

Making A Difference Newsletter Lutheran Church Charities

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Seeing the Face of Jesus in the Poorest of the Poor

This past week I had the opportunity to return to Haiti after 10 years. I went with volunteers (*photo left*) from Illinois, New York, Boston, and Michigan to work with the Lutheran Church of Haiti in the providence of Jeremie. We worked with Pastor Isaac, who is the equivalent of the District President of that area, with 32 churches under his supervision. The trip was organized through Sue and Ken Gross of Christ Lutheran Church in Orland Park. They did a wonderful job of coordinating the Mission crews that went out over the two week period! I also want to thank [Rev. S.T. Williams](#) of St Paul Lutheran Church in Los Angeles for his coordination and commitment over the last 30 years to the work of the Lutheran Church in Haiti.



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If you would like to support the Haiti mission efforts please [Click Here to Donate...](#)

I am still reflecting on what I saw and experienced. It is a good news/not so good news scenario.

The Good News:

- The Lutheran Church in Haiti is growing! While there I witnessed 12 baptisms in one remote church alone!
- The Church is being faithful in their proclamation of the Gospel and in their Word and Sacrament ministry.
- They are faithful in serving the poorest of the poor and in caring for orphans and widows, as our Lord has directed all of us to do!
- They are making the most of the little they have!
- They have a well prayed out plan on how to expand to proclaim the gospel to all in their country!
- I could go on and on with the positives ...



The Not So Good News:

- Being one of the poorest countries in the world, they desperately need our support in furthering the Kingdom of God in reaching the Poorest of the Poor! Support for teachers and pastors (a teacher makes \$60-80 a month), support for the orphans, support for food and medical supplies.

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Jesus said, I was hungry did you feed me ...

Please keep the church in Haiti in your prayers. Consider giving regular support to help them. [Click here to donate to Isaac's Orphanage, Haiti.](#)

I will write more in the coming weeks on more specific ways in which you can

Make A Difference in Building God's Kingdom in Haiti.



Tim Hetzner
President
Lutheran Church Charities

Left - Pastor Isaac, Tim, and Rev Marky Kessa, President of the Lutheran Church of Haiti

LCC Announces Launch of "Send a Spoken Prayer"



LCC's ["Send a Spoken Prayer"](#) e-Card site is now available. To try it out, click on the link above.

To learn more, [Click Here](#)

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Rev. Keith GeRue Interview on KFUO-AM



Listen on the Web at http://worldwide.kfuo.org/WORLDWIDE_KFUO

Listen in on Thursday, July 24th at 5:00 PM when Rev. Keith GeRue is interviewed on KUFO. Rev. GeRue will be discussing his experience as a Chaplain in Iraq where he began a program to provide stuffed animals to the children visiting their families at the Detention Facility in



Bucca, Iraq. Because of the tremendous response they received from the families as well from the donors the ministry has expanded to include a need for clothing, blankets, pens, paper, crayons and coloring books as well as the stuffed animals. The camp currently houses 22,000+ detainees, so the need for items is great and ongoing. As Rev. GeRue shared "We are not allowed to initiate a conversation about Christ but we can answer any questions we are asked. The items we give to the families opens the door for the gospel when they ask us why we are doing this."

Rev. GeRue has returned home but he will continue to coordinate this ministry with LCC and be the liaison with the Chaplains currently stationed in Bucca, Iraq.

If you would like to send items to Iraq and support this important and ongoing ministry please contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or e-mail LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org for mailing instructions



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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Help Needed: Update on Jerry and Barb Heimsoth

It has been a tough year for them. Jerry is now in Mount Caramel Nursing Home full time. He is now on Public Aid, meaning the govt. takes his disability salary and pays for the care. There were about 3 months that he did not have the aid and they got about \$12,000.00 in debt. Barb and the kids are living on her 10 month teaching salary from St. John. She has begun to sell Pampered Chef and has her own website www.pamperedchef.biz/barbheimsoth to try to supplement the family income.

This is one way people could help them, save gas (products can be ordered on line and shipped directly to the buyer) and get quality kitchenware or gifts. Otherwise donations to their fund would be so much appreciated.

