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God at Work Through His People in Rochester, NY

17 Collection Sites in Rochester, NY

It was almost 10 years ago that Mark and Lynn Lillie, along with their best friends Ken and Sue Gross of Orland, Park IL, went on their first mission trip together to Haiti. Through subsequent mission trips they built relationships and friendships with people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti and fell in love with the Haitian people and the culture of Haiti.



When LCC put out a request for collection sites for donations for Haiti Relief Mark and Lynn heard a clear call from the Lord to respond. Talking it over with other friends and Pastor Deknatel of Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Rochester, NY they responded by listing their church as a collection site. Together they went to work to procure a warehouse, packing equipment, donations of packing supplies, and other collection sites and coordinators. They decided to begin their collection on February 1st and continue through the month of February. With two weeks left, they are hoping to more than double what they have now. (pictured above is what members of Risen Christ brought in the first two weeks)

When Pastor Deknatel heard of the collection he suggested that the boxes be stacked up in the sanctuary of the church so as to emphasize the need and the ministry. Lynn reported "Pastor Deknatel is hoping we will not have enough room in our church to sit as the boxes pile up." What a great visual to remind us to continue to pray for the people in Haiti and to keep bringing them hope. After two weeks, the area on the platform next to the altar has nearly 100 boxes stacked to the ceiling and four rows deep.



Word got out and some of the public schools and businesses heard what Risen Christ was doing, they wanted to be part of the action. A local school district decided to use the funds from the district's annual basketball game charity fundraiser (that will be held in middle or late Feb) will be donated to Haiti. They are looking to raise nearly \$3000 to aid Haiti.

What a great thing God is doing in and through his people in Rochester, NY. Pray that God blesses their efforts to touch the lives of the people of Haiti and to proclaim the love and compassion of Christ in all they do.

[Click here for a list of the Rochester Collection Sites](#)

[Click here for a list of items requested from Haiti](#)

Prayer Wall

Post a prayer, or pray for others!



[LCC's Prayer Wall](#)

Request from Haiti - Holy Communion Sets

Susan Gross, Haitian Lutheran Mission Project, Christ Lutheran Church, Orland Park, received the following email from Pastor Edgard, Pastor Isaac's brother-in-law, on



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

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LCC Announces
 "Send a Spoken"

Tuesday, February 16th:

Good PM Sue,

I went all the way to a remote country church climbing the mountains, going through the valleys, walking 8 long hours back and forth just to help God's people the other day which was Saturday and Sunday. 9 infant baptisms, 1 wedding, holy communion! Wow!!! But, the building is in so bad shape and the people are in so dire need that I could not hold my tears. When you come next month, WOULD YOU BE SO KIND AS TO BRING FOR US AT LEAST TWO HOLY COMMUNION SETS? I felt so embarrassed to find no way to serve God's people the holy communion. No cups, no plate, no table, no nothing!

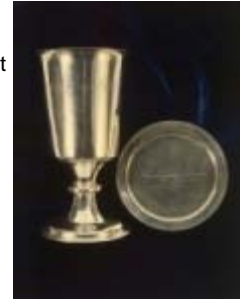
What a challenge!

Do what you can, and as usual, the Lord will get it back to you hundredfold. Actually, we need as many holy communion sets as possible.

See you soon!

God bless!

Edgard



If you have a Holy Communion set you would like to send to Haiti, please contact Lutheran Church Charities at 866-455-6466 or LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org.

2010 Biblical Study Tour

[A Spiritual Journey exploring Egypt, Jordan, and Israel](#)



The first week of our Biblical Study Tour is complete. We visited many amazing places, like the land of Goshen in Egypt, where the Children of Israel settled when Joseph was second in command in Egypt. This is rarely seen by other trips - and yet it is one of the most beautiful places in all Egypt. In Jordan, the Wadi Rum desert by jeep gave us a taste of life in the desert like no other tour!

During week two we are focusing on historical sites in Israel where Jesus walked and taught. We will stay INSIDE the ancient city walls of Jerusalem! We will visit Bethany, the place where Jesus always stayed when he traveled to Jerusalem. Bethany was the "Poorest of the Poor" area at the time of Jesus, as it still is today. Our mission focus there will be Four Homes of Mercy, a mission for Palestinian physically and mentally handicapped children and adults, where we will deliver your generous donations. It is here and in the evening back in Jerusalem that we will commemorate Ash Wednesday.

