April 2026

Dear Friends,

Christ, the Lord, is risen from the dead! Alleluia!!

The cross, while normally a symbol of shame and defeat and death, is now the very instrument that unites us with heaven and with one another, as we have been baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, saved for good works toward others which God has prepared for us to do.

The empty tomb serves as a reminder that, through Jesus Christ, we are more than conquerors over death. For we have already died and now our lives are hidden with Christ in God. Not even death can change that!

Good Friday comes for sure. But Easter is right on its heels. The whole Passion event has rescued us from the power of sin, the power of death, and the power of the devil. For nothing is impossible with God! Rejoice!!

I pray that you and your loved ones and friends all have a very Happy and Joyous Easter!

Pastor Hoag

OUR ONGOING PRAYER LIST:
Fred and Midge Meents, Lydia Friedrich, Sharon Buell, Randy Varju, Carol Wasilewski, Maria Buck, John Marsh, Mark Lord, Barb Lavaggi, Rudy Bozac, Andy Verchimak, Debbie Stapleton, Daniel and Susan Willenborg, Chuck Peters, Tom Kaun, Karen Dickson, Les Koenig, Bob and Debbie Look, Linda Wilkinson, Christine Stark, David Hubrich, Tom Friant, Richard Ricketts, Mike Stawicki, Paul (acquaintance of Lori Hilger), Gerald Boyce, Kathy Fandl and Cindy, Wayne (Pat Fuerst brother), Dave Ziebell, Jennifer Lipinski, Heinz Sewing, Daryl Economous, Rilo Sandahl and Marilyn Odle

APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER: President's Message

As we gather to celebrate Easter, we are reminded that this sacred day is the very heart of our faith – a joyful proclamation of hope, renewal, and the promise of new life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter calls us, as a congregation, to come together in unity and gratitude, to reflect on the depths of God's love, and to rejoice in the victory of light over darkness. It is not only a celebration of what was accomplished long ago, but a living invitation for each of us to embrace grace, extend compassion, and renew our commitment to serving one another and our wider community. In this season of rebirth, may our church family be strengthened in faith, uplifted in spirit, and inspired to carry the message of hope into the world.

Please check our calendar for a list of times for our Holy Week services. This also includes the Community Cross Walk on Good Friday. If you have never participated in this remarkable event, consider joining us this year. On Easter Sunday, we will have our annual Easter breakfast after the 7:00am service. Please sign up indicating the number of people as well as what you will be bringing to this delectable feast.
Thursday May 7th is the National Day of Prayer. Trinity will participate with a 7:00pm service. Included in your bulletins was a survey asking about your preferences for church service times. As there wasn't an area for you to submit any comments, please feel free to email Pastor Hoag and myself with any questions, comments, or thoughts you may have. Your input is vital as we want to do what will best fit with the congregation's needs.

Dan Wheeler: wheeler.dan454@gmail.com
Pastor Hoag: douglashoag@gmail.com

We were very fortunate to have had Bishop Jeffrey Miskus with us and to experience his profound oration of Jesus's Sermon on the Mount. He did an amazing job with his engaging retelling of this important message from Jesus. I'm glad that there were so many congregants here to appreciate this event.

Our New Members Sunday celebration was a great way to welcome in those who have joined our Trinity family. As a church, we are looking to grow our congregation. Pastor holds adult education classes as well as our junior high confirmation classes for those who would like to join our church family. Did you know that we have more than 300 members? I would love to get these members here to worship with us and be an active part of all the wonderful things that Trinity has to offer! If you have any ideas on how to engage the community and help our church grow, I would love to hear your suggestions. Please invite your children's friends to join us for Sunday School and for worship. Engaging these children is paramount in fostering a future serving God.

We do have a significant number of home bound and shut in members who have difficulty coming to our church services physically. Staying in touch with them and letting them know that they are not forgotten is paramount in our mission. Please consider calling them or sending a card or letter. For names, addresses, and phone numbers, please contact our secretary, Jennifer. We also want you to be aware of our Church Prayer Chain.

Anyone in need of prayer or who would like to be a part of this family, please contact Beth Parker. I also want to mention our high caliber preschool. Their mission to keep religion as a basic and fundamental priority is a tenet of our foundation.

We are still searching for our next choir director. If you know of anyone who is qualified and interested, please have them get in touch with Jennifer, the church secretary. We are also looking for individuals who would like to serve as ushers. If you are interested in serving in a slightly larger capacity, we do have two vacant Church Council positions that need to be filled. We are in need of a Director of Spiritual Life as well as Director of Property (this is a shared position).

