



# ***Making A Difference Newsletter July 13, 2011***





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## Joplin Tornado Survivor Jordan Aubey Returns to New Apartment in Joplin Next Sunday

Jordan is now ready to return to Joplin. LCC will be providing a truck to transport items he needs to move into his new apartment. Jordan and his parents will leave after church next Sunday, July 17. Jordan will be returning to his job as a reporter for CBS KOAM-TV and FOX 14 KFJX-TV.



Jordan Aubey and K9 Comfort Dog Tara Sunday

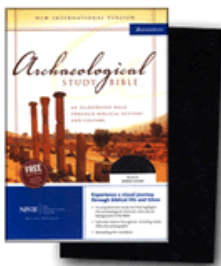
Would you help us fill the truck and help Jordan replace essential items?

Lutheran Church Charities would also like to present Jordan with some financial assistance to help him get back on his feet. If you would like to contribute - Dollar Per Dollar will go to Jordan.

- [Click here for list of items needed](#)
- [Click here to donate to the Jordan Aubey Recovery Fund](#)
- [Click here to donate to Tornado Relief in Joplin, Missouri](#)



Tim's Pick of the Week



LCC has many resources available to congregations, businesses, and individuals.

[Click here to visit our website and learn more](#)

## Family Loses Everything in Fire

Request from, Larry Baade, Organist, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Addison Illinois



A co-worker, Aisha Long, her husband and five children recently lost all of their belongings in a house fire. By the grace of God no one was home at the time (faulty wiring) so there were no injuries. However between the fire, smoke and water damage they have basically lost everything. The family is in need of the following items. If you have items you can donate please contact Lynette Hughes at 847-273-1029 to make arrangements. The family is currently living in a motel; any monetary

donations would also be deeply appreciated as they pull their lives back together after the fire.

- [Click here to donate](#)
- [Click here for a list of items needed](#)



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](mailto:LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org)

[More...](#)

## LCC's K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs Placed in Joplin



On Sunday, July 10, LCC K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs Jackson and Louie were placed at Immanuel Lutheran Church and Martin Luther School in Joplin. After seeing the impact that the K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs made after the tornado, Lutheran Church Charities was approached by the church and school in Joplin about placing a Comfort Dog there permanently.

Immanuel Joplin followed the same procedure that all churches and school desiring a K-9 Parish Comfort Dog go through. They wrote a ministry plan, got church support, found individuals willing to be caretakers and handlers, put together a financial plan, and secured a vet and groomer. During the process of writing the ministry plan and seeing the many different ministry opportunities unique in Joplin, Immanuel and Martin Luther School asked for two K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs. Jackson and Louie had just finished their training at a prison in Illinois so they were both available. Pete Imlah, along with Dog Trainer Jeanne Moore, brought both dogs down to Joplin and worked for two full days with the handlers.

[Click here to donate to Tornado Relief in Joplin, Missouri](#)

[Click Here to Volunteer in Joplin, Missouri](#)

### Ministry Quicklinks

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## Pete Imlah leads Bible Study in Joplin



On Sunday, July 10th, Pete Imlah led a Bible study between services at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Pete shared about the mission and ministry of Lutheran Church Charities and the K-9 Parish Comfort Dog Ministry. In the study Pete shared how we have people all around us that need Jesus Christ and the cost of bringing them to know Jesus. As Christians we are called to share the mercy and compassion of Jesus Christ to those who are hurting and need

encouragement. One of many ways to share about Christ is through the use of a K-9 Parish Comfort Dog. They are an outreach tool to begin a conversation with individuals.

[Click here to donate to Tornado Relief in Joplin, Missouri](#)

[Click Here to Volunteer in Joplin, Missouri](#)

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## LERT Trainings in Genoa and Belvidere Add Nearly Fifty New Volunteers

On Thursday, July 7 LCC staff members Dianna Bonfield and Tim Kurth conducted a Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) training at Trinity Lutheran Church in Genoa. LERT trained volunteers stand ready to respond in case a disaster strikes any community in Northern Illinois.

