May 2026

Dear Friends,

Summertime is quickly approaching! We get to enjoy the weather without having to worry about wrapping ourselves up in winter apparel. We can “cut loose” a bit and wear things that are not so heavy.

Heavy clothing. Layer upon layer of bulky things just to keep the cold off of us. What a relief it is when we get into some place warm, and we can take off all of the heaviness we’ve been carrying around.

That is how I like to think of our sinful nature and the resulting sin in our lives. We wear around all of the time and it’s burdensome. Jesus enters the picture and proclaims that your sins are forgiven on account of his death and resurrection. The atmosphere changes and it’s now “warm”. We can take off the heaviness. Then Jesus gives us something lighter—his innocence and righteousness! It is easy and light. We wear it as a garment. We don’t have to wear the bulky stuff ever again!

If your sin and shame are too heavy for you, I have good news. Come to Jesus, receive his gifts for forgiveness, life, and salvation. Be renewed in the worship of our church and know the grace of God!

In Christ 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

MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER: President's Message

Dear Friends,

As we continue in the joyful season of Easter, we are grateful for the opportunity to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ – a powerful reminder of hope, renewal, and the promise of eternal life. Easter is not just a single day, but a season that invites us to reflect on God's love, grace, and victory over sin and death. As a Christian congregation, we are blessed to share in this faith together, supporting one another and living out the message of Christ in our daily lives. May this season renew our spirits, strength our community, and deepen our commitment to walking in His light. Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

We have a lot going on here at Trinity! Many opportunities to connect with our church family as well as our community at large.

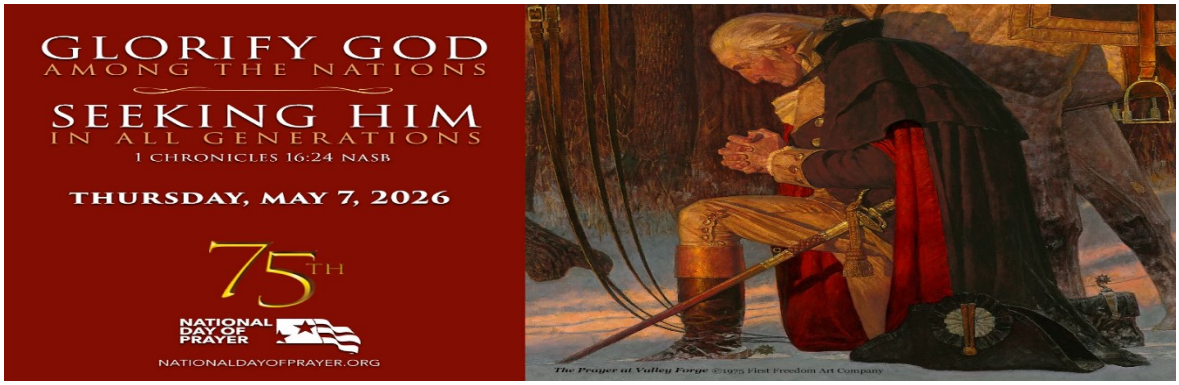
- May 7th is the National Day of Prayer. You are invited to join our congregation as we come together with others across our nation for an evening of prayer and fellowship. This is sure to be an incredible event!
- May 16th is the Faith and Family Joliet Slammers game at 6:00pm. Tickets are $10 each. Contact our secretary Jennifer, or Michelle Buell or Amy Hollis for more information.
- May 17th will be a day of celebration. We invite you to join us for a special celebration as we mark the close of our Sunday school year and give thanks for the faithful service of our retiring choir director, Julie. It will be a meaningful time of gratitude, fellowship, and joy, and we would be honored to share it with you.

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. If you are interested in serving in a slightly larger capacity, we do have a vacant Church Council position that needs to be filled. We are in need of a Director of Property (this is a shared position).

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.

Wishing you God's blessings,

Dan Wheeler



This year, the National Day of Prayer celebrates 75 years of prayer for America! We are blessed to live in a country where, by law, on the first Thursday of May, our President proclaims a day of prayer for our nation. Join with us and the millions of believers across the nation, as we GLORIFY GOD among all the nations! As in 1 Chronicles 16:24, we will seek Him in all generations! Come join the Trinity congregation for an evening of prayer and fellowship as we join with our nation to pray for America!

