



# Lost and Found

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2022

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

## **Ever Wonder?** Answers to Important Questions

### ***Why does bad stuff happen to me?***

My mom has cancer. My dad lost his job. My sister is in high school and pregnant. My brother's grades are slipping. Work is so stressful. My life is unstable. Why does bad stuff happen to me?

Plenty of people have plenty of suggestions.

“Maybe God does not love you.”

“Maybe he is punishing you for something.”

“Maybe everything is too much for him to handle.”

Do you want to know the real answer? It is staggering. “God is LOVE” (1 John 4:16).

What? How can that be? How can there be so many bad things in my life if God is love? Wouldn't a loving God just erase all the bad stuff and only give me good? Well...no.

The kids need shots. They cry with pain. You love them. Are shots “bad”?

You need surgery. It's going to hurt and take some time to heal. Your doctor cares about you. Is surgery “bad”?

Your football coach tells you to run ten 100-yard-sprints. It's not exactly a vacation. Your coach wants what is best for you. Are the sprints “bad”?

So much in our lives looks like “bad stuff,” but it is really “good.” It certainly looked like a lot of “bad stuff” was happening on the day Jesus died. Jesus was falsely accused of breaking the law. He was whipped, mocked, and executed on the cross. That is some really “bad stuff” for Jesus, but Christians still call that day GOOD Friday.

Because of that “bad stuff” on Good Friday, Jesus removes all of our sins and all of our guilt and says, “I'll take those for you. I'll make them mine.” Jesus has tremendous love for us. He takes the punishment away from us. He has the power to handle everything in our lives.

While everyone has their own opinions about why “bad stuff” happens to them, God gently points me to Jesus and gives me the right answer: “God is LOVE.”

## *Inspiration from the Psalms:*

### **Psalm 34:19**

*A righteous  
man may have  
many troubles,  
but the  
LORD  
delivers him  
from them all.*



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

To the saints at Trinity Lutheran Church:

Philippians 1:4-6 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

On July 24, I received a call to serve as pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Kasson, MN. Ever since then, some of you have reached out to me and expressed strong encouragement about the ministry that is being done here. Many are excited about 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 Kasson. They have a great support for their Lord and a great opportunity that has been placed before them. They are a small, loving group of Christians that 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 Our Savior in Kasson and will remain serving as pastor in Jenera. Please continue to pray for the saints at Our Savior in Kasson. They have had their patience tested for the last couple of years with a vacancy. However, the Lord will use this for a blessing for them.

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 six years ago. We are excited to be at Trinity and in Jenera.

In Christ's service to you, Pastor Matt Nowak

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## **Actions passed at the Voters' meeting** (Informational only)

Voters voted to withdraw Trinity's call for a 2<sup>nd</sup> pastor. Even if the need should arise, the pastoral call would be different from the information given to President Sims in 2020.

Voters approved the Stewardship's Committee recommendation to standardize the salary of called workers that are called in the future, that set the pay scale for a resource teacher's salary, and that raised cash housing allowance to \$700 per month for those eligible for it.

Voters approved to purchase new hymnal once we have secured the Memorial Funds for it.

Voters also approved raising the mileage to the IRS national standard and bus drivers salary to \$32 /trip.

The Voters amended the Trinity Bylaws.

## **Article VI**

**For anyone who wishes to be married at Trinity or by a Pastor at Trinity, at least one person of the married couple (husband or wife) shall be a member at Trinity, unless they receive special permission from the Elders.**



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

**FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. **New registration forms** will be sent home with each child. The forms will help us with information such as allergies, current grade in school. To avoid any confusion, we are also asking who will be picking up your child or children after Sunday School is over at 10:30 (children must be picked up no later than 10:15). If you don't receive a registration form, please contact the school office at [tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org](mailto:tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org).

**CHOIR IS BACK!** The Trinity Lutheran Church choir will start the season on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00p.m. Practices will be on Tuesday evenings through the middle of October, then switch to Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Come raise your voices to God. To God be the Glory! If you have any questions, please call Jr. Weihrauch at 419.889.4315.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH** is seeking a Handbell choir director. Please contact the school office or Pastor Nowak at [pastormattn@gmail.com](mailto:pastormattn@gmail.com).

**AT THE FARM:** Are your little ones ready for some learning and fun? Sign up for our first sessions of Mornings with Mommy on Monday and Tuesday, September 19 & 20 at 9:30 in the church basement. Our first session's theme is "At the Farm." Play with soybeans in our sensory bins, make a muddy pig, gallop on a horse, drive some tractors, and much more. **After snack, children can go outside to visit some live farm animals and go on a hayride.** Monday's session is currently full but you have the option of signing up for the waiting list. If there is enough interest, we can add another session from 11:00-12:00 for more families. Register soon online at [tlcjenera.org](http://tlcjenera.org) or call 262-391-7994.

