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LCC's only appeal once a year to keep our doors open!

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Largest Earthquake in Haiti in over 200 Years

Lutheran Church Charities, along with LCMS World Relief and Human Care, and Orphan Grain Train, are raising money to provide support for all the victims in Haiti as a result of the recent earthquake.



A special email will go out Wednesday with more details. Our web site will also contain updates.



In the meantime, money is being collected - *Haiti Disaster Response Fund*

[Click here to donate](#)

Thank you for your Compassion and Support in showing the Love of Christ to Those in Need.



Roof Collapsed Last Weekend on LCC's Donated Warehouse

[We Need Your Help to Find Storage ASAP for all our Disaster Response Equipment](#)

This past weekend the roof on the donated warehouse space that LCC has been using in Mundelein collapsed due to the weather. Thankfully no one was in the building at the time but its collapse means that LCC no longer has space available to store our disaster response equipment. We also used the warehouse for the temporary storage of furniture and supplies for our Ethnic Ministries and for disaster victims.



Prayer Wall

Post a prayer, or pray for others!



[LCC's Prayer Wall](#)



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" [To meet our staff, click here](#)

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

Warehouse space is vital to meet the increasing ministry needs that have been placed before LCC. Help us to continue - by the Grace of God - to Make a Difference in People's Lives and in God's Kingdom.

If you know of any available warehouse space please contact Tim Hetzner at 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org.

Help Needed to Prepare Donated Eye Glasses for Haiti Mission Trip

[Request from Susan Gross, Haitian Lutheran Mission Project, Christ Lutheran Church, Orland Park and Tim Hetzner, President, Lutheran Church Charities](#)



HELP!!! First we would like to thank all who are making it possible to bring eye glasses to Haiti as part of our mission trip in March 2010. We have a favor to ask. If anyone knows of an EYE GLASS PROFESSIONALS/OPTOMETRIST who will help us get the prescriptions read on the glasses we have collected we would greatly appreciate the help.

We will be washing and sorting these eye glasses after the first of the year ourselves but we need people who are able to read the glasses and label them before we can pack them for the trip. If several people volunteer it can be done without asking too much of just a few.

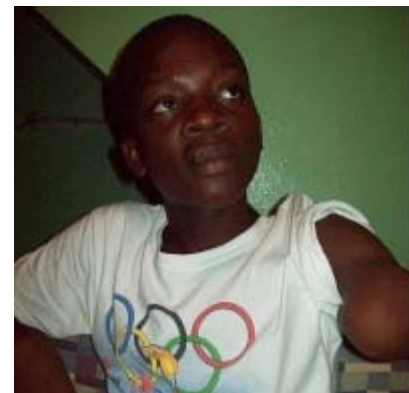
Please consider asking your local eye doctor to help us with this.

If you are able to help read the prescriptions of these glasses please call LCC at 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

\$2,500 Needed for 18 Year Old Haitian Boy's Medical Treatment in Chicago

[Request from Susan Gross, Haitian Lutheran Mission Project, Christ Lutheran Church, Orland Park](#)

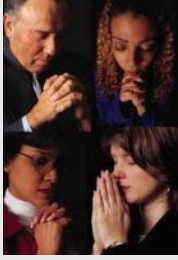
The Haitian Lutheran Mission Project has been asked to assist an 18 year old Haitian boy named Ronest from Les Cayes, Haiti. He has been diagnosed with a condition called neurofibromatosis. These are small tumors that grow all over his body. They may return after being removed but we are considering bringing him to the States to have them removed because two of the largest tumors (one on his upper left arm and one on his upper left chest) have become very painful. He has a number of other lumps on his lip, torso, arms and legs.



He has contacted Nora (a full time missionary at our Lutheran Church in Les Cayes) for help and she contacted us. Nora has been a friend of ours for years and we often network to help the Lutheran Pastors in Haiti. Nora has already arranged for a hospital and surgeon (here in Illinois) to pick up the cost of his surgery and hospital stay. He also has a Host Family ready to care for him but other expenses (air fare, passport etc.) totaling \$2,500 need to be met. Ronest lives with his grandmother and 4 year old sister. His father is a mechanic, his mother died in 2007. He lives in a 3 room house with rock walls, an iron roof and cement floor. There are 2 beds in the home and it does have electricity at times but no running water. He does NOT

LCC Announces

"Send a Spoken Prayer"



LCC's "[Send a Spoken Prayer](#)" e-Card site is available.

