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Fire At St. Paul Lutheran, Harvard

Update from Tim Hetzner, President of Lutheran Church Charities

On Tuesday, April 6th I was out at St Paul Harvard to assess the damage and be with Rev. Mike Pfingsten. The fire damaged the roof and the area behind the altar and the stage in the basement. The firefighters did an excellent job covering the organ and piano and altar area and they were able to move many of the worship items out. The church has good insurance, a representative has come out and will be bringing in a cleanup crew which is covered by their insurance.



St Paul is a very alive and active church and their members are there to help. Pastor Pfingsten felt confident (as I do also) that their members will be able to do what is needed to get their building back into shape.



Pastor Pfingsten wanted me to inform everyone that the church is the people - and they are all fine (terrific I believe was the word he used) and the cross is still standing and they will have worship services this weekend. He thanks everyone for their prayers and support! Personally - it is a joy to see such a wonderful congregation and Pastor - this will not deter them from their mission of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost!!! Members of St Paul - we are proud of

you!!!

[Click here to donate to the St. Paul Lutheran, Harvard Fire Fund](#)

[News Story: ChicagoBreakingNews.com](#)

[News Story: Northwest Herald](#)

Prayer Wall
Post a prayer, or pray for others!



[LCC's Prayer Wall](#)

Fire Destroys Apartment Complex in Downers Grove - 33 People Lose Everything

Request from Rev. John Prohl, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Downers Grove, Illinois

Early Monday morning, April 5th, a fire destroyed the 16-unit Downers Belmont Apartments in Downers Grove. The apartment building itself was gutted and left completely uninhabitable. 33 residents were living in the complex. We thank God that there were no injuries but most of the families lost everything. Only one family has renter's insurance. Immanuel is reaching out to the families to help them with their immediate needs. We are asking for donations to purchase gift cards that can be distributed to the families so that they can replace clothing and personal items. Thank you for your generosity as we minister to these families during their time of need.



PROHL, Rev. John
Immanuel, Downers Grove



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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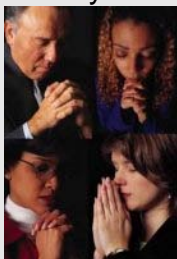
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Although it Has Been 18 Months - 800 Families Are Not in Their Homes

Consider a Service Project in Indiana - Help Flood Families Rebuild

Wouldn't it be great to help flood families rebuild while staying in a beach house on Lake Michigan? Well now you can!

It has been 18 months since the tri- county area of North West Indiana flooded. The flooding affected 22,000 families, many losing everything including their homes. A tremendous amount of recovery work has been completed but there are still 800 families waiting to get back into their homes. Project LARRI (Lakeshore Area Regional Recovery of Indiana) is in need of volunteers to help with the recovery efforts. They have five facilities that can house up to 150 volunteers, one being a beach house on Lake Michigan that can house 30 volunteers.

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



Pastor's Mother Injured, Stepfather Dies in Homewood Fire

The funeral was yesterday - Pastor Croon and family thank all who helped them:

Hi Tim,

It was a true pleasure to speak with you yesterday, and I am truly overwhelmed with your support and readiness to help my Mom following Tuesday's tragic fire. I was so deeply moved when I went to the Lutheran Church Charities site and saw what was there. May God bless for all you do for those in need. I will look forward to speaking with you in the coming week. Until then, may God bless you and keep you in His care as we prepare to observe and celebrate the death and resurrection of our most gracious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

*In His Name,
Pastor Croon*



Firefighters battle blaze at a home in Homewood

On Wednesday, March 31st, I spoke to Pastor Michael Croon of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Chicago. His mother and stepfather were involved in a house fire in Homewood Tuesday night. His mother, Bertha Croon-Elias aged 89 survived with just the clothing she was wearing. His stepfather, Wendell Elias did not survive. All was lost in the fire.

A Homewood firefighter also lost his life in the fire and a second firefighter was injured and was hospitalized.

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

To learn more, [Click Here](#)

LCC has set up a special fund to help Pastor Croon's mother.

LCC has also set up a fund to help the families of the two Homewood firefighters. Please keep the Croon family in your prayers as well as the families of the two Homewood firefighters.

