



Lost and Found

February
2022

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

Ever Wonder? Answers to Important Questions

How can God forgive me for all the bad things I've done?

I forgot Valentine's Day! I had no excuse. There were plenty of reminders. My wife asked, "Should we go out to eat or to a movie for Valentine's Day next week?" and "Wouldn't that make a good gift for Valentine's Day?" Still, I forgot Valentine's Day.

That was five years ago. Thankfully, my loving wife has forgiven me for my mistake.

My mistake was relatively minor. But sometimes, we are wronged by others in ways that are very difficult to forgive and impossible to forget. Have you been forsaken by a close friend? Is your connection to parents or children strained? Does your marriage have forbidden subjects, subjects that only reopen old wounds? Forgiveness was offered, but the hurt feelings don't just disappear. To forgive and forget is what you want, but sometimes the hurt is so deep that after forgiving, you still remember.

A friend once told me that every time I hurt or offend anyone, I also offend God. With the strain, my mistakes have placed on other relationships, what hope exists for a good relationship with God? If forgiveness from friends is uncertain, how can I hope for God's forgiveness?

I can have this hope because, thankfully, God thinks differently from the way you and I think. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD" (Isaiah 55:8). The forgiveness won by Jesus' death on the cross is different. "As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:12). "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more" (Jeremiah 31:34). Through Jesus, God forgives, and God forgets!

That is the good news we are reminded of every week when we worship. It is the very best news. We hope you will join us in celebrating God's forgiveness!

*Inspiration
from the
Psalms:*

Psalm

146:5-6

Blessed is he
whose help is
the God of
Jacob, whose
hope is in the
LORD his God,
the Maker of
heaven and
earth, the sea,
and everything
in them— the
LORD, who re-
mains faithful
forever.



WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

CALL UPDATES

Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran Church and School:

I am writing to you to confirm that I have received contact regarding the divine call extended to me, asking me to serve as your third and fourth grade teacher and music director next school year. I am truly humbled by your selection and am thankful for the opportunity and privilege to consider serving Jesus' lambs with you.

During the next few weeks, I will be deliberating my call here at Gethsemane, as well as the call you have extended to me. I look forward to speaking with many of you and learning about the ministry at Trinity. I humbly ask for your prayers as I consider where I might best use my gifts to serve the Lord and His church.

In Christ,
Miss Jennifer Hunt

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ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

Election of Officers

Newly elected officers include: Elder: Jonathan Inniger; Deacons: Todd Rossman, Stephen Krueger; Trustee: Bruce Ritter; School Board: Curtis Siefker. We extend heartfelt thanks to out-going elected officers for their service to Trinity and to their Lord: Trustee: James Heldman; School Board: Jamie Siferd, Deacons: Mark Curth, Richard Kretz Jr, & Elder: Ray Curth.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Nowak reported that six people are taking Bible Information Class. Three more could be added at some point during the year.

Christmas for Kids went well. Easter for Kids is April 9th. Vacation Bible School will be July 18-22.

As we continue to move forward through the next year, we will still offer streaming services online, as well as appointments for private communion with Pastor, should this be desired. With more experience dealing with illness, we will continue to monitor and make any adjustments as deemed necessary by the council. Just know that no matter what your comfort level is, Pastor Nowak is willing to help serve you with God's Word and offer you Holy Communion. In a time when spiritual forces try to divide us, we will work hard to remain united as a family around our Triune God and in sharing what he has done for us as he has revealed it in His Word.

MORNINGS WITH MOMMY REPORT

57 total families have attended Mornings with Mommy this fall and winter. This includes 22 new non-member families. This year seven non-member children who attended Mornings with Mommy are currently enrolled as pre-school students at Trinity.

ELDERS

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Before and after School caring is going great. Open House is scheduled for March 8th. Mr & Mrs. Falck will be here to meet parents and students. Prairie Fire Theater will be on April 22 & 23. Confirmation is May 1st & graduation is May 29th. Enrollment for this year is 35 students in K-8 and 22 in preschool. Projected enrollment for next year is 42 in K-8 and preschool 18-22 in preschool.

TRUSTEES

A new HVAC unit has been installed in the parsonage and work continues on restoration. Church bells will need to be repaired. The big bell and little bell require the most work. They also brought a recommendation from church council to buy a new gasoline bus to replace bus 6. The motion was approved.

OTHER ACTIONS

Gym expansion for storage was discussed. It was moved and approved to look for other quotes about it.

Mrs. Heather Kretz was extended a provisional call to teach 7th & 8th grade, while she works with President Sims to return to a permanent called status.

Worship Committee brought a recommendation to buy and make use of the Christian Worship hymnal. The recommendation was tabled as we look for more information.

For more information, you can read the full Annual Meeting report by requesting a copy from tsoffice@tlcjenera.org.

