

Making A Difference Newsletter Lutheran Church Charities

Forward to a Friend

July 15, 2009

LCC's New Electronic Magazine ("E-Zine") Format

The amount of needs in LCC's Making A Difference Newsletter continues to grow! That's good and bad news! In an effort to make our newsletter easier to read, we are experimenting with several different looks and we would appreciate your feedback. Please check out the new "E-Zine" format and tell us what you think!

[Let Us Know Your Opinion!](#)

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IMMEDIATE NEED for **Communion Ware and Christian Materials for Lutheran Church In Ghana** **Request from Deaconess Hannah Bart-Plange, Lutheran Church in Ghana**



Deaconess Hannah Bart-Plange (pictured top), President of the Evangelical Lutheran Women's Association of Ghana, West Africa is here in Chicago.

She traveled to Portland OR in June to attend the LWML National Convention. This month she has come to the NID seeking training in leadership development. As the ONE trained Deaconess serving our partner churches, Hannah is eager to build programs to equip the next generation of leaders in the ELCG. This special relationship is the fruit of the NID LWML 2008 short-term mission trip to Ghana, called by ELCG Bishop Paul Fynn (pictured bottom).



Hannah will be able to take items that are desperately needed for the Church in Ghana back with her when she returns home. As she will be leaving soon we need to know ASAP if you have any of these items to donate to Ghana.

Please join us in reaching out to your parishes for any used items that could be put back into Our Lord's service in the ELCG. It is a very rare opportunity we have to send physical items with a church member traveling to Ghana from the US.

Please call LCC at 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org if you have items to donate. **All items must be received by July 27th**

Mission Location: Takoradi, Ghana - West Africa

Comfort Dogs available
for Church Functions

Van Repairs
Feed the Invisible Guest
Program
Congregational
Preparedness Training
offered free
Tim's Pick of the Week
New Bible Study Classes
Job Seekers and Employers
Servant at Heart Business
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Golf Fund Raiser for
Stepping Stones
Dinner Fundraiser
Camelot - July 17-19 and
24-26
Cross Cultural
Conversations
Huge Garage Sale
Chicago Urban Summit
Trinity Tinley Park 150th
Anniversary Celebration
Upcoming Events
How To Support LCC

Used Items requested for St. John Lutheran Church & 10 remote preaching stations

- Altar Covers, Altar Cloths
- Communion Ware - all forms: chalice, glass cups, etc.
- Cassocks w/ Stoles, All Liturgical Season Colors
- Choir Robes
- Small Catechisms, Large Catechisms, Book of Concord
- Hymnals (TLH is used in most congregations, together with local music)
- Educational & Devotional Materials

Used Items requested for St. John Preschool and Preaching Station Outreach Ministries

- Christian education materials for children
- Christian Music - CDs or Tapes
- Mens & Women's Socks, Shirts, Shorts (New/Gently Used)
- Toddler & Children's Clothing (New/Gently Used)
- Office Equipment: Laptop, Digital Camera

Elderly Widow of LCMS Pastor Needs CCTV Magnifier

**Request from Rev. Roger Keller, Assistant
Pastor, Messiah Lutheran Church, Saint Charles,
Missouri**



A member of our congregation is in need of a CCTV Magnifier unit to allow her to continue to read. Christine is a resident of the Breeze Park Assisted Living community (LSS), and is the widow of an LCMS pastor. She has been experiencing an issue caused by Wet Macular Degeneration and her vision has been severely reduced.

Treatments have helped to slow the onset of blindness, but she now needs assistance for low vision. Through testing, it was determined that she would do well with a CCTV Magnifier unit. Her family has checked with several sources, including the Lions Club, but have not been able to obtain a used system. The unit she needs is a once button operation, full screen system with color, magnification 2.5X to over 50X, monitor must tilt. Preferably a 17" monitor

We are hoping that Lutheran Church Charities can get the word out and possibly locate someone who has a used CCTV Magnifier that can be given to Christine. She is about to celebrate her 96th birthday in July, so it would be a great blessing to her to learn that she might be receiving a unit soon. The cost to purchase a unit is \$2,600. At this time Medicare will not cover the cost.

