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Having visited Haiti numerous times, Haitians have always been in need of food and resources, However, now it simply is unbelievable what the Haitian people are going through. The devastation is catastrophic and the need is great. Food, medical supplies and money are most needed right now - and prayers of all of us. As Jesus said, 'For I was hungry, did you feed me.... Unto the least of these you have done it unto me.'" We are ALWAYS to feed those in Need - especially NOW to the "Least of These". We can - by the Grace of God - Make A Difference and bring Life where there is suffering and dying!"

--Tim Hetzner, President, Lutheran Church Charities

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

[For information on Haiti and how you can help click here](#)

Prayer Wall

Post a prayer, or pray for others!



[LCC's Prayer Wall](#)

Your Donations Are Making a Difference Chicago Pastor Loses Six Family Members in the Earthquake

Rev. Bingue, a native of Haiti, is a Lutheran Pastor ministering to Haitian immigrants in the Chicago area



Your donations are helping to send LCMS Pastor Bingue, Bethesda Lutheran in Chicago, to his home area in Haiti. He will carry with him LCC-collected supplies. He will stay to help serve and rebuild lives!!

Thank you for Making A Difference.

Letter from Rev. Bingue

Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ,

As I spoke to you concerning the container to send to Haiti I would like to serve about six suburbs from Port-au-Prince such as Carrefour, Gressier, Leogane, Carrefour dufort, Grand Goave and Petit Goave. Those are the areas that are



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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heavily affected by the earthquake. So far about four hundred people are already dead. Mostly all the people in this area do not have place to sleep, they are in the streets. Things that are mostly needed are medicine, food, clothes, water and money. Whatever we can do to help these people will be very appreciated. All the major facilities have collapsed, the parliament, the tax office, schools, hospitals, the cathedral. Now, concerning the town of Leogane you could literally play soccer there, there is no house standing. I am planning on leaving on the 5th of February or sooner to start the process of helping them to rebuild Haiti.

Thank you for your concern,

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Jean Andre Gerard Bingue

Haiti Fundraising Idea Exchange



We have been receiving fundraising and publicity ideas in response to our appeal for Haiti. Do you or your church have creative ideas you would like to share with others?

If so email them to LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org and share your fundraising, publicity and outreach ideas that could help others reach out with the Compassion, Care, Comfort and Presence of Jesus Christ. We will post them on our website so check it often for new ideas.

[Click here for ideas that have been shared](#)

Host Family Needed in Peoria for 8-Year-Old Haitian Girl Needing Surgery

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

We are looking for a host family in the Peoria, Illinois area for a beautiful 8-year-old Haitian girl needing surgery at St Francis Hospital. Farah had surgery at St Francis in July of 2008 and returned to Haiti in September of 2008 a healthy happy child. She does need follow up surgery and may be coming to Peoria as soon as March 4, 2010 if her visa is approved. Farah is a very lovely, well behaved little girl who stole the hearts of everyone who cared for her back in 2008.

She will need care after her surgery and follow up doctor visits. The length of her stay is uncertain at this time but we do not anticipate that it will be as long as the last stay. We are ALSO looking for someone that speaks Creole to help translate between doctors and Farah. I think we had a Creole speaking health care worker at St Francis the last time she was there but if there are others that can help with this it would be a great blessing. For more information please contact Susan Gross at suelynn144@aol.com



LCC Announces

"Send a Spoken Prayer"



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

To learn more, [Click Here](#)

Help Needed for Student Missionary in Japan

[Request from Rev. Carl Kaye, former NID Pastor currently serving as a Missionary in Japan](#)

As we pray for our brothers in Haiti, I'd like to introduce a need for one of our young missionaries in Japan. Jenae Siebarth is doing great things for Jesus with Japanese kids in the Japan Lutheran Church. Jenae, an LCMS World Missions GEO missionary needs financial help to continue working in Japan as a volunteer missionary, reaching hundreds of young people for Jesus Christ each year.

