

February 2025

Dear Friends,

I am oftentimes amazed at how Jesus was so approachable. No one was afraid of him, friend or foe. He never turned anyone away. It didn't matter who the person was or the reason for his/her approach.

Some people came to Jesus to challenge him, usually the Pharisees. They always left stunned as Jesus taught them the truth about the Kingdom of God and corrected their falsehoods. They came in unbelief. They left angry.

Some people came to Jesus because there was something wrong—sickness, injury, possessed by an unclean spirit—and they saw Jesus as their only hope. These came in faith. They left healed and restored.

People came to Jesus at his calling (“Come to me”...Matthew 11:28-30). His call still stands for us today!

Come to Jesus. Hear his promises of eternal life that cut through all of the noise of our modern day. Receive the gifts of the cross as Jesus pours out his life to you, caring for you and preserving you on your sojourn through life. He does this in the very place he promised to be with us— in worship and through the Sacrament of the Altar.

It may not seem like much, but it's Jesus giving his all to you. Come, no matter what. Because of the cross, you will leave healed and restored.

May our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless and preserve you to life everlasting!

Pastor Hoag

**DATE CHOSEN FOR OUR TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH SPRING CLEANING 2025: Saturday,  
March 22nd, Beginning at 9:00am**

***More Information to Follow About the Re:Vitalize Workshop***

## FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Outgoing President's Message:

On Sunday, January 26, we held our annual Church Congregational meeting and luncheon. Thank you Social Ministry for organizing the luncheon. Not only was the food delicious but the opportunity for socializing was welcoming.

The meeting went well with reports heard from all our organizations. We welcomed our new council members, Dan Wheeler, Church President and Jacob Sheffer, Financial Secretary. Both are very qualified and come to us with new energy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the council members I have served with these last few years. Their hard work, time invested into the church, and dedication are to be commended. It has been a privilege to work with them. I would also like to thank the countless volunteers who serve with the various church organizations and committees. Their devotion to serving God and our church is what keeps our church running smoothly.

Highlights discussed during the January Church Council meeting are as follows:

- General Fund Year to date donations for 2024 were \$8,800 more than the same period in 2023.
- Tim King presented a preliminary budget for 2025.
- Property is looking at different ways to improve security.
- Outreach reviewed activities completed in December and continued to encourage sharing of "Each One Reach One" experiences.
- Worship & Spiritual Life presented attendance results and expressed thanks to all who volunteered to usher for the Christmas services.
- Youth went to Urban Air for the December activity. It was enjoyed by all.
- Parish Education reported the Children's Christmas Service and Christmas VBS went well and discussed plans for next year. Parish Education is making blankets for cancer patients. Preschool will be participating in a community outreach event to support enrollment efforts.
- Social Ministry will be holding a Valentines candy sale and is researching new nativity settings.
- The final draft of changes to the ByLaws was approved for presentation at the Annual Meeting.
- The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 9, 2025, at 11:30 AM following the 10:30 church service.

Stay safe & warm,  
Gary

**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 & Beth Parker

**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

**The many prayers and well wishes I have received since my illness have given me strength and much support during my recovery. Through the support of friends, family and the many prayers given on my behalf and the expertise of the medical staff, I progress each day. My appreciation for all that everyone has done cannot be expressed enough. I am very fortunate.**

**Thank You, Janice Prospero**

**the Social Ministry is sponsoring a  
Valentine's Day Candy sale on Sunday, February 9  
after both services and after the Saturday night service.  
Homemade fudge, caramels, peanut brittle, toffee, and other candies will be available  
to purchase for your loved ones.  
The proceeds from the sale will benefit hurricane victims in North Carolina and  
Tennessee. There is still a great need for supplies in these areas. We will also be  
accepting monetary donations.**

**\*\*\*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\*\*\***

## 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](mailto:mrazny@yahoo.com) or the Church Secretary at [tlcsecretary508@gmail.com](mailto:tlcsecretary508@gmail.com)



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



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



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](mailto:jmsheffer62@gmail.com). If you received a statement in the past, you are on the list to automatically receive one each year.