**CHILI COOK-OFF:** Join Trinity's Outreach Committee on Saturday, September 10 at 5:00 for some delicious chili! You can taste test each participants' special recipe and vote for your favorite. Also scheduled is a bonfire with s'mores and hotdogs, as well as cornhole games! Sign-up on the sheet at the back of church.

**THE OHIO CIRCUIT FALL RALLY** will take place at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Findlay on Saturday, October 1, 2022. There is an LWMS envelope with your Offering Envelopes. If you wish to contribute to the LWMS Mission Projects, please return envelope by Sept. 10, 2022, so we may forward it to the Ohio Circuit Treasurer. Trinity is a member of the Ohio Circuit; therefore, all Trinity women are members. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the entry way before September 11. We hope to see you there!

**PAUL YIJUN WANG** has begun his freshmen year of college at Martin Luther College in New ULM, MN. He last was able to see his parents in Beijing in 2019 due to Covid travel restrictions. Paul has been our guest this past year for holidays and summer break. His planned major is high school education. Please pray for him as a teacher in our synod. Thank you, Doug & Marilyn Stahl.

**TLS IS SEEKING** a bus driver substitute to drive when needed throughout the school year. If you are interested in this position, please contact the school office, school principal, 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.



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

**COMING EVENTS:** Things are happening this fall! Trinity's Outreach Committee and Women's Ministry have been busy planning ahead.

- ~ There will be a Chili Cook-Off and bonfire on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
- ~ The Women's Ministry is planning another paint event on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00-4:30pm. It will be a Christian fall painting on canvas. Cost is \$15 per person.
- ~ Trunk or Treat will take place on October 29<sup>th</sup>, possibly in conjunction with a Jenera Town Harvest Festival.

Watch the bulletin for updates regarding these and any other events!

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## **OUR CHURCH'S NEW MOBILE APP IS HERE!**

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church & School is pleased to announce we have a new mobile app! With Vanco Mobile, you can send one-time donations or set recurring gifts.

### **How Do You Download Vanco Mobile?**

It's easy! Head over to the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) to download Vanco Mobile for free.

To give using Vanco Mobile, follow these five easy steps:

1. Search for our church by typing in the **city**, (Jenera) or the name of the church
2. Select your gift amount, fund and frequency.
3. Enter your payment method. (You can save this information for future use!)
4. Choose whether you want to cover processing fees.

Click **Submit** to complete your donation.

You can also check out this [Vanco Mobile How-To Guide](#) for step-by-step instructions.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact:

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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 &*

*Tuesday of the month. 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!)

Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you."

Zechariah 3:4b

**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.*

# September 2022

August '22							October '22							November '22						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Communion	5 Labor Day	6 School Resumes School Chapel 8:30	7  Elders 7:00	8	9	10 TLS Soccer Tournament 9:00 Chili Cook Off Cornhole Tourney 5:00 PM
11 Children's Lesson Sunday School Teacher Installation	12  Faculty Mtg 3:30  Board of Ed 6:00	13  Good Sam Bible Study & Communion 11:00 Choir 7:00	14 School Chapel 8:20	15	16	17 Soccer @ Zion 10:30
18 Communion Sunday School Teachers 12:00	19  Mornings with Mommy 9:30  Church Council 7:00	20  Mornings with Mommy 9:30  Choir 7:00	21 School Chapel 8:20	22	23	24 Soccer @ St Stephen 10:30
25 WELS Connection Outreach 12:00	26 Newsletter Articles Due Faculty Bible Study 3:30	27  Choir 7:00	28 School Chapel 8:20	29	30	
		Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. Sunday School & Bible Class 9:20 A.M.	Money Counters Craig von Stein 08.28-09.10 David Bower 09.11-09.24 Bill Hull 09.25-10.08		Monthly Flower Chairperson Linda Webb	Lutheran Chapel On the Air Sundays 11:00 A.M. 1230 on the AM Dial (WCWA)

**GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE
4	Dwight & Norma Rader	Warren & Marilyn Pratt
11	Tom & Becky Smith	Mike & Jill Woodward
18	Josh & Ashley Breitigam	Bob & Julie Inniger
25	Richard & Cheryl Kretz	Mark & Jane Boehm

**NEXT MONTH**

5th-7th	MDTC-No School	
11	School Picture Day	

**BIRTHDAYS**

3	Charlotte Brown
6	Jonathan Inniger
7	Barbara Emmons
9	Elowyn von Stein
13	Becky Smith
16	Michael Hummer
24	Janice Sands

**ANNIVERSARIES**

2	Mark & Jane Boehm
3	Jerry & Betty Burkholder
13	Eric & Laura Krahn
22	Dean & Nicki von Stein
27	Mark & Bethany Nessler

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