I have to tell you a little story revealing Jerry's character. Jerry has been in a nursing home for about 8 months now. He can't talk - he points to letters on a board that Barb made. He can't swallow liquids - he now has a feeding tube. He can't attend his little girl's high school activities. He just has so little in the blessings we all take for granted. Barb goes to the nursing home every afternoon to feed him dinner and tuck him in bed. She has been trying very hard to get Jerry moved to a new room with bed by the window. What difference that would make! He has had an interior bed and his roommates enjoy the sun while he sees a curtain and the depressing hallway all day. Barb finally succeeded in getting him moved and he will room with another young (60 ish) man who has become a friend at dinner. Barb was so excited to give Jerry the news. A new room, a window and a roommate who is not over 80!!! What a blessing! The next day Jerry told Barb that he has given the window position to his roommate. Barb said, "Why?? I worked so hard to get the window for you!" He replied, "Kevin really wanted it." Jerry is still ministering in his own way. He is a remarkable man.

[To donate to the Heimsoth Family Fund, click here...](#)



HELP LCC Get a COMFORT DOG and Add to our Staff!

LCC would like to purchase a Trained Comfort Dog to use in our ministry in Disaster Response and to help launch Extra Mile Ministries in congregations. The Comfort Dog would be a "working" dog for LCC going out in Disaster Response situations and visiting congregations to show them how a Comfort Dog can be a valuable asset for outreach ministry. Would you consider helping us? The cost of a trained Comfort Dog and Handler training will be about \$7000. This includes miscellaneous expenses for the dog such as health care, insurance and of course, treats! If you would like to help us expand our ministry of Bringing the Compassion of Christ, with the Presence of Christ and the Proclamation of Christ to others [click here](#) or contact Tim Hetzner at 866-455-6466.



[Donate to LCC Comfort Dog Fund](#)

Join Our Mailing List!

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

Cookbooks Available



Help support the relief efforts in New Orleans with a Cook'n for Katrina cookbook

All Proceeds go to Katrina Relief

We have always loved entertaining. A large part has been cooking with family and friends.

There is nothing better than everyone crowded in the kitchen creating a meal.

After visiting Biloxi and New Orleans for Lutheran Church Charities we became very aware of the continued devastation a year and a half after Katrina hit. What we saw weighed heavy on our hearts. We knew we wanted do something that would tell the people of the area they are not forgotten. So we did what we knew best: enlisted our family, friends and extended Curves family for support and recipes. They all came

Christmas Market/Advent Tour

Join Tim Hetzner, President of Lutheran Church Charities on an Ecumenical Christmas Market/Advent Tour of Lutheran Germany and Catholic Bavaria

11 Days - December 1 to 11, 2008

Journeying Together in Faith!

... an Ecumenical Christmas Market/Advent Tour with Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church and St. Michael Catholic Church in Wheaton, Illinois

We are delighted to invite you to join us in an ecumenical spirit on a tour of Germany and Austria ...



we hope you will share this journey to deepen our faith and our relationships with each other. We will visit the historical sites where Martin Luther, a former Augustinian monk, began the Reformation, and then travel to Catholic Bavaria to visit churches, shrines and monasteries important to the Catholic history in Germany and Austria. Along with lots of opportunities for shared prayer and conversation, you'll also have the opportunity to shop for one-of-a-kind Christmas gifts at each town's Christkindmarkt, and enjoy a final evening with Tim Hetzner, Pastor Eastman and Fr. Don at Munich's famous Hofbrauhaus toasting our continuing friendship!

We hope you will join us in this unique opportunity to grow together in the faith of our common baptism, witness to our oneness in Christ, focus on Advent, and learn more about each other while respecting each others unique history, heritage and traditions.

Tim Hetzner, Pastor Melody, and Father Don

[Click here for a brochure](#) with complete trip details or call Tim Hetzner at 866.455.6466 e-mail TimHetzner@LutheranChurchCharities.org

To notify us of your interest in this trip, [please click here and fill out this form...](#)

Volunteers Needed for Inner City Church VBS

Request from Rev. Richard Gizynski, Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Chicago

Each year Ebenezer has held its Vacation Bible School during the first full week of August. This year is no different, our VBS is scheduled for August 4 - 8. Each year the number of children attending has increased, and this year we're hoping and praying for 120 attendees. This is a great opportunity for us to reach out to the community's children.