**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](mailto:tlcsecretary508@gmail.com)) for a list of names.

**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.

**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!

**“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 of 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](mailto:kambicsuzy@gmail.com) or 815.735.8657 (or you can contact Jennifer at [tlcsecretary508@gmail.com](mailto:tlcsecretary508@gmail.com) if needed.)



**BUY RAISERIGHT GIFT CARDS** – Do you go to Starbucks, shop at Target or Jewel, etc.? Then, why not purchase a gift card for yourself ahead of time or as a gift! A portion of the proceeds go to our high school youth. It costs you only the face value of the gift card. It’s a win, win! There are forms with the full list of participating stores outside of the Pastors office, or you can learn more at [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com). Any questions contact Angie at [minett411@yahoo.com](mailto:minett411@yahoo.com) or 815-228-4902. Thank you so much to all our current and newbie participants, we greatly appreciate your support!

**The Next Raiseright Order Deadline Dates:**

**-February 2nd**

**Payment due when you order. Cards will be ready for pick up the following week.**

*Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our efforts! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!*

Gentle Reminder for Everyone: donations to the church can be made to the church directly, or online at -

-Our Website: [www.trinitynewlenox.org](http://www.trinitynewlenox.org)

-Our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityNewLenox/>



**Did You Know Pastor Hoag is a Rock Star!!!**

**Come See the Band "Side Effects!" on the Following Dates and Locations:**

- Saturday, February 15, 7-11pm, Croatian Club, Joliet**
- Saturday, March 1, 9pm-1am, Gustos, Crest Hill**
- Saturday, March 22, 7-11pm, VFW New Lenox**

**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")**

## Member News!!!



### 2024 Baptisms:

- Mason Wyatt Pezan (January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024)
- Benedict Wojnarowski Bendoraitis (March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024)
- Noah John Dobbs (March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024)
- Lars Oskar Johnson (March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024)
- Luca Anthony Siano (April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024)
- Brayden Robert Patrick Kessel (April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024)
- Zachary Wayne Dulny (April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024)
- Nicholas Steven Dulny (April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024)
- Hunter Joseph McKenzie (June 9<sup>th</sup> 2024)
- Harper Elise Larson (July 28<sup>th</sup> 2024)
- Erica Eve Goebig (July 28<sup>th</sup> 2024)
- Olivia Violet Marquez (August 11<sup>th</sup> 2024)
- Kit John Wojdyla (August 18<sup>th</sup> 2024)
- Hazel Jeannette Hayes (November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024)
- Jason Robert Wolter (December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024)
- Jack Rhodes Dobrez (December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024)

### 2025 Baptisms:

- Vonn Orn Johnson (January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025)**



### 2024 Weddings:

- Devin O'Neill and Nichols Bechtold 02/03/2024
- Amanda Colon-Nunez and Thomas Buell 08/24/2024



**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:

**-2 Day, Tuesday & Thursday: \$125.00**

**-3 Day, Monday, Wednesday & Friday: \$160.00**

**(3- and 4-year-olds can choose 2 days a week or 3 days a week)**

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](mailto:tlcsecretary508@gmail.com)



**PRESCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS** will be the Second Mondays of the Month at 6:00pm:  
**Monday February 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 ...**

**NOTE:** Would you like to sub for preschool? It would be an occasional position. Three hours a day, 9 to 12, often last-minute notice. If interested please email Jennifer at [tlcsecretary508@gmail.com](mailto:tlcsecretary508@gmail.com) Thank You!!!



