



Making A Difference Newsletter

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Your Donations at Work in Haiti



LCC presented Pastor Isaac from Jeremie money to purchase a motorcycle for one of his pastors serving multiple congregations.

[Click here to donate to purchase more motorcycles for pastors in Haiti](#)



Because of your donations, water filters were given to Pastor Isaac for distribution to families in Jeremie, many who are suffering from cholera.

[Click here to donate a water filtration system to a family in Haiti](#)



LCC staff and Trinity Urbana volunteers distributed shoes to all the families at a tent city close to the location of where homes were being built through LCMS Building Homes and Hope in Haiti.

[Click here to donate towards purchasing more shoes for children in tent cities](#)

LCC donates money to Pastor Marky Kessa, President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti, to provide church workers to serve this tent city with the

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Gospel.

[Click here to donate to the Haiti Relief Fund](#)

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Post a prayer, or
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[LCC's Prayer Wall](#)

Washer and Dryer Needed

Request from Pastor Jeremy Heilman, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Chicago



I have a couple who are in desperate need of a washer and electric dryer. They have the hook-ups but can not afford to buy the appliances. If anyone has a set they can donate it would be a tremendous blessing for this family.

If you have a washer or dryer to donate please contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org



LCC connects needs with resources, working with more than 400 congregations to help Christians "Make a Difference in People's Lives and in God's Kingdom"

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For more information about LCC and its human care ministry, please contact LCC staff at:

LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

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Called to Faith in Prison through Lutheran Hour Ministry

From Hicham Chehab, Pastor, Salam Arabic Fellowship and Missionary, POBLO-Chicago



A few months ago I posted an appeal on the Lutheran Church Charities website for supporting the Lutheran ministry in Lebanon (Middle East Lutheran Ministry). Last week I encountered some of the fruits of that ministry. The word of God will never return empty (Isaiah 55:10-11). Below is the amazing story of God's Grace and how he used the Lutheran Hour Ministry in Beirut to plant the seed of faith in the heart of a young Muslim man.

[Click here to read the rest of the story](#)

LERT Training at St Paul Thornton



On Saturday, January 8th, St Paul Lutheran Church in Thornton, IL hosted a *Lutheran Early Response Team* training. Sixteen individuals from Christ Lutheran Church Orland Park, Trinity Lutheran Church Lansing, Trinity Lutheran Church Tinley Park and St Paul Lutheran Thornton attended the training.

These trained volunteers will now be able to

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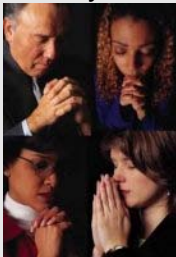
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be on the front end when a disaster occurs to bring the mercy, love, and compassion of Jesus Christ to those who are hurting. Pete Imlah and Dianna Bonfield from Lutheran Church Charities conducted this training.

A special thank you to St. Paul Lutheran Church for hosting the LERT Training at their facility, and a special thank you to Sandra Bodza for coordinating and hosting the training and breakfast for all the participants. Sandra is an LCC LERT member and a member of St Paul Thornton.

LCC Staff Returns From Haiti



Tim, Dona, and Rich hit the ground running on Monday arriving in Port Au Prince and moving to Leogane where they met with Rev. Glen Merritt, head of Disaster Response for LCMS World Relief and Human Care, Hans Springer, John Lewis and Maggie Karner from LCMS World Relief, Jackie and Mark Rychel from the Ohio District LCMS, Barb Diodorinne, Pastor Tom Donnelly, Bryan Keller from the Wisconsin District, and Sofie Martin from Carthage College.

The task at hand in Leogane was to do a site evaluation of property that was being proposed to accommodate an office and guest house for future mission groups. By the end of the week the site had been secured and work is commencing this week to secure the property. Tuesday morning the team headed to Jacmel where again much was on the schedule and as God had planned, much would be accomplished. We met up with the team from Trinity Urbana and saw what a fast start they had made on four homes. Dona did a review of how the teams trip was going so she could make the necessary adjustments for future groups.

Tim had meetings with Pastor Marky Kessa, President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti, and Rich did evaluations of a factory that recently started to produce water filters. The group also worked on plans and meet with contractors for another guest house in Jacmel. By the end of the week they had secured the property, contracted with a builder, and broke ground before leaving on Saturday at 7am.