Our problem is that this year we are desperate for volunteer support. We lost our partner from the last several years, and several of our own members are unable to assist because of serious health issues.

We are seeking anyone with a love for God and kids, and a willingness to help. We need older



GIZYNSKI, Rev. Richard
Ebenezer, Chicago

through.

Here is your chance to help and enjoy recipes from the heart!

In Christ,
Rich and Dona Martin

[Click Here to Order yours Today](#)



New Classes Now Forming



Word Among Us Bible Studies

Offering In-depth Bible Studies for Adults

Join the 50 plus congregations in 12 states already using Word Among Us Bible Study Materials (Free for Churches)

You can't have a Well Fed Church if you only serve Fast Food!

Consider having your church or small group be part of the growing number of churches involved with WAU In-Depth Bible studies - and help them explore the MIND METHOD MANNER and MINISTRY of Jesus Christ..



Three Courses Available:

New for Fall 2008!

Class Schedule for 2008-2009 - Release Dates - Week of:

teens and adults who can act as crew leaders. These individuals would shepherd the children from one VBS station to the next, during the course of the day. We need people from 12:30 pm until 4:00 pm, Monday, August 4 through Friday, August 8. Even volunteering for only one or two days would be greatly appreciated.

Ebenezer is located at 1256 S. Harding, near the intersection of Roosevelt and Pulaski Roads, in Chicago. Those willing to help can contact Pastor Rich Gizynski at 773-216-5288.

Thank you and God bless.

"Hear the ROAR* of Bethlehem" * Replace Our Aging Roof.

Request from Rev. Jeremy Heilman, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL

Bethlehem Lutheran School, on the East Side of Chicago, has been providing quality, Christian education for 133 years. We recently discovered that what we thought was a minor roof leak is really major damage. The entire roof needs to be replaced at a cost of \$30,000. We are in an urban neighborhood and just don't have the money that it takes. We are asking for help from members, alumni, local businesses and concerned Christians throughout our community in raising the funds necessary to replace our roof. Any donations would be helpful and greatly appreciated. Thank you.



[Click Here to Donate to help defray the cost of Roof Repairs](#)

Your Donations **Make A Difference**

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

Furniture donated for Cedar Rapids, Iowa

On July 16th Dawn Odoi, member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Palatine, dropped off an entertainment unit for the flood victims in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The unit was loaded on the trailer that went to Cedar Rapids with the Servant Volunteer Team from St. John Lutheran Church in Wheaton.



September 7 - James:
The Tests of True
Religion, 5-week course

October 12 -
Philippians: To Live is
Christ, 5-week course

November 16 - Jude:
Short, Sweet and Sour, 1-
week course

November 30 - Jonah:
Prodigal Prophet, 3-week
course

January 11 - Proverbs:
The Way of the Wise, 10-
week course

March 22 - Know that
God Exists, 1-week
course

April 19 - Esther: One
Night with the King, 5-
week course

There will be more information on
registration coming next week.
Stay Tuned.

APOCALYPSIS JESU
CHRISTUS (30 weeks)
In-Sight into the Book of
Revelation

Of all the Books of the Bible, none
has fired the Western imagination
more than this mysterious one -
John's Apocalypse.

The Book of Revelation however is
a revelation of Jesus Christ

· The totality of Jesus Christ in the
totality of his mission and ministry,
his death and resurrection, his
living lordship, and his coming
again.

- It is an explanation and
proclamation of the gospel.
- It is instruction in Christian
discipleship.
- It is a portrayal of the church.

Readers of the Book of Revelation
are either mesmerized or mystified
by it. The mesmerized come up
with such startling interpretations
that the mystified often conclude
that sober- minded Christians



Handmade Quilts going to Camp Biloxi

On July 18th Myron Hillers, member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crystal Lake delivered 10 quilts made his mother's (Muriel Hillers) Ladies Sewing Group at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Delaware, Iowa. The quilts were sent to Camp Biloxi, Mississippi.

First Volunteer Servant Team Leaves for Cedar Rapids Iowa

Top Picture: Steve Chester presenting the check from LCC to Pastor Offt of Trinity Lutheran, Cedar Rapids, Iowa on July 22

On Wednesday, July 16, the first half of the Volunteer Servant Team from St. John Lutheran Church in Wheaton, Illinois arrived at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Youth Group was able to assemble 15 scrub buckets with monies that had been donated. The rest of the Volunteer Team left for Cedar Rapids Thursday evening, July 17th.



