

Lost and Found

January

2021

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

SPIRITUAL INSPIRATIONS

Our God Is...Infinite

You are!"

"No, you are!"

"Yeah? Well, you are times a gazillion!"

Katie knew that gazillion was going to be tough to beat, but thinking hard she finally proclaimed: "Oh yeah? Well, you are ... to infinity!" His jaw dropped because Joey knew his sister had him beat. How could he compete with infinity? Simply put, infinity means stretching on and on, without any end. When something is infinite it has no boundaries. It is unlimited and immeasurably great.

The Bible helps us understand the concept as it describes God. "'Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?' declares the LORD. 'Do not I fill heaven and earth?' declares the LORD" (Jeremiah 23:24).

There is only One who is everywhere, who always has been, who always will be, who had no beginning, and who will have no end. That is God. God wants us to feel good about him being infinite.

As we begin a new year, it can be great to know that God is always with us. Wherever the year takes us, God will be there too.

The comfort of God's unending presence is ours through faith in his Son, Jesus. As the Apostle Paul says: "In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence" (Ephesians 3:12).

God knows everything we think, everything we do, and most importantly, he knows everything we need. In fact, God already took care of our greatest need. He sent his infinite Son to be our Savior! Trust him.

Joey and Katie challenged each other with the concept of infinity. Come and visit us to learn more about the only one who can truly change your life so you have comfort that will last...to infinity! Inspíratíon from the Psalms:

Psalm 13:5,6

But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. ⁶I will sing to the LORD, for he has been good to me.



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WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

Outreach Committee:

Both the Christmas Scavenger Hunt and Christmas for Kids in-person were cancelled this year due to CoVID-19. However, we handed out Christmas for Kids boxes. 78 boxes were handed out to different families, reaching over 150 kids.

The Outreach Committee is also looking at updating brochures and older church literature to update any handouts that we give to new members and prospects.

Update on calls:

Rev. Matthew Schaewe and Mr. Kevin Lorge returned their calls to serve as pastor & 7th & 8th grade teacher and principal, respectively. The Council has set January 3rd at 1 pm for the date and time to have another call meeting to call for both of these vacant positions.

On December 6, 2020, the voters of Trinity called Ms. Hannah Holzhueter to serve as kindergarten teacher. Please keep her and Morrison Zion Lutheran School in your prayers as she deliberates this call.

**There will be a call meeting Sunday, January 3rd at 1:00 to call a second pastor and a 7th and 8th grade teacher/principal. Voters, please plan on attending.

Church council actions:

Church council has been gathering quotes for updating our video equipment with the ability to live stream services.

Church council has set Sunday, January 17, 2021, as the date for a Communion Service. Just like we had a communion service in April during quarantine, so we will have a communion service for those who are unable to attend Sunday morning worship services. Please sign up by calling the school office at 419-326-4402 or emailing tlsoffice at tlcjenera.org. We will limit the service to 50 people. If we have more than 50 people sign up, we will add another service one hour later. The communion service will start at 1 pm.

Trinity Lutheran School update:

School will resume on January 4th. Thank you to the teachers and children for being flexible as we adjusted Christmas Eve service plans and school days because of a case of CoVID-19 at school. We pray everyone remains health or returns to health as quickly as possible. We look forward to seeing you again on January 4th, the first Monday of 2021.

New stage lights will be installed in the gym during Christmas break.

Prairie Fire Theater has cancelled their plans for this year.



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THE ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING will be held on January 27th at 7:30pm. Voters- now is your opportunity to have your voices heard! All voters are encouraged to attend. If you are not a voter, please consider becoming one. You may do so at this meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL continues in the new year with remote learning. Each week, there are new lesson packets for all children preschool through 8th grade. These packets go with the weekly videos that can be found at <u>nph.net/ss-at-home</u>. There are also complete packets for three year olds –there are no online videos for this age group. All packets can be found on the table in the narthex. Thank you to Esther Spaeth and Jenny Boehm for all their hard work so that our children may continue learn about Jesus' love for us all!

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the basement. Please retrieve them and double check the address. If the address is incorrect, please contact Clark Inniger at 419-306-0127 or email <u>tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org</u> or <u>cdinniger@roadrunner.com</u>. *These are not for use until 2021.*

COLORS AND SHAPES: Come learn about colors and shapes at Mornings with Mommy on Monday, January 4 or Tuesday, January 5. Join us in the church basement from 9:30-10:30 to explore colorful rice, yarn, or pom poms, sort objects by color, make a rainbow collage and color wheel, and build with colorful blocks. Register online at <u>tlcjenera.org</u> or call 262-391-7994.

WARM WINTER WALKING: Everyone is invited to walk in the school's gym on weeknights beginning Monday, January 18. The doors will be unlocked from 7:00-8:00PM but you may walk longer if you wish. Please use the doors by the office and bring non-marking shoes to wear on the gym floor.