To read more about this tragedy, go to Chicago Breaking News:
<http://www.chicagobreakingnews.com/2010/03/firefighters-pull-elderly-man-from-homewood-house-fire.html>

Serving Together, Serving Christ, so we can serve others IN HIS NAME,

Tim Hetzner
Lutheran Church Charities

[Click here to donate to the Croon-Elias Fund](#)

[Click here to donate to the Homewood Firefighter Fund](#)

HAITI Spiritual Help Needed

There are so many needs in Haiti - food, clothing, housing, etc but an even greater need (not to be replaced with the physical needs) is spiritual help and support! Jesus did both - and so must we. The door for the proclamation of the Gospel has never been greater in Haiti. I witnessed this myself when I was there less than a month ago. One of the tools to help those serving in our churches in Haiti is resource material and training on how to present the Gospel Story with the use of pictures. This is why Lutheran Church Charities and Crossways International are partnering with the Evangelical Lutheran Church Haiti (Rev Marky Kessa) to provide materials and training to Pastors and Lay Leaders in our Churches in Haiti. Could you help us sponsor these training seminars and materials for our church workers in Haiti? Below is a sample of one of the Witnessing Tools that can be used with those who cannot read. They are less than .75 each. Please consider SPIRITUALLY helping equip those in Haiti to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and New Life that we have in Him! Thank you.

[Click here to donate](#)



The Divine Plan Witnessing Tool

This eight-frame pictogram has been used in many settings to explain "The Divine Plan: from Creation to Christ" to people in all walks of life, including those who cannot read. The perfect spiritual conversation starter, The Divine Plan is a highly portable, self-contained fold-out evangelism tool, with notes on the reverse side of each panel explaining the meaning of each picture. Use it to show and explain God's plan of salvation for humanity-and then let your hearer(s) take a copy with them to show someone else.

- Expands to 19-1/2" by 3-3/4".
- Folds up into a single-frame unit measuring 2-1/2" x 3-3/4" which can be carried in a bill-fold or pocket.
- Comes in its own protective envelope.
- Additional, detailed notes explaining how to use this evangelism tool are also included with each order.

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](#)

Wrapped in Love

In an effort to wrap the Love of Jesus Christ around those effected by earthquakes and homelessness, the Jr. High Youth of First Lutheran Church in Charlotte, MI (shown in picture is Ashleigh Reinbold, Danielle Mehney, and Rebekah Olson) presented Pete Imlah (LCC's Director of Mission and Outreach) with over two dozen quilts. The youth put out a plea to gather the materials and have worked together making the blankets. While assembling the blankets, the youth prayed for those who would receive them, that they would get physical warmth and comfort from knowing that Jesus Christ loves them very much.



Your Donations ***Make A Difference***
Here are just some of the many ways your donations
are meeting the needs in the Body of Christ...

Your Donations ***Make A Difference*** in Haiti

Dear Tim,

Grace and peace be with you from our Lord Jesus Christ. I want to thank you in the name of the ELCH (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti) for the thirty radio Bibles that we have received in the container that you promised us. You have a heart for our people in Haiti, as we continue to spread the gospel so that more people come to Christ, you help us , you support us and you never stop thinking about the church ministry in Haiti; thanks again. We shared them with all of our districts.



In Christ's peace!

Rev. Jean Gardy Cenat
ELCH Treasurer, CPA

Your Donations ***Make A Difference*** in Chicago



First St. Paul of Chicago received donations of men's and women's clothing, shoes, children's books and school supplies, cleaning products, and plastic ware to be used in their Community Meals outreach ministry. Pictured left to right are Steven Allen of First St Paul, LCC Volunteer Chuck Schild who helped to load their car, and Sandy Wilborn, Director of the Community Meals Program.

Your Donations ***Make A Difference*** in Disaster Response

Thank you to LCC volunteers, L to R - Helmut Mueller, Andy Radetski, Ray Bogaert, and Ed Strunk, who assembled the shelving units and sorted and stacked the shelves with disaster response supplies.



Your Donations ***Make A Difference*** in Indiana



Thank you to Matt Baechler and the staff of *Pickle Piano* for donating the pick up cost of a piano from Stone Bridge Village Apartments in Arlington Heights IL as well as the cleanup, tuning, and delivery charges to the home of a flood victim in Indiana.