To learn more, [Click Here](#)

have food to eat every day. Please consider helping us bring Ronest to Chicago for treatment.

If you have questions please email Susan at suelynn144@aol.com

[Click here to donate](#)

Van Needed March - September for Missionaries on Furlough

[Request from Pastor Phil Esala, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Kettering, Ohio](#)

Rev. Nathan Esala and family (pictured) is returning to the Midwest for furlough from the end of March to the end of September 2010. Nathan is an LCMS pastor, serving in Ghana as a Bible translator for Lutheran Bible Translators. Nathan is translating the Bible into the Likonl language for the Komba people in northeast Ghana, a people group of 200,000 with no written language. Nathan and family have been in Ghana for 6 years, and if they continue to meet their scheduled goals should complete the translation project in 2013. This family of 6 (children ages 1-10) will be visiting supporting congregations in Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois, and coming to the LBT office in Aurora.



If you have a van to loan for 6 months or to donate, please contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

LCC Honors Their Volunteers!

Thursday Evening - in spite of the snow storm, LCC hosted a Pot Roast Dinner to say THANK YOU to all their dedicated volunteers. Over 300 were invited but because of the weather not all could attend. We again want to say thank you to ALL THE LCC volunteers - without them - LCC simply could not serve the number of people in need that we serve! THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!



[Click here](#) to view photos.

Iranian Convert in Need of Final Funding for Dentures

[Request from Hicham Chehab, POBLO Missionary to Chicago Arabic Community](#)

Dear Friends,

I am trying to raise the final \$750.00 to cover lab costs for Shaker's dentures. Shaker, 53, is a new convert from Iran who helps at Salam Arabic Fellowship, and opens his home for our ESL classes. I found a Lutheran Dentist, Dr. John Dano, who removed all that was left of his infected teeth. He did \$1,700 worth of services for free. Originally he thought the lab costs for the dentures would be \$750.00 but they have increased and will now cost \$1,000. Some monies have been raised but we are still in need of \$750.00 to get our brother his dentures.



[Click here](#) to read original request

[Click here](#) to donate

Comfort Dog Ministry Update

In The News

Our thanks to the TribLocal Palatine for the great story on the K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs, but we do have one correction: the K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs at Lutheran Church Charities are certified service dogs.

Working like a dog: canines bring comfort
Michelle Stoffel/Triblocal.com staff reporter 01/04/10 11:08 AM

A new class of working dog has been popping up around the northwest Chicago suburbs. But instead of sniffing out criminals for the police or acting as eyes for the blind, these dogs are helping others by simply doing what they do best-being pet.

Comfort dogs, though not legally service dogs, are now showing up at schools, in libraries and churches throughout the northwest suburbs. They provide comfort to mourners at funerals or a judgment-free reading companion for shy children.



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

Dedication Service at St. John Algonquin for LCC Comfort Dog Butter



Sunday, January 10th, LCC Comfort Dog Butter was dedicated as a bridge and tool to touch people at St. John Lutheran Church, Algonquin by Pastor William Stroup. Pete Imlah also spoke. St. John will continue to use Butter as a Bridge into the community to share the Compassion and Care of Jesus Christ. Butter has served for the last six months as an LCC K-9 Parish Comfort Dog with St. John, visiting shut-ins, hospitals, school kids, community and youth group events. Butter has been certified to work at Good Shepherd Hospital and is close to certification at Sherman Hospital.

Chapel Visit to St. Paul's Bourbonnais

On Wednesday, January 6th, LCC Comfort Dogs Tillie, Star and Darlin (handlers Tranetta McComb and Christine Rechsteiner) accompanied Pete Imlah to St. Paul's Lutheran School in Bourbonnais for a Chapel Talk and Classroom Visit. The kids loved seeing the dogs and had lots of great questions about the dogs and the LCC K-9 Parish Comfort Dog Ministry. During Chapel Pete Imlah talked to the students about how they are like the Shepherds in the Christmas account in the Bible. Every day they get to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ and every day they get the opportunity to tell everyone about the love and compassion of Jesus Christ.



Tim Speaks at Faith, Carpentersville

Tim Hetzner, President of Lutheran Church Charities, spoke at the Sunday service and Adult Bible Study at Faith Lutheran Church in Carpentersville this past Sunday, January 11th. Tim shared with the congregation a variety of community outreach opportunities for churches that don't cost money.