There were many more activities going on that week. Barb, Tom, and John had taken a trip to visit the Lutheran Church in Les Cayes and the group came across a choir by the name of *God Plus*, which we are sure to hear more of in the future. Sofie Martin, a college student representing the future of mission workers, was able to get an idea of the work available for students to do in Haiti and has started to network and reach out to encourage others to join her on future trips.

[To help support continual relief efforts in Haiti please click here](#)

[Click here to view photos from this trip](#)

Building Homes and Hope for Haiti Making a Difference in Haiti, One Family at a Time



A group from Trinity Lutheran Church in Urbana, Illinois arrived on Saturday, January 1st to help build homes in Jacmel, Haiti. The team included 15 members and ranged in age from 17 to 76! It was also family generational from grandson to parent to grandparent.

The team was led by David Kuehn and also included Pastor Terry Strom. By the end of the week the team made significant progress on

building four homes. It was a daunting task as the teams mixed mortar and laid heavy

concrete blocks. The team worked closely with other Haitian workers and quickly developed a strong bond with them and their country.

On Sunday the team also participated in worship and confirmation services led by Pastor Marky Kessa. Goodbyes were the same as anywhere else. By the end of the week the team had made some strong spiritual bonds. What a great witness to the Mercy and Compassion of Jesus Christ and what a great example for future groups!



[Click here to see video testimonies from this trip](#)

[Click here to view photos from this trip](#)

[Click here for a short video of this team in action](#)

Lutheran Church Charities Announces Our Next Technology Conference/Roundtable

[Technology - A Tool for Ministry and God's Kingdom](#)



Get Connected, Stay Connected

Church IT / AV Professionals Conference / Roundtable
Sponsored by Lutheran Church Charities

[Wednesday, January 19, 2011](#)
[11:00am - 1:00pm](#)
[Seegers Center, Addison, Illinois](#)

Lutheran Church Charities, as part of our Mission to help congregations share the Mercy, Compassion and Proclamation of Jesus Christ, is facilitating the next IT/AV Conference Roundtable. We are inviting people who are either employed full time in church Ministry, work part time in Technology, IT, or AV, or are the equivalent as volunteers. We are NOT looking for the person who sets up the TV and VCR, but rather people who either work with church web pages, video broadcasting, Internet systems for the church, etc. Anything that helps a congregation reach a lost world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

If you are that person, or know of that person in your church, please invite them to our Technology Conference/ Roundtable on Wednesday, January 19th from 11 am - 1 pm. Our goal is to have a group that can share resources and ideas and help each other Make A Difference in People's Lives and God's Kingdom through the use of technology. We will order sandwiches; cost per person is \$5.

If you would like to attend - we ask that you register prior to the date. If you have any questions please contact LCC Technology Director Dana Yocum at 866-455-6466 or email her at Dana@LutheranChurchCharities.org.

[Please Click Here to Register](#)

Iranian Family of Three Needs Help with Deposit for Apartment

[Request by Rev. Hicham Chehab, Pastor, Salam Christian Fellowship & Missionary for Chicagoland Lutheran Muslim Mission Association \(CLMMA\)](#)

UPDATE: Over the Holidays this young



family found an apartment. They are able to pay the monthly rent but need help with the \$750.00 deposit. Please consider showing the love of Christ to this family as they start their new life.

[To donate, click here](#)

This young Iranian family, husband (26) wife (20) and daughter (2 ½) need temporary housing for a least six months. They are ready to stay with a family or rent a studio apartment. The husband needs a job badly in order to carry on. The husband speaks some English and has a car. This family has been attending the Salam Christian

Fellowship.

Haiti: All We Want for Christmas is a Toilet!

[Request from Susan Gross, Haitian Lutheran Mission Project](#)



These children are asking for a TOILET for Christmas. Yes, that must sound strange to most of us but it is true. Cholera is invading the country of Haiti. Clean water and toilets are needed to prevent thousands of deaths.

Please read Pastor Isaac's letter below:

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus to all our brothers and sisters.

Haiti is struggling with one more dilemma, the cholera disease that already killed 2000 people and affected 30,000 according to the officials. But, the reality is over 3000 deaths and 50,000 affected. Ms Cholera is visiting Haiti department after department, city after city, village after village on a weekly basis.

