



# Lost and Found

December  
2021

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

## **SPIRITUAL INSPIRATIONS**

### Dress yourself with...Patience

It was 21 degrees below zero the February morning Jerome's son decided to enter this world. Jerome held his son and lovingly hugged his mother. Then he left so his wife could get some much-needed rest. On his way out the door he promised he would bring her some of her favorite chocolate when he returned.

When Jerome headed back to the hospital, however, he forgot about the chocolate.

As soon as he entered the room and saw the disappointed look on his wife's face, he realized his mistake. He apologized profusely and his wife forgave him. Her God-given patience allowed her to overlook his offense.

That's what Solomon had in mind when he wrote: "A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense" (Proverbs 19:11).

It is the human, sinful thing to store up offenses in feelings of resentment. It is the godly, glorious thing to forgive them.

God is hurt deeply every time we offend him by ignoring one of his commandments. He has the right to condemn us for our many offenses.

Instead, God loves us and sent his Son, Jesus to be our Savior.

Knowing how God has forgiven us for our many offenses makes us willing to forgive those who offend us.

We hope you visit us soon. The more we learn about God's love and forgiveness, the more we can grow in our wisdom and patience.

### *Comfort from the Psalms:*

Psalm 2: 5&6  
You made him a  
little lower than  
the heavenly  
beings and  
crowned him with  
glory and honor.  
You made him  
ruler over the  
works of your  
hands; you put  
everything under  
his feet.



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## **WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?**

### **CALL UPDATES**

To the saints at Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Jenera:

1 Thessalonians 1:3 We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.

On October 24 I received a call to serve as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Winner, SD. Ever since then, many of you have reached out to me and expressed strong encouragement about the ministry that is being done here in Jenera. There is much excitement in the ministry that we are doing right now and the plans that are being made for future ministry. I cannot stop thanking God for the encouragement and zeal I see for ministry among the people in our church as well as in our county.

Over the past 4 weeks, I have also learned more about the saints in Winner. They have a great love for their Lord and a great love for their community. Their support for the gospel ministry both at home and abroad is evident in their congregation. They are a loving group of Christians that totally support the Gospel ministry.

After much prayer and careful consideration with the information that the Lord has given me, I am returning the call to serve at Trinity in Winner and remaining as pastor in Jenera. Please continue to pray for the saints at Trinity in Winner. They have traveled a difficult road for many months and it could be more before the Lord sends them a shepherd to serve. This was not an easy decision to return the call, as they are in great need of a pastor, but the Lord led me to see that the need here was greater.

Megan, Leah, and I look forward to remaining as a part of this wonderful community and making it our home for however long God allows. We look forward to continuing the partnership in the ministry that began over five years ago. We are excited to begin plans to move down to Jenera, Lord willing, in the near future.

In Christ's service to you,

Pastor Matt Nowak



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### Call Updates, continued

Mrs. Linda Baumann was called to serve as Director of Instruction at the Fox Valley Lutheran Schools in and around Appleton, WI.

*Dear members of Trinity Lutheran Church, this past week I was humbled to receive a call to the Fox Valley Lutheran Schools to be their Director of Instruction. This call is not as a regular classroom teacher. If I would accept it, I would facilitate the implementation the curriculum chosen by the FVL Schools, oversee instruction in 16 different WELS grade schools in the greater Appleton, Wisconsin area, develop professional learning opportunities for the teachers and administrators in those schools, and work with Fox Valley Lutheran High School and the schools in their Federation as a program coordinator.*

*I ask for your prayers as David and I deliberate this very different type of call. I welcome your comments and advice, particularly where you see my particular gifts being used the best to serve the Lord in His kingdom through the public ministry.*

*In Christ,*

*Mrs. Linda Baumann*

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Mr. Jeffery & Mrs. Karena Falck have accepted their calls to serve as principal & staff minister and 1st & 2nd grade teacher respectively.

*Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran,*

*Over the past few weeks Karena and I have had the opportunity to consider our ministry gifts, the needs and opportunities that may lie ahead for our family, and how those things might be a blessing to the Lord and his church. We have also considered how those same things might be a blessing to the ministry whether here in Crete or in Jenera. We have appreciated the many conversations with leaders and teachers of your congregation. The vision and dedication of Trinity Lutheran to preach the Gospel and provide many opportunities to God's people of all ages is obvious. It is truly humbling to think that the Lord would even allow us to consider where to serve him!*

*It is our joy to share with you, that after prayerful consideration Karena and I have been led to accept the Calls you have extended to us to serve as teacher and principal, respectively. We look forward to the days of shared ministry ahead and pray the Lord blesses us all in the months until our arrival. Please keep the Illinois Lutheran family in your prayers as they begin the process of filling the vacancies, asking the Lord of the Church to give them wisdom, patience, and confidence that he, as he always has, will provide for their needs.*

*May the Word of God as written by Moses in Psalm 90:17 be our prayer: "May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands."*

*Blessings in Jesus*

*Jeffrey and Karena Falck*



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## WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

### Christmas services and activities

We have many activities to focus our attention on the festival of our Savior's birth this year.

<b>December</b>		
3	Church Christmas Decorating	6:30 p.m.
5	Advent by Candlelight	6:30 p.m.
7	Christmas Caroling through Jenera	6:30 p.m.
15	Advent Song Service	7:00 p.m.
18	Christmas for Kids	12:30-3:00 p.m.
23	Christmas Eve Children's Service	1:00 p.m.
24	Christmas Eve Children's Service	7:00 p.m.
25	Christmas Day Communion Service	9:30 a.m.
26	Sunday Worship Service (No 8:00 a.m. service)	9:30 a.m.
31	New Years Eve Communion Service	7:00 p.m.
<b>January</b>		
2	Sunday CommunionService (No 8:00 a.m. service)	9:30 a.m.