Your Donations ***Make A Difference*** in Illinois

LCC had the privilege to connect the not-for-profit organization *ReStore - Habitat for Humanity* with a corporate donation from Stone Bridge Village Apartments that enabled ReStore to pick up nine full sets of oak kitchen cabinets, 26 bathroom vanities with lighted vanities and other accessories. Pictured are Ed Gonzales (right) Maintenance Engineer of Stone Bridge Village Apartments assisting ReStore staff member (on truck) to load bathroom vanities.



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

- Trinity Roselle - Hicham Travel Fund to see father in Lebanon
- Croon-Elias Fund, Homewood, IL
- Mother of 3, Lord of Glory, Grayslake

Help Pastor Hicham See His Father, Who is Dying 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](#)

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).

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

Tools Needed for LCC North Campus

LCC is in need of the following tools. This is a great opportunity to clean out your basement or check out the garage sales! If you have any of these tools to donate please call 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

- wire feed welder w/out gas

- mechanic's assorted wrenches, sockets ,ratchets
- electric or cordless saw's all
- saw horses
- bench grinder
- four and a half inch hand grinder
- hammer drill
- belt sander and/or palm sander
- jigsaw
- 4' level
- stackable tool chests
- router and bits
- assortment of pliers
- pipe wrenches
- cordless drills
- 10-inch cutoff saw
- assorted drill bits



Comfort Dog Ministry Update

Easter Baskets for LCC

Whitney Mademann, Activity Director at Abbington Rehab & Nursing Center in Roselle, presented Pete Imlah with Easter Baskets made by the residents for the office staff at Lutheran Church Charities. LCC's K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs have been recent guests at Abbington.



Star and Tillie at Walther Lutheran Academy in Forest Park



Pete Imlah was asked to be a presenter at the Warrior Learning Adventure Day at Walther Lutheran Academy on Wednesday, March 31st. Two different classes were taken through the American Kennel Club's "Safety Around Dogs" manual, where they learned basic K-9 commands and the proper care of dogs. Pete also shared about the K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs and how they are used as a bridge to share the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. Handlers

Tranetta McComb and Jennifer Kettler also shared with the students how they have been able to share Christ with people while out with LCC Comfort Dogs Star and Tillie. Each of the students was given a chance to brush the dogs which everyone (especially the dogs) loved!

Grooming Services Donated



A Special "Thank You" goes out to Leslie MacFabe in Palatine for volunteering her grooming services this past Thursday. LCC's K-9 Parish Comfort Dog "Tillie" was pampered for a day with a bath, haircut and her nails trimmed.

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.

Donated Van for Salam Fellowship Needs Paint Job



Request from Hicham Chehab, Acting Pastor, Salam Arabic Fellowship; Missionary, POBLO-Chicago

Glory be to God, Salam Fellowship is booming. More people are coming from all over

Chicagoland within a radius of 50 miles. However, most of the attendees are refugees who need transportation. God provided a 15 passenger van that works well, but needs a painting job that costs around \$ 1600. I hope that you will be able to support this project.

[Click here to donate](#)

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 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 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

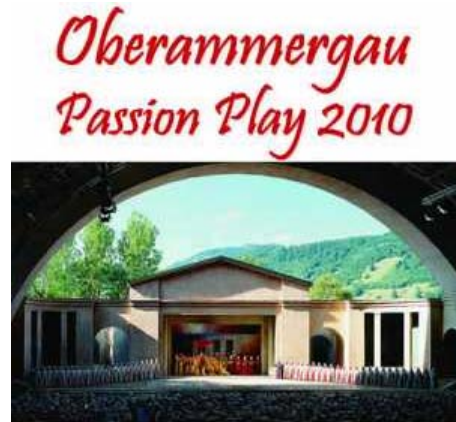
Join Tim Hetzner this summer for a trip to Germany, Austria and other central European sites, including the world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play!