### **Sunday School News:**

**We have so many exciting things ahead, and we encourage you to join us!  
Bring a friend or family member, too!  
This year our focus will be: "TO BE GODS HANDS AND FEET"  
as we share the Truth of God to our family, friends, and community!"**

**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](http://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**

#### **February**

- February 16th, 4-6 pm Valentine's Day Party WITH the T.L.C. Youth Group
- February 16th - Opening in church

#### **March**

- March 12th - Sunday School Serves Lenten Supper
- March 16th - Opening in church

#### **April**

- April 13th, 9:00 am - Palm Sunday/Participate in Church  
11:30 am- Easter Egg Hunt & coffee hour
- April 20th-Easter No Sunday School

#### **May**

- May 18th-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 second Sunday of each month at 5pm.

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

NEXT TLC Youth Groups Activity Will Be:

~~Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 2025.~~

**\*IMPORTANT CHANGE\*** -

TLC Youth Group: Our February 9th dinner is being rescheduled due to the Super Bowl. The Youth Group will be joining Sunday School at church on Sunday, February 16th from 4:00pm-6:00pm for a Valentine's Party. Dinner, games, and fun will be enjoyed by all!

Confirmation Class will follow at 6:00pm.

Can't wait to see you!

**TLC Youth Group:**

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

Please follow: [tlcyg\\_nl](#)

**ACOLYTE SCHEDULE FOR 2025**

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| -February 2 (10:30am Service)      | Owen Elmlund      |
| -February 9 (9:00am Service)       | Ryan Gappa        |
| -February 16 (10:30am Service)     | Owen Ronan        |
| -February 23 (9:00am Service)      | Charlie Mulvihill |
| -March 2 (10:30am Service)         | Owen Elmlund      |
| -March 9 (9:00am Service)          | Kellyn Gappa      |
| -March 16 (10:30am Service)        | Ryan Gappa        |
| -March 23 (9:00am Service)         | Owen Ronan        |
| -April 6 (10:30am Service)         | Charlie Mulvihill |
| -April 13 (9:00am Service)         | Owen Elmlund      |
| -April 20 (7:00am Easter Service)  | Volunteer         |
| -April 20 (10:30am Easter Service) | Volunteer         |
| -April 27 (9:00am Service)         | Kellyn Gappa      |

\*\*\*DATE OF RITE OF CONFIRMATION: 05/04/25\*\*\*



## **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 February:**

February 1-2: Jan Schlak and Wendy Kaun  
February 8-9: Wendy Kaun and Rita Larson  
February 15-16: Rita Larson and Debbie Crawford  
February 22-23: Debbie Crawford and Robin Krol

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - Fresh flowers are placed on the altar to remind us of the "Garden of Eden" and "Jesus' Garden Tomb." They are part of the beauty of the Creation. Chancel Guild very much appreciates the congregation's support and help in keeping fresh flowers on the altar. You can help by sponsoring an available Sunday. A 2025 Altar Flower Calendar is posted in the glass case hanging on the wall outside the general office. When selecting a date, please check the calendar for availability. **Presently, Chancel Guild is in immediate need of sponsors for one Sunday in March and a few in April.** If you would like to reserve a Sunday in memory of a loved one or to honor a special occasion, please fill out a sponsor order form and put it along with payment in the Chancel Guild Mailbox. The forms are located on a hook attached to the glass case. If you have any questions, contact Kay Purnell at [purnellk51@hotmail.com](mailto:purnellk51@hotmail.com) or (815)485-9017.

### **February Altar Flower Sponsors:**

Feb. 1-2	Wendy & Tom Kaun In Thanksgiving for Their Many Blessings
Feb. 8-9	Kay & Gary Purnell In Memory of Kay's father, LaVern Yeske, and In Memory of Gary's parents, Elvira & Ray Purnell
Feb. 15-16	Juanita Murray In Memory of Juanita's son, Shawn Gicius
Feb. 22-23	Jan Falk In Memory of Jan's son, Ernie Jr. Sharing with Robin & Paul Krol Thankful for all God Has Given



**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](mailto:tlcsecretary508@gmail.com) or Jan Toepke at [toepkej@gmail.com](mailto:toepkej@gmail.com).