If you have a CCTV Magnifier to donate to Christine please contact LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org or call 866-455-6466 (toll free).

[Click here to donate to the purchase of a CCTV Magnifier for Christine](#)

Prayer Wall

Post a prayer, or pray
for others!

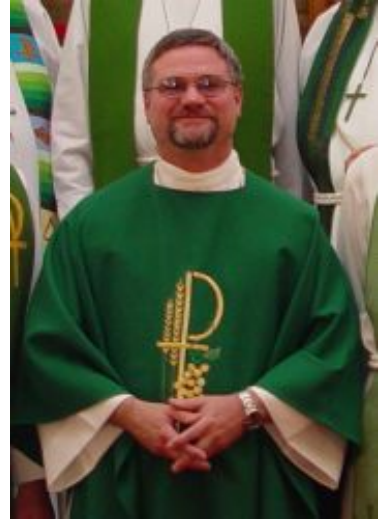


[LCC's Prayer Wall](#)



Comfort Dog Opens Door for Sharing Gospel

LCC received the following from **Pastor Robert Hauter, Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Kouts, Indiana**. Pastor Hauter works with LCC Comfort Dog **Bojangles** and shared about a recent experience when he was out with Bo.



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

[More...](#)

Opening Doors I Cannot Open

I have run into a few people, not many, who think that a Comfort Dog Ministry is not all that it is cracked up to be. But yesterday's experience for me is one in which I will beg to differ. Here it is.

I took Bojangles into Starbucks and got a cup of coffee. I was leaving to go home when I was asked a question by a table of customers about Bo. Bo had opened the door for me to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We must have talked for an hour or more. It was quite enjoyable. Now here is the thing that you all need to know. I would never have been stopped and asked a question by anyone if I was alone. And then have a discussion of the Gospel. And this has also been true when I wore my collar and did not have Bojangles yet. I find that when I am with Bo many people are willing to talk to me who would never think to walk up to a stranger and ask questions even if they wanted to talk to me. Bojangles opens doors that I cannot. What a true blessing from God he is!

Ministry Quicklinks

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LCC Comfort Dogs Visit Lord of Life, La Fox

On Sunday, July 12th LCC Comfort Dogs Tara, Zina, Howe, Darlin, Butter, Shami and two Service Puppies in training visited with members of **Lord of Life Lutheran Church in La Fox**. Sue Kessler, member of Lord of Life, and her Comfort Dog Bonnie, joined the LCC Comfort Dogs on Sunday. Tim Hetzner gave the message at both services on *Giving Hope When all Seems Hopeless: Sharing the Mercy and Compassion of Christ with Others*.



[Donate to the Dog Ministry!](#)



Thanks to [Wheat Ridge Ministries](#) for their special support for the LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry!

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To Unsubscribe: Enter your e-mail address above, and you will be sent instructions. Thank you.

LCC Announces

"Send a Spoken Prayer"



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

To learn more, [Click Here](#)

2010 Lenten Pilgrimage: Biblical Study Tour

**Egypt
Jordan
Israel**

Biblical Study Tour

12 Days

First Bethlehem, Chicago in Hunger Walk

Request from Pastor James Kellerman, First Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL

On Saturday, June 20, three members of First Bethlehem (Rick Frank, Pastor James Kellerman, Peter Rohow) walked the walk...and now they are talking the talk:

We walked in the Greater Chicago Food Depository's 24th annual Hunger Walk to raise funds for our food pantry. The money we raise will be credited to our food pantry's account with the Greater Chicago Food Depository, from which we are able to purchase much of our food at a greatly discounted rate. Even though the Hunger Walk is over, we can still raise money for the event through **July 31**. And, what's more, **we can match up to \$1,020 with money from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.**

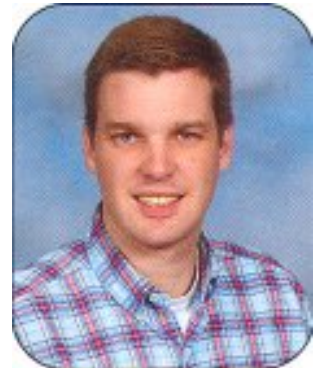


Please consider a donation to Huger Walk for First Bethlehem's food pantry.

