



# **Making A Difference Newsletter** **January 27, 2010**





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## LCC Haiti Relief Efforts



### You're Making A Difference in Haiti

Your support, prayers, and volunteer time makes all the difference in the world to Jesus, through those in need in Haiti.

Because of the number of Haiti projects that LCC is currently involved with, we are linking everything onto a separate web page so that the other local and national needs are not lost. Thank you for your support!

[Haiti Needs and Updates - Click Here](#)

[Click here to donate to Haiti Earthquake Relief](#)

## If You Ask..... Where's My Newsletter?

Next week Monday and Tuesday, February 1st and 2nd, LCC will begin picking up and processing the Haiti Earthquake Relief donations from the 23 collection sites. This is a huge job that will involve all the LCC staff as well as a 100+ volunteers from our churches. It is our intent to put together and send the Making A Difference Newsletter out on our regular schedule. But we know that there is a chance that, with everything going on next week, we may not be able to get the newsletter out until Thursday. We pray you understand. Thank you for all your support and please pray for all those involved as we ready the donations for Haiti.

**Prayer Wall**  
Post a prayer, or pray for others!



[LCC's Prayer Wall](#)

## New Tax Break for Contributions to Haiti Earthquake Relief

On January 22, 2010, legislation was passed that allows certain 2010 contributions for Haiti earthquake relief to be deducted on your 2009 tax return instead of your 2010 return. This means you can receive an immediate tax benefit, rather than having to wait until you file next year's return. Certain requirements apply.

Below is the link to the IRS website which lists the requirements. Ask your tax advisor for additional details.

[Click here for the IRS website](#)



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:  
[LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org](mailto:LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org)

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 "Send a Spoken

## Help Needed for Four Homes of Mercy - Bethany Israel

### Tim Traveling to Israel on February 8th

Four Homes of Mercy is a Christian run home for the emotionally and physically disabled children (many of whom are orphans) and adults in the poor area of Bethany Israel - the very location where Jesus always stayed when he came to Jerusalem (home of Lazarus, Mary and Martha, and Simon the Leper). They rely on donations to keep their doors open and one of the only ways to bring financial support to them is by hand. Tim Hetzner with LCC will be taking a group to Israel February 8th and will hand deliver the money to them. If you would like to help the efforts of the Palestinian Christian run Four Homes of Mercy in Bethany - you can contribute online by [clicking here](#) or by sending a check to Lutheran Church Charities and marking the donation Four Homes of Mercy.



*Your support enables "Four Homes of Mercy" to provide the needed medications and supplies so desperately needed to help the limited staff to serve the children.*

## "JJ's Fund"

### Request from Rev. Harold Krueger to help his great-grandson

The congregation of St. Matthew Hawthorn Woods is raising money for Baby Jeremiah Krueger, the great-grandson of Pastor and Ruth Krueger, and the grandson of Paul and Chris Krueger. "Baby JJ" has a very rare skin disorder that is called Epidermolytic Hyperkeratosis. It is a disorder that does not allow the skin to stay attached to his body. He basically is like a burn victim who will never heal. One in 300,000 babies are born with this rare disease. He needs our prayers and special care from the Mayo Clinic. His parents' insurance does not cover this cost. Thrivent Financial has offered to match funds up to \$5000. You can read about JJ's journey on St. Matthew's website, [www.stmatts.net](http://www.stmatts.net). Please consider a donation to help this family with their mounting medical bills for Baby JJ.



[Click here to donate to "JJ's Fund"](#)

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

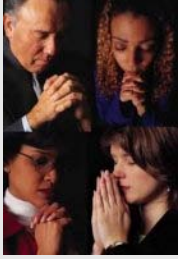
### Request from Susan Gross, Haitian Lutheran Mission Project, Christ Lutheran Church, Orland Park

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

## Prayer"



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

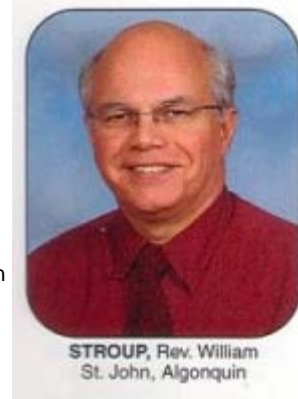
To learn more, [Click Here](#)

