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Tim Hetzner Leaving for Haiti This Sunday



This Sunday Tim Hetzner will leave to spend a week in Haiti with Rev. Marky Kessa, President of the Lutheran Church in Haiti (ELCH) and with Rev Glenn Merritt, Disaster Coordinator for LCMS World Relief and Human Care. Tim will be delivering relief aid while there and will be coordinating the ongoing relief efforts through our Lutheran Church Body in Haiti and the LCMS.

Please keep everyone in your prayers. If you would like to support the ongoing relief efforts in Haiti, [please click here](#)

Relief Efforts for Haiti Begins Collections Again! Collections Start This Weekend!

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.



Upcoming drop off locations:

- May 16-22 - Living Christ Lutheran Church, Arlington Heights
- May 16-22 - Grace Lutheran Church, Northbrook

[See the full list of collection sites with maps and full addresses here...](#)

[Click Here for a list of items that are being collected](#)

[Click Here to Donate to the Haiti Relief Fund...](#)

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.](#)

Prayer Wall
Post a prayer, or
pray for others!



[LCC's Prayer Wall](#)



LCC connects needs with resources, working with more than 400 congregations to help Christians "Make a Difference in People's Lives and in God's Kingdom"
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For more information about LCC and its human care ministry, please contact LCC staff at:
LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

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Branches and stick removal

Request from Willis and Alice Schwichtenberg - Freeport, IL for Family in Elgin, IL

My name is Alice Schwichtenberg, and I am married to Willis Schwichtenberg who is the pastor Immanuel Lutheran Church in Freeport, IL. Yesterday, we went to Elgin, IL to take care of the mowing of a lawn that needed it. The owner of the house died unexpectedly last August. His only relative is a son in prison. That is how I heard of the lawn situation- through the lawyer who called here. Anyway, there are a lot of branches and sticks there. We tried to carry them, or most of them, to the backyard area. I am wondering if anyone in Elgin has a pickup truck who could come there and take out the branches from off the ground. The elderly man who owned the property did not do that for years. If you can help please call Alice or Willis Schwichtenberg at 815-235-8689



SCHWICHTENBERG, Rev. Willis
Immanuel, Freeport

THANK YOU for MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Because of your generous donations, LCC was able to sponsor a See Through the Scriptures seminar in Haiti for 150 Lutheran Pastors and Lay workers, equipping them with resources and materials to meet their exploding growth of people coming to church!

The Christian Church is growing daily! THANK YOU for not only supporting the Physical needs of the people of Haiti, but also and most importantly their Spiritual needs! (they want to

know when they can do another seminar in another location!)

If you want to help make that happen you can [donate now](#) and when we have enough resources to make it happen, we will schedule it!

[Click here to donate](#)

UPDATE - Thank You for Making A Difference Help Needed for Student Missionary in Japan

Request from Rev. Carl Kaye, former NID Pastor currently serving as a Missionary in Thailand



We received the following update from Jenae:

Hi Tim,

My name is Jenae and I asked you to help support me through the Lutheran Church Charities newsletter. I want to let you know that as of right now all of last year, and 70% of this next year is raised!!!

Thank you so much for putting word out in the Lutheran Charities newsletter!

It was a huge blessing to have your prayers and support during this time.

God provided and in a huge way through His church!

Right now I have moved from my previous church in Sugunami Seishin

Lutheran Church in Tokyo, to Nozomi Lutheran Church in Niigata. I have just started the new year here at the church, and I know that it is a huge blessing for the church to have me here to support and work with them this year! Thank you again for your prayers and support!

Jenae

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will be sent instructions.
Thank you.

"Send a Spoken Prayer"



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

To learn more, [Click Here](#)

LCC Volunteer Needs Dental Work

Request from Tim Hetzner, President, Lutheran Church Charities



A regular LCC Volunteer needs dental work. He does not have any insurance and needs an oral surgeon. He has several cracked teeth that are now infected. He does not have money to pay for having them removed.

If you know of an oral surgeon who can do the work please contact Tim Hetzner at LCC (866-455-6466) If you can help financially, please contribute here.

[Click here to donate](#)

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.

