



Making A Difference Newsletter

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The terms "**Mardi Gras**" (mä r' d grä) and "**Mardi Gras season**", in English, refer to events of the Carnival celebrations, ending on the day before Ash Wednesday. From the French term "Mardi Gras" (literally "Fat Tuesday"), the term has come to mean the whole period of activity related to those events, beyond just the single day, often called Mardi Gras Day or Fat Tuesday. The season can be designated by the year, as in "Mardi Gras 2008". The time period varies from city to city, as some traditions consider Mardi Gras as the Carnival period between Epiphany or Twelfth Night and Ash Wednesday.

But in Haiti it is not only a cultural period of activity, it is pagan feast with pagan activities and our young people have to stay away from them. We have a plan to take 60 youth from Jacmel and go to Les Cayes, for an spiritual ambiance (we will teach them on many subjects such as: Bible, Lutheran doctrine, Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation, abstinence, etc)

Please help us to get our young people to Les Cayes, they will be joining the youth of the Lutheran Church of Les Cayes. We will spend 6 days there plus transportation: the price for each youth is \$ 37.70 so we need \$ 2,270 to make it happen; we count on your willingness to help to make it a reality.

Please give what you can.
God's Blessing,
Pastor Marky Kessa

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Help Us Bring Back Extra Mile Ministries to NIU

NIU Shootings Anniversary Approaches

Help Extra Mile Ministries serve the
Students still feeling the aftereffect of
that Feb. 14th day

The anniversary of the shootings at NIU is approaching. Rev. Ralph Buchhorn - head of Extra Mile Ministries, was on campus with their Comfort Dogs shortly after the tragedy happened, and they were asked to return before the end of the school year by the students. Rev. Buchhorn worked through Rev. Marty Marks of Immanuel DeKalb and their campus ministry.



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Once again they have been asked to return to NIU to be on hand at the anniversary of the shooting and minister to the students still feeling the loss. Extra Mile Ministries has agreed to come back but does not have travel funds available. LCC would like to raise the \$3,000 needed to fly in the Extra Mile Ministry handlers and dogs. This is an important time and an open door to reach out to the students at NIU.

If you can help make this happen. Dollar per Dollar your gift will go to bring Extra Mile Ministries back to NIU.

[Click Here to Donate Now](#) to help Extra Mile Ministries RETURN to the NIU Campus

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has generously offered to provide matching funds.

[---> Read more...](#)



Haitian Family of 12 - House Destroyed by Fire [Request from Rev. Marky Kessa, President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti](#)



This is a family of 12, they belong to one of our churches at Jacmel. Their small house was burned in a fire and they couldn't save anything. They don't have a place to sleep and we are looking to put them back together in one location again. We will need \$2000 to build two rooms for this large family.

Thank you for any help you can give us to help this family.

May God bless you,
Pastor Marky Kessa
ELCH, President

- [Click here to donate to Haiti House Fire Fund](#)

This is How it Is SUPPOSED to Work!

SECOND UPDATE: Short Term Assistance Needed for Father and Daughter as they Start Over

[Request from Rev. Tom Tews of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crystal Lake](#)

NID Circuit 19 Churches are also assisting this family - Thank You for Making A Difference LCC

received the following update from Rev. Tom Tews:

(UPDATE #2) Vic received an e-mail from his new employer stating that because of Vic's need for some flexibility in his schedule because of child care for his daughter, his employer did not feel that it was a good fit and he will be hiring another sales/business development professional. Vic has begun looking for another job and has several leads. Until he is able to secure other employment this family continues to need support.



TEWS, Rev. Thomas
Immanuel, Crystal Lake


(UPDATE #1) I met with Vic (name changed) Saturday morning. With the donations

LCC Announces "Send a Spoken Prayer"



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

To learn more, [Click Here](#)

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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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received so far from Prince of Peace, Crystal Lake; St. John, Algonquin; Trinity, Huntley; Immanuel, Crystal Lake and LCC, I was able to give him a check that will help tide him over until he starts receiving paychecks from his new job. His landlord has agreed to payments on back rent.

