

Making A Difference Newsletter

Lutheran Church Charities

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LCC Connecting in Cross-Country Car Donation (California)

Dan and Stephanie Christian, members of **Immanuel Lutheran Church, Elmhurst, Illinois** recently donated a car to LCC. The only catch was the car was located in California. Dan has been working in California and wanted to donate their car to a family in need. LCC connected up with **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, California** and its pastor, Rev. David Sauer. Rev. Sauer



knew of a woman who was in need of a vehicle and was able to arrange the transfer through LCC.

God's people in Illinois reaching out to God's people in California. Thank you Dan and Stephanie!

Pictured - Pastor Dave Sauer from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church handing the keys to Debbie, the recipient of the car.

Lowrey Organ Available

The donor of this item is moving and needs to have this picked up **before August 13**. Larger versions of the photos are available by clicking on the small photos here. Item is located in Homer Glen, IL. For specific details and directions, contact LCC at **866-455-6466** or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

About Us and What We Do



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

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

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Items Needed

- **Our Saviour Lutheran Church (Neva) Chicago needs 60 copies (in good condition) of "All God's People Sing" - Please contact Lutheran Church Charities if you have these to offer... 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org**

Items Free for the Asking - **New This Week**

- **Couch**, Burnt Orange, 6 months old
- **Large wooden desk** - only one side has drawers, light color
- **Wooden table (kitchen)** with one leaf - no chairs (light color)
- **Mauve cloth covered chairs (4 or 5)** for conference area or waiting area.
- **wooden office desk** with credenza
- metal (gray tones) **credenza** with computer stand
- four drawer **lateral file cabinet** (4' tall)
- two (wood laminate) **round tables** with pedestal bases (5 feet round)

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

New Items Available to Church/Organization

- brand new **Huffy Portable Basketball System** (*pictured at right*)
- **Music Books**
 - The Wonderful Cross - Worship Musical for Easter (4)
 - Alvin Slaughter/Rain Down
 - Plus various sheet music
 - Small selection of other books
- **Cassettes**
 - Lessons From Littleton
 - Top Leaders Speak Out on Leading Teens



Gifts online Aaron Blessing Pendant - Gold or Silver -



Engraved on this lovely pendant are the Hebrew Script from Numbers 6:24-26:

*"The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;
The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace."*

Dimensions:
(clasp is 5 mm, scroll is 20 mm)
25 mm x 10 mm

➤ [Click here for OnLine Ordering from LCC's "Resource Cart"](#)

• VHS

- In Your Face - Youth Video Series
 - Wise as Serpents - Christian resources to develop street-smart youth
 - 6 Boxes **Sunday School Materials**, and **Confirmation Materials**
 - 2 Notebooks (and floppy disks) with **Worship Resources**
 - Fellowship Ministries - Worship Alive
 - 1 Notebook - **Guide to Growth Bible Study**
- [See the LCC Web site for the complete list of items currently available.](#)

Couple in Need of Transportation

Request from Rev. Ken Krause, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Rockford, Illinois

From Rev. Krause:

I am writing to ask if a car is available for a husband/wife team at Mt. Olive, Rockford. Both are very active in the church. Both work, but they have low paying jobs. They're trying to work their way out of debt, but their car is giving them many problems. (For example, the car does not work in reverse.) She travels from Rockford to Genoa every day for work, a considerable distance. So a car that gets decent gas mileage would be a great blessing to them.

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



Elderly Man Needs Car to Receive Medical Treatment

Request from Pastor Ted Groth, Zion Lutheran Church, Summit Illinois

On March 27, 2007 I visited your offices in Addison with a woman (a single mother of five) from Summit, where I am pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, and we received a donated van from you. Ms. Lopez (name changed) has made good use of that van and we wish to thank you again.

Today Ms. Lopez contacted me with a request from her father, who has recently moved to Summit from Texas in order to get specialized medical care for brain tumors. Her father is in need of a vehicle in order to receive the medical treatment that he needs. The donation of a car would be of great benefit to this family.

If you have a car that you can donate please contact LCC at **866-455-6466** (Toll Free) or e-mail LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org



New Classes 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 2007!

APOCALYPSIS JESU CHRISTUS

(30 weeks)

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Family of Mother, Daughter and Granddaughter in Need of Transportation

Request from Carroll Alexander from Trinity Lutheran, Roselle

I am working with a family who is in need of a car. The grandmother lives in Niles and provides housing for herself, her 19 year old daughter and her daughter's young baby.



Both of the women work in Buffalo Grove at low paying jobs and have to rely on public transportation to get to work. If they miss the second bus connection and have to take a taxi for the last leg home the day's commute charge is \$13.50. Grocery shopping is a ¾ mile walk each way and in bad weather also means the cost of a taxi. This woman is desperately trying to provide for herself, daughter and granddaughter but without a reliable car they are at the mercy of public transportation.