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](mailto:suelynn144@aol.com)

## St. John's Cancer Victim and Family Needs Help with Medical Bills

[Request from Pastor William Stroup, St. John's Lutheran Church, Algonquin](#)

We are working with a member family in desperate need of financial help. Dan (43 years old), and his wife Susan, have one son. In 1996, at the age of 30, Dan was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. He went through standard rounds of radiation treatment at the time and everything was fine for many years. A year later, in 1997, they found out that Susan also had a brain tumor. Susan went through an 11 ½ hour surgery and they removed only ½ of her tumor. As of this writing, Susan is in stable condition. Dan, on the other hand is a different story.



STROUP, Rev. William  
St. John, Algonquin

In 2001 Dan started to have grand mal seizures. This led to him getting maxed out on many different medications. In 2005 Dan was diagnosed with a grade IV Glioblastoma. He was told that this is a very aggressive cancer and that he had already received the max dosage of radiation a person can receive in their lifetime; so chemotherapy was the next course of treatment. Dan completed four years, and four types of chemo in June of 2009.

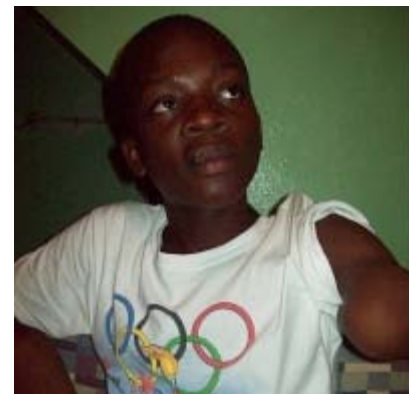
Unfortunately, it is now six months later and the cancer is on the rise once again. Dan has now found himself going back on chemotherapy. Dan was once a very active business owner and young, outgoing individual. He is now trapped to the likes of seizures, drugs and hospital visits. He cannot work and support his family. His insurance, medications, and general life expenses are far more than his wife can handle. As a family they have been helped by other family members as much as they can. We are doing what we can as a congregation. Any additional support for this family as they struggle to regain financial stability would be a great blessing.

[Click here to donate](#)

## \$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 two 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](mailto:suelynn144@aol.com)

[Click here to donate](#)

**NEED MET because of the generous donation of a van by Mary Jo Jump, member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Palatine, this need has been met.**

Single Mother of Five in Need of Reliable Transportation

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



## 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](mailto: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](#)

## 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](mailto:LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org).



## Comfort Dog Ministry Update

### Tillie and the Daisies

Tuesday, January 19th LCC Comfort Dog Tillie visited Daisy (Girl Scouts) Troop #71 in North Aurora. The girls are working on their caring, compassion, considerate badge. Pete Imlah talked with the girls about the K-9 Parish Comfort Dog program and the work that the dogs do by providing comfort to those in need.



### Chapel at St. Andrew Lutheran School, Park Ridge



On Wednesday, January 20th LCC Comfort Dogs Tillie, Olympia, Shammie and Star visited St. Andrew Lutheran School in Park Ridge for their Mid-Week Chapel. The students, teachers and parents were challenged to work together as the body of Christ to reach those who are hurting physically, emotionally and spiritually, especially to those in Haiti during these difficult days. The Comfort Dogs then had an opportunity to meet and spend time with all the students and teachers. Everyone at St. Andrews enjoyed having the dogs out for the day.

### Butter visits Cherished Place in West Dundee

On January 21st LCC Comfort Dog Butter and her handler Kathy Terzinski from St. John Lutheran Church in Algonquin visited Cherished Place, an Adult Day Care facility in West Dundee. Butter has visited Cherished Place before and the residents always look forward to seeing her and talking to her handlers. They brought everyone lots of sunshine on a very gloomy day.



### K9s Visit St. John Darien



On Saturday, January 23rd LCC Comfort Dogs Billie, Shabby, Star, Tillie, and Olympia participated in the Family Fun Winter Train Show at St. John Lutheran Church in Darien. This was a community outreach event which brought in close to 400 train enthusiasts from around the western suburbs of Chicago. This great outreach event brought community awareness of the ministries at St. John and helped their youth raise some money for the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. The K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs were invited to walk around and visit people and for the handlers to share the love of Jesus Christ with individuals attending the train show.

