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## Prayer Wall

Post a prayer, or pray for others!



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## Relief Efforts for Haiti Begins Collections Again!

Lutheran Church Charities is coordinating a second collection of items needed in Haiti. Below is a list of the collection sites and the dates that they will be accepting donations. Please contact the site before dropping off donations to confirm where they are to be dropped and hours of operation.



Drop off locations:

- Living Christ Lutheran Church, Arlington Heights - May 16-22
- St Peter Lutheran Church, Arlington Heights - May 30-June 5
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool, Elgin - June 6-26
- Zion Lutheran Church, Hinsdale - June 6-26
- Lord of Life Lutheran Church, LaFox - June 13-June 26
- St John Lutheran Church, Lansing - June 6-19
- St Paul Lutheran Church, Mt Prospect - June 20-26
- Grace Lutheran Church, Northbrook - May 16-22

[See the map and full addresses here...](#)

List of items that are being collected:

- Clean Summer Clothing. Tee Shirts, lightweight pants and shorts. **NO WINTER ITEMS!** (Remember where they are going!)
- Shoes - all sizes. Children's shoes and sandals even the little plastic or rubber ones.
- Socks
- Underwear (new)
- 5-gallon pails and gas cans
- Tools. shovels, picks, hammers, screw drivers, nails, screws etc.
- Basic medical supplies.
- Dishwashing liquid
- Antibacterial ointment
- Washcloths
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Individual packets of disinfectant wipes
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Band-aids
- First aid ointment
- NEW ITEM ADDED - Drills
- NEW ITEM ADDED - Cement trowels
- NEW ITEM ADDED - Work gloves
- NEW ITEM ADDED - Adult rubber boots that can be worn to mix cement

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If you or your church / school / ministry / organization would like to be a drop off site for our collection of items to be shipped to Haiti, [please click here to fill out the form.](#)



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## Riding Lawn Mower Request



We have received a request for a riding lawn mower for a ministry.

If you have a riding lawn mower that runs and you no longer use, please consider donating it and helping a Lutheran Ministry! Contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or email us at [LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org](mailto:LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org)

## K-9 Parish Comfort Dog Ministry is Growing - Handlers Needed to Help LCC



Do you have an interest in dogs? Do you have an interest in helping people? Are you looking for a way to combine these interests in a way to bring the comfort and compassion of Jesus Christ to others? LCC K-9 Parish Comfort Dog Ministry may be just for you. With the growing interest and numerous requests we are looking for more handlers. A handler is someone who is comfortable and competent with handling a K-9 and able to listen, engage in conversation, pray,

and proclaim Jesus Christ. The K-9 Comfort Dog is the bridge between the handler (person sharing the Mercy and Compassion and Proclamation of Jesus Christ) and the person petting the K-9. Typically handlers would pick up a dog at our Addison office or join us out at different events. A handler would not be responsible for taking the dog home with them. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity and contact Pete Imlah at [pete@lutheranchurchcharities.org](mailto:pete@lutheranchurchcharities.org) or (866) 455-6466. We will screen and train all applicants.

## LCC AND UKANDU Summer Youth Missions in Chicago

"FOLLOW ME" June 20-26, 2010



UKANDU Inner-City Chicago Mission Trip celebrates its 8th year serving the Chicago area Lutheran Churches and School. Under the leadership of Pete Imlah (LCC's Director of Mission and Outreach) over 180 high school youth and adults from nine churches and five different states will be coming to Chicago June 20th for a week long mission of hope and encouragement. Eight years ago UKANDU had a goal of coming alongside Inner-City Chicago

Churches and School to help and encourage pastors and teachers who are making a difference in tough areas. They wanted to do things that parishes hadn't been able to do for themselves due to lack of resources and/or manpower. Last summer a new twist was added which had UKANDU participants doing an ARK (Acts of Random Kindness) in the neighborhoods they are serving. This was an effort to help the local churches reach out in their neighborhoods to point people to Jesus Christ. This was a great success and will be an even great emphasis this summer.

This summer UKANDU will be housed at Walther Lutheran High School in Melrose Park and then traveling to over 20 different location each day during the week. UKANDU teams will



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To learn more, [Click Here](#)

be participating in things like hosting 7 different Vacation Bible Schools, paint classrooms and hallways, build a church nursery, landscaping, build a playground, and working inside the homes of United Cerebral Palsy clients. The theme of this year's mission trip is "Follow Me". Each morning, noon and evening participants will be challenged to dig deeper into the call of Jesus to His followers to follow Him.



