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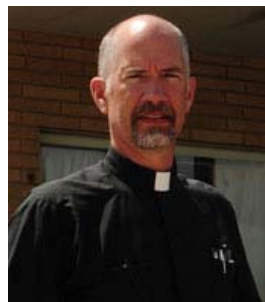
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Tornadoes hit North Central Illinois - Help support sharing the Mercy and Compassion of Christ with those in need.



This past Saturday night tornadoes touched down in various areas of Illinois. The staff at Lutheran Church Charities has been in touch with our congregations in the areas most affected. On Monday, June 7th, Pete Imlah and Michael Zill on the LCC staff made visits to Pastor Dan Ognoskie of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Dwight and Pastor John Gutz of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Streator. They also met with the Mayor of Dwight and the City Manager, Public Works Director and Fire Chief of Streator.



Both congregations are reaching out into their communities to share the Mercy and Compassion of Christ with those who have suffered loss.

[Click here to read the full story...](#)

Tim's Pick of the Week
Upcoming Events
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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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Volunteers are needed immediately to help remove debris in Streator.

LCC is organizing work crews that will be based at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Streator. [Click here to fill out our volunteer form if you are able to serve.](#)

Crews were already in Streator on Tuesday, June 8th:



This LERT team is made up of people from Lord of Life, LaFox; Trinity Lutheran Church, Bloomington; Friends in Christ, Morris; St John Wheaton; and Fellowship of Faith, McHenry.



LCC staff member Pete Imlah cutting up a fallen tree.



LERT volunteers take a moment to smile for the camera.

[Click here to fill out our volunteer form if you are able to serve.](#)



[Click here to view picture gallery from Dwight](#)



[Click here to view picture gallery from Streator](#)

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"Send a Spoken Prayer"



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

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Dwight Tornado Relief

[Request from Rev Jacob Ehrhard, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Dwight, Illinois](#)

Emmanuel Lutheran Church and Lutheran Church Charities is establishing a fund to help the families in Dwight, IL who have lost their homes from the recent tornadoes. The fund will be used to help each family purchase items they have lost that are not covered by insurance.

We will also be taking up a collection of items to be distributed to these families. To help now, you can donate to the Dwight Tornado Relief Fund - Dollar Per Dollar will be distributed through Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Dwight IL to families. [Click here to donate](#)



The mobile home park in Dwight was destroyed by the tornado.

More information on items that will be collected will be shared on the LCC website and at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Dwight. Help share the Mercy and Compassion of Christ and Make A Difference! Thank you for your support.

[Click here to donate](#)

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Collection Pickup for Haiti Relief Efforts Has Begun

Last Friday, the volunteer team of (L to R) Al Krodel, Walter Koenig, and Earl Weber, finished sorting and palletizing the last of the boxes of donations from Living Christ and Grace Lutheran Churches. The boxes that came in from these two churches completed two pallets and filled four pallets half way. Donations coming in this week will complete the four pallets.



[Click here to view photo gallery of donation pickups](#)

Current & upcoming drop off locations:

- June 6-26 - Zion Lutheran Church, Hinsdale
- June 6-19 - St. John's Lutheran Church, Lansing
- June 6-26 - Trinity Lutheran Church, Lombard
- June 13-19 - St. John Lutheran Church, Burlington
- June 13-25 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Elgin
- June 13-26 - Lord of Life Lutheran Church, LaFox

[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...](#)

LCC Receives Appreciation Award from Project LARRI



Rhonda Carlson, Volunteer Coordinator for Project LARRI, stopped by the LCC offices to present an Appreciation Award to Lutheran Church Charities. Project LARRI is recognizing LCC for our work in enlisting volunteers and donations of household goods and furniture to help with the recovery efforts from the NW Indiana Flooding in September 2008

Helping Our Neighbors in Indiana Volunteer Opportunity



It's been 22 months since the tri-county area of NW Indiana flooded and 22,000 families were impacted as the result of flooding from the remnants of Hurricane Ike. A tremendous amount of recovery work has been completed

but there are still 800 families waiting for assistance. Project LARRI (Lakeshore Area Regional Recovery of Indiana) is seeking volunteers to help with the rebuilding efforts.

Join volunteers from Lutheran Church Charities and the NID-LWML who will be providing assistance to our neighbors in Indiana. This is an opportunity to serve that is close in terms of travel time, offers a great deal of flexibility, and is affordable in our struggling economy. Housing is provided at no charge - team members choose how many days they can volunteer.