Sincerely,
Dan Wheeler

-MAUNDY THURSDAY: 04/02/26 7:00pm SERVICE
-GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE: 04/03/27 7:00pm SERVICE
***COMMUNITY CROSS WALK: 04/04/26**
STARTS AT 10:00am at ST. JUDE ENDS AT 12:00pm at TRINITY LUTHERAN*
-HOLY SATURDAY: 04/04/26 5:00pm SERVICE
-EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES - 7:00AM & 10:30AM SERVICES 04/05/26
-EASTER BREAKFAST: After 7:00am Service 04/05/26

***** OUR CHURCH CHOIR IS LOOKING FOR A NEW DIRECTOR *****
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, OR YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED PLEASE REQUEST A DISCRIPTION OF THE DUTIES
or
for more information about the Choir OR if you would like to join, please contact Jennifer at tlcsecretary508@gmail.com

***** PLEASE KEEP THIS IN MIND – IT BENEFITS BOTH YOU, AS WELL AS OUR CHURCH *****
BUY RAISERIGHT GIFT CARDS
Do you go to Starbucks, shop at Target or Jewel, etc.? Then consider ordering gift cards not only to give as gifts but to spend as you shop. It costs you only the face value of the gift card, and the proceeds benefit our youth group. It's a win, win!
A full list of participating stores along with order forms are located outside of the Pastor's office, or you can learn more at www.raiseright.com.
Any questions can be directed to Angie at minett411@yahoo.com or 815-228-4902.
The Next RaiseRight Order Deadline Dates: = SUNDAY APRIL 5th
Payment is due when you order. Cards will be ready to pick up the following week.
Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our efforts!
Your generosity is greatly appreciated!
Our Enrollment Code: 4A178L34485L4

***** Church Nursery Available! *****
Did you know our church now has a nursery available during the 9:00 AM Sunday service?
***** This Extends the Entire Year *****
Children aged 0 to 3 are welcome to come to the nursery downstairs by the Sunday School rooms for all, or a portion of the service.
Everyone is welcome to come down and see our new classroom and meet the caregivers.

If you would be interested in being a Lay Reader (meaning you will read the "First Reading", and the "Second Reading (Epistle)") please talk with Pastor Hoag

If anyone donates regularly and would like an envelope so their giving can be tracked, please feel free to reach Jacob Sheffer at 815-263-8968
He would be happy to provide a list of available envelope numbers

SUGGESTION BOX RESPONSE(S):

Hello All, we are doing something a little different this year. We would like to open lines of communication. Instead of the Suggestion Box, please take a moment to approach Pastor Hoag or I with any questions you might have. This could be in person, via email, or a phone call. I have two Suggestions that I am still working on the answers for, and I will place them in the Newsletter as soon as I have them. Thank You!

CHURCH ROOM USAGE: Members of Trinity Lutheran Church can make use of a room in the church if needed. We do require a $100 deposit to hold the room. The deposit will be returned to you after the room has been inspected by our property committee. If cleanup is needed, we will keep the deposit. For more information contact Jennifer at tlcsecretary508@gmail.com

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Pastor Hoag and members of the Church Council want to remind you that they will never use online methods to solicit money or gift cards out of the blue.
If you ever receive a text, email, or social media message asking you to purchase gift cards or to send money, ignore and delete the message and contact Pastor Hoag

TWO Large Print Hymnals are available! These can be found on the table in the Narthex near the bulletins and must always be returned after the service.

Hearing Devices are available for anyone who is hearing impaired. Please ask Pastor or an Usher for help.

Sewing Kit in the church secretary's office if ever needed – Please Help Yourself.

Bible Study: …
-Wednesday 8:30am
-Thursday 7:00pm

Did You Know Pastor Hoag is a Rock Star!!!
Come See the Band "Side Effects!" on the Following Dates and Locations:
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TRINITY FREE LIBRARY: Need a Book. Take a Book. Bring One Here for Others to Share. We have several locations within the Church that have books that can be borrowed. We have the library box right outside our parking lot doors - these books are for children and adults. We also have a library in the corner downstairs for children. ENJOY!

