

November 2025

Dear Friends,

Recently, I've been thinking about how differently Jesus sees our world than we do. After the shock of the unexpected death of one of our Sunday School students, I started looking at accounts of Jesus in the Gospels in which he encountered people who had died, in particular Jairus' daughter who was only twelve years old. You can find this account in Mark 5.

Everyone at Jairus' house were grief-stricken over the loss over the girl. There was loud weeping and wailing, which is exactly what you would expect immediately following the death of a child. I'm sure if any of us were there at the scene we would have experienced this as "normal". Yes, there should be grief and sadness. It's a loss.

And that is how we see death—as loss that will never be recovered. That's what it looks like to us. That is our perception of it all. It isn't wrong to perceive things this way. It's just not the only perspective.

Enter Jesus.

"The girl is only sleeping," he says. That's how Jesus sees it.

And then he talks to the girl as if she can hear him (because she can): "Little girl, I say to you, get up." And she does!

Our perspective is narrow and limited. Jesus' perspective is wide and spacious, even life-giving.

I'm glad that the way Jesus sees things is the way that will have the last say on death.

"I am the resurrection and the life, " says the Lord Jesus.

Pastor Hoag

**OUR ONGOING PRAYER LIST:**

**Fred and Midge Meents, 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, Dave (acquaintance of Lori Hilger), Lydia Friedrich**

## NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER: President's Message

Dear Friends,

Just like that, we are now in the month November. As we tend to be inside more, it is a great time to connect more with our families as well as our church family. There are many ways to become more involved here at Trinity. We will be happy to provide options and opportunities for you to become more engaged with our church family.

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, we participated in Reformation Sunday where we *Came Home to Jesus*. We celebrated Martin Luther's proclamations with an amazing sermon and a delicious brunch after. Thank you to all who attended and especially all who cooked, cleaned, and organized this wonderful event!

We also hosted a successful Craft Fair in October. All spaces were sold and occupied. It was a great way to kick off the Christmas season with countless opportunities to purchase gifts and goodies. Thanks to all who helped to make this event a success. Our next happening will be held December 6<sup>th</sup> – our famous Cookie Walk. Please consider baking some homemade goodies for this occasion. Trays will soon be available for you to grab to fill with your luscious confections. And don't forget to come on the 6<sup>th</sup> to procure some scrumptious sweets.

We will now be implementing 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' roles will be expanded and we will also have a gospel processional. We are excited about these additions to our service.

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, all members 18 and over had the opportunity to vote in our church elections. The results should be tabulated and reported in this newsletter. Thank you to all who serve and help to make Trinity a vital part of our community.

Wishing everyone a delightful fall. Appreciate the change of colors. Enjoy the change in seasons. Get ready to focus on the celebration which is to come – the birth of our savior.

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

Sincerely,  
Dan Wheeler

**Would You Like to Play Chimes for Thanksgiving?** We are putting together a group of adults and youth who would like to play chimes for Thanksgiving church service. We will practice on Wednesday, Nov. 12th and Wednesday, Nov. 19th both at 7 pm. Let Michelle Hoag know if you would like to play at [hoagmichelle@msn.com](mailto:hoagmichelle@msn.com)

**"The Giving Tree** which benefits "Morning Star Mission" is in the hallway. Donations may be placed in envelopes and deposited in the box next to the tree."

the Sunday School will be taking donations for the **"Manteno Veterans Home"** for the months of Nov. and Dec.

Please Contact: Beth Parker @ [elizabethmarie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:elizabethmarie@sbcglobal.net) or Jennifer at [tlcsecretary508@gmail.com](mailto:tlcsecretary508@gmail.com) with any questions  
<https://veterans.illinois.gov/services-benefits/homes/manteno.html>

**Veterans Day** is a holiday observed annually on November 11 to honor all individuals who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, both living and deceased, and to recognize their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the nation's common good. It is a day of gratitude for veterans' selflessness and dedication.