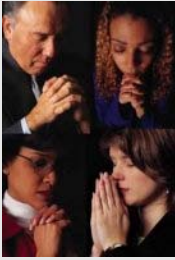


On Saturday, July 9 Tim and Dianna presented the training again at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Belvidere where 18 people took part traveling from as far away as Glen Ellyn.

These 49 newly trained volunteers join the 436 from NID that have already completed the training. This brings the group of credentialed emergency responders in NID to almost 500.

If your church would like to host a LERT training please contact Dianna Bonfield at (866) 455-6466 or email [Dianna@LutheranChurchCharities.org](mailto:Dianna@LutheranChurchCharities.org). Special thanks to Trinity in Genoa and Immanuel in Belvidere for hosting our latest trainings.

## "Send a Spoken Prayer"



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

To learn more, [Click Here](#)

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## Kenya Medical/Construction Mission on Track - Last Chance to Join the Team is This Week



LCC staff member Tim Kurth has spoken with a few people interested in taking the two remaining spots on the mission team that will be working in Nairobi and Kitui Kenya from August 26 - September 5. However, as of now openings are still available.

The mission will provide medical clinics for orphans and blind children. The team will be repairing the boys dormitory facilities at the orphanage and installing a tilapia pond at the home for blind children as a sustainable micro business project. Medical professionals are encouraged to consider joining this mission but anyone is welcome.

The cost, excluding airfare, is \$2295 and includes lodging, in country transportation, some meals and a two day fly-in safari on the Masai Mara. A portion of the fee also goes toward materials; however additional donations strictly for construction materials are welcome.

If you would like to register for this trip contact our trip coordinators at Lifetree Adventures (800) 747-2157. If you're not able to join the team but would like to make a donation, [please click here](#). Donations are used 100% for construction materials and medical supplies as part of LCC's "dollar-in, dollar-out" program.

Contact Tim Kurth at LCC at 866-455-6466 or [TimKurth@LutheranChurchCharities.org](mailto:TimKurth@LutheranChurchCharities.org) with any questions. The deadline for registering is July 15.

## LCC Staff and Dogs Share in Zion Marengo's Church Picnic Weekend and Receive Donations



LCC President, Tim Hetzner, and staff members, Vida Johnston, Tim Kurth and Rich Martin all visited Zion Lutheran Church in Marengo over the weekend along with K-9 Comfort Dogs, Tara and Olympia. Zion selected LCC for special emphasis on their church picnic weekend and invited members to fill an LCC trailer with donated items to be shared with those in need. The empty trailer was delivered by Tim Kurth on Saturday, July 9 and will be returned to LCC full of donated items the week of July 17.

Tim Hetzner speaking at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Alsip, Illinois this past Monday on ***Helping Your Congregation Reach Out with Mercy and Compassion***



LCC Staff member Tim Hetzner spoke at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Alsip, Illinois - Rev Chris Ongstad pastor, this past Monday on helping their congregation come up with ideas on how to reach out to their members and community with Mercy and Compassion - all in ways that don't cost money.

What a wonderful, committed group wanting to Make A Difference in their community - in the name of Christ!

If your congregation would like to schedule Tim to come speak to your church on *101 Ways to Share the Mercy and Compassion of Christ in Ways That Don't Cost Money* - contact Lutheran Church Charities at 866-455-6466 or email Tim at [TimHetzner@LutheranChurchCharities.org](mailto:TimHetzner@LutheranChurchCharities.org)

## Your Donations Make A Difference



The Village Church, an LCMS congregation in Slidel, Louisiana, was the recipient of many donation from LCC Donors that they used in ministering to the families who survived Hurricane Katrina. Rochelle Kurcucar is the coordinator at Village Church. On Saturday, Rochelle and two of her friends, Cara Twillie and Terri Sweetland, were in town for a conference and they delivered 100 pairs of new designer jeans from the Village Church to the LCC Office to pass on to other churches to do ministry.

