



Lost and Found

August
2022

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

Ever Wonder? Answers to Important Questions

What's a good Bible reading plan?

"Where do I begin?" is a question I have often asked. Whether it's building a barbeque pit, fixing the kitchen sink, or helping my children with school projects, I have often asked, "Where do I begin?" and, "How can I finish?" The same can be true of reading your Bible. It helps to have a plan and know what to look for.

To begin with, realize that the Bible is a special book. In fact, it is the most special of all the books ever written. The Bible was given to us by God as he enabled men to write down the very words and thoughts of God. With that in mind, ask God to help you understand what he is saying when you read it.

Second, understand the purpose of why God gave us the Bible. The apostle Paul writes, "Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." The Apostle John wrote, "These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." The purpose of the Bible is to give us hope and life. When you read it, look for the true hope that God offers you in Christ. Look for everlasting life that God promises to his people—to you and me through his Son Jesus.

Third, you might ask, "Where do I start?" I suggest you read Genesis, where God gives life and hope to real people who really lived in ancient times. Then I suggest you read one of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John) to learn more about Jesus, the promised Son of God. From there, you may read the Psalms, which are prayers and hymns of God's people. You may also read Acts, where the story of the early Christian church is told. Read Romans and the other letters that follow it. Though these were written 2,000 years ago, they are still fitting for us today.

At times, the Bible will trouble or confuse you. But as you read it, continue to focus on Jesus through whom God gives us life and hope. And if you would like some help understanding the Bible, we can help. Please give us a call.

*Inspiration
from the
Psalms:*

Psalms 17:15

And I—in
righteous-
ness I will
see your
face; when I
awake, I will
be satisfied
with seeing
your
likeness.



WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

To the saints at Trinity,

Grace and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Paul says in Colossians 3, "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God."

What a blessing to know that whatever changes may happen around us, our life is secure in the work and life of Jesus Christ our Savior. He is the foundation of our life and ministry. It is our great privilege to share this foundation with the people around us, so that they may also have a solid foundation in him.

On July 24, I received a call from the Holy Spirit through Our Savior Lutheran Church in Kasson, MN to serve as their pastor. Kasson is in southeastern Minnesota, near Rochester, and has 7,000 people. Our Savior has about 120 members and had a lengthy vacancy a year ago. Please feel free to give any feedback during this time. Email works the best, but if you would like you can also call or text. It was 9 months ago that we went through this process. God brought blessings out of those deliberations and we shall see what blessings come out of these deliberations.

Finally, please keep Our Savior in Kasson, and Megan and Leah in your prayers. Please also pray that the Holy Spirit would give an abundance of wisdom as the needs here in Jenera and the needs in Kasson are deliberated to see how God can use the gifts he has given for the greatest good of his Church. To God alone be the glory!

Serving Christ and his people,

Pastor Matt Nowak

Semi-annual meeting summary

We have many blessings that have happened in the first part of the year. We had over 100 children at our Easter for Kids and Easter Egg Hunt. We had over 100 women come to the Mothers' Day paint event in the gym. We had 67 people volunteer in the first half of the year. We have new staff to fill the vacancies or upcoming vacancies: Mrs. Heather Kretz will teach 3rd – 5th grade. Mrs. Karena Falck will teach 1st & 2nd grade. Mrs. Courtney Breitigam has begun training as the new secretary. Mr. Jeff Falck will be our principal and staff minister. Thank God for the blessings that he has given us.

We still have challenges before us. We are working with the community leaders to help plan events. We still have a teacher vacancy at school. We are working to connect families to their Savior, Jesus Christ. As we evaluate ways that we can do this or enhance what we are doing, may God give us patience and understanding and open our eyes to see the needs of those around us, especially their spiritual needs

Actions passed at the Voters' meeting (Informational only)

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



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More Actions passed at the Voters' meeting (Informational only)

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.

MIDWEEK SERVICES will continue on Tuesday evenings weekly at 7pm. This will continue through September 6th. Join us!

SHARE THE ABUNDANCE: The Outreach Committee Produce Giveaway will take place each Sunday through the month of August. A table will be set up outside of church between services. Feel free to drop off or pick up items there any time. Before 1st service, please put produce, canned goods, and baby formula on the table in the basement. Produce can be picked up until 3:00 . Please invite your friends and neighbors to stop by!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS will continue to investigate the Bible through August 28 with "I Spy Salvation's Story" series. Each lesson shows how God used people in Old Testament times to lead others to Salvation and when Jesus came, He showed New Testament people the way to Salvation through His teaching. Students in Grades 1-7 meet in the school from 9:20-10:10 AM. There will be no Sunday School classes on September 4 and Fall classes will begin on September 11.

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.

SHARE THE ABUNDANCE: The Outreach Committee Produce Giveaway continues today! A table will be set up outside the front of the church between services. Items can be placed on this table at any time. Before services, the table will be in the basement by the door for items. Produce can be picked up before 3:00. Please invite your friends and neighbors to stop by!



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WHAT'S GOING ON HERE— MORNINGS WITH MOMMY

Mornings with Mommy is starting again soon! Our 2022-2023 sessions begin on September 19 & 20. The program is held from 9:30-10:30 on the first and third Mondays of the month with encore sessions on the following Tuesdays. Adults can mingle with each other and enjoy activities with their children including a devotion, arts and crafts, sensory bins, flannel stories and books, music, educational toys and activities, and a snack. The program costs \$5 per family per session. You can pick up a brochure and theme schedule in the church narthex for more information. Registration is required. Register online at tlcjenera.org Space is limited, so please sign up soon! Questions?—Contact Jenny Boehm (262) 391-7994 or mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org.