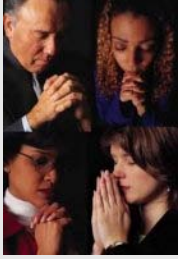
[Click here to view a sampling of photos \(Egypt\)](#)

Several Doctors Needed For March 11-20th Mission Trip to Haiti - Jeremie with Pastor Isaac

I will be in Haiti March 11th-20. I will be traveling with the mission team headed up by Susan Gross from Christ Orland Park. Although I will be traveling around to our Lutheran Churches while there, the mission team is in need of several doctors to take care of some of the medical needs of the refugees from Port-au-Prince who are out in Jeremie with Pastor Isaac. The doctors would work in a clinic and would do a quick diagnosis of refugees and tell



Prayer"



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

To learn more, [Click Here](#)

us whether or not they need follow up care at the hospital. Most of these people are just coming with sores, high B/P, malnutrition, worms, and asthma. Many need just basic hygiene instructions and antibiotics and vitamins. You would have to cover your costs of approximately \$2000. Please contact Tim Hetzner at 866-455-6466 or at TimHetzner@LutheranChurchCharities.org if you would like to go.

"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. Please consider a donation to help this family with their mounting medical bills for Baby JJ.



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

Minister to the Missionaries in West Africa

Northern Illinois District President Dan Gilbert and his wife Jan have been asked to lead a retreat for the LCMS and Lutheran Bible Translators missionaries in West Africa this coming March. God willing, they will do six days of worship, Bible study, and counseling with the missionaries and their families at a Christian retreat center in Lamina, Ghana, a few hours west of the capital city of Accra. President Gilbert also hopes to meet with President Paul Fynn of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana while there.



The cost for their airfare needs to be covered. Round trip for the two of them comes to a total of \$2,757, and they request that brothers and sisters prayerfully consider an offering to help cover this cost.

[Click here to contribute](#)

Comfort Dog Ministry Update

[Pastors' Conference - Rockford, IL](#)



On Tuesday and Wednesday, February 9th and 10th, Pete Imlah and LCC's K-9 Parish Comfort Dog Tillie attended the Northern Illinois District Pastors' Conference in Rockford, IL.

Pete thanked pastors for their teamwork with LCC in collecting supplies for Haiti and answered questions regarding the different ministries of Lutheran Church Charities. Tillie gave much needed comfort to our NID pastors and district staff members.

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.

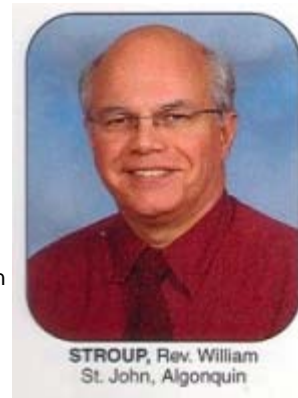


She will need care after her surgery and follow-up doctor visits. The length of her stay is uncertain at this time but we do not anticipate that it will be as long as the last stay. We are ALSO looking for someone that speaks Creole to help translate between doctors and Farah. I think we had a Creole-speaking 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

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.



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.

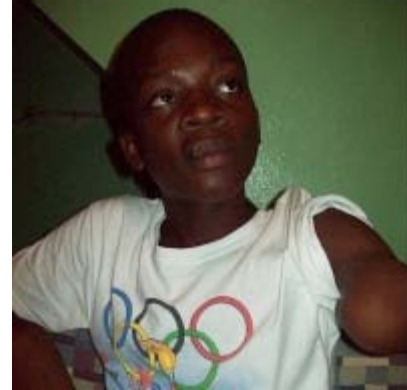
Unfortunately, it is now six months later and the cancer is on the rise once again. Dan has now found himself going back on chemotherapy. Dan was once a very active business owner and young, outgoing individual. He is now trapped to the likes of seizures, drugs and hospital visits. He cannot work and 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

[Click here to donate](#)

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](#)

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.

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

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](#)

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.

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

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](#)

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 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](#)

Still Accepting Reservations For Germany Trips in 2010

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

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

Dates:

- June 14-23
- August 12-21

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

*Oberammergau
Passion Play 2010*



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

Your Small Group? [Indicate Your Interest Here](#)



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WORD AMONG US Bible Studies

Lutheran Church Charities In-Depth Bible Studies - WORD AMONG US - May be your Solution!

• Free for Congregations!

If you would like to be a host site [click here](#)

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

If you would like to take a course by internet - [Click here](#)



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



Form Your Class Now!

