

December 2025

Dear Friends,

The greatest act of love shown to humanity was the Son of God humbling himself to become a servant, sharing our human nature, being born of a virgin, in order to bear a cross.

Even today, hardly anyone would describe God as one who suffers. Most of us think in terms of loftiness and unlimited power, which are certainly appropriate descriptors of God. But they are not in any way complete. Jesus actually demonstrates what is the true nature of God and of His disposition toward humanity.

That disposition is a love like no other... the greatest love ever seen.

It's a love that heals and cleanses the poor in spirit and the brokenhearted sinners and blesses them with heavenly glory and fellowship.

It's a love that takes the least among us and crowns them with honor.

It's a love that comes down from heaven to be with us. Our estrangement from God has come to an end, all because of the One who started his human life in a manger in Bethlehem. The weight of the world, including your burdens, were carried by Jesus all of his life...all the way to the cross.

This is Christmas.

Rejoice with the whole host of heaven and be glad that the love of God brought Jesus to you!

I pray that you and your loved ones have a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!!

Pastor Hoag

OUR ONGOING PRAYER LIST:

Fred and Midge Meents, Sharon Buell, Karen Grady, Randy Varju, Edna De Lair, 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, Linda Bleck, Bob and Debbie Look, Linda Wilkinson, Christine Stark, David Hubrich, Tom Friant, Richard Ricketts, Mike Stawicki, Dave (acquaintance of Lori Hilger), Lydia Friedrich

DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER: President's Message

Dear Friends,

MERRY CHRISTMAS! This is such a wonderful time of year! We get to celebrate the birth of our Lord and reflect on our many blessings. It is a great time to connect more with our families as well as our church family. There are many ways to become more involved here at Trinity. We will be happy to provide options and opportunities for you to become more engaged with our church family.

Put February 1st on your calendar. We will be having our annual Church Council congregational meeting after the 10:30 service. It will also include a Potluck meal. The Council will present pertinent facts including the areas of attendance and budget. The congregation will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer input. The 2026 budget will be voted on and need to be approved. Your participation is requested and appreciated.

Our famous Cookie Walk is just around the corner. It will be held on Saturday, December 6 from 8:30-11:30am. Please consider baking some homemade goodies for this occasion. There are signup sheets on the table. Baked goods drop off day is Friday, December 5th from 9:00-6:00pm. Trays are available for you to grab to fill with your luscious confections. Don't forget to come on the 6th to procure some scrumptious sweets.

We would like to thank the Youth Group for putting up the fine-looking Christmas tree. The sanctuary is becoming very festive. Everyone has the opportunity to add to the joyfulness by purchasing poinsettia plants to add to the ambiance. We also have a new, outdoor Nativity scene. Please be sure to take a look at this magnificent representation of our Lord's birth.

We have now implemented some new components to our worship service. These are designed to have a greater influence and leave the congregation with a deeper impression of connection. The acolytes are doing a fantastic job!

Trinity does offer and participate in religious ceremonies. If you, or someone you know, would like to have a wedding, baptism, or funeral here, we can accommodate these types of services. Please contact Pastor or Jennifer for details.

If you have accounts with Thrivent, please consider directing your Thrivent Dollars to Trinity.

Wishing everyone a wonderful start to this glorious season as we focus on the celebration which is to come – the birth of our Savior.

As always, please contact me with any questions or issues you might have.

Sincerely,
Dan Wheeler

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH:

-Wednesday December 24th (Christmas Eve): 2:00pm, 7:00pm (livestreamed), and 11:00pm

-Thursday December 25th (Christmas Day): 10:00am

Poinsettias for the Chancel Area:

Advent is a time of anticipation as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

To honor and celebrate this special time, Chancel Members will be decorating the Chancel Area with Poinsettias. If you would like to help decorate by purchasing a Poinsettia for them

to use, please fill out an order form and put it along with payment in the large, labeled envelope in the General Office or in the Chancel Guild mailbox. Turn your order in no later

than Sunday, December 21, 2025. Your poinsettia may be picked up after the 10:00 AM

Christmas Day service or during the week after Christmas when our secretary is present.

If you have any questions, email or call Kay Purnell at purnellk51@hotmail.com or (815) 485-9017.

****Chancel Guild uses Bella Fiori Flower Shop for all its floral needs. Members have been particularly pleased with their work. If you are looking to buy someone special in your life some flowers or a gift for a special occasion, we do recommend them. They are located on Rt. 30 across from Lincoln-Way Central High School here in New Lenox.****

**“The Giving Tree which benefits “Morning Star Mission” is in the hallway.
Donations may be placed in envelopes and deposited in the box next to the tree.”**

Please Join Us at Trinity Lutheran Church for the Cookie Walk!!!

