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## Sure and Certain of the Unseen

This year in our monthly articles we are considering favorite verses from the Bible.

This month's favorite Bible verse is: **Hebrews 11:1**

***"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."***

It is amazing that with only a few clicks on a computer, we can dramatically alter photos. Such capabilities have led us to be a bit more wary. We find ourselves saying, "Unless I see it with my own eyes, how can I believe that it hasn't been touched up? I'll believe it when I see it."

Often this cynical attitude can touch our spiritual life. How can I believe that God loves me and knows what is going on in my life considering all troubles and disappointments I have to deal with?

The Bible tells us, "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." How can we be sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see?

Think of a father and child playing the game where the father stands behind the child and tells him to fall backwards. The child, unable to see his father, still trusts that he is there and is certain that his father won't let him hit the ground. The child leans back and falls, fully convinced that his father will keep his word and catch him, because his father has always proved trustworthy.

This is the kind of trust we can have in our heavenly Father. Though we did not see the creation or the crucifixion, though we were not present to witness Jesus rising from the Easter tomb, though we have not heard his actual voice forgiving our sins and promising his return, we believe.

How can we be so sure and certain? Because God's Word is true and trustworthy. Our forgiveness is certain because Jesus did die and rise from the dead. God's love for us today and every day is sure. Every promise our Father has made about our eternal future, he will keep.

Faith is sure and certain of unseen things because it takes God at his word.



# Lost and Found



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

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good. (2 Thessalonians 3:13)*

### Never Tired

We've been there. We've all heard the words from a well meaning person. "You look tired!" We are tempted to fire back with, "I am tired in so many ways, but I appreciate the reminder." Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are tired. Physically, mentally, emotionally - even spiritually. Endless barrages of bad news, seemingly more restrictions, and continued uncertainty pull the rug out from under our plans and strip us of our patience.

Some have dubbed it "COVID brain" - we have more trouble remembering things when our minds are so stuffed full of anxiousness. We are weary. Some may try to put a positive spin on all this and simply call it "a little extra stress." When we are tired, our patience suffers, which can break down other areas of our lives.

Little mistakes that we make, that our children and spouses make - send us over the edge. When yet another sad story shows up on the news, it's easy to burst into tears. Long story short, it might seem as though we're starting to go crazy.

It's easy to get so caught up in how current events affect us and change our lives. It all seems so big and unmanageable that we might forget about others and neglect what God has commanded us to nurture. Yes, God has allowed some crazy events to happen to us. We may relate very well to those fearful disciples on the Sea of Galilee who cried out to their sleeping Lord. But we are not in this alone, just as the disciples were not alone. Not only does God go with us, but he has united us with our brothers and sisters in Christ to strengthen and lift us up.

That's why he encourages us, even in times of strife, to think about how we show love to others. Sin wants us to focus on ourselves. Our sins of selfishness appear together with our fear when our trust in the Lord is absent. But he wants us to turn to him, despite ourselves, and see the salvation that comes from only him. He has already saved us completely. He has already freed us from the debt that we owe him. Nothing that this world huris at us can change that.

Doing good to others is not a self-serving thing. We do not help and love our neighbor with the intention of earning our way to heaven. Christ has already finished that work. Instead, sharing his love with others takes our mind off of ourselves and our problems. It turns our concern to those who may be suffering just as much as we are, if not even worse. Then, it frees us to encourage them by doing good in the name of Christ.

As we go forward this month, let's take the bad news in stride and celebrate the good news (it's there!) Instead of becoming bogged down and wearied, let us keep busy reflecting God's love to others through our actions. Not only will they see that love of God as we do good, but it can lift our eyes off of ourselves to the people God has given us as companions, family, and friends. How can I show the love of God to them? How can I thank God for them? How can I live to gladly help and encourage them? Then, we will all be built up in the continuous mercy that God has shown us - and truly cherish the blessed titles "brothers and sisters in Christ."

Serving our Savior, Jesus Christ,

Pastor Matt Nowak

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### PROVERBS OF SOLOMON

Have you read the book of Proverbs lately? You will find God-breathed wisdom from the wisest man.

"Do not move an ancient boundary stone set up by your forefathers."

Proverbs 22:28

## WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

**WE'RE MOVING!** Help is needed on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00pm, to move unneeded items from the school into storage.

**MIDWEEK SUMMER WORSHIP** continues on Tuesdays, at 7:30 PM. Council has voted to extend these services through the month of September

**TEEN BIBLE CLASS** will begin again on September 13<sup>th</sup> between services. We will be meeting in the Bible Study room in the basement of church.

