

Dear Friends,

This year the season of Lent has caused me to reflect a bit on our shared humanity, and I'm reminded of a phrase from the hymn *For All The Saints*. Here is the phrase: "...we feebly struggle..."

I started thinking about feebleness and how that is a struggle for us every day, no matter how much we try to mask it. As I reflected a bit more on this, I felt an emotion that I haven't felt much before—pity. I actually started to feel pity for all of us. This was far beyond than just merely feeling sorry. It was a very deep sadness at our condition. Believe it or not, this was very helpful for me in my reflections. It helped me to understand on a deeper level how true the phrase in the hymn really is.

I reached a conclusion that actually startled me. I'm not sure that I'm completely correct in this conclusion, but it seems right to me. And it's this—Everything (and I mean *everything*) we think, say, and do are attempts to stave off feebleness and fragility.

That's just who we are. And it is cause for pity. I wish things were different, but they aren't. And there really isn't much I can do about it. All I can do is pray for healing and restoration for us all.

Our merciful God hears our feeble prayers—the collective cry of a groaning humanity. And He gave His only begotten Son, not in response to our cries, but as His plan from before the foundations of the world. His death and resurrection shows what Jesus did in his mercy and pity for us. He promised us that he will heal and restore us. He is the only one in the history of the world to do that. He is the only one in the history of the world who *can* do that. And he will! He's our only hope and confidence.

I pray that we all have a blessed Lenten season, journeying to the cross and resurrection of Jesus!

Pastor Hoag

OUR ONGOING PRAYER LIST:

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

MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER: President's Message

Dear Friends,

As we enter the season of Lent, we step into a sacred stretch of time – a season not of gloom, but of intention. Lent invites us to slow down, to reflect honestly on our hearts, and draw nearer to God in quiet, meaningful ways. As a church family, may we walk this road together. May we support one another, extend grace freely, and allow this season to shape us into more compassionate, patient, and faithful people. May this Lenten season be a time of renewal for each of us – and for our church as a whole.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all that took the time to participate in our Annual Church Meeting. We touched on many aspects of the functionality of our church. Your input and opinions are what are used to set the direction of our parish.

We had a wonderful commemoration of Lori's 25th anniversary! Thank you to all that joined in celebrating this milestone! We appreciate all who helped with this celebration, especially Jan who baked such a delicious cake!

We are still searching for our next choir director and also a new preschool 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 are in need of ushers particularly for our Lenten services. If you are interested in serving in a slightly larger capacity, we do have two vacant Church Council positions that need to be filled. We are in need of a Director of Spiritual Life as well as Director of Property (this is a shared position).

As a church, we are looking to grow our congregation. Pastor holds adult education classes as well as our junior high confirmation classes for those who would like to join our church family. Did you know that we have more than 300 members? I would love to get these members here to worship with us and be an active part of all the wonderful things that Trinity has to offer! If you have any ideas on how to engage the community and help our church grow, I would love to hear your suggestions. Please invite your children's friends to join us for Sunday School and for worship. Engaging these children is paramount in fostering a future serving God. We do have a significant number of home bound and shut in members who have difficulty coming to our church services physically. Staying in touch with them and letting them know that they are not forgotten is paramount in our mission. Please consider calling them or sending a card or letter. For names, addresses, and phone numbers, please contact our secretary Jennifer. We also want you to be aware of our Church Prayer Chain. Anyone in need of prayer or who would like to be a part of this family, please contact Beth Parker. I also want to mention our high caliber preschool. Their mission to keep religion as a basic and fundamental priority is a tenet of our foundation. We are always looking to expand and enlarge our preschool program. We look forward to March 15 as we celebrate the new members who have joined our church family.

As we embark on the season of Lent and culminate with the greatest gift, the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross, I invite you to embark on this spectacular journey with our church family. It is a miraculous expedition!

Wishing you God's blessings,

Dan Wheeler

Dear Trinity Friends,

Thank you so much for the wonderful recognition of my 25 years at Trinity's organist. The outpouring of love and support was overwhelming! So many of you had a part in this.

The beautiful piano blanket and Jan's absolutely stunning and delicious cake.

So many of you wrote such encouraging and appreciative notes.

And the monetary gifts were such a surprise. I am so humbled.

You all know music is my passion and that I worship through the songs you hear. To know how many of you are also touched by making A joyful noise into the Lord with me binds us together in our worship time.

I love playing the organ and I will continue for many more years!

You all mean so much to me (even if I only see the backs of your heads 😊)!

I know your love and prayers will buoy me up as I begin my next journey.

I love my Trinity friends. You are my tribe ❤️

My deepest love and thankfulness. Lori

Thank you to everyone who purchased Valentine candy!

The fundraiser was successful, raising over \$600 for the Preschool.

Also, thank you to all of those who made the delicious candy!

Chancel Guild members will be decorating the Chancel area with Lilies for our Easter services. If you would like to help decorate the Chancel area by purchasing a Lily for them to use, please fill out an order form and turn it in no later than Sunday, March 29, 2026. The cost for each plant is \$25.00. You can find an order form in the weekly bulletins. Contact Kay Purnell if you have any questions at purnellk51@hotmail.com or (815) 485-9017

***** 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

SPRING CLEANING FOR THE CHURCH: SATURDAY 03/07/26 BEGINNING AT 9:00AM

Sign Up Sheet is on the Table

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY: 03/15/26 ... more information to follow

Adult Confirmation will take place on Sunday, March 15 at the 9am service.