If you have a car that you can donate to meet this family's need please contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or e-mail LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

Single Mother and Her Two Children in Need of Housing Assistance

Request from Rev. James Zimmerman, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Addison

St. Paul is working with a single mother who is in need of financial assistance for housing. She has been attending church regularly at St. Paul for the past several months. She works and is able to pay monthly rent but she needs help with the security deposit. She has recently left an abusive living situation and needs to find an apartment for herself and her eight year old son and teenage daughter. She is working hard and is committed to providing a better life for her children. Any assistance to help this family start a new life would be a true blessing.

[Click here to donate to help this family.](#)

Assistance needed for Truck Repairs for POBLO Ministry to Muslims

Last January LCC provided a donated pick up truck to Hicham Chehab, POBLO Missionary for NID. The truck is currently in need of repairs that will cost approximately \$1,200.00. Hicham uses the truck daily in his ministry and can not afford to be without transportation.

[If you are able to donate toward the repair costs and help keep this important ministry on the road, click here.](#)



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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)

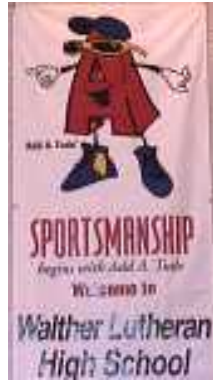
Enjoy a Spiritual Journey through each book of the Bible - in the order in which they fall in the Historical narrative. See how one needs to see the BIG picture in order to begin to wrestle with the Mind, Method, Manner and Ministry of our Lord! See the radical nature of this Messiah, Jesus of Galilee. 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....**

Help Volunteer and Make A Difference
Gymnasium Facelift For Walther Lutheran High School



Walther Lutheran High School in Melrose Park will benefit from a volunteer work week supported by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Chicagoland Regional Financial Office and its local members. The activity will take place between **July 28 and August 4.**

The goal of the event is to provide needed repairs and improvements to the school's gym including sanding and staining the bleachers, installing new windows and doors and painting the gym itself. This project is financially supported by Thrivent Financial's Care in Regions program. Congregational groups and individuals are asked to participate. For more information contact Anita Ward at 708.344.0404 or via email at anita_ward@walther.com.

Walther Lutheran High School is a co-educational Christian school located at 9th and Chicago in Melrose Park. The school has an enrollment of just over 400 students from over fifty different Chicagoland zip codes. For more information about Walther Lutheran High School, call **708.344.0404** or visit www.Walther.com .

Laptop Needed for Ministry

Rev. Dr. Shadrach Katari from the Indian Ministry at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Chicago and the Wesleyan Lutheran Church in Forest Park is in need of a laptop computer for his ministry.



If you have a laptop that you could donate please contact Lutheran Church Charities at 866-455-6466 or e-mail LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

Volunteers Needed to Teach ESL



Request from Gary Zehnder, Lay Minister, Faith Lutheran Church in Carpentersville Illinois

Faith Lutheran Church is looking for additional volunteers to teach ESL (English as a Second Language) this fall for both day time and evening hours. This is an up and running group that has outgrown the present volunteer staff.

Please contact Gary Zehnder at (847) 428-2079 or e-mail gjehnder@aol.com

Support Needed for Mission Trip to Haiti

Request from Rev. Robert Buer, Living Faith Lutheran Church, Orangeville, Ontario, Canada

Tim Hetzner and Dianna Bonfield from LCC met Suzanne White at the recent Building Bridges of Solidarity with Africa Conference at Concordia University, Chicago. She shared with them the work she had done on a mission trip to Haiti in March.



[Click Here to Read More...](#)

[Click here to donate to the Haiti Mission Trip Fund for Suzanne White](#)

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 to 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 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](#)

Kansas Flooding and LCC Cooperative Relief Coordination Response with LCMS and Kansas District



In recent weeks there has been extensive flooding in South East Kansas. LCC, in collaboration with Rev. Glenn Merritt of LCMS World Relief and Human Care and the Kansas District, is sending our Disaster Relief RV to Coffeyville Kansas to serve as an on site office.

LCC is working with LCMS who is working through Pastor Richard Peckman (pictured), of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Coffeyville. Pending city permits, the Disaster Relief RV will be parked on the property of St. Paul.

Mobile Trailer or RV Desparately Needed to House Flood Victim in Coffeyville

Pastor Peckman has requested help in finding temporary housing for an elderly woman (member of St. Paul) displaced by the flood. She is in need of a RV or hard sided trailer (no pop-up trailers because of the weather) for the next 30 to 60 days. If you have a RV or trailer that you could donate the use of to provide housing for this woman contact LCC at **866-455-6466** (Toll Free) or e-mail LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org



[Click here to donate to the St. Paul Coffeyville Kansas Flood Relief Fund](#)

Other Stories Still Seeking Support

- [Diabetic Man in need of car](#)
- [Missionary Family to Kenya](#)
- [11yr old boy with Brain Tumor needs prayers and assistance](#)
- [Teach us to fish! Lutheran Seminary in Ghana needs assistance](#)
- [Northwest Suburban \(Chicago\) Basketball Ministry](#)

Families in Need

- [Urgent Need for an African Immigrant Family](#)
- [Two Refugee Families from the Middle East in Need of Assistance](#)
- [Lutheran Teacher with Parkinson's disease in need of help](#)



The Wonders of Egypt Biblical Study Tour

12 Days - March 25, 2008 through April 5, 2008
Includes Nile River Cruise!

➤ [Visit the web page for more information](#)

➤ [Click here to download the Trip Brochure \(PDF\)](#)

Intercessory Prayer Workshop in Kankakee

"I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land..." Ezekiel 22:39

We learn from Ezekiel to intercede with God on behalf of the people was part of a prophet's task. Join us for a FREE one-day workshop on prayer.