**WE'R ON FIRE!** The Outreach Committee will be sponsoring a bonfire on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm, in the church stone parking lot. There will be food (S'mores, hotdogs and chips), fun and a movie! Bring your own drinks. And a chair- don't forget a chair! And don't forget to bring a guest!

**SCHOOL-DAY PLAYGROUND MONITORS:** The school is still looking for volunteers to help with lunch time recess. We are looking for volunteers for Mondays and Thursdays from 11:45 to approximately 1:00. If you can help out, please call the office at 419.326.4685 or email [tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org](mailto:tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org).

**MORNINGS WITH MOMMY:** Mornings with Mommy is starting again soon! Our 2020-2021 sessions begin on September 21 & 22. 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. Yes, the program will look different this year, but we will follow the same daily schedule with music, a devotion, flannel stories, books, sensory bins, crafts, and educational toys and activities. Visit the church's website and click on the Mornings with Mommy tab to read more about what to expect this year. You can also pick up a brochure and theme schedule in the church narthex for more information. Registration is required. Register online at [tlcjenera.org](http://tlcjenera.org) Space is very limited this year, so please sign up soon! Questions?—Contact Jenny Boehm (262) 391-7994 or [mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org](mailto:mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org).

**MORNINGS WITH MOMMY DONATIONS:** Can you help us prepare for another year of Mornings with Mommy by donating money or supplies? There is a list of items needed at the back of church. 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!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Mornings with Mommy is looking for volunteers to help with the program. We try to have two volunteers at each session. Volunteers will check temperatures at the door, help with registration, and clean and sanitize toys, tables, and supplies. 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.*

**WELCOME BACK!** Ladies Aid will begin meeting again on Monday, September 14th at 7:30. All ladies of the church are invited to come. We will be continuing our study on prayer. The meetings will take place in the sanctuary. Please wear your masks as required, out of concern for the health and well-being of your neighbor.

**WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? Cont.**

**ATTENTION PARENTS!** In light of current challenges related to classroom gathering, our church is introducing a new approach to Sunday School. Beginning Sunday, September 13, lessons taught by experienced WELS teachers will be available free via YouTube. The engaging and age appropriate Lesson Videos will tie to printed Student Lessons that our church will provide to you. This new approach presents an easy yet meaningful way for you to encourage your child/children's faith in Christ. To access Lesson Videos, visit [nph.net/ss-at-home](http://nph.net/ss-at-home). **Printed Student Lessons for your child/children are available for pick-up in the narthex.** Choose the lesson packet that matches your child/children's grade level. **There are also lesson packets available for three-year old preschoolers in the narthex. There are no online videos that match these lessons; however, you are encouraged to read the lessons together with your three year old and do the suggested activities.** May God bless your child/children as we together continue to share His love.

**COUNCIL ACTIONS**

Outreach Committee reported that they handed out over a 125 ice cream bars at the ice cream social. We had about 150 people at the Ice Cream Social. Outreach is still planning on having a bonfire in September (sign up is available in the back of church) and Trunk-or-Treat on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Pastor Nowak reported on the transfer of Justin and Sara Eternick to Grace Lutheran in Portland, OR. Immanuel Lutheran will have a vicar for the year, Vicar Collin Wenzel. He will teach catechism at Trinity under Pastor Krueger's supervision and also help out with Wednesday morning chapels at Trinity during the school year.

The council granted Pastor Schmitzer a peaceful release from his call as pastor on July 31, 2020. They also decided that Sunday School will continue to take place in home, rather than in person. Teen Bible Class will take place starting on September 13<sup>th</sup> between services. Jamey Rausch and Bob Inniger will lead the Bible Study. It will meet between service in the Bible Class room in the church basement.

The Elders committee recommended that we continue Tuesday night services through the month of September. It will still be at 7:30 pm. That recommendation was approved.

Deacons brought a request to have only 3 deacons serve during Sunday morning services. It was approved.

The Board of Education reported that Gov. DeWine has required all children in grades K-8 to wear masks during the school day. Mornings with Mommy will happen this fall with some restrictions. The council set up a moving date for September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm to move extra tables, chairs, and other items to storage. Because of social distancing, teachers had to remove some items from their rooms this year.

Trustees reported that the school passed its fire inspection. James Miles will store the extra bus during the school year. The floors at school have been waxed.

In new business, the church council is looking at getting a new committee started to evaluate new projects or capital improvements.

The church council decided to postpone choir until further notice, but it did allow for soloists and duets during services. If enough members would be interested in participating, the Handbell choir could begin practicing and functioning again.