Plan now to join the team planning to go the week of Sept 12-Sept 18. Projects could include framing, hanging wallboard, mudding the wallboard, painting, sanding and staining woodwork. On the practical side a few people are needed to do the meal prep, grocery shopping and cleaning.

If you would like to help, contact Jan Gerzevske, jgerz@netzero.com or 630.294.5014 for further details. If you would like to help but are unable to arrange your schedule to volunteer, contributions for the purchase of materials are welcomed.

[Click here to donate](#)

Dollar per Dollar Your Donations Buy Shoes for Haitian Children



The response to Tim's appeal for shoes for the children in the tent cities in Haiti has been tremendous. Thank you to everyone who has already donated. Your generous donations have put shoes on the feet of so many children, but there are many more who are still barefoot and need our help.

Shoes are still available for purchase in Haiti and are desperately needed to protect the children from disease. Please [contribute now](#) if you are moved to help! Thank you for your compassion for these children.

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



Hundreds of barefoot children are eagerly waiting in line for shoes that will help protect them against infection and disease caused by walking in mud and other hazardous materials in the aftermath of the earthquake.



Shoes are distributed from a truck to hundreds of children in a tent camp.

Homeless Family with Three Small Children in Desperate Need of Assistance!

Requested by Rev. Michael Graham,
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Aurora,
Illinois



This family has had financial difficulty for the past two years that I have known them. They moved from Joliet and are able to work on and off. A year ago the mother had fairly good and stable employment, but was let go, and the father works construction jobs when anything is available. Since last November they have been homeless and living in transitional housing at Hesed House, the local homeless shelter. The mother was pregnant at the time they moved into the homeless shelter.

The baby was born April 6 with severe complications. She was rushed to Lutheran General for surgery and put into Neonatal Intensive Care. She has difficulty swallowing and her larynx collapses. She has to be tube fed.

Before the baby was released from the hospital, there was an outbreak of Tuberculosis at the homeless shelter and the county health department will not allow the baby back there. It could be several months before this situation is cleared up.

Currently the father and two boys (ages 3 and 4) are staying at the shelter, but the mother is with her mother but is not allowed to be there because of public housing rules and also the grandmother has medical and emotional problems that make it undesirable and not adequate to care for the baby.

Immediate need:

A place where the mother and baby can live temporarily, probably a few months at least, so she can care for the baby with her medical needs. Best would be a place where the husband and two boys could also stay, that way the mother could care for the boys as well when the father is able to work.

Long term need:

Financial assistance to pay medical bills and expenses to allow them to move into an apartment.

This young family is in a desperate situation. Any help that can be given to them would be such a blessing as they work to put their lives back together and move from being homeless.

If you know of any available temporary housing please call LCC at 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

[Click here to donate](#)

Historic St. Matthew Makes An Urgent Appeal Request by Rev. Julio A. Loza, Historic St. Matthew Lutheran Church



Historic St. Matthew Lutheran Church, after 138 years of Christian service in Chicago, faces the overwhelming task of having to comply with expensive building repairs imposed by the City's Building Department; especially at a time when our nation faces a stagnant economy. St. Matthew, with its commitment to feed the homeless and unemployed, finds it very hard, if not impossible, to have the funding required for this awesome task. At St. Matthew, we have an uphill struggle ahead of us. Driven by God's love, we make an urgent and special appeal to pray for our ministry and help us to raise at least \$30,000 to continue to feed the hungry and make repairs in our building.

St. Matthew is the home of the El Comedor Popular soup kitchen, which feeds the hungry in Chicago. They have been experiencing some difficult times with their ministry. They are in a permanent financial struggle, but they endure to feed the homeless and unemployed whose numbers continue to grow because of the economy.

[Click here to donate](#)

Backpack Blessings

Request from Pastor Paul Klopke, Living Christ Lutheran Church, Arlington Heights, Illinois

On July 17, 2010 we will have our first ever Backpack Blessings event! We will be collecting school supplies in June and July and then on July 17th we will be filling backpacks for Wheeling Township.

We need volunteers to bring in the products from the list during our school supply drive and then need lots of hands on the 17th. We will start at 5PM with a church potluck picnic and then will be filling backpacks, making play-doh, and making backpack zipper pulls for each backpack.



