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Tim at Concordia University Chicago "Haiti, Our Mission: Past - Present - Future"



On Friday, March 26th, Tim Hetzner spoke at the chapel service at Concordia University Chicago. Immediately following chapel, Tim spoke at the Koehneke Community Center on "Haiti, Our Mission: Past - Present - Future", what the Lutheran Community has, is, can, and will be doing to bring hope to the hopeless in the Name of Jesus Christ.



Pastor John Brazeal, his wife Geri, and students from Christ the King Lutheran Church and School in Chicago presented Tim with money they collected to help the widow and children of Rev. Dr. Doris Jean Louis, who was murdered this month in Haiti. Truly a case of the poor helping the poorest - and yet they are RICH IN CHRIST JESUS! We are inspired by your sacrificial gift - and our faith is built up because of your generosity!



Concordia University Chicago students presented Tim with a check for money collected for Haiti from students on campus. This truly is a sacrificial gift from the college students to help the children and teachers in our Lutheran Schools in Haiti. What a blessing the Body of Christ is as it fully functions! Thank you Students of Concordia!

Prayer Wall
Post a prayer, or pray for others!



[LCC's Prayer Wall](#)

Help LCC Purchase a Much Needed Truck



LCC continues to supply food, clothing, furniture, and other needed items to families in need through our churches. In the past we have done most of this with donated vans and trailers. As the needs increase, this is becoming too costly to operate. We also need a truck to pickup items for Disaster Response. We would like to purchase this truck to more efficiently do this.

One of our volunteers has a 2003 Ford Rockport box truck that they are willing to sell to us at a great price. The truck has less than thirty-thousand miles on it and we can have it for \$10,000. This would be such a help for us in our ongoing ministry of non-cash items! Could you help us purchase this truck. LCC does not believe in going into debt so we will only purchase this if we can raise the money. Can you help us in our ever expanding ministry of helping those in need with the Mercy and Compassion of Christ through churches! Thank you for all your support!

[To donate click here](#)



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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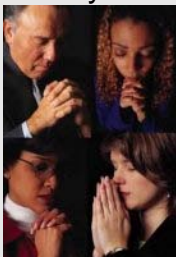
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"Send a Spoken Prayer"



House Blessing in Indiana

On Monday afternoon, March 29, 65+ friends, family and volunteers surrounded the rebuilt home of the 2008 flood survivor Carrolyn Lewis of Valparaiso, Indiana. Holding hands, everyone prayed and asked for God's blessings on the home and family. Following the house blessing people toured the house and shared in refreshments and fellowship. For Carrolyn it was a tearful occasion (tears of joy and gratitude) as she recalled all the things that happened during the past 18 months of disaster recovery and how, through every step, God was there helping her through it and providing old and new friends to help and support her, blessing her beyond her dreams.



Rhonda Carlson, the Volunteer Coordinator of Project LARRI; Carrolyn Lewis, home owner, and LCC staff member Dianna Bonfield

Thank you to everyone, volunteers and donors, who have so generously given of your time and resources to help the victims of the 2008 Midwest flooding. Thank you also to Project LARRI for their continuing assistance to help flood families rebuild.

Help Pastor Hicham See His Dying Father in Lebanon



Hicham came to the United States from Lebanon five years ago to serve the Lord as a Lutheran missionary to the Islamic community. He has not been able to return home to visit his family. He has received word that his father is very ill and is asking to see him before he dies. Hicham is his only son. He would like to take his wife and son with him, his son was very young when they left and Hicham wants him to see his grandfather. Travel is expensive; it will cost \$5,000 to make the trip to Lebanon. The family does not have the

financial resources for the trip. Please prayerfully consider if you are able to help this faithful servant return home to see his father. Thank you for your Mercy and Compassion for this Servant of the Lord.

[Click here to donate](#)

Tim's Haiti Mission Report

I returned from Haiti early in the morning on Sunday, March 21st. People have asked me to share my thoughts about the trip. This is hard to do as my head is still spinning from the trip and I keep seeing the many faces of those in need in Haiti - and the needs are so great! I am still thinking about what is the best approach to the vast needs amongst our churches in Haiti. I am waiting on some additional information from Pastor Marky Kessa - President of the Lutheran Church in Haiti (ELCH).



