September 2026

Dear Friends,

As some of you know, one of my favorite pastimes is eating. I've had to curb it in recent years due to some negative effects on my health, but the love for it hasn't gone away.

Eating, as well as drinking, are important themes in the Bible. That is most likely because we need to nourish ourselves and God provides all that we need. All of it has God as its source. From the farm to the table, God is involved in all of it, giving skill to those who harvest, store, manufacture, transport, stock, and sell our food.

What was one of the last things the Israelites did before they left their slavery in Egypt? They ate! It was the very first Passover. They ate roasted lamb and their homes were protected by the blood of these sacrificial lambs. Through these creatures, God set the people free.

On the night when he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and wine, blessed it, said it was his body and blood, and told his disciples to eat it and drink it. It was another Passover, but this time it was to set humanity free from sin and death once and for all.

All of the eating and drinking in the Bible culminates in a heavenly banquet, the forever Feast of Victory—the best of meats and the finest of wines (Isaiah 25:6-9). And we won't have to worry indigestion or heartburn ever again.

Give thanks to your Lord for all of His provisions and for the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ!

Pastor Hoag

OUR ONGOING PRAYER LIST:
Fred 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, Daryl Economous, Rilo Sandahl, Marilyn Odle and Sheldon Klemm

SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER: President's Message

Hello!

As we begin a new season together, I want to warmly welcome everyone back! I hope the summer months have provided each of you with an enjoyable and restful time - a chance to slow down, spend time with family and friends, connect with nature, and perhaps most importantly, reconnect with God in the beauty and quiet moments He provides.

Though the Church Council has been on summer hiatus, we did meet to determine the worship schedule for this upcoming year. Beginning September 12th, you will be able to worship with us on Saturdays at 5:00pm and Sundays at 9:15am. Sunday School will meet on Sundays from 8:00-9:00am. I realize that this may not be ideal for everyone. However, I hope you understand that we gave careful consideration to all the opinions and perspectives that were shared with us. Through thoughtful discussion, respectful debate, and deliberate consideration of the various viewpoints, we ultimately concluded that this was the best solution.

As we look ahead to this new season in the life of our congregation, I hope you are feeling refreshed, renewed, and exited about what lies ahead. There is something special about coming back together as a church family, and I look forward to all that we will share, accomplish, and experience together in the months ahead. May God bless our congregation and guide us as we begin this new season with open hearts and renewed spirits.

Sincerely,
Dan Wheeler

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to our school supply drive. With your donations and proceeds from last year's Cookie Walk we were able to purchase supplies for 30 students in New Lenox Schools. 30 sets of headphones were also donated by Dan Merryman, son-in-law of the Toepke's. The schools are greatly appreciative of our support!

The 18th Annual Trinity Craft and Vendor Fair will be held:
Saturday, October 17 from 9 to 3.
Applications are now being accepted from past participants and church members.
For more information, please email trinitycraftshow@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

***** OUR CHURCH CHOIR IS LOOKING FOR A NEW DIRECTOR *****
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, OR YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED PLEASE REQUEST A DISCRIPTION OF THE DUTIES
or
for more information about the Choir OR if you would like to join, please contact Jennifer at tlcsecretary508@gmail.com

***** BUY RAISERIGHT GIFT CARDS *****
Do you go to Starbucks, shop at Target or Jewel, etc.? Then consider ordering gift cards not only to give as gifts but to spend as you shop. It costs you only the face value of the gift card, and the proceeds benefit our youth group. It's a win, win!
A full list of participating stores along with order forms are located outside of the Pastor's office, or you can learn more at www.raiseright.com.
Any questions can be directed to Angie at minett411@yahoo.com or 815-228-4902.
The Next RaiseRight Order Deadline Dates: = SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6th
Payment is due when you order. Cards will be ready to pick up the following week.
Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our efforts!
Your generosity is greatly appreciated!
Our Enrollment Code: 4A178L34485L4

***** Church Nursery Available! *****
Did you know our church now has a nursery available during the 9:15am Sunday service?
***** This Extends the Entire Year *****
Children aged 0 to 6 are welcome to come to the nursery downstairs by the Sunday School rooms for all, or a portion of the service.
Everyone is welcome to come down and see our new classroom and meet the caregivers.