He attended service Sunday morning. With Vic's job, he has contact with "food distributors/shippers" which could prove helpful to the Northern Illinois Food Bank. So, it seems we have been privileged to participate in a miracle. Also, in our conversation, Saturday, he said that, until this happened, he was so busy taking care of family, etc. that he never noticed needs of others and how much more aware he is now. He said he would talk with his sister---who is raising 3 nephews---about beginning to come to services. So, we pray for lots more miracles for the extended family.

Thank you to all the congregations and individual donors who are showing the Love and Compassion of Christ to this family.

[Click Here for the Original Request](#) | [Click here to donate](#)

Your Donations ***Make A Difference***

Here are just some of the many ways your donations are meeting the needs in the Body of Christ...

Sofa Donation Delivered



LCC Volunteer Mike Allen and Trinity Roselle member Vinni Silva picked up and delivered a donated sofa for a disabled Trinity member in need.

Over 200 Place Settings of China Donated

A large supply of dishes has been donated to Lutheran Church Charities by Faith and Redeemer Lutheran Churches (Lake Forest and Highland Park, Illinois, respectively). The dinnerware was packaged by volunteers into sets of 4, 6, and 8-place settings, with many of the sets including serving plates, china pitchers, glass punch cups and flatware. In all, thirty nine boxes of place settings were assembled and donated. *Photo*



Right: Joe Magnani is shown stacking the boxes.

The dishes were acquired about 50 years ago by Redeemer Lutheran and, although used for many church suppers, are in like new condition and are a clean and timeless design. Through this donation Faith and Redeemer are able to help several other ministries share the love and compassion of Christ as they give sets of dishes to families in need. *Photo Left: Wayne Hoepner of Trinity Lombard picking up a place setting of 14 for the Soko family.*



Thank You for Making A Difference

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To Unsubscribe: Enter your e-mail address above, and you will be sent instructions. Thank you.

Cookbooks Available



Help support the relief efforts in New Orleans with a Cook'n for Katrina cookbook

All Proceeds go to Katrina Relief

We have always loved entertaining. A large part has been cooking with family and friends. There is nothing better than everyone crowded in the kitchen creating a meal.

After visiting Biloxi and New Orleans for Lutheran Church Charities we became very aware of the continued devastation a year and a half after Katrina hit. What we saw weighed heavy on our hearts. We knew we wanted to do something that would tell the people of the area they are not forgotten. So we did what we knew best: enlisted our family, friends and extended Curves family for support and recipes. They all came through.

Here is your chance to help and

Need Met!

Bilingual Bibles for Outreach to Muslims

Request from Hicham Chehab, POBLO Missionary in Chicago

We need to raise funds to buy 40-50 more bilingual Bibles (Arabic/ English) (Farsi/English) (Urdu/ English). They range in price from \$7.00-\$10.00 each so we need to raise \$400-\$450.00 to cover the cost of Bibles to reach out to the Arabic/Farsi/Urdu speaking Muslim community.

[To Donate Now, Click Here](#)



Need Met!

Mother Needs Assistance to Pay for Daughter's Funeral

Request from Pastor Maske of St Paul Lutheran Church Flint, Michigan

LCC received this request from Pastor Maske who conducted the funeral service for Jennifer Simpson, daughter of Tamara Rak. St Paul is requesting financial assistance for Tamara to help pay for the funeral of her daughter Jennifer. Tammy, who over the past few years has experienced several hardships; being disabled and with out a job she lost her home, she had to give up her 8 yr old son to be raised by an in law, in 2007 her mother died and her toddler grandchild Marshal was diagnosed with a rare brain tumor and died in 2008 at the age of 2 ½ and now just 13 months after the Marshal's death Tammy received a call Jan 6th that her only daughter and mother of her now 2 living grandchildren was found dead in her apartment.



With the financial help of a friend in Illinois where Tamara lives she was able to make it back to Michigan to make arrangements for her daughter funeral. With assistance from family and friends she has been able to raise \$1700 of the funeral cost but still owes and additional \$2650. Any assistance for this grieving mother would be greatly appreciated.