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

# September 2020

**August '20**  
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**October '20**  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Communion	31 Labor Day	1 Midweek Worship 7:30	2 Move Items from School to Storage 7:00pm	3	4	5
6 Communion	7	8 1st Day of School Service at 9:00am Midweek Worship 7:30	9 School Chapel 8:20	10 Good Samaritan Bible Study 10:00am	11	12 Soccer 9:00 HOME LWMS Planning at Mansfield 9:00am
13 Children's Lesson Elders' meeting 3:00	14 Circuit Meeting in Kenton 9:00am School Board Meeting 7:00pm	15 Faculty Meeting 3:30 Midweek Worship 7:30	16 School Chapel 8:20	17	18 Wedding Rehearsal	19 Soccer 9:00 MI Shoemaker-Ritter Wedding Outreach Bonfire 7:00 P.M.
20 Communion	21 MWM 9:30 Church Council 7:00	22 Principal conference HVL Midweek Worship 7:30	23 School Chapel 8:20	24 Good Samaritan Bible Study 10:00am	25	26 Soccer 9:00 At St. Stephen, Adrian
27 WELS Connection	28 Newsletter Articles Due 3rd-8th MAP Testing	29 3rd-8th MAP Testing Midweek Worship 7:30	30 School Chapel 8:20 3rd-8th MAP Testing	1	2	3
4	5 Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 9:20 AM	<u>Money Counters</u> James Heldman 08.30 - 09.12 Dennis Marquart 09.13 - 09.26 Gary Mitchell 09.26 - 10.10		<u>Monthly Flower</u> Chairperson Barbara Roidt	<u>Lutheran Chapel</u> on the air Sundays 11:00 AM 1230 AM Dial (WCWA)	

**GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

	<b>Early Service</b>	<b>Late Service</b>
6	Tom & Becky Smith	Gary & Becky Mitchell
13	Dwight & Norma Rader	Richard & Ruth Johnson
20	Richard & Cheryl Kretz	John & Esther Spaeth
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**NEXT MONTH**

6	School Picture Day
8	Teacher In Service- No School
9	No School

**BIRTHDAYS**

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

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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

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## CHURCH OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

(updated February 2020)

\*On Council

(Date indicates end of term)

### ELDERS (6 years)

Robert Inniger\* ('21) (PRES)  
Ray Curth\* ('22)  
Jamey Rausch\* ('23)  
Bill Hull ('24)  
Dan Webb ('25)  
Gordon Nessler ('26)

### UNDERSHEPHERDS

Warren Pratt	Dwight Rader
Gary Mitchell	James Rausch
Mark Boehm	Robert Rausch
David Bower	Steve Rausch
Ron Bower	Rich Johnson
Jerry Burkholder	Joe Spaeth
Jim Heldman	Jim A. Smith
Bill Hull	Jerry Sterling
Clark Inniger	Tyler Smith
Steve Bormuth	Dan Webb
James Miles	Craig von Stein

### NOMINATING COM.

Jamie Siferd (VP, Chm.)  
Bob Rausch  
Nathan Inniger  
Jonathan Inniger  
Josh Breitigam  
Pastor Nowak

### WELS REP. CONTACT MAN

Jamey Rausch

### MEMORIALS

Richard Kretz Jr.

### STEWARDSHIP COM.

Jonathan Beach (council rep.) ('21)  
Gordon Nessler ('21)  
Pastor Nowak

### GREETERS COMMITTEE

Jerry Beagle, Chm.

### DEACONS (4 years)

Ed Amstutz\* ('21)  
Brad Inniger\* ('21)  
Mark Curth\* ('22)  
Richard Kretz Jr.\* ('22)  
David Baumann ('23)  
Derek Morrison ('23)  
Jamey Miles ('24)  
Adam Inniger ('24)

### DELEGATE (2 years)

Wayne Wilch ('22)  
David Bower (alt.)

### CHURCH ACCOUNTANT

Don Schmehl

### AUDITING COMMITTEE

Bruce Ritter (Chm.)  
Steve Ritter  
Tom Smith  
Craig von Stein

### LUTHER SOCIETY ADVISORS (3 years)

Richard & Heather Kretz ('21)  
Need more advisors added

### LADIES AID OFFICERS

Dawn Curth – Pres.  
Ruth Schmitzer – V.P.  
Jane Boehm – Sec.  
Mary Ann Gallant – Treas.