If you know someone who is hiring or for more information contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

Unemployed Father of Four Needs Assistance for Car Repairs



Request from Christine Rechsteiner Campus Ministry Coordinator, Celebration Ministries, Park Forest, Illinois

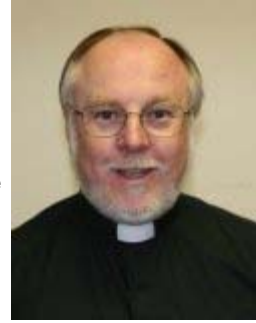
We have a gentleman at our church that lost his job 7 months ago. In the meantime, while he looks for work, he has given 110% of his extra time in helping us get the ministry off the ground. His car broke down last week and he continues to walk here (which takes him an hour) to continue to be a blessing to us. The repairs to his car will cost \$1500. He is divorced and pays child support for his four children. He just has enough money to pay his regular bills; this car expense will put him behind. We are doing all we can to help him. Any additional support for him would be such a blessing for this tireless servant!

[Click here to donate](#)

Assistance Needed for Single Mother Facing Foreclosure

Request from Pastor James Zimmerman,
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Addison Illinois

We have a member family that we are working with that is facing foreclosure. She is a single mother, her child is in high school. She recently lost her job and is actively looking for work. She is not eligible for unemployment so she doesn't have any money coming in. Prior to losing her job she had an excellent credit history. She has only been in her home for a few years so she doesn't have much equity. Because she is ineligible for unemployment her situation is becoming desperate. The congregation is helping all that we can. Any additional help that can be provided would be such a blessing to this family.



[Click here to donate](#)

Housing Assistance Needed for Soon to be Homeless Elderly Woman

Request from Pastor Gerald Menk,
Faith Lutheran Church, Lake Forest

We are working with an elderly woman in the area who urgently needs help. She is in need of housing. Due to circumstances beyond her control, she is desperate. Her current housing arrangements are coming to an end and if she is unable to find other accommodation she will be forced out and will once again have to live in her car. Ideally it would be great to find a room in someone's home "Maria" is able and very willing to help out around the house; however anything that can be done to help would be greatly appreciated.



If you know of available housing in the Chicagoland area please contact LCC@866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

[Click here to donate](#)

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

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](#)

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

LCC Bag Mat Project featured by Thrivent



LCC is continuing to collect Bag Mats for use in Haiti. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans recently featured the Bag Mat Project in their Spring newsletter. If your church group or organization is interested in making Bag Mats an instructional video and written instructions are available on our website.

[Click here to read the Thrivent article](#)

[Click here to view the instructional DVD](#)

[Click here to print written instructions](#)

Lutheran Church Charities is Now Supported by GoodSearch.com

You asked for it, we've got it!

What if Lutheran Church Charities earned a donation every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our ministry? Well, now it can!



[GoodSearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) is a well-established Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

[GoodShop.com](http://www.goodshop.com) is an online shopping mall which donates up to 30 percent of each purchase to your favorite ministry! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, eBay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting LCC.

And if you download the GoodSearch - Lutheran Church Charities toolbar, we will receive a donation every time you shop and search online - even if you forget to go to GoodShop or GoodSearch first! Add the Lutheran Church Charities toolbar at <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/lutheran-church-charities>

Pete Speaks to Ladies Aid at St. Matthew, Hawthorn Woods



On Thursday May 6th, Pete Imlah - Director of Mission and Outreach - was invited to share with the Ladies Aide of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Hawthorn Woods about his trip to Kenya and about his ministry at Lutheran Church Charities. After a great lunch Pete shared about the over 1800 individuals his team ministered to during his trip and the 300

plus individuals who through the work of the Holy Spirit came to trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Pete also challenged the group to answer the call of Jesus to "Come Follow Me" and what that looks like in 2010.

Comfort Dog Ministry Update

K-9 Chapel Talk at Concordia Lutheran School



On Tuesday, May 4th, LCC Comfort Dogs Star and Tillie went out to Concordia Lutheran School for a chapel talk. After the chapel, Principal Doris Holecek and Pastor David Mumm presented Pete Imlah with a check. Chapel offerings for the year have been directed to support the LCC's K-9 Parish

Comfort Dogs. Star and Tillie also went to the classrooms to visit with the students and answered questions about the many different ministry opportunities that K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs present.

