

Lost and Found

January

2022

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

Ever Wonder? Answers to Important Questions

What is eternal life?

It is that time again when we encounter the change from the old year to the new. For some, the ushering in of a new year is a ritual of staying up until midnight to make a bunch of noise or perhaps sing an old song. Yet, one way or another, the beginning of a new year is a time of reflection and planning. We take stock of what happened in the last year. We think of our pains, regrets, joys, surprises, births, and deaths. We also look to the future and ponder what we want to do differently in days to come.

In all of our planning, though, there is this unalterable fact that life here will end. Our time is finite. It has a limit. In fact, everything about this world has a limit.

The Bible tells us of one thing, however, that has no end. Referring to those who follow him, Jesus said, "I give them eternal life" (John 10:28). In view of our knowledge and experience of limited life in this world, we wonder what eternal life is.

Jesus explains, "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life" (John 5:24). Life is being connected to God and his blessings. The opposite is death, which is separation from

God and his goodness. All people are born separated from God because, by nature, they are sinners. As a result, they are headed toward an eternal separation from God to be condemned in a very real place called hell.

But God did something very great. He sent the world a Savior who is Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God. In an unmatchable act of love, Jesus placed himself under our condemnation for sin. He willingly suffered the death sentence that all of us deserve.

Through Jesus, God has forgiven the world's sin, which separated people from him, and he gives the gift of eternal life. All who listen to the Savior and believe in God who sent him have eternal life. By faith in the true God of salvation, they have crossed over from death to life. They do not face the fear of separation from God, but they rejoice in a close and blessed relationship with him now and forever.

What a great way to start a new year! We have the confidence that no matter what has happened in days gone by, and whatever the future holds, our life with God is secured forever by faith in Jesus.

Inspíratíon from the Psalms:

Psalm 2:7

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father."



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WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

Call Updates

Dear members of Trinity Lutheran Church,

The past few weeks I have had the privilege to wrestle in prayer between the call I currently have to Trinity as a teacher, organist, and school music director and the call that was issued to me by FVL Schools to be their Director of Instruction. This deliberation was like no other I have experienced. David and I are happy here in Jenera and I enjoy being a classroom teacher. After many conversations with a wide variety of people and prayerful deliberation, the Holy Spirit has led me to accept the call to FVL Schools as their Director of Instruction. As several Trinity members told me, "God will provide." I trust that He will send the right person to Jenera at the right time to continue the work that He has started in this place, and that they will be an even bigger blessing to the school and congregation than we can imagine. Thank you for your support of my ministry here.

In the name of our newborn King,

Mrs. Linda Baumann

Call Meeting

On January 9th after 2nd service, we will have a call meeting to call a teacher to fill the 3rd & 4th grade teaching position. The Board of Education is also recommending to hire Mrs. Heather Kretz to teach 7th & 8th grade next year. We will discuss both of those recommendations at the call meeting after 2nd service on January 9th.

Taking down Christmas decorations

On January 9th after the call meeting, at around 12:30 pm, we will have an opportunity to take down the church decorations. Many hands make light work and also fun conversation. So please, join us, and you should get back in time to watch most of the game between the Browns and the Bengals.



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WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? continued

THE TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING will take place on Wednesday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m. Voters- now is your opportunity to have your voices heard! All voters are encouraged to attend. Voters consist of male communicant members who have reached the age of 18. The Lord has called men to be the leaders for the congregational team. More than likely your grandfather and father have served on the Lord's team over the past years. Now is the time for the next generation to show their love for Him by becoming part of the team. God wants you to serve Him. Your service as a voter is wanted and needed by your Lord and your church. If you are not a voter, you may become one at this meeting. Non-voters and the women of the church are also encouraged to attend.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS are due by Wednesday, January 19.

