

A Short Story that Speaks Volumes for Our Lives

Searching For What Was Lost



Jesus told this parable, "Suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:8-10).

My wife works with a lady who buys her lottery tickets every now and then. One day, a rumor spread that our local grocery store sold a \$100,000 ticket. We both thought, "Are we winners?" How would we spend it? Then I said, "Honey, where's the ticket?" Af-

ter a brief panic, and a 20 minute search of the house, we found it. The ticket was a loser.

When we lose something that we hold to be valuable, we search for it frantically. That's what Jesus described in this short story about a woman searching for a coin that she lost.

Without Jesus you and I are like that lost coin. Our lustful thoughts, hurting words, and loveless deeds – everything we think, say, or do that fails to be perfect – are sins that separate us from God. How frightening to be lost in sin!

Thankfully, though, there is good news! Jesus came "to seek and to save what was lost" (Luke 19:10). God sent Jesus to find us and reconnect us to God. Jesus did that by loving us so much that he paid for all our sins by his death on the cross. That's how much Jesus loves us!

Jesus searches for us and finds us. The angels in heaven rejoice! Jesus comes to us through his Word and takes away our fear by comforting us with the forgiveness of sins. He assures us that he has

made us dearly loved children of God. Through Jesus, heaven is our inheritance.

God loves us so much that he stopped at nothing to find us and save us from eternal separation from him in hell. Through Jesus, we have the gift of eternal life, which is a whole lot more valuable than winning the lottery. How fortunate we are! We will never be lost again when we cling in faith to Jesus, our Savior.

Come and share with us the love of Jesus. Like heaven's angels, we can rejoice over all that Jesus did to find us and give us life with God.

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Outreach Newsletter*

Join us for worship on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. or on Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Meet our New Teachers!



Mrs. Falck is our new K4 teacher.

She writes: In 1979, I was born in Two Rivers, WI. I grew up in a family of 7 with 2 brothers and 2 sisters. With the exception of kindergarten, I attended parochial school my whole life — St. John's, Maribel for 1-8, Manitowoc Lutheran for high school and Martin Luther College where I received my bachelors in teaching and music.

After getting married in April of 2003, I moved to the Milwaukee area and received a call to Pilgrim in Menomonee Falls and taught there for 5 years before receiving the call to teach at St. John's, Milwaukee.

Some of my favorite things are spending time with our family and friends, reading, camping, music, and riding our motorcycles.

Mrs. Powers is our new Extended Learning Director.

Mrs. Powers writes: I was born in Chicago and was raised in Denver, CO. Go Broncos! After attending Nebraska Lutheran High School and Doctor Martin Luther College, I began teaching kindergarten and special education in Norfolk, Nebraska. Six years later I took a call to Manitowoc, WI to teach special

education and just about every other grade depending on the year!

While teaching in Manitowoc I was engaged and married Jeff, my long time friend from college. My husband and I moved to Muskego. I taught fifth grade in Kenosha, WI and Jeff continued to work as a financial advisor and mortgage broker.

We were blessed with Grace Kelly Powers in May of that year and I took a call closer to home at St. Jacobi. I am now very excited to serve here at St. John's and ask that the Lord bless our work together.

We thank the Lord for leading Mrs. Falck and Mrs. Powers to our school and congregation. We pray that the Lord will richly bless their ministries here!

Update on our Welcome Center

- ✦ Existing church doors will be fixed the week of September 7-13.
- ✦ The foundation for our welcome center is completed.
- ✦ Underground plumbing will be started next, followed by the structural steel work.
- ✦ September 22 is the possible construction starting date to create the tie-in from our church to the welcome center. The organ will be covered during this construction phase.
- ✦ The future Bible study area will now have windows and doors instead of nana doors (accordion type doors).

- ✦ The Building Committee will meet again on September 10 to discuss the interior appointments for the building. This includes outlet locations, audio-visual, electrical fixtures, furniture, etc.
- ✦ Flooring finishes will also be discussed at our next meeting.
- ✦ Some type of shade will be added to the welcome center windows to help with snow glare in the winter.

A representative of the Building Committee is meeting weekly with Catalyst Construction to discuss our construction progress. This includes addressing any issues that may have

an impact on the construction of our building, problems with contractors and making sure that we are following the timetable for completion of our welcoming center.



