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## LCC and UKANDU Came and Did! And Made an Impact on Chicago and Vacinity!

200 youth and adults from five different states came to the Chicago area last week on a mission of hope and encouragement to Chicago area churches, schools, and individuals. One student shared, "I came here thinking that I could help out the people of Chicago, which I did. But I wasn't expecting to get so close to God myself, as I did this week."



The theme of the week long mission trip was "*Follow Me - What does it really mean to follow Jesus?*" As the participants focused on the Word of God regarding the call of Jesus to follow Him, they worked side by side with others living out their faith. They shared the Love and Compassion of Jesus Christ through service, prayer and sharing words of hope and encouragement. Another student shared, "I came into this trip not knowing what to expect. My faith has struggled a lot but I know this week my faith has been strengthened and I desire to put God first."



UKANDU hosted six different VBSs, built a new playground for Celebration Ministries, painted at Messiah, Our Saviors, Christ the King, Grace, and St. Paul - Skokie, did landscaping at five different locations, built a nursery for St Paul - Menard, and transformed an alley into a beautiful green space for Tabor Lutheran Church.

*Thank you to Walther Lutheran High School for hosting this year's trip, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for financial support, and Concordia University for hosting dinner*

*Thursday night. Most of all I want to thank each of our LCC friends for your prayers and support.*

The following churches were served by the UKANDU teams:

- o St. Paul Lutheran Church, Skokie
- o Concordia Lutheran Church, Chicago
- o Jehovah-El Buen Pastor Lutheran Church, Chicago
- o Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Chicago
- o Messiah Lutheran Church and School, Chicago
- o Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Chicago
- o St Paul Lutheran Church-Dorchester, Chicago
- o Christ the King Lutheran Church, Chicago
- o Celebration Ministries, Park Forest
- o St Paul Lutheran Church-Menard, Chicago
- o Tabor Lutheran Church, Chicago
- o Grace Lutheran Church, Chicago
- o St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Chicago

## Prayer Wall

Post a prayer, or pray for others!



[LCC's Prayer Wall](#)

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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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"Send a Spoken Prayer"

## LCC Offers Lutheran Early Response Team Training TODAY! Join the over 40 being trained at St. John's Lutheran Church in Algonquin.

### 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) throughout 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.



It's not too late to register!

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

## LCC Staff Attends District Disaster Response Coordinators' Conference



On June 28th and 29th, LCC Staff members Tim Hetzner, Pete Imlah, and Dianna Bonfield attended the District Disaster Response Coordinators' Conference in St. Louis. The conference was sponsored by LCMS World Relief and Human Care. Tim Hetzner was one of the conference speakers. He spoke on coordinating volunteers and raising support for disaster response.

## Collection Pickup for Haiti Relief Efforts Continue Donations have been picked up from eight sites!

Donations are being picked up from the following drop-off sites that have completed their collections:

- St. John's Lutheran Church, Algonquin
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Elgin
- Zion Lutheran Church, Hinsdale
- Lord of Life Lutheran Church, LaFox
- St. Paul Lutheran Church, Mount Prospect
- St. John Lutheran Church, Lombard
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Lombard
- Christ Lutheran Church, Orland Park



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

To learn more, [Click Here](#)

These donations will add to the 20 pallets that are already to go! Our heartfelt thanks to the volunteers who have already put in more than 200 hours working in the warehouse and on donation pick-ups.

Thank you to LCC volunteers (pictured) Linda Colberg (Immanuel Palatine), Nan Beer (St John's Elgin), and Scott Lohman, Vicar at Immanuel Downers Grove, (not pictured) Phyllis Tucker (Prince of Peace Palatine), Ray Bogart (Palatine), and Paul Neef (Prince of Peace, Palatine) for helping collect and palletize donations.



*LCC volunteers Linda Colberg, Nan Beer, and Scott Lohman at the warehouse.*

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

The final drop off location is at Zion Lutheran Church, Grant Park through Saturday, July 3

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

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

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## 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.*

## Helping Our Neighbors in Indiana Volunteer Opportunity

Consider volunteering for a few days and Making  
A Difference



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.



*House Blessing  
House restored by volunteers 2008  
flooding*

If you would like to help, contact Jan Gerzevske, [jgerz@netzero.com](mailto: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](#)

## Lutheran Woman in Need of Assistance Request from Pastor Harold Wahl, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lansing, Illinois



We have a woman, in her early 60's (not old enough to qualify for medicare) who is facing several severe hardships. She has been a faithful, life-long Lutheran. While she is not handicapped to the point of qualifying for disability income, she does have some physical limitations along with some illness for which she is under a doctor's care. She is currently out of work and does not have money to cover her rent, utilities, food, and medicine. Because of family difficulties, she has no immediate family members to turn to.

This woman is in dire straits and is "falling through the cracks." Any help or assistance she could be given would certainly be appreciated.