[Click here to donate to the Hunger Walk](#)

Domestic Violence Victim and Two Sons Need Housing Assistance

Request from Pastor Phil Ressler, Lord of Life Lutheran Church, LaFox, Illinois



RESSLER, Rev. Philip
Lord of Life, LaFox

We have a mother that is a member of our church who is the victim of domestic abuse and violence. She is currently living in a shelter for abused women with her two boys. However, she will need to leave the shelter soon. She will be in need of housing. Her husband was arrested and is in jail as a result of the incident. She was a stay at home mom before this incident and does not have a job. She has no family supporting her. We are helping her to seek housing and employment, but any assistance would be a blessing.

[Click here to donate...](#)

Study Tour

13 Days
Feb. 8-20
2010

Visit sites
"normal"
tours do
not see!



[Click Here for More Info](#)

19 Year Old with Cancer Needs Assistance for Medical Treatment

Request from Pastor Steve Maske, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Flint, Michigan

Shyra Voelker (19) has been diagnosed with cancer. Her family lived in a house that had been built on a toxic chemical site near Flint, Michigan. Her father Ron Voelker died from cancer March 7, 2009. The family received no life insurance. The family needs help with resources to assist with treatment for Shyra.

[Click here to donate...](#)



Your Donations *Make A Difference*

Here are just some of the many ways your donations are meeting the needs in the Body of Christ...

NEED MET: Blind Woman Robbed **Thank you to all who Made A Difference!**

Request from Pastor Larry Frazier, Resurrection Lutheran Church, Chicago

Betty is a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church, 9349 South Wentworth, Chicago. She is retired and has been legally blind for most of her life. On April 17, 2009 at 12:45 p.m., Betty was robbed by two young men as she left a medical appointment at the Advocate Health Care building at 98th and Western Ave. They pushed her against the building and took her purse which contained \$745, intended for rent.



FRAZIER, Rev. Larry
Resurrection, Chicago

Your Donations Make A Difference! Former LCMS Mission Teaching Couple in Need of Assistance

Request from Pastor Mark Schultz, Trinity Lutheran Church, Lisle, Illinois

Former LCMS mission teacher couple in their 70's, both out of work due to loss of their teaching positions

Because of your generous donations LCC was able to send a check to help meet the needs of this couple.

Pictured: Pastor Mark Schultz and Linda Arnold, Parish Nurse, Trinity Lutheran Church, Lisle, receiving check from LCC.



Your Donations Make A Difference!

Rebecca Dominguez, wife of Pastor Ruben Dominguez, **Apostles Lutheran Church, Melrose Park** dropped off a donation of women's clothing, videos and blank computer floppy disks. These items will be distributed to families in need through our Ethnic Ministries.



NEED MET: Family in Need in Norwood Park Thank you to all who Made A Difference!

Request from Deaconess Karen Rubel, St. Paul Lutheran, Norwood Park, Illinois

This morning I received a phone call from a family in our community that is in need (a mom and three children). Their electric will be shut off if they do not pay a set portion of the bill (\$458) by the 19th of this month. We have a fund set-up to help families in need and as a result of current economic hardship, the fund is running low and we're not able to help pay the whole bill. Help this church on Chicago's Northwest side to refill its Assistance Fund so they can continue to reach out to their community with the Compassion, Presence, and Proclamation of Christ!



Thank You for Making A Difference

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

- St. Matthew, Chicago - Soup Kitchen
- St. John's, LaGrange - Jeff Smith Fund
- POBLO - Trinity, Roselle - Iranian Single Mother
- St. Paul's, West Allis, WI - Heimsoth Family Fund
- Crossways International - Dominican Republic Haiti Crossways Materials
- St. Paul, Chicago - Norwood Park Family
- Immanuel, Palatine - Family of 7 Fund
- St. Paul, Flint, MI - 19 year old cancer patient

Items Available to a Ministry

- 2452 - 27 Red 1941 hymnals + lectionary
- 2382/2383 - (2) Basketball Standards (*picture at right is an example - NOT actual available*) One needs minor repair (welding) work.
- 2384/2385 - (2) Christmas Trees approx. 15-18 feet tall
- 2328 - 150 LW (1941) Hymnals
- 2311 - 8 drums & 10 bottles of ink for a Savin #3360 Duplicator
- 2300 - Wooden teacher's desk, formica top; 59.5"wide; 29.5"deep, 30.5" high
- 2299 - Metal Typewriter stand
- 2298 - Dell Ink-Jet Printer
- 2297 - Laser Printer
- 2296 - 6 ft tall, very narrow standing shelf unit for VCR storage; imitation walnut
- HYMNALS AVAILABLE... check the web site listing for the latest updates...