Pete Imlah is always looking for new opportunities for UKANDU to serve. If your inner-city congregation, school, or ministry has a need or if you would like to participate in this summer please contact Pete at (866) 455-6466 or [pete@LutheranChurchCharities.org](mailto:pete@LutheranChurchCharities.org).

To help with food and material costs, you can donate by [clicking here](#).

## LCC Staff member Marie Payes Travels to Bethlehem with The Lutheran Parish Nurses



On Saturday April 17th Marie Payes joined The Lutheran Parish Nurses for a week long mission trip to Bethlehem. Working with the parish nurse in Bethlehem, Raida, who was trained here and supported with funds from the area, including LCC, they will be running a Health Fair at the International Center in Bethlehem. They will also visit a nursing home and spend time with Alzheimer patients. Their team includes six nurses, a social worker and gerontologist. They are being accompanied by Pastor Greg Hoffman from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Rochelle. The theme for the trip is: **Following in the**

**Footsteps of the Good Shepherd. John 10:14 "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me".**

## This Saturday - 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  
Meal 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 \$20 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).

## Employment Opportunity



Business Manager Position- St. Paul Lutheran Church in Melrose Park, IL is looking for a business manager of the congregation and school. The responsibilities include managing financial and human resources. Experience with Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook required. 3-5 years experience in Accounting required. Experience with ACS Technologies software preferred.

An understanding of the culture of a Christian parish and Christian character are essential. For daily administrative purposes, the position is under the supervision and is accountable to the Senior Pastor. He or she will coordinate the fulfillment of responsibilities with the congregation's Treasurer and Board of Directors, which jointly hold responsibility for overseeing his or her work.

Please contact Pastor Tom Johnson if you are interested at [tjohnson@stpaulmp.org](mailto:tjohnson@stpaulmp.org) or (708) 343-1000, ext. 241.

## Tools Needed for LCC's Expanding Ministry

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](mailto:LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org)

- wire feed welder w/out gas
- mechanic's assorted wrenches, sockets, ratchets
- electric or cordless sawzall
- 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
- cutting torches
- stick welder, welding helmet and/or hand-held shield
- 8ft-10ft step ladder
- bar clamps
- small drill press



## Recent Widow and Her Three Young Children in Need of Assistance

[Request from Pastor Craig Molitoris, Salem Lutheran Church, Orange, CA](#)

I am praying that you may be able to assist a family in our midst who really needs help right now. Her name is Satu and her situation is dire. Satu lost her husband to a sudden heart attack two months ago, and only one week afterward she had to undergo a mastectomy due to stage 4 cancer. Satu has three children ages 15 months, 4, and 6 years old. Because of her ongoing rehabilitation and treatments, she is unable to perform basic motherly



duties. There was no life insurance, nor is she eligible for any social security. Her home is in foreclosure and at this point, we're trying to help keep her in her home as long as possible until another option becomes available and until she regains some strength. In the meantime, she doesn't have a job nor will she be able to work anytime soon due to the aggressiveness of the cancer and her poor health condition; in other words, she has no income and no possibility of income except that of donations at this time.

We need your help! Above all, Satu needs and covets your prayers for her and her family. Besides helping with the kids, helping with laundry and around the house, donations of grocery and gas cards, weekly or monthly financial donations that will help pay for food, utilities and basic needs are all greatly needed. Any help would be greatly appreciated and really help Satu and her family during this incredibly difficult time.

I appreciate your consideration and prayers on behalf of this family.

[Click here to donate](#)

## District President Dan Gilbert and Wife Jan Return from Ghana Mission Trip



Northern Illinois District President Dan and Jan Gilbert recently returned from a short-term mission to Ghana. They led a retreat of Bible Studies, worship, counseling and mutual consolation and conversation of the brothers and sisters for the LCMS and Lutheran Bible Translators missionaries serving in West Africa. They also met briefly with President Paul Fynn of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana, and Pastor Fynn conducted the Divine Service for the group on Palm Sunday with Pastor Gilbert preaching. Jeannie and Brittany Newton

of Mt. Olive in Rockford also went and provided children's and youth ministry for the missionary kids. The Gilberts thank the LCC contributors who helped to pay for this mission, and all the missionaries at the retreat say "Thank you" as well.

