

January 2026

Dear Friends,

A Joyous and Happy New Year to you! The blessings of God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ are perpetual, no matter what year it is or what time it happens to be. These blessings are not merely things that we see, but things that are unseen—the eternal things. We have an unseen house whose architect and builder is God, eternal in heavens.

Our Christian hope is the confidence that the invisible will become visible when our Lord comes with all of his angels and make his heavenly home among us. All grief will scatter, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

But the blessings that we do see, and the provisions we receive from God’s bountiful goodness, are not merely blessings. They are also signs to us of our Father’s care for us and for the entire world. Do not claim these blessings only for yourself, but as you have opportunity share your bread and good fortune with those who have none.

And remember Jesus, who lives among us in disguise as the poor, first became poor for your sake to bring you to God. Count yourself dead to sin and alive to God through Jesus Christ, who carried your sin and sorrow in his mortal body and crowned you with everlasting life.

I pray for a very joyous year 2026 in the Lord Jesus for us all!

Pastor Hoag

OUR ONGOING PRAYER LIST:

Fred and Midge Meents, Lydia Friedrich, Sharon Buell, Karen Grady, 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, Linda Bleck, 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 Richard Rohner

JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER: President's Message

Dear Friends,

-Happy New Year to our church family! As we step into this new year together, we give thanks for the gift of community that God has blessed us with here. May the months ahead be filled with hope, joy, and renewed purpose, and may we remember that within this church family we can find encouragement, friendship, service, and lasting happiness—not just today, but throughout the entire year. Let us continue to grow together in faith and love as we walk forward into all that God has in store for us.

-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.

-Friday, February 6th, from 5:00-7:00pm will be the Preschool Fundraiser. We are hoping to get a lot of participation from the congregation and the community! Please feel free to invite family, friends, and neighbors.

-We are privileged to have welcomed in some new members to our congregation! We are always happy to have new members transfer in from other churches as well as those who come as confirmands – both adult and youth. Pastor will be beginning adult classes for anyone interested in becoming members of Trinity. If you know of someone who is considering joining our wonderful and pleasant congregation, please reach out to Pastor to get them enrolled in these sessions. New Membership Sunday will be in March this year. We will let you know the exact date once it is finalized.

-We are searching for a new Choir Director. If you know a qualified individual that might be interested, please put us in contact with them.

-The beginning of the new year is the perfect time to begin reading the Bible with us! Members of Trinity will again be sharing this experience through the YouVersion Bible App with Tara-Leigh Cobble. This is a great way to work through the Bible on your time, in the privacy of your own home, and have the opportunity participate in discussions and ask questions. It is a daily task that takes 20-30 minutes. You read the specified chapters and then watch a short video (usually about 10 minutes) that helps to explain not only what you've read, but also its significance. Then you can comment or ask questions with your community.

-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 new year!

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

-Our next meeting is scheduled for January 18th.

Sincerely, Dan Wheeler

Chancel Guild Members would like to thank the following people for purchasing poinsettias used to decorate the Chancel area:

Biff & Deb Aiken; Jennifer Kojro-Badziak; Allene Bachmann;

Scott, Liz, Max, Benedict and Cory & Emily Winchell;

The Denise Buchanan & Family; Jan Clark; Janet DeForest; Lois Dobbs;

Kathy & Cindy Fandl; Tom & Wendy Kaun; Kevin, Christina & Gunnar Kipper;

Dana Knodel; Paul & Robin Krol; Karma Krzysiak; Jeff & Sharon Lorenz;

Phil & Sharon MacFarlane; Jennifer Mudrock; Michael & Emily Perkins;

Gary & Kay Purnell; Doug & Jan Schlak; The Steve Tinker Family;

Dan, Sandy, & Tessa Wheeler; Rex & Jan Toepke; and Judy Niemann-VanderVeen.

Thank you to everyone who donated cookies, helped with the Cookie Walk, and bought cookies. We raised \$1,811.00. It has not been determined what the funds will be used for.

If you haven't noticed the new Nativity Scene in front of the church, please take a look as you drive by. This was purchased with some of the funds from last year's Cookie Walk. The new candles that were used on Christmas Eve for the candlelight ceremony were also purchased from that fund.