Cover to Cover - Year 1

St. Matthew, Hawthorn Woods

St. John, Country Club Hills

St. Paul, Matteson

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

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

- [God's on the Go in Ghana](#)
- [Lutheran Family of Five Loses Everything in Fire](#)
- [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](#)
- [Mission Church in Alabama Needs 50 LSB Hymnals](#)
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- [Voice of Care Handicapped Ministries](#)
- [Mission to Haiti - Eyeglasses Needed](#)

Items Available to a Ministry

- 2716 81 childrens books
- 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.

- 2723 (4) Dr. exam tables in very good shape; other misc medical items (items located in Hibbing, MN)
- 2719 - 2721 New 15" Dell monitors (not flat screen)
- 2717 & 2718 37" televisions
- 2715 30 interior doors; hollow core with oak veneer stained dark oak
- 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

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...

- [Car Needed for Arabic Outreach Ministry](#)
- [Lutheran High School Needs Bus to Transport Students](#)
- [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](#)

[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



[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.



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!

Dealing with your Resources - Financial Management and Time Management

Three Sessions Remain, You Can Still Attend!

Where:

Living Christ Lutheran Church
625 East Dundee Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60103
Phone: 847-577-7133

When:

Four Consecutive Thursdays, February 11, 18, 25 and 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 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.

The Lutheran Home, Arlington Heights, hosts Spirit of Life Chorus, Saturday, February 27th at 6:30 p.m.



The 100 voice SPIRIT OF LIFE CHORUS will present its Spring 2010 concert series, "We've Walked With God"...Celebrating 20 Years of Music with the Spirit of Life Chorus at 6:30 pm on Saturday, February 27th at The Lutheran Home, Arlington Heights.

The celebratory concert will feature some of the best praise music we have sung over 20 years; selections from *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, patriotic music including a salute to our Armed Forces, and at the conclusion of the concert, an original arrangement of the stirring and inspirational, "I'll Walk With God."

The musical selections are typical SPIRIT in style. They are spiritually uplifting, motivating, and exciting! Our musical goal is to bring each member of our audience just one step closer to God, one step closer to HIS presence in our lives.

So join us for this FREE concert as we stand in HIS presence and sing HIS praises.

The Spirit of Life Chorus is a 100+ member ecumenical Christian concert chorus performing in church sanctuaries and auditoriums throughout northern Illinois. Since 1990, SPIRIT has had a solid, musical reputation of dynamic concerts with strong emotional appeal performed from the heart of each member. "SPIRIT" style music is presented with a joyous dedication to bringing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to all who listen.

[Click here for more information about the Spirit of Life Chorus](#)

The following is the schedule for the remainder of our concert series:

WHEATON: Sunday, March 7th at 4:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church

715 Carlton Street
Wheaton, 60187

CHICAGO (Northwest): Sunday, March 14th at 4:30 pm
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
7116 West Palmer St
Chicago, 60707

WEST DUNDEE: Saturday, March 20th at 5:30 pm
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
401 West Main Street
West Dundee 60118

GLENVIEW: Saturday, April 10th at 4:30 pm
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
2328 Central Road
Glenview 60025

ROSELLE: Sunday, April 18th at 4:00 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
405 South Rush Street
Roselle, 60172

LOMBARD: Sunday, April 25th at 4:00 pm
Christ The King Catholic Church
1501 Main Street
Lombard, 60148

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS: Sunday, May 2nd at 4:00 pm
Faith Lutheran Church
431 South Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, 60056

February 28th Vendor Show to Benefit Haiti Earthquake Relief

Sunday, February 28, 2010 from 1:00 to 7:00 pm
Lincoln Inn
1345 S. Batavia Avenue (Route 31)
Batavia, IL 60510



"I Heart Haiti" - an afternoon of shopping, drawings, prizes and more - will take place on Sunday, February 28, to benefit earthquake relief efforts. The event takes place at Lincoln Inn, 1345 S. Batavia Avenue (Route 31), from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

More than 30 vendors will provide a tremendous array of products and services, including jewelry, fashion accessories, make-up and skin care, home décor, cooking, storage and kitchen items, unique gifts, food and drink mixes, nutritional items, photography, rain barrels, chiropractic services, clothing and more.

Proceeds from "I Heart Haiti" will go to Lutheran Church Charities for the Haiti Earthquake Response. All monies raised will go directly to support Haiti relief efforts working through and with the Lutheran Church in Haiti.

On the day of the event, The Lincoln Inn will extend its Sunday brunch, offering it from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and will donate \$1 for each brunch purchased between noon and 2:00.