Multiply this by 3 to 5 more years and you can imagine how one college graduate is doing great things for the kingdom. She's taken a step of faith by raising her own funding, leaving home and friends and has worked tirelessly on the Japan mission field for the last three and half years teaching English, and organizing evangelism events.



Unfortunately, her financial support base needs some help. Jenae will need to raise several thousand dollars to stay on the mission field in Japan where less than 1 % of the population is Christian. I highly recommend her, and as a pastor in Chicago, formerly working with International students at UIC, I would hire her myself. She's a passionate missionary. Her contact info is the following: See her prayer card at www.lcmsworldmission.org/prayercards or read her online giving page at www.lcms.org/pages/internal.asp?NavID=10139. If you would like to read any of her current or recent newsletters, please contact her at Jenae.Siebarth@lcms.org and she'd be happy to send you some.

[Click here to contribute](#)

In Solidarity with Haiti...A Service of Worship & Testimonies - Sunday, January 24 at 3:00 pm

You are invited to join the Haitian Community of Chicago for an afternoon of worship and testimonies in English, French and Creole.



(Rick Loomis / Los Angeles Times / January 14, 2010)

Zion Lutheran Church
9901 S. Winston Ave.
Chicago, IL 60047
773-233-1775

63 Mission Team Volunteers from Northwest Suburban Churches Head to the Gulf Coast



Saturday morning, January 16th at 5AM, the aroma of an eggs & pancakes breakfast drifted out of the kitchen and fellowship hall of Immanuel Lutheran Church in East Dundee as volunteers from 13 congregations started arriving. Members of the Men's Bible Class prepared and served a hot breakfast for the excited but somewhat sleep eyed volunteers before they started the first leg of their journey down to Camp Restore.

Camp Restore will be home for this mission team for a week while they work on a number of homes doing renovations so families can move back home after four years. Some of the team members will be assisting RAI and our local Lutheran churches in doing community outreach, sharing the love and compassion of Jesus with people in need.

To follow the adventures and activities of the Mission Team, return daily to the LCC website. www.LutheranChurchCharities.org. You can also visit the blogs of team member Ginny Goyer and Lark Sanders here:

[Click here to view the video diary](#)

www.Ginnysgulfcoasttrip.blogspot.com (by Ginny Goyer)

www.Larkn5.blogspot.com (by Lark Sanders)

Malaria Initiative

'Malaria Initiative' is a non-profit corporation formed by Susan Busse MD., Thomas Hesselink MD., and John Peterson, to bring spiritual and medical treatment to those suffering from Malaria, working with Lutheran Church Charities.



A treatment of acidified sodium chlorite at a cost of less than \$00.01 USD. per dose has proven to be very promising in preliminary laboratory and field trials. We have been working in Uganda, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, and Ghana to improve our working relationship in these countries to further the treatment of Malaria using this particular treatment. Our goal is to spread the Message of Christ and bring a useful and inexpensive treatment for Malaria; Malaria being the number one infectious killer world wide.

We are currently working at gathering more scientific data from sites that have Malaria patients, to track them along with their progress, and to document the results of the treatments so we can publish in medical journals. We are supporting a PhD. student doing thesis work at Western Michigan University on this promising treatment.

Malaria Initiative is looking to get help financing the above stated goals so they may travel to train personnel and fulfill all our commitments. The three principals have taken no payment for their services, all have volunteered their services and funded much of the costs out of pocket along with donations from generous donors.

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](#)

Haitian Ministry Needs Car for Family of Five

Request from Rev. Jean Bingue, Bethesda Lutheran Church, Chicago

Dear LCC,

By the grace of the Lord our Savior Jesus, I would appreciate it if you could help me find a vehicle for a family of five who live in Skokie. For the past 6 months, I have to pick them up for Sunday Service and bring them back home after the Service. Can you try to find a small vehicle for them please because they attend Church Service every Sunday.