K-9 Chapel Talk at St. Luke, Itasca

On Wednesday, May 5th LCC Comfort Dogs Star, Tara and Tillie attended the K-9 Chapel Talk at St. Luke Lutheran School in Itasca. After chapel, students came to the gym to learn more about dogs, dog training and what the LCC K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs do.

K-9 Chapel Talk at Immanuel, East Dundee



On the afternoon of Wednesday, May 5th, LCC Comfort Dogs Butter, Star, Tillie and Olympia were at Immanuel Lutheran School in East Dundee for a K-9 Chapel Talk. Students met with the K-9s before and after chapel. During the chapel Pete Imlah talked about how the Comfort Dogs are given the ability by God to truly sense when an individual needs comfort. While he was sharing this, Tillie was drawn to a teacher and would not leave her side. It was

revealed to Pete after the chapel that the teacher that Tillie was drawn to fell a few days before and injured three ribs.

[Click here to listen to this story recounted in Pastor Baerwolf's Sunday sermon](#)

K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs visit Ella on her 100th Birthday!

After chapel at Immanuel Lutheran School in East Dundee last Thursday, May 6th, Pastor Baerwolf invited the K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs to visit Ella Holtz. Ella turned 100 years old Thursday and was so appreciative of the visit from LCC Comfort Dogs Butter, Tillie and Olympia.



K-9 Chapel Talk at St. Matthew, Hawthorn Woods



On Monday, May 10th, LCC Comfort Dogs Ladel, Star and Tillie attended the K-9 Chapel Talk at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Hawthorn Woods. Pete Imlah was asked to share a message with the theme of the 9th and 10th Commandments. When the LCC K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs are vested they know it's time to go to work. They have a purpose and mission - to provide comfort. As a Baptized Child of God we have a purpose and a mission. To love the Lord our God and to love others. Each of us has gifts and abilities given to us by

God. We are not to compare or covet. We are to be content and desire to honor God with our time, talents and treasures.

Where are the LCC K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs Heading Next???

- Wednesday, May 12 - K-9 Chapel Talk at Walther HS
- Wednesday, May 12 - New Trier High School
- Sunday, May 16 - Faith Lutheran, Arlington Heights
- Wednesday, May 19 - K-9 Chapel Talk Faith Lutheran High School, Crystal Lake

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

- Living Word Lutheran Church, Plymouth, MI - Church Worker Medical Fund
- Celebration Ministries, Park Forest, IL - Unemployed father of four assistance fund
- Salem Lutheran Church, Orange, CA - Widow with three children assistance fund
- St Paul Lutheran Church, Addison - Widow with five children assistance fund.
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Roselle - Rev. Hicham travel fund to see father in Lebanon

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

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](#)

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.

[Click here to read more...](#)

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.

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

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 or (866) 455-6466. We will screen and train all applicants.

Vacation Bible School It's That Time Again!!



LCC is posting a Vacation Bible School schedule on our website again this year. Many people use LCC as a source for information on church activities. Send us the time, date, location and description of your VBS program and we will include it on our website.

VBS is such a wonderful outreach to bring the Compassion of Christ into the community that we want to take every opportunity to tell folks what you're doing. Just e-mail the information and contact person's name to LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

[Click here to see VBS listing](#)

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

- 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

Update on Haiti



Photo courtesy of LCMS World Relief and Human Care

[Click here](#) for 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.

[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](#)

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.

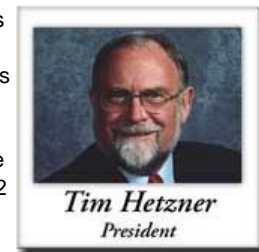


[Click here to read the rest of the story](#)

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

Items Needed by Ministries

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

- Digital Ink Black, # 60-1520 for an ABDick 6530 Duplicator
- 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

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. Paul, Matteson

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The Gospel of John

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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



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

- [Donated Van for Salam Fellowship Needs Paint Job](#)
- [Fire Destroys Apartment Complex in Downers Grove - 33 People Lose Everything](#)
- [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](#)
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- [Lutheran Family of Five Loses Everything in Fire](#)
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Items Available to a Ministry

- 2738 School Library Books
- 2686 10 junior executive style desks
- 2600 upright Rippen piano, model Cantabile, serial # 194416
- 2570 10 bin sorter with stapler Collator series 300/400

[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.