Cookie Walk: Saturday December 6th from 8:30am - 11:30am

Cookie Drop Off Day: Friday December 5th from 9:00am - 6:00p

The cookies and other baked goods should be brought to the church on

Friday, December 5th between the hours of 9:00am and 6:00pm

Proceeds from this fund-raiser have purchased many needed items for our church building

All members of Trinity are encouraged to help bake cookies for this annual event

If you are interested, please contact Jan Clark at janc2680@att.net or **708.214.7164**

BUY RAISERIGHT GIFT CARDS – The holiday shopping season is upon us. Did you know that RaiseRight offers many low denomination cards perfect for stockings, teacher gifts, coworkers, bus drivers, etc? Consider ordering gift cards to give or to spend when shopping. It costs you only the face value of the gift card. It’s a win, win and the proceeds benefit our youth group.

Order forms along with a full list of participating stores are located outside of Pastor's office, or you can learn more at <http://www.raiseright.com>. Any questions can be directed to Angie at minett411@yahoo.com or 815-228-4902.

The Next RaiseRight Order Deadline Dates (with extra Holiday Dates):

-DECEMBER 7th

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!

A new outdoor Nativity Scene has been purchased with proceeds from last year's Cookie Walk. It will be displayed after Thanksgiving. Please take a look as you drive past!

SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: SUNDAY 12/14/25 @ 10:30AM
(with final practice on: Saturday 12/13/25 10:00am-11:30am)
Please arrive for Sunday School by 9:00am on 12/14/25

the Sunday School will still be accepting donations via Cash or Check for the for the
"Manteno Veterans Home" for the month of December
Please Contact: Beth Parker @ elizabethmarie@sbcglobal.net
<https://veterans.illinois.gov/services-benefits/homes/manteno.html>



Chancel Guild will meet at 9:00am on: Saturday, December 6th
All ladies are invited to join us in our service to TLC.

***** 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.

Wreaths Across America - this is to sponsor Christmas wreaths on veteran graves at
Abraham National Cemetery

This will take place on: **Saturday, December 13, 2026**, at noon.

There are 68,000 veterans there, and as of right now they have under 7,700 wreaths sponsored.

The Lincoln Way AFJROTC Cadets would both place the wreaths and take them off.

www.wreathscrossamerica.org/GetInvolved/PlaceWreaths

(see top right had side of the page "SPONSOR WREATHS")

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WREATHS NUMBERS
AMERICA

WHEN YOU
SPONSOR A \$17
VETERAN'S WREATH
YOU HONOR A HERO
FOR LESS THAN 5
CENTS A DAY.



SAVE THE DATE CHRISTMAS V.B.S. FRIDAY 01/02/26 5:00PM-7:00PM

SAVE THE DATE ANNUAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING WITH POTLUCK: SUNDAY 02/01/26
AFTER 10:30AM SERVICE

SAVE THE DATE PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER: FRIDAY 02/06/26 5:00PM-7:00PM

SAVE THE DATE SUPER BOWL: SUNDAY 02/08/26 5:30PM

SAVE THE DATE LORI'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY: SUNDAY 02/15/26 BETWEEN SERVICES (non-
communion Sunday)

SUGGESTION BOX RESPONSE(S):

SUGGESTION/QUESTION: "with our remodeled kitchen could we have a spaghetti dinner for our members. I know we cannot advertise to the public, but we used to have dinners for our members and friends before we remodeled the kitchen. I am sure there are members that would help the social ministry work on this or if you put something in the bulletin you might get members to volunteer to put it together."

ANSWER: THIS HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF YOUTH MINISTRIES ... WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED

THANK YOU FOR ASKING!!!

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LUTHERAN CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

<https://www.lcrlfreedom.org> (see monthly bulletin insert added on behalf of Michelle Buell)

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

CHURCH ROOM USAGE: as a Member of Trinity Lutheran Church, you 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

OUR CHURCH CHOIR: Michelle Buell, Michelle Hoag, Karma Krzysiak, Robin Krol, Nancy Minnick, Jennifer Mudrock, Jan Toepke and Julie Verchimak
for more information OR if you would like to join, please contact Jennifer at tlcsecretary508@gmail.com

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We're a membership-owned fraternal organization dedicated to serving the unique needs of our clients — guiding them toward financial choices that will help them live the lives they want today and tomorrow.

As a fraternal benefit society, we have a shared purpose, have clients who share a common Christian bond, provide mutual protection in the form of insurance to eligible clients and offer clients opportunities to support their local communities through regional Thrivent Member Networks.

Are you interested in learning more about THRIVENT?

Please contact: Kim Burbank 708-567-9372 or email: kimberly.burbank@thrivent.com (*she is also listed in our May Newsletter*)

<https://connect.thrivent.com/kimberly-burbank>

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:

-Jan 3, VFW New Lenox, 7-11pm

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!

