churches will be responsible for leading their own worship service on Wednesday evenings. Special thanks to our worship leaders from each church. I am so proud of all of you as we continue to grow in faith and life by our shared experiences together.

Shared worship, shared voices, and shared meals remind us that we do not walk alone.

If you would like to worship at some of the other churches during Lent for midweek supper and worship, here is the schedule:

Oak Lake, Kerrick & Trinity, Bruno
Worship at 7:00 (Meal before hand)
Alternate worship beginning with Oak Lake on February 18th

Emmanuel, Del Grove & Grace, Sandstone
Worship at 7:00 (Meal before hand)
Alternate worship beginning with Emmanuel on February 18th

Bethany, Cromwell
Worship at 6:30 (Meal before hand)
Begins February 18th

God's blessings on you and your family as Christ's Lenten Journey to the cross begins. May you experience hand in hand time with Jesus throughout these 40 days as you are drawn into the story of God's grace and love in a new way.

News for February

Oak Lake Sleigh Ride ❄️

Bundle up and join us for an all-ages sleigh ride on **Sunday, February 1st!** We will gather at the **Oak Lake Church at 1:30 pm** and carpool the short 2 miles to the ride site.

Hot chocolate and coffee will be provided—please bring your own **thermal cup or water bottle**.

Marshmallows will be available, and if you have one, bring a **fork for roasting**.

Please **RSVP to Julie Gunderson** to help with planning if you are able. Hope to see you there!

Recap: Hops & Hymns Gathering on January 12

Hops & Hymns returned to **Moose Lake Brewery** on January 12th for its **second gathering**, hosted by **Oak Lake Church**. With music led by **Nathan Frazer**, more than 50 people came together for an evening of **singing, fellowship, and shared joy** in a welcoming, relaxed setting.

The space was filled with **voices, laughter, and meaningful connection**, with attendees joining not only from our local community but also from **as far away as Duluth**. The evening served as a wonderful reminder of the **power of music and worship** to bring people together, inside and beyond the walls of the church.

Pastor Tim on Vacation

Pastor Tim will be on vacation **out of the country from February 18th through March 3rd**, visiting his family. Please keep him in your prayers for safe travels and a restful, wonderful time together.

Oak Lake Congregational Annual Meeting

Join us on **Sunday, February 1st** for **worship at 11:15 am**, followed by the **Annual Meeting** immediately after the service. After the meeting, we will enjoy a **potluck meal**. We hope you can join us!

Lenten Schedule - No Confirmation or Sunday School

During **Lent**, **confirmation and Sunday School classes will not meet**, beginning **Ash Wednesday, February 18th**. We encourage families to join in worship and reflection during this season of preparation and renewal.

Trinity Council Updates

Please join us in welcoming **Dave Jensen** and **Justin Nos** as they begin serving on the Trinity Council. We also extend our **thanks to Chirs Storebo and George Nos** for their faithful service to our congregation.

Heartfelt Thanks to Russ Jorgensen

We extend our sincere thanks to **Russ Jorgensen** for the **countless hours and faithful care** he has given to maintaining the Vilstad Cemetery grounds. His **steady presence, generous spirit, and willingness to serve** wherever God calls him reflect the very best of our community. Russ's dedication does not go unnoticed and is **deeply appreciated**. Thank you, Russ, for all that you do!

February

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			OL Worship Servants: Altar Guild: Julie Gunderson Readers: Tony Koecher; Backup: Julie Gunderson Communion Server: Julie Gunderson Greeters, Acolyte, and Sunday Coffee Hosts: Volunteers			
1 Trinity Worship 8am OL Worship 11:15am Annual Meeting and potluck to follow Sleigh Ride at 1:30pm	2 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	3 Trinity Council 7pm	4 Confirmation & Sunday School 6-7:30pm at Oak Lake	5	6	7
8 Trinity Worship 8am Potluck to follow OL Event Mtg 10:15am OL Worship 11:15am	9 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	10	11 Confirmation & Sunday School 6-7:30pm at Oak Lake	12 Auxiliary 3pm at Trinity	13 Legion 6pm at Trinity	14
15 Trinity Worship 8am OL Property Mtg 10am OL Worship 11:15am	16 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	17 WELCA 9:30am at OL Oak Lake Council 6:30pm	18 Ash Wednesday Services Joint Worship 7pm at OL, meal before at 6pm Worship 7pm at Emmanuel, meal before Worship 6:30pm at Bethany, meal before <i>Pastor Tim on Vacation</i>	19 Newsletter Deadline	20	21
22 Trinity Worship 8am OL Worship 11:15am Potluck to follow <i>Pastor Tim on Vacation</i>	23	24	25 Lenten Services Joint Worship 7pm at Trinity, meal before at 6pm Worship 7pm at Grace, meal before Worship 6:30pm at Bethany, meal before	26	27	28