



Lost and Found

January
2023

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

CAN GOD HELP ME?

*I'm not satisfied with the way things
are going in my life.*

About this time of the year, millions of people make New Year's resolutions. We make them because there is some area of our lives that we would like to change. We want to stop doing something (overeating, smoking, drinking) and start doing something else (being a better parent, doing a better job at work, living a healthier lifestyle). Can we find satisfaction in keeping our resolutions? Maybe, at least, we can for awhile. Usually, most people end up breaking their resolutions. Then what kind of emotions set in? Frustration: “Oh, I can't believe it is January 5th, and I am already back to my same old unhealthy diet.” Despair: “I am never going to be able to stop doing that (whatever that may be).” Failure: “Why even try? There is no way I will ever be able to do it. I'm a loser.”

There is another problem that causes us to feel a lack of satisfaction and fulfillment in our lives. We can't control things. The storm hits and causes damage to the roof—expensive damage. The interest rates go up and cause that loan to be a little more stressful to pay off. The boss decides that he is going to give the other person the promotion even though you worked harder and did better work. Do we wonder if we can ever find true and lasting satisfaction in this kind of world?

Thank God the answer is a resounding “YES.” In Psalm 107:9, God tells us that “he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.” Here is the catch, but it is a good one. The “good things” God gives us are not the good things we normally are looking for. Certainly, God can give us a good job, the willpower to keep our resolutions, and the good fortune not to have unforeseen accidents come into our lives. However, those things are minor compared to the real “food” that God gives us. God truly satisfies us and gives us fulfillment in life when he shows us, in his Word, that we have a Savior in Jesus.

No job, no relationship, no possession, or no person can give us the satisfaction and fulfillment God offers us in Jesus. In Jesus, we are assured of the forgiveness of our sins. In Jesus, we know that God is our loving Father. In Jesus, we are confident that we will be in heaven one day because of what he has done for us.

Jesus lived and died for you. He has opened heaven to you. Believe in him and find the peace and fulfillment he wants you to have in this life and in the one to come.

*Inspiration
from the
Psalms:*

Psalm 90:2

*Before the
mountains
were born or
you brought
forth the
whole world,
from everlasting
to everlasting
you
are God.*



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WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

CALL RESPONSE

Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran in Jenera:

I am writing to inform you I have received the call the Holy Spirit has led your congregation to extend me. I look forward to gaining an understanding of the duties and responsibilities that are included in this call. I will give this call, and the one I currently hold to St. Paul's, prayerful and careful consideration. I would ask that you keep my wife and I in your prayers, so that a God-pleasing decision may be reached. I will be keeping in touch with you, and I will inform you of my decision in a reasonable time. I welcome anyone from the congregation with input and insights to contact me as well. My contact information is at the bottom of this letter. God's people have the goal of spreading Christ's love to as many hearts and souls as possible. I pray that whichever decision is reached, Trinity and St. Paul's ministry will continue to blossom and grow.

In Christ, Garrett M. Buch

Contact information: • Phone: (920)-973-0910 • Email: gbuch@stpaulslutheran.school

CHURCH COUNCIL approved Trinity Lutheran school to enter the Ohio Ed–Choice program for member and non-member children. More information will be in the Annual Report at the end of January.

THE ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING will be held on January 25th at 7:30pm. Voters – now is your opportunity to have your voices heard! All voters are encouraged to attend. Voters consist of male communicant members who have reached the age of 18. The Lord has called men to be the leaders for the congregational team. More than likely your grandfather and father have served on the Lord's team over the past years. Now is the time for the next generation to show their love for Him by becoming part of the team. God wants you to serve Him. Your service as a voter is wanted and needed by your Lord and your church. If you have anything that needs to be added to the agenda, please get it to the office by Wednesday, January 18th.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS in the church will be taken down on Sunday, January 8th at 2:00 p.m. Please lend a hand if you are able.

OPEN GYM: Looking for a volunteer or volunteers to supervise open gym at the school on Sunday afternoons. Hours would be according to the Volunteer's availability. Please contact the school office at tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org if you are interested in helping out.

THE MONTHLY FLOWER sign-up sheet for the 2023 year is on the bulletin board in the basement. If you want to share your creative side and help to beautify the church, please choose a month. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Burkholder.



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WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? continued

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available by the south entrance. Please do not begin using the new envelopes until January. If you have any questions, please contact Clark Inniger at 419.306.0127 or email cdinniger@roadrunner.com.

