June 2026

Dear Friends,

We have now entered the Time of the Church on our liturgical calendar, also known as the Season of Pentecost. The work of the Holy Spirit continues in and through the Church of Christ until the last day.

The Holy Spirit carries on the work of Jesus, bringing light and salvation to humanity given in the cross of Jesus Christ. The Spirit preaches, proclaims, enlightens, sanctifies, and keeps the Church in His perpetual grace.

This means you! You are the church and individually living stones within it. Though you and I have fallen short of the glory of God, continually missing the target of perfection, Jesus has you covered. His blood purchased and won you from all sin. His merciful Spirit calls you to Himself and gives you everlasting life.

Be confident of the love of Christ for you. No matter how far you have strayed, no matter difficult life gets, no matter your circumstances, Jesus Christ is for you!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be and abide with you!

Pastor Hoag

| **OUR ONGOING PRAYER LIST:** |
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| **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** |

**JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER: President's Message**

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we enter the summer season, I would like to wish each of you a joyful, safe, and blessed summer in the Lord. Summer often brings opportunities for rest, travel, family gatherings, and time spent enjoying God's beautiful creations. My hope is that amid the busyness and activities of the season, we also take time to nourish our faith and continue growing spiritually.

May this summer be a time for all of us to deepen our relationship with God through prayer, worship, service, and fellowship with one another. Whether near or far, may we carry Christ's love with us wherever we go and return refreshed in body, mind, and spirit. Thank you for being such an important part of our church family, and may God richly bless you throughout the summer months.

We had a wonderful day celebrating Julie's tenure as our choir director. Her talent will be missed, but we are happy that she is "not going anywhere"! We also welcomed our Confirmands into our church family as official members.

Vacation Bible School starts soon. A Tropical Trek will take place June 13-19. You can register online. We will continue our children's sermon throughout the summer and they will take place the 3rd Sunday of the month. Registration is open for TLC Preschool for the fall. We are excited to welcome our new preschool director, Janine Shortall.

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.

We have not made any decisions about our worship times for the fall. We are still evaluating all the feedback and information which you have provided. Your comments and opinions are highly valued. We will update you when some decisions have been made.

Though we are not meeting over the summer months, please reach out if you find something that needs attention.

Wishing you God's blessings,

Dan Wheeler

**VBS will be June 15-19, 9 - 11:30 AM. Our theme this year is Tropical Trek.**
**Cost is $10 per student. You can register online at the church's website.**
**We are also looking for volunteers, both adults and youth who have finished at least sixth grade. You can volunteer one day or all five!**
**Register as a volunteer on the church's website or talk to Michelle Hoag.**
**Brown Toilet Paper Rolls Measuring 3 3/4" by 1 3/4 inches**
**Please place them in the box outside Pastor Hoag's office**
**Check the box by the sign-up table for the color and size that we need.**
**Thank you to everyone who took slips to donate items for VBS.**
**Please bring those items by June 8.**
**We're looking forward to a great time at VBS this summer!**

**Family Sundays WITH Children's Sermon Will Be the 3rd Sunday of Each Month.**
**June 21st (Father's Day), July 19th, August 16th**

***** 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**

***** 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 JUNE 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!***
**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.**

**Ushers:** Thanks to all the ushers for serving our congregation at weekly worship. If anyone would like help by ushering at one of our services, please contact Ed Tatro or the church office. We can always us substitutes.

**Usher Schedule:** As we return to our traditional Lutheran services and communion we will need at least two ushers per service. Reminder to all ushers, if you cannot serve on your regular Sunday, please call for a substitute from the usher substitute list emailed and/or in the copy in the usher guide at church. If you have questions while serving check the Usher Guide at Church or speak with pastor.

***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. 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

**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!

**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.**

**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**
**https://connect.thrivent.com/kimberly-burbank**

**Bible Study: … SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER**

each reach ONE ONE

Making a Difference One Person at a Time.

**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.

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

**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.)

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/

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

**YOUR 2026 CHURCH COUNCIL:**

**President:**
-Dan Wheeler
**Secretary**:
-Jennifer Kojro-Badziak
**Financial Secretary**:
-Jacob M. Sheffer
**Treasurer:**
-Tim King
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-Michael Gardner
-Kim Gappa
**Director of Parish Education**:
-Michelle Buell
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-Debbie Crawford
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-Dr. Edward A. Tatro
-Scott Benedict
**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)

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
- Taylor Nicole Burtner (April 12th, 2026)
- Weston James Burtner (April 12th, 2026)
- Hadley Ryan Reif (April 26th, 2026)

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 June**:
June 6-7 – Lois Dobbs
June 13-14 – Lois Dobbs and Carol Oldendorf
June 20-21 – Carol Oldendorf
June 27-28 – Denise Buchanan and Allene Bachmann

**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

**June Altar Flower Sponsors:**

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| June 6-7 | Denise Buchanan & Family<br>For Their Many Blessings |
| June 13-14 | Dan, Sandy, and Tessa Wheeler<br>In Loving Memory of Alex Wheeler |
| June 20-21 | Lois Dobbs and Family<br>In Memory of George Ruhle & Jack Dobbs and<br>In Celebration of all Fathers |
| June 27-28 | Sandy Peters<br>In Celebration of Her Husband Chuck'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)

**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:** SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER

**Food and Fellowship:** SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER

**Trinity Preschool News:**

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

***** Tuition Rates 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

**QR Code**

**Sunday School News:**

**"Come join us for a new Sunday School Adventure as we learn how to "*PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD*"!**

**… SEE YOU SEPTEMBER 13TH @ 9:00AM**

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 … SEE YOU SEPTEMBER**

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

**WE MEET MONTHLY: September through May**

**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**

**<u>TLC Youth Group … Next Gathering:</u>**

**TLC Youth Group Enjoy your summer, have fun and stay safe!**

**Be on the lookout for exciting summer activities coming soon:**

**POSSIBLE EVENTS THIS SUMMER: WhoaZone and Mini Golf Outing**

**Stay Tune for Fun Summer Outings!**

**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")**

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| 1st Sunday | 9:AM | Virgil Switzer | 331 588 4264 | virgilswitzer66@gmail.com |
| | | Biff Aiken | 815 954-0682 | biffdebaiken@gmail.com |
| | Substitutes | 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 |
| | Substitutes | 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 |
| | Substitutes | 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 (or cell 815-685-1363) ravarju@hotmail.com | |
| | Substitutes | 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 |
| | Substitutes | Paul Krol | 815 575 1315 | p.krol@sbcglobal.net |
| | | Craig Black | 815 278 0330 | cbnb33@sbcglobal.net |

Alternates:
Dan Wheeler 815 483 6172 wheeler.dan454@gmail.com
Zack Horn 630 664 9224 zachery.horn@gmail.com
Jacob 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 **

Beginning May 24, 2026 ET

**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**

**-Respite Care for Seniors - Suzy Kambic**
**Suzy Kambic provides warm, relationship-centered companion care for seniors who want to remain independent at home. She focuses on creating a calm, respectful environment where seniors feel valued and supported. She works with a small number of families to provide consistent, high-quality care. Currently has availability for half-day or full day support on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.**
**https://calendly.com/suzykambic/caregiving-discussion**
**Email: kambicsuzy@gmail.com**
**Phone: 815.735.8657**

**-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**
**Sunday 8:00am-12:00pm, Tuesday 4:30pm-6:30pm, Thursday 4:30pm-6:30pm**