[Click here to donate](#)

## Single Woman Needs Assistance with \$2000 in Medical Bills

Request from Pastor Dan Wegrzyn, St. John's Lutheran Church, Lombard



We have a member who is going through difficult financial times. Since being laid off from her job as an accountant over a year ago she hasn't been able to get back on her feet, she has been struggling to stay independent. She had been working, making about half of what she was accustomed to but she was laid off from that job on June 15th. She recently had a medical situation add to her debt (she is on a COBRA plan) as well as slowing down her mobility. She also suffers from depression. Her family lives out of state and can not help her financially or support her in her living situation.

The congregation is helping her but she is in need of \$2,000 to clear up her medical bills. Any assistance that she can receive as she struggles to pay her bills while she continues to look for full time work would be such a blessing to her.

[Click here to donate](#)

## Church Organist Needed



Organist Needed in Darien - Needs to be available for Sunday 9 a.m. service and other special services as they occur (Lent and Advent evening, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Day, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, etc.). Salary is negotiable.

Send resume to Attn: Rev. David Bottorff, St. John Lutheran Church, 7214 Cass Ave., Darien, IL 60561 or e-mail to [pastor.davidb@comcast.net](mailto:pastor.davidb@comcast.net).

## Lutheran Couple in Need of Assistance

Request from Pastor Thomas Spahn, Interim Pastor Bethel Lutheran Church, Gurnee, IL



We are working with a member family that is in dire need. They are a 58-year-old couple, married for 39 years, and are facing a financial crisis. He lost his manufacturing high management position 35 months ago and they have consumed all of their 401 retirement investments and stocks. In the past year he had major reconstructive surgery for skin cancer.

Now they are on the verge of losing their home, unable to use their maxed out credit card, have borrowed against their life insurance policies, are behind on property taxes and have medical bills that have gone to a collection agency. If his minimal health insurance coverage is lost, he

may be uninsurable in the future.

They both eagerly serve on committees and boards of our congregation and volunteer for many church-related activities. The congregation is helping the family in every way that we can but their needs are greater than we can do alone. If anyone is moved to donate to help this family get back on their feet it would be a tremendous blessing for them.

[Click here to donate](#)

## International Student at Ft. Wayne Seminary Needs Tuition Assistance

[Request from Pastor Jacob Gaugert, Dr. Martin Luther Church, Chicago](#)

There is a gifted international student from South Africa who is in need of financial aide. His name is Mathias Hohls and he needs to collect or receive pledges for at least \$30,000 by August 1st of this year. So far he has received \$13,000. I have sent a letter from him along with a letter of recommendation from Prof. John T. Pless from the Ft. Wayne Seminary. Please consider helping this gifted young man finish his studies at Ft. Wayne.

Excerpt of letter from Mathias Hohls:



*My name is Mathias G. Hohls. I am originally from South Africa and have been studying at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne on an international student exchange program since September 2009. I grew up in a Lutheran pastor's home and attended private schools prior to my university studies... Lord willing, I hope to serve the Lord's church in the Pastoral Ministry in the future. I believe that completing my pastoral studies here in America would give me the best theological and practical background to be able to serve His people faithfully.*

[Click here to read the entire letter](#)

Excerpt of letter from Prof. John Pless:

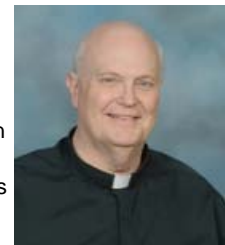
*I am very pleased to write this letter to encourage the generous financial support of my student, Mathias Hohls. Assisting him to remain at Concordia Theological Seminary to complete his Master of Divinity degree under our auspices would be a prudent and productive investment not only in his personal future but the future of our Lutheran Church.*

[Click here to read the entire letter](#)

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## 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 Hased 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](mailto:LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org)

[Click here to donate](#)

## Salam Arabic Church in Need of Minivan

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



Dear Friends, We need a minivan worthy of the road in order to keep serving the Arab community in Chicagoland and help in driving people to Salam Arabic Church. A station wagon may help too. Our minivan broke down two days ago, and is being sent to a junk yard.

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

## Single Mother in Need of Car

Request from Pastor John Shumate, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Waukegan



Julie (name changed) and her son John (name changed) are faithful members of Prince of Peace in Waukegan and have been so for many years. Julie is a single mother. John is a very nice young boy in my confirmation class. His father is not in the picture. Julie was brought up in LCMS schools in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mother and son are very close but they have had nothing but financial struggles for many years. On Monday, June 21st, she was involved in a 7 car accident. Her car was totaled. She's ok, but was at fault in the accident; therefore, no collision coverage will be provided on her car. With no transportation she's been receiving a ride to her part-time job and I've been giving John a ride to VBS this week. They live about 9 miles south of the church. We have helped her many times in the past and will continue to so. If she was able to receive a donated car it would be a real blessing for Julie and her son.

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

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

- Asirvadh Ashram Orphanage
- Bethel Lutheran Church, Gurnee - Couple in Need Fund
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Aurora - Homeless Family in Need
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Roselle - POBLO - Bilingual Bible Fund
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Dwight - Dwight Disaster Relief Fund
- Grenada Mission Trip-WLC

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



We will not be organizing any additional volunteer teams until we receive word from Streator or Dwight that they are in need of more volunteers.