*Pictures left to right are Cara, Terri and Rochelle*



Cross Lutheran Church in Yorkville had requested a car for a single mother that they are working with. Because of the generous donation of a car from Richard and Karen Michaels, members of St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Park Ridge, this need has been met.

## Looking to be in an in-depth Bible Study? Does Your Church Want to Host a Study? Your Small Group?

Over 150 weeks of In-Depth Bible Studies available on DVD

Tim Hetzner, President of Lutheran Church Charities, has led over 40 Biblical Studies Trips to the Middle East over the past 30 years. Learn his insights into the Biblical Text, the Culture and Customs of the People, the History and Archeology of the land - but MOST OF ALL - discover the MIND-METHOD-MANNER and MINISTRY of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Courses are available on DVD and also on the Internet. Become a host site for Word Among Us Studies and find Answers in the Bible for Life's Many Difficulties and Questions!



➤ [Register Online - Click Here](#)

### Looking to Host a Bible Study?



#### **WORD AMONG US Bible Studies**

Lutheran Church Charities In-Depth Bible Studies -  
WORD AMONG US - May be your Solution!

- Free for Congregations!

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

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

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



### Short-Format Courses Long-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*
- Cover To Cover: A Journey Through The Bible *60-week course*
- The Gospel of John *31-week course*
- Apocalypse 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)**

## Families in Need *Help Make A Difference*



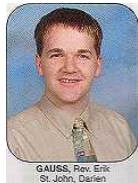
### [Lutheran Man in Need of Pro Bono Criminal Legal Counsel and Representation](#)

Request from Rev. Douglas Hoag, Trinity Lutheran Church, New Lenox, Illinois



### [Request from Northern Illinois District President to Help District Pastor](#)

Request from Rev. Dan Gilbert, President of the LCMS Northern Illinois District



**NEED MET!** - Single Mother of Two in Need of Car for Work  
Request from Pastor Erik Gauss, Interim Senior Pastor, Cross Lutheran Church, Yorkville, Illinois

Because of a generous donation, this need has been met!



### [Single Man Needs Rent Assistance](#)

Request from Rev. Reuben Baerwald, Emeritus, St. Mark Lutheran Church, St. Charles, Illinois

## Disaster Response

### Fifth Batch of Gift Cards Delivered to Immanuel Joplin



Pete Imlah, LCC's Director of Mission & Outreach, delivered the fifth batch of Gift Cards to Principal Jeremy Schamber at Martin Luther School in Joplin, Missouri. Your gift of love and support helps Immanuel Lutheran Church and Martin Luther School continue to reach out to those affected by the May 22nd tornado with the Mercy and Compassion of Jesus Christ. Through you, lives are being touched and a difference is being made.

Prayerfully consider making a donation toward the continual outreach ministry in Joplin by purchasing a card through a donation to their Scrip Program.

[Click here](#) to donate

## Immanuel Joplin Begins Transition to Long Term Recovery: LCC Continues to Support Their Efforts

With the school season quickly approaching, Immanuel Lutheran Church and Martin Luther School in Joplin are beginning the process of transitioning their disaster relief center into a long term recovery ministry. This includes considering a facility away from the church property that will house the recovery efforts and returning the school building to its original purpose. Volunteers are needed to help with this transition work and will be helping paint classrooms, lay new tile in bathrooms and help repair areas of the yard that have been damaged by heavy traffic. Skilled volunteers are needed to assist with repairs to homes damaged but not destroyed by the May 22nd tornado. Over time there will be a need for professionals in the building trades as Immanuel plans to play a role in building new homes in Joplin. LCC will continue to register volunteers for the efforts in Joplin and update our website and newsletter with all the latest information.



[Click here to donate to Tornado Relief in Joplin, Missouri](#)  
[Click Here to Volunteer in Joplin, Missouri](#)

## Immanuel Joplin in Need of Utility Vehicles for Relief Efforts

Jason Glaskey, DCE at Immanuel Joplin, has asked LCC to put out an appeal for 'Gators'. No, not that kind of Gator...these are utility vehicles like the one pictured here and are used by Immanuel to deliver meals out to people working to restore Joplin. They've also been used as roving medical clinics, delivering water and Gatorade, and taking teams out to sites difficult to reach with conventional vehicles.