Thank you so much and God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,
Reverend Jean Bingue

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

Comfort Dog Ministry Update

[K-9 Comfort Dogs Attend Funeral for Police Officer and K-9 Killed in the Line of Duty in Indiana](#)

On Friday, January 15th, LCC Comfort Dogs Fuerst, Tara, and Zina, along with Tim Hetzner, Pastor Tim Engle, and Vida Johnston, attended the funeral service in Indiana for Mishawaka police officer Cpl. James Szuba and his K-9 partner, Ricky. Szuba and his canine Ricky were killed by an alleged drunken driver Saturday night. Services were held at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana.



Over 1,000 officers and 100 K-9 partners were in attendance. The LCC Comfort Dogs attended at the request of Dr. Jean Marie Thompson, Team Leader for the K-9 Assisted Crisis Response Team for the State of Indiana. Fuerst, Tara, and Zina joined the Crisis Response Dogs from Indiana and their handlers. They were able to meet with, and bring comfort to, the officers and family members as they waited to enter the chapel for the service. They also stood as an Honor Guard outside the chapel as the police officers and family members left in procession to the graveside.

[Click here](#) to view video of the service from CBS affiliate, WSBT, South Bend, IN

[Bible Study at Grace Lutheran, Northbrook](#)



On Wednesday, January 13th, Tim Hetzner led the Bible Study for the Seniors and Friends group at Grace Lutheran Church in Northbrook. LCC Comfort Dogs Strudel and Tillie also attended. After the class they joined the group for a special Hot Dog Luncheon in honor of our K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs and Tim shared about the LCC K-9 Parrish Comfort Dog Ministry.

[Adult Bible Study and Sunday School at Immanuel, Des Plaines](#)

On Sunday, January 17th, LCC Comfort Dogs Tara, Billie, and Tillie joined Tim Hetzner at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Des Plaines. Tim spoke to the Adult Bible Class on ways to reach out to the community that do not cost money. The Comfort Dogs visited with the adult class and then met with all of the children in Sunday School.



At Tamarack Independent Retirement Residence, Palatine



On Wednesday, January 13th, LCC's K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs were invited to Tamarack Independent Retirement Residence in Palatine. Pete Imlah shared about how the K-9s bring comfort and joy to individuals and how churches are using them as bridges into their communities to share the compassion and care of Jesus Christ. K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs Tillie, Howe, Olympia, Star, and Butter were a big hit with the residents who visited with the dogs and asked questions about our work with the K-9s.

LCC Receives a Thank You Letter from Holy Trinity in Harrison, Arkansas For Donated Furnace and Organ



Dear Dear Mr. Hetzner and All at LCC,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in this new year! May His blessing attend all that you say and do!

Thank you for the many wonderful services that LCC offers, both to those in northern Illinois and to those of us throughout the rest of the country. The work that LCC did for so many after Hurricane Katrina was, especially, wonderful, and we know that many of our friends in Louisiana were greatly comforted by what you did there. To be so well organized for the showing of God's mercy as to be able to mobilize teams for that endeavor so quickly was a good lesson for everyone in 'how things ought to be'.

Our thanks is especially directed to you now, though, for what our parish received from you just as the cold weather was beginning for us: a wonderful new heating unit for our church building and an organ to lead us in the always-warming singing of hymns! I've included pictures of both with this letter, so that you can see their new homes. As a small parish, these items would have been major purchases for us-or, more likely, things we would have wanted to purchase, but been unable to -but with LCC's linking of donors and those who have need of items, we have been able to keep warmer than last year, while spending less on heating fuel.



We pray that Lutheran Church Charities will continue to be able to be such a fantastic resource for Christ's people, helping every one to show and share the care and compassion that He has shown to us all.

In Christ Jesus,
Rev. Eric J. Stefanski

Your Donations Make A Difference

Jim Kuehm, member of Lord of Glory Lutheran Church, Grayslake, picked up a donation of a TV; CD player, radio, tape, speakers combo; DVD player; VHS player; cabinet from Lynne Hoyer, member of Immanuel Lutheran, Palatine. Jim is taking these items to a man he is working with who was just recently released from prison.





Lucille Nedved, Buff Bethlen and Lynn Luchtenbury from First Saint Paul in Chicago dropped off 12 Bag Mats which were sent to the Gulf Coast with the Mission Team that left on Saturday. Buff Bethlen started the Bag Mat Project at First Saint Paul and was featured in the instructional DVD which is available to view on our website www.lutheranchurchcharities.org.