**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**

YOUR 2025 CHURCH COUNCIL:

President:

-Dan Wheeler

Secretary:

-Jennifer Kojro-Badziak

Financial Secretary:

-Jacob M. Sheffer

Treasurer:

-Tim King

Directors of Outreach:

-Michael Gardner

-Kim Gappa

Director of Parish Education:

-Michelle Buell

Director of Social Ministry:

-Vacant

Directors of Spiritual Life:

-Dr. Edward A. Tatro

-Diane Sewing

Directors of Property:

-Steve Tomany

-Vacant

Director of the Board of Youth Ministry (B.O.Y.M.)

-Christina Kipper



2025 we will be reading through the Bible again this year!
If you haven't joined us yet, join us for the New Testament!
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 @ kambicsuzy@gmail.com or 815.735.8657 (or you can contact Jennifer at tlcsecretary508@gmail.com if needed.)

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)**



2025 Weddings:

- Steven and Maryssa Rock



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 December:

December 6-7 – Wendy Kaun and Jan Schlak
December 13-14 – Jan Schlak and Lois Dobbs
December 20-21 – Lois Dobbs and Rita Larson
December 23 – CHRISTMAS FLOWERS SET-UP 9:00am
December 24 *CHRISTMAS EVE*
- Lois Dobbs 2:00pm
- Wendy Kaun 7:00pm
- Jennifer Mudrock and Robin Krol 11:00pm
December 25 *CHRISTMAS DAY*– Sharon MacFarlane and Kay Purnell
December 27-28 – Sharon MacFarlane and Denise Buchanan

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 will 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 with payment. Make checks out to Trinity Lutheran Chancel Guild. The forms are located on a hook attached to the case housing the calendar. **Before selecting a weekend, check the calendar to make sure the date is open.** If you have any questions, please contact Kay Purnell at purnellk51@hotmail.com or (815) 485-9017.

December Altar Flower Sponsors:

- Dec. 6-7 Judy Niemann-VanderVeen
 In Memory of Keith Niemann
- Dec. 13-14 Rita Larson
 In Memory of Rita's Husband, Terry
 Sharing with:
 Paul & Robin Krol
 In Thanksgiving for Their Many Blessings
- Dec. 20-21 Lois Dobbs, Linda Dempsey, & George Ruhle
 In Memory of Adelaide Ruhle
 Sharing with:
 Marjorie Hummel & Mark Lord
 In Memory of Marjorie's Parents, Frederick & Judith Hummel
- Dec. 27-28 Phil & Sharon MacFarlane
 In Memory of Brother Richard MacFarlane's Birthday



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)

December

7 - Sharon Lorenz

14 - Liz Benedict and Christina Kipper

21 - Kay Purnell

28 - Jacob Sheffer

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, December 8th at 7:00pm** at the home of Jan Clark.

Food and Fellowship: Annual Christmas Luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 9th at 12:00pm. We will be meeting at 3 Corners Grill in New Lenox. Ordering will be off the menu with each person responsible for their own meal. All are welcome to join us! Please sign the sign-up sheet if you plan to attend.



PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER: FRIDAY 02/06/26 5:00PM-7:00PM

*****PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY*****

Trinity Preschool News:

REGISTRATION FOR 2025-2026 IS OPEN - Please Tell Your Friends and Neighbors

There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$70.00 per student. The school year begins September 2025. The tuition per month will be:

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 - \$125.00

-3 Day, 4-Year-Old - \$160.00

Children must be 3 or 4 by September 1, 2025.

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

December

- December 14th, 10:30 am - Children's Christmas Program
- No Sunday School December 28th

January

- Christmas VBS Jan 2nd, 5-7pm
- January 18th-Opening in church

February

- Valentine's Day Party-February 8th, 4-6 pm
- February 15th-Opening in church
- February 25th - Sunday School Serves Lenten Supper

March

- March 15th-Opening in church
- March 29th - 9 am Palm Sunday/Participate in Church
11:30 am- Easter Egg Hunt & coffee hour

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 grades 7th-12th and is a great opportunity to form new friendships and make plans for exciting things to do.

We host monthly dinners on the FOURTH Sunday of each month at 5pm.

I would love to see you there, and as always bring a friend!

**Pins, pizza and TLC Youth Group...our January adventure awaits!
We will choose a date while we are trimming the Christmas tree.**

TLC Youth Group:

An Instagram page has been created where you can find information and invites for fun activities.

Please follow: [tlcyg_nl](#)

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

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)**
- FORGIVENESS 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 Fall 2025

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**
www.amway.com/myshop/nikkiswitzer
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)