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

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

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

If anyone donates regularly and would like an envelope so their giving can be tracked, please feel free to reach Jacob Sheffer at 815-263-8968
He would be happy to provide a list of available envelope numbers

SUGGESTION BOX RESPONSE(S):
Hello All, we are doing something a little different this year.
We would like to open lines of communication. Instead of the Suggestion Box, please take a moment to approach Pastor Hoag or I with any questions you might have. This could be in person, via email, or a phone call. Thank You!

CHURCH ROOM USAGE: Members of Trinity Lutheran Church can make use of a room in the church if needed. We do require a $100 deposit to hold the room. The deposit will be returned to you after the room has been inspected by our property committee. If cleanup is needed, we will keep the deposit. For more information contact Jennifer at tlcsecretary508@gmail.com

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

TWO Large Print Hymnals are available! These can be found on the table in the Narthex near the bulletins and must always be returned after the service.

Hearing Devices are available for anyone who is hearing impaired. Please ask Pastor or an Usher for help.

Sewing Kit in the church secretary's office if ever needed – Please Help Yourself.

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/

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Please contact: Kim Burbank 708-567-9372 or email: kimberly.burbank@thrivent.com
https://connect.thrivent.com/kimberly-burbank

Bible Study: BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2026
-Wednesday 8:30am
-Thursday 7:00pm

each reach ONE ONE
Making a Difference One Person at a Time.

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

2026 we will be reading through the Bible again this year!
Contact Michelle Buell for details or for help connected with us! (815) 909-6366

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

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

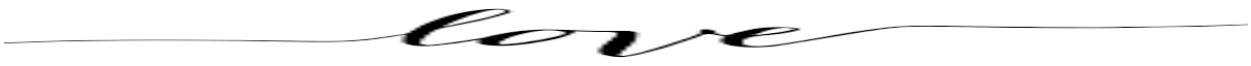
YOUR 2026 CHURCH COUNCIL:

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)
- Enzo Michael Egan (July 12th 2026)
- Iva Rose Wojdyla (July 12th 2026)
- Juliet Joy Bendoraitis (July 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 September:
September 5-6 – Jan Schlak and Carol Oldendorf
September 12-13 – Carol Oldendorf and Robin Kroll
September 19-20 – Allene Bachmann and Sharon MacFarlane
September 26-27 – *Hang Fall Wreaths* Sharon MacFarlane and Allene Bachmann

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. You can help by sponsoring an available Sunday. A 2026 Altar Flower Calendar is posted in the glass case hanging on the wall outside the general office. When selecting a date, please check the calendar for availability. **The following weekends are open and in need of sponsors: Oct 4, Nov 1, Nov 22, Dec. 6 (one half of a shared arrangement), and Dec. 13.** If you would like to reserve a Sunday in memory of a loved one or to honor a special occasion, please fill out a sponsor order form and put it along with payment in the Chancel Guild Mailbox. The forms are located on a hook attached to the glass case. If you have any questions, contact Kay Purnell at purnellk51@hotmail.com or (815) 485-9017.

September Altar Flower Sponsors:

Sept. 5-6	Paul & Robin Krol In Celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary
Sept. 12-13	Janice Prospero In Gratitude for the many Blessings Jan has received throughout the years with her husband, Al, and her family
Sept. 19-20	A Friend of Richard & Jackie Rohner's In Memory of Richard Rohner
Sept. 26-27	Dan & Doris Bay and Family In Remembrance of Onkel Dieter Ussling

Social Ministry Announcements:

IMPORTANT: One or two more coffee hosts are needed as we are losing one of our regular hosts. If you can help out once a month or once in awhile, please email Jan Toepke at toepkej@gmail.com. Your help is greatly appreciated so we are able to continue the regular coffee hours.

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)

September
4 - Nikki & Virgil Switzer
13 - Kay Purnell
20 - Christina Kipper & Liz Benedict
27 - Nicole Black

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.

Food and Fellowship: will be on **Tuesday, September 8th 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.
***** If you would like to host that day, please contact Jan Toepke at toepkej@gmail.com.*****

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, September 14th at 7:00pm** at the Church.