Team member Steve Chester, towed his 30 ft. trailer loaded with furniture and appliance donations for the flood victims. The donations were coordinated by LCC and loaded by LCC volunteers. They are also taking a check of your monetary donations through LCC.



*Thank you to everyone who has so
generously donated their time and money.
You are showing the
Compassion of Christ to those affected by
the flooding. You are Making a
Difference!*



Click picture to enlarge

should leave the book well alone.

From the very beginning, cranks and crackpots have attempted to use The Book of Revelation to advocate some new twist on the Chicken Little Doctrine: The Sky 1S Falling! But APOCALYPSIS JESU CHRISTUS teaches instead that Christians will overcome all opposition through the work of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of John
(30 weeks)

Often viewed as a stand apart Gospel, this study will explore the brilliance of the author who presents us with the Life and Ministry of Jesus with such great insight and understanding. Discover who the Beloved Disciple is.

Cover-To-Cover Through The Bible.

(30 Weeks Year One and 30 Weeks Year Two)
Enjoy a Spiritual Journey through each book of the Bible - in the order in which they fall in the Historical narrative. See how one needs to see the BIG picture in order to begin to wrestle with the Mind, Method, Manner and Ministry of our Lord! See the radical nature of this Messiah, Jesus of Galilee. See how he is one of the best kept secrets of the church today!

INDIVIDUALS CAN TAKE EITHER COURSE BY INTERNET!

For more information on **Word Among Us Classes**

and how your church or small group can become a site visit our web page by **Clicking Here....**

Semi-Trailer has Arrived on the Gulf Coast



The semi loaded with furniture, household items, medical supplies and medications, large and small appliances, office supplies and equipment, building supplies, some toys and new clothing items arrived safely this morning (July 17) in Biloxi, Mississippi. In addition to the above items the semi is transporting ministry supplies for the camps and some of the churches in the Southern District that are reaching out to people affected by the hurricanes almost 3 years ago.

In the last issue, we shared the need for additional funds to pay for the fuel. At this date we are \$600 short of the

\$2000 needed to pay for the fuel.

[Click Here to Donate toward the Fuel Fund.](#)

In some ways the need for the items on this semi are greater than the need nearly 3 years ago right after the hurricane. Why, you ask?


[Read more...](#)

Volunteer Opportunity Update:

Columbus, Indiana: The word from the Indiana District Disaster Relief Team is that with the aid of local Indiana volunteers and volunteers from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Seymour and St. Peter in Columbus the initial clean up is almost done. Tom Brown of the Indiana District Disaster Relief Team says that their greatest need will be for skilled volunteers to assist in the rebuilding of homes during the months of July, August and September. [If you are interested in volunteering click here.](#) The Indiana District Disaster Relief Team has made arrangements to house 32 volunteers

Cedar Rapids, Iowa - **Saturday July 26 - July 31, 2008** NID-LWML Team. Jan Gerzevske will lead a team of women and men to Cedar Rapids Iowa to help clean up after the floods that hit Cedar Rapids and the surrounding communities. If you would like more information or would like to join the team [click here...](#)

Tuesday August 15 - August 20, 2008 the second NID-LWML Team will head to Cedar Rapids Iowa. Carol Fuys will be leading the team. If you would like more information or would like to join the team [click here...](#)

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Update: Flood Relief

Columbus, Indiana: Donations Needed

The Orphan Grain Train has joined hands with a Bartholomew County United Way agency named Sans Sousi and obtained a large building for the purpose of receiving and distribution of goods to the people in legitimate need. This effort is to avoid duplication of goods, manpower and get a building large enough to handle the volume of items that are needed to help the families with severe losses.

The items that are needed include all types of furniture, dinning, bedroom, living and family room that is in good condition, Also appliances of all kinds, washers, driers .stoves, refrigerators, TV's, VCR's sweepers .freezers and all type of good usable goods. They want to include bedding , tableware, cooking utensils, including plastic kitchen ware, sewing machines, rugs and good clean carpet.