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Thank You for Making A Difference

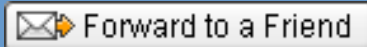
Thanks to Your Generous Support, We Were Able to Provide Assistance to the Following:

- Arabic Immigrant Assistance Fund
- Bilingual Bibles Fund

enjoy recipes from the heart!

In Christ,
Rich and Dona Martin

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Today](#)



**Available January 11
10-week course
Proverbs:
The Way of the Wise**

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number of churches involved with
WAU In-Depth Bible studies - and
help them explore the MIND
METHOD MANNER and MINISTRY
of Jesus Christ..



Three Courses Available:

New for Fall 2008!

**Class Schedule for
2008-2009 - Release
Dates - Week of:**

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Car and Computer Needed for Ethnic Ministry Request from Pastor Stephane Kalonji, Zion Lutheran Church, Chicago

I would like to thank LCC for arranging a food delivery to our congregation two weeks ago. The donation allowed us to reach out to people in our community with the compassion of Christ. Thanks! I have two requests:



Vehicle

A member of Zion's African immigrant ministry, from Benin, is in great need of a reliable vehicle for work. He has been out of work for the past seven months because he does not have a vehicle. He is married and has two children. The wife's work hours have also decreased in the past few months; needless to say that the family is experiencing a great hardship. I thus ask for help for this family.

A computer

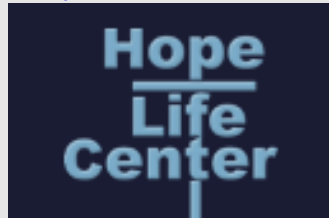
A single mother from Congo is in need of a computer and a printer if available for her school work and her daughter's school work as well.

Thanks in advance for your help!

***If you have any of these items available to donate, please call LCC
at 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org***

Crisis Pregnancy Center Providing Items Needed by Expectant Mothers

Request from St. Peter Lutheran Church in Morrison, Illinois



Hope Life Center in Sterling and Dixon Illinois is raising funds for car seats and pack'n plays. With the monies donated by churches and individuals they buy these items for expectant mothers or mothers who have babies. These mothers take classes about nutrition, parenting or Bible studies while they earn points to "buy" (with their points) these and other items for their babies.

Hope Life can accept donated car seats as long as they are new and still in the box. They can accept used pack 'n plays. If you wish to donate items they can be dropped off at their offices at 2323 East Lincoln Way, Suite A in Sterling (815-625-5300) or 404 North Galena in Dixon Illinois (815-284-4673).

Hope Life Center is a Care Net affiliate. Care Net is a Christian pro-life network of crisis pregnancy centers, proclaiming the Gospel and providing practical help to women, men and children threatened by abortion in the United States and Canada.

[Click here to donate to Hope Life Center; car seats](#)

For more information visit their website at www.hopelifecenter.com

September 7 - James:
The Tests of True
Religion, *5-week course*

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October 12 -
Philippians: To Live is
Christ, *5-week course*

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November 16 - Jude:
Short, Sweet and Sour, *1-week course*

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November 30 - Jonah:
Prodigal Prophet, *3-week course*

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January 11 - Proverbs:
The Way of the Wise, *10-week course*

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March 22 - Know that
God Exists, *1-week course*

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April 19 - Esther: One
Night with the King, *5-week course*

There will be more information on
registration coming next week.
Stay Tuned.

APOCALYPSIS JESU
CHRISTUS (30 weeks)
In-Sight into the Book of
Revelation

Of all the Books of the Bible, none
has fired the Western imagination
more than this mysterious one -
John's Apocalypse.
The Book of Revelation however is
a revelation of Jesus Christ

- The totality of Jesus Christ in the
totality of his mission and ministry,
his death and resurrection, his living
lordship, and his coming again.
- It is an explanation and
proclamation of the gospel.
- It is instruction in Christian
discipleship.
- It is a portrayal of the church.

Readers of the Book of Revelation
are either mesmerized or mystified
by it. The mesmerized come up with
such startling interpretations that
the mystified often conclude that
sober-minded Christians should
leave the book well alone.