## Pete Speaks at 1st St. Paul, Chicago



Pete Imlah, Director of Mission and Outreach, joined the 50's Plus Luncheon Group at 1st St. Paul in Chicago on January 21st. Pete spoke to the group about the Ministry and Mission of LCC, LCC's Haiti Earthquake Relief efforts and his recent mission trip to Kenya. LCC Comfort Dog Tillie joined Pete and visited with everyone present.

## Help Needed for Student Missionary in Japan

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

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](http://www.lcmsworldmission.org/prayercards) or read her online giving page at [www.lcms.org/pages/internal.asp?NavID=10139](http://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](mailto:Jenae.Siebarth@lcms.org) and she'd be happy to send you some.

[Click here to contribute](#)

## 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](mailto:LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org)

## 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](http://www.malaria01.org) or E-mail: [malaria01@yahoo.com](mailto:malaria01@yahoo.com)  
[Click here](#) to view a video about this project

[Click here to donate](#)

## 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](mailto:LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org).

## Lutheran Family of Five Loses Everything in Fire

Request from Pastor Mike Gudel, 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](#)

## 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](mailto:LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

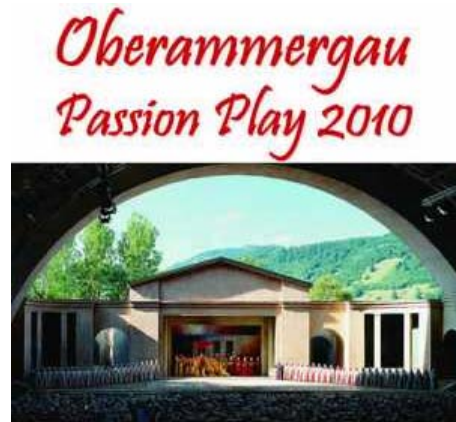
Join Tim Hetzner this summer for a trip to Germany, Austria and other central European sites, including the world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play!

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.](#)



 Forward to a Friend

Looking to be in a Bible Study?  
Does Your Church Want to Host a Study?  
Your Small Group? [Indicate Your Interest Here](#)

Form Your Class Now!

[Cover to Cover - Year 1](#)

St. Matthew, Hawthorn Woods  
St. John, Country Club Hills  
St. Paul, Matteson



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Cover to Cover - Year 2

Trinity, Lansing  
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

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- 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*
- Cover To Cover: A Journey Through The Bible *60-week course*
- The Gospel of John *31-week course*
- Apocalypse 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

- [Iranian Convert in Need of Final Funding for Dentures](#)
- [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](#)
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- [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.

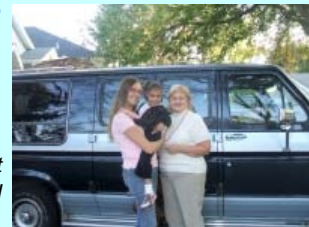
- 2708 87" dark green corduroy/velour sofa
- 2707 Panasonic stereo with radio, cassette tape and speakers
- 2705 8' Credenza (Grey Metal w wood grain top) 1 shelf w pull down cover 2 drawers and 1 locking cabinet door
- 2704 Gray hanging file cart on wheels (1 drawer w slide back top)
- 2703 computer 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](#)
- [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](mailto: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](#)

## Tim's Pick of the Week



### [How Do We Know the Bible Is True? DVD Set](#)

By Brian Edwards / Answers In Genesis

How did the Bible come to be? What is the significance of Jesus' death? Join Brian Edwards in this essential primer on Christian apologetics. You'll learn about the origins and canonicity of Scripture, meet Bible translator William Tyndale, and encounter Jesus of Nazareth. Perfect for family devotions, group study, and

more! Four DVDs, approx. 3 hours total.