Their fleet of UTV's was diminished when two of them suffered mechanical failure. They are looking for either a donation or a short term loan (two to three months) of two UTV's to replace the ones they've lost. If you can make an outright donation or a short term loan of a UTV please contact LCC at [LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org](mailto:LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org) or call Tim Hetzner at 866-455-6466. The purchase of a new UTV runs between \$6000 and \$12,000 should anyone be interested in helping in that way.

[Click here to donate toward the purchase of a UTV](#)



## LCC Continues to Deploy Volunteers to Alabama for Tornado Relief

Teams are continuing to form for the ongoing disaster recovery work going on in Alabama. All teams work under the direction of Reverend Ed Brashier, Southern District Disaster Volunteer Coordinator. Ed reports that there are some areas that are recovered sufficiently to require only professional skilled workers. However, he still has places where volunteer teams can make a difference. LCC continues to take registrations for groups that want to help with recovery efforts in the south. There is a size limit of 20 people for each team based on lodging availability.



We thank all the volunteers who continue to consider the needs in Alabama even as new disasters take over the news headlines. If you'd like to schedule a group to help with disaster recovery in Alabama, please contact Dona Martin at 866-455-6466 or [DonaMartin@LutheranChurchCharities.org](mailto:DonaMartin@LutheranChurchCharities.org).

All donations toward this effort go dollar-for-dollar to our Lutheran Churches in support of their work to share the mercy and compassion of Christ through the recovery work.

[Click here to read a letter from Pastor Noon, Holy Cross Lutheran Church](#)

[Click Here to Donate](#)

[Click Here to Volunteer in Alabama](#)

[Click here to view photos from the Southern District](#)

## With LCC CARE CARDING You Can MAKE A DIFFERENCE in a Tangible Way

So many people want to help the people of Joplin, Missouri in a meaningful way - but are not sure what to do. Here is an opportunity to provide Mercy and Compassion and Help to an individual or family right now!

[Click here for more information](#)

If you are unable to do a CARE CARD but would like to contribute to the purchase of gift cards, [click here to donate](#).



## Volunteers to Help Rebuild in Cedar Rapids, Iowa

In June, 2008 Cedar Rapids was inundated by devastating flooding. Rebuilding began in 2009 and is continuing through a program called *Block by Block*. This program requires at least 60% of the block to rebuild. Join the team which will be going August 7-12th. If you can only help part of the time, that is fine also. Housing will be at Camp IO-DIS-E-CA in Solon IA about 10 miles south of Cedar Rapids. Contact Jan Gerzevske, [jgerz@netzero.com](mailto:jgerz@netzero.com) or 630.294.5014 for additional information.



## LCC Needs Chainsaws for Disaster Recovery



One of the greatest challenges faced by communities hit with tornadoes and hurricanes is the removal of fallen trees. Those involved in disaster response know you can never have too many chainsaws!

[Read more...](#)

[Click Here to Donate](#)

## Travel Trailers Needed for Disaster Response Work Request from Rev Ed Brashier - Associate Pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Gardendale, AL and Southern District Disaster Response Coordinator



LCC is in need of a donation of 1-4 travel trailers, the kind you can pull with a car or truck and live in, to be used down south for the longer term recovery efforts because of the tornadoes and flooding.

[Read more...](#)

## Comfort Dog Update

### Adeena Visits Joplin

Adeena, the K-9 Parish Comfort Dog placed at St John Lutheran Church in Burlington, Illinois spent last week bringing comfort and hope to residents and volunteers down in Joplin, Missouri. Adeena was accompanied by handlers Pastor Howard Gleason, David Farran, and Shar Farran. Adeena greeted individuals as they came to the Relief Center for lunch and when they came to the free store. Along with working with Adeena the handlers also delivered cold water and Gatorade, helped restock the free store, and spent time visiting with individuals.