The backpacks will be donated to Wheeling Township. Items may be dropped off at the church beginning June 1st. Contact the church office at 847-577-7133 with any questions.

Backpack Blessings

Each backpack needs the following:

- Backpack
- Notebook/Binder
- Spirals (5)
- Folders (5)
- Notebook paper
- Ruler
- Sharpener
- Pencils (12-18)
- Pens-10 black, 10 blue and 1 red
- Highlighter
- Sharpie or Permanent Marker
- 16/24 pack of crayons (not larger)
- Colored Pencils
- Markers
- Pencil Pouch
- Scissors
- Erasers
- Glue sticks
- Glue bottle

Comfort Dog Ministry Update

K-9 Parish Comfort Dog Training



On Saturday, June 5th, Faith Lutheran Church in Carpentersville hosted a K-9 Parish Comfort Dog Handlers Training. A handler is someone who is comfortable and competent with handling a K-9 and also able to listen, engage in conversation, pray, and proclaim Jesus Christ with those who they are in contact with, using the K-9 as the bridge between the handler and the person petting the K-9. This training was made available for individuals

whose home churches do not at this time have their own Comfort Dog. Each of the 20 participants was trained on how to handle the K-9's and how to utilize them in sharing the love and compassion of Christ with individuals they come across.

K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs at Lutheran Gathering Church Picnic at Gospel Music Fest

For the first time, a Lutheran Church Picnic was sponsored during the free Gospel Music Festival at Chicago's Millennium Park. LCC Comfort Dogs Butter, Tillie, Shami, Darlin and Olympia made their appearances, along with representatives from Chicago Urban Ministries, The Haitian Lutheran Mission Project, and Thrivent. Despite the random rain drops during the festival, the fellowship and music was great for those who joined the group downtown. Let's do it again next year!!!!



Fuerst and Tillie Visit St Paul in Kouts, Indiana



Rev Robert Hauter invited Pete Imlah to share at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Kouts, Indiana about the LCC K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs. St Paul is a congregation which is interested in having a K-9 Parish Comfort Dog and wanted to learn more about this ministry. K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs are used as bridges for churches to reach out into their communities with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. Dan Fulkerson and LCC

Comfort Dog Fuerst from Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Portage, Indiana were also present and shared with the group ways in which his church utilizes their K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs Fuerst and Prince in their communities.

Pete Imlah and Tillie Visit Immanuel Lutheran Belvidere

Lutheran Church Charities was asked to share with the LWML at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Belvidere about the LCC K-9 Parish Comfort Dog Ministry. Pete Imlah and LCC Comfort Dog Tillie visited with the ladies and shared how the K-9 Parish Comfort Dog Ministry started and how these dogs are used as bridges in communities to share the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. Today, in North America, 50% of individuals do not adhere to a saving faith in Christ. As followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord commands us to go and make disciples and to share the Good News with a world that is dying spiritually.



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

- Sunday, Jun 13 - Christ our Savior Lutheran Church, Winfield
- Sunday, June 13 - Picnic at Zion Lutheran Church, Bensenville
- Tuesday, June 15 - New Hope Lutheran School
- Wednesday, June 16 - K9 Berwyn Annual Health Fair

Your Donations Make A Difference



On June 3rd Buf Bethlen and Lucille Nedved from 1st St. Paul Lutheran Church in Chicago dropped off 15 Bag Mats. The mats will be sent to Haiti to with items currently being collected.

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

- St Matthew, Hawthorn Woods - JJ's Fund
- St Paul, Addison - Single Mom Facing Foreclosure
- St. John's, Elgin - Single Mom & Son Starting Over

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](#)

Need Met! Because of your generous donations, this need has been met!

\$789 Needed to Help Single Mother and Son Start Over!

Request from Pastor Clifford Frederich, St. John's Lutheran Church, Elgin, Illinois

I am writing on behalf of a single mother and her 10-year-old son that I am working with. Terry (name changed) has had many challenges, both economic and family issues, over the past 12 months. As a result, she and her son have become homeless and are living at a temporary shelter. Terry has found work and has also found an apartment. She needs assistance to pay her car insurance, \$289.00 due on June 15th, and a \$500.00 deposit for the apartment. She is working and will be able to cover her ongoing expenses, she just needs some



help getting into an apartment and with her car insurance so that she can continue to get to work.

Any help would be such a blessing to Terry and her son as she works to put her life back together.