[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.

- 2496 - Bedroom set
- 2495 - 2 end tables with built in pole lamps
- 2494 - 3 hanging lamps
- 2493 - 1 computer desk with hutch
- 2492 - dining room set with table and chairs, & china cabinet and custom table pads
- 2491 - dining room set with table and chairs, & china cabinet and custom table pads
- 2490 - Coffee and end table
- 2489 - 2 barrel chairs for the living room
- 2488 - 27" Sony in dark wood cabinet (abt 2 1/2' H)
- 2487 - 32" Sony TV (non digital - needs converter box) in big wooden cabinet (abt. 4' H) Light Wood.
- 2486 - Stereo cabinet - about 3 feet high with storage space (dark wood)
- 2485 - Dining room table that could easily seat six people, but only has 3 padded arm chairs (dark wood)
- 2484 - Hutch: bottom drawers and storage, top glass enclosed for dishes etc. (dark wood) about 7' high
- 2479 - Flat Screen Monitor (Older)
- 2478 - Flat Screen Monitor (Older)
- 2477 - Flat Screen Monitor (Older)
- 2476 - Flat Screen Monitor (Older)
- 2475 - Flat Screen Monitor (Older)
- 2474 - Flat Screen Monitor (Older)

- 2473 - Flat Screen Monitor (Older)
- 2472 - 2 Compaq Deskpro EN/1 Gateway
- 2471 - 2 Compaq Deskpro EN/1 Gateway
- 2469 - Pentium III - Dell
- 2468 - Pentium III - Dell
- 2467 - 1 Compaq Deskpro - Pentium Pro
- 2466 - HP Brio (Celeron)
- 2465 - HP Brio (Celeron)
- 2463 - Gateway - Celeron - 64 MB RAM/4 GB HD
- 2462 - Gateway - Celeron - 64 MB RAM/4 GB HD
- 2461 - Gateway - Celeron - 64 MB RAM/4 GB HD
- 2460 - Gateway - Celeron - 64 MB RAM/4 GB HD
- 2459 - Gateway - Celeron - 64 MB RAM/4 GB HD
- 2458 - Gateway - Celeron - 64 MB RAM/4 GB HD
- 2457 - Gateway - Celeron - 64 MB RAM/4 GB HD
- 2456 - Gateway - Celeron - 64 MB RAM/4 GB HD

[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](#)

Family of Seven in Need of \$6620 to Help with Mortgage and Health Insurance

Request from Pastor Tom Acton, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Palatine

Immanuel is working with a member family who is in need of financial assistance. The husband has been unemployed since October and is actively seeking work. The wife is unable to work due to a disability. She is applying for Long Term Disability but has not yet been approved. They have four children living at home as well as the wife's brother, who is also unemployed and seeking work. Because of the loss of employment they have had to borrow from their 401K to pay their mortgage. They also need help to maintain their COBRA health insurance. They are also behind on their house taxes. They are putting their home up for sale but need help now while they continue to look for work. Any assistance for this family will be a tremendous blessing.



[Click here to donate...](#)

Single Mother Needs \$300.00 for Car Repair

Request from POBLO Missionary, Hicham Chehab

A new convert to Christianity from Iran, a single mother, who works to support her 2 year-old toddler and herself, needs \$ 300 for car repairs.

[Click here to donate](#)



**Update and New Request:
Iranian Refugee Family of Four
in Need of Car - Car Need MET!
Need assistance for registration
and Insurance**
**Request from POBLO Missionary,
Hicham Chehab**



Because of the generous donation of a car by **Pastor Doug Swanson of St. John Lutheran Church, Darien** (*pictured*) this family's need for transportation has been met.