[Donate to K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry - Joplin Outreach](#)



### K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs Featured in LEA Article



*Bring a dog into any room and you're likely to get some attention. Bring an adorable Golden Retriever "Comfort Dog" into any situation, and you will make some new friends and might even open the doors to ministry.*

[Click here to read the full article](#) by Jill Zempel

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

[Donate to the K-9 Parish Comfort Dog Ministry](#)

## Looking for a VBS? Wanting to Let Others Know about Yours?

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 listings for 2011

## 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.



LCC has received numerous requests from churches for vehicles for families in need of reliable transportation. The need for cars and vans to provide a means for getting to work, school and medical appointments has never been higher.

If you have a working car or van please consider donating it to LCC for one of these families. All vehicles that are donated to LCC go directly out to families or individuals through our congregations. NO vehicles are sold.

Here are some of the most recent requests, but we have others that are still waiting for some word...

- [Single Man in Need of Transportation for Work](#)
- [Single Man in Need of Reliable Transportation for Work](#)
- [Single Man in Need of Reliable Transportation](#)
- [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*

## Faith Led Feet - A New Opportunity to Put Your Faith in Action

Lutheran Church Charities has created a new page, "Faith Led Feet", on our web site that will help Christians who are involved in activities for a charitable cause as an expression of their faith to spread the word.

[Click here](#) to read more.



## Other Stories Still Seeking Support

- [Help bring See Through the Scriptures to Haiti and the Dominican Republic](#)
- [Help support former Iraqi Muslim attend seminary](#)
- [Still Point Theatre Collective needs \\$1,000 to continue the Persephone Project](#)
- [Car and financial help needed for homeless single mom](#)
- [35-year-old Ethiopian Man in Need of Medical Treatment](#)
- [Help Crossways International Bring the Word of God to Christians in the Phillipines and Make A Difference to Thousands of Lives](#)
- [Scholarship a Child in Myanmar](#)
- [Urgent Need for Medical Assistance](#)
- [Help Support our Lutheran Outreach Efforts in Lebanon](#)
- [Christians Attacked by Muslims in Ethiopia - 59 Churches Burned and Thousands Displaced](#)
- [College Students Launch Appeal for One of LCC's Own in Haiti](#)

## 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.*

- 2873 Savin 3350 Duplicator
- 2872 3-5 drawer black lateral file cabinets for drawings (ie. architectural drawings or art work). Measures 16"T with four drawers 4"W x 3"D
- 2871 Cream colored retractable screen (wall hanging)
- 2870 (2) office chairs on wheels and (2) black side chairs
- 2869 Slotted mail bin (sits on top of counter). Measures 5"W x 14"D x 33"H
- 2868 Table and 4 chairs wrought iron outdoor set
- 2867 3 drawer low boy dresser, approx. 60 inches long
- 2866 Recliner Lounge chair, faux suede fabric
- 2865 Convertible sofa bed, queen, chenille type fabric
- 2864 Used twin size mattress & boxspring - good condition
- 2863 twin/full bed frame

[Click here for the full list of Items Free for the Asking](#)

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](#)



## Ministry Needs *Help Make A Difference*

### Pianist Needed at Faith Carpentersville

A pianist is needed at Faith Lutheran Church in Carpentersville beginning in July for its 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Services, midweek Services in Advent and Lent, and on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Eve. Schedule could be flexible. A good part-time position for a student or retiree. \$50 per Service. For more information or to apply, please call the church secretary at 224-241-0177 or e-mail the office at [faithlc61@att.net](mailto:faithlc61@att.net)



### Help Ebenezer, Chicago with VBS Community Outreach!

[Request from Pastor Richard Gizynski, Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Chicago](#)



GIZYNSKI, Rev. Richard  
Ebenezer, Chicago.