Gentle Reminder for Everyone: donations to the church can be made to the church directly, or online at –
-Our Website: www.trinitynewlenox.org
-Our Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/TrinityNewLenox/

IMPORTANT KITCHEN INFORMATION: To alleviate the accumulation of food and drinks in the kitchen refrigerator/freezer, instructions will be posted. Following an event, if there is leftover food and there is not an event where it could be used in the immediate future, please take it with you. If you would like it used at a future event, please contact the people hosting so they are aware it is there. Labels will be available to date and identify who items belong to. Thank you for your help in this matter!

2026 we will be reading through the Bible again this year!
Contact Michelle Buell for details or for help connected with us! (815) 909-6366

EACH ONE REACH ONE: We have several shut-ins, or members in need of support or encouragement, here at Trinity. If you are interested in doing your heart and their heart some good by reaching out to them just to say "Hello", please talk with or email Jennifer (the Church Secretary tlcsecretary508@gmail.com) for a list of names.

Contribution Statements for income tax purposes are available for members using the offering envelopes. If you have not received a statement in previous years and would like to request one, please contact the church secretary or Jacob Sheffer jmsheffer62@gmail.com. If you received a statement in the past, you are on the list to automatically receive one each year.

"MEALS FOR MEMBERS": What this is: from time to time, some of our members find themselves in the position of needing a little assistance with meals. Whether it be an illness, welcoming a child, an injury, or so on. What we would ask our members is to help provide a meal and deliver it to the person in need. There is a sign-up sheet on the table for anyone willing to provide a meal when the time arises. You can also contact Suzy Kambic via Text @ 815.735.8657 (or you can contact Jennifer at tlcsecretary508@gmail.com if needed.)

YOUR 2026 CHURCH COUNCIL:

President:
-Dan Wheeler
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-Christina Kipper

Member News!!!

2025 Baptisms:
- Vonn Orn Johnson (January 5th, 2025)
- Owen Miller Ronan (March 1st, 2025)
- Rose Everly Ryan (March 30th, 2025)
- Bridgette Anne Bechtold (June 8th, 2025)
- Viktor Alexander Varju (July 6th, 2025)
- Francesca Lynn Okrzesil (July 20th, 2025)
- Flora Lee Vogt (October 5th, 2025)
- Oakley Steven Hayes (November 2nd, 2025)

2026 Baptisms:
- Briar Lynn White (February 1st, 2026)
- Ellie Nicole McKenzie (March 1st, 2026)
- Allison Therese Sweeney (March 7th 2026)
- Elliot William Sweeney (March 7th 2026)
- Olliver Edward Sweeney (March 7th 2026)
- Spencer Ray Payne (March 11th, 2026)
- Edward Dwight Payne (March 11th, 2026)
- Griffin James Puttkammer (March 15th, 2026)
- Margot Lee Myers (March 21st, 2026)
- Jenson James Myers (March 21st, 2026)
- Maizie Scott Lee Myers (March 21st, 2026)
- Sophie Marie O'Sullivan (March 22nd, 2026
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2025 Weddings:
-Steven and Maryssa Rock

2026 Weddings:
- **Mr. & Mrs. Bennet Nisbet**

Chancel Guild News!

Attention Ladies of Trinity - Our meetings are at 9 a.m. the first Saturday of January, March, April, May, September, October, November, and December. Ladies of TLC please consider joining our awesome Chancel Guild. For more information, please contact Jennifer Mudrock, Wendy Kaun, Denise Buchanan, or Kay Purnell.

Chancel Schedule for April:

April 2nd *Maundy Thursday* – Jennifer Mudrock and Wendy Kaun
April 3rd *Good Friday*– No Worker Needed
April 4th
-Easter Flower Set-Up 9:00am
-*Easter Vigil* 5:00pm – Denise Buchanan
April 5th *Easter Sunday*
7:00am - Jennifer Mudrock and Debbie Crawford
10:30am - Denise Buchanan and Kay Purnell
April 11-12 – Kay Purnell and Wendy Kaun
April 18-19 - Wendy Kaun and Allene Backmann
April 25-26 - Allene Backmann and Sharon McFarlane

ALTAR FLOWERS - Chancel Guild Members would like to thank those of you who sponsored a weekend this last year. We appreciate your support in helping us keep fresh flowers on the altar. **A new 2026 Altar Flower Calendar has been posted**. You can find it in the glass case hanging on the wall across the old general office. If you would like to reserve a Sunday in 2026 in Memory of a Loved One, to Commemorate a Birthday or Wedding Anniversary, in Thanksgiving of God's Blessings, or for any other special occasion, please fill out a sponsor order form and put it in the Chancel Guild Mailbox along with payment. The forms are located on a hook attached to the case housing the calendar. Please check the calendar for availability. If you have any questions, contact Kay Purnell at purnellk51@hotmail.com or (815) 485-9017.