From the very beginning, cranks

Family Needs Assistance After House Fire [Request from Pastor Nelson Vargas, Iglesia Evangelica Silohe](#)

Sandra and Ray live in Chicago. Sandra is the friend and coworker of a Word Among Us student... On Monday evening, January 19, Sandra and her husband Ray were at the movies with a niece and when they arrived home Sandra noticed that the door handle was hot and she could smell smoke. She immediately called the fire department. They were able to save her pets. However the back end of her home is destroyed. They were not able to remove any clothing or other belongings. They are staying in a hotel for the time being.

At this time the request is for Prayers and Support. The extent of the loss is not fully known. It was "laundry day" and the fire was near the laundry area. Washer and Dryer and a Microwave will be needed in 5-6 weeks

Gift Cards and any financial assistance would be greatly appreciated.

LCC hopes to have more information as the insurance company receives more detail about what could not be salvaged or cleaned.

Immediate need is a for a Laptop Computer, so the couple can continue to work from there hotel when away from the office.

***If you have any of these items available to donate, please call LCC
at 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org***

[Click Here to Donate Now](#)



LCC Comfort Dogs Visit St. John - Woodstock

This past Sunday the LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs attended the service at St. John Lutheran Church in Woodstock. After the service they joined LCC President, Tim Hetzner, as he led the Adult Bible Study and then visited the children in the Sunday School classes. Tim Hetzner did a presentation to the adult class on ways to reach out to those in need with the Compassion and Presence of Christ—all in ways that are free!



and crackpots have attempted to use The Book of Revelation to advocate some new twist on the Chicken Little Doctrine: The Sky 1S Falling! But APOCALYPSIS JESU CHRISTUS teaches instead that Christians will overcome all opposition through the work of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of John (30 weeks)

Often viewed as a stand apart Gospel, this study will explore the brilliance of the author who presents us with the Life and Ministry of Jesus with such great insight and understanding. Discover who the Beloved Disciple is.

Cover-To-Cover Through The Bible. (30 Weeks Year One and 30 Weeks Year Two)

Enjoy a Spiritual Journey through each book of the Bible - in the order in which they fall in the Historical narrative. See how one needs to see the BIG picture in order to begin to wrestle with the Mind, Method, Manner and Ministry of our Lord! See the radical nature of this Messiah, Jesus of Galilee. See how he is one of the best kept secrets of the church today!

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INTERNET!

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and how your church or small group
can become a site visit our web
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Roommate Needed

Referral from a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Wood Dale



An elderly man who lives in a trailer home in Melrose Park is looking for an elderly man as a roommate. He would have his own room and closet. The trailer is furnished. Cost is \$335 a month which includes utilities.

If you are interested or know someone who is interested please contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or e-mail LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

Son of Church Worker Needs Free Medical Attention

Any Medical People that can help are needed.

Request from Rev Donald Balgeman, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hinckley

"From a mother's heart: The phone is ringing. I wake up and look at the clock. It's 1:00am. I miss the call, but my nephew calls on my cell phone. Peter is being taken to the emergency room at Rush Copley again. This is probably the thirty-fifth time I have gotten the call that Peter is on his way to the hospital; I've lost track..." [Read story from mother of Peter - Click Here](#)

If you have any medical connections and are able to help, please contact Tim Hetzner at LCC (866-455-6466) or email TimHetzner@LutheranChurchCharities.org



BALGEMAN, Rev. Donald
Immanuel, Hinckley

Young Couple Need Car for Work and School



CUTLER, Rev. Paul
Grace, Streamwood

Request from Pastor Paul Cutler, Grace Lutheran Church, Streamwood, Illinois

We are working with a young newly married couple. They are trying to work as they also finish their college educations. The car they have been driving has given out and is not worth the cost of repairs. They are in need of a car so that they can continue working and going to school.