Ebenezer is again planning on holding its annual Vacation Bible School during the week of August 8-12. Last year we were able to serve over 100 children from the neighborhood, and we hope to do the same this year. However, we can only accomplish this goal with some support. Our proposed budget is \$1500. This includes all cost related to the VBS for 100+ children, a daily meal for each child during the week, and a VBS/community open house picnic the following Sunday. Financial support is needed and any offerings would be deeply appreciated.

Our theme is "Pandamania". If any congregation doing this theme and has any leftover materials and/or decorations, their donation would also be appreciated. We also need and welcome any volunteers who would be willing to serve as crew leaders, shepherding the children from one activity station to the next. No experience necessary, just a love and joy for children who want and need to hear the Gospel. Our VBS hours are in the afternoon from 12:30 until 4:00 PM. Whether you could help out for one day or the whole week, any assistance would be a blessing.

Any and all who are able to help can contact Pastor Rich Gizynski at 773-216-5288.

[Click here to donate.](#)

### Lockers Needed

[Submitted by Aaron Landgrave, Principal, Trinity Burr Ridge](#)



Trinity Burr Ridge is in need of six lockers for their school- 60" high, 12" wide and 12" inches or so deep. If you have any lockers you are no longer using, please contact the principal Aaron Landgrave at [trinityprincipal@comcast.net](mailto:trinityprincipal@comcast.net) or call (708) 839-1444.

## Items Available to a Ministry



### Reed Organ Available

Ten stop antique reed organ available to a congregation. The instrument, of solid oak construction, and lovingly waxed and polished, has been in the same family since it was built in the late 1800's.

Although modest in volume by today's standards, it might well serve a smaller congregation in providing support for its liturgy and hymnody.

Currently in storage for the last several weeks, this organ, operated by mechanical bellows using pedals, has been played until recently. A bench is included.

- [Pastor's Library](#)

- 2873 Savin 3550 Duplicator
- 2856 Hammond Commodore Series 300 Organ Wood is in excellent condition, teak color, includes bench. Was serviced about a year ago. Two manuals/keyboards, full foot pedals, many stops.
- 2849 (100) HS98 Hymnals
- 2848 (175) Lutheran Worship Hymnals
- 2837 (50) like-new Lutheran Worship Hymnals. Books are imprinted with church name.
- 2835 Large 50" Mitsubishi Big Screen Television in light wood cabinet with door closure. Includes a VHS. (Photos available)

[Click here for the full list of Items Available to a Ministry](#)

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## Mission Opportunities *Help Make A Difference*

### Short Term Mission Opportunities MOST Ministries



*Carly Stevens, Executive  
Director MOST Ministries*

Lutheran Church Charities endorses MOST Ministries as a valuable partner in Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in works of service to others in places throughout the world. We have worked with MOST in the past and endorse and support this ministry. If you are interested in Short Term Mission opportunities, please [click here](#) to find out what currently is available. Or you may go directly to their website at [www.MostMinistries.org](http://www.MostMinistries.org)

We thank God for the ministry and partnership of MOST Ministries and encourage those who are interested to be involved with them in serving others.

Thank you,

Tim Hetzner  
President  
Lutheran Church Charities

## Malaria Initiative



The LCC Malaria Initiative provides treatment for malaria and research in multiple countries to combat the spread of Malaria.

[For more on the Malaria Initiative, click here](#)

Visit their web site: [www.malaria01.org](http://www.malaria01.org) or E-mail: [malaria01@yahoo.com](mailto:malaria01@yahoo.com)

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

[Click here to donate](#)

## 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](#)



## International Ministry

### Haiti ESL Update



College students Sofie Martin from Immanuel Lutheran Palatine, Illinois and Jacob Deal from Trinity Lutheran Toledo, Ohio hit the ground running since they arrived in Haiti on June 21st. The first week was spent preparing classroom materials and technology aids for the ESL classes which began Monday July 11th. Originally scheduled to start on July 4th, class was postponed a week as Sofie and Jacob were asked by Pastor Markey Kessa to attend and document a Pastor's Conference for the

Evangelical Church of Haiti led by Reverend Glenn Merritt of *LCMS World Relief and Human Care*.