Please contact Pastor Hoag if you have any questions.

Chancel Guild will meet at 9:00am on: Saturday, March 7th

All ladies are invited to join us in our service to TLC.

The Sunday School Children will be participating in church on:

March 29th, Palm Sunday, at 9 am.

Please plan to attend church with your child! As always, families and friends are invited and encouraged to join us as we welcome our Lord Jesus into Jerusalem!

Stay after church for an egg hunt around 11:30am! All children of the congregation in addition to young family and friends are invited to join us!

Coffee and refreshments will be served!

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:

-MARCH 1ST

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!

The **Midweek Lenten Series** for this year will focus on The Passion of Christ as Portrayed in our Stained Glass Windows. Our stained-glass windows depict several scenes from the Passion of Christ and serve as focal points in our worship services, proclaiming the Cross as the very power of God.

***** Church Nursery Available! *****

Did you know our church now has a nursery available during the 9:00 AM Sunday service?

This Extends the Entire Year

Children aged 0 to 3 are welcome to come to the nursery downstairs by the Sunday School rooms for all, or a portion of the service.

Everyone is welcome to come down and see our new classroom and meet the caregivers.

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

If anyone donates regularly and would like an envelope so their giving can be tracked, please feel free to reach Jacob Sheffer at 815-263-8968

He would be happy to provide a list of available envelope numbers

SUGGESTION BOX RESPONSE(S):

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

CHURCH ROOM USAGE: 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

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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:

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TRINITY FREE LIBRARY: Need a Book. Take a Book. Bring One Here for Others to Share. We have several locations within the Church that have books that can be borrowed. We have the library box right outside our parking lot doors - these books are for children and adults. We also have a library in the corner downstairs for children. ENJOY!

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

-Our Website: www.trinitynewlenox.org

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

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



2026 we will be reading through the Bible again this year!

Contact Michelle Buell for details or for help connected with us! (815) 909-6366



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



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

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

YOUR 2026 CHURCH COUNCIL:

President:

-Dan Wheeler

Secretary:

-Jennifer Kojro-Badziak

Financial Secretary:

-Jacob M. Sheffer

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-Tim King

Directors of Outreach:

-Michael Gardner

-Kim Gappa

Director of Parish Education:

-Michelle Buell

Director of Social Ministry:

-Debbie Crawford

Directors of Spiritual Life:

-Dr. Edward A. Tatro

-Vacant

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)**

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2025 Weddings:

- Steven and Maryssa Rock

2026 Weddings:

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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 March:

February/March 28-1 – Robin Krol and Doris Bay
March 7-8 *Clean for Easter*– Doris Bay and Rita Larson
March 14-15 – Rita Larson and Debbie Crawford
March 21-22 – Debbie Crawford and Denise Buchanan
March 28-29 *PALM SUNDAY* – Denise Buchanan and Jennifer Mudrock

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. **Presently, we have an immediate need for sponsors for a few weekends in March and April.** If you have any questions, contact Kay Purnell at purnellk51@hotmail.com or (815) 485-9017.

March Altar Flower Sponsors:

Feb. 28 - March 1	Juanita Murray In Remembrance of Juanita's son, Shawn Gicius
March 7-8	Gary & Kay Purnell In Memory of their nephew, Lucas Yeske
March 14-15	Dan & Dawn Wojnarowski In Honor of Dan's mother's 90th Birthday
March 21-22	Rita Larson In Memory of Rita's brother, Fred
March 28-29	Andy & Julie Verchimak In Celebration of their Wedding Anniversary



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)

<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
1 - Sandy Peters	5 -
8 - Sharon Lorenz	12 -
15 - Kay Purnell	19 -
22 - Liz Benedict and Christina Kipper	26 -
29 - Sandy Peters	

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

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

Social Ministry Meeting: Have you been looking for a way to become more involved in our congregation? Consider becoming part of the Social Ministry Team. Meetings are on the second MONDAY of the month at 7:00pm. Social Ministry plans and hosts activities to promote fellowship within the congregation and service to our community. Come find out what we are all about on **Monday, March 9th at 7:00pm** at the Church.

Food and Fellowship: will be on **Tuesday, March 10th 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:

If you or someone you know is interested in the Preschool Director 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**

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

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

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

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

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

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

-2 Day, 3-Year-Old - \$140.00

-3 Day, 4-Year-Old - \$175.00

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

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

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



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Sunday School News:

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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENT CALANDER

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 7th - 12th GRADE ONLY. We meet once a month for various fun and engaging activities. Youth Group is a great opportunity to meet new friends, form meaningful relationships and make lasting memories.

We do have an instagram page for all things TLC Youth Group...follow us at [tlcyg_nl](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, March 11th we are hosting the Lenten Supper. Set-up 5pm, dinner at 6pm. There is a sign-up sheet outside of Pastors office. This is a great opportunity for service hours, bring your form.

TLC Youth Group ... next gathering:

**Sunday, March 8th we're going skating again...Roller this time!
We will meet at church at 12:30pm, then get ice cream after***

OUTREACH UPDATES:

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

"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)