## Update on Haiti



*Photo courtesy of LCMS World Relief and Human Care*

The following is our latest report from Haiti from Rev Glenn Merritt, Disaster Response Director for LCMS World Relief and Human Care - whom LCC works in partnership with:

Permanent housing is desperately needed! With thousands of people living in tents and this being the rain and storm season in Haiti - those living in tents will be once again displaced! There are 100 homes ready for

shipment, stacked and secured at the assembly location in Houston. There are another 30-40 homes ready to be picked up in Denver and moved to Houston.

Pres. Kessa has asked that containers be filled with good sorted clean clothes, tools, food and water. Also, there is a desperate need for children's shoes and sandals even the little plastic or rubber ones. The manager of one refugee camp with over 660 children told me that kids are sick and dying every day simply because they do not have shoes. Cuts on their feet are becoming infected and worms are entering their bodies through the cuts. Together, I know we can meet this need for shoes and simple topical antibiotics.

I just returned from my 5th visit to Haiti and in many ways the situation is more drastic than right after the earthquake. Desperation and despair are beginning to set in especially with

the rainy season. I saw with my own eyes children suffering and dying, adults crying and weeping, men and boys willing to do anything for a few dollars or some food.



I also saw materials and goods that OGT (Orphan Grain Train) shipped being used and distributed, some of which LCC provided. They need more tools (shovels, picks, hammers, screw drivers, etc) to continue rebuilding as well as supplies like nails and screws. Also needed are 5 gallon pails and gas cans. LCMS World Relief and Human Care is willing to partner with OGT and LCC. Together we can meet the need. LCC and OGT are the very best partners we could ask for. Both of you can mobilized people to mercy in a moment's notice. Thank you!

[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](#)

## Help LCC Provide Biblical Materials and Training for HAITI for May 1-3

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. The cost to send a pastor or lay person - transportation, food, lodging - for the three days is only \$40. 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.

## 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 loosing 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](#)

## Work Needed in Lansing Area

### Request from Pastor Paul Appold, Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansing, IL

I have a man in my congregation who is in a situation where he has been trying to find a job, any job, and he cannot find anything. He has applied at more than 15 places. He is a hard worker. He likes physical, outdoor labor, with some ability to drive tractors and other equipment. He is 55 years old and needs a boost in life. If possible he would like to stay in the area around Lansing to be close to his daughter. He's open to most any kind of work.



APPOLD, Rev. Paul  
Trinity, Lansing

If you know someone who is hiring or for more information contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or email [LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org](mailto:LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org)

## Your Donations Make A Difference

Don and Karen Montgomery from Batavia donated a washing machine to Faith Lutheran Church in Cicero. Karen is pictured with Pastor Jerez and the president of the congregation.



LCC received this picture from Pastor Michael Croon as he received the check of your donations to help his mother, injured in the house fire in Homewood on March 30th. Your generous donations have been a true blessing to his mother. Pastor Croon and his family thank everyone who helped them during this difficult time.



Thank you to Portia Sedlmayer for her donations of tools and a tool box for LCC's North Campus



Thank you to Linda Walker for the donation of a combo DVD/VCR player for LCC's North Campus.



## LWML Zone 8 Spring Rally



On Saturday, April 17th, Tim Hetzner spoke at the LWML Zone 8 Spring Rally at St. John Lutheran Church, Lombard. Tim shared about the ministry of LCC and Ways to do Outreach that Do Not Cost Money. LCC Comfort Dog Howe was also at the rally and had an opportunity to meet everyone in attendance. LCC would like to thank the LWML for all

their tireless service to the church and to our Lord, Jesus Christ. LWML, you're fantastic - keep up the great work and thank you for your partnership with LCC.

[Click here for a photo gallery of the Rally](#)

## Tim Hetzner Speaker for Lutheran Laymen's League Zone 13 Rally



Sunday evening, April 18th Tim Hetzner joined the men of LLL for the Zone 13 rally held in Bradley Illinois. Tim had been asked to speak to the group about LCC and the K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry. LCC thanks LLL for the many ways in which they partner with LCC and for the great job of bringing the Gospel to the nations!

## Summer Outreach Focused on Peace Building Zion Lutheran Church - Dr. William H. Griffin Community Center



In light of the ongoing and increasing violence within our community, through its Dr. William H. Griffin Community Center, Zion Lutheran Church will offer this year a summer program focused on Peace building.