These items can be taken to Columbus, Indiana, to the building on 13th Street between Michigan and Grand avenues. Any questions pertaining to items, location and time should be directed to the OGT warehouse 812-579-6884. The hours will be from 9am to 5pm Monday thru Friday and open till 1pm on Saturdays. Gift in Kind Acknowledgements will be available for Tax deductions.

LCC is exploring the possibility of arranging a pick-up day in the Chicagoland area for needed items. If you have items to donate that you can not deliver to Indiana, please contact Dianna Bonfield at 866-455-6466 or e-mail Dianna@LutheranChurchCharities.org

LCC is asking you, your family, church, or organization to put together [Welcome Home Packs](#) that you will send to our churches in our Iowa East District to be given to returning families.

[Click Here for more info...](#)



Immediate Need: Scrub Buckets

Now that the flood waters are starting to recede and the clean up is beginning there is an immediate need for "scrub buckets" filled with cleaning supplies. LCC will be collecting the buckets and arranging for them to be delivered to the various flood sites. Scrub Buckets can be dropped off at the LCC offices Monday thru Friday from 8:30am to 4:00pm.

Lutheran Church Charities ([map](#))
333 W. Lake Street

Addison, Illinois 60101
866-455-6466

- [List of items needed in each bucket](#)
- [Donate for purchase of scrub buckets](#)
- [Non-monetary tax receipt for supplies donated](#)

If your church or organization would like to be a collection site for Scrub Buckets please contact Dianna Bonfield at 866-455-6466 or e-mail Dianna@LutheranChurchCharities.org



Lutheran Church Charities is in Need of Tools for our Disaster Response Work

Lutheran Church Charities would like to have some additional tools on hand so we can be prepared for any upcoming disasters. If you own any of these tools and are not using them, please consider donating them to be used for our Disaster Response work. If you are at any garage, yard or estate sales this upcoming season, please consider purchasing any of the following tools for Lutheran Church Charities, so we can be better prepared to make a difference. [Please click here for the list.](#)

Turn Your Leftovers into Dollars



Last summer, Lutheran Church Charities teamed with Project 12 Baskets as a way to help our churches and our supporters have an opportunity to Make a Difference without giving a monetary donation. The mission of Project 12 Baskets is to "Turn Leftovers into Dollars". They do this with your material donations. They receive donations and connect them with interested buyers, therefore turning your donation into cash for your church or charity.

Now that it is the time of year that you may be cleaning

out your attic, basement or garage, downsizing or moving an elderly parent to assisted living, you may find hidden treasures that you are not sure what to do with. Please consider contacting Project 12 Baskets at 877-448-7122 or [www.](http://www.project12baskets.com)

[project12baskets.com](http://www.project12baskets.com) and they will be more than happy to consult with you regarding your donation. The Project 12 Basket team will work closely with families to select the personal and household items that are to be gifted. They will organize the necessary volunteers to pack and empty a residence, if applicable, such that it can be readied for sale. Project 12 Baskets will share the proceeds with Lutheran Church Charities and together we can Make a Difference.



Update: Project: Pastoral Education, Sierra Leone - THE RETURN

We have reached about 2/3rds of our \$3,500 goal to fund THE RETURN to Sierra Leone and provide another installment in the continuing effort to equip the Lutheran Pastors of Sierra Leone and Liberia in their faithful service in the Ministry of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Your prayers and gifts have enabled Pr. Grovenstein and I to make our travel arrangements for our planned trip. We are confident that the Lord will provide the additional needed funds needed for the trip. We are planning a three week trip this year, Lord willing, leaving on September 22 and returning on October 15th. In addition to a two-week educational program that will heavily emphasize a study of Lutheran worship as that centers on the saving gifts in Word and the Sacraments, we hope to do some strengthening of congregations in the bush tribal region of Kono as road conditions permit.



I want to thank you so very much for all your prayers and support for this labor of love. Please continue to pray that the Lord will provide the means to cover our expenses and that he would grant us safety and health for this important work. I have attached a copy of our informational brochure for those who might be interested in learning about



and supporting this important mission.

Photo: Sierra Leone Pastor's Class of 2007

God's richest blessings to you.