April Altar Flower Sponsors:

April 4-5 — Judy Niemann-VanderVeen
In Memory of Edward VanderVeen

April 11-12 — Jason & Jennifer Kojro-Badziak
In Honor of their son Jakob's 10th Birthday on 04/13/26

April 18-19 — Dawn & Dan Wojnarowski
In Memory of Dawn's Mother

April 25-26 — Allene & Kim Bachmann
In Loving Memory of Allene's daughter, Sheri Sievert

Social Ministry Announcements:

Coffee Hours: Coffee Hours are hosted every Sunday after the 9:00 service. Additional Coffee Hour Hosts are always needed. If you would like to help, please contact Jennifer in the Office at tlcsecretary508@gmail.com or Jan Toepke at toepkej@gmail.com.

Coffee Hour Schedule: (coffee hours will continue during the summer following the 9:00 service)

April: 5th Easter - No Coffee Hour, 12th Christina Kipper and Liz Benedict, 19th Nicole Black, 26th Sandy Peters

May: 3rd Christina Kipper and Liz Benedict, 10th Sharon Lorenz, 17th Kay Purnell, 24th Sandy Peters, 31st Jacob Sheffer

June: 7th Sharon Lorenz, 14th Christina Kipper and Liz Benedict, 21st Kay Purnell, 28th Sandy Peters

Thank you to all of our Coffee Hosts who have been doing a wonderful job of providing coffee and sweets for the fellowship following the 9:00 services.

We are looking for one or two additional people who can fill in when we have a vacant Sunday (usually when there are 5 Sundays in the month) or if someone who is scheduled needs to cancel. Please contact the church office if you are able to help out.

Social Ministry Meeting: Have you been looking for a way to become more involved in our congregation? Consider becoming part of the Social Ministry Team. Meetings are on the second MONDAY of the month at 7:00pm. Social Ministry plans and hosts activities to promote fellowship within the congregation and service to our community. Come find out what we are all about on **Monday, April 14th at 7:00pm** at the Church.

Food and Fellowship: will be on **Tuesday, April 15th at 12:00pm**. Consider adding this event to your calendar. Lunch and games are on the agenda! Join us for a fun afternoon. Sign-up Sheet is on the table.

Trinity Preschool News:

*****REGISTRATION FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL IS OPEN *****
Please Tell Your Friends and Neighbors

***** Tuition Rates will be increasing for the 2026-27 school year – Please See Below *****

There is a non-refundable registration fee of $80.00 per student (effective 04/01/26). The school year begins September 2026.

Preschool classes will only be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays this year. Students have the option to attend:

Hours of Operation - 9:00am-11:30am

-3 Days a Week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
or
-2 Days a Week on Monday and Wednesday, Monday and Friday, or Wednesday and Friday

-2 Day, 3-Year-Old - $140.00
-3 Day, 4-Year-Old - $175.00

Children must be 3 or 4 by September 1, 2026.

For additional information, please call Trinity Lutheran Church at 815.485.697 or email tlcsecretary508@gmail.com

PRESCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS will be the Second Mondays of the Month at 6:00pm

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Sunday School News:

"Come join us for a new Sunday School Adventure as we learn how to become "Fishers of Men"!

The Sunday School is collecting non-perishable food, and monies, to donate to our New Lenox Food Pantry indefinitely. This is to help those around us during these challenging times. Please bring canned goods and dry boxed items. To see items most needed by New Lenox Township Food Pantry, please visit their website (www.newlenox.org), or Facebook. A donation box is located downstairs by the Sunday School rooms, and upstairs by the library. They have also mentioned to us that they can do the most to help with financial donations – you can donate directly on their website or add an envelope with a note in our offering basket. Thank You!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENT CALANDER

April

- April 5th-Easter No Sunday School
- April 17th - Gym night 5-7 Frozen Pizzas
- April 29th - Opening in church

May

- May 17th-Opening in church
  Last Day of Sunday School-Church Picnic

TLC Youth Group is for 7th - 12th GRADE ONLY

We meet once a month for various fun and engaging activities.
Youth Group is a great opportunity to meet new friends, form meaningful relationships and make lasting memories.