[Click here for more information](#)

## LCC Offers Lutheran Early Response Team Training

### Tim Hetzner to Lead Training Session

In order to better manage volunteers and resources, FEMA is finalizing a guideline on credentialing volunteers for large-scale disasters. The federal guidelines indicate that volunteers responding to a disaster should be trained and certified. LCC is providing training for Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) through out our district. Should a disaster strike these teams would be put on call and may be asked to deploy in 72 hours or less to the disaster site.



This training will prepare team member for credentialing and will focus on the safety, work, and ministry of Lutherans as Early Responders.



The next training is scheduled for: Wednesday, June 30th at St. John Lutheran Church in Algonquin, Illinois. The sessions will run from 6 PM to 9 PM. A light meal will be provided at 5:30 PM. Registration is \$20 and helps cover the cost of the training materials, meal, and the LERT T-shirt, which is required to be worn in a disaster response situation.

[Click here to register.](#) For more information call Dianna Bonfield at 866-455-6466

## 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

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## Churches Host Free Clinics with Touched Twice United

Through a simple free clinic model, Touched Twice United is empowering churches to meet the healthcare and spiritual crisis of America. Each event provides a new opportunity to:

- Reach hundreds of your neighbors in need
- Run a clinic with volunteers on a \$0 budget
- Share the Gospel by living it out



Two Clinics are currently scheduled, Saturday, April 24th at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1101 Kimberly Way, Lisle, IL 60532 and Saturday, May 1st sponsored by Kendall Cares at Plano High School, 704 West Abe Street Plano, IL 60545-1167.

At the Clinics, volunteers provide:

- Medical Screening and School Physicals
- Dental Screening
- Vision Screening
- Food
- Clothing
- Hair Cuts
- Job Hunting Help
- Healing Prayer
- Family Photos
- Companionship and Much More!

Both Clinics rely on volunteers to provide services and help as advocates to shepherd guests and their families through the clinic experience. More information about the clinics and volunteer opportunities is available on the clinic websites:

[Click here to visit the Trinity Lisle website](#)

[Click here to visit the Kendall Cares website](#)

For more information on Touched Twice United, visit [www.touchedtwiceunited.org](http://www.touchedtwiceunited.org)

## Lutheran Church Worker in Need of Medical Assistance and Car

### Request from Pastor Randy Duncan, Living Word Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Michigan

I am writing to request assistance for our Vicar/Pastoral assistant. He is in the SMP program at Ft. Wayne Seminary. He and his wife have 5 children. They do cross-cultural ministry working with Middle-Eastern refugees and others, inner-city outreach, as well as co-lead Jr. High ministry. The church pays their health insurance and he raises his own support to live. He has two pressing needs. The congregation is helping but these needs are beyond our ability to provide.



1. They need a minivan. Their current van can no longer be repaired. With the number of miles that they travel for ministry they are in need of reliable transportation.
2. Their 16-year-old son and 14-year-old daughter need orthodontia work, some of it quite extensive. Their insurance does not cover orthodontics.

They are looking for an Orthodontist who is willing to work with them and allow an extended payment plan or monetary assistance so that the children can get the work done that they need.

Any assistance for this committed Christian family that will allow them to continue serving would be a tremendous blessing.

[Click here to donate](#)

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

## New Barriers in an Ancient Land



Concordia University Texas is offering a Film Production/Communications course in Bethlehem in cooperation with Dar al Kalima Lutheran College. Non-students (18 or older) and older adults can be included in the trip. Travel dates are August 6 through August 16, 2010.

[Click here for details and contact information](#)

## Comfort Dog Ministry Update

### Star and Tillie visit Messiah Chicago



On Wednesday, April 14th, LCC K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs Star and Tillie visited Messiah Lutheran School in Chicago for a K-9 Chapel Talk. After chapel, Jennifer Kettler, Tranetta McComb, and Pete Imlah took the dogs to visit with the students where they were able to ask questions about the dogs and the K-9 Parish Comfort Dog Ministry.

### Butter, Olympia and Tillie at Good Shepherd Elgin



The LCC K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs were invited to be a part of the Good Shepherd Health Fair on Saturday, April 17th. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Elgin, invited a number of different health related organizations to talk and demonstrate the importance of being physically, emotionally and spiritually healthy. They even had a prayer and question room available. This event was open to the public and the LCC Comfort Dogs were available to bring comfort and joy to children and adults. Everyone stopped by to get a picture taken with the dogs and spend some time petting them.