However the family is still in need of \$200 to transfer the title and insure the car. [Click here to donate to help them get moving in their new car!](#)

LCMS Pastor starts Orphanage in Ethiopia

Rev. Tilahun Menedo and his family have started a Lutheran orphanage in Ethiopia - where he was born. Pastor Menedo is currently serving at **Faith Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Mobile, Alabama.**

To find out how you can help the orphanage grow in helping many of the street children in Ethiopia, [please watch the video here.](#)

To support a child for one month the cost is only \$25 which provides food, clothing, and education for the child (\$300 for a year)

➤ [Donate to the orphanage through LCC.](#)

➤ [Download the Master Builders Center Newsletter](#)

➤ [Download the Master Builders Center Flyer](#)



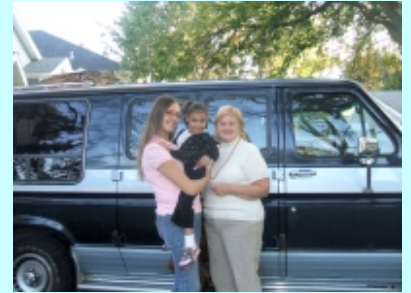
Other Stories Still Seeking Support

- [Assistance Needed for Member at Celebration Ministries \(Hope Lutheran\), Park Forest](#)
- [Open Doors in Haiti - Bible Study materials Needed](#)
- [Orphans in Kenya](#)
- [Bibles Needed for Arabic Student Outreach to Muslims](#)
- [Former LCMS Mission Teaching Couple in Need](#)
- [LCMS Missionary Raising Funds to go to Thailand](#)

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...

- [Single Mother Needs Car for Work](#)
- [Cargo Van Needed for Haitian Immigrant Ministry](#)
- [Couple from Bulgaria in Need of Car](#)
- [Single Mother of Four Needs Car for Work](#)
- [Walther Student Needs Car for Work](#)
- [Egyptian Refugee Family in need of Transportation](#)

[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

Minivan Needed for Hispanic Pastor in California

Rev. Erik Loza is a Pastor at First Lutheran Church in Van Nuys, California, where he serves an English speaking congregation and also is in charge of developing a Hispanic ministry to reach a large population of Mexican families. Pastor Loza also has been holding worship services in Spanish at El Redentor Lutheran Church at Panorama City, California.

Pastor Loza is in great need to have a minivan to cope with the different transportation needs in his ministry that includes to help some of his parishioners to be able to attend worship services and to pick up food for the Saturday soup kitchen program.

If you have a vehicle to donate for this need, please contact LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org or call 866-455-6466 (toll



free).

15 Passenger Van Need for Salam Arabic Church

Request from POBLO Missionary, Hicham Chehab

The Salam Arabic Church is in need of a 15 seat passenger van. The van will be used in their ongoing outreach to the Arabic community.

If you have a van to donate or if you have a van that could be loaned to Salam during the summer, please contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or e-mail LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org



Refugee Family Needs Car

Request from POBLO Missionary, Hicham Chehab

Dear Friends,

A new Iraqi refugee family of three needs a car. The head of the family, 39, was baptized last month. He has a lot of leadership qualities, very educated, and used to translate for the American troops in Iraq. He is fluent in both Arabic and English and will be a big help in the ministry to Arab-speaking refugees. A car will help him lend me a hand in the human care ministry; driving refugees to hospitals and public facilities, something that takes a lot of my time.

In God's Peace,
Hicham

If you have a car to donate, please contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or e-mail LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org



Thank You Ana Ristic!

LCC would like to thank groomer Ana Ristic of Two Paws Up in Itasca for donating grooming services for 5 month old Shami, LCC's young comfort dog in training.



Vet services donated!

LCC would like to thank Dr. Jeffery Deeke, DVM, of Animal Medical Center of Itasca for providing free veterinary services for LCC Comfort Dog Shami. Dr. Deeke is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Roselle. The Medical Center is located at 220 Catalpa Street, Itasca, Illinois.

Pictured Dr. Jeffrey Deeke, Jenny Malloy, CVT and Joanne Bonk, Vet Tech



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](#)"



LCC uses only Donated Vehicles to do our pick ups and deliveries of food, clothing and other items. Consequently, they have a tendency to break down more often.

