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LCC Staff and Volunteers Head to Houston for the LCMS Synod Convention



This morning at 3AM, LCC staff members Pete Imlah, Dana Yocum, Mike Zill, and Dianna Bonfield, along with LCC Comfort Dogs Howe, Zina, Tillie, and Magic, and LCC volunteers Dona Martin, Steve Hetzner, Mike and Sue Kinyon, all loaded into the LCC Country Coach and headed down to Houston for the 2010 LCMS Convention. Tim Hetzner will join them on Thursday.

LCC will have displays in the Exhibition Hall, so if you are attending the convention be sure to stop by the LCC Display! They are offering free backrubs and of course feet! Please keep the Synod convention in your prayers and safety in travel for

everyone. If you would like to follow the convention please go to <http://www.lcms.org/pages/convention.asp?NavID=13524>

Comfort Dog Ministry Update

Comfort Dogs attend service at St. John, Burlington



LCC Comfort Dogs Tillie, Faith and Olympia, along with handlers Pete Imlah. and Rich and Dona Martin, attended the Sunday morning service at St. John Lutheran Church in Burlington. They were on hand to greet the members before and after the service.

Pete Imlah did the children's message and then did a presentation on the LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry at the end of the service.

[Click here to schedule a K-9 Comfort Dog visit](#)

Prayer Wall

Post a prayer, or pray for others!



[LCC's Prayer Wall](#)

Collection Pickup for Haiti Relief Efforts Completed on Friday - Donations have been picked up from 17 Sites!

The donations from the last collection site, Zion Lutheran Church in Grant Park, will be picked up this Friday. To date the 34 warehouse volunteers have spent 400+ hours getting the donations ready to ship to Haiti. They have finished 6 pallets of clothing and 8 pallets of medical supplies, tools, hygiene products, school supplies and shoes. There are still 900 boxes to be sorted and readied for loading on the shipping containers. The next scheduled work days at the warehouse will be July 22nd and 23rd. If you are interested in volunteering to work at the warehouse please contact Dianna Bonfield at Dianna@LutheranChurchCharities.org



LCC connects needs with resources, working with more than 400 congregations to help Christians "Make a Difference in People's Lives and in God's Kingdom"

[To meet our staff, click here](#)

For more information about LCC and its human care ministry, please contact LCC staff at: LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

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"Send a Spoken Prayer"

Thank you to all the volunteers at the collection sites and all the drivers. We could not do what we do without you! And a special Thank You to all of you who donated items. Your generous donations to those in need in Haiti are a living witness to the Compassion and Mercy of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

[Click here](#) for the news article from the First Electric Newsletter.

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



Photo: Pete Gonigam, First Electric Newspaper

Your Donations Make A Difference



On June 28 & 29, eleven families who were affected by a tornado that went through Dwight, Illinois on June 5 were given relief with funds collected by Emmanuel Lutheran Church and Lutheran Church Charities.

In addition, donations of linens and housewares from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Freeport were distributed. Emmanuel and the community of Dwight thank everyone who donated, for their charity and generosity.

Diane Boland, member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Des Plaines, dropped off a donation of 10 large bags of new summer socks, children to adult sizes, for Haiti.

The socks were donated through her husband Patrick's workplace, MOKSHA Worldwide, Inc. Our thanks to MOKSHA and to Patrick and Diane for this generous donation.



Dave Hoefener, member of New Song in Aurora dropped off a donation of medical supplies for Haiti.



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

To learn more, [Click Here](#)

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Chris and Sue Ladish, missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators, picked up a car that had been donated to LCC for their use while they are in the United States on furlough.

They are serving in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso working among the Koromba people and will be returning there early next year.



LCC volunteer Gary Kessler picked up a donated washer and dryer from Lynn Kelley, a Deaconess student at Concordia and member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Chicago.

He then delivered it to Roger and Sarah Britton. Roger works part time at Dr. Martin Luther Church in Chicago.

Malaria Initiative going to Ghana



Malaria Initiative is headed to Ghana August 5th through 17th to educate pastors and other personnel in the use of a new Malaria treatment.

This treatment consists of two simple, non-pharmaceutical, substances mixed with water and then taken orally by those who have Malaria. The treatment is easy to transport (200 doses can be carried in a shirt pocket) and costs less than \$0.01 (one cent) per dose.

Malaria Initiative is continuing the research we started several years ago to bring an effective, cost effective, easily transported treatment to help spread the Gospel using this treatment as a gift to those in need.

Susan Busse M.D. and John Peterson will be heading up the mission trip that will include education, medical clinics, and relationship building with our brothers and sisters in Christ so as to spread the Good News of Jesus through out Africa.