CHOIR PRACTICE: There will be NO Choir Practice during the month of January. Practice will resume February 1st at 7:00pm. Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

SHARPEN YOUR GAMING SKILLS! For Family Game Night on January 15th in the school gym from 3-7:00pm. Supper will be served at 5:00. Please bring your favorite games.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT is happening again this year at Trinity on January 21st, 6:30pm. We'll have the home court advantage as we win the championship. All card players are encouraged to sign up on the sheet at the back of church. Go Team!

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE!

~We will once again be opening the gym up for warm winter walking. Also, still looking for a volunteer to oversee open gym on Sunday afternoons.

~There will be a free Valentine Family Paint event hosted by the Outreach committee on February 11th. There will be at least 2 sessions- one at 1:00 and a second at 3:00. The event is limited to 40 people per session. A third session will be added if necessary.

~A cornhole tournament is planned for Sunday, March 19th at 2:30.

~Easter Egg Hunt and Easter for Kids in April.

Watch for more information on these events!

STILL AVAILABLE FOR SALE: We still have Trinity t-shirts available for sale for \$10 each. The proceeds from these sales go toward the 7th and 8th grade class trip in the spring. Get yours today! Contact the school office if you are interested. Can't beat 10 bucks for a t-shirt.

THE TLS COOKBOOK committee is beginning to collect recipes, historical facts & stories, photos, and memories from anyone who has them to share. In addition to being a cookbook, this will also be a 75th anniversary "history book" that honors the rich tradition of our wonderful school and the many people who have contributed to its continued success. You can submit recipes and other items to the box in the narthex, or email them to Megan Nowak at mrsnowak1@gmail.com. If you have multiple items to submit, please collect them in an envelope with your name on it before submitting. Thank you!

WINTER DAYS: SNOWFLAKES, HATS, AND MITTENS: Mornings with Mommy meets Monday, January 2 and Tuesday January 3. Join us in the church basement with your children for all kinds of fun winter activities! Shovel snow, match mittens, make a snowfall painting, throw snowballs, and pull sleds. Find out more information and register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994. Please do sign up for the "waiting list" if a session is listed as full. We usually have several cancellations!

WINTER WEATHER ADVISORIES: In the event of bad weather, please check for the county's road condition levels. A **Level 1** alert- there will be no changes to the church schedule. A **Level 2** advisory- 1st service will be cancelled; Bible classes and Sunday school will be held as normal, beginning at 9:20. **Level 3**- all services will be cancelled- stay home where it's safe!

January 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day Communion 9:30 a.m.	2 Mornings with Mommy 9:30 No School Christmas Vacation	3 Mornings with Mommy 9:30 No School Christmas Vacation	4 School Resumes School Chapel 8:20	5	6	7 Presason Basketball at HVL
8 Children's Lesson Outreach 11:45 Christmas decor. take-down 2:00	9 Preschool Playtime 10:00 school gym Faculty 3:30 Cookbook Comm 6:00 Board of Ed 6:00	10 Good Samaritan Bible Class 10:00 A.M.	11 School Chapel 8:20 Elders 7:00pm	12	13	14 Basketball (HOME) vs St Stephen & Divine Grace 10:00
15 Communion Family Game Night 3-7pm, Supper at 5:00	16 Mornings with Mommy 9:30 NO SCHOOL Council 7:00 Leadership Conf	17 Mornings with Mommy 9:30 Leadership Conf	18 School Chapel 8:20	19	20	21 Basketball (AWAY) St John 10:00 Euchre Tournament at Trinity 6:30pm
22	23 Newsletter Articles Due Faculty Bible Study 3:30	24	25 School Chapel 8:20 Annual Voter's Meeting 7:30	26	27	28 Coed Tournament at Grove City
29 WELS Connection	30	31				
		Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. Sunday School & Bible Class 9:20 A.M.	Money Counters Jonathon Beach 01.01-01.14 Mark Boehm 01.15-01.28 James Miles 01.29-02.11		Monthly Flower Chairperson	Lutheran Chapel On the Air Sundays 11:00 A.M. 1230 on the AM Dial (WCWA)

GREETERS FOR JANUARY

	<i>EARLY SERVICE</i>	<i>LATE SERVICE</i>
1	Tyler & Kathy Smith	Mike & Jill Woodward
8	Jim & Jane Smith	Joyce Beach & Loretta Jansen
15	Mark & Kathi Curth	John & Esther Spaeth
22	James & Deb Reichley	Gary & Rebecca Mitchell
29	Joe & Jean Spaeth	Richard & Ruth Johnson

NEXT MONTH

3	No school- Basketball Tournament at MLS
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BIRTHDAYS

3	Amelia Mitchell
12	Ann Crawford
17	Howard von Stein
28	Cheryl von Stein
29	Jane Amstutz

EMAIL ADDRESSES

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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*

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Memory Gem from God's Treasure

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

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:3-4