(Hosted by Trinity Lutheran Sunday School)

2026 National Prayer

Almighty God, King of Glory, we confess our sins and repent of our pride that sought our own glory and comfort, allowing evil to take root instead of Your fruit in our hearts, homes, culture, and country.
Please forgive us.
Now, with this declaration of rededication, we humble ourselves, pray, and seek Your face, turning from our wicked ways, that You would heal our lives and our land.
Please purify and renew our hearts with holy attributes, affections, attitudes, and actions-to love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.
We give You glory as we repent and rededicate our lives and our nation to You.
For 250 years You have guarded and guided America in wisdom, grace, mercy, and love.
We praise and thank You for our Founding Fathers, for all who sought You in fervent prayer
throughout history and answered Your call to defend justice and freedom; to protect and serve,
preach and teach, innovate, communicate, learn, work, worship, and establish our laws.
May Your Kingdom come, and Your will be done in our lives, our Families, the Church, Education,
Business, Military, Government, Arts, Entertainment and Media as it is in heaven.
We prayerfully commit to "Glorify God Among the Nations, Seeking Him in All Generations." In Jesus' name, Amen!
Written by NDP Task Force President, Kathy Branzell

***** PLEASE KEEP THIS IN MIND – IT BENEFITS BOTH YOU, AS WELL AS OUR CHURCH *****
WIN! / WIN!

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 MAY 3rd

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

May 17th will be Julie Verchimak's last day as choir director at Trinity.
We would like to honor her for her many years of service in beautifying our services.
A reception will be held following the 9:00 service on the 17th.
It will be combined with the celebration of the last day of Sunday School for this year. Social Ministry and Sunday School will be hosting.
If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Julie, please put your contribution in the envelope in the Council Secretary mailbox in the old office.
There will also be an envelope for cards. Thank you for helping us with this celebration!

BLOOD DRIVE: Tuesday 05/19/26 3:00pm-7:00pm in the Church Parking Lot

***** 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

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

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/

***** 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):

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: 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

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

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!

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

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.

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!

Bible Study: …
-Wednesday 8:30am (Summer Hours Begin 05/27)
-Thursday 7:00pm (Summer Hours Begin 05/28)

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

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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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
Treasurer:
-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
-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 May:
May 2-3 *Confirmation* – Robin Krol and Doris Bay
May 9-10 – Doris Bay and Kay Purnell
May 16-17 - Kay Purnell and Jan Schlak
May 23-24 – Jan Schlak and Rita Larson
May 30-31 – Doris Bay

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.

May Altar Flower Sponsors:

May 2-3	Gary & Kay Purnell In Honor of the 2026 Confirmands, God's Blessings
May 9-10	The Steve Tinker Family & Jan Schlak In Memory of Rita Tinker and in Honor of all Mothers
May 16-17	Phil & Sharon MacFarlane In Celebration of Their Anniversary
May 23-24	Jan Clark & Family In Honor of the Anniversary date of Tom Clark's Passing
May 30-31	Daniel & Kristy Bayles In Honor of Their Son Danny's First Birthday in Heaven

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)

May:
-3rd Christina Kipper and Liz Benedict
-10th Sharon Lorenz
-17th Kay Purnell
-24th Sandy Peters
-31st Jacob Sheffer

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: 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, May 11th at 7:00pm** at the Church.

Food and Fellowship: will be on **Tuesday, May 12th 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:

*****REGISTRATION FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL IS OPEN *****
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

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

<u>TLC Youth Group … Next Gathering:</u>
Youth Group will join Sunday School and the Congregation for Faith and Family Night at the Slammers on May 16th.
Gates open at 5pm, game starts at 6:05pm.
Please let me know by May 12th if you will be joining us.
What a great way to end the year! 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")

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 (or cell 815 685 1363) ravarju@hotmail.com	
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**}

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Usher Sunday **Summer Schedule 26**

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

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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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