Jeremie district has 34 churches and 30 schools. (Jérémie, Marfranc, Moron, Fond Rouge, Beaudouin, Iles Blanches, Roche-À-Pierre, Durocher, Dame Marie, Grande Barrière, Layé, Irois, Ansed'Hainault, Bariadèle, Pian, Galette, Les Rois, Cicar, Mandou, Loton, Frezine, Gabriel, Lexis, Pestel, Thozia, Saint Louis, Perla, Vendrebuche, Dâsormaux, Glaci Dalier, Nan Jeudi, Lavalette, Daniel, Sajotte and Louimeme JeanCharles). Almost, each church has a school. NONE OF OUR SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES HAVE A TOILETTE FACILITY, NO EVEN A LATRINE. Since there is no toilette facilities, the risk to get sick is very high and always imminent.

As the District President, I am very concerned about the eventuality of having some cases of cholera among our people momentarily because of the lack hygiene and the absence of toilette, latrines, safe water, you name it.

We plan on building 34 toilettes (latrines), one for each school and/or church. We are hoping that some good samaritan would commit to building 1,2, 3, 4 toilettes. Each toilette will cost \$500 only with the participation of the community in providing sand, stones, gravel, foundation. The \$500 will be used to buy cement, blocks, steel, nails, wood. We will make a photo of each toilette completed along with the beneficiaries and forward it to whom this may concern, especially the donor.

We wish we could find 34 sister churches that would be willing to join hands with us. Please pray for Haiti and don't forget Jeremie. Thanks a lot for your love, support, and everything you have already done to prove and demonstrate your love.

*God Bless!
Jean Isaac Jacquet*

[Click here to donate](#)

LCC Receives Corporate Donation of Furniture



This past week LCC was blessed to receive a corporate donation of office cubicles from Landrum & Brown.

A special thank you to LCC volunteers Helmut Mueller, Ray Bogaert, James and Jon Frederickson, Carl Burger, Mike Kinyon, Sue and Gary Kessler, Chip Yocum, Mark Handrock, Stephen & Philip Hetzner, and Matt Webb who worked tirelessly over Friday,

Saturday, Sunday and Monday to dismantle and reassemble the cubicles to provide new work spaces for LCC staff.

Comfort Dog Update

[LCC K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs at St John Lutheran School](#)

On Wednesday, January 5th, LCC K9 Comfort Dogs JoJo, Star, Tara, and Tillie visited the students and staff at St John Lutheran School on Montrose in Chicago. Pete Imlah shared a message of encouragement and challenge with the students, then the Comfort Dogs visited each of the classrooms. The students got to ask questions about the K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs and pet them.



[LCC K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs Take A Road Trip](#)



This coming week Pete Imlah and a number of the K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs will be heading down to Springfield, IL to visit a number of Lutheran schools. On Tuesday, January 18 they will be at Trinity Lutheran School at 12:30pm. On Wednesday, January 19th they will start at 8:30am with a K-9 Chapel Talk at Our Savior's Lutheran School then over Lutheran High School Springfield at

10:20am. The road trip will conclude with Concordia Lutheran School classroom visits at 2:00pm.

[Click here to schedule a K-9 Comfort Dog visit](#)

[Donate to the K-9 Parish Comfort Dog Ministry](#)

Nurses and Medical Personnel Needed for March Mission Trip to Haiti



On Thursday, December 9th, Sue Gross from Christ Lutheran in Orland Park stopped by the LCC offices to pick up your donations of prescription eye glasses. The glasses will be taken to Haiti as part of the Haiti Mission Trip planned for March 3-12, 2011.

Nurses are still needed for the Mission Trip. We will be training local Haitians to administer basic health care to school children and the elderly as well as teaching hygiene to children and prenatal care to expectant mothers. The cost of the trip is \$2,000.00.

We must know before the end of December if you are coming.

For more information email Sue Gross at suelynn144@aol.com.

LCC Meets with Ghana Pastor on Malaria Treatment



On Tuesday, December 28th, LCC staff met with Pastor William Boateng from Ghana to talk about LCC's continual Malaria Research and treatment in Ghana.

Pictured are: (seated) Rev Walt Otten, Rev. William Boateng; (standing) John Peterson, Dr. Susan Busse, Tim Hetzner and Pete Imlah from LCC.

Pastor Boateng was treated and cured of Malaria - and is requesting more treatment be brought back to Ghana to be used through our Lutheran Congregations there.

[To help finance Malaria treatment, click here](#)

Haiti Update from Pastor Isaac [Thank You to all Who Have Donated-Your Donations Continue to Make a Difference!](#)

Dear sisters and brothers I ask you send this message to all our Sponsors who support the work in Jeremie.