Bag Mat Project Continues In Virginia Beach, Virginia

After the airing of an interview about the Bag Mat Project on K-Love radio on November 18, 2009, LCC received a number of requests for information and over 2,000 viewings of the instructional DVD. LCC received the following email from Patricia in Virginia Beach:

Good morning. I heard about the bag mat project on the K-Love radio station a couple of months ago. They offered a link from their website to view the video which I viewed several times and have shared with others many, many times. I was so excited about this project that I spoke to my coworkers at Virginia Beach Department of Social Services in Virginia Beach, Virginia. We have created two mats and are getting more and more people involved. On January 20th I will make a presentation to the Poverty Simulation. Our mats will be donated to the Volunteers of America/Lighthouse that run the day shelter and transport the homeless to churches at night.



My deepest thanks go to the creator of this idea and for the video with such detail. I have attached a picture of our completed mats.

LCC would like to thank all the groups through-out the country that have embraced this project. Your tireless service proclaims the Mercy and Compassion of our Lord to the homeless. You are truly Making a Difference!

[Click here](#) to view the instructional DVD

[Click here](#) to view pictures of the Bag Mat Project

Lutheran Family of Five Loses Everything in Fire

[Request from Pastor Mike Gudgel, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Lemont](#)

Screams of terror were heard shortly after the first worship service on Sunday morning at St. Matthew in Lemont. A young mom had just received a phone call from her husband and heard the horrific news: their house was on fire. Every member of the family was fine, but their house and most of their belongings were destroyed. The mom is an active member of our congregation and serves part-time as our custodian. Her three daughters, ages 6, 5, and 2 were overcome with grief, especially at the thought of losing their Christmas presents. Their father is a union





electrician and has been out of work for over a year. The congregation has stepped in to help with their immediate needs but the losses are tremendous. Any type of financial assistance for this family would be greatly appreciated.

[Click here](#) to read an article about the fire in the Herald-News

[Click here to donate](#)

Need for Bi-Lingual Bibles for Outreach to Muslim College Students

Request from POBLO Missionary Hicham Chehab



Dear Friends,
College years are times of transformation. So we need to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the lost at such a pivotal stage in the lives of People.

POBLO-Chicago's student ministry is reaching out to Muslims at Community Colleges. More Bibles and Evangelism material are needed.

Please consider donating to this cause so that we can answer the call for the Mission of God.

In God's Peace
Hicham

[Click Here to Donate Now](#)

Books for Ghana



On Monday, January 11th Pastor Martin Balzer of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Elgin dropped off a complete set of the American Edition of Luther's Works for the new library in Ghana. Pastor Walter Otten stopped by the LCC offices on Tuesday to pick up the donation of the books. He is arranging to have them shipped to Ghana.



Thanks to Your Generous Support, We Were Able to Provide Assistance to the following:

- Single Mother Eviction Fund - Chatham Field Lutheran Church, Chicago
- Bilingual Bible Fund - POBLO Ministries

New Year Greeting from Pastor Isaac in Haiti

Greeting to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I Hope with God you are well. My family and the children are fine. We hope to see a year where God provides for our need every time. So, we are happy to thanks Him for giving us the opportunity to see this New Year. I hope that the New Year will bring to us: Joy, Love, Health, Protection and Peace. The children, the Christians and I, want to wish you a Happy New Year 2010 with Jesus Christ. May this New Year brings us a new vision, and help us share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May God bless our sponsors and donors and all of the members of their families.



Pastor Isaac

[Click here to donate](#)

Car Needed for Arabic Outreach Ministry

[Request from POBLO Missionary, Hicham Chehab](#)

Dear Friends, Could you please spread the word that we need a small car for the ministry that would save gas? We are doing more than 150 miles a day, and it would make a difference if it is a small car.

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



Woman in Need of Car for Work

[Request from Pastor David Hudak, St. Peter Lutheran Church, Schaumburg](#)

A woman served by our Car Care Connection small group is in need of a replacement for her car. The transmission repairs that it needs will cost more than the car is worth and she is without funds for either the repairs or the replacement. She needs a vehicle in order to continue working. Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated.



