



# Making A Difference Newsletter

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## Fire Destroys Lutheran Church in Ethiopia - Help Desperately Needed to Rebuild

***You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. Genesis 50:20***

### Request from Rev. Abraham Mengesha, President, Central Ethiopia Lutheran Synod

I want to bring to your attention one of the Central Ethiopian Congregation in Western Shewa, the Olonkhomi Mekane Yesus Congregation. It was burnt to the ground three weeks ago by a group of vandals. Some of these people have been brought to court, but we are still waiting for the final verdict. In addition to the loss of their property, 5 members of the congregation, including the evangelist, were seriously injured and are still under going treatment.



We have made a temporary shelter for them that they have begun to use. The court proceedings are going well, but they are still being harassed and intimidated by those who are behind the fire. I have attached pictures ([click here](#)) of the buildings including 6 offices and the main worshipping hall. They set the fire at noon.

If you are able to share our burden and help us rebuild it would be a great blessing to this congregation.

[Click here to view more photos](#)

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## Prayer Wall

Post a prayer, or pray for others!



[LCC's Prayer Wall](#)

## Update and Urgent Medical Request from C.C. Howell



In April, 2005 LCC received a request from Pastor Kenneth Taglauer of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Mountain Home, Arkansas. He needed help for a family in his church. He had a member who was coming to Chicago for 100 days of cancer treatment with her husband and two-year-old daughter. They needed a place to stay and spiritual support while they were away from home. Through the generous donations of money, furniture, food and time, C.C., her daughter, and husband Dave were able to stay rent free in a house in Palatine while she underwent treatment.

LCC has received an update from C.C. and a request for assistance for three months of insurance payments of \$400.00 per

month.



LCC connects needs with resources, working with more than 400 congregations to help Christians "Make a Difference in People's Lives and in God's Kingdom"  
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LCC Announces "Send a Spoken

Update from C.C. Howell:

I wanted to let you know that after almost 5 years being cancer free, I have another cancer diagnosis. Early stage breast cancer.

[Click here to read the rest of C.C.'s letter](#)

[Click here to donate](#)

## Volunteers Needed for Repairs at Concordia College, Selma, Alabama



### Request from Rev. Dr. Tilahun Menedo, President Concordia Selma

Dear LCC:

On behalf of Concordia College Selma, Alabama, I am making an urgent request to the Lutheran Church Charities for volunteer workers to assist us with much needed campus maintenance as we prepare for our upcoming SACS visit on March 15, 2010.

Our residence halls and a number of buildings and facilities are in serious disrepair. This outlook affects not only the aesthetic of the campus, but certainly presents a not-so-inviting view for visitors and potential parents. No doubt this outlook undercuts our recruitment efforts and the seriousness with which we expect to be viewed. We need help with carpentry, plumbing, electrical and painting, as well as materials to carry out these urgently needed repairs.

I am hopeful that Lutheran Church Charities will provide us with a few volunteer workers to assist us in our time of need. We need at least six workers to help us give our campus the needed facelift to be able to needs of our students.

The dates that we are requesting are anytime between:

- March 4 - 13, 2010 (before the SACS visit)
- March 30 - April 5 (during our spring break)
- May through July, 2010 (summer months)

Our student volunteers along with the maintenance staff will be available to work with the volunteers. The College will also make sleeping arrangements for them. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Yours in His service,

Rev. Dr. Tilahun Menedo  
 President

Please contact Dianna Bonfield at 866-455-6466 or email [Dianna@LutheranChurchCharities.org](mailto:Dianna@LutheranChurchCharities.org) if you are able to volunteer.

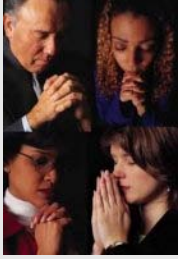
## 17 Collection Sites in Rochester, New York Ready to Go This Week to Haiti



Sunday, February 28th was the last day of the month-long Haiti Collection in Rochester, New York. On Sunday evening, a tired but very excited Lynn Lillie called LCC staff member Dianna Bonfield to say that Sunday afternoon all but two of the 17 collection sites had dropped off the items they had collected over the past month. Collections from the last two sites on Monday afternoon netted 37 more large boxes, six large cases of water, and a tent. They began sorting, labeling, weighing, and recording all the items Sunday afternoon. They will continue to work through the rest of the week and the evenings at Risen

Christ Lutheran Church in Fairport, New York. On Friday, March 5th, Orphan Grain Train (OGT) will drop off a sea container for them to fill, and at 3 PM the container will be sealed and OGT will pick it up and deliver it to a ship that will take it to Port Au Prince, Haiti.