Trinity Preschool News:

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

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

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

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

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

-3 Days a Week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
or
-2 Days a Week on Monday and Wednesday, Monday and Friday, or Wednesday and Friday

-2 Day, 3-Year-Old - $140.00
-3 Day, 4-Year-Old - $175.00

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

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

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

Trinity Lutheran Preschool EVENT CALANDER:

September
2: Student/Parent Open House 9:30-10:30
4: No School
7: No School - Labor Day
9: First Day of Preschool
25: Picture Day

October
12: No School - Columbus Day
30: Halloween Party

November
23, 25, 27: No School -Thanksgiving Break

December
16: Christmas Program
21-31: No School - Christmas Break

January
1-3: No School - Christmas Break cont.
18: No School - Martin Luther King Day

February
12: Valentine Exchange
15: No School - President's Day

March
24: Easter Egg Hunt
26-31: No School - Spring Break

April
2: No School

May
28: Last Day of School and End of Year Program

Sunday School News:

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

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 13th at 8 am!

Notice the NEW time!

We will begin in our classrooms downstairs.
Parents are invited to join Pastor and Miss Michelle Sin the gym for our new group called "Common Grounds". We will enjoy coffee and conversation about raising faithful families in a today's world.
Our nursery will be available during the 9:15 am church service. Children from birth through age 6 are welcome to join us!
This change is in response to the change in service and Sunday School times!

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 … WILL BE POSTED SOON

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

WE MEET MONTHLY: September through May

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

We do have an instagram page for all things TLC Youth Group…follow us at tlcyg_nl

OUTREACH UPDATES:

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

"COME HOME TO JESUS SUNDAY": SUNDAY 10/25/26 (ONLY ONE SERVICE AT 9:00am)

OUTREACH FLYERS: Lutheran Hour Ministries PROJECT CONNECT can be found on the shelves outside of the Narthex –
-Some of the following **Project Connect** booklets are available as audio files, in addition to their standard PDF readable formats. https://www.lhm.org/projectconnect/booklets.asp
-A MATTER OF TIME (taking control of your life)
-COMEBACKS (how to get back up after life knocks you down)
-CONTENTMENT (five practices for a more content life – no matter who you are)
-EVERYONE IS A GIFT (letting God transform how you see people)
-FORGIVNESS IS A CHOICE
-GRIEF (where sadness and hope meet)
-HOW TO TALK ABOUT YOUR FAITH (an introduction to the spiritual conversation curve)
-JOURNEY THROUGH ADDICTION
- JOURNEY THROUGH ANXIETY
-JOURNEY THROUGH THE RAT RACE
-LOVE THY NEIGHBORHOOD (rediscovering the power of sharing the gospel with our deeds)
-PRAYER (when you don't know what to say)
-REGRETS, REALITY, RESTORATION
-SETTING PRIORITIES (previously titled: "Too Much to Do – Too Little Time"
-THE BIBLE (what? when? why?)
-WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DIE?
-WHO IS JESUS?
-WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN? (courage during difficult times)
-WHY DID JESUS DIE?
-YOUR PLACE IN GODS PLAN (previously titled: "And the Lord Appointed You")

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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**	815 530 3777	etatro4@aol.com
		Tim King	815 463 0415	tim.king1@comcast.net
	Substitutes	Tom Buell	815 483 9212	tombuell3769@gmail.com
		Bob Blecke	815 353 7561	robert.blecke@yahoo.com
3rd Sunday	9:AM	Mike Gardner	815 485 9623	mgardner1453@gmail.com
		Gary Purnell	815 485 9017	gpurnell3@hotmail.com
	Substitutes	Cameron Hoag	779 279 4223	cam.hoag21@gmail.com
		Dana Knodel	708 822 2902	knodel.dana@yahoo.com
4th Sunday.	*9: AM	Steve Tomany	815 485 3163	sltomany@gmail.com
		Randy Varju	815 485 7204 (or cell 815-685-1363) ravarju@hotmail.com	
	Substitutes	Phil McFarlane	815 806 1219	philmacp40@comcast.net
		John Buell	815-756-0194	jbuell7528@gmail.com
5th Sunday	9:AM	Scott Benedict	815 953 8105	maxem02@yahoo.com
		Jeff Lorenz	815 463 0833	jlorenz2367@gmail.com
	Substitutes	Paul Krol	815 575 1315	p.krol@sbcglobal.net
		Craig Black	815 278 0330	cbnb33@sbcglobal.net

Alternates:
Dan Wheeler 815 483 6172 wheeler.dan454@gmail.com
Zack Horn 630 664 9224 zachery.horn@gmail.com
Jacob Sheffer 815 263 8968 jm.sheffer62@gmail.com
Rex Toepke 815 485 2638 rtoepke@usa.net