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

Flood &
Hurricane Relief
Updates:
for Current Activities
& Volunteer
Opportunities, visit
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HELP Still Needed to help
Families Rebuild lives!
Your help is desperately needed to
continue to help families who have
lost everything rebuild and replace
the basic essentials that were lost.
**To help financially [Click](#)
[here](#)**

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...

- [Single Mother in Need of a Car](#)
- [Walther Student Needs Car for Work](#)
- [MiniVan Needed for Single Mother of Three](#)
- [Single Mother in Need of Transportation](#)
- [Egyptian Refugee Family in need of Transportation](#)

[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*

Tell A Pastor to Jump in a Lake! Again!

[Request from Rev. Jeremy Heilman of Bethlehem Lutheran
Church, Chicago](#)



Alright, I'm at it again. On March 1st Special Olympics will
be holding it's 9th annual Polar Plunge. That means that I,
once again, will be jumping into Lake Michigan to help
raise money for them. Now, last year was my first year
and I wasn't quite sure what to expect so I only waded in
waist deep. This year, I'm going to completely submerging
myself. Why, you ask? Because I can and it's a
wonderful cause.

So what I'm asking is that you please consider supporting
me in my efforts to raise some funds for Special
Olympics. I know times are tight and if you can't that's no
problem. If you can, I'll gladly accept whatever you have

to give because it goes to help Special Olympics provide some great programs for some great
people.

[To contribute for this cause for Pastor Heilman please click here.](#)

Immigrant Families Need Household Items

Request from POBLO Missionary Hicham Chehab

POBLO ministry, a Lutheran outreach to Arab immigrants, has recently welcomed two new immigrant families to the area. As they have arrived with very few possessions, they are in need of many items to furnish their homes, such as mattresses (including one cot and mattress for a 3-year-old infant), living and dining room furniture, and microwaves. Donations of these kinds will show these recent immigrants the love of Christ as demonstrated through a caring church body.



If you have items to donate for these families please contact Dianna Bonfield at 866-455-6466 or e-mail Dianna@LutheranChurchCharities.org

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](#)

LBT Missionaries' Return to Nigeria Delayed

Ed and Wilma Rupprecht, Scripture Use Missionaries for Lutheran Bible Translators return to Nigeria has been put on hold for a few weeks.

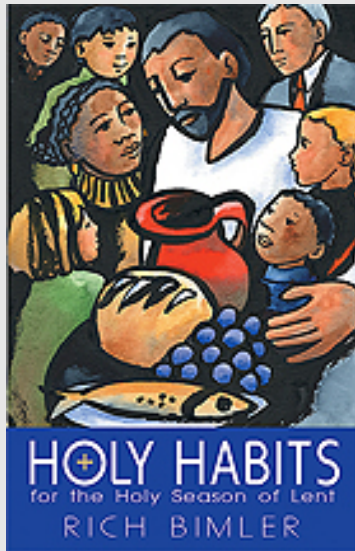
[Click here to read their recent update Newsletter](#)

[Click Here for a special Prayer Request for ther son and daughter-in-law.](#)



Other Stories Still Seeking Support

- [Church Organist Risks Being Evicted](#)
- [Industrial Accident Leaves Pastor's Brother-in-Law Disabled; Family in Need of Assistance](#)
- [Lutheran Church in Ethiopia Needs Financial Assistance for Family Ministry](#)
- [Retired Teacher Shares God's Love as She Serves in Asia](#)
- [Help Needed for Liberian Seminary Student](#)
- [Lutheran Teacher with Parkinson's disease in need of help](#)



Holy Habits for the Holy Season of Lent by Rich Bimler

This popular speaker and writer offers Lenten devotions sharing 47 positive "holy habits" a.k.a. "resurrection routines" for Lent--or anytime. Bimler begins with a Scripture for each day of Lent and Holy Week and connects it with a specific "holy habit" intended to help readers focus more intentionally and joyfully on the Resurrection message for them in Christ's Cross and the Empty Tomb. Guaranteed to lighten hearts and brighten smiles.