Coming in February! Our famous Valentine Candy Sale will be back with proceeds benefiting the Preschool. More information to follow.

Family Valentine's Event to benefit the Preschool, Friday, February 6, 5 to 7 PM. All adults and families are invited to come and join us at our early Valentines event. We will have the musical styling of Mike Perkins, singing his Frank Sinatra standards. We will offer a light supper and desserts and treats. We will have preschool activities in the preschool, games and activities for grade school students in the gym, and adults can gather in the fellowship hall to hear Mike sing. We are asking for a suggested donation of \$5 per person. Proceeds will help benefit the Preschool. Please sign up at the sign-up table if you can attend so that we can get a count for food. If you'd like to donate something for the evening, there is also a sign up for that.

We hope everyone in the congregation can join us for a fun evening!

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 (a signup sheet will be out in January)

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)

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

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:
-JANUARY 4th
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!



Chancel Guild will meet at 9:00am on: Saturday, January 10th
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.

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!!!

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

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

THRIVENT - Meet the original purpose-based company. Our purpose is to empower lives of service and faith. A unique financial services organization.
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/>

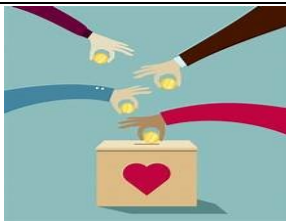
IMPORTANT KITCHEN INFORMATION: To alleviate the accumulation of food and drinks in the kitchen refrigerator/freezer, instructions will be posted. Following an event, if there is leftover food and there is not an event where it could be used in the immediate future, please take it with you. If you would 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!

THE BIBLE RECAP

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 @ kambicsuzy@gmail.com or 815.735.8657 (or you can contact Jennifer at tlcsecretary508@gmail.com if needed.)

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

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)

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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 January:

January 3-4 – Rita Larson and Jennifer Mudrock
January 10th – Take Down Christmas Decorations
January 10-11 – Jennifer Mudrock and Jan Schlak
January 17-18 – Jan Schlak and Debbie Crawford
January 24-25 – Debbie Crawford and Rita Larson

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.

January Altar Flower Sponsors:

Jan. 3/4	Judy Niemann-VanderVeen In Celebration of Don & Betty Dunn - Lives Well Lived
Jan. 10/11	Lois Dobbs & Family In Memory of Jack Dobbs Sharing with: Jan Falk In Memory of Jan's Husband, Ernie Falk
Jan. 17/18	Kay & Gary Purnell In Memory of Joan & Bruce Hasch, Jack Mork, Dick DeForest, Doris Klemm, and Duncan Bachmann
Jan. 24/25	Emily & Michael Perkins Wishing Health & Happiness For All in the New Year



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)

January

4 - Sandy Peters
11 - Sharon Lorenz
18 - Kay Purnell
25 - Sandy Peters

February

1 – Jacob S.
8 - Sharon Lorenz
15 - Kay Purnell *(Reception for Lori -cake is provided by Jan T.)*
22 - Liz Benedict and Christina Kipper

March

1 - Sandy Peters
8 - Sharon Lorenz
15 - Kay Purnell
22 - Liz Benedict and Christina Kipper
29 - OPEN

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, January 12th at 7:00pm** at the Church.

Food and Fellowship: will be on **Tuesday, January 13th 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:

Our preschool director, Taylor Miller, will be moving on to another opportunity at the end of this school year, so we will be in need of a director/teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. We are so thankful for Taylor's service and leadership these past two years! If you or someone you know is interested in the position, please share with them the following:

Trinity Preschool is a Christian program that is child-focused, play-based, and developmentally appropriate. We provide morning sessions three days a week. We will be filling the position of Preschool Director/Teacher. Interested applicants may send a resume to Michelle Hoag at hoagmichelle@msn.com

**REGISTRATION FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE OPEN IN FEBRUARY –
Please Tell Your Friends and Neighbors**

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

There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$70.00 per student. The school year begins September 2026. 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

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

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

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

“NEW MEMBER SUNDAY”: SUNDAY 03/15/25

“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)

-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 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
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)