### LWMS REPORTER

Megan Nowak

### WAR BOARD COMMITTEE

Jeff Rettig

### INSURANCE POLICY OVERSEER

Mike Hartman

### SCHOOL BOARD (5 years)

Jonathan Beach\* ('21) (SB SEC & TREAS of Council)  
Jamie Siferd\* ('22) (CHM)  
George Norway\* ('23) (SB TREAS & SEC of Council)  
Gary Mitchell ('24)  
Joshua Breitigam ('25)  
Justin Eternick (Principal)  
Pastor Schmitzer

### TRUSTEES (5 years)

John Weihrauch\* ('21)  
James Heldman\* ('22)  
Dean von Stein\* ('23)  
Nick Stuckey ('24)  
Doug Stahl ('25)

### SCHOLARSHIP

#### BOARD (2 years)

Robert Inniger\* ('21) (Pres)  
Mike Hartman ('22)  
Justin Eternick (Principal)  
Pastor Nowak

### OFFICE EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

David Reddick (Chm.)  
Gordon Nessler  
Don Schmehl

### CEMETERY SEXTON

Steve Bormuth

### LUTHER SOCIETY OFFICERS

Vacant – Pres.  
Ayden Kretz – V. Pres.  
Kendyl Gurney – Secretary  
Jacob Miles – Treasurer

### OFFERING ENVELOPE

#### RECORDERS & FRIENDSHIP REG.

James Reichley  
Clark Inniger

### NEWSPAPER CONTACT

Esther Spaeth

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE COMMITTEE

Alfred & Mary Heldman (Chm.)  
James & Stacy Heldman

BUS DRIVERS

Howard Von Stein  
John Weihrauch  
Mike Woodward (sub)

SCHOOL JANITORS

Richard & Cheryl Kretz Sr.

SCHOOL COMPUTER  
COMMITTEE

David Reddick  
Todd Rossman

CHURCH INT. JANITOR

Dawn Curth

TUITION OUTREACH COMMITTEE

John Spaeth  
Justin Eternick (Principal)  
Jamie Siferd (School Bd)

MONEY COUNTERS

Undershepherd Groups

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

Dan Webb  
Warren Pratt  
Todd Rossman  
John Spaeth  
David Reddick  
Steve Rausch

SLIDE CREATION – Wayne  
Weihrauch, Adam Rettig

CHURCH SIGN LETTER-MAN

Trevor Bower

CHURCH SECRETARY

Janet Weihrauch

HELPING COMMITTEE

Jane Boehm

ADULT CHOIR & HANDBELL  
DIRECTOR

Deb Enderle

FLOWER COMMITTEE

Justine Bower (Chm.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

3 yr. old – Jenny Boehm  
Pre-K-K: Nancy Schmehl  
& Catie Pollock  
1-2: Lauren Siefker  
3-4: Barb Stamper  
5-8: Adam Inniger  
Teen: Pastor Nowak

CHURCH SERVICE RECORDER

Joe Spaeth  
Michael Hummer  
Josh Breitigam  
Ayden Kretz

403b Plan Administrator

Tom Smith

TRINITY WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Dave Reddick

SCHOOL KITCHEN COMMITTEE

Julia Lisanti  
Rebecca Mitchell

CHURCH CLEANING COMMITTEE

Mike & Jill Woodward ('21)  
James & Kathy Miles ('22)  
Doug & Marilyn Stahl ('23)  
Dan & Amy Rettig ('24)

ORGANIST

Harold Weihrauch Jr. (head)  
Linda Baumann

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Jamie Siferd  
Jerry Beagle  
Tom Smith

CHRISTMAS DECORATING  
COMMITTEE

Chad & Connie Mays ('21)  
Matt & Nicki Hartman ('21)  
Todd & Veronica Sherman ('21)  
Jamie Hamlin, Cohen Hamlin

CRADLE ROLL

Sharon Rausch

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Bob & Julie Inniger  
Ron & Jenny Bower ('21)  
Matt & Nikki Hartman ('22)  
Joe & Jean Spaeth ('23)  
Pastor Nowak

WATER TESTER

Dan Webb

ELEVATOR & ALARM

John Weihrauch

EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMITTEE

John & Esther Spaeth  
Jonathan & Cherie Beach  
Derek Welch  
Traci Hummer (Pre-K teacher)  
Justin Eternick (Principal)

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Jerry & Joyce Beagle (chm)  
Joyce Beach  
Carolyn Motter  
Tom & Becky Smith  
Rick & Catie Pollock  
Pastor Nowak

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY  
COMMITTEE

Pastor Nowak  
Wayne & Denise Weihrauch  
Beth Rausch  
Carolyn Motter  
Linda Rausch



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Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class 9:20 AM



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**Memory Gem from God's Treasure**

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

**"I will refresh the weary  
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(Jeremiah 31:25)**