So let me share some random thoughts about the trip....[click here to read Tim's Report](#)

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

To learn more, [Click Here](#)

Loving People to Christ - Holy Cross, Portage, IN

Loving People to Christ
Outreach According to the Second Greatest Commandment

Saturday, April 24, 9:00 - 2:00
Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Portage
Ideal for Pastors, Elders, Outreach Committees,
and Caring Ministry Teams

 **Guest Presenter:**
Tim Hetzner,
President of Lutheran
Church Charities
(Sponsor of the Holy
Cross Comfort Dog
Ministry)



Learn ways to share the compassion of
Christ by loving your neighbor as yourself
Will include training for
Congregational Disaster Preparedness

Cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per congregational group of
three or more (includes lunch)

Registration deadline is April 21

Holy Cross is located at 5402 U.S. Highway 6, Portage
(between Swanson and County Line Roads)
Call 763-6343 to register for this event

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Portage, IN, will host an Outreach Seminar on Saturday, April 24 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. The guest presenter will be Tim Hetzner, President of Lutheran Church Charities. The seminar will include training for Congregational Disaster Preparedness.

The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per congregational group of three or more. The registration deadline is April 21st. For more information or to register, call 219-763-6343. Holy Cross is located at 5402 U.S. Highway 6, Portage (between Swanson and County Line Roads).

Your Donations Make A Difference

LCC received the following picture and note from Pastor Stroup:

Pictured are Pastor Stroup (left) and Treasurer Bruce Forsberg (right) gratefully receiving and acknowledging two checks received for a family in need within the congregation of St. John's, Algonquin.

We thank generous benefactors and LCC for the needed assistance for the family's ongoing need.

*In Christ,
Pastor Stroup*

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



New Conference Room Table

Trinity Lutheran Church in Lombard has wanted to have a conference room in the church offices. With resources and labor provided by Trinity member Wayne Hoepner they were able to make that a reality. Through a pass-through donation from LCC they were able to furnish their new conference room with a conference table. Pictured: Trinity members Alvin Miller and Wayne Hoepner pick up the conference table from the LCC offices in Addison.



Items Needed by Ministries

We have received the following requests for items needed by ministries:

- washing machine and two stoves
- couch, dresser

If you have items to donate, please contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or email us at LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

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

Chapel Talk at Jehovah Lutheran School

On Wednesday, March 24 LCC Comfort Dogs Star, Tillie and Olympia visited the students and staff at Jehovah Lutheran School in Chicago. During chapel, Pete Imlah shared about the different ministries of Lutheran Church Charities and how God is working through us all to touch people with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. After chapel Tranetta McComb, Marie Payes and Pete Imlah took the K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs to the classrooms to visit with the students.



A Bunny in Woodland Park



By Susan O'Leary - Times Correspondent | Posted: Sunday, March 28, 2010 12:00 am

PORTAGE | It was hard to tell who had a longer line of waiting children -- the Easter Bunny or Fuerst the comfort dog.

[Click here](#) to read the rest of the article

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](#)

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 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.

Van Needed for Faith, Stickney

[Request from Pastor Guillermo Jerez, Faith Lutheran Church, Stickney, Illinois](#)

The transmission on the van that we use for church transportation has gone out. The cost of repairing the van is more than it is worth. A van is important to the congregation as it allows us to pick up families for church. It is also the transportation that is used to reach out in our community, pick up donations and volunteer for service projects. Our congregation is a poor Hispanic congregation and the van we had was God's blessing to us through LCC which we appreciate with all our hearts. With optimism to keep going and proclaiming the love of God, we need your help to find a replacement van.



JEREZ, Rev. Guillermo
Faith, Cicero

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

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

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 M.D., Thomas Hesselink M.D., 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 Ph.D. 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 Bilingual 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 materials 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
- August 12-21

*Oberammergau
Passion Play 2010*



[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](#)

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](#)

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*
- Apocalypse Jesu Christus: The Book of Revelation *30-week course*

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

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

- [Volunteers Needed for Repairs at Concordia College, Selma, AL](#)
- [JJ's Fund](#)
- [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.

- 2738 (7) Large Print Hymnals
- 2737 (3) Large Print Blue Lutheran Worship liturgy books
- 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)

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...

- [Single Mother of Three Needs Vehicle for Work](#)
- [Haitian Ministry Needs Car for Family of Five](#)
- [Lutheran High School Needs Bus to Transport Students](#)
- [Returning Pastor in Need of a Car](#)
- [Family of Four Needs Van- Father Disabled](#)
- [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](#)

Easter Gift Idea

[Arthur Benton Sanford's An Easter Disciple: Special Church Edition](#)

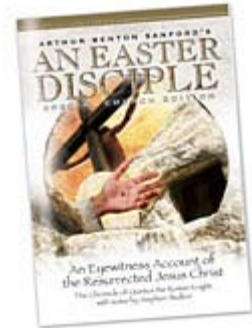
An Eyewitness Account of the Resurrected Jesus Christ The Chronicle of Quintus the Roman Knight -with notes by Stephen Skelton

Taken from an ancient Latin manuscript, this 52-page book contains the true account of a Roman soldier who encounters Jesus Christ-both before His crucifixion and after His resurrection.