## Prayer"



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

To learn more, [Click Here](#)

## Fort Wayne Seminary Collects for Haiti Through LCC

On Monday morning LCC received a call from Deaconess Intern Cindy Lumley, the Assistant Director of Deaconess Studies at Fort Wayne Seminary. She asked if LCC had another shipment of supplies for Haiti going out soon. The Deaconess Students at the Seminary had coordinated a collection. Donations were brought in by the Seminary students and faculty as well as the wider Fort Wayne Community. They collected enough items from the collection list to fill eight pallets. This week these pallets will be shipped by JAT of Fort Wayne Indiana, free of charge, to the collection site at Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Fairport, New York. Once there it will be added to the sea container and shipped with the New York collection to Port Au Prince.



Photo courtesy Fort Wayne News-Sentinel, February 2010

## I Heart Haiti - A Huge Success!!!



On Sunday, February 28th, hundreds of visitors came out to the Lincoln Inn in Batavia to be part of the *I Heart Haiti Shopping and More* vendor show to benefit Haiti Earthquake Relief. 35 vendors were on hand with a wide variety of products and services. The proceeds from the show will directly support LCC's Earthquake Relief Efforts in

Haiti.



*We would like to express our gratitude to all the vendors and visitors that made Sunday such a special day. A special thank you to Laurie Stephans (pictured left with Tim Hetzner, LCC President, and LCC K9 Comfort Dog Howe) who organized and ran the show, and to K-LOVE radio for advertising the event and for their attendance Sunday afternoon. Because of all of you the Body of Christ continues to reach out to the people of Haiti with the Compassion, Mercy and Proclamation of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

You are Making a Difference in His Name!

[Click here to see pictures from Sunday's event](#)



## "In the Steps of St. Paul" Tour Cruise Need Deposit by March 15th

[A Journey Through Biblical Greece & Turkey \(including Greek Island Cruise\) - May 23 - June 6, 2010](#)

Dear Friends and Travel Alumni,



By popular request, here's the "In the Steps of St. Paul" tour, and the best one yet, since it will take place in perfect spring weather and features a seven-day Aegean cruise. While the enclosed brochure tells it all, here are a few comments on the itinerary.

After Alitalia flies us to Rome and Athens, we embark on a motor coach tour of Greece, stopping first at Marathon, the battlefield where the heroic Greeks turned back the Persian invasion in 490

B.C. -- and provided the name for everything from endurance runs to gasoline! At Delphi that night, we'll stay at a hotel with a huge swimming pool that overlooks the Gulf of Corinth. You'll never forget Delphi or its museum and spectacular ruins.

Meteora will be something else again; monasteries incredibly perched atop huge columns of rock. Then on to Paul's Second Mission Journey when we visit Philippi, one of his favorite congregations, to which he addressed his famous New Testament letter. Then we'll turn back to Thessalonica and Berea, both prominent locations in the Book of Acts, as you well know. Skirting Mount Olympus - where we'll not reverence Zeus and his dysfunctional family (!) - we'll return to Athens.

[Click here to read more about this Bible study travel opportunity](#)

## Comfort Dog Ministry Update

### Howe Visits Palatine Kiwanis

On Tuesday, February 23rd, LCC Comfort Dog Howe accompanied Tim Hetzner to the monthly meeting of the Palatine Kiwanis. Tim spoke to the group about LCC's K-9 Parish Comfort Dog Ministry. LCC would like to thank the group for their support of the Comfort Dog ministry.



### Chapel Talk at St. Paul Academy, Skokie



On Wednesday, February 24th, LCC Comfort Dogs Billie, Star, and Tillie accompanied their handlers to St. Paul Academy in Skokie for a K-9 Chapel Talk. Pete Imlah shared his appreciation for all the work the students and church did in collecting supplies for the Haiti Earthquake Relief. Because of their efforts many lives will be touched physically, emotionally and spiritually. After chapel the K-9 Comfort Dogs visited the classrooms where they got to visit with the teachers and students.

### Preschool at Our Savior, Joliet

On Friday, February 26th, LCC Comfort Dogs Tara, Darlin, and Howe and their handlers attended the morning and afternoon sessions at Our Savior Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten in Joliet. The classes had finished a unit on pets and wanted an opportunity to learn about the Comfort Dog ministry. The students presented LCC with the "Pennies for Puppies" collection that they had taken all week to support the Comfort Dog Ministry.



### Sunday Visit at Holy Cross, Cary

On Sunday, February 28th Tim Hetzner along with LCC Comfort Dogs Zina, Howe, Butter, and Star, and their handlers, visited the congregation and Sunday school classes at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Cary. While there Tim spoke on the LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry.

## Request from Haiti - Non-Glass 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:

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!

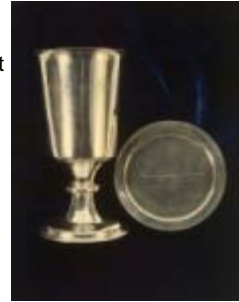
What a challenge!