- 2750 microwave cart on wheels (2 shelves) 30"H x 24"W x 19"D
- 2749 1 small nightstand lamp
- 2748 nightstand with 1 drawer (oak look) 24" H x 21"W x 16"D

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 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](#)

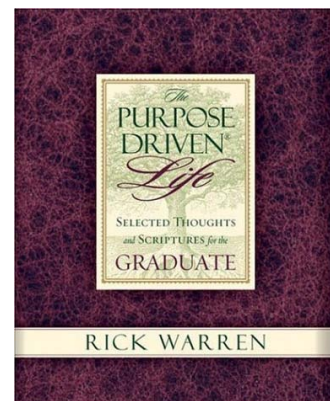
Tim's Pick of the Week

[The Purpose-Driven Life: Selected Thoughts and Scriptures for the Graduate](#)

By Rick Warren

Handsome keepsake book provides a priceless reminder for graduates of the bountiful life God has planned for them. Beautifully combines artwork with Scriptures and thoughts from the New York Times bestseller The Purpose Driven® Life.

- 100,000 center-column references - Full-color map and timelines - Words of Christ in red letter - 80 in-text charts and maps - Comprehensive NASB concordance - 20,000 notes adapted from the NIV Study Bible



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!

 Forward to a Friend

Breaking the Silence on "Mental Illness"...Bringing HOPE to families

Sunday, May 16th, 6-8 pm
Our Savior Lutheran Church
1244 W. Army Trail Rd.
Carol Stream, IL



Would you like to learn more about mental illness? Sponsored by NAMI DuPage (The National Alliance on Mental Illness) this seminar will include information about mental illnesses and their impact on families and individuals. Come and learn more about these illnesses from people who have been there. Learn the facts, dispel the myths! Join us on Sunday, May 16th from 6-8pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church 1244 W. Army Trail Road-Carol Stream. Open to the public. To register call 630-483-3143, option 1. (Free will donation.)

GO YE Band Concert



Sunday, May 23rd - 2:00 pm
Friendship Hall
Friendship Village Retirement Community
350 W. Schaumburg Rd.
Schaumburg, IL 60193

Ethnic Pentecost and Choral Worship Service

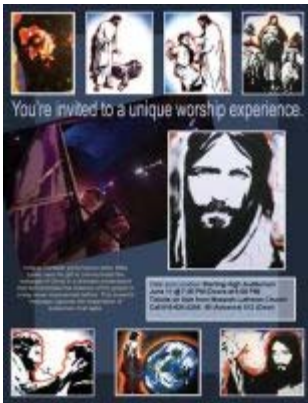
Sunday, May 23rd at 3:00 pm
Mt. Greenwood Lutheran Church
10901 S. Trumbull Ave.
Chicago, IL 60655



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.

The Jesus Painter



Friday, June 11th, 7:00 pm
Sterling High School Auditorium
1608 4th Avenue
Sterling, IL 61081

THE JESUS PAINTER is coming to Sterling on Friday, June 11th. He will be performing at Centennial Auditorium beginning at 7:00PM. Tickets are available from Messiah Lutheran Church, Sterling - \$8 in advance and \$12 at the door. Call 815-625-2284 or e-mail Andrew Nelson (melcdce@comcast.net) to place an order. We accept cash, check, money order, Visa or MasterCard (\$2 service fee for whole credit card orders of 5 tickets or more).

Check your calendars, and join us for this AWESOME worship experience!!

Afternoons in the Arts - A Fine Arts Camp

June 21-25, 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm
St. John's Lutheran Church and School
505 S. Park Rd.
LaGrange, IL 60525
(708) 354-1690 ~ www.SJLagrange.com



- Five days of immersion in music, movement, drama and visual arts that help children Meet Jesus, Experience the Support of a Church and Live as disciples.
- experienced, professional teachers in a caring and nurturing environment.

Early Registration by June 7th: \$90.00 (\$75.00 each additional child per family)
After June 7th: 100.00 (\$85.00 each additional child per family)

Register Now!

- + Go online and register at www.SJLagrange.com
- + Stop by the church office for registration form

Join us for Vacation Bible School in the morning from 9:00- 11:30am at no extra cost. Bring a sack lunch to eat between programs.

Upcoming Events - [Click Here for a complete listing of Upcoming Events](#)



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