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

Lutheran High School Needs Bus to Transport Students

[Request from Chris Schoenleb, Principal](#)

Faith Lutheran High School, Crystal Lake is in need of a MFSAB bus. A new law signed by Gov. Quinn, which goes into effect July 1, 2010, will no longer allow schools to use 11 to 15 passenger nonconforming vans to transport students to school activities. Thus we are in need of a vehicle which meets safety standards.

If you have a bus or need any additional information please contact Chris Schoenleb, Principal 815-459-9305 or email Schoenleb@faithlhs.org.



God's on the Go in Ghana

Help Provide the Biblical Study Books needed in Mission Field

Ghanaian Seminary Students at Ft. Wayne Seminary Need Books for the Lutheran Church in Ghana

Gary and Bill (names being withheld for protection), training to be Lutheran Pastors at the Ft. Wayne Seminary, met with LCC staff members to describe their ministries in Ghana and ways we can assist them. Their primary request was for books so that they can set up a second training library in Ghana. The Lutheran Church in Ghana has a seminary with a library, and they are looking to create a second library location so pastors and

Christian leaders in the country do not have to travel to Accra, the capitol of Ghana, to do their study and research. They are in desperate need of well-trained pastors and leaders - there are over 25,000 members of the Lutheran Church in Ghana and only 50 pastors, with an additional 40 "evangelists" or lay ministers. They fear religious "pluralism" in their country and want well trained leaders to combat a pick-and-choose approach of people's beliefs and practices between Lutheranism, other Christian churches like Presbyterian and Pentecostal, Islam and even some tribal beliefs.



Pictured: Dianna Bonfield, Bill, Gary, Rev. Walter Otten, Tim Hetzner



They are looking for donations of books or money so they can purchase books for the library. The books they are looking for include The Book of Concord, Luther's Catechism, Commentaries from Concordia Publishing House, any books on counseling, marriage, history, liturgy, etc. They would also like a copy of Logos Bible Software.

[Click here for a complete list of the requested books.](#) While at the LCC office they received a laptop computer, printers, cross and communion ware from Bethesda Lutheran Communities in Chicago, plus some books and other donations.

Please contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org if you have any of these books to donate.

[Click here to donate for the purchase of books](#)

While in our office, Bill (name being withheld for protection) filmed a short testimonial describing an after school outreach ministry to children and their families in Ghana. Many of the children being reached by this ministry are Muslim.

[Click here to view the video](#)

Partial Need Met - Homeless Single Mother and Son Need Assistance

Dennis Freres, Parish Administrator at Prince of Peace, Palatine accepts check for mother and son. Thank you to all who have donated.

Request from Pastor Scott Christenson, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Palatine, Illinois and PATH (Palatine Assisting Through Hope)



Prince of Peace and PATH are working with a single mother who has recently fallen on hard times and become homeless. She lost her job, ultimately could not afford rent and was evicted. She has also lost her car. All of her saving and 401K monies from her former job have been spent on temporary housing. Without additional assistance she and her son will be homeless again within a week. She and her son need a place to live until a more permanent solution is found. Anywhere between Palatine and Vernon Hills is ideal. Her son is an advanced straight A student at Vernon Hills High School but may be transferring depending on assistance. She is also in need of monetary assistance to help them get into permanent housing as she continues to look for work. She and her son are attending services at Prince of Peace and both Prince of Peace and PATH are offering her all the assistance they can. Any additional financial or housing assistance will be a blessing to this family as they struggle to put their lives back together.

[Click here](#) to donate

Partial Need Met - Single Mother of Two Facing Eviction

Pastor Brian Davies accepts check for family. Thank you for your generous donations.

Request from Pastor Brian Davies, Lord of Glory Lutheran Church, Grayslake, Illinois



Jana is a mother of two children, a 3 year old and an infant. Although her family is Muslim, her three year old attends our Gloryland Christian Preschool. Recently, Jana's husband left her, and Jana is left without a job or money. Her child is now on scholarship with our preschool, and our food pantry is helping, but we are looking for help in providing living expenses, and a place to live. We are looking for about \$1500 to help Jana's immediate needs and help her avoid eviction. Any help of monetary donations will be a blessing to this family.

[Click here](#) to donate

Partial Need Met - Single Mother of Two Needs \$1,500 to Avoid Eviction

Pastor Kenety Gee receives check from Vida Johnston. Thank you to all who have donated to this continuing need.