Saturday, September 15, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
St. Paul's Lutheran Church (school site)
1580 Butterfield Trail
Kankakee, Illinois
(815) 932-0312

Registration begins at 8 a.m. with a continental breakfast. Lunch will be served. A free-will offering will be collected to help cover meal costs.

Pastor Jon Trinklein (pictured above) and his wife, Sue, from King of Kings Lutheran Church in Omaha, Nebraska, will lead the workshop. Participants will gain knowledge and confidence to stand in the "gap" as they come before God's throne on behalf of others. Participants may stay for the Saturday evening 5:00 p.m. worship service where Pastor Trinklein will be our guest speaker.

How To Thrive In Retirement

Get inspired and see retirement in a whole new way at this eye-opening seminar!



Retirement can be a time of growth and vitality. Find out how at the inspiring new How to Thrive in Retirement seminar!

Illinois Locations in **Lombard** and **Lake in the Hills**

[Click Here for More Information...](#)

Greensburg, Kansas Tornado Update

In recent communications with the Kansas District we have learned that they are setting up a Volunteer House to house volunteers and a "coffee shop ministry" to minister to volunteers and the community.

They have obtained the use of a large house that was only slightly damaged. They will be able to house between 20 to 40 volunteers at a time. To get the Volunteer House ready for operation they are in need of the following items:



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| Microwave Oven | Refrigerator |
| Stove | Freezer |
| Large Electric skillet | BBQ |
| Utensils | Bunk-beds |
| Pots and pans | Tables and chairs |
| | Ice chests |

If you have any of these items to donate contact **Dianna Bonfield** at **866-455-6466** or e-mail Dianna@LutheranChurchCharities.org

➤ [Donate to assist in Relief Efforts, Click here](#)

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[For a more complete description of the course, click here..](#)

If you are interested in becoming a HOST Site for this or any of the Word Among Us courses, email TimHetzner@LutheranChurchCharities.org

CLASSES NOW FORMING:

To indicate your interest in becoming a student in this course, [> Register Now <](#) or call (toll free) 866-455-6466. **Discounts apply for registering prior to June 15, 2007**

[Click here for the Online Registration Form](#)

or contact your local Host Facilitator.

Buy Your Tickets Online

St. Matthews 17th Annual "Pig Roast" - August 19, 2007
St. Matthew Lutheran Church Hawthorn Woods, IL



SUNDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 2007

Food Served from: 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.

Love St. Matthew's Pig Roast pork?

Want an additional meal?

NEW THIS YEAR - The opportunity to pre-purchase delicious packaged pork to take home! (Pre-packaged pork will be ready for pick-up any time after 2:00 p.m. (in the school kitchen)

Only \$7.00 per lb.

Why not join us for dinner, stay for the entertainment and fellowship with family and friends, then pick-up

your pre-ordered pork to take home for sandwiches.

[To Order Tickets Online, Click Here...](#)

[To Pre-Purchase Packaged Pork, Order Online Here...](#)

[To order Tickets or PrePackaged Pork by Mail, Click here for the Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

Lutheran Church Charities and Exodus World Service working together in partnership!

Consider Making A Difference in the life of those Fleeing from Persecution!



Help Needed for Families Fleeing Persecution

Large numbers of refugee families are expected to arrive in the Chicagoland area this summer. We've already received information on 25 different families scheduled to come in June - more than double the number of referrals we usually receive, with more coming later this summer. Most families will bring little more than the clothes they are wearing...

[To find out how you can help, CLICK HERE...](#)

Featured Reading

Want to order Christian books - but not sure if the book is worth it or is "theologically OK"?

LCC has reviewed many of the Christian books that are out on the market and have deemed a list of "the best of the best".

Each week we will highlight a different book.

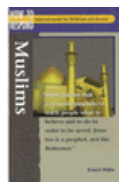
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Tim's Pick of the Week!



[Muslims](#)

By Ernest Hahn / Concordia Publishing House

Upcoming Events

Hope Fades for Palestinian Christians; How can we help? Lecture by Bishop Younan	August 8 - 7:30pm	Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Barrington
Volunteer Work Week - Gymnasium Facelift	July 28 - August 4	Walther Lutheran High School - Melrose Park
Mission Trip to Cambodia	July 28 - August 11	St Paul - Canfield
Free Drum Concert and Lesson	August 25 - 7:00 pm	St. Paul Lutheran Church - Mount Prospect
5 K Walk/3 Run for Refugees	Sept 8, 2007 - 8:30am	Long Grove, IL http://www.e-w-s.org/html/2007_walk.html
Hicham Chehab - Power of Love	Sept 23, 2007 - 8am & 11am	St. John Lutheran Church - Chicago

[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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