



# 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

### ***Where can I find God?***

Christmas is a time for searching. People go from one store to another in search of one specific gift. When they finally find that special present, they feel a sense of relief and accomplishment.

What are you looking for this Christmas season? Many of us spend a lot of time looking but not finding. We look for peace in our lives, but the strains of work and stresses of our relationships bring tension and turmoil. We look for understanding about why our lives have taken the direction they have only to be left pondering and wondering. We look for happiness but find only sorrow. We ask the question, "What's life all about?" We wonder, "What have I accomplished?" We are left searching for answers.

All life's questions really boil down to one. Those who have found the answer to this question also have the answers to the question of peace, understanding, and happiness. This question may be asked more at this time of year than at any other. If your life needs meaning, peace, understanding, and happiness, then you need to first ask the big question: "Where can I find God?"

Long ago some ordinary blue-collar workers—some shepherds—were presented with the answer. These shepherds were told that the world's Savior was born in the small town of Bethlehem. Was it true? They went to investigate. And they found God!

"When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger" (Luke 2:15,16).

Where can we find God? The Bible takes us back to Bethlehem, where we join the shepherds in beholding the Son of God who took on our human nature and was born into the world. He came to seek and save all of us who had lost our connection with God. He came to give us the answer for finding God. We find God through him because he is the Savior who has opened the way to life with God.

No more searching. Jesus is the answer for finding God.

## *Inspiration from the Psalms:*

Psalm 118:28-29

*28 You are my  
God, and I will  
give you thanks;  
you are my God,  
and I will exalt  
you. 29 Give  
thanks to the  
LORD, for he  
is good; his love  
endures forever.*



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## WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

### *Call Responses*

*Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran Church,*

This past week I received a call making my position permanent to teach the third and fourth grades. I am humbled to accept this call and am looking forward to the continued work of teaching Jesus's lambs. While this was not a difficult decision, please pray for those who are deliberating between calls, knowing in full confidence that God's ultimate goal of spreading His Word will be accomplished.

United in Christ,

*Heather Kretz*



*Dear members of Trinity Lutheran Church and School,*

On Sunday, October 16, 2022 I was called by your congregation to serve as the 7-8th grade teacher and the church music coordinator. As I deliberate where I can best use the gifts that God has given me I ask for your prayers, not only for myself, but also for the ministries that are faithfully being carried out in Jenera as well as Rapid City.

I look forward to talking with many of you over the next few weeks as I learn more about Trinity. I have full confidence that our Savior will guide this deliberation and continue to bless the work already being done.

In Christ,

Hannah Rothe

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**New hymnal introduced on Thanksgiving Day!** This Thanksgiving Day we will thank God for His goodness that follows us wherever we go. We will use the new Christian Worship hymnal and sing the hymns that have been familiar staples of previous Thanksgiving services and also receive comfort and encouragement from James 1. Come join us for Thanksgiving worship at 9:30 am.

**Midweek Advent Services start November 30:** Do you ever wonder what it was like to be a believer before Jesus came to earth as a child in Bethlehem? We will hear God's promise given to his Old Testament people and study the history behind the promises that God gave to his people. Join us for Midweek Advent Services on November 30 and December 7, as we answer the question: "Where was the Prophecy Foretold?" Choir practice will be after midweek Advent services.

**Preschool Christmas Service:** Under God's blessing, our ministry to our preschool-aged children has grown over the past couple of years. This year our preschool children will tell us about the promises that God has made to you. Join us for our Preschool Christmas Service on December 14 at 7 pm and stay for fellowship afterwards.