**PLEASE BE SURE TO CELEBRATE OUR VETERANS! !**



Chancel Guild will meet at 9:00am on: Saturday, November 1st  
All ladies are invited to join us in our service to TLC.  
Please Join Us at Trinity Lutheran Church for the Cookie Walk!!!

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Cookie Walk: Saturday December 6th from 8:30am - 11:30am

Cookie Drop Off Day: Friday December 5th from 9:00am - 6:00p

The cookies and other baked goods should be brought to the church on

Friday, December 5th between the hours of 9:00am and 6:00pm

Proceeds from this fund-raiser have purchased many needed items for our church building

All members of Trinity are encouraged to help bake cookies for this annual event

If you are interested, please contact Jan Clark at [janc2680@att.net](mailto:janc2680@att.net) or 708.214.7164

*\*\*\*Chancel Guild uses Bella Fiori Flower Shop for all its floral needs. Members have been particularly pleased with their work. If you are looking to buy someone special in your life some flowers or a gift for a special occasion, we do recommend them. They are located on Rt. 30 across from Lincoln-Way Central High School here in New Lenox.\*\*\**

**\*\*\* 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.**

**Wreaths Across America** - this is to sponsor Christmas wreaths on veteran graves at  
Abraham National Cemetery.

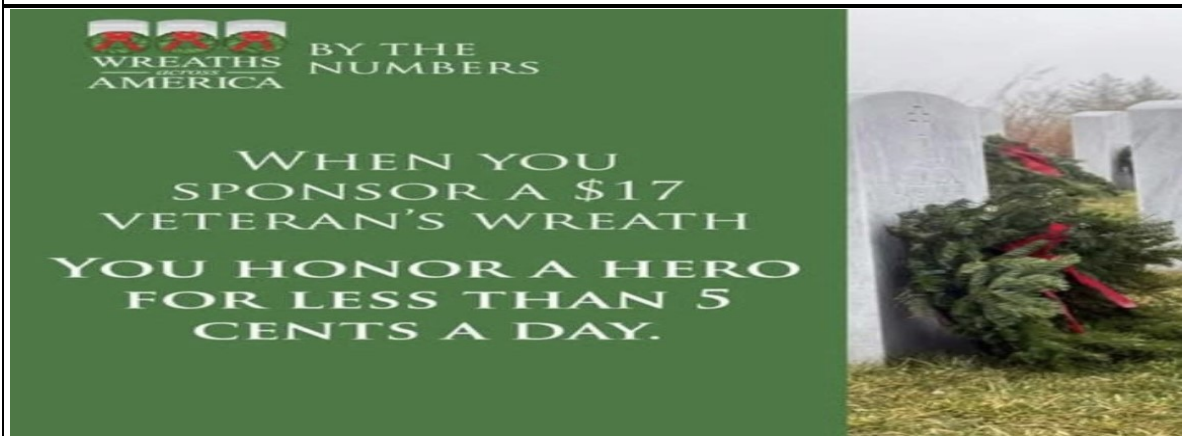
This will take place on: **Saturday, December 13, 2026**, at noon.

There are 68,000 veterans there, and as of right now they have under 7,700 wreaths sponsored.

The Lincoln Way AFJROTC Cadets would both place the wreaths and take them off.

[www.wreathscrossamerica.org/GetInvolved/PlaceWreaths](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/GetInvolved/PlaceWreaths)

(see top right had side of the page "SPONSOR WREATHS")



**SAVE THE DATE: 02/06/26**

**Family Fundraiser Event 5:00pm-7:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church.**

**Stay Tuned for More Details!!!**

**SUGGESTION BOX RESPONSE(S):**

**SUGGESTION/QUESTION:** "What do we do to welcome New Members when they join our Congregation?"

**ANSWER:**

- Church Council Approves in a Meeting
- Transfer Their Membership (if needed)
- Outreach has "New Member Sunday" each April
- Secretary Sends: New Member Welcome Letter Packet including a Flyer and the Organizations of Trinity