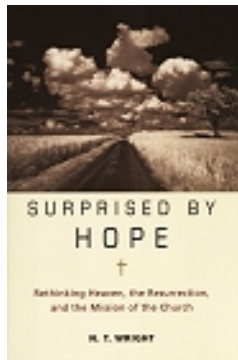
Dr. Steven A. Hein, Director
Concordia Institute for Christian Studies

[Click here for a copy of the brochure](#)

Other Stories Still Seeking Support

- [Assistance for Two Elderly Church Members](#)
- [Help Needed with Meeting Rent Demand](#)
- [Quadraplegic Woman needs Standing Wheelchair](#)
- [Ethan - 12-Year-old boy with Brain Tumor - Family needs Prayers and Assistance](#)
- [African Immigrant Ministry in need of More Food](#)
- [Baby with a Brain Injury - The Baby Jeremy Fund](#)
- [Soup Kitchen Director Undergoing Cancer Treatment](#)
- [Lutheran Deaconess needs Financial Assistance after Surgery](#)
- [New Moms Inc](#)
- [Retired Teacher Will Share God's Love as She Serves In Asia](#)
- [Lutheran Teacher with Parkinson's disease in need of help](#)
- [Newsletter from a Lutheran Teacher in China](#)

Tim's Pick of the Week



[Surprised By Hope: Rethinking Heaven, The Resurrection, and The Mission of the Church](#)

By: [N.T. Wright](#)

HarperOne / 2008 / Hardcover

[Read the Review](#)

CBD Stock Number: WW551826

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.

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

- [Uptown Ministry in need of 12-Passenger Van](#)
- [Family from Iglesia Evangelica Luterana San Juan in Need of a Car](#)
- [Liberian Immigrant Family of Six - New Song Lutheran, Aurora](#)
- [Congregation President needs Minivan - St. Matthew, Chicago](#)

[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

New Classes Starting This Fall

Sign up early! Registration Has Started...

WORD AMONG US Bible Studies

Want to be in a Bible Study with others but your schedule doesn't allow for it?

Consider joining an Internet Study group.



- Progress at your own rate.
- All materials are on the internet
- Communicate with other students and the instructor via Chat Room
- View the video and get your handouts on line!

Courses available Now

The Gospel of John - 30 sessions

Cover to Cover - Genesis through Revelation - 60 sessions

Book of Revelation - 30 Sessions

To register or get more information - [Click here](#) OR call Toll free 866-455-6466

<http://www.WAUonline.org>

Class Schedule for 2008-2009 - Release Dates - Week of:

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3-week course

- January 11 - Proverbs: The Way of the Wise, *10-week course*
- March 22 - Know that God Exists, *1-week course*
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For more information and registration, [Click Here....](#)

Can You Help LCC Offset the Soaring Cost of Gas?

LCC is experiencing the rising cost of gas along with everyone else. Can you help offset some of our gas costs? We would like to continue to make pick-ups and deliveries of food, clothing and other items. However, we have to limit these trips due to the cost of gas. Your donation can help keep us going and making a difference at the end of the day.

[Click here to donate to the LCC Vehicle Fund](#)



Servant at Heart

Lutheran Church Charities Launches On-Line Christian Business Directory

Looking for a Christian business? Lutheran Church Charities has just launched 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 in your area 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!

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.



Items Available to a Ministry

- Conn Electronic Organ (40+ years old). Light pecan or light walnut solid wood cabinet. 2 sets/rows of keys and full set of floor pedals. Includes a matching wood bench. Looks and works wonderfully. - Item # 2085
- 2 dozen white robes (cape-style confirmation robes) - #2074
- Older style pulpit on rollers - #2075
- 298 Blue Lutheran Worship Hymals- Item# 2049
- 110 TLH (1941) Synod Hymnals- Item# 2050
- 150 Worship Supplements - Item# 2051
- 140 Lutheran Worship (Blue) Hymnals - Item# 2052
- 50 Lutheran Book of Worship Hymnals (Green) #2026
- 200 LW's #2027
- Altar Book #2028
- Lectionary #2029
- 100 Red Hymnals #2031
- 75 Lutheran Hymn Service Books, 1985 #2032
- Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Franklin Park has about 40 folding wooden chairs (adult size), and about 20 folding metal chairs (kid-size) here for the taking. They're older but in decent condition.