We will not have Bible Study, Sunday School or Sunday Catechism on December 26th or January 2nd. Enjoy the extra time with your family and friends during Christmas and New Year's.

### COUNCIL ACTIVITY

The Worship Committee via the Board of Elders recommended that we purchase the new Christian Worship hymnal and begin using them next year. The church council is considering that recommendation and hopes to bring a recommendation to the Annual Meeting in January.

In the October meeting, the insurance committee met with the church council. The council recommended changing the WELS VEBA insurance coverage from Plan 2 to Plan 4. The council then promised to pick up any charges that would be beyond the current coverage of Plan 2. Jamie Siferd would serve as the administrator of the health insurance plans at Trinity.

The Projects Committee is looking at replacing the playground at the corner of Allen and High St with a playground that is more appropriate for preschool and kindergartners. They also continue work on the parsonage renovation.



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## **WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?**

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS:**

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT:** Women's Ministry is hosting an Advent by Candlelight program on Sunday, December 5 at 6:30 PM. This is an opportunity to focus your heart and mind on the birth of our Savior during the Advent season. The program is entitled, "Five Little Words." Join us for Christmas cookies and fellowship in the church basement following the program. Sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to bring Christmas cookies or treats to share. We will also be putting together plates of cookies for shut-ins and the women who are living at the Hope House in Findlay.

**TWENTY FIVE** ladies enjoyed food, fellowship and a Bible study during the Women's Ministry Progressive Meal in November. Thank you to the hostesses and Jenny Boehm for the Bible study.

### **COMING UP AT TRINITY:**

The Outreach Committee is hosting Game Day at the school on January 16th. Watch the bulletin for more information for this event. Sounds like a fun time!

Do you play cards?? The annual Euchre Tournament will be held January 29th at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Findlay. Come show off those mad card skills you've got and help us WIN!

### **BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR OUR TRINITY TIGERS:**

Saturday, January 8	@HVL, kick off Tournament Time TBA
Saturday, January 15	@ St. Stephen, Adrian, B-Team 9:30, A-Team 11:00
Saturday, January 21	Vs. St. John (at HOME), B-Team 10:00, A-Team 11:00
Saturday, January 29	@ Divine Grace & Crown of Life, games scheduled beginning at 11:00.

All games, dates and time are subject to change.





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Join us for Worship Sundays at 8 & 10:30am

Sunday School & Bible Class at 9:20am

*Mornings with Mommy-1st & 3rd Monday or*

*Tuesday of the month during the school year.*

*Register on line at [tlcjenera.org](http://tlcjenera.org).*

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## Memory Gem from God's Treasure

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

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Galatians 3:26, 27

**MISSION STATEMENT:** *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to glorify our Triune God as we train, strengthen and nurture ourselves and others through His Word and Sacraments, so that we are enabled by His love to live lives of faith and to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

# December 2021

November '21

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January '22

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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
28	29	30	1 School Chapel 8:20	2 Good Sam Bible Class 11:00	3  No School Church Decorating 6:30	4	
5 Communion Catechism 1:00 Womens Ministry Advent by Candlelight 6:30	6 Mornings with Mommy 9:30 Faculty Mtg 3:30 Board of Ed 7:00	7 Mornings with Mommy 9:30 Caroling 6:30 Elders Mtg 7:00	8 School Chapel 8:20  Choir Practice 7:00 Bible Info Class 7:00	9	10	11 Practice for Childrens' Christmas Eve Service 10-11:30a.m. Outreach Mtg 3:00	
12 Childrens Lesson Catechism 1:00	13 Preschool Playtime 10:00	14	15 School Chapel 8:20 Choir Practice 5:45 Advent Song Service 7:00	16 Good Sam Bible Class 11:00	17	18 Christmas Eve Service Practice 10-11:30 Lunch to follow Christmas for Kids 12:30 -3:00	
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26 WELS Connection Worship Service 9:30 (NO 8:00 a.m. service)	27 Newsletter Articles Due  No School	28  No School	29  No School	30  No School	31 New Year's Eve Worship Communion Service 7:00pm No School	1	
2	3	<b>Sunday Worship</b> 8:00 & 10:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 9:20 AM		<b>Money Counters</b> Bill Hull 12.05-12.18 Dwight Rader 12.19-01.01.22		Monthly Flower Chairperson Jerry & Mark Burkholder	Lutheran Chapel On the Air Sundays 11:00AM 1230 AM Dial (WCWA)

**GREETERS FOR DECEMBER**

	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE
5	Jim & Jane Smith	Mike & Jill Woodward
12	Mark & Kathi Curth	
19	James & Deb Reichley	Mark & Jane Boehm
24	Jerry Beagle	<i>Christmas Eve</i>
25	Barb Roidt & Ruth Marquart	<i>Christmas Day</i>
26	Joe & Jean Spaeth	Joyce Beach & Loretta Jansen

**BIRTHDAYS**

13	Brent von Stein
24	Allison Reddick
24	Amanda von Stein

**ANNIVERSARIES**

8	Jim & Jane Smith
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**NEXT MONTH**

5	School Resumes
16	Game Day at School (Hosted by the Outreach Committee)
29	Euchre Tournament at Immanuel Lutheran in Findlay

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