Roof Collapsed on LCC's Donated Warehouse

We Need Your Help to Find Storage ASAP for all our Disaster Response Equipment

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. 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.

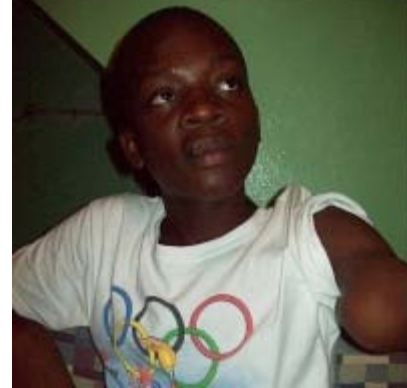
Please consider asking your local eye doctor to help us with this.

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 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

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

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 10th. Tim shared with the congregation a variety of community outreach opportunities for churches that don't cost money.



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](#)

Continuing 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](#)

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



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

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.



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](#)

Still Accepting Reservations For Germany Trips in 2010

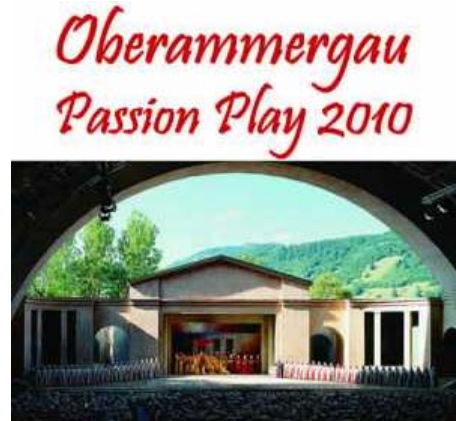
Join Tim Hetzner this summer for a trip to Germany, Austria and other central European sites, including the world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play!

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.](#)



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St. Matthew, Hawthorn Woods

St. John, Country Club Hills

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[The Gospel of John](#)

St. Paul, Thornton

[Philippians](#)

Lord of Life, LaFox

St. Paul, Winfield

[James](#)

Trinity, Huntley

Pueblo, Colorado

[Jonah](#)

Shepherd of the Hills,

Onalaska, Wisconsin

[Proverbs](#)

St. Luke, Itasca

Short-Format Courses

- James: *5-week course*
- Philippians: *5-week course*
- Jude: *1-week course*
- Jonah::*3-week course*
- Proverbs: *10-week course*
- Know that God Exists: *1-week course*
- Esther: *5-week course*

Long-Format Courses

- 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



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

- [Single Mother of Two Needs \\$1,500 to Avoid Eviction](#)
- [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](#)
- [Single Mother of Two Facing Eviction](#)
- [Education for Orphans in Kenya](#)
- [Help Train Pastors in Ethiopia](#)
- [LCMS Pastor Starts Orphanage in Ethiopia](#)
- [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

- 2687 School Library Books
- 2686 10 junior executive style desks
- 2600 upright Rippen piano, model Cantabile, serial # 194416
- 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...](#)

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.

- 2714 WAFFLE Static Air Mattress Overlay (used to prevent pressure sores)
- 2713 shower bench
- 2712 raised toilet seat with arms
- 2711 bedside commode
- 2710 Lowery Organ (1950s), Cherry Wood, 2 keyboards, footboard and bench. Will need minor repair.
- 2708 87" dark green corduroy/velour sofa
- 2707 Panasonic stereo with radio, cassette tape and speakers
- 2705 8' Credenza (Grey Metal w wood grain top) 1 shelf w pull down cover 2 drawers and 1 locking cabinet door
- 2704 Gray hanging file cart on wheels (1 drawer w slide back top)
- 2703 computer desk on wheels
- 2702 Wooden Coffee Table (Med color)
- 2701 & 2700 TV Stand_

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...

- [Returning Pastor in Need of a Car](#)
- [Family of Four Needs Van- Father Disabled](#)
- [Church Organist Needs Car](#)

Single Mother of Five in Need of Reliable Transportation

- [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](#)

*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.