Tim Hetzner Returns from Biblical Study Tour of Greece and Turkey



On Sunday, June 16th, Tim and Dr. Paul Maier, and their group returned safely from the Biblical Study Tour.

Thank you for your prayers.

[View a sampling of photos from this trip](#)

LCC Emergency Assistance Fund



LCC gets requests daily concerning people who need assistance, and it is increasing because of the current economic times we are living in.

LCC works through our churches to provide assistance by making the need known - and dollar per dollar we give the money to a church to help the family or individual. However, we receive some requests that are emergencies, and money is needed that day or the next day and we can't always get the need out in our weekly email newsletter first.

Would you consider making a gift to our LCC Emergency Assistance fund so that when these emergency needs occur we can help (through our churches) quicker? This is an important way for the Body of Christ to share the Mercy and

Compassion and Proclamation of Christ.

[To contribute please click here.](#)

Thank you for continuing to Make A Difference!

Tim Hetzner

Lutheran Night at the Symphony



Rebuilding the Breach Ministries, Inc., owners of the Bakery House, a Lutheran rehabilitation center for indigent men, is aggressively looking to raise money by hosting "Lutheran Night at the Symphony."

The proposed concert will feature the *Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra* playing the music of various Lutheran composers and is intended to take place on Sunday, October 31, 2010 - Reformation Day Sunday, at the Chapel of the

Resurrection at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana.

RBM is looking for underwriters to sponsor the \$25,000 project which should realize nearly \$60,000 for this special charitable ministry. For more information, please call Project Manager Dennis Hodges at (219) 793-3370, or email: wah.2016@att.net

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!

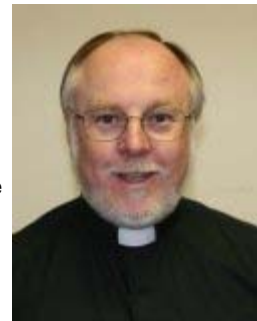
[GoodShop.com](http://www.GoodShop.com) is an online shopping mall which donates up to 30 percent of each purchase to your favorite ministry! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, eBay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order,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

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 Lady in Her 60's

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

We have been working with a lady in the area who urgently needs housing assistance. Due to circumstances beyond her control, she lost her home. 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. It would be a blessing to find a room in someone's home for a short time, "Maria" is able and very willing to help out around the house, however any assistance that can be provided will 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](#)

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](#)

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

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

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](#)

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

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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

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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

 Forward to a Friend



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

- [Unemployed Father of Four Needs Assistance for Car Repairs](#)
- [Lutheran Church Worker in Need of Medical Assistance and Car](#)

- [Continuing Need for Bilingual Bibles for Outreach to Muslim College Students](#)
- [Recent Widow and Her Three Young Children in Need of Assistance](#)
- [Single Mother of Three Needs Car and Financial Assistance](#)
- [God's on the Go in Ghana](#)
- [Help Train Pastors in Ethiopia](#)
- [LCMS Pastor Starts Orphanage in Ethiopia](#)

Items Available to a Ministry

- 2752 150 Blue Pew Bibles - NIV version
- 2687 School Library Books
- 2686 10 junior executive style desks
- 2570 10 bin sorter with stapler Collator series 300/400
- 2527 60+ sparton Foam Soap dispensers for bulk soap
- 2198 Schulmerich Quadrabell carillon

[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.

- One cemetery lot located at Beverly Cemetery - 119th and Kedzie in Chicago
- 2753 extra-large combo shower chair/commode
- 2751 185x260 light blue/gray used carpeting with some wear
- 2744 Glass dining room table (seats six) - no chairs
- 2743 Solid Oak Entertainment Center (holds up to 27" TV) - incl. 2 cabinet doors & 2 drawers
- 2742 6 coats (5-men's Lrg, XL Spring & Fall) & 1 Ladies Small Winter

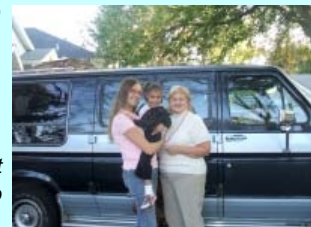
For More Items Available, click here to view the list on our [DONATE page...](#)

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](#)
- [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

[Streams In The Desert For Graduates](#)

By L B Cowman

Now in mass market size, this updated edition of Mrs. L. B. Cowman's classic devotional *Streams in the Desert* comes in two covers. One will appeal to every reader, and the other is ideal for giving to graduates. Beloved by generations of believers, here is a time-tested fountain of faith, wisdom, and encouragement for today's spiritual sojourner.