Request from Pastor Kenety Gee, Chatham Fields Lutheran Church, Chicago

Unemployment has finally hit this family. She is a single mother of two beautiful young school age girls. She's hard working and has actively been in search of employment since she lost her job over six months ago. Through savings and temporary jobs here and there and help from family members she has been able to keep a roof over her family's head. But she's fallen behind with her rent and is in urgent need of \$1,500. She wants to keep her children stable and would absolutely love to avoid eviction because she knows that will affect how the children perform in school. Could you please put out a word on your widely read weekly publication to see if there are people out there who are willing to help keep this mother and her children stable by keeping the roof over their head.



[Click here to donate](#)

Returning Pastor in Need of a Car

Request from Pastor Tom Johnson, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Melrose Park, Illinois

I would like to request a car for Pastor Eric Klemme (pictured below). He is a former Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod pastor in the process of returning to the roster of the LCMS. He is a member and is currently involved in emerging church ministry for Saint Paul. He is in desperate need of a car, so that he can carry out this ministry effectively, as well as simply get around Chicago (get groceries, go to Church/meetings . . .) without having to be a burden upon someone for a ride. If anyone has an old car they are not using, or a vehicle they can no longer drive due to health reason it would be a great blessing to Pastor Klemme and St. Paul.

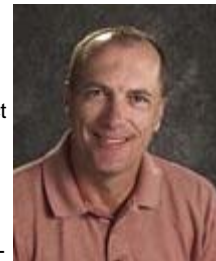


If you have a car to donate please contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

Family of Four Needs Van- Father Disabled

Request from Pastor Brian Truog, Cross Lutheran Church, Yorkville, Illinois

Through our community outreach program we have come in contact with a family in need from Plano, Illinois. This is a family of four. The husband is disabled due to cerebral palsy and unable to work. The wife works part-time in a doctors' office. Their eldest son goes to Wabaussee Community College and the youngest son is in elementary school. The vehicle they have now is in poor condition - probably unsafe to drive - and has no heat. A vehicle is important to them because every few months they have to drive to the hospital in Chicago for the husband's doctors appointments. The wife would like to go to school and be certified in the medical field, but is unable to afford that. It would probably be best for them to have a van, but I don't think that is absolutely necessary. The donation of a reliable van would be such a blessing to this family.



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

Church Organist Needs Car

Request from Vacancy Pastor Jim Bauman, Faith Lutheran Church, Carpentersville, Illinois

The organist of Faith, Carpentersville, who is a single mother with a daughter that has ongoing and severe medical problems, is in need of an automobile. Her present car is in need of repairs too expensive to consider. At present the organist is unable to come to church for services because of lack of transportation. Playing at our church is an important part of a very small total income.



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

Single Mother of Five in Need of Reliable Transportation

Request from Linda Arnold, Director of Care Ministries, Trinity Lutheran Church, Lisle, Illinois

We have a single mother of five in need of a vehicle. She lost her job two months ago. She currently is driving an old van with 140K miles on it. We've helped her by repairing some problems that prevented it from passing emissions testing but she really needs something more reliable rather than continuing to spend money to fix what she has. She also needs to be able to transport six people. If she could receive a donated van that would be such a blessing for this family.



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

Still Accepting Reservations For Germany Trips in 2010

Join Tim Hetzner this summer for a trip to Germany, Austria and other central European sites, including the world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play!

Tim will be leading two trips, one in June and one in August. Both will include seats to the Oberammergau Passion Play, performed every 10 years since 1633!

Dates:

- June 14-23
- August 12-21

[To learn more about the trips, or to see a video about the Oberammergau Passion Play, go to the Lutheran Church Charities web site.](#)

*Oberammergau
Passion Play 2010*



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Looking to be in a Bible Study?
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[Philippians](#)

Lord of Life, LaFox

St. Paul, Winfield

[James](#)

Trinity, Huntley

Pueblo, Colorado

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Onalaska, Wisconsin

[Proverbs](#)

St. Luke, Itasca

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- Esther: *5-week course*
- Cover To Cover: A Journey Through The Bible *60-week course*
- The Gospel of John *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

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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