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*Continued*

The Fall LWMS Rally of the Ohio Circuit was held on October, 1, 2022, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Findlay, OH. The speaker, Michael Duncan, and his wife Cathy gave a very interesting talk about mission work in Bangladesh and in Detroit. (He replaced our other speakers who both had Covid). Their culture is a social culture. They talk man to man and woman to woman. To do mission work among them, women should talk to women, etc. Many get beat up by other Muslims when they speak to missionaries. The Muslims are descendants of Ishmael. Julie Naus ( recipient of the SOS money) attended her first LWMS Convention this year. She really enjoyed the flag ceremony. One thing that she learned at the convention is that if your church is a member of LWMS, all the women of the church are members. You are all welcome to attend our rallies because Trinity is a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. Please come and be spiritually uplifted by our speakers. Our Mission box selections went to Children's Ministry Outreach for Home Missions and Bangladesh Projects for World Missions. We were reminded to visit our Ohio Circuit's Facebook page, which was set up by Laura Stone, Resurrection. The Spring LWMS Rally will be on April 29, 2023, at Our Savior Strongsville, OH. There will be an election of officers-President, Treasurer, and Pastoral Advisor at that rally. Please consider being an officer in our circuit. The 60th Annual LWMS Convention will be June 22-25, 2023, in La Cross, WI.

## UP-COMING EVENTS:

- Bluffton Parade of Lights– November 26th, Trinity will be hosting a float. Volunteers are needed!!
- Women's Ministry is hosting an Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, December 4 at 6:30 PM.
- Christmas Caroling-Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30.
- Euchre tournament in January.
- Family Game Night-January 15th in the school from 3-7. Supper will be at 5.
- Free Valentine Family Paint event in February on Saturday, February 11th. At 1-2:30. 3-4:30 and if needed 5-6:30. Limit of about 40 people in one session. This is a *family* event– children are welcome!
- Cornhole tournament on Sunday, March 19th at 2:30.
- Easter Egg Hunt and Easter for Kids in April.

**THINGS THAT GO:** Mornings with Mommy meets on Monday and Tuesday, November 7 and 8. (We added an extra session at 11:00 on Monday.) Plan to join us in the church basement to learn about and play with cars, boats, trucks, trains, planes, and more. You and your little ones can make a name train, play with rice and vehicles, try out different textured ramps, and make tire tracks in play-dough. A Jenera fire truck and firefighter will also be coming to visit! Register online at [tlcjenera.org](http://tlcjenera.org) or call 262-391-7994.

**LIMA FOOD BANK:** Women's Ministry is volunteering again at the West Ohio Food Bank in Lima on **Wednesday, November 30** from **1:00-3:00 PM**. We will be packing boxes for seniors or bags for children's backpacks. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to help. We will meet in the church parking lot at 12:20 if you want to drive together. The address is 1380 Kibby St. Lima, OH 45802. Questions? Contact Jenny Boehm 262-391-7994.

**WOULD YOU LIKE** to own a piece of Trinity History? On Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, after second service, you are welcome to take home the red hymnals. If you want more than one, that's ok, too! Join us on Thanksgiving morning as we begin a new era at Trinity when we begin using the new Christian Worship hymnals.



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

**TIGER GEAR!** TLS clothing is being offered for sale again this year. Items available include, men's and women's polos (sizes small to 2XL), long-sleeved t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies in sizes youth to 2XL adult. If you are interested in purchasing, please contact the school office for an order form. Deadline to order is November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**ALSO AVAILABLE:** Short-sleeved T-shirts available for purchase under separate order for \$10 each. All proceeds will off-set the annual 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip. Please contact the school office if you would like to purchase one. Make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran.

### *"I Hear the Bells A'ringing!"*

*We live in an era when many churches have elected to remove their bells due to the expense of maintaining them. Our bells have sadly been silent for most of this year because they too needed serious repair. Thankfully, our council chose to restore them rather than silence them. Let us rejoice that our bells once again ring from the bell tower where they have rung for 133 years!!*

Trinity Lutheran Church is blessed to have 3 bells in our bell tower. All three are made of solid brass. They were cast in Missouri in 1889 and legend has it they were shipped by rail to Rawson and brought by horse and wagon to Jenera. Each bell is tuned to ring in harmony when rung together.

The "Big Bell" is 36 inches high and 48 inches in diameter. Its wheel is six feet in diameter. Trinity trustees can attest to the fact that it's very heavy. Donated by Michael Heldman, it is engraved with the following verse:

"Die Lebenden rufe ich" (I call the living)

"Die Toden Becklage ich" (I mourn the dead)

"Die Feuer Loesche ich" (I extinguish the fire)

The Second Bell was donated by George Henrich Heldman. It's a little smaller at 30 inches high and 36 inches in diameter. (Exuberant bell ringers have actually flipped this one over, which requires a climb up into the bell tower to flip it back.) It is engraved "Ehre SieGott inder Hohe" (Glory to God in the Highest).