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

ECC Summer Adventure Camp

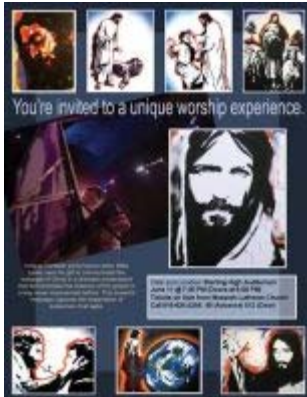


June 1, 2010 - August 20, 2010
Concordia Early Childhood Center
7420 N. 2nd St.
Machesney Park, IL
[View Map](#)

A camp for grades K-5 with activities & field trips. Students will participate in fun and engaging activities in a safe Christian environment. Campers will have supervised ventures to many local attractions. Field trips include bowling, swimming, mini putt, art museums and more!

Call the Early Childhood Center with additional questions or visit www.clc-mp.org to register your child.

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!!

Berwyn Annual Health Fair '10



Wednesday, June 16th from 10 am to 2 pm
Berwyn Township Public Health District Offices
6600 W. 26th Street
Berwyn, IL 60402 and adjoining Lesak Park

Concordia Lutheran Church and Little Lambs Preschool will be hosting an informational vendor booth at the Berwyn Health Fair on Wednesday, June 16th. We will be giving away bottles of water, wellness wheels from Wheatridge, and Senior devotionals. A children's craft is also planned.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Children's Clothing and Toy Resale



Saturday, June 19th
Immanuel Lutheran School
2317 S. Wolf Road
Hillside, IL

On Saturday, June 19, there will be a Children's Clothing and Toy Resale at 2317 S. Wolf Road, in the gym of Immanuel Lutheran School. The sale will run from 9 am-noon, with a 1/2 price sale from 1-3 pm. A \$1 admission fee will be charged all day for those wishing to attend. No children under 12 or strollers will be admitted before 10:30 am.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like a seller's packet (sellers earn 70%), contact Belinda at graceschoolnews@gmail.com for more information. All proceeds from this event will go to support Grace Lutheran School, 4106 W. 28th Street in Chicago and their ministry among the children of South Pilsen/Little Village.

[Click here](#) to view the flyer for this event.

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.

Confirmation Camp

June 21-25 and June 28-July 2
St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church & School
300 Jefferson Street
Algonquin, IL



St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church & School in downtown Algonquin invite students currently in 6th and 7th grade to attend "Confirmation Camp 2010". The camp is scheduled during two weeks of the summer break:

Monday, June 21 through Friday, June 25 from 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm (following VBS)
Monday, June 28 through Friday, July 2 from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

The camp gives students the opportunity to study the doctrines of the Lutheran Church. The camps are part of a two year study that also includes one Saturday per month during the school year.

To register or to receive more information, contact St. John's Church office at 847-658-9300 or look to St. John's website

at www.stjohnsalgonquin.org

KICKOFF EVENT of The Campaign to Restore Trinity Claiborne

Friday, June 25 - 7:30 pm - 9 pm
Immanuel Lutheran Church
300 S. Pathway Ct.
(located off Rt. 14 behind Jewel & Hobby Lobby)
Crystal Lake, IL



What is The Campaign to Restore Trinity Claiborne? A restoration project to rebuild Trinity Lutheran Church, located on Claiborne Street in New Orleans' Lower Ninth Ward, into a multi-use worship and community center.

What will happen at the Kickoff Event?

- Hors d'oeuvres and Drinks
- Fellowship
- Presentation from Rev. Dave Buss, Camp Restore Executive Director and Rev. Aubrey Watson, Pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, New Orleans
- Opportunities for YOU to become involved in this exciting project!

This past January, the group held a candlelight worship service at Trinity Claiborne. [Click here to see a video](#) from this trip! Since January, these churches have joined forces to make a commitment in support of this project. ALL SUPPORTERS OF CAMP RESTORE ARE INVITED TO THIS EVENT AND TO BE PART OF THIS SPECIAL PROJECT!

Make plans now to join us for this evening of fellowship and fun!

Please RSVP by June 16. Contact Dave Moll with further questions. By Email: dmoll@stmatthewbarrington.org By Phone: 847.382.7002 Contact Dave Moll with further questions.

[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