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

February 2 - Liz and Christina  
9 - Sharon Lorenz  
16 - Kay Purnell  
23 -  
March 2 - Liz and Christina  
9 - Sharon Lorenz  
16 - Kay Purnell  
23 -

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:** will be **Monday, February 11th @ 7:00pm at Church.** We will be making plans for the upcoming year. If you have been looking for a way to become more involved with your church family, consider joining us!

**Food and Fellowship:** will be **Tuesday, February 12th @ 12:00pm.** Please join us for lunch and an afternoon activity. All adults are welcome! Bring a friend if you like! If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet by the office.

**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!

**per Social Ministry:** if anyone has pictures on our events they would like to share with us, please email them to Jennifer at [tlcsecretary508@gmail.com](mailto:tlcsecretary508@gmail.com)

## Trinity Lutheran Church Usher Sunday Schedule 2024-25

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

9:AM	Virgil Seitzer	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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	815 485 3769	tombuell@sbcglobal.net
	Bob Blecke	815 353 7561	robert.blecke@yahoo.com

### 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

*9: AM	Steve Tomany	815 485 3163	sltomany@gmail.com
	Randy Varju	815 685 1363	randy.varju@aah.org
10:30AM	Phil McFarlane	815 258 0946	philmacp40@comcast.net
	John Buell	815 756 0194	jbuell7528@gmail.com

### 5<sup>th</sup> 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

Dan Wheeler 708 932 1054

Craig Black 815 278 0330 cbnb33@sbcglobal.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\*\*}

8/24 ET

### **USHERS:**

Please check the usher schedule in the Attendance Notebook and make any corrections for an update if needed.

Also, this is a good time to review Usher Duties for services and special occasions. The duties are also in the front of the Attendance notebook in the Narthex."

**SUGGESTION BOX RESPONSE(S):**

**SUGGESTION:** “please make sure the heat is on early enough for the 9:00 service when the benches are cold and parishioners are wearing jackets it’s not warm enough”

**ANSWER:** *Property Was Made Aware*

**SUGGESTION:** “May I Suggest Doing Devine Service 2 or 3 In Place of Matins Occasionally”

**ANSWER:** *IMPLEMENTED IN 2023*

**SUGGESTION:** “Maybe Buy One or Two Large Print Hymnals for People with Bad Eyesite. The Large Printouts Are Only the Hymns”

**ANSWER:** *IMPLEMENTED IN 2024 – TWO Large Print Hymnals are Now Available! These can be found on the table in the Narthex near the bulletins and must always be returned after the service.*

*\*Thank You Jan Falk for Gifting the Church a Second Large Print Hymnal\**

**SUGGESTION:** “Next Year (2024) for Reformation Sunday Suggest We Wear RED to Church That Day” (Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024)

**ANSWER:** *IMPLEMENTED IN 2024*

**SUGGESTION:** “I think it would be good to title the sermons. It would be a refresher after we leave church.”

**ANSWER:** *IMPLEMENTED IN 2024*

**SUGGESTION:** “Next Advent (2024) Write in the Bulletin Something About Each Candle as “We Light It” (Sun, Dec 1, 2024 – Tue, Dec 24, 2024)

**ANSWER:** *IMPLEMENTED IN 2024*

**SUGGESTION:** “Turn Church Lights Up During the Service and Lower Them During the Sermon. It Is Hard to Read the Hymns with the Lights Low for Us with Bad Eyesight”

**ANSWER:** *NO, Unfortunately, we just have very poor lighting in the church. The lights are up as far as they can go throughout the service.”*

**SUGGESTION:** “Use Battery Candles for Candlelight Service Instead of Real Candles – the Candles Sunday School Uses for Their Program”

**ANSWER:** *NO, not feasible.*

**SUGGESTION:** “1 Outdoor Service a Month During the Summer”

**ANSWER:** *NO, not feasible currently.*

**SUGGESTION:** “...consider adding a time for two minutes of silent prayer into the church service...”

**ANSWER:** *NO, not feasible currently.*

**Church Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00am to 2:00pm**