Thank you!
Pastor Isaac



Dear Sponsors,

Best wishes and a BIG THANK YOU from all of us here in Jeremie, (Pastors, lay preachers, orphans, students, teachers and all the population) to you all for your money, your love, support and everything you did to help us stay alive till this day.

According to the Scriptures, each time we help someone in need, it's like helping God. That's why, please don't give up on us. Your reward will exceed your effort up there in heaven. One more time, THANKS A LOT for your support during THE EARTHQUAKE, HURRICANE THOMAS, CHOLERA DISEASE THAT IS NOT OVER YET (in fact, right now, Jeremie area has the highest rate of cases. Too bad so sad! But, this is the reality).

May God continue to spread His manifold blessings upon you day after day all through the New Year!

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us here in Jeremie!
Past. Isaac Jacquet*

[Click here to support Pastor Isaac's work in Jeremie](#)

Vehicle Donations Needed for Families in Need



LCC has received numerous requests from churches for vehicles for families in need of reliable transportation. The need for cars and vans to provide a means for getting to work, school and medical appointments has never been higher.

If you have a working car or van please consider donating it to LCC for one of these families.

All vehicles that are donated to LCC go directly out to families or individuals through our congregations. NO vehicles are sold.

If you have a vehicle to donate please contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

Housing Needed for Winter for Single Woman Requested by Pastor Gerald Menk, Faith Lutheran Church, Lake Forest, Illinois



A 41-year-old woman needs accommodation through the winter, preferably a room in house. She can cook, help clean, and also can pay something. With winter here she is anxious to find a room soon as her current housing arrangement is ending and she is having difficulty finding somewhere else. If anyone can be of assistance it would be a great blessing.

If you have a room available please call the church office at (847) 234-1868

Help us Feed People in Need In Disaster Response and Outreach Events



Because Christians do food well - and food is always needed in a Disaster Response situation and other outreach events, LCC is looking for a FOOD WAGON that we can cook and serve food from. Needs to be portable - can be a pull trailer or mobile unit.

If you know of anyone who has one they would like to donate, or if your group would like to help purchase one that would be

shared with our NID congregations and beyond, please contact Tim Hetzner at LCC at 866-455-6466.

Administrative Help Needed for Rev. Hicham Chehab

Request by Rev. Hicham Chehab, Pastor, Salam Christian Fellowship & Missionary for Chicagoland Lutheran Muslim Mission Association (CLMMA)



Because of the rapid growth of the Lutheran Outreach ministry to Muslims, Hicham is requesting volunteer help of 3-8 hours a week. If you are able to volunteer please call Hicham at 331-645-0650 or email him at hicham.chehab@gmail.com

Information about the Ministry:

With the generous prayers, guidance, financial assistance and direct involvement of many of the area's Lutheran Churches and pastors, we have progressed and now come to a new level of development in our mission's outreach program. A new governing and supporting organization, the Chicagoland Lutheran Muslim Mission Association (CLMMA), has been formally established. CLMMA's ministry, outreach mission and governance involve many of these LCMS congregations. As a part of this restructuring, Salam Christian Fellowship is now an associate congregation with Peace Lutheran Church in Lombard, Illinois, meeting in fellowship every Saturday.

LERT Training Sessions in 2011

Tuesday, January 25th - Circuit 22/St. John Lutheran Church, Darien, IL

Saturday, February 12th - Our Savior Lutheran Church, Louisville, KY

Tuesday, February 22nd - Fellowship of Faith, McHenry, IL



Registration is \$20 and helps cover the cost of the training materials, meal, and the LERT T-shirt, which is required to be worn in a disaster response situation. Registration can be paid by credit card online at time of registration or by cash or check at the door.

[To register click here.](#)



In order to better manage volunteers and resources, FEMA is finalizing a guideline on credentialing volunteers for large-scale disasters. The federal guidelines indicate that volunteers responding to a disaster should be trained and certified. LCC is providing training for Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) throughout our

district. Should a disaster strike these teams would be put on call and may be asked to deploy in 72 hours or less to the disaster site.

This training will prepare team member for credentialing and will focus on the safety, work, and ministry of Lutherans as Early Responders.

[Click here to register.](#) For more information, call Dianna Bonfield at 866-455-6466.