**THANK YOU FOR ASKING!!!**

Have you—or someone you know—experienced abortion and long for peace and forgiveness? Redeeming Grace Retreat is a confidential, Christ-centered healing retreat for women who have experienced abortion— whether weeks or decades ago. This safe, small-group retreat offers a sacred space to rest, reflect, and receive Christ’s redeeming love. Guided by licensed Christian professionals, participants are invited to release shame, receive grace, and rediscover their identity as cherished daughters of God. Held **November 13–16, 2025, at Wildwood Hills Ranch in St. Charles, Iowa**, the retreat includes spiritual reflection, creative expression, fellowship, mindfulness, and time in God’s creation—including time with horses. The total cost to attend is just \$75, with all other expenses generously covered and travel assistance available. If you or someone you know is carrying the hidden hurt of abortion, Redeeming Grace Retreat is a place of hope and healing. Learn more at [word-of-hope.org/rgr](http://word-of-hope.org/rgr)

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LUTHERAN CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

<https://www.lcrlfreedom.org> (see monthly bulletin insert)

**\*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](mailto:tlcsecretary508@gmail.com)

**OUR CHURCH CHOIR: Michelle Buell, Michelle Hoag, Karma Krzysiak, Robin Krol, Nancy Minnick, Jennifer Mudrock, Jan Toepke and Julie Verchimak**  
**for more information OR if you would like to join, please contact Jennifer at [tlcsecretary508@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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!

**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**

**YOUR 2025 CHURCH COUNCIL:**

**President:**

-Dan Wheeler

**Secretary:**

-Jennifer Kojro-Badziak

**Financial Secretary:**

-Jacob M. Sheffer

**Treasurer:**

-Tim King

**Directors of Outreach:**

-Michael Gardner & Kim Gappa

**Director of Parish Education:**

-Michelle Buell & Beth Parker

**Director of Social Ministry:**

-Vacant

**Directors of Spiritual Life:**

-Dr. Edward A. Tatro & Diane Sewing

**Directors of Property:**

-Steve Tomany & Vacant

**Director of the Board of Youth Ministry (B.O.Y.M.)**

-Christina Kipper



2025 we will be reading through the Bible again this year!  
If you haven't joined us yet, join us for the New Testament!  
Contact Michelle Buell for details or for help connected with us! (815) 909-6366



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



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

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



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

**The Next Raiseright Order Deadline Dates (with extra Holiday Dates):**

**-NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**-NOVEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>**

**-DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**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!*

Member News!!!



2025 Baptisms:

- Vonn Orn Johnson (January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025)
- Owen Miller Ronan (March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025)
- Rose Everly Ryan (March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025)
- Bridgette Anne Bechtold (June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025)
- Viktor Alexander Varju (July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025)
- Francesca Lynn Okrzesil (July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025)
- Flora Lee Vogt (October 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 November:**

November 1-2 (Holiday Cleaning/Polishing) – Debbie Crawford and Rita Larson

November 8-9 – Rita Larson and Jan Schlak

November 15-16 – Jan Schlak and Sharon MacFarlane

November 22-23 – Sharon MacFarlane and Allene Bachman

November 27 \*Thanksgiving Day\* – Denise Buchanan

November 29-30 (Remove Fall Wreaths / Set-Up Advent Candles) – Denise Buchanan and Wendy Kaun

**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](mailto:purnellk51@hotmail.com) or (815) 485-9017.

### **November Altar Flower Sponsors:**

Nov. 1/2	Dan & Dawn Wojnarowski In Honor of Dan's Mother and in Memory of Dawn's Mother
Nov. 8/9	The Steve Tinker Family and Jan Schlak In Loving Memory of Rita Tinker
Nov. 15/16	Phil & Sharon MacFarlane In Memory of Mother Marge Dykstra's Birthday
Nov. 22/23	Richard & Jackie Rohner In Memory of their son, Ronald Rohner
Nov. 29/30	Kathy Fandl In Memory of Kathy's husband Adolf, her sister Maria Fandl, and Frieda Schuch



### **Social Ministry Announcements:**

**Coffee Hours:** Coffee Hours are hosted every Sunday after the 9:00 service. Additional Coffee Hour Hosts are always needed. If you would like to help, please contact Jennifer in the Office at [tlcsecretary508@gmail.com](mailto:tlcsecretary508@gmail.com) or Jan Toepke at [toepkej@gmail.com](mailto:toepkej@gmail.com).