[See the LCC Web site for the complete list of items currently available.](#)

Items Free for the Asking

- Portable Basketball Hoop - Item # 2084
(see photo at right)
- Kitchen Table with 4 wood chairs - Item # 2090
- 2 wooden end tables - Item # 2091
- 2 table lamps - Item # 2092
- 2 padded living room chairs - Item # 2093
- Metal Desk with wood top & 1 file drawer on each side with desk chair - Item # 2094
- 2-drawer filing cabinet - Item # 2095
- Small dorm size refrigerator - Item # 2096
- 2 Love Seats - Item # 2086
- Couch - Item # 2087
- 2 Chairs - Item # 2088
- End Tables - Item # 2089
- In-counter Maytag Dishwasher (Black) - Item # 2034
- GE Gas Dryer - Item # 2054



[For a complete and current list of all that is available, go to the LCC Web Site.](#)

Vacation Bible School - It's That Time Again!!



LCC is posting Vacation Bible School schedules on our website again this year.

[Click here to see a listing of times and locations.](#)

Since it is VBS time that must mean that summer is here!

A LESSON IN HELPING OTHERS James 4:17



Bundle Offer Includes:

- Tomato Sawyer & Huckleberry Larry's Big River Rescue DVD
- Trip Time Fun Activity Book
- Trip Time Songs CD
- Large 2' x 3' Show Poster



Hey Moms & Dads! [Meet Tomato Sawyer and Huckleberry Larry](#) - two friends homesteading along the banks of the mighty Mississippi River. Tom & Huck dream of owning land, building homes and starting businesses. They've got their sights set on self-employment satisfaction with *Tom's Tax Service* and *Huck's Jerkyland Turkey Jerky Stand*.

Tom & Huck's good life on the lazy river takes a turn for adventure when they meet a mysterious stranger on the run. With unexpected twists around every bend, we discover that while helping others may not be the easiest thing to do, it's always the right thing to do!

Two Free Gifts from the Studio Store - while supplies last! *Trip Time Fun* Activity Book has 16 pages of great activities for kids: Word Search, Maze, Big River Trivia, Crosswords, Pull Out Poster & *Trip Time Songs* CD with 6 travelin' tunes. Plus - large collectible 2' x3' show poster too! Shipping Now!

Tomato Sawyer & Huckleberry Larry's Big River Rescue teaches us that helping others is always the right thing to do - a timely lesson in this season when so many of our neighbors are in need! Thousands of families have been displaced, many will be homeless for months. Businesses, farms and crops have suffered major damage.



Want to learn more? Your family can help too! Relief organizations rely on donations and the help of others (like us!) to meet basic needs of families in crisis. They provide meals, shelter, health care, crisis counseling, buckets, mops, muscles and more. Below is a trusted charity organizations. Please visit their web site to learn more.

Find a way your family and community can help others today!

[Lutheran Church Charities](#)

Annual Pig Roast - August 17 - Hawthorn Woods

St. Matthew Lutheran Church (Old McHenry Road between Quentin and Midlothian Roads), Hawthorn Woods will sponsor its



(847) 438-7709.

18TH ANNUAL PIG ROAST on Sunday, August 17th.

Food will be served from 12:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Admission is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 4 thru 10.
Children under 4-free.

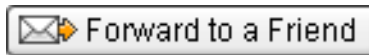
For additional information visit www.stmatts.net

For ticket purchase or ticket information, please call the Church office

Upcoming Events

VBS - SonWorld Adventure Park	August 3-7 - 6-7:45 pm	Messiah Lutheran Church - Elmhurst to Register, call 630-279-4775
Candlelight Bowl and Silent Auction	August 16 - 7 pm	Hope Lutheran Church - Orland Park
18th Annual PIG ROAST	August 17 - Noon-5 pm	St. Matthew Lutheran Church - Hawthorn Woods
Oberammergau Passion Play -Study Trip	Taking Reservations Now	Germany

[See the LCC Upcoming Events Page for details on all these events.](#)



How To Support Lutheran Church Charities

All contributions go dollar per dollar to the causes listed in this newsletter.

If you would like more information on how to help or if you have items to share please contact TimHetzner@LutheranChurchCharities.org

or send contributions to LCC, 333 West Lake Street, Addison, IL 60101

or contribute at our web site at <http://LCC.LutheranChurchCharities.org>

or call us for credit card donations at LCC's office at (866) 455- 6466

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