We do have an instagram page for all things TLC Youth Group…follow us at tlcyg_nl

TLC Youth Group … Next Gathering:
Let's give it one more try!
We will be heading to Family Fun Zone for roller skating.
Please meet at church on Sunday, April 26th at 2:30pm.
We'll get ice cream after.

OUTREACH UPDATES:

-PLEASE CONSIDER VISITING OR SENDING A LETTER/CARD TO OUR SHUT-IN'S. FOR NAMES AND ADDRESSES CONTACT Jennifer at tlcsecretary508@gmail.com

"COME HOME TO JESUS SUNDAY": SUNDAY 10/25/26 (ONLY ONE SERVICE AT 9:00am)

OUTREACH FLYERS: Lutheran Hour Ministries PROJECT CONNECT can be found on the shelves outside of the Narthex –
-Some of the following **Project Connect** booklets are available as audio files, in addition to their standard PDF readable formats. https://www.lhm.org/projectconnect/booklets.asp
-A MATTER OF TIME (taking control of your life)
-COMEBACKS (how to get back up after life knocks you down)
-CONTENTMENT (five practices for a more content life – no matter who you are)
-EVERYONE IS A GIFT (letting God transform how you see people)
-FORGIVNESS IS A CHOICE
-GRIEF (where sadness and hope meet)
-HOW TO TALK ABOUT YOUR FAITH (an introduction to the spiritual conversation curve)
-JOURNEY THROUGH ADDICTION
- JOURNEY THROUGH ANXIETY
-JOURNEY THROUGH THE RAT RACE
-LOVE THY NEIGHBORHOOD (rediscovering the power of sharing the gospel with our deeds)
-PRAYER (when you don't know what to say)
-REGRETS, REALITY, RESTORATION
-SETTING PRIORITIES (previously titled: "Too Much to Do – Too Little Time"
-THE BIBLE (what? when? why?)
-WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DIE?
-WHO IS JESUS?
-WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN? (courage during difficult times)
-WHY DID JESUS DIE?
-YOUR PLACE IN GODS PLAN (previously titled: "And the Lord Appointed You")

Trinity Lutheran Church
Usher Sunday Schedule Winter 2026

1st Sunday			
9:AM	Virgil Switzer	331 588 4264	virgilswitzer66@gmail.com
	Biff Aiken	815 954 0682	biffdebaiken@gmail.com
*10:30AM	Brett Carr	815 370 6651	brettdcarr@gmail.com
	Paul Krol	815 575 1315	p.krol@sbcglobal.net
2nd Sunday			
*9:AM	Edward A. Tatro**	815 485 5760	etatro4@aol.com
	Tim King	815 463 0415	tim.king1@comcast.net
10:30AM	Tom Buell	815 483 9212	tombuell3769@gmail.com
	Bob Blecke	815 353 7561	robert.blecke@yahoo.com
3rd Sunday			
9:AM	Mike Gardner	815 485 9623	mgardner1453@gmail.com
	Gary Purnell	815 485 9017	gpurnell3@hotmail.com
*10:30AM	Cameron Hoag	779 279 4223	cam.hoag21@gmail.com
	Dana Knodel	708 822 2902	knodel.dana@yahoo.com
4th Sunday			
*9: AM	Steve Tomany	815 485 3163	sltomany@gmail.com
	Randy Varju	815 485 7204	randy.varju@aah.org (Cell 815-685-1363)
10:30AM	Phil McFarlane	815 806 1219	philmacp40@comcast.net
	John Buell	815 756 0194	jbuell7528@gmail.com.
5th Sunday			
9:AM	Scott Benedict	815 953 8105	maxem02@yahoo.com
	Jeff Lorenz	815 463 0833	jlorenz2367@gmail.com
10:30AM	Paul Krol	815 575 1315	p.krol@sbcglobal.net
	Diane Sewing**	815 592 3911	dianesewing@hotmail.com

Alternates:

Zack Horn	630 664 9224	zachary.horn@gmail.com
Dan Wheeler	815 483 6172	wheeler.dan454@gmail.com
Craig Black	815 278 0330	cbnb33@sbcglobal.net
Jake Sheffer	815 263 8968	jm.sheffer62@gmail.com
Rex Toepke	815 485 2638	rtoepke@usa.net

*Communion.
Members who have an interest in serving the Lord and our congregation as an usher, helping to assist with the sanctity of our services, should contact Ed Tatro or Diane Sewing. {noted above**}