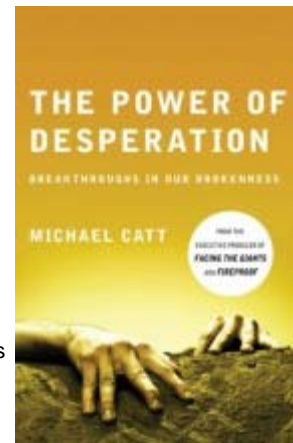
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Tim's Pick of the Week

[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.

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



Troop 92 Spaghetti Dinner, February 6th

Saturday, February 6th at 4:30-7:30 pm

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
24500 N. Old McHenry Rd.
Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047



St. Matthew Troop 92 Boy Scouts will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 6 from 4:30-7:30 PM in Krueger Banquet Hall at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, which is located on Old McHenry Road, between Quentin and Midlothian Roads. The cost is \$6.00 per person in advance or \$7.00 at the door. Children 4 and under are free.

Tickets will be sold after Saturday and all Sunday services at the church until the event or you may email Charter Organization Representative Ron Behrens at contactus@troop92.org or call 847-526-9383 to reserve your tickets.

In addition to spaghetti, the dinner includes meatballs, garlic bread, salad, sundaes and beverages. Let the Scouts do the cooking that night! You can visit

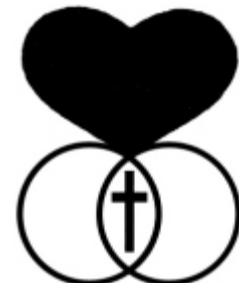
them on the web at www.troop92.org.

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.



Heart for Haiti Benefit Concert - Sunday, February 14 at 6:00pm

Sunday, February 14, 2010 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Immanuel Lutheran Church
5211 Carpenter St
Downers Grove, IL



Join us, and enjoy the music of Mia Koehne and Paris Delane, musicians with a heart for the country and people of Haiti, at this afternoon of hope and love! Tickets are available for \$10.00 in advance in the church office at Immanuel Lutheran Church starting this Sunday, January 17th. You may also send a check written to Immanuel at 5211 Carpenter St Downers Grove, IL 60515. Tickets will be available at the door for \$15.00

Music, a raffle, Haitian desserts, and more - not to mention a chance to gather together as a community for this cause. All proceeds will be given directly to needs in Haiti through our co-sponsor [Haiti Mission Project](#).

Mia Koehne

www.aboutmidnight.org/About.html

Paris Delane

www.reverbnation.com/parisdelanestyvedyeskye

www.myspace.com/parisdelane



[View the Facebook Invitation](#) for this event

Ethnic Pentecost and Choral Worship Service

Sunday, May 23rd at 3:00 pm
Mt. Greenwood Lutheran Church
10901 S. Trumbull Ave.
Chicago, IL 60655



In celebration of Pentecost, LWML and One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism committee will be having an ethnic Pentecost and choral worship service on Sunday, May 23, at 3:00 P.M. at Mt. Greenwood Lutheran Church, 10901 S. Trumbull Ave., Chicago. A catered dinner will follow. Pastors and lay people from several congregations will be participating and Rev. Stephane Kalonji from Zion Winston will preach the sermon. Praise dancers, contemporary music singers and musicians, plus choirs will participate.

Dinner reservation deadline will be Friday, May 14. Cost per person will be \$10.00. Make the check payable to Janet Hasler and forward to Unit 2 East, 15727 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park, IL 60462.

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

In Solidarity with Haiti A Service of Worship and Testimonies	January 24th, 3:00 pm	Zion, Chicago
Troop 92 Spaghetti Dinner	February 6th, 4:30-7:30 pm	St. Matthew, Hawthorn Woods
Marriage Encounter Weekend	February 12-14	St. Thomas of Villanova School
Heart for Haiti Benefit Concert	February 14th, 4-6 pm	Immanuel, Downers Grove



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

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or call us for credit card donations at LCC's office at (866) 455- 6466