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Post a prayer, or pray for others!



[LCC's Prayer Wall](#)

Medical Mission Team is on the Ground and Serving Those in Need in Haiti

The 15 members of the Medical Mission Team arrived safely in Haiti on Friday, March 12th. Below is an excerpt from Tim Hetzner's update from Monday, March 15th. To read the full update, or the other updates on our website, [click here](#).



... It was an incredible day. People were lined up outside the church and sitting in the church in small hot rooms waiting. We had to set up outside and behind the church because of the number of people. Many more than we expected. Some of the people still had untreated

injuries from the earthquake on January 11th. We witnessed miracles of God working and bringing healing.

One small boy was brought and he was unresponsive. Mother carried him there and we first thought that he was dead. Dr. Busse looked into his eyes and they were not responsive. I was there witnessing this and took pictures. She said we must get this boy to a hospital if he is going to live. Dr. Busse proceeded to try and hook up an IV to the boy who was still unresponsive. Someone prayed over the boy (we still do not know who - we just know it happened but do not know who) and when Dr. Busse hooked up the IV the boy started crying and shedding tears - which was a good thing considering the shape the boy was in when he came. You do with this what your theology allows - all I know is the boy and mother left happy and healed! [Read More...](#)



Dr. Susan Busse with a patient

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

[Click here to view the photo gallery of the Medical Mission Trip](#)

[Click here to read all of the updates from Haiti](#)



LCC connects needs with resources, working with more than 400 congregations to help

Mother and 5 Children in Need of Car



[Request from Deaconess Lauren Olsen, St. John's Lutheran Church, Union, Illinois](#)

We have a family with 5 children in the home, one in college. The father is a Union Electrician, out of work since 2008. Right now the mother and father are separated. They lost their home to foreclosure. The mother is

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For more information about LCC and its human care ministry, please contact LCC staff at:

LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

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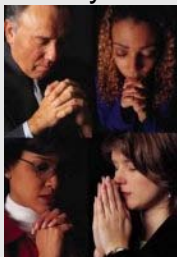
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"Send a Spoken Prayer"



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

looking for work out in our area. Currently the mother and children are living with her parents and sharing cars between them (her and her parents) so that she can transport her children to school and look for a job. She has some promising job opportunities, but needs transportation. If anyone has a car or van to donate to this family it would be such a blessing as they put their life back together.

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

Your Donations Make A Difference



Thank You for Your Generous Donations

Pictured, Pastor Gudgel receives checks from LCC.

[Click here](#) to read the original request [Lutheran Family of Five Loses Everything in Fire](#)



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Racine, WI gave the leftover turtles to Rev. Wm. Wagner who is Circuit Counselor. His son, Brent Wagner (in picture) of Rochelle delivered them to the LCC office.

Thank You to Our Hard Working Volunteers

Thank you to the LCC volunteers who this past week worked tirelessly to move the contents of three warehouses into the new storage space for the disaster response equipment. Volunteers from left to right (front row) are Bill Barron, Jon Fredrickson, James Fredrickson, and Wendell Peterson. (Back row left to right) Michael Grandt, Paul Krueger, and Pete Molina.



Thank you also to LCC volunteers Steve Mackay, Helmut Mueller, Eddie Zehnder, Tammy Rak, Ray Bogaert, Chuck Schild, Jon and James Fredrickson, and Michael Grandt who did the final loading of the new disaster response trailer. This trailer will be sent out with the first L.E.R.T. teams when they are called to respond to a disaster. This trailer was funded by grants from the NID-LWML and the NID.

[Thanks to Your Generous Support, We Were Able to Provide Assistance to the following:](#)

- Christ Ev., Orland Park - Medical Treatment Fund
- Lord of Glory, Grayslake - Mother of 3 Medical Assistance Fund
- St John, Algonquin - Cancer Victims Fund
- St Matthew, Lemont - Family House Fire Fund
- St Matthew, Hawthorn Woods - JJ's Fund
- St Paul, Addison - Widow with 5 children Fund
- St. Matthew Soup Kitchen, Chicago
- Prison Ministry Fund

available.

To learn more, [Click Here](#)

"JJ's Fund"

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



Update: LCC received the following letter from JJ's grandparents, Paul and Chris Krueger

We want to thank all of you personally for the time, talent, donations, and most of all prayer you provided. As expected, your warmth, fellowship and true sense of giving came through. You rallied around our Jeremiah, and made his condition your own. With your support he will be able to see skin specialists, thus making his EHK more tolerable, and God willing, a cure.