Thank You from Pastor Schulz

On June 29, 2008, we had a wonderful service thanking the Lord for Pastor Schulz's 40 years in the pastoral ministry. Following the service many members and friends joined the Schulz family for a great meal and festivities at Klemmer's Banquet Center.

Shortly after the celebration, Pastor Schulz wrote the following to our congregation. It was included in Notes & News in our service folders. I've reprinted it below in case you didn't get an opportunity to read it in church.

Pastor Schulz writes:

Thank you! "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever" Psalm 118:1.

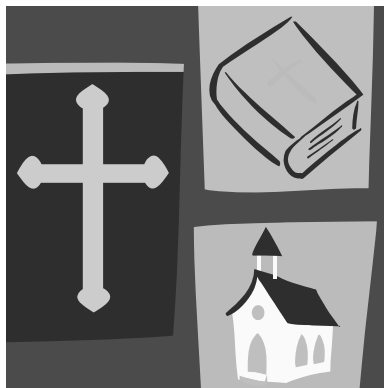
School News

Our new school year kicked off on Wednesday, September 3, with an opening chapel service in church. We have a total of 116 students enrolled in grades K4 through 8. Of those, 34 are full-time Choice students and one is a half-time Choice student.

The Lord has blessed us with quite a few more Choice students than we were anticipating this year. What a privilege to be able to share a great education and, especially, God's life-giving Word, with children who otherwise might not be able to attend our Lutheran elementary school!

The Lord has also blessed us with two new teachers: Mrs. Kari Falck and Mrs. Daniell Powers. Please see the previous page for more in-

Karen joins me in thanking St. John's for the wonderful 40th Anniversary Celebration. Sunday, June 29, was a day for celebrating God's



grace and giving glory to God—the special service and video, followed by the fellowship, meal and program at Klemmer's.



This year we needed to bring on a additional part-time person to help Mrs. Falck on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays because of the size of our K4 class.

After teaching K4 in the mornings, Mrs. Falck is also teaching our 5th grades students math and reading in

Thank you to St. John's and to everyone for your beautiful cards, kind words and generous gifts! We recognize all these things as fruits of your faith in Christ Jesus.

Special thanks to St. John's Fellowship Committee, Pastor Goldschmidt, Pastor Lichtenberg, Mr. Hirschmann and the Senior Choir.

What a joy and privilege to celebrate 40 years to the glory of God! God bless and keep you in his loving care!

With joy in serving Jesus and you,
Pastor Schulz

the afternoons.

This year we also went to a full-day K5 program. For years we've had requests for an all-day kindergarten. We finally decided to make the move as the vast majority of our parents were requesting it. Over the years we had also lost a number of students because we didn't provide this service.

Please keep Mrs. Wilsmann in your prayers. We asked her to take on a full-day K5 at the last minute, and she graciously said she would gladly do it.

Please also pray for all of our teachers, students, and parents that the Lord will bless them and keep them in this new year.



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An Update on Your Pastors' Families.

On September 8 Pastor Schulz had the privilege of preaching for the installation of his son, Pastor Marcus Schulz, at Emanuel Lutheran Church in New London. He will serve as one of the pastors at our synod's largest congregation (over 3,000 members!).

Another of his sons, Pastor Paul Schulz, recently accepted the call to serve as pastor at Living Hope Lutheran Church in Peoria, Illinois. Pastor Schulz also had the privilege of preaching for Paul's installation this summer.

Pastor and Karen's other son, Jeff, resides in Greeley, Colorado, where he is a senior esti-

mator for Hensel Phelps Construction Company.

All three of Pastor and Karen's sons are married with children. Now that two of their sons are fairly close by, they can visit with their children and grandchildren more often.

Pastor Goldschmidt and Beth now have three children in college out east. James is a senior at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Katherine (Katie) is a sophomore at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and Ellen is a freshman at Harvard. Thankfully these Ivy League schools offer a great deal of financial aid!

As of now, James is hoping to apply to law schools this year. Katie is in the nursing program. Ellen is planning to study languages, primarily Arabic.

James and Ellen attend Pine-wood Lutheran in Burlington, MA (an Evangelical Lutheran Synod congregation with which the WELS in fellowship) and Katie attends Peace Lutheran, a WELS congregation in King of Prussia, PA.

Pastor and Beth's two other children are still at home. Anne is a junior at Whitnall High School and Sarah is in 6th grade at St. John's.