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

[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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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

[here](#)

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



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

Short-Format Courses

- James: *5-week course*
- Philippians: *5-week course*
- Jude: *1-week course*
- Jonah::*3-week course*
- Proverbs: *10-week course*
- Know that God Exists: *1-week course*
- Esther: *5-week course*

Long-Format Courses

- Cover To Cover: A Journey Through The Bible *60-week course*
- The Gospel of John *31-week course*
- Apocalypsis Jesu Christus: The Book of Revelation *30-week course*

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

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



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

- 2726 (97) Lutheran Book of Worship (CPH 1982)
- 2716 (81) Children's books
- 2687 School Library Books
- 2686 (10) junior executive style desks
- 2570 10-bin sorter with stapler Collator series 300/400 with corner stapler
- 2527 60+ sparton Foam Soap dispensers for bulk soap
- 2198 Schulmerich Quadrabell carillon
- 2193 (60) 1941 Lutheran Hymnals (good condition)
- 2192 (129) Lutheran Worships 1982
- 2051 (150) Worship Supplements

[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.

- 2741 Outdoor round patio table (4 ft. diam.) with 2 chairs and umbrella
- 2740 King size bed with box springs
- 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](#)
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*If you have a vehicle to donate, please contact
LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org or call 866-455-6466*

COME LORD JESUS, BE OUR GUEST ...



You recognize this prayer written by Martin Luther ...

***Come Lord Jesus, be our guest
And let thy gifts to us be blessed. Amen***

If we really mean this prayer and want Jesus to be our Guest - wouldn't we feed him also?

Consider becoming a part of LCC's individual challenge and FEED THE INVISIBLE GUEST - AND MAKE HIM VISIBLE program to help feed

the hungry.

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Tim's Pick of the Week

[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.

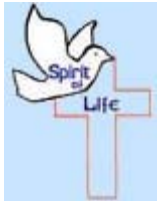
Each member of the directory has their church and pastor identified in their listing.

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!



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 - you can view items and bid at www.stmatts.net/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.

40 Days of Purpose - What on earth am I here for?



Beginning Sunday, April 11th
The Lutheran Church of Saint Luke
410 S. Rush St.
Itasca, IL 60143

Beginning April 11th, St. Luke, Itasca, will be presenting *"The Purpose Driven Life"* by Rick Warren. Over the course of 40 days, we'll explore God's amazing plan for you - both here and now, and for eternity. Knowing God's purpose for creating you will reduce your stress, focus your energy, simplify your decisions, give new meaning to your life, and, most importantly, prepare you for eternity.

For the convenience of families with young children, small groups with a babysitter at the house to help with the children will be available. Six other groups are meeting throughout Itasca on different days/times of the week as well. Each week, a portion of the DVD presentation will be shown, followed by a discussion about what was heard and read.

A copy of the book *The Purpose Driven Life* is available for purchase Saturdays and Sundays after services at Saint Luke for a donation of approximately \$6-\$10.

For more information email Pastor McReynolds at tmcreynolds@saintlukeitasca.org.

Immanuel Lutheran School Palatine 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 Palatine, 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

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 of Voice of Care camps.

Spirit of Life Chorus Spring Benefit Concert



Sunday, April 18th - 4 pm
Trinity Roselle
405 S. Rush Street
Roselle, IL

On Sunday, April 18, at 4 p.m., Spirit of Life Chorus will present a benefit concert at Trinity Roselle to help raise money for the start-up costs for Trinity's "See to Read-Read to See" Eyeglass Clinics that Trinity will begin in June. Thrivent for Lutherans will be providing matching funds. Come and enjoy an afternoon of music, fun, and fellowship as Spirit presents a heartwarming concert with patriotic songs, praise songs, and selections from Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat.

Trinity is located at 405 S. Rush Street, Roselle. Admission is free, a free-will offering will be taken, and light refreshments will be served following the concert. Come and share in the joy of bringing the gift of eyeglasses and sight around the world. Contact Sonya at 630-894-3263 with any questions.

Moody Chorale at St. John's, LaGrange

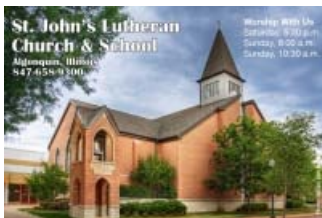


Sunday, April 18th at 7:00 pm
St. John's Lutheran Church
47th Street and Brainard Avenue
LaGrange, IL 60525

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](#)

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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