Disasters Can Hit Anytime Anywhere, Therefore LCC Will Continue To Offer Congregational Preparedness Training



LCMS Human Care and World relief has put together the training and tools needed for a congregation to develop a plan for being prepared if a disaster hits. Not only that - LCC and the District Disaster Response Team are trained and willing to take your congregation through the plan. This takes about 3 hours with key leaders of your church. Members of LCC and the District Disaster Response team will continue to consult

with your congregation, helping you through each of the various aspects to have a plan in place.

Congregational Preparedness Training (CPT) addresses questions like "Do we have a contingency plan in the event that the pastor becomes a victim of a disaster?" or "In the event that a tornado is bearing down on our church on Sunday morning during worship service who should be the person to say we need to evacuate the sanctuary and where is the safest place for all these people to go?"

Having recognized that God often uses disaster to open doors for his Church to do ministry, participants address questions like "What are some ways that our congregation can offer Christ's comfort to the community after a disaster?" or "What happens to the church budget - can designated funds be used in times of crises?"

If you are interested in scheduling a CPT session, [Click here to fill out the CPT interest form.](#)

If you are interested in scheduling a CPT session please contact Dianna Bonfield at 866-455-6466 or email Dianna@LutheranChurchCharities.org

Thrivent Choice - Help Support Making A Difference Through Lutheran Church Charities

[Thrivent Choice](#) is the new charitable grant program through which Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members are able to direct Thrivent charitable funds. Eligible members are designated Choice Dollars, based on insurance premiums, contract values, and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership which are directed by the member to Lutheran organizations.



LCC Emergency Assistance Fund



LCC gets requests daily concerning people who need assistance, and it is increasing because of the current economic times we are living in.

LCC works through our churches to provide assistance by making the need known - and dollar per dollar we give the money to a church to help the family or individual. However, we receive some requests that are emergencies, and money is needed that day or the next day and we can't always get the need out in our weekly email newsletter first.

Would you consider making a gift to our LCC Emergency Assistance fund so that when these emergency needs occur we can help (through our churches) quicker? This is an important way for the Body of Christ to share the Mercy and Compassion and Proclamation of Christ.

[To contribute please click here](#)

Thank you for continuing to Make A Difference!
Tim Hetzner

Cars Needed for Immigrant Families

Request by Pastor Hicham Chehab, Salam Arabic Fellowship, Lombard, Illinois



Greetings in Christ, We have two refugee families that Salam is working with who need reliable transportation. One of them is a single mother who recently got a job and will not be able to continue to get to work without a car. The donation of a car would be a tremendous blessing and witness to these families.

If you have a vehicle to donate please contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

Nikki Berg and Her Twin Daughters, Ella and Lina

Request from NID President Rev. Dan Gilbert



GILBERT, Rev. Dan
Cross, Yorkville

With the sudden death of her husband, Rev Darrel Berg, a special fund has been set up with Lutheran Church Charities to help Nikki and her two-year-old twin daughters, Ella and Lina, with living expenses. Any financial assistance would be greatly appreciated to help them at this difficult time. Help show the Mercy and Compassion of Christ to the Berg family.

To contribute please [click here](#) or send your gift to LCC at 333 W Lake St, Addison IL 60101 and mark you check *Berg Fund*, or call LCC at 866-455-6466 and talk with Tim Hetzner.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12

The Gospel is Still the Best Way to Counter Terrorism!

Help Support our Lutheran Outreach Efforts in Lebanon



Lebanon is one of the few countries in the Middle East that still has a Christian population. It is a strategic country to reach Muslims in the Middle East. The Lutheran Church has been actively involved in Gospel outreach in Lebanon since the 1950's. Because of Mission cutbacks, support is desperately needed to continue bringing the Gospel to those of the Islamic faith.

Tim Hetzner, President of Lutheran Church Charities, will be traveling to Lebanon to meet with our Lutheran Missionaries there to help share the story of the work that is going and can be done! They are desperately in need of our support and prayers during this time of unrest in the Middle East. If we want to effectively fight terrorism, we need to use the only weapon that will make a difference - the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Please help our fellow Christians in Lebanon continue to proclaim the Gospel and serve those in need with the Mercy and Compassion of Christ.

To help, send your support to: Lutheran Church Charities, 333 W Lake St, Addison IL

60101 or call LCC at 866-455-6466 or [click here for online donations](#).