Check our website www.LutheranChurchCharities.org for updated information

GO YE Band Concert - Sunday, February 28th

Proclaiming The Gospel in Song

Sunday, February 28 from 2 - 3 pm



Friendship Hall
Friendship Village Retirement Community
350 W. Schaumburg Rd.
Schaumburg, IL 60193

Battle of the Praise Bands - Sunday, February 28th



Sunday, February 28 at 4 pm
Walther Lutheran High School
900 Chicago Ave.
Melrose Park, IL

On Sunday, February 28, at 4:00 p.m. there will be a Battle of the Praise Bands event at Walther Lutheran High School, 900 Chicago Avenue, Melrose Park. Four praise bands will compete for the title of "Best Praise Band". Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, and can be ordered by calling Belinda at 708-594-7924 or by sending an email to battle_of_the_band_tickets@yahoo.com.

All proceeds will go to benefit the Scholarship Fund of Grace Lutheran School, a Lutheran mission school at 4106 W. 28th Street, Chicago. Grace serves children age three through grade eight by providing them with a quality Christian education in a safe, caring environment.

Chaplain Michael P. Moreno, USNR to speak at Immanuel, East Dundee - Sunday, March 27th

Sunday, March 27th, 9 am-12:30 pm
Immanuel East Dundee
310 E. Main St.
East Dundee, IL 60118

Immanuel East Dundee is in the early stages of developing a ministry targeting military families. "Members of our congregation are truly interested in supporting both retired and active military personnel and their families who live in our area. We know the need is great and our compassion towards those who need support due to the service that they provide our great country is also great" said Senior Pastor William Yonker. He further stated that the congregation had contacted Chaplain Michael P. Moreno to speak to interested members of Immanuel Lutheran on ways to begin a ministry for military support.



Chaplain Michael P. Moreno, USNR, has been called by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod to serve as facilitator for Operation Barnabas. Operation Barnabas is a fully functional Military Ministry operated by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod - World Mission. The congregation in East Dundee will be given information by Chaplain Moreno on how they can begin their own military ministry and information regarding Operation Barnabas - www.operationbarnabas.org



"I am very grateful to LCMS for providing this ministry to our active military. My own son joined the Navy recently and I'm comforted to know that he is receiving devotional material from Operation Barnabas" said Mrs. Christine Bishop, Immanuel Dundee Military Mission Coordinator. LCMS - Missouri Synod is the only denomination to support its members serving in the Armed Forces in such a direct way. To add a service member to the "Ministry-by-Mail" program individuals may call 1-800-433-3954 or email information to lcmschaps@lcms.org.

Chaplain Moreno will speak to members of Immanuel Congregation and community members interested in supporting this new ministry on Saturday, March 27th at Immanuel Lutheran. The seminar will begin at 9:00 in the morning and end at 12:30pm. Lunch will follow the seminar.

The community is invited and all are welcome to hear Chaplain Moreno at Immanuel Lutheran Church. There is no fee to attend. Immanuel Lutheran Church of East Dundee is located at 310 E. Main Street on the corner of Highway 72 and Van Buren. Please call the church office at 847-428-4477 for directions or more information.

Friends for Griffin Benefit, Saturday, April 10th

Saturday, April 10th at 7 pm
Luther North High School
5700 W. Berneau 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. Berneau, 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.

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](#)

Dealing with your Resources Financial Management and Time Management	Thursdays, Feb 11th - Mar 4th, 7:15 pm	Living Christ, Arlington Heights
Spirit of Life Chorus	February 27th, 6:30 pm	The Lutheran Home, Arlington Heights
"I Heart Haiti" Vendor Show to Benefit Haiti Earthquake Relief	February 28th, 1-7 pm	Lincoln Inn, Batavia
GO YE Band Concert	Sunday, February 28, 2-3 pm	Friendship Village Retirement Community, Schaumburg
Battle of the Praise Bands	Sunday, February 28, 4 pm	Walther Lutheran High School, Melrose Park
Chaplain Michael P. Moreno, USNR	Sunday, March 27, 9 am	Immanuel, East Dundee
<i>Friends for Griffin</i> Benefit	Saturday, April 10th, 7 pm	Luther North High School, Chicago
Ethnic Pentecost and Choral Worship Service	Sunday, May 23rd, 3 pm	Mt. Greenwood, Chicago

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or send contributions to LCC, 333 West Lake Street, Addison, IL 60101

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