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](mailto:LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org). All donations must be received by Friday, March 5th.*

### Need Met!

## 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.



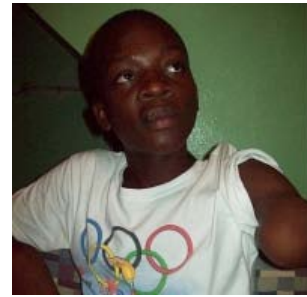
### Need Met!

## \$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.



## Your Donations Make A Difference

Thank you to Angie Schmeltzer & Marilyn Lawler for the donation of medical supplies for Haiti.

Thank you to Kim Walsh for a donation of baby clothes and toddler clothes for Ethnic Ministries.

Thank you to Dawn Odoi for 8 pairs of gym shoes and dress shoes both men and women's; T-shirts, & sweaters for women for Ethnic Ministries as well as 3 suitcases for medical missions.



Thank you to Eileen Convey, a home health nurse from Q Med RX who delivered medications and medical supplies for Haiti collected from the QMedRX, the Home Health Company she works for as well as donations from Dr. Michael Friedman of Chicago and the Metro Infectious Disease Center in Hinsdale.

## Truck Needed for Sexton at First Saint Paul's, Chicago



### Request from Pastor Paul Krause, Interim Pastor, First Saint Paul's, Chicago

Our part time assistant sexton is in need of a truck. With a truck he would be able to pick up groceries for community meals, move furniture and do the pick ups for the bread ministry which serves poor missions in the Chicago area. He does not have the resources to make a down payment on a truck. A truck would also allow him to take jobs that require a truck which would help to turn his life around. If you have a working truck to donate it would be a real blessing to both our sexton and First Saint Paul's.

If you have a vehicle to donate please call LCC at 866-455-6466 or email [LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org](mailto:LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org).

## Supplies Needed for March Medical Mission Trip to Haiti



The Haiti Mission team is asking for your assistance in collecting donations of medical and dental items. Please contact the LCC office at 866-455-6466 to arrange a drop off time. Please arrange to drop off supplies by Friday, March 5.

[Please click here for a list of requested items](#)

## Single Mother of Three Needs Car and Financial Assistance

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

Thank you, people of God, for recently helping Lord of Glory in Grayslake provide support for an abandoned wife and mother. We now have another family, a different family entirely, who now has nothing also thanks to a fleeing husband and father. After being arrested and jailed for domestic abuse, this father/husband somehow made bail, and has taken the car, cell phone, and other necessary items. In addition to a 10-year-old and an 8-year-old, they have a one-year-old little guy that has Down Syndrome. So, needless to say, there are lots of doctor appointments to go to, etc., and mom has no way there. We are hoping to line up this family with a used car and also provide about \$1500 to help with immediate needs. I can be reached at [pastorbrian@lordofglory.org](mailto:pastorbrian@lordofglory.org). Thanks and God Bless.



[Click here to donate](#)

If you have a car to donate please call LCC at 866-455-6466 or email [LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org](mailto:LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org)

## Single Mother of Three Needs Vehicle for Work

Request from Pastor Eric Allyn, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Elmhurst

We have a member who has experienced great difficulties in her life. She is an immigrant from Liberia who has been here for 10 years and is now a citizen. About three years ago she began having heart problems that resulted in a successful heart transplant. While she was ill she was abandoned by her husband and is now a single mother with three children. She has worked hard to get back on her feet and now has a job to which she must commute. She needs a car to continue this employment and we are seeking the donation of a running vehicle that will be dependable basic transportation.



If you have a vehicle you would like to donate, please contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or email [LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org](mailto:LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org)

## LCC Receives Temporary Warehouse Space to Prepare for Disaster Response



Thank you to the Center Point Properties Management Company and Danielle Radtke for the temporary use of one of their Itasca warehouse for three weeks. LCC now has a place indoors where the volunteers can do the finishing touches on the Disaster Response Trailer, and sort, ID and load the tools into the new trailer. Once that is done we will have a Disaster Response

Trailer that will be available to be deployed immediately along with the LCC LERT (Lutheran Early Response Teams). Thank you for enabling LCC and its volunteers to Make A Difference.

## 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](#)

## "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"](#)

## 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](#)

## 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](#)

## Can You Help Us Find Some Temporary Warehouse Space?

The efficiency of the recent Haiti Collection event really highlighted more of what LCC would be able to do if we had a warehouse facility that volunteers could work from.



The facility would also enable us to store the disaster response vehicles and equipment in a state of preparedness and would help us to move quickly.