A third Heldman, J. Phillip, donated the smallest bell. It rings in at 30 inches high and 31 inches across. It is engraved with "Gott Segne" (God Bless) and "Die Duetesigh Ev. Lutheran Trinitats Gemeinde" (The German Ev. Lutheran Trinity Church).

Did you know there is an entire schedule for ringing the bells? For instance, on Sunday mornings before service, the big bell is rung 20 times (pulls) with the other 2 bells following suit. The second bell is rung during the Lord's Prayer. In the old days, this was done so that the farmers working in the field could stop what they were doing and join in the prayer. The second bell is also rung to summon everyone to Sunday school.

Things get really complicated at midnight on New Year's Eve. The bells aren't rung often any more for this occasion but when they are it's a carefully choreographed and timed process lasting more than twelve minutes.

The big bell is rung when the church is notified of the death of a member. There is a toll bell which is used during funeral services.

And don't forget weddings! The second bell is rung upon the request of the bridal couple.

So, next time you're outside of church, look up and marvel at the work and ingenuity required to raise these bells up to the bell tower. That's a long way up!

# November 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Worship Committee 1:00	<b>2</b> Choir 7:00	<b>3</b> School Chapel 8:20 MLS Recruiter Visit	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Sports Day Beautiful Savior Cincinnati
<b>6</b> Communion  Women's Ministry Progressive Meal 4:30	<b>7</b> Mornings with Mommy 9:30 Faculty Mtg 3:30 Board of Ed 6:00 Elders 7:00	<b>8</b> Mornings with Mommy 9:30	<b>9</b> School Chapel 8:20 3-8 Walleye Game  Choir 7:00	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>  K-8 Sing at Immanuel Outreach Mtg 12:00	<b>14</b> Preschool Playtime 10:00	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> School Chapel 8:20  Choir 7:00	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Communion	<b>21</b> Newsletter Articles Due Mornings with Mommy 9:30  Church Council 7:00	<b>22</b> Mornings with Mommy 9:30 Good Sam 11:00 Parent/Teacher Conferences (evening)	<b>23</b>  NO SCHOOL Choir 7:00	<b>24</b> Thanksgiving Day Service 9:30  NO SCHOOL	<b>25</b>  NO SCHOOL	<b>26</b> Blaze of Lights Parade-Bluffton
<b>27</b> WELS Connection	<b>28</b> Faculty Bible Study 3:30	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> School Chapel 8:20 Midweek Advent Service 7:00 Choir Following the service			
		<b>Sunday Worship</b> 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. Sunday School & Bible Class 9:20 A.M.	<b>Money Counters</b> Warren Pratt 10.23-11.05 James Rausch 11.06-11.19 Mark Boehm 11.20-12.03		<b>Monthly Flower</b> Chairperson Mark Burkholder	<b>Lutheran Chapel</b> On the Air Sundays 11:00 A.M. 1230 on the AM Dial (WCWA)

**GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER**

	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE
6	Ruth Marquart	Richard & Ruth Johnson
13	Joe & Jean Spaeth	Richard & Cheryl Kretz
20	Dwight & Norma Rader	Warren & Marilyn Pratt
24	Tom & Becky Smith	Thanksgiving Day
27	John & Esther Spaeth	Jerry Beagle

**NEXT MONTH**

7	Midweek Advent Service 7:00
14	Midweek Advent Service-Pre-K Christmas Service 7:00
26-30	Christmas Break-NO SCHOOL

**BIRTHDAYS**

2	James Reichley
6	Inara von Stein
8	Daniel Curth
11	Rebecca Mitchell
12	Jane Boehm
12	Jane Smith
18	Adria Below
27	Kathy Miles

**ANNIVERSARIES**

8	James & Kathy Miles
28	Steve & Missy Ritter

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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!)

17 You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” 18 But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.

Deuteronomy 8:17-18a

**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.*