[To Order, Click Here](#)

Katrina Relief Camp Directors Visit LCC

On Tuesday, February 3, 2009, LCC met with Katrina Relief Camp Directors to coordinate support and efforts in the Gulf Coast

Photo L-R: *Dianna Bonfield, Kurt Josters, Tim Hetzner, and Rev Dave Buss*

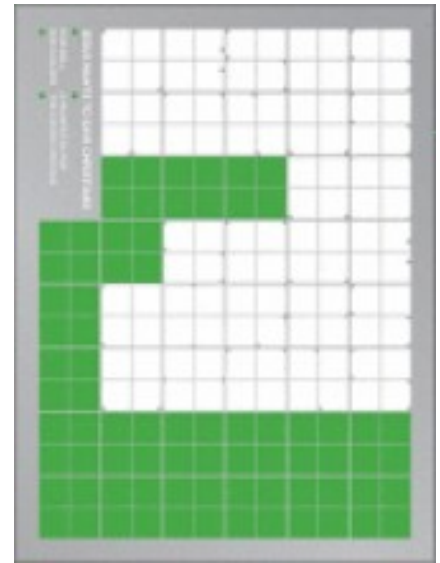


Tim's Pick of the Week

Jesus Wants To Save Christians By Rob Bell

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through the LCC Gift and Book Shop



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](#)"



Looking to be in a Bible Study?

Available January 11 - 10-week course

Proverbs: The Way of The Wise

Course Description:

Over the years, I have come to greatly appreciate the Book of Proverbs and have yet to meet a Christian who has found the Book of Proverbs to be boring or unprofitable. Many have found it to be the most useful study of their Christian experience. My goal is not to teach through Proverbs as I have other books of the Bible, beginning at chapter 1 and ending with chapter 31. Instead, I want to expose you to a sampling of the wisdom of Proverbs, hoping that you will make this book a life-long study. In this

course, I intend to provide you with a model for study by doing various character studies of the simple, the fool, the scoffer, the sluggard, and the wise. When this course is finished, we will have only scratched the surface of the riches to be found in this book. From then on, the challenge will be yours.

➤ [Register Online - Click Here](#)

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IF you would like to join an existing class - [click here](#)

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This Fall - New Courses

Schedule for 2008-2009 - Release Dates - Week of:

- September 7 - James: 5-week course
- October 12 - Philippians: 5-week course
- November 16 - Jude: 1-week course
- November 30 - Jonah::3-week course
- **January 11 - Proverbs: 10-week course**
- March 22 - Know that God Exists: 1-week course
- April 19 - Esther:5-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



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!

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.



Items Available to a Ministry

- 36 sets of dishes. They are place settings of 4, 6, and 8. A place setting includes the following items:
 - Dinner plates (grey and rose ribbon on white plate) (perhaps 10" diameter)
 - Salad / dessert plates
 - Coffee cups
 - Saucers

The sets include flatware and a plastic "popcorn" bowls in each box

- The following accessory items are available upon request until they run out
 - All white dinner plates/serving plates - (22 available)
 - Larger dinner plates/serving plate (perhaps 12" diameter) - (10 available)
 - Oval serving plate (not large, perhaps 7" x 10") - (10 available)
 - Grey water/lemonade pitchers - (7 available)
 - Gray gravy boats - (6 available)

Please call Dianna Bonfield if interested in the above items (866) 455-6466.

- 2303 - 17 light mauve, adult choir robes, with 2 of these having sleeves for organist and choir director with matching stoles that reverse to a burgundy color
- 2249 - 15 padded wooden church pews - dark wood, antique maroon-colored padding, 11 feet long
- 2198 - Schulmerich Quadrabell carillon-older model (no longer made; plays from a tape)
- 2172 - Off White Accordion Folding Wall 9' ht. X 15' w. Ceiling track not included.