For the other parts of our ministry, we need:

- Workspace for our volunteers that is climate controlled
- Short term storage space for donations until they can be picked up
- Space large enough where we can drive in and store our Disaster Response RV and trailers for immediate DEPLOYMENT
- A cargo bay allowing us the ability to load semis would also be a nice and useful feature.



If you know of someone who owns or has available warehouse space that isn't being currently used, please contact Tim Hetzner at Lutheran Church Charities. We understand that use of the warehouse would not be permanent and that the owner would have the full rights to regain their facility if it was to be rented or sold. LCC would carry the insurance on the space we are using. Please contact Tim Hetzner - President of LCC at 866-455-6466 if you know of someone. This would be a tremendous help in meeting the increased demands LCC faces. Help us to continue to - by the Grace of God - Make A Difference in People's Lives and in God's Kingdom!

## 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](#)

## 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

# Oberammergau Passion Play 2010



- August 12-21

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

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



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- James: *5-week course*
- Philippians: *5-week course*

## Long-Format Courses

- Cover To Cover: A Journey Through The Bible *60-week course*

## Form Your Class Now!

### Cover to Cover - Year 1

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

### 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

- Jude: 1-week course
- Jonah::3-week course
- Proverbs: 10-week course
- Know that God Exists: 1-week course
- Esther: 5-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](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

- [St. John's Cancer Victim and Family Needs Help with Medical Bills](#)
- [God's on the Go in Ghana](#)
- [Lutheran Family of Five Loses Everything in Fire](#)
- [Sudden Death of Father Leaves Widow and Five Children](#)
- [Single Mother of Two Needs Short Term Rent Assistance](#)
- [Help Train Pastors in Ethiopia](#)
- [LCMS Pastor Starts Orphanage in Ethiopia](#)

## 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

## 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...

- [Haitian Ministry Needs Car for Family of Five](#)
- [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](#)
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[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.

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## Tim's Pick of the Week

### [With God All Things Are Possible Mug](#)

Tall latte style mug in sassy spring stripes is strewn with daisies and accented with Scripture quote from Matthew 19:26 *With God all things are possible*. 5" tall; ceramic; boxed for giving. 13 ounce capacity; microwave and dishwasher safe. Green and white stripes; created exclusively for the Gift Collection at Christianbook.com. Available in yellow and blue with Scripture, or buy a set of three!



## 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.

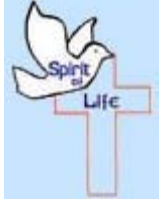
Search at [ServantAtHeart.org](http://ServantAtHeart.org) to find Christian businesses or to have your business

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!

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## Spirit of Life Chorus



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.

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 these concerts 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

## Pre-School Open House and Enrollment

[Open House: Thursday, March 4](#)

St. John's Lutheran School  
300 Jefferson St.  
Algonquin, Illinois 60102

St. John's Lutheran Church & School in Algonquin offers a Christ-Centered Pre-School and an All-Day Pre-Kindergarten Program that offers a safe, loving, and Christian environment where children grow academically, physically, spiritually, socially and emotionally. Miss Wendy and Miss Laurie lead the children through love, guidance, exploration, participation, communication, trial and error and Christian example.

St. John's Pre-School program welcomes 3 and 4 year olds on Tuesday and Thursday mornings or afternoons.

St. John's All Day Pre-School Program welcomes 4 and early 5 year olds and meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm for All Day or 9:00 am - 11:30 am for Half-Day.

Enrollment for the 2010/2011 programs begins February, 2010. Seats are limited and acceptance occurs on a first-come, first served basis.

St. John's Pre-School is hosting an OPEN HOUSE on Thursday, March 4, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.



St. John's Lutheran Church & School is located at 300 Jefferson Street in downtown Algonquin. St. John's welcomes all children and enrollment is not limited by church membership. To schedule a visit, to register or simply to learn more, call St. John's School Office (Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm) at 847-658-9311.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:lhawkins@careered.com).

## Silent Auction Dinner

Saturday, April 10th at 6:00 pm  
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
85 S. Constitution Dr.  
Aurora, IL 60506



April 10, 2010 - St. Paul Lutheran Church, 85 S. Constitution Dr., Aurora, IL will host a Silent Auction Dinner (doors open at 6:00, dinner at 6:30) benefiting the 2010 Hearts for Honduras Mission Trip. Funds raised will help to purchase supplies for the work scheduled in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Tickets \$10 per individual, \$25 for family! For more information or to purchase tickets call 630-896-3250.

## 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](#)

Preschool Open House and Enrollment	Thursday, March 4	St. John's, Algonquin
Spirit of Life Chorus	Please see article for dates	Please see article for locations
Chaplain Michael P. Moreno, USNR	Sunday, March 27, 9 am	Immanuel, East Dundee

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Silent Auction Dinner	Saturday, April 10th, 6 pm	St. Paul Lutheran Church, Aurora
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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