DVDs Included:

- Scripture under Scrutiny
- Why 66? The Canon of Scripture
- The Life of William Tyndale
- The Authentic Christ

## 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](http://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](http://ServantAtHeart.org) to find Christian businesses or to have your business listed. You can also go to [www.LutheranChurchCharities.org](http://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

## Troop 92 Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, 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](mailto: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](http://www.troop92.org).

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## Dealing with your Resources - Financial Management and Time Management - Beginning February 11th

### Where:

Living Christ Lutheran Church

625 East Dundee Road

Arlington Heights, IL 60103

Phone: 847-577-7133

### When:

Saturday, February 13th at 6-8 pm

Four Consecutive Thursdays, February 11, 18, 25 March 4

Time: 7:15 - 8:45 PM

### What:

Curriculum is based on a film video series developed by Crown Financial Ministries entitled "God Provides"

February 11th: What do you have?

This session will build a foundation. We all experience difficult and painful circumstances as a result of our actions. Major life issues including excessive financial stress can be overwhelming. Worksheets to be filled out during the session to focus our study include: "What do I have?" "Who is my Neighbor?"

February 18th: God's Design for Hope

God helps Israel design a plan for the future that gives them hope. Worksheets to be filled out to focus our study on designing a plan include: "Debt Reduction Plan", "Job Satisfaction Survey"

February 25th: Mine or His?

Just like Abraham, we have a choice, "Will we listen to God's voice?" Worksheets focus our attention on the choices we have made.

March 4th: Lifted Up - My Hope for the Future

Jesus has transformed our spiritual life. What are the next steps to transform our current situation? Worksheets include: "Pursue More Answers"

### More Details:

Check out the Living Christ Lutheran Church web site [www.livingchristlutheran.org](http://www.livingchristlutheran.org) for additional details or to register. Or call the church office at 847-577-7133 and someone will call you back to answer your questions.

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## 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](mailto: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](http://www.aboutmidnight.org/About.html)

Paris Delane

[www.reverbnation.com/parisdelanestyedyeskye](http://www.reverbnation.com/parisdelanestyedyeskye)

[www.myspace.com/parisdelane](http://www.myspace.com/parisdelane)



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

## Friends for Griffin Benefit, Saturday, April 10th

Saturday, February 10th at 7 pm  
Luther North High School  
5700 W. Berteau Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60634



Griffin is a spirited 5 year-old who enjoys playing with his siblings, going to school and making people laugh. He lives in Denver with his parents, Mike and Shawna (Hawkins), his sister Holland (7), twin brother Jamison and their dog, Bear. Griffin's parents both grew up in Chicago and have a host of family and friends in the Chicagoland area.

Griffin needs your help. Shortly before Christmas, this amazing little boy was diagnosed with *anaplastic astrocytoma*, a life threatening brain tumor. Since this time Griffin has been undergoing daily treatments to fight this cancer. As you can imagine, this experience has already caused Griffin and his family intense emotional and financial challenges. We are asking for your help to raise money for the Bohan family in their time of need.

A benefit, **Friends for Griffin**, will be held at 7PM on Saturday evening, April 10th at Luther North High School, 5700 W. Berteau, Chicago, IL. The evening will feature a DJ, band, appetizers, cash bar, live auction, silent auction and raffle.

Your help is needed to make this night a success. Please consider donating an item(s) for the silent auction and/or raffle. Suggestions include, but are not limited to: gift certificates, tickets to sporting events, concerts and theater, hotel stays, art, jewelry and gift baskets. The list is endless and all donations are greatly appreciated.



For more information or if you have an item to donate please email Linda at [lhawkins@careered.com](mailto:lhawkins@careered.com).

# 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](#)

Troop 92 Spaghetti Dinner	February 6th, 4:30-7:30 pm	St. Matthew, Hawthorn Woods
Dealing with your Resources Financial Management and Time Management	Beginning February 11th	Living Christ, Arlington Heights
Marriage Encounter Weekend	February 12-14	St. Thomas of Villanova School
Heart for Haiti Benefit Concert	February 14th, 4-6 pm	Immanuel, Downers Grove
<i>Friends for Griffin</i> Benefit	Saturday, April 10th	Luther North High School
Ethnic Pentecost and Choral Worship Service	Sunday, May 23rd	Mt. Greenwood, Chicago



## 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](mailto: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