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

New Items Free for the Asking

- 2323 - Children's bed linens
- 2322 - 1 metal ram with leather back & set bar stool
- 2321 - 1 Tapan microwave oven
- 2320 - 1 pizza paddle
- 2319 - 1 black travel garment bag
- 2318 - 6 misc. kitchen utensils
- 2317 - Betty Crocker Cookbook
- 2316 - white baby crib (no mattress)
- 2315 - 2 Green with lightwood seat 3 ft bar stools
- 2314 - Wicker Saucer chair with large round cushion
- 2313 - corner shelving unit: wood, painted tan, 4 shelves (4' W x 4' D)
- 2312 - long 6 drawer oak bedroom dresser
- 2311 - 8 drums & 10 bottles of ink for a Savin #3360 Duplicator
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- 2310 - Shelf Unit (72"H x 63"W x 17"D)
- 2309 - coffee Table, 2 end tables, 1 sofa table (all brass frames with glass tops)

[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](#)

Troop 92 Spaghetti Dinner February 7th

St. Matthew Troop 92 Boy Scouts will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 7 from 4:30-7:30 PM in Krueger Hall at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, which is located on Old McHenry Road, between Quentin and Midlothian Roads. The cost is \$5.00 per person in advance or \$6.00 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. 13-15

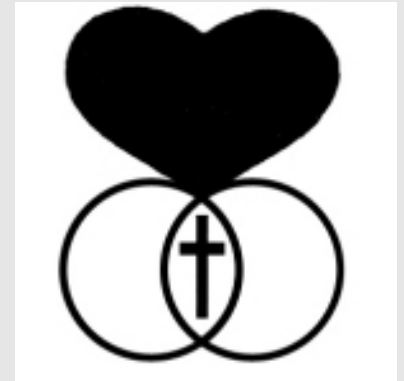
Would you like to enhance and improve your marriage and your relationship with Christ? If so, we invite you to the Marriage Encounter weekend at

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

Friday, Feb. 13 through Sunday, Feb. 15

This is a special weekend for newly weds to those married 50 years or longer. Your marriage and your relationship with Christ will grow more than you could imagine.

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 krautschold@comcast.net.



Pancake Supper

February 14, 2009

St. John's Lutheran Church
625 Country Lane Dr.
Lena, Illinois 61048

Chris the Crazy Pancake Man is returning to Lena at St. John's Lutheran Church on Saturday, February 14th, 2009, from 4-8pm. He will be preparing an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Supper served with whole-hog sausage, applesauce, cheese, coffee and milk. Chris provides good food and fun for all!

Advance tickets are available at the church office for \$5.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children (ages 3-10). At the door, tickets can be purchased for \$6.00 for adults and \$4.50 for children (ages 3-10). For more information, call the church office at (815) 369-4035.

Women's Retreat

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN'S
SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUP ANNOUNCES

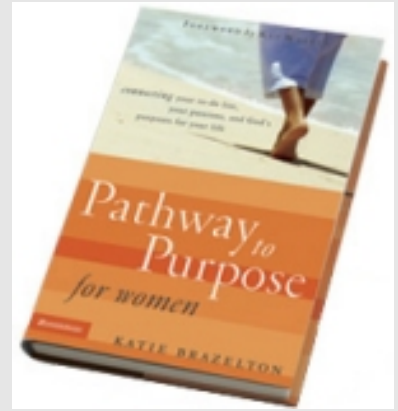
"Women's Retreat 2009 - Pathway to Purpose"

The 2009 Women's Ministry Retreat is scheduled for **March 6-8, 2009** at The Cove of Lake Geneva, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Come join our guest speaker, Jamie Beran, Certified Life Purpose Coach, Life Plan Facilitator and Instructor, as she shares about finding your purpose in Jesus.

St. Matthew members and women in surrounding communities are cordially invited to attend.

For further information, please call: Scarlett Mankowsky at 847-540-5501.



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

Troop 92 Spaghetti Dinner	Feb 7 - 4:30-7:30 pm	St. Matthew - Hawthorn Woods
Pancake Supper	February 14 - 4-8 pm	St. John's - Lena
Marriage Encounter Weekend	Feb 13-15	St. Thomas of Villanova School
Women's Retreat	March 6-8, 2009	Lake Geneva, WI
Lutheran Summer Music Academy	June 21 - July 19, 2009	Luther College - Decorah, Iowa
Oberammergau Passion Play -Study Trip	Taking Reservations Now	Germany



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