

Lost and Found

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

Ever Wonder? Answers to Important Questions

How can I know the Bible is true?

Have a headache? Take two leeches and call me in the morning. If you consult a medical text from a couple of centuries ago, that may be the remedy you find. Today a textbook would probably tell you to pop a couple of aspirin. Tomorrow... Lasers? Magnetics? Who knows what advancements or discoveries will change how a simple headache is treated? It is amazing how much the science of medicine has changed even over the course of the last hundred years. How will we ever know when we have really found the answers?

66 - 40 - 1500 - 1: What do those numbers mean? The Bible is made up of 66 books that were written by 40 writers over the course of 1500 years. But in all of those books, only one message is found. The message? We have a problem (and it isn't a simple headache). Our problem is our sin and the guilt that it brings. That one message is also about the remedy for our problem—God sent Jesus, a perfect Savior, to die for our sin and guilt. Now believers in Jesus have the promise of eternal life in heaven. That simple message of salvation is repeated throughout the Bible, from Moses' writing in Genesis to the writings of the apostle John in Revelation. How amazing that so many different writers from different times record a single message that reveals the world's only true Savior from sin!

Maybe it isn't all that amazing. "For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, through human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21). The very same God who loved us enough to send his own Son to die for us made sure that we would know about Jesus by having his message written down. Because God had men record his Word, the Bible is unlike any other book. We are told that "all Scripture is God-breathed" (2 Timothy 3:16). God himself spoke through, breathed into these writers, so their words are really God's Word. Since the Bible is God's Word, we can trust that it is true.

God is speaking to us through the words that he caused to be written in the Bible. Join us for worship, where we gather to hear what important things, he has to say to all of us. Inspíratíon from the Psalms:

Psalm 119:45 I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts

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WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

WELS statement on Roe v. Wade ruling

On June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court issued a ruling that overturned the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision that assured a woman's constitutional right to an abortion throughout the United States. This ruling struck down many state laws that had prohibited or limited abortions. Tragically, as a result of the 1973 decision, millions of unborn children have been robbed of the opportunity for life.

Contrary to how some have portrayed it, this recent action by the Supreme Court does not make abortion illegal in the United States. Rather, the ruling enables states to enact their own laws on abortion—either banning or limiting the practice or making the practice legal.

The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod has always been clear in its opposition to abortion and in its pro-life position. While this ruling does not eliminate the tragedy of abortions in our country, it is certainly a long-desired step in the right direction in the effort to protect human life in the womb. We pray that states will now take the opportunity to prohibit the taking of human life when it most needs protection.

The Psalm writer declares in Psalm 139, "For you (God) created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." God creates life, and it is only God who has the right to end the life he has created. As long as there are still places where abortion is legal and available, it's important that our synod continues to make its clear confession that it is God who creates life, beginning at conception. We believe that the government has the God-given responsibility to protect life. As important as this issue is, our synod remains committed to its most important mission: sharing the good news of a Savior who has brought forgiveness and healing for all.

Rev. Mark Schroeder, President

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Semi-annual meeting notice

On July 27 at 7:30 pm, we will have our semi-annual voters meeting. This is a time for our congregational leaders to report what is happening in our congregation and to receive feedback from all our voters about the direction of our congregation. This semi-annual meeting has important recommendations that are seeking voters approval.

- 1) At the end of 2021, our church body, the Wisconsin Synod, released a new version of Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal. Information about the new hymnal and the cost will be discussed at the semi-annual meeting.
- 2) The Council is bringing a recommendation to increase mileage compensation from \$.45 per mile to national average (currently at \$.625).
- 3) The Council is also bringing a recommendation to hire a teacher's aide for the 2022-2023 school year.



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INSTALLATION – The installation of new school faculty members will take place on Sunday, July 10th during second service, with a potluck to follow the service. Mr. Jeffrey Falck will be installed as our new school principal, along with Mrs. Karena Falck as 1st and 2nd grade teacher. Heather Kretz has accepted our call to teach 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades and will be formally installed as well. Please show each of them your thanks and support! Bring a hot and cold dish to share. Table service and cold drinks will be provided.