Pastor Kessa and his wife, Sydney, opened the ESL classes with Sofie and Jacob. Due to the change in schedule, Sofie and Jacob will now be returning one week later. In between setting up for classes and attending the conference Sofie had written in her blog:

*Jake and I had the opportunity to work with a young girl from the church named Nadia, she is currently in nursing school and had some homework in English that she needed help completing. After around 5 hours, we helped her complete the task. It was hard but God gave us the strength to follow through. After we were finished she told us that she couldn't put in words how thankful she was for us helping her. That was the greatest reward of all; the relief of knowing we made a difference was all we needed.*

Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they are Making A Difference in Haiti. You can also support their additional week in Haiti by donating through the following link:

[Click here](#) to donate

### Mission Team from Elberta, Alabama Arrives in Haiti

A mission team of seven from St. Mark Lutheran Church in Elberta, Alabama arrived in Haiti on Saturday, July 9th. The team is working at the Village in Jacmel getting homes ready for people to move into as part of the *Building Homes and Hope in Haiti* project which partners LCMS World Relief and Human Care and Lutheran Church Charities. They will be doing painting and finishing work on the homes. The group will also be distributing shoes at one of the tent cities as the need is still great in this area.



[Click here to donate to Haiti Disaster Relief](#)

[Click here if you are interested in volunteering for Building Homes and Hope in Haiti](#)



## "Fill the Bus" is Rolling Along!

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Richton Park, along with their community members, made a commitment to help the children of Jeremie, Haiti, in particular the 30 orphaned children living with Pastor Isaac Jacquet.

They have decided to do this by purchasing a pre-owned school bus that will be used as a shipping container. The "Fill the Bus" kicked off with a concert and recently a ham dinner held at the church. The next event is Immanuel Fest at Immanuel, Richton Park on Saturday August 13.

The cost of this project is substantial and will be funded through donations and fundraising events.

Call the church office at 708-748-0558 for more information on the upcoming events. You can also contribute to the "Fill the Bus for Haiti" project at the link below. Every dollar of your donation goes directly to "Fill the Bus".

[Click here to donate.](#)



*LCC's Puppet Ministry, led by Christine Rechsteiner, performed at the Immanuel Richton Park ham dinner in April*

## Here are Ways to Help Our Ongoing Haiti Relief Efforts

### Physical Needs

Water Filters

- [School Version](#) - \$185

- [Home Version](#) - \$35

[Building Homes and Hope in Haiti](#)

[Shoes](#) - \$5

[Motorcycles for Pastors](#) - \$1,000

[Support College Students Volunteering in Haiti](#) - \$150

[Goats](#) - \$50 each

[General Disaster Response Donations](#)

### Spiritual Needs

[Staff Workers in the Tent Cities](#) - \$200 a month

[Bibles in French](#) - \$6 each

[Luther's Small Catechism in Creole](#) - \$5 each

[See Through the Scriptures manuals in French](#) - \$2 each



### Developing Projects

Radio Ministry - [click here to learn more](#)

Hosting Haitian Christian Music Group for U.S. Tour - [click here to learn more](#)

## Christian Education Projects in the Philippines



Help the Lutheran Church of the Philippines (LCP) move toward establishing 100 new church and school ministries by the year 2017 to reach more people with the saving gospel of Jesus Christ! Rev. James Cerdenola is the LCP President.

[Read more...](#)

[Click here to donate](#)

## LCC Ministry Resources

### Ministry Resources Available to Congregations



Looking for Ways to Share the Mercy and Compassion of Christ to Those in Your Church and Community?

How to Conduct a Successful Mission Fair

[Click here to learn more about these and other Ministry Resources available from LCC](#)



LCC Staff and Comfort Dogs Available for Church Functions and School Chapels!

[Click here to learn more!](#)

Find us on Facebook 

### Servant at Heart - Online Christian Business Directory



Looking for a Christian business?

Lutheran Church Charities has an online Christian Business Directory, Servant@Heart.