To sum it up, our family is so grateful and humbled by your generosity and compassion. God bless each of you through Him. Our kids wanted to add that they were overwhelmed by your presence and gracious donations. They never could have imagined that during such financial hard times, people would be willing to reach down deep and give at this level. You have changed their lives, and enhanced their faith in God and humanity. Because of your giving ways, they are able to reach goals, otherwise unattainable.

Thank you again from all of us,
Chris and Paul Krueger

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

[Click here to read the original request](#)

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 worshiping 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](#)

[Click here to donate](#)

Comfort Dog Ministry Update

K-9 Comfort Dogs at Immanuel Lutheran School in Crystal Lake



Wednesday March 10th the LCC K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs visited the students and staff at Immanuel Crystal Lake. Pete Imlah shared a message of working together as the Body of Christ to bring the love and compassion of Christ to those in need. After chapel Comfort Dogs Butter, Shammie, Star and Tillie visited the classrooms where the kids learned about service dogs and how they bring comfort to individuals.

Students were able to ask questions and pet the dogs.

K-9 Comfort Dogs at Immanuel Lutheran School in Palatine

On the afternoon of Wednesday March 10th the LCC K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs visited the classrooms at Immanuel Palatine. Comfort Dogs Butter, Shammie, Star and Tillie were taken by their handles Cheryl Gleason, Dona Martin, Tranetta McComb and Pete Imlah to visit student and share about the unique ministry of the K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs.



K-9 Comfort Dogs invited as VIP's (Very Important Puppies) at Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool Elgin



On Thursday, March 11th LCC Comfort Dogs Butter, Star and Tillie were invited out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool as part of their VIP day. We visited with parents, grandparent and preschool children and talked about the LCC K-9 Parish Comfort Dog Ministry.

Dog Grooming Services Donated

Eclipse Dog Grooming, Villa Park

Lutheran Church Charities thanks Debbie Szwandrok of Eclipse Dog Grooming for providing free grooming for LCC's Comfort Dogs - Howe, Tara, and Zina. Debbie is a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Elmhurst. Her dog grooming business is in Villa Park (eclipsegrooming.com) She also breeds and sells Golden Retrievers (sunsetgoldens.com). We thank Eclipse Dog Grooming and Debbie for taking care of LCC's comfort dogs.



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 if you are able to volunteer.

Join Dr. Paul Maier and Tim Hetzner "In the Steps of St. Paul" Tour Cruise

[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](#)

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.

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. Thanks and God Bless.



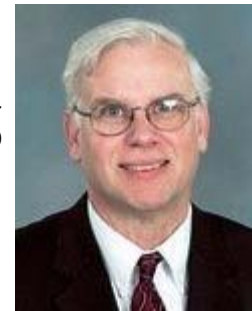
[Click here to donate](#)

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

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

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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!

*Oberammergau
Passion Play 2010*

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



Dates:

- June 14-23
- August 12-21

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

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

[Indicate Your Interest Here](#)



[Register Online - Click Here](#)

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

Looking to Host a Bible Study?



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](#)

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[The Gospel of John](#)
St. Paul, Thornton
[Philippians](#)
Lord of Life, LaFox
St. Paul, Winfield
[James](#)
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Pueblo, Colorado
[Jonah](#)
Shepherd of the Hills,
Onalaska, Wisconsin
[Proverbs](#)
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Short-Format Courses

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- James: *5-week course*
- Philippians: *5-week course*
- Jude: *1-week course*
- Jonah::*3-week course*
- Proverbs: *10-week course*
- Know that God Exists: *1-week course*
- Esther: *5-week course*
- Cover To Cover: A Journey Through The Bible *60-week course*
- The Gospel of John *31-week course*
- Apocalypsis Jesu Christus: The Book of Revelation *30-week course*

For more information and registration, [Click Here...](#)

To Find out more information contact Tim Hetzner at 866-455-6466 or email at WAU@LutheranChurchCharities.org



LCC Staff and Comfort Dogs available for Church Functions and School Chapels!

For more information on scheduling LCC and the K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs for an event or chapel at your church, contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

To help support the growing Ministry of the Comfort Dogs [click here...](#)

To find out information on how your congregation can get one of the [LCC K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs](#) [Click here](#)

[Click here for some Photo Albums](#) showing some of the many places the dogs have brought comfort.... And [click here for the Dog Blog](#), featuring "[Tara's Twitter](#)"



Other Stories Still Seeking Support

- [Update and Urgent Medical Request from C.C. Howell](#)
- [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

[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.