- [Sudden Death of Father Leaves Widow and Five Children](#)
- [Single Mother of Two Needs Short Term Rent Assistance](#)
- [Mission Church in Alabama Needs 50 LSB Hymnals](#)
- [Assistance Needed for Funeral Expenses for Church Worker's Family](#)
- [Update from Haiti: Thank You - Your Donations Continue to Feed Children](#)
- [Homeless Single Mother and Son Need Assistance](#)
- [Minister to the Missionaries in West Africa](#)
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- [Education for Orphans in Kenya](#)
- [Help Train Pastors in Ethiopia](#)
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- [Family in Need of Car and Short Term Rent Assistance](#)
- [Voice of Care Handicapped Ministries](#)
- [Mission to Haiti - Eyeglasses Needed](#)

Items Available to a Ministry

- Lutheran Books of Worship (copyright 1978)
- 10 bin sorter with stapler Collator series 300/400 with corner stapler
- 2600 upright Rippen piano, model Cantabile, serial # 194416
- 2590 Black Steel Advent Wreath with plastic electrified candles
- 2589 Pulpit (Lamb of God design)
- 2587 Altar: black square tube steel with marble facing - with Trinity symbol
- 2532 - 1 Cassette Player, 1 remote foot switch & head phones

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

Items NEEDED for a Ministry

- A larger lawn tractor or ATV with a plow blade or snow blower equipment in working or repairable condition
- A heavy duty pickup truck with or with out plow equipment, in working or repairable condition

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

New 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.

- 2672 - 4 bxs (18 cards/bx) Christmas Cards by Sunrise Greetings
- 2639 - Hammond Spinet Organ with a set of 8 foot pedals Dual key board w/organ bench, cherry wood color (pictured)



- 2626 - Wurlitzer Funmaker Deluxe Organ (pictured)



- 2621-2625 - Conference Tables - dark walnut veneer 96" by 44" (pictured)
- 2620 - Dark walnut Wurlitzer Organ (25yr old). Has a rhythm box, foot pedals, synchronization, 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 are are still waiting for some word...

- [Van Needed for Faith, Stickney](#)
- [Car Needed for Arabic Outreach Ministry](#)
- [Cars Needed for Immigrant Families](#)
- [Single Mother Needs Car for Work](#)

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

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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.

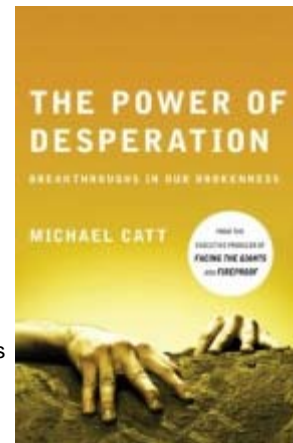
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Tim's Pick of the Week

[Power of Desperation](#)

By Michael Catt

What could be good about being broken? Michael Catt, innovative pastor and executive producer of hit films Facing the Giants and Fireproof, finds treasure at rock bottom in The Power of Desperation, a book for anyone who has ever cried out for God's strength in life's moments of absolute weakness: "Maybe you are feeling alone, immersed in a time of darkness. I've got good news: God is on the verge of getting you alone with Him, so He can get the 'you' out of you and fill you with Himself." Through biblical and modern stories of incomplete people whose only path to victory is through total surrender, Catt introduces yet another breakthrough concept worthy of widespread personal application. Discover the power of desperation.



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' On-Line Christian Business Directory

Looking for a Christian business? Lutheran Church Charities has an on-line Christian Business Directory called Servant@Heart. This on-line 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.

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Guest Preacher This Weekend at St. Peter, Arlington Heights

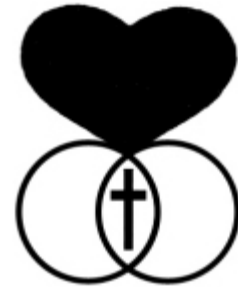
Dr. James Lamb, head of Lutherans for Life, will be preaching at St. Peter Lutheran Church, 111 West Olive, Arlington Heights, IL 60004 the weekend of Jan. 16 & 17. He will preach at all services which are 6:00 P.M. Saturday and 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 on Sunday.

Marriage Encounter Weekend, Feb. 12-14

If you're interested in enhancing your relationship with your spouse and with God, having a weekend away together as a couple and enjoying delicious food, please consider attending a Marriage Encounter weekend Valentine's Day weekend at

St.Thomas of Villanova School
1141 E. Anderson Dr.
Palatine, IL 60074

No matter how long you've been married, you'll be glad you said "yes" to attending this weekend. If you are interested in receiving more information about this weekend, please call John and Kathy Trautschold at 847-359-9136 or e-mail them at ktrautschold@comcast.net.



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



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