SHARE THE ABUNDANCE! The Outreach Committee is planning a produce give-away. Starting date for this has been delayed due to availability of veggies. Beginning Sunday, July 24th and running through August, you may bring your extra produce to the church basement on Sundays. If your garden does amazingly well this year, why not share? Canned goods and baby formula are also welcome!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Who's ready for some ice cream? The Outreach Committee is hosting their annual ice cream social in conjunction with VBS. This event will take place on Thursday, July 21 at 7:30 pm. Join us for some great fellowship, fun and entertainment. And ICE CREAM! (There's a rumor going around that there might be a water balloon fight. Fun to watch even if you don't participate.)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Join us for "The Tree of Life" VBS July 17 to July 21 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Registration is open for children **ages 3-11**. Register online at <u>tlcjenera.org</u> or fill out the registration form in the back of church. Questions—contact Jenny Boehm (262)391-7994 or <u>mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org</u>.

VBS VOLUNTEERS: Please consider serving as a volunteer this summer at our VBS program! VBS is scheduled for July 17-21 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Sign up in the back of church if you are able to help on some or all of the days. Contact Jenny Boehm with questions. Thank you!

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL is starting to plan for the 2022-2023 school year. As we continue to grow we are opening up new opportunities for volunteers at school. We will have many new opportunities for volunteers in the classrooms this year. If you are interested and available, please contact the school office or George Norway.

TLS IS IN NEED of a full-time bus driver to drive morning and afternoon routes each school day throughout the school year, beginning in 2023. We are also in need of substitute bus drivers. If you are interested in either position, please contact the school office or any school board member. Drivers need not be a Trinity member, so if you know of someone who may be interested, please share with them. If you can only help on certain days or at certain times, please think about it.

THANK YOU: Thank you for the generous door offering and beautiful picture of the church that you gave me for my farewell. It has been a privilege to serve Trinity for the past 5 years. May God be with you until we meet again! David and Linda Baumann

MORNINGS WITH MOMMY SUMMER PARK PLAY DATES: Bring your kids/grandkids to join us at the Jenera Park starting at 9:30 on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of July, and August. Come when you can. Stay as long as you are able. Let your kids play and burn off some energy while you talk with other adults. Questions?--Contact Jenny Boehm (262)391-7994 or mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org.



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August 2022

Memory Gem from God's Treasure

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

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you."

Isaiah 43:1b-2a

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Communion	MwM Play Date			Good Samaritan		
	Jenera Park 9:30			Comm. 11:00		
		Worship 7:00				
		(Communion)		Elders 6:30		
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Installation-						
2nd service						
Luther Society Mtg			Board of Ed 7:00			
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Communion	MwM Play Date					
	Jenera Park 9:30			WELS Mom	 en's Ministry Conferei	200
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	Church Council 7:00			Ice Cream Social 7:30		
24	25 Newsletter Articles Due	26	27	28	29	30
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Outreach 2:00			Voters Mtg.			
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31		Sunday Worship	Mone	Lev Counters		Lutheran Chapel
WELS Connection		8:00 & 10:30 A.M.	Gary Mitch	nell 06.19-07.02		On the Air
		Sunday School &		eth 07.03-07.16		Sundays 11:00 A.M.
		Bible Class 9:20 A.M.		ttig 07.17-07.30 ith 07.31-08.13		1230 on the AM Dial (WCWA)
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GREETERS FOR JULY

	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE
3	Jim & Jane Smith	Jerry Beagle
10	Barb Roidt & Ruth Marquart	John & Esther Spaeth
17	Josh & Ashley Breitigam	Bob & Julie Inniger
24	John & Janet Weihrauch	Mark & Jane Boehm
31	Tyler & Kathy Smith	Mike & Jill Woodward

BIRTHDAYS

10	Jacob Amstutz
11	Esther Spaeth
16	Joseph Amstutz
23	Betty Burkholder
26	Joshua von Stein
27	Justine Mitchell
29	Josh Curth
30	Jean Ann Ritter
30	Pastor Matt Nowak
31	Jennifer Boehm
31	Anna Brand

ANNIVERSARIES

20	David & Mary Lou Reddick
28	Michael & Traci Hummer

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