- 2735 GE Gas Clothes Dryer, household high capacity, works fine, about 11 yrs old
- 2734 2 Electric Typewriters
- 2733 Box Fan
- 2732 4-5 ft long Upholstered Bench
- 2731 Table Grill
- 2730 Set of Golf Clubs (left handed)
- 2729 Pfaff Sewing Machine (in cabinet)
- 2728 Student Desk
- 2727 Large office desk
- 2725 Approximately 150 Canvas Laptop bags with business logo on the side. (SBP Strategic Business Partners)
- 2724 Small Baldwin organ-Light Wood, double keyboard, a few foot pedals with bench (Great for a beginner)

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](#)
- [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.

[Click here for more details](#) | [Click here to donate now](#) | [Click here for a Bulletin Insert](#)

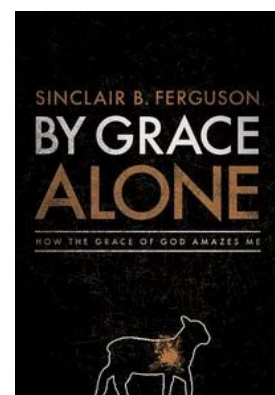
Tim's Pick of the Week

[By Grace Alone](#)

by Dr. Sinclair Ferguson

Routine Grace, How Monotonous the Sound?

Sadly, that's the reality for many believers, too inured to the wonders of grace to live each day in utter amazement. This book by Dr. Sinclair Ferguson provides a fresh infusion of joy and wonder for believers who've fallen into the trap of taking God's undeserved riches for granted. Join Dr. Ferguson as he delves into God's Word and come away with a deeper understanding that can help enrich your faith - each and every day.



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!

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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:

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

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

Saturday, 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



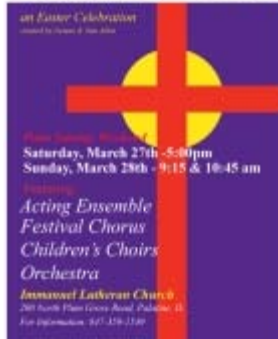
"I am very grateful to LCMS for providing this ministry to our active military. My own son joined the Navy recently and I'm comforted to know that he is receiving devotional material from Operation Barnabas" said Mrs. Christine Bishop, Immanuel Dundee Military Mission Coordinator. LCMS - Missouri Synod 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.

Easter Musical Drama at Immanuel, Palatine - March 27 & 28

Come and See



Saturday, March 27th at the 5:00 pm service
Sunday, March 28th at the 9:15 am and 10:45 am services
Immanuel Lutheran Church
200 N. Plum Grove Road
Palatine, Illinois, 60067

"Come and See!" will be presented by the Music Ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church, 200 N. Plum Grove Road, Palatine, Illinois, 60067. There will be an Acting Ensemble, the Festival Adult choir, two Children's Choirs, Dancers, an Orchestra plus numerous Jerusalem inhabitants. Performances will be at the 5:00 pm service on Saturday, March 27th and at the 9:15 and 10:45 am services on Sunday, March 28th. For more information call the church office at 847 359-1549

German-American Children's Chorus Concert at St. John's Lutheran Church



Thursday, April 1st at 7:00 pm
St. John's Lutheran Church
4939 W. Montrose Ave.
Chicago, IL

St. John's will be hosting the German-American Children's Chorus und Deutschlandecho, Bielefelder Kinderchor in concert on Thursday, April 1, 2010. The concert will be held in the church following the 7:00 Maundy Thursday service, hopefully at 8pm. There will be a reception after the concert. Donation of \$15.00 at the door. Free Parking. 4939 W. Montrose Ave, Chicago. For more information call the church office at 773-736-1112

Friends for Griffin Benefit, Saturday, April 10th

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



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

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

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

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



For more information or if you have an item to donate please email Linda at lhawkins@careered.com.

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](#)

Spirit of Life Chorus	Please see article for dates	Please see article for locations
Chaplain Michael P. Moreno, USNR	Saturday, March 27, 9 am	Immanuel, East Dundee
Easter Musical Drama	Saturday, March 27th, 5 pm Sunday, March 28th, 9:15 and 10:45 am	Immanuel, Palatine
German-American Children's Chorus Concert	Thursday, April 1, 7 pm	St. John's, Chicago
<i>Friends for Griffin</i> Benefit	Saturday, April 10th, 7 pm	Luther North High School, Chicago
Silent Auction Dinner	Saturday, April 10th, 6 pm	St. Paul Lutheran Church, Aurora
Ethnic Pentecost and Choral Worship Service	Sunday, May 23rd, 3 pm	Mt. Greenwood Lutheran Church, Chicago

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