[Dr. Rev. Bernie Lutz shares a brief history of Middle East Lutheran Ministry](#) (pdf)



[LCMS Pastor Hicham Chehab shares why he asked LCC to Get Involved](#) (video - 1:50)

[LCMS Pastor Hicham Chehab describes the need in Lebanon, with introduction by Pete Imlah, LCC's Director of Mission and Outreach](#) (video - 4:22)

[Click here to view more videos from Pastor Hicham Chehab's interview](#)

[Click here to donate](#)

Malaria Initiative

Update: LCC received the following email from a Pastor in Ghana who received treatment for Malaria from Dr. Busse during her recently medical mission trip to Ghana. The results have been wonderful! Below is now another testimony on the value this treatment can bring to the Christian Church - at pennies a dose. This is all being done to provide the Christian Church another tool to touch lives with mercy and compassion and healing - in the name of Christ.



I am very very happy to write to inform you that your malaria treatment I received in Kumasi when you came to Ghana works well and it is better than any other treatment I have ever received for malaria. Malaria kills many many children in Ghana as well as adults. I will be very happy if you can come to Bawku to help us. We are hoping and praying to see you. Ever since I received the treatment I never experience malaria again at all.

COME AND HELP US TO BE FREE FROM MALARIA!

*Pastor Celtus Alale
Bawku Lutheran Mission
West Africa, Ghana*

[For more on the Malaria Initiative, click here](#)

Visit their web site: www.malaria01.org or E-mail: malaria01@yahoo.com

[Click here](#) to view a video about this project

[Click here to donate](#)

How to Conduct a Successful Mission Fair LCC's Newest Resource FREE for Congregations!



Has your church considered hosting a Mission Fair for your congregation? For your Community? Tim Hetzner and staff of LCC have put together an online resource that can help you do this. It is a step by step guide on how to plan a successful Mission Fair - along with sample letters and everything you will need. In fact, if you are planning a Mission Fair, LCC will help you promote it - all free of charge.

[Request your copy of HOW TO CONDUCT A SUCCESSFUL MISSION FAIR here](#) or call Lutheran Church Charities at 866-455-6466

Looking for Ways to Share the Mercy and Compassion of Christ to Those in Your Church and Community?

We are in hard economic times. "Times are terrible" many say. But just think what a blessing God has given us to share the Mercy and Compassion of Christ! The door is wide open for the Church to be the Church. Jesus showed us by his life that we are to be the church that "Does Feet" (John 13).



People say that they would "do" evangelism, they would reach out to people in need, but their church simply does not have the money right now to do it, things are tight! Dear Christian brothers and sisters, it doesn't take money to touch those in need and pain - it takes you and your willingness to follow Jesus' example.

If you would like a staff member of LCC to come out and share ways for you and your church to reach your members and community with the Mercy and Compassion of Christ - without money - contact us at 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org. We would be more than happy to come and work with you! By the way, we can even bring our K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs with us. This also will NOT cost you!

Looking to be in a Bible Study? Does Your Church Want to Host a Study? Your Small Group?

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[click here](#)



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- James: 5-week course
- Philippians: 5-week course
- Jude: 1-week course
- Jonah::3-week course
- Cover To Cover: A Journey Through The Bible 60-week course
- The Gospel of John

- Proverbs: 10-week course
- Know that God Exists: 1-week course
- Esther: 5-week course
- 31-week course
- Apocalypsis Jesu Christus: The Book of Revelation 30-week course

For more information and registration, [Click Here...](#)

To find out more information contact Tim Hetzner at 866-455-6466 or email at WAU@LutheranChurchCharities.org



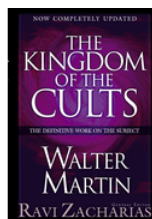
LCC in Need of Snow Plow

LCC has a need for a snow plow. The truck that it will go on is a 2000 Ford F250 Super Duty.

For more information or if you have a plow to donate please call LCC at 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

 Forward to a Friend

Tim's Pick of the Week



[The Kingdom of the Cults](#)

Edited By: Ravi Zacharias

By: Walter Martin

Radio's original *Bible Answer Man* Walter Martin's classic resource as updated by cult and occult specialist Ravi Zacharias. Using Martin's well-researched and easily accessible text, Zacharias brings the experience of in-depth study, some would say immersion, into this sometimes confusing field of study and includes many facts and figures covering occurrences in the 1990's (as Martin passed away in 1989). *Kingdom of the Cults* has always been a trusted resource in times where accurate information is imperative to someone's salvation from the strange world of cults and the occult.