An Easter Disciple: Special Church Edition is the epic story of an ordinary man who encounters the extraordinary Jesus Christ--and through Him, the Apostle John, the Apostle Paul and the Gospel writer Luke. Remarkably, the story of Quintus provides an extra-biblical account that lends historical support to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This Easter, celebrate the resurrection of Christ with An Easter Disciple: Special Church Edition--and rediscover that astounding time in history when the awe-inspiring words were first spoken:

"He is risen!" "He is risen, indeed!"



Tim's Pick of the Week

[Already Gone](#)

By Ham/Beemer

Nationwide polls and denominational reports are showing that the next generation is calling it quits on the traditional church. And it's not just happening on the nominal fringe; it's happening at the core of the Faith. What are the factors that could cause the next generation to be Lost from the local church? Ken Ham from Answers in Genesis commissioned Britt Beemer from America's Research Group to find out. In the first scientific study of its kind, Beemer surveyed a thousand 20-30 year olds who used to go to Evangelical churches on a regular basis but have since left it behind. The results are not just surprising, they are shocking.



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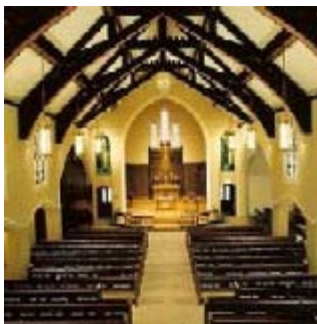
German-American Children's Chorus Concert at St. John's Lutheran Church



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.

Good Friday German Service at St. John's



Friday, April 2nd at 11:00 am
St. John's Lutheran Church
4939 W. Montrose Ave.
Chicago, IL 60641

Pastor Jacob Gaugert will be our guest, preaching on the theme " Es ist vollbracht". Pastor Gaugert is a recent graduate of the Fort Wayne Theological Seminary. He has spent two years in Germany as an exchange student at the Theological Seminary in Oberursel and as a Vicar in the St Marienkirche of the Selbstaendige Evangelisch Lutherische Kirche in Berlin. He is currently serving the Dr. Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Chicago. Everyone is cordially invited. For information, please call 773-736-1112.

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:

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

Built on Solid Rock - Silent Auction Dinner



Saturday, April 10th at 5:30 pm
Kemper Lakes Golf Club
24000 N. Old McHenry Road
Kildeer, IL 60047

St. Matthew Lutheran School PTL, Hawthorn Woods, will host a Silent Auction Dinner at Kemper Lakes Golf Club in Kildeer, IL (cocktails at 5:30PM, dinner at 6:30PM) benefiting the children of St. Matthew Lutheran School. Funds raised are used to purchase new school equipment and materials, fund educational programs, upgrade the computer lab, library, and science lab, and much more. Tickets are \$40 per person! For more information or to purchase tickets call 847-438-6103. In addition to our silent auction and dinner, the St. Matthew Lutheran School PTL will be conducting an online auction beginning April 3, 2010 and ending on April 18, 2010. Starting April 3rd, check out the online auction at www.stmatts.net and click on *Online Auction*.

Silent Auction Dinner



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

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.

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.

Immanuel Lutheran School Education Foundation Fundraiser

"An Evening of Culinary Delight"



Friday, April 16th - 6 pm
The Meadows Club
2950 W Golf Rd.
Schaumburg, IL

Don't miss this special event as several renowned chefs will be cooking their favorite dishes for you to enjoy! Our guest will be Pastor Roger Sonnenberg ([click here for Pastor Sonnenberg's bio](#)), who holds a Master of Divinity degree from Concordia, St. Louis, and is the pastor of a large church in Arcadia, California, as well as a lecturer throughout the U.S. on marriage and family relations. He will speak on the value of a Christian education.

In addition to a great dinner, there will be an auction and dancing to the Bruce Blanck Quartet. The event will be held at the Meadows Club in Schaumburg on Friday, April 16. Join us for cocktails at 6:00pm with dinner at 7:00pm. There will be a room reserved for children where they will be supervised and treated to games, a special movie, and snacks! The funds raised will go to support the programs at Immanuel Lutheran School, as well as help more children receive a Christian education through tuition assistance.

For ticket information contact ILSEFPalatine@aol.com

Voice of Care Recreation Meeting



Saturday, April 17th - 2:30pm - 5:00pm (light supper at 4:30)
St. Peter Lutheran Church
43W301 Plank Road
Hampshire, IL 60140

of Voice of Care camps.

People with all abilities are invited to learn about Special Needs/Handy Camp at Walcamp Outdoor Ministries. Come play games, do a craft and watch a slide show

Moody Chorale at St. John's, LaGrange



Sunday, April 18th at 7:00 pm
St. John's Lutheran Church
47th Street and Brainard Avenue
LaGrange, IL 60525

The Moody Chorale, conducted by Gerald H. Edmonds of the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, will be performing on Sunday, April 18, 2010 at 7:00 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church, LaGrange, IL.