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

#### **November**

2 - Sharon Lorenz  
9 - Liz Benedict and Christina Kipper  
16 - Kay Purnell  
23 - Jacob Sheffer  
30 - Sandy Peters

#### **December**

7 - Sharon Lorenz  
14 - Liz Benedict and Christina Kipper  
21 - Kay Purnell  
28 - Jacob Sheffer

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, November 10th at 7:00pm** in the library.

**Food and Fellowship:** will resume on **Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm**. Consider adding this event to your calendar. Lunch and games are on the agenda! Join us for a fun afternoon. On October 14, we will enjoy lunch and tour at Marion Villages in Homer Glen. Mark your calendar! Sign-Up Sheet is on the Table.



**\*\*\*PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY\*\*\***

**Trinity Preschool News:**

**REGISTRATION FOR 2025-2026 IS OPEN**

**Please Tell Your Friends and Neighbors**

There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$70.00 per student. The school year begins September 2025. The tuition per month will be:

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 - \$125.00**

**-3 Day, 4-Year-Old - \$160.00**

Children must be 3 or 4 by September 1, 2025.

For additional information, please call Trinity Lutheran Church at 815.485.697  
or email [tlcsecretary508@gmail.com](mailto:tlcsecretary508@gmail.com)

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



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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](http://www.newlenox.org)), or Facebook. A donation box is located downstairs by the Sunday School rooms, and upstairs by the library. They have also mentioned to us that they can do the most to help with financial donations – you can donate directly on their website or add an envelope with a note in our offering basket. Thank You!!!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENT CALANDER**

### **November**

- November 1st 5-7 pm -Bonfire after 5pm church (smores, guitar songs with Pastor)
- November 16th, 9am-Opening in church
- November 30th-10:00 am- Family Ornament Making Craft (between services)

### **December**

- December 14th, 10:30 am - Children's Christmas Program
- No Sunday School December 28th

### **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



TLC Youth Group is for grades 7th-12th and is a great opportunity to form new friendships and make plans for exciting things to do.

We host monthly dinners on the FOURTH Sunday of each month at 5pm.

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

**Youth Group:** Please celebrate with us on Sunday, November 30th following the last service (11:30am) as we kick off the Christmas Season!

We will trim the Christmas tree and decorate cookies. Come share the holiday fun! 🎄

TLC Youth Group:

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

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

## **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](mailto:tlcsecretary508@gmail.com)**

**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 Fall 2025

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1<sup>st</sup> 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	<a href="mailto:brettdcarr@gmail.com">brettdcarr@gmail.com</a>
	Paul Krol	815 575 1315	p.krol@sbcglobal.net

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

*9:AM	Edward A. Tatro**	815 485 5760	etatro4@aol.com
	Tim King	815 463 0415	tim.king1@comcast.net
10:30AM	Tom Buell	815 483 9212	tombuell3769@gmail.com
	Bob Blecke	815 353 7561	robert.blecke@yahoo.com

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

9:AM	Mike Gardner	815 485 9623	<a href="mailto:mgardner1453@gmail.com">mgardner1453@gmail.com</a>
	Gary Purnell	815 485 9017	gpurnell3@hotmail.com
*10:30AM	Cameron Hoag	779 279 4223	cam.hoag21@gmail.com
	Dana Knodel	708 822 2902	knodel.dana@yahoo.com

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

*9: AM	Steve Tomany	815 485 3163	sltomany@gmail.com
	Randy Varju	815 485 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.

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

9:AM	Scott Benedict	815 953 8105	maxem02@yahoo.com
	Jeff Lorenz	815 463 0833	jlorenz2367@gmail.com
10:30AM	Paul Krol	815 575 1315	p.krol@sbcglobal.net
	Diane Sewing**	815 592 3911	dianesewing@hotmail.com

Alternates:

Zack Horn	630 664 9224	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  
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## 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.

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