CURRENT COUNCIL MEMBERS (as of February 1, 2022)

ELDERS	SCHOOL BOARD
Jamey Rausch	George Norway
Bill Hull	Gary Mitchell
Dan Webb	Josh Breitigam
DEACONS	TRUSTEES
Richard Kretz Jr	Dean von Stein
Derek Morrison	Nick Stuckey
Jamey Miles	Doug Stahl

Please be sure to thank these gentlemen for their service to God and our church.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: The Bible study on abortion which was to take place January 24, has been rescheduled for Monday, January 31 at 7:00 PM in the church basement. The Bible study is based on the book PRO (every) LIFE by Pastor Mike Novotny. This study will help you to understand why certain people feel one way and other people feel another, both on the morality and legality of abortion. Most importantly, the Bible study will bring us back to God's Word. After the study, we will be making fleece blankets for the Alpha Pregnancy Center. Mark your calendars for Part 2 of this Bible study scheduled for Monday, February 28 at 7:00 PM.

OFFERING STATEMENTS from 2021 are now available in the church narthex. If you have any questions or problems, please contact Clark Inniger at cdinniger@roadrunner.com or phone 419-306-0127.

NEEDING SOME EXERCISE? The school gym is open weekdays from 7:00 to 8:00p.m. for walking. Please wear clean, dry shoes and enter through the doors by the gym. Also, the gym is open each Sunday afternoon for anyone who wants to play basketball. Doors are open from 2-4:00pm. Children must have an adult with them. Again, clean, dry athletic shoes are requested to keep the beautiful gym floors nice!

DO YOU HAVE A LITTLE ONE who needs some social interaction? Need to get out of the house for a bit? Join us for Mornings with Mommy on the first and third Mondays and Tuesdays of the month, during the school year. All are welcome, infants through preschool. Mornings with Mommy is a Christ-centered, educational program. The cost is \$5 per family, per session. Register on line at tlcjenera.org. The next sessions are February 7th and 8th at 9:30 in the church basement.

PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME: Do your kids need a warm place to get some energy out? Join us for a FREE open gym for all preschool aged children at Trinity Lutheran School on Monday, January 10 from 10:00-11:00 AM. We will have balls to play with, ride-on toys, mats to crawl/roll around on, mini-trampolines, slides, infant toys, and lots of space to run around and play.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL REGISTRATION: It's that time again! Registration has opened for preschool already. Kindergarten through 8th grade will open for current students and potential Immanuel students in mid February. There will be an open house on March 8th. Be on the look out for more information!

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 Communion Catechism 1:00 Sunday School Teachers 3:00	7 Mornings with Mommy 9:30 Faculty Mtg 3:30 Board of Ed 6:00	8 Mornings with Mommy 9:30 Worship Committee 6:00	9 School Chapel 8:20 Choir Practice 7:00 Bible Info Class 7:00	10	11	12 Academic Day Grove City, OH
13 Pre-K to 2nd Sing in 2nd Service Catechism 1:00	14 Pastor Circuit Meeting 9:00 Preschool Playtime 10:00 school gym	15	16 School Chapel 8:20 Choir Practice 7:00 Bible Info Class 7:00	17 Good Samaritan Bible Class 11:00	18	19 Basketball @ HVL 11:00am
20 Communion Catechism 1:00	21 Newsletter Articles Due Mornings with Mommy 9:30 No School Council 7:00 (tentative)	22 Mornings with Mommy 9:30	23 School Chapel 8:20 Choir Practice 7:00 Bible Info Class 7:00	24	25 Basketball HOME vs. Zion, Monroe 5:30pm	26 Basketball @ Beautiful Savior Grove City, OH 10:50am
27 WELS Connection Catechism 1:00	28 Women's Ministry Bible Study 7:00pm in church basement					
		Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. Sunday School & Bible Class 9:20 A.M.	Money Counters Mark Boehm 01.30-02-12 James Miles 02.13-02.26 Clark Inniger 02.27-03.12		Monthly Flower Chairperson	Lutheran Chapel On the Air Sundays 11:00 A.M. 1230 on the AM Dial (WCWA)

GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY

	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE
6	Jim & Jane Smith	Mike & Jill Woodward
13	Mark & Kathi Curth	Bob & Julie Inniger
20	James & Deb Reichley	Mark & Jane Boehm
27	John & Janet Weihrauch	Jerry Beagle

NEXT MONTH

2	Ash Wednesday
8	TLS Open house

BIRTHDAYS

13	Wyatt Stahl
13	Mary Lee von Stein
19	Sarah Brand
27	Andrew Boehm
27	Marjorie Rettig
28	Kimaco Stroub-Krahn

ANNIVERSARIES

10	Ed & Jane Amstutz
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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

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Memory Verse

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

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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.*