This online directory allows:

- Christians businesses to advertise their services without cost.
- Christians looking for employment a place to post their resume
- Christians with job openings a place to post those opening
- Others to seek out Christian businesses and employees

[Click here to learn more](#)

Now Available: **Join Tim Hetzner this fall as he leads a *CHRISTKINDL MARKETS* trip to the Czech Republic, Germany and Austria, November 27 to December 5, 2011**

December is the time for the Christkindl Markets (Advent Markets) in the Czech Republic, Germany and Austria, a tradition that dates back hundreds of years. Literally translated, the street fairs are Christ-child markets. They happen in nearly every city and village, large and small. They are always cause for celebration and for shopping, for some roasted sausage, music on the streets and the insides of centuries-old churches, and, of course, some hot, spiced wine.



Let this be an invitation to focus on Advent and the Coming of Christ in bringing in the Christmas Season.

*Tim Hetzner*  
President, Lutheran Church Charities

[Click here for more information on this trip.](#)



## Tim's Pick of the Week



[NIV Archaeological Study Bible, Bonded Leather Black](#)

Edited By: Walter C. Kaiser Jr., Duane Garrett  
Zondervan / 2006 / Bonded Leather

An Illustrated Walk Through Biblical History and Culture, The NIV Archaeological Study Bible sheds new light on the Bible. From the beginnings of Genesis to the end of Revelation, this new study Bible is filled with informative articles and full-color photographs of places and objects that will open your eyes to the historical context of the stories you read and the people you meet in Scripture. From kings and

empires to weapons of war to clay pots used for carrying water, the archaeological record surrounding God's Word will help contextualize and inform your personal study.

## Help us Feed People in Need [In Disaster Response and Outreach Events](#)



Because Christians do food well - and food is always needed in a Disaster Response situation and other outreach events, LCC is looking for a FOOD WAGON that we can cook and serve food from. Needs to be portable - can be a pull trailer or mobile unit.

If you know of anyone who has one they would like to donate, or if your group would like to help purchase one that would be shared with our NID

congregations and beyond, please contact Tim Hetzner at LCC at 866-455-6466.

## Thrivent Choice - Help Support Making A Difference Through Lutheran Church Charities

[Thrivent Choice](#) is the new charitable grant program through which Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members are able to direct Thrivent charitable funds. Eligible members are designated Choice Dollars, based on insurance premiums, contract values, and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership which are directed by the member to Lutheran organizations.



### 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



### "Sing Praise" Choir Camp



August 1-5 from 1-4 pm with performance on August 6th at 5:30 pm  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
5211 Carpenter St.  
Downers Grove, IL

Lights! Camera! Action! A musical has been chosen for Immanuel Lutheran Church's Sing Praise! Choir Camp 2011. This year's camp is for students 2nd-10th grade who love to sing and perform! The camp will be held August 1-5 from 1-4pm with a final performance on August 6 at 5:30pm. Come and join a fun week preparing, practicing and getting ready to perform a musical! The registration deadline is July 25th. After signing up, each participant will receive a

listening cd of the musical "SOLID ROCK CAFE" that will be performed.

Sing Praise! Choir Camp is a great opportunity for students to express their creative talents as they are immersed in singing, art, drama and fun; all in a supportive caring atmosphere.

The camp will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St. in Downers Grove. There is a \$30.00 fee. Scholarships are available.

At the SING PRAISE! CHOIR CAMP, participants will meet new friends, have fun, learn singing skills and techniques, grow more comfortable on stage, gain self confidence and present a musical. Each camper will receive a camp t-shirt and music cd.

Registration information can be found at <http://www.ilcdg.org/Index.asp?PageID=11541> or by calling the church office at

[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](mailto:TimHetzner@LutheranChurchCharities.org) or send contributions to LCC, 333 West Lake Street, Addison, IL 60101 or contribute at our web site at <http://www.LutheranChurchCharities.org> or call us for credit card donations at LCC's office at (866) 455- 6466