### Howe at Trinity Lutheran Church, Girard, IL



Sunday morning April 18th Tim Hetzner and LCC Comfort Dog Howe attended services at Trinity Lutheran Church in Girard, Illinois. Pastor Keith GeRue invited Tim to speak to the members about the LCC K-9 Parish Comfort Dog Ministry. After the service Tim and Howe enjoyed a pot-luck lunch with the congregation.

## 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](#)

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

- St Matthew Soup Kitchen, Chicago
- Pastor Hicham to Lebanon to see father, Trinity Roselle
- St Paul Harvard Fire Fund
- Croon-Elias Fund
- Apartment Complex Fire Fund - Immanuel, Downers Grove

### 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](#)

### Items Needed by Ministries

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

- Still Point Theatre Collective is currently looking for a donation of a computer/printer (desktop or laptop)
- ABBA Christian Childcare in Glendale Heights is in need of a portable sewing machine
- 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](mailto:LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org)

### Car Needed for Young Family with Three Children



#### Request from Pastor Dan Hawkins, New Song Church in Aurora

We have a member family who is in need of a reliable car/minivan. They have three young children, the parents are in their 20's. The father has been out of work for several months but is diligently looking for work. If someone had a car or minivan to donate it would be such a blessing to this young family as they struggle to get back on their feet.

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

## Wycliffe Missionary Family Needs Car While on Furlough



Chris and Sue Ladish are missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators. They are serving in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso working among the Koromba people. They will be home on furlough in July. They are in need of a full size car or mini-van that they can use for six months.(July-January 2011) They will be responsible for insurance, gas and regular maintenance, and will be using the car to visit their sponsoring congregations in the Midwest.

If you have a vehicle that they can use please contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or email [LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org](mailto: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](#)

## 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](http://www.malaria01.org) or E-mail: [malaria01@yahoo.com](mailto:malaria01@yahoo.com)

[Click here](#) to view a video about this project

[Click here to donate](#)

## 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!

*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](#)



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](#)

➤ [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](#)

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

### 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](mailto:WAU@LutheranChurchCharities.org)**



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

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

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

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

[Click here for some Photo Albums](#) showing some of the many places the dogs have



brought comfort.... And [click here for the Dog Blog](#), featuring "[Tara's Twitter](#)"

## Other Stories Still Seeking Support

- [Single Mother of Three Needs Car and Financial Assistance](#)
- [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](#)
- [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
- 2050 (110) The Lutheran Hymnal 1941 Synod edition
- 2026 (50) Lutheran Book of Worship Hymnals (green)

[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 6 coats (5 - men's L, XL Spring & Fall) & 1 ladies small winter
- 2741 Outdoor round patio table (4 ft. diam.) with 2 chairs and umbrella
- 2738 (7) Large Print Hymnals
- 2737 (3) Large Print Blue Lutheran Worship liturgy books
- 2729 Pfaff Sewing Machine (in cabinet)
- 2728 Student 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...

- [Mother and 5 Children in Need of a Car](#)
- [Van Needed for Faith, Stickney](#)
- [Truck Needed for Sexton at First Saint Paul's, Chicago](#)
- [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](mailto:LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org) or call 866-455-6466*

## COME LORD JESUS, BE OUR GUEST ...



You recognize this prayer written by Martin Luther ...

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

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

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

the hungry.

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

## Tim's Pick of the Week

[Gilligan's Island & The Seven Deadly Sins Bible Study](#)

Did you know that the creator of Gilligan's Island said he based the Seven Castaways on the Seven Deadly Sins? It's true!

With practical applications for daily living, this DVD-based



Bible study features a classic TV movie with relevant scriptures for you to use on the teachings of Jesus.

Lessons are based on "Rescue from Gilligan's Island" and include:

1. "Rescue from Gilligan's Island" -Seven Deadly Sins
2. "Gilligan & the Skipper" - Sloth & Anger
3. "Ginger" - Lust
4. "The Professor" - Pride
5. "Thurston & Lovey Howell" - Greed & Gluttony
6. "Mary Ann" - Envy
7. "Here on Gilligan's Isle-Again" - Seven Holy Virtues

## Job Seekers and Employers - Connect Online!

Christians contact us frequently who are looking for employment - either because the company they are with has downsized, closed or has had layoffs. If you are looking for people to hire and would like to consider a fellow Christian for a position, please check here [www.servantatheart.org](http://www.servantatheart.org).



Job seekers can post their resumes, and employers can post job openings. Access to Expanded Job Listings through National Labor Exchange...