Founded in 1946, the Moody Chorale has long been established as one of the leading collegiate choral organizations in the United States specializing in sacred music. Its purpose is to minister the Word of God through music, leading men and women in the worship of our Creator and Redeemer. The ensemble's repertoire includes a broad range of music chosen from all periods of music history. A free-will offering will be accepted at the concert. For

information call St. John's Lutheran Church at 708-354-1690 or visit our website at www.sjlagrange.com

Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser for the Reeves Family



Saturday, April 24th, 6:45 pm
St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church & School
300 Jefferson St
Algonquin, IL

What: Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser for the Reeves Family

Why: To raise funds for Algonquin resident and church member Dan Reeves.

Dan is now and has been battling brain cancer for many years.

In addition to the funds raised, Thrivent Financial will match \$1600 in funds raised.

Theme: Pasta, Passion and Pistols

When: Saturday April 24th @ 6:45pm

Where: St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church & School
300 Jefferson St
Algonquin, IL

Cost: Adults and children 10+ - \$15.00/Children under 10 - \$5.00

Tickets can be purchased at St. John's after church services or call St. John's @ 847-658-9300.

It's Time for Worker Bee at Walcamp!



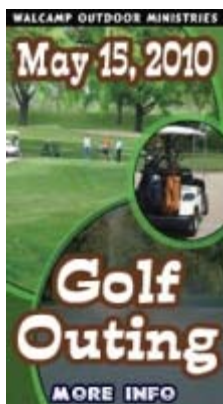
[Saturday, May 1st, 8:30 am](#)
[Walcamp Outdoor Ministries](#)
[32653 Five Points Rd.](#)
[Kingston, IL 60145](#)

Don't miss annual spring clean up day at Walcamp Outdoor Ministries. Help us get the camp ready for another summer of fun by volunteering for our annual clean-up day!

Families, individuals, youth groups, school groups all welcome!
 Know anyone who needs volunteer hours for high school or confirmation credit?

To register, or for more information, please contact Walcamp by calling 815-754-5141 or email registrar@walcamp.org

Walcamp Annual Golf Outing and Dinner



[Saturday, May 15th, 11:00 am](#)
[St. Andrew's Golf and Country Club](#)
[2241 Route 59](#)
[West Chicago, IL 60185](#)

Registration begins at 11 am, with lunch following
 Tee times begin at 12 noon
 Space is limited; only 40 golfers!
 Gifts for all golfers!

Dinner and evening program begin at 5:00 pm in the Trophy Room.

For information on being a sponsor for this event, or to register, please contact the Walcamp office by calling 815-754-5141 or email registrar@walcamp.org

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](#)

German-American Children's Chorus Concert	Thursday, April 1, 7 pm	St. John's, Chicago
Good Friday German Service	Thursday, April 2, 11 am	St. John's, Chicago
Spirit of Life Chorus	Please see article for dates	Please see article for locations
Silent Auction Dinner for St. Matthew, Hawthorn Woods	Saturday, April 10th, 5:30 pm	Kemper Lakes Golf Club, Kildeer
Silent Auction Dinner	Saturday, April 10th, 6 pm	St. Paul Lutheran Church, Aurora
<i>Friends for Griffin</i> Benefit	Saturday, April 10th, 7 pm	Luther North High School, Chicago

Immanuel Lutheran School Education Foundation Fundraiser <i>"An Evening of Culinary Delight"</i>	Friday, April 16th, 6 pm	The Meadows Club, Schaumburg
Voice of Care Recreation Meeting	Saturday, April 17th, 2:30 pm	St. Peter Lutheran Church, Hampshire
Moody Chorale	Sunday, April 18th, 7 pm	St. John's, LaGrange
Loving People to Christ	Saturday, April 24th, 9 am - 2 pm	Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Portage, IN
Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser	Saturday, April 24th, 6:45 pm	St. John's, Algonquin
Worker Bee at Walcamp	Saturday, May 1st, 8:30 am	Walcamp Outdoor Ministries, Kingston
Walcamp Annual Golf Outing & Dinner	Saturday, May 15th, 11 am	St. Andrew's Golf & Country Club, West Chicago
Ethnic Pentecost and Choral Worship Service	Sunday, May 23rd, 3 pm	Mt. Greenwood Lutheran Church, Chicago



How To Support Lutheran Church Charities

All contributions go dollar per dollar to the causes listed in this newsletter.

If you would like more information on how to help or if you have items to share please contact TimHetzner@LutheranChurchCharities.org

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

or contribute at our web site at <http://LCC.LutheranChurchCharities.org>

or call us for credit card donations at LCC's office at (866) 455- 6466