Can you help us prepare for another year of Mornings with Mommy by donating money or supplies? Items needed include: 100% juice boxes, play-dough, glue sticks, glue bottles, masking tape, wide masking tape, baby wipes, washable markers, crayons, dry-erase markers, snack-size ziploc bags, and snacks—animal crackers, teddy grahams, goldfish crackers, cheez-its, ritz crackers, graham crackers. If you wish to give monetary donations, the money will be used to buy supplies and educational toys to match the themes of the program. Please put all donations in the box in the back of church. Thank you all for your support of this program!

Mornings with Mommy is looking for volunteers to help with the program. We try to have two volunteers at each session. Volunteers help with registration, assist in the arts and crafts area, help clean up, or maybe just hold babies for mothers with multiple children. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. We will work out a schedule among the volunteers, and let you know when you are needed. ***Volunteers usually help once a month.***

LOOKING FOR A JOB??

Trinity Lutheran Church is seeking an Adult Choir director and Handbell choir director. Please contact the school office or Pastor Nowak at pastormattn@gmail.com.

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.

TLS is seeking individuals interested in serving as a teacher's aide for the upcoming school year. The aide's main emphasis will be working within the early childhood and primary grades but may also include some work with students in the middle and upper grades as well. The position is Monday - Friday and will not exceed 25 hrs/week. Please contact the office for more information about the position or how to apply.

August 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 MwM Play Date Jenera Park 9:30	2 Worship 7:00	3 Elders 6:30pm	4	5	6
7 Communion Produce Give Away	8	9 Board of Ed 6:00 Worship 7:00 (Communion)	10	11 Good Sam Bible Study 11am	12	13
14 Produce Give Away	15 MwM Play Date Jenera Park 9:30 Church Council 7:00	16 Worship 7:00	17 Faculty mtg 9am	18	19	20 Jenera Coffee & Donuts at the Park 8:30-10:30am
21 Communion SS Teachers 12pm Produce Give Away	22 Newsletter Articles Due	23 Worship 7:00 (Communion)	24	25	26	27
28 WELS Connection Outreach 12pm Produce Give Away	29	30 Worship 7:00	31 Hancock Co Fair Begins			
		Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. Sunday School & Bible Class 9:20 A.M.	Money Counters Tyler Smith 07.31-08.13 Robert Rausch 08.14-08.27 Craig von Stein 08.28-09.10		Monthly Flower Chairperson Mark Burkholder	Lutheran Chapel On the Air Sundays 11:00 A.M. 1230 on the AM Dial (WCWA)

GREETERS FOR AUGUST

	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE
7	Jim & Jane Smith	Jerry & Betty Burkholder
14	Mark & Kathi Curth	
21	James & Deb Reichley	Joyce Beach & Loretta Jansen
28	Joe & Jean Spaeth	John & Esther Spaeth

NEXT MONTH

7	School Begins
10	Chili Cook-Off

BIRTHDAYS

7	Amiee Ritter
8	Annette Crawford
9	Gary Mitchell
9	Jill Woodward
10	Nicki von Stein
24	Morgan Karhoff
28	Abigail Miles
28	Annika von Stein
31	Jerry Burkholder
31	Wesley Below

ANNIVERSARIES

6	Andrew & Jennifer Boehm
7	Howard & Cheryl von Stein

EMAIL ADDRESSES

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FUND SUMMARY REPORT

DATE: 06.30.2022

	Beginning Balance	Interest Income	Transfer between funds	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Operating	\$ 39,245.65	\$ 20.00 \$ 50,623.32	(\$110.35) \$8631.19	\$ 47,590.02	\$ 50,819.79
Mission Fund	\$ -	\$ 4,654.39	\$ 593.16	\$ 5,247.55	\$ -
Charities Fund	\$ 1,495.31				\$ 1,495.31
Door Collection Fund	\$ -				\$ -
Memorial Fund	\$ 131,785.19				\$ 131,785.19
Cemetery Fund	\$ 13,551.93	int 1.11			\$ 13,553.04
Sunday School Mission	\$ -	\$ 149.50			\$ 149.50
School Children Mission	\$ 103.84	\$ 125.90	\$ 110.00	\$ 340.09	\$ -
Luther Society Fund	\$ 1,408.55				\$ 1,408.55
Love Fund	\$ 1,750.58				\$ 1,750.58
Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,376.59	\$ 40.00			\$ 1,416.59
Tuition Outreach Fund	\$ 11,908.64				\$ 11,908.64
Choir & Handbell Fund	\$ 2,328.68				\$ 2,328.68
Piano, Organ & Keyboard	\$ 263.92				\$ 263.92
Outreach Fund	\$ 6,760.08			\$ 30.00	\$ 6,730.08
Parking Lot Fund	\$ 24,223.86	\$ 300.00			\$ 24,523.86
Church Sanctuary Lighting	\$ 4,438.44				\$ 4,438.44
School Bus Fund	\$ 71,807.15	\$ 1,025.00			\$ 72,832.15
E-Giving Fund	\$ 12,664.92	\$ 9,000.26	\$ (9,224.35)		\$ 12,440.83
Operating Reserve Restricted Fund	\$ 77,248.92 \$ 19,281.56			\$ 4,331.90	\$ 77,248.92 \$ 14,949.66
Total	\$ 421,643.81	\$ 21.11 \$ 65,918.37		\$ 57,539.56	\$ 430,043.73



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RETURN ADDRESS REQUESTED

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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*

August 2022



Memory Gem from God's Treasure

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

When Christ, who is your life, ap-
pears, then you also will appear with
him in glory.
Colossians 3:4

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.*