*Communion.
Members who have an interest in serving the Lord and our congregation as an usher, helping to assist with the sanctity of our services, should contact Ed Tatro **

Beginning May 24, 2026 ET

Church Member Skills: HELP SUPPORT OUR MEMBERS

-Accounting, Tax Preparation, Business Validations – Tamara L. Doerrer
Certified Public Accountant
Email: doerrercpa@gmail.com
Phone: 815.263.8800

-Amway – Nikki Switzer
www.amway.com/myshop/nikkiswitzer
Email: tremere09@gmail.com
Phone: 815.690.3782

-Account Manager with Evertree Insurance – Timothy Gappa
www.evertree.co
Email: tim.gappa@evertree.co
Phone: 815.464.8800

-Beauty/Cosmetics Services with Mary Kay - Joanne Gardner
Mary Kay Senior Sales Director
Office: 815-485-6675
Cell/Text: 815-922-9623
Email: joanne.gardner@comcast.net
Website: www.marykay.com/joannegardner

-Clear View Renovation – Dana Knodel
Interior Remodeling of Bathrooms, Kitchens, Basements (no outside work)
708.822.2902
knodel.dana@yahoo.com

-Financial Advisor with Thrivent - Kimberly Burbank
connect.thrivent.com/kimberly-burbank
Email: kimberly.burbank@thrivent.com
Phone: 708.770.4311
Text: 708.564.3971

-Jans Specialty Cakes – Decorated Cakes, Cookies, Cupcakes - Jan Toepke
Phone: 815.485.2638
Email: toepkej@gmail.com

-Knitting and Crochet - Nikki Switzer
www.amway.com/myshop/nikkiswitzer
Email: tremere09@gmail.com
Phone: 815.690.3782

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

-Seamstress - Specialize in Bridal/Formal Alterations - Barbara Adochio
Phone: 815-545-5029
416 Root Street New Lenox, IL 60451

-"Side Effects!" (Pastor Hoag's Band) – to book gigs for events contact: - Dan Bay
Phone: 815-671-9709

LCC Disaster Response Ministry

LCC Disaster Response deploys, coordinates and manages volunteer teams as they respond to disasters throughout the United States and beyond. LCC trains volunteer Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) through our LCMS congregations in many areas of disaster response.
Approximately 850 active LCC volunteers have been certified in basic LERT training. Many have gone on to certify in additional training such as chainsaw, heavy equipment, debris removal, flood recovery with pumps, mucking homes and how to provide emotion and spiritual care. LERT volunteers can prepare, cook and serve meals to volunteers and affected communities while deployed. For LERT volunteers, disaster response is an essential relief and outreach ministry.
In the chaos of disaster, it's important to stay focused on the task at hand. LCMS Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) training will help you focus on the most important thing to remember as you prepare for or to respond to a disaster in your community or beyond. At the center of our LERT volunteer training is one thing: **MERCY!** Christ's mercy is the basis for everything we say and do. This training event will equip you to be an effective volunteer should a disaster strike your community. After a brief introduction regarding the goals and theological rationale of LCMS Disaster Response, the LERT volunteer training will address the following:
Christian Care In Times of Disaster
A Ministry of Presence
The LERT Program and How It Works with Other Responders
Introduction to Disaster Response
LCC/NID Disaster Response & Deployment Protocol
Service Opportunities after a Disaster & Safety Protocol
LERT training is also now offered to youth, ages 14 – 17, so they can also assist in general disaster response safely and under the guidance of their own youth leadership. LCMS Disaster Response has developed new guidelines for youth participation. A parent must be present and sign form for participation.
If you know someone who would be a good addition to your LERT Team, encourage them to register and attend.

PLEASE REMEMBER: ANY TYPE OF HELP **IS HELPING** – IT COULD BE AS SIMPLE AS PASSING OUT WATER BOTTLES

https://www.lutheranchurchcharities.org

BEST WAY TO DONATE: CASH (it is preferred – it's as simple as that) – this can be placed in an envelope and put into the offering plate. The money will be collected in a safe and given to Mark Razny when the proper time arises. He will purchase what is needed for each specific location.

for more information please reach out to: Mark Razny at mrazny@yahoo.com or the Church Secretary at tlcsecretary508@gmail.com

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Church Office Hours
Monday 3:30pm-4:30pm, Tuesday 3:30pm-5:30pm and Wednesday 3:30pm-4:30pm