Ranging in topics from the structure of cults to how cults are encountered on the mission field, many cults and movements are described in full, and intimate details of the inner workings can sometimes be indicative of where a cult may be leading. For anyone considering joining any of these groups or looking for more information for a friend or family member, this is an invaluable resource.

Items Needed by Ministries

We have received the following requests for items from Trinity Lutheran Church/El Buen Pastor in Chicago:

- Communion ware - visitation set
- 6 or 8 foot folding tables

If you have items to donate please contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or email us at LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org



LCC Staff and Comfort Dogs available for Church Functions and School Chapels!

For more information on scheduling LCC and the K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs for an event or chapel at your church, contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

To help support the growing Ministry of the Comfort Dogs [click here...](#)

To find out information on how your congregation can get one of the [LCC K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs Click here](#)

[Click here for some Photo Albums](#) showing some of the many places the dogs have brought comfort.... And [click here for the Dog Blog](#), featuring "[Tara's Twitter](#)"



Other Stories Still Seeking Support

- [Request from Rev Abraham Mengesha, EECMY-CES President of the Lutheran Church in Ethiopia](#)
- [Help Lutheran Hour Ministries Build Wells in Ghana - Each Well Costs \\$3,300](#)
- [Church Secretary with Serious Eye Condition in Need of Assistance](#)
- [New Boiler Needed at St. Paul Lutheran School - Dorchester](#)
- [Widow in Need of Help to Pay Rent](#)



Items Available to a Ministry

- 2822 several hundred 90-minute audio tapes
- 2821 Sony Master tape duplicator w/two slave units that allows duplicating of 11 tapes at one time
- 2817 300 Blue Lutheran Worship Liturgy Books (1982)
- 2815 Minolta LP 2010 - 10 yrs old. Makes good copies but needs an upper fuser roller kit and starter. Parts and labor approx \$250
- 2813 Kimbell Spinet Walnut Colored Piano with Bench
- 2809 Small, electric organ
- 2808 Wurlitzer 950 electronic theatre organ
- 2806 (60) metal folding charis
- 2805 Good Friday, Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday banner - deep purple velvet with black and yellow gold star and a white star
- 2804 One felt Reformation Banner that says, "Sola Scriptura and Fides Gratia" in the shape of a cross

[For More items, click here to view the latest updates on our DONATE Web Page...](#)

Items Free for the Asking

LCC works THROUGH churches and is not a Direct Service Ministry. To request an item on our "Free for the Asking" list please contact your Church and ask that they call us (866-455-6466) requesting an item. Arrangements will then be made to connect the item with you. If you are not a member of a Christian Church then please call LCC to place you in contact with one of our LCMS churches who can assist you.

- 2822 several hundred 90-minute audio tapes
- 2821 Sony Master tape duplicator w/two slave units that allows duplicating of 11 tapes at one time
- 2820 (2) white boxes of sweatshirts, 1 box of shoes, 1 garbage bag of shoes, 1 box of winter jackets
- 2819 Mauve colored lift chair that raises to enable one to exit the chair more easily. Requires electricity.
- 2818 Select Comfort twin bed with wireless remote control enabling raising and lower the head and shoulder and knee area, as well as providing vibration in these areas, if desired. Requires electricity
- 2816 Commode, box of gloves, Adult Depends and Ensure. All new and unopened
- 2815 Minolta LP 2010 - 10 yrs old. Makes good copies but needs an upper fuser roller kit and starter. Parts and labor approx \$250
- 2813 Kimbell Spinnet Walnut Colored Piano with Bench

For More Items Available, click here to view the list on our [DONATE page...](#)

To [OFFER](#) an item for this section, or to get a Receipt for an item you have donated, [CLICK HERE for the NON-MONETARY DONATION FORM](#)

Vehicles Needed to Help Individuals and Ministries

All vehicles that are donated to LCC go directly out to families or individuals through our congregations. NO vehicles are sold.



Photo: Jennifer's daughter had medical needs that required a vehicle with a lift. This donated van helped to meet that need.

Here are some of the most recent requests, but we have others that are still waiting for some word...

- [Car Needed for Nigerian Immigrant](#)
- [Van Needed for Faith, Stickney](#)
- [Truck Needed for Sexton at First Saint Paul's, Chicago](#)
- [Cars Needed for Immigrant Families](#)

[Click here for the complete page listing the needs](#)

If you have a vehicle to donate, please contact LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org or call 866-455-6466

COME LORD JESUS, BE OUR GUEST ...