[Click here to donate to disaster relief](#)

For more updates, please visit our website at [www.LutheranChurchCharities.org](http://www.LutheranChurchCharities.org)



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



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

## Comfort Dog Ministry Update

### VBS Visit to Faith Lutheran Church, Oak Lawn



On Monday, June 21st, K9 Comfort Dog Shami, and handlers Paul and JoAnn Prell visited Faith Lutheran Church in Oak Lawn. Their VBS theme was "Hero Headquarters" so they highlighted these K9 heroes, as well as encourage the kids to be able to give comfort to those in need.



### VBS Visit to Trinity Lutheran Church, New Lenox

Wednesday, June 23rd, LCC Comfort Dogs Tara and Shami visited with the children attending Vacation Bible School at Trinity Lutheran Church, New Lenox. Vida Johnston spoke to the students about the LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry. Then everyone had a chance to spend time with the Comfort Dogs. Each group of children had their picture taken with a Comfort Dog and the picture was used as part of their craft time.

## Jr. High Servant Week at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Palatine

The LCC Comfort Dogs (and handlers!) were invited to participate in Prince of Peace's Jr. High Servant Week. Marie Payes spoke to the participants and gave a brief overview of the Comfort dog ministry. She also gave a short description of what nursing homes are like and what the visits mean to the residents.



On Tuesday June 22nd Marie Payes, Dona Martin, and Liz Fischer (from St. John, Algonquin) along with LCC Comfort Dogs Tara, Olympia, and Butter, visited residents of the Lutheran Home and Church Creek in Arlington Heights. On Thursday the 24th, Marie, Dona, and Diane Moody (from Grace, Northbrook) took Tara, Olympia, and Strudel back to the Lutheran Home and Church Creek for a second visit.

LCC received the following email from Jan Kehe, one of the organizers of the Servant Week:

*Thursday went marvelously. What a perfect opportunity! I feel like generations were joined, with each ministering to the other, and the dogs were the bridge. Thanks so much for working to make it happen. It enriched our camp in many ways. The nursing home visits were exciting & a pleasure for the kids, versus being an awkward situation. Hopefully we cheered some senior citizens and shared some love. And hopefully the seed of serving Jesus will take root in our children's hearts - May they learn to serve Him and others with a happy heart! The Comfort Dogs are a meaningful, unique ministry - Thanks for sharing!*



## Church BBQ at St. Matthew, Barrington

On Saturday, June 26th, LCC Comfort Dog Star, and handler Tranetta McComb, were invited to a church BBQ at St. Matthew Barrington. LCC Comfort Dog Magic, and handler Dana Yocum, couldn't resist a good church picnic so they joined them. Attendees visited with the K9s and learned more about the K-9 Comfort Dog ministry.

## 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

## 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

## 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](mailto: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](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

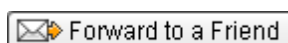


## Items Needed by Ministries

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)
- 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)



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### 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)

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[Cover to Cover - Year 1](#)

St. Matthew, Hawthorn Woods

St. John, Country Club Hills

St. Paul, Matteson

[Cover to Cover - Year 2](#)

Trinity, Lansing

[The Gospel of John](#)

St. Paul, Thornton

[Philippians](#)

Lord of Life, LaFox

St. Paul, Winfield

[James](#)

Trinity, Huntley

Pueblo, Colorado

[Jonah](#)

Shepherd of the Hills, Onalaska, Wisconsin

[Proverbs](#)

St. Luke, Itasca

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## 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

- [Assistance Needed for Single Mother Facing Foreclosure](#)
- [Housing Assistance Needed for Lady in her 60's](#)
- [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 Quadrabelll carillon

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## 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.*

- 2757 Funmaker Customer Wurlitzer Organ, Model #550
- 2756 50-gallon water heater (lightly used in summer home)
- 2755 22 yr old upright piano
- 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

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](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

### [Faith Alone: A Daily Devotional](#)

Martin Luther  
James C Calvin, General Editor

Timeless insights from one of the most important people in church history. Some people value good works so much that they overlook faith in Christ. Faith should be first.... It is faith-without good works and prior to good works-that takes us to heaven. We come to God through faith alone. -Martin Luther. Resounding across the centuries, Martin Luther's



prolific writings as a pastor, theologian, scholar, Bible translator, father, and more, remain powerful and richly relevant. Faith Alone is a treasury of accessible devotionals taken from Luther's best writings and sermons from the years 1513 through 1546. This carefully updated translation retains the meaning, tone, and imagery of Luther's works. Through daily readings, Luther's straightforward approach challenges you to a more thoughtful faith. Read one brief section a day or explore themes using the subject index in the back of the book. Faith Alone will deepen your understanding of Scripture and help you more fully appreciate the mystery of faith.

## 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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## Confirmation Camp

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](http://www.stjohnsalgonquin.org)

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## 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](http://www.clc-mp.org) to register your child.

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

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### 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](mailto: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