[Would you consider helping us get the needed repairs to our vehicles? If so - please click here to make a donation.](#)

STOP is not a word LCC uses often...

But sometimes we have to COME to a STOP!

*Thank you for helping us so that Together with You,
We Can Continue Making A Difference!*

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](#)

Churches Partner With LCC To Provide Congregational Preparedness Training



LCMS Human Care and World relief has put together the training and tools needed for a congregation to develop a plan for being prepared if a disaster hits. Not only that - LCC and the District Disaster Response Team are trained and willing to take your congregation through the plan. This takes about 3 hours with key leaders of your church. Members of LCC and the District Disaster Response team will continue to consult with you congregation, helping you through each of the various aspects to have a plan in place.

The evening of training will be from **6-9PM** with a light meal at 5:30 pm

LOCATIONS:

- Cross Lutheran Church -Yorkville - **Thursday July 23rd.**
- Good Shepherd - Elgin - **Saturday - August 29th from 9 AM to Noon**

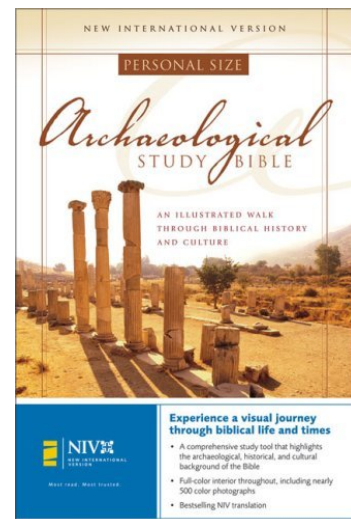
To schedule a training [Register Now](#), or for more information contact Tim Hetzner or Dianna Bonfield at LCC at **866-455-6466** or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

Tim's Pick of the Week

[NIV Archaeological Study Bible](#)

By Zondervan

A unique study Bible filled with informative articles and full-color photographs that will take you on an illustrated walk through biblical history and culture.



Looking to be in a Bible Study?

➤ [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

- **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

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' On-Line 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!

TOMORROW! Golf Fund Raiser for Stepping Stones

Stepping Stones will hold a golf outing at Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road, Bloomingdale, Illinois on **July 16, 2009**. Registration and lunch begin at noon followed by a shotgun scramble at 1:30 p.m. Cost for lunch, 18 holes of golf with cart and dinner is \$135. Guests are eligible for some great prizes. In addition, there will be a silent auction and raffle. There are contests on the course that will add to a fun experience.

The proceeds from this event will provide transitional housing for Stepping Stones' families who are homeless as a result of domestic violence. Stepping Stones is a program partner with Bridge Communities. Both organizations are 501c3 non-profit agencies.

Please call **Jim Sargis** to sign up at **630/766-4766**. Visit www.stepsstonesroselle.org for more information.



Italian Family Style Dinner Fundraiser **Lutheran Church of St. Luke, Itasca, Illinois** **Saturday, July 18**

The Lutheran Church of St. Luke invites you to join us for an Italian Family Style Dinner

Where:

The Garden of Eat-In (St. Luke Gymnasium)
410 S. Rush St., Itasca, IL

When:

Saturday, July 18th
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Menu:

Salad, Garlic Bread, Mostaccioli Marinara,
Meatballs, Sausage and Peppers, Italian Cookies,
Lemon Ice

Donation:

\$10 per person or \$25 per family (3 or more)



Proceeds from this dinner will benefit the youth and adult Mission Trips. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact the parish office at 630-773-0396.

Grace Helping Grace!

July 17-19 and 24-26

Tuesday's Child presents Lerner and Loewe's Camelot, July 17-19 and 24-26. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30pm and Sunday's are at 2:00 pm. Advance tickets are \$12 adults, \$10 students and seniors, \$14 at the door. Call **773-622-5783** or email tuesdayschild09@gmail.com to reserve your tickets.