Church Member Skills: HELP SUPPORT OUR MEMBERS

-Accounting, Tax Preparation, Business Validations – Tamara L. Doerrer
Certified Public Accountant
Email: doerrercpa@gmail.com
Phone: 815.263.8800

-Amway – Nikki Switzer
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Email: tremere09@gmail.com
Phone: 815.690.3782

-Account Manager with Evertree Insurance – Timothy Gappa
www.evertree.co
Email: tim.gappa@evertree.co
Phone: 815.464.8800

-Beauty/Cosmetics Services with Mary Kay - Joanne Gardner
Mary Kay Senior Sales Director
Office: 815-485-6675
Cell/Text: 815-922-9623
Email: joanne.gardner@comcast.net
Website: www.marykay.com/joannegardner

-Clear View Renovation – Dana Knodel
Interior Remodeling of Bathrooms, Kitchens, Basements (no outside work)
708.822.2902
knodel.dana@yahoo.com

-Financial Advisor with Thrivent - Kimberly Burbank
connect.thrivent.com/kimberly-burbank
Email: kimberly.burbank@thrivent.com
Phone: 708.770.4311
Text: 708.564.3971

-Jans Specialty Cakes – Decorated Cakes, Cookies, Cupcakes - Jan Toepke
Phone: 815.485.2638
Email: toepkej@gmail.com

-Knitting and Crochet - Nikki Switzer
www.amway.com/myshop/nikkiswitzer
Email: tremere09@gmail.com
Phone: 815.690.3782

-Coach for: Lifeonaires - Suzy Kambic
Lifeonaire: An Uncommon Approach to Wealth, Success, and Prosperity
real wealth is about living a life that's in harmony with my faith, family, and community
Lifeonaire provides perspective on life choices
https://lifeonaire.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Lifeonaire-Vision-Worksheet.pdf

-Seamstress - Specialize in Bridal/Formal Alterations - Barbara Adochio
Phone: 815-545-5029
416 Root Street New Lenox, IL 60451

-"Side Effects!" (Pastor Hoag's Band) – to book gigs for events contact: - Dan Bay
Phone: 815-671-9709

LCC Disaster Response Ministry

LCC Disaster Response deploys, coordinates and manages volunteer teams as they respond to disasters throughout the United States and beyond. LCC trains volunteer Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) through our LCMS congregations in many areas of disaster response.
Approximately 850 active LCC volunteers have been certified in basic LERT training. Many have gone on to certify in additional training such as chainsaw, heavy equipment, debris removal, flood recovery with pumps, mucking homes and how to provide emotion and spiritual care. LERT volunteers can prepare, cook and serve meals to volunteers and affected communities while deployed. For LERT volunteers, disaster response is an essential relief and outreach ministry.
In the chaos of disaster, it's important to stay focused on the task at hand. LCMS Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) training will help you focus on the most important thing to remember as you prepare for or to respond to a disaster in your community or beyond. At the center of our LERT volunteer training is one thing: **MERCY!** Christ's mercy is the basis for everything we say and do. This training event will equip you to be an effective volunteer should a disaster strike your community. After a brief introduction regarding the goals and theological rationale of LCMS Disaster Response, the LERT volunteer training will address the following:
Christian Care In Times of Disaster
A Ministry of Presence
The LERT Program and How It Works with Other Responders
Introduction to Disaster Response
LCC/NID Disaster Response & Deployment Protocol
Service Opportunities after a Disaster & Safety Protocol
LERT training is also now offered to youth, ages 14 – 17, so they can also assist in general disaster response safely and under the guidance of their own youth leadership. LCMS Disaster Response has developed new guidelines for youth participation. A parent must be present and sign form for participation.
If you know someone who would be a good addition to your LERT Team, encourage them to register and attend.

PLEASE REMEMBER: ANY TYPE OF HELP **IS HELPING** – IT COULD BE AS SIMPLE AS PASSING OUT WATER BOTTLES

https://www.lutheranchurchcharities.org

BEST WAY TO DONATE: CASH (it is preferred – it's as simple as that) – this can be placed in an envelope and put into the offering plate. The money will be collected in a safe and given to Mark Razny when the proper time arises. He will purchase what is needed for each specific location.

for more information please reach out to: Mark Razny at mrazny@yahoo.com or the Church Secretary at tlcsecretary508@gmail.com

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Church Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00am-1:00pm *(times may vary)*