

October 2025

Dear Friends,

The doctrine on which the Church stands or falls is “justification by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ.” We are not saved by our good works. But the devil likes to play a trick on us, and it amounts to sneaking in good works through the back door. Here’s how that plays out:

“We are saved solely by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, and faith naturally produces good works. So, unless you show your faith through good works then you cannot be saved. Good works are a must!”

Do you see what happened there? Good works for salvation was snuck in through the back door. It’s a very deceptive trick that can easily creep into our minds.

Our good works do not earn for us anything from God. The works that we do in this world are solely for the good of our neighbor. But they don’t save us. (You might want to read that again).

If you were to read the New Testament epistles, you might notice that Christians are not *commanded* to do good works. Nowhere does it say “do these things or else.” Rather, Christians are *exhorted* to good works. That is why you will see words like “Therefore!” and “Let us!” It’s similar to saying, “Let’s go!” Here’s an example:

*For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. **So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.*** (Romans 14:17-19)

Think on these things. And the God of peace be with you!

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

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER: President's Message

Dear Friends,

Hello and happy fall! Many of us, including Church Council, are settling back into our routines. We had our first Council meeting of the season. Many of our church groups and organizations are starting back up. This is a wonderful opportunity to think about joining one. A list of groups and ways to get involved is available on the table outside the secretary's office. By becoming a part of a group, you'll not only build connections with fellow Lutherans, but also serve God in meaningful ways.

One way to be more involved with our church community is to become a Church Council member. This year four of the thirteen Council positions are up for election. The election will take place on Sunday, October 26th. The following positions are up for election:

1. Church President
2. Director of Outreach
3. Director of Spiritual Life
4. Treasurer

You should contact Pastor, Jennifer, myself, or those currently serving for more information about the duties and responsibilities of each position. To be eligible, members of the Council must be a communicant member of the church in good standing, be over 21 years of age, and comply with the Constitution of this congregation. The church relies on the support of its members to operate effectively. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you might serve in one of the roles listed above and share your interest with Pastor, Jennifer, or me. Our Council gathers once a month (not in the summer) to review progress, address concerns, and make decisions together. We are blessed with a wonderful team of volunteers who work faithfully behind the scenes to keep everything running, and I encourage you to consider joining this committed group.

----- SAVE THE DATE-----
October 26, 2025

October 26th is Reformation Sunday! and It is also *Come Home To Jesus!* There will be only ONE service at 9:00am.

following the service, everyone is invited to join us downstairs for refreshments and a bite to eat. More details will be coming soon.

Take time as we transition into fall to appreciate and give thanks for the many blessings and natural beauty God has provided!

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

Sincerely,
Dan Wheeler



**Chancel Guild will meet at 9:00am on: Saturday, October 4th
All ladies are invited to join us in our service to TLC.**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR

***** Saturday, October 18th from 9:00am to 3:00pm *****

This is a fundraiser for the youth of our congregation.

There will be more than 40 participants.

Come enjoy a vast array of crafts and products being sold just in time for the holidays. In addition, there will be a bake sale.

APPLICATIONS ARE NO LONGER BEING ACCEPTED

Please contact Michelle Hoag or Jan Toepke with any questions

Craft Fair Set-Up will be on: Friday October 17th

“COME HOME TO JESUS SUNDAY” is Returning on:

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26TH 2025 9:00am SERVICE

With a Reception to Follow

(NO 10:30am Service)

PLEASE Consider Wearing **RED for Reformation Sunday (Friday October 31st, 2025) and on Reformation Day Observance Sunday October 26th, 2025**

*Reformation Sunday is a day when we remember and re-tell the family stories of our faith.
Stories about men and women who came before us and taught us about the faith.
Stories about people who risked everything so that we would be able to gather and worship in the manner that we do.*

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

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

This Extends the Entire Year

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

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

SUGGESTION BOX RESPONSE(S):

SUGGESTION/QUESTION: "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!!!

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!!!

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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>

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

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

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

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LUTHERAN CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

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

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:

-Tuesday, October 14, 6-8pm, Pints for Polio (Sponsored by the Rotary Club of New Lenox), Wintrust Crossroads Sports Complex Beer Garden, New Lenox, \$25/ticket

-Saturday, October 18, 2-6pm, HHH Ranch, Manhattan

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!

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

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



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) for a list of names.



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

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



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. Any questions contact Angie at 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:

-OCTOBER 5th

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 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)
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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 October:

October 4-5 – Jennifer Mudrock and Doris Bay
October 11-12 – Doris Bay and Denise Buchanan
October 18-19 – Denise Buchanan and Allene Bachman
October 25-26 – Allene Bachman and Debbie Crawford

Altar Flowers - Fresh flowers are placed on the altar to remind us of the "Garden of Eden" and "Jesus' Garden Tomb." They are part of the beauty of the Creation. Chancel Guild very much appreciates the congregation's support and help in keeping fresh flowers on the altar. The posted 2025 Altar Flower Sponsor Calendar is complete. We have lined up sponsors all the way through December. Such good news! Chancel Guild extends its gratitude to all its weekend sponsors. **A 2026 calendar will be posted towards the end of October.**

If you have any questions email Kay Purnell at purnellk51@hotmail.com or call her at (815) 485-9017.

October Altar Flower Sponsors:

Oct. 4/5 Chuck & Sandy Peters
 In Honor of Their 57th Wedding Anniversary
 sharing with:
 Emily Perkins
 In Celebration of Emily's sister, Angelle Minett's Birthday

Oct. 11/12 Jason & Jennifer Kojro-Badziak
 In Honor of Their 14th Wedding Anniversary

Oct. 18/19 Allene & Kim Bachmann
 In Memory of Duncan Bachmann

Oct. 25/26 Denise Buchanan and Family
 In Memory of Robert Buchanan
 Sharing with:
 Virgil & Nikki Switzer
 In Honor of Their 6th 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)

October

5 - Sharon Lorenz
12 - Liz Benedict and Christina Kipper
19 - Sandy Peters
26 - Social Ministry (Back to Jesus Sunday)

December

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

November

2 - Sharon Lorenz
9 - Liz Benedict and Christina Kipper
16 - Kay Purnell
23 - Jacob Sheffer
30 - 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 Tuesday of the month at 7pm. 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 and help plan for the new year on **Monday, October 13th at 7pm** in the library.

Food and Fellowship: will resume on **Tuesday, October 14th**. 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

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"!**

Sunday School classes resume on Sunday, September 7th at 9:00 am

**Bring your school backpack and meet us in church for Backpack Blessings!
We will have refreshments and a special craft in the gym at 10:00 am
following the Sunday School session!"**

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

October

- October 19th, 9am - Opening in church
- October 26th, 9am - Reformation Sunday/Come Home to Jesus
Children Participate in Church- 9:00 am service
10:00 am - Refreshments and Reformation craft

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!

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, October 26th at 5:00pm

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for the Craft Fair on both Friday, October 17th in the evening and during the day on Saturday, October 18th.

There is a sign-up sheet outside of Pastors office.

This is a great opportunity if you need service hours.

Bring your form, and I will happily sign it.

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

-“COME HOME TO JESUS SUNDAY”: SUNDAY 10/26/25 (more info to follow)

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

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	708 932 1054	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)