LADIES AID: Our next meeting will be Monday, January 11th, at 7:30, in the church sanctuary. Our devotion on prayer will continue. Masks and social distancing will be observed.

EACH SUNDAY our local area pastors record a sermon and broadcast it on WCWA 1230 AM out of Toledo. The broadcast begins at 11 am. It has been a blessing to run this radio program for about 40 years. We pray that it would continue to be a blessing for the future. Right now radio ministry has been a blessing for people who have not been able to attend in person. If you would consider this important, please send your donation to: (please note the change of address)

Lutheran Chapel of the Air

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Pastor Matthew Nowak 419.302.5271 School 419.326.4685 Church: www.tlcjenera.org School email: tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org Join us for Worship Sundays at 8 &10:30am Sunday School & Bible Class at 9:20am Mornings with Mommy-1st & 3rd Monday & Tuesday of the month. Register on line at tlcjenera.org



JANUARY 2021

Memory Gem from God's Treasure

(for parents, children—everyone young and old!)

I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. *Matthew 5:18*



The Tiger Tribune

A December to Remember

By Mr. Koepsell

This month was certainly an exciting one here at Trinity! Earlier in the month the 7th and 8th graders delivered trees and decorations to each class to get everyone into the Christmas spirit. In art the 1st through 4th graders began making manger, star, and cross ornaments to be hung on their Christmas trees at home. Each class planned a Christmas party and brought presents for a gift exchange. The entire school came together to practice their songs and recitations for the upcoming Christmas service. Each class dutifully memorized their parts and sang joyously in rehearsal for the Christmas even services.

Though it may be easy to dwell on the challenges that we've faced this month, we would all be better served to focus instead on the blessings our Lord has showered upon us in spite of our sin-sick world. When it became clear that school would need to close several days early due to COVID, it certainly threw a wrench into what were otherwise carefully-laid Christmas plans. With little time to spare, the faculty and students at Trinity sprang into action to record the songs on which they had all worked so hard. Even when trials and tribulations come our way, we would do well to remember how richly God cares for us. God blessed the students of Trinity Lutheran School with tremendous voices they put to good use to share the good news of Christ's birth. God blessed the faculty with gifts and abilities they applied to make all the moving pieces of the Christmas service come together at short notice. God blessed the church with many generous volunteers who dedicated their time and effort to glorify God by turning this Christmas service from a plan into reality. God has blessed each of us in many ways - from the ability to gather together and worship to the love and support we all receive from our fellow believers to the amazing age of technology, health, and security in which we live. Amidst the hustle and bustle and other challenges we face everyday during this holiday season, we strive to remember the greatest gift God gave to us: his son, Jesus.

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					No School	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Communion	MWM 9:30	MWM 9:30	School Chapel 8:20			
Call Meeting 1:00			On-Line Catechism 6:30	Bible Information		
Elders Mtg 1:00			Handbells 6:30	Class 6:30		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Childrens Lesson	Board of Ed 6:30		School Chapel 8:20	Good Samaritan Bible Study 10:30	End of 2nd Quarter	LWMS Convention Planning Mtg
	Ladies Aid 7:30		On-Line Catechism 6:30	Bible Information		Mansfield 10:00
			Handbells 6:30	Class 6:30		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Communion Special Communion	MWM 9:30 Pastor/Teacher Conf	MWM 9:30 Pastor/Teacher Conf	School Chapel 8:20			
Service 1:00	No School	No School	On-Line Catechism 6:30	Bible Information		
		Church Council 7:00	Handbells 6:30	Class 6:30		
24	25	26	27 Chapel 8:20	28	29	30
	Newsletter Articles Due Worship Committee		On-Line Catechism 6:30 Handbells 6:30			
	6:00		Annual Voters'	Bible Information		
			Meeting 7:30	Class 6:30		
31	1	Sunday Worship	Money Cou		Monthly Flower	Lutheran Chapel
WELS Connection		8:00 & 10:30 AM Sunday School &	-	tein 12.20-01.02 r 01.03-01.16	Chairperson	On the Air Sundays 11:00Am
		9:20AM	Bill Hull 01	.17- 01.30		1230 AM Dial
			Dwight Rade	er 01.31-02.13		(WCWA)

GREETERS FOR JANUARY

	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE	
1.03	Tom & Becky Smith	Richard & Ruth Johnson	
1.10	Richard & Cheryl Kretz	John & Esther Spaeth	
1.17	Josh & Ashley Breitigam	Warren & Marilyn Pratt	
1.24	Jim & Jane Smith	Mike & Jill Woodward	
1.31	Mark & Kathi Curth	Bob & Julie Inniger	

NEXT MONTH

15	Teacher In-sevice NO SCHOOL
17	Ash Wednesday

BIRTHDAYS

3	Amelia Mitchell
12	Ann Crawford
17	Howard von Stein
28	Cheryl von Stein
29	Jane Amstutz

ANNIVERSARIES

22 Gary & Karen Beach

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