## Servant at Heart

### Lutheran Church Charities' 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](http://ServantAtHeart.org) to find Christian businesses or to have your business listed. You can also go to [www.LutheranChurchCharities.org](http://www.LutheranChurchCharities.org) or call (866) 455-6466.

It is the people of God working together that fully allows God to build for His Kingdom!

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## Spirit of Life Chorus



The 100 voice SPIRIT OF LIFE CHORUS will present its Spring 2010 concert series , "We've Walked With God"...Celebrating 20 Years of Music with the Spirit of Life Chorus.

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

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

So join us for this these concerts as we stand in HIS presence and sing HIS praises.

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

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

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

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

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## 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.

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## 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](mailto:registrar@walcamp.org)

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## Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast on May 2nd



Sunday, May 2nd, 7:30 am - 11:00 am  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
24500 N. Old McHenry Rd.  
Hawthorn Woods, IL

Troop 92 from St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Hawthorn Woods is sponsoring a community all-you-can-eat pancake (and more) breakfast on Sunday, May 2nd from 7:30 am - 11:00 am in the St. Matthew Gym.

In addition to pancakes, French toast, sausage, fruit, coffee cake, coffee, orange juice and milk will be served. The cost is \$4.50 for ages 5 and above. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mr. Mackelfresh at 847-809-4374. The church is located on Old McHenry Road between Quentin and Midlothian Roads.

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## Annual Heartland Blood Drive



Sunday, May 2nd, 8 am - 12:30 pm  
St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church & School  
300 Jefferson St  
Algonquin, IL  
Activity Center

Registration is available through St. John's Lutheran Church Office at 847-658-9300 or online at [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org)

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## When in our Music God is Glorified



Sunday, May 2nd, 3:00 pm  
Chapel of St. John the Beloved, Lutheran Home  
800 W. Oakton St  
Arlington Heights, IL

*Celebrating beautiful music written for organ, instrumentalists, vocalists, and choirs.*

The Lutheran Home celebrates the talents of Fredrick Steffen, Music Director at the Lutheran Home, as his musical arrangements are performed by a variety of musicians. A wine and cheese reception will following this event.

## Apollo Chorus Concordia Benefit Concert



Sunday, May 2nd, 3:00 pm  
Concordia Lutheran Church  
2645 W. Belmont Ave.  
Chicago, IL

Join us at Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chicago, 2645 West Belmont, as the Apollo Chorus sings some of their favorite arrangements. The Apollo Chorus of Chicago is Chicago's premier volunteer chorus. Their 140-plus auditioned members include men and women of all ages, races, creeds, and occupations, brought together by their abiding love of music. Founded in 1872, it is the oldest volunteer choral society in the United States and the oldest musical organization in Chicago. A Free Will Offering will be taken. Call 773-588-4040 for additional information.

[Click here](#) for more information about Apollo Chorus of Chicago.

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## A Patriotic Gathering



Sunday, May 2nd, 4:00 pm  
Christ Lutheran Church  
14700 South 94th Avenue  
Orland Park, IL  
in the gym of Ledogar Hall

On Sunday, May 2nd at 4:00 pm Christ Lutheran Church, Orland Park, presents "A Patriotic Gathering", featuring the Youth and Cherub choirs performing "Salute to America". The Christ Choir will perform "Portraits of America", and the Men's Chorus, The Joy and Praise Band and the Jr. Chimers will perform many patriotic favorites.

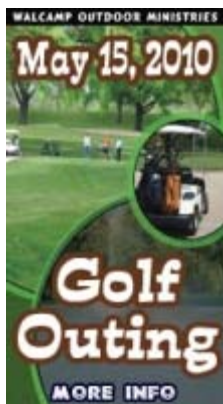
There will be a special recognition to all Veterans and personnel from the Armed Forces.

No reservations and admission is free. For more info call (708) 349-0431 or email [info@christlutheranorland.com](mailto:info@christlutheranorland.com)

Please join us! All are welcome!

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## 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](mailto:registrar@walcamp.org)

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## 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
40 Days of Purpose - What on Earth am I here for?	Beginning Sunday April 11th	St. Luke, Itasca
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
Contemporary Easter Musical	Saturday, April 17th 5 pm	Immanuel Lutheran Church, Palatine
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
Annual Heartland Blood Drive	Sunday, May 2nd 8 am - 12:30 pm	St. John's, Algonquin
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

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## How To Support Lutheran Church Charities

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

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