Tuesday's Child is a theater group founded by members of Grace Lutheran Church in River Forest. The production benefits Grace Lutheran School in Chicago, a mission school serving children in the South Pilsen/Little Village neighborhood. Supplemental funds are being provided by the West Cook County-Chicago Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

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A Taste of CCC

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Melrose Park

July 19, 2009

Cross Cultural Conversations invites you to join us for A Taste of CCC!

Come learn about the ministry of CCC: connecting congregations with their international neighbors



Sunday July 19, 2009
St. Paul, Melrose Park
4:00 Welcome
5:00 Dinner

Speakers will include
President Dan Gilbert
CCC Volunteers
Our International Neighbors who want to share their story

Food from around the world will be provided by those CCC has had the pleasure of working with. A silent auction will feature art from around the world.

The dinner is complimentary. Please RSVP by contacting Natalie Bishop at Natalie@CrossCulturalConversations.org

An opportunity will be provided to make a gift to support the ministry of CCC.

Huge Garage Sale

July 30 - August 1

Lutheran Church of Saint Luke - Itasca, IL

The Lutheran Church of St. Luke Gymnasium
410 S. Rush St., Itasca, IL

FREE ADMISSION

Thursday, July 30th 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday, July 31st 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday, August 1st 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Items for sale include furniture, sports equipment, toys, knick-knacks, kitchen items and much more!

Proceeds of this sale will benefit the Medical Mission Trip to Mexico on October 10-17, 2009

To make a donation to the sale or the Mission Trip, or for more information, please call the parish office at 630-773-0396



Chicago Urban Summit

Concordia University - Chicago, River Forest

October 2, 2009

8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

... and let the discussion begin as together we talk about *The Nature of Urban Lutheranism & The Revival of Urban Lutheranism*.

Keynote Speaker:

Rev. Mark Junkans (*pictured*) is the executive director of Lutheran Intercity Network Coalition (LINC)-Houston.

Speakers include:

- Rev. Dan Gilbert, President, Northern Illinois District -LCMS
- Rev. David Stechholz, President, English District - LCMS
- Dr. John F. Johnson, President, Concordia University - Chicago
- Veteran Chicago Pastors on panel discussion.



Registration Fee:

Before August 30th, \$20 per person; groups of three or more pay \$15 per person. After August 30th, \$25 per person and groups of 3 or more pay \$20 per person. Lunch and materials included.

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Trinity Tinley Park 150th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 18, 2009

Trinity Lutheran Church of Tinley Park Illinois will be celebrating its 150th anniversary on Sunday, October 18, 2009.

Celebration worship services will be held on the 18th at 8:00 A.M., 9:30 and 11:00.

Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. Klaus, speaker of the radio broadcast, the "Lutheran Hour" will officiate. Trinity is located at 6850 W. 159th Street, Tinley Park, IL, 708-532-9395. Displays of the congregation's history will be available for viewing.



Following the service, dinner and entertainment will be held at the Holiday Inn Select Convention Center located at 18501 S. Harlem Ave., Tinley Park, (use 183rd St. exit, as there is no entrance at 185th) beginning at 12:30 until 4:30 P.M. A beef and chicken dinner will be served at a cost of \$25.00 and the cost for children will be \$20.00. Contact Donna Beran at 708-532-9108 for further information or reservations. Reservation deadline is September 20. Please specify if you wish to reserve a table for a group. There will be a limited number available. A reservation form is available on Trinity's website www.tlcs.org

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

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| Golf Fundraiser for Stepping Stones | July 16, 2009 | Bloomington Golf Club |
| Italian Family Dinner | July 18, 2009 | St. Luke, Itasca |
| A Taste of CCC | July 19 | St. Paul, Melrose Park, Illinois |
| Huge Garage Sale | July 30 - Aug 1 | St. Luke Gymnasium, Itasca, Illinois |
| Chicago Urban Summit | October 2, 2009 | Concordia Univ. - Chicago |
| Trinity 150th Anniversary Celebration | October 18, 2009 | Trinity Lutheran Church, Tinley Park, Illinois |
| Apologetics Seminar | Oct 26-30, 2009 | Jacksonville, Arkansas |
| 2010 Lenten Pilgrimage | Taking Reservations Now | Egypt-Jordan-Israel (see LCC web site) |
| Oberammergau Passion Play -Study Trip | Taking Reservations Now | Germany |



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