You recognize this prayer written by Martin Luther ...

***Come Lord Jesus, be our guest
And let thy gifts to us be blessed. Amen***

If we really mean this prayer and want Jesus to be our Guest - wouldn't we feed him also?

Consider becoming a part of LCC's individual challenge and FEED THE INVISIBLE GUEST - AND MAKE HIM VISIBLE program to help feed the hungry.

[Click here for more details](#) | [Click here to donate now](#)
[Click here for a Bulletin Insert](#)

Job Seekers and Employers - Connect Online!

Christians contact us frequently who are looking for employment - either because the company they are with has downsized, closed or has had layoffs. If you are looking for people to hire and would like to consider a fellow Christian for a position, please check here www.servantatheart.org.

Job seekers can post their resumes, and employers can post job openings. Access to Expanded Job Listings through National Labor Exchange...



Servant at Heart

Lutheran Church Charities' Online Christian Business Directory

Looking for a Christian business? Lutheran Church Charities has an online Christian Business Directory called Servant@Heart. This online directory allows:

- Christians businesses to advertise their services without cost.
- Others to seek out Christian businesses.

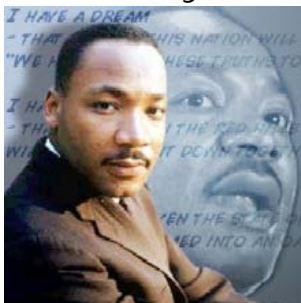
Each member of the directory has their church and pastor identified in their listing.

Search at ServantAtHeart.org to find Christian businesses or to have your business listed. You can also go to www.LutheranChurchCharities.org or call (866) 455-6466.

It is the people of God working together that fully allows God to build for His Kingdom!

 Forward to a Friend

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at Concordia University Chicago



Monday, January 17th at 11 am
Concordia University Chicago
7400 Augusta St.
River Forest, IL

Concordia University Chicago is holding a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration on Monday, January 17 at 11a.m. The university is offering a free buffet lunch to the attendants. Please inform Pastor Jeff Leininger of your intention to attend and the number of people coming from your church. Please contact Dr. Leininger (at 708-209-3470) with your numbers by January 12th so the kitchen staff can plan accordingly. Dr. McNair Ramsey from Concordia College, Selma (AL), will preach.

Saint Luke Lutheran School, Itasca - Open House and Registration

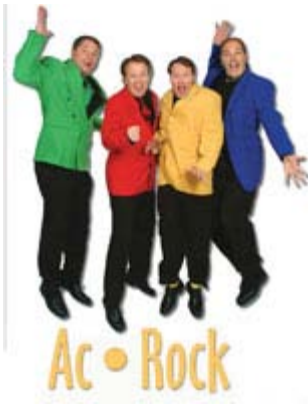


Thursday, January 20, 2011 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Saint Luke Lutheran School
410 South Rush St
Itasca, IL 60143

Saint Luke Lutheran School, Itasca, is hosting an open house and registration night on Thursday, January 20th, 6:30-8:30pm. Saint Luke offers quality education Preschool - 8th Grade: Christ centered, academically strong and respectfully operated. Find out more information about Saint Luke school by coming on January 20th or attending one of our weekly "Drop In and Learn More" days on Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00am. For more information please call the

church office at 630-773-0396 or visit their website www.saintlukeitasca.org

Free Concert at Trinity Roselle - AcRock



Friday, January 28, 2011 from 6-7 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
405 Rush St
Roselle, IL

Free Concert! Stay for our Family Semi Lock in at 7-10:30. We will have games, wii games, karaoke, food fear factor, dodge ball, pizza, and more. Cost is \$3.00 age 4 and up.

Call Gail to RSVP to lock in or for more information. Gail Kabacinski 630-894-3263 ext. 223.

[Click here for event flyer](#)

Upcoming Events - [Click Here for a complete listing of Upcoming Events](#)

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How To Support Lutheran Church Charities

All contributions go dollar per dollar to the causes listed in this newsletter.

If you would like more information on how to help or if you have items to share please contact TimHetzner@LutheranChurchCharities.org or send contributions to LCC, 333 West Lake Street, Addison, IL 60101 or contribute at our web site at <http://LCC.LutheranChurchCharities.org> or call us for credit card donations at LCC's office at (866) 455- 6466