WOMEN: Mark your calendars! Trinity Women's Ministry will be having a Bible study on abortion on Monday, January 24 at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME: Do your kids need a warm place to get some energy out? Join us for a FREE open gym for all preschool aged children at Trinity Lutheran School on Monday, January 10 from 10:00-11:00 AM. We will have balls to play with, ride-on toys, mats to crawl/roll around on, mini-trampolines, slides, infant toys, and lots of space to run around and play.

BAD WEATHER may arise during winter months. Our procedure for cancellation of church services on Sundays goes along with the Sheriff's department levels: "Level 1" – normal worship schedule, "Level 2" – early service cancelled – "Level 3" all services cancelled

GAME NIGHT - The Outreach committee is planning a game night on January 16, 2022 from 3-7:00pm in the school. There will be a supper at 5:00. Sign up on the sheet in the back of church. You better join us! Sounds like a great time. Thank you, Outreach Committee- you're all doing a fabulous job!

MORE GAMES: The annual Euchre Tournament is back. This year, Immanuel is hosting on January 29th. Watch for more details and time in the bulletin. Let's support our church. Go team! Beat Immanuel!!

DON'T FORGET! The school gym is open each Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. for anyone who would like to play basketball. Kids– bring your parents and make sure they're supervised! Please wear dry, non-marking athletic shoes to keep our gym floor nice!

TLS has an assortment of t-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies for sale. Prices vary. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

THROUGHOUT the winter months, Mornings with Mommy meets in the school gym on the 2nd Monday of the month for Preschool Playtime. Bring your little ones for a fun filled hour of activity of games, rideon toys, mini trampolines– all kinds of cool stuff. No need to register. Next one is Monday, January 10, at 10:00 am.



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Memory Gem from God's Treasure

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

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 2 Peter 3:8

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

January 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
						1 New Year's Day		
2 Communion	3 Mornings with Mommy 9:30 No School	4 Mornings with Mommy 9:30 No School	5 School Chapel 8:20 Choir Practice 7:00	6	7	8 Basketball @ HVL Tournament 1st game 1:00pm		
9 Children's Lesson Catechism 1:00	10 Preschool Playtime 10:00 school gym Board of Ed 6:00	11 Elders 7:00	12 School Chapel 8:20 Choir Practice 7:00 Bible Info Class 7:00	13	14	15 Basketball @ St. Stephen B-Team 9:30, A-Team 11:00am		
16 Communion Catechism 1:00 TLC Game Night 3-7PM	9:30 No School	18 Mornings with Mommy 9:30 No School	19 School Chapel 8:20 Choir Practice 7:00	20	21	22 Basketball HOME vs. St. John & St. Payl Columbus 1st game 10:00am		
23 Catechism 1:00	Church Council 7:00 24 Newsletter Articles Due Women's Ministry Bible Study 7:00pm in church basement	25	Bible Info Class 7:00 26 School Chapel 8:20 Annual Voters Mtg 7:30PM	27	End of 2nd Quarter 28	29 Euchre Tournament at Immanuel Basketball @ Divine Grace & Crown of Life 10:00		
30 WELS Connection Catechism 1:00	31	Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. Sunday School & Bible Class 9:20 A.M.	Warren Pr James Rau	y Counters att 01.02-01.15 sch 01.16-01.29 ım 01-30-02-12	Monthly Flower Chairperson Mark Burkholder	Lutheran Chapel On the Air Sundays 11:00 A.M. 1230 on the AM Dial (WCWA)		

GREETERS FOR JANUARY

	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE
2	Dwight & Norma Rader	Gary & Rebecca Mitchell
9	Tom & Becky Smith	Richard & Ruth Johnson
16	Josh & Ashley Breitigam	John & Esther Spaeth
26	Richard & Cheryl Kretz	Warren & Marilyn Pratt
30	Tyler & Kathy Smith	Jerry & Betty Burkholder

NEXT MONTH

4	NO SCHOOL - HVL Tournament
12	Academic Day at Grove City
21	NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service

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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