Donations can be made to Lutheran Church Charities. Any further information can be given if you e-mail us at malaria01@yahoo.com or call us at 1-630-800-4490. Look at our website malaria01.org to see other mission trips and interviews that we have conducted.

[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.

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*

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](#)

38 Attended LCC Lutheran Early Response Training (LERT) at St. John's Algonquin



38 individuals representing 14 congregations attended the LERT training at St. John's Lutheran Church in Algonquin on June 30th. Tim Hetzner took them through the required training so that they are now certified to be Early Responders at disaster sites.

LCC is planning another training session in August. Please watch the website and newsletter for future training dates and locations.

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.

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](#)

[Click here to donate](#)

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](#)

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

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

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

- Dr. Martin Luther Lutheran Church - Ft. Wayne Seminary Student Fund
- Historic St. Matthew Building Fund
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Aurora - Homeless Family Fund
- Prison Ministry Fund

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



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



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

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

[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

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



Looking to be in a Bible Study?
Does Your Church Want to Host a Study? Your Small Group?

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➤ [Register Online - Click Here](#)

Looking to Host a Bible Study?



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- Free for Congregations!

If you would like to be a host site [click here](#)

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



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

Form Your Class Now!

[Cover to Cover - Year 1](#)

St. Matthew, Hawthorn Woods

St. John, Country Club Hills

St. Paul, Matteson

[Cover to Cover - Year 2](#)

Trinity, Lansing

[The Gospel of John](#)

St. Paul, Thornton

[Philippians](#)

Lord of Life, LaFox

St. Paul, Winfield

[James](#)

Trinity, Huntley

Pueblo, Colorado

[Jonah](#)

Shepherd of the Hills,

Onalaska, Wisconsin

[Proverbs](#)

St. Luke, Itasca

Short-Format Courses

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

Long-Format Courses

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

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

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



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

- [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

[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.

- 2761 Complete 1982, Leather Set of World Book Encyclopedias
- 2760 (2) boxes of net Christmas lights
- 2759 Queen size mattress and boxspring
- 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

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

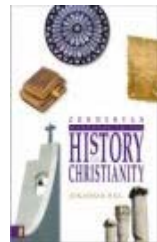
the hungry.

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Tim's Pick of the Week

[Zondervan Handbook to the History of Christianity](#)
By Jonathan Hill

Filled with full-color photos and illustrations, this beautiful, highly readable volume covers the complete history of the Christian faith in rich, fascinating detail. Expert contributors cover the full sweep of Christian history from the time of Jesus, through the church fathers and European history, and spreading throughout the globe on up to today.



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

9th Annual Concord Open Golf Outing



August 9, 2010
White Pines Golf Club
Bensenville, IL

On August 9th, the Men's Club of Zion Lutheran Church (Bensenville) will be hosting their 9th Annual Concord Open Golf Outing at White Pines GC in Bensenville, IL. Cost of the event is \$100 for golf and lunch or \$130 for golf, lunch and dinner banquet. Discounts available for foursomes, as well as sponsorship opportunities. Banquet events include raffle prizes, with a chance to win a big screen flat panel TV, and silent auction items. Cost of dinner alone is \$35 or \$60 a couple.

Proceeds from the outing, which has raised almost \$100,000 to date go to benefit Concord Lutheran school operated by Zion Lutheran Church. Additional information may be found on our website at ZionBensenville.org or by contacting the church office at 630-766-1039 or e-mail to Ziontreasurer@gmail.com

Needed: 100 good men to make a difference in Cleveland August 13-15!



We are looking for 100 men to be the hands and feet of Christ as they gather together for service. The work is hard, the beds are uncomfortable and the benefits are real - neighborhoods fixed up and Christ shared. You have the opportunity to impact Cleveland forever!

The cost for the entire weekend is only \$225! This price includes:

- housing (Friday afternoon to Sunday morning) at a local no-frills, barracks-style, Christian urban retreat center
- all meals
- group transportation by bus while in Cleveland
- a Friday Night Men's NetWork exclusive lakefront cruise and prime rib dinner on the Nautica Queen
- a Saturday night BBQ dinner and Akron Aeros (minor league) baseball game ticket
- service project expenses
- event T-shirt
- an unforgettable weekend!

This is a one-size-fits-all price. Any portion of the activities you choose not to participate in will be considered a financial donation to the host ministry: *Building Hope in the City*.

HURRY! Deadline for registration is July 19!

For more information, please send an e-mail to rich.cohrs@lhm.org or call 800-944-3450, x4310.

[Click here to view the itinerary](#)

ECC Summer Adventure Camp

June 1, 2010 - August 20, 2010
Concordia Early Childhood Center
7420 N. 2nd St.
Machesney Park, IL



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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.

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If you would like more information on how to help or if you have items to share please contact TimHeizner@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