



Making A Difference Newsletter

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Flood Relief Efforts Continue - Volunteers Needed



Volunteers - including Rev. Stroup from St. John, Algonquin - work on cleaning up debris

Lutheran Church Charities has been doing Flood Relief in Westchester since Saturday, working through Faith Lutheran Church in Westchester, Illinois. Most of the water has been pumped out of the basements so now starts the process of helping people sort through and decide which items to keep or toss. We are also providing spiritual care with counselors and the two pastors at Faith, Rev. David Prentice and Rev. Matthew Gunia.

Volunteers are still needed this week to help the people in Westchester and the surrounding area. LCC staff will be working out at Faith and the surrounding area all week. There are still many elderly who are unable to clean up their basements from the flooding as well as families with young children who need help!

Please consider giving of you time to help! We are running shifts today through Thursday, July 29th from:

- 9:30AM - Noon
- Noon - 4PM
- 4PM - 8PM

[Sign up to volunteer!](#)

Personal Note from Tim Hetzner, President of Lutheran Church Charities:

I waded through the waters on Saturday with Pastor Prentice, LCC staff Pete Imlah and Barry Laubscher and was so moved by the people of this community. Working all yesterday with these families - they gave so much more back than we gave! This is a wonderful community and church! WOW - I don't know where to begin to tell the stories, the tears, the incredible working of God at his fullest in Mercy and Compassion. It was an all



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Prayer Wall

Post a prayer, or pray
for others!



[LCC's Prayer Wall](#)



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...](#)

day church service with Jesus Proceeding! I came home exhausted - but so pumped to be part of the Body of Christ working together with everyone!

Food donations are also needed to feed the community - many do not have gas or electricity. [Click here](#) if you can donate food items.

LCC is also providing financial assistance for those on fixed incomes who are hurting because of the flooding.

[View pictures of the work in progress...](#)

[Donate to LCC Disaster Relief Fund](#)

Single Mother with 5 Children In Immediate Need

As the disaster relief workers were out serving the community of Westchester a woman stopped by Faith Lutheran Church looking for help for her daughter. Her daughter is a single mom with five young children who had just moved into a house in Westchester. Because they were just moving in most of the family's belongings were still out in the garage. During the height of the flood the garage had 2 feet of water which ruined clothing, important papers and household electronics. The basement of the house had water up to its rafters where her washer and dryer were. She is in great need of clothing for her children (Boy 2T, Girl 3T, Boy 8, Boy 10, and Boy 16-18), food, household electronics, a washer and dryer and toiletries. Today (Wednesday) a team will be helping her clean and disinfect her basement and garage.



If you have any of these items to donate please contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

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Single Mother Loses Everything in Flood

LCC is working with a single mother and her three children and grandson who lost everything in last Friday's flood. They were living in a first floor apartment that was completely flooded. They have been moved to a new apartment but lost all of their furniture and household items. They are in need of the following:



- 2 Queen size beds
- 1 Twin bed
- Living room furniture
- Stove
- Refrigerator
- Clothing- Boys size 5T, 13-14, shoes size 8 1/2-3
- Women's clothing size 8 and 11
- Kitchen table and chairs
- Linens and towels
- Cleaning supplies
- Personal items

If you have any of these items to donate please contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

[Donate to LCC Disaster Relief Fund](#)

Join Our Mailing List!

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

NID President's Annual Mission Convocation

Tim Hetzner and LCC Staff Presenting

Wednesday, September 8
St. Peter Lutheran Church
Schaumburg, Illinois

How to **share the compassion** and **proclamation** of Jesus Christ in ways that **don't cost money**

Lutherans genuinely like to show compassion when there are hurting people in the world. What we have not always done as well is combine compassion with proclamation - providing charity to both body and soul. Jesus shows us a balanced approach that feeds both the earthly hungers of hurting people and offers them the bread of life that is nothing less than Jesus himself. Tim Hetzner, from Lutheran Church Charities, will take us into a deeper look at what Scripture says about compassion and the model of Jesus Christ in the district president's annual Mission Convocation. [Get details and register here.](#)



"Send a Spoken Prayer"



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

[Print a flier](#) - The event is free but pre-registration is requested. Come and bring your leaders for outreach and human care.

To learn more, [Click Here](#)

To Those Who Had Basements That Did Not Flood Can You Help Those Who Did Flood?

Find us on Facebook 

GoodSearch
You Search or Shop...
We Give!

If your house was not affected by the recent flooding, praise God for that. However, if you are like many people you have things in your basement that you are not using. Don't wait for a flood for them to be carried out ruined and wet! Why not look at furniture and other items that you have and donate them to a family that has lost everything.

LCC is working with families in Westchester and the surrounding areas that were affected by last Friday's flooding. Many of the families lost appliances, furniture and clothing as well as irreplaceable personal items. Now is the time to take a look at what you have been holding onto in your basement and garage and donate it to flood families. Take this opportunity to clean out your basement (before it's full of water!) and share the Mercy and Compassion of Christ with those who suffered loss from the flooding.

If you have items to donate contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

[Donate to LCC Disaster Relief Fund](#)



Thank you to Targin Sign

LCC would like to extend a special thank you to [Targin Signs](#) of Wood Dale. They previously printed the outdoor banners for LCC Disaster Response and, on Tuesday, were able to produce magnetic signs for 15 LCC staff and volunteer vehicles in 2 hours! They wanted us to be able to get our name out as fast as possible into the neighborhood where we are working.

Thank you to Steve Gruber and the entire team at Targin Signs!



New LERT Training Scheduled for Tuesday, August 3rd at Zion Lutheran Church, Beecher, IL

Zion Lutheran Church in Beecher is hosting a LERT Training Workshop on Tuesday evening, August 3rd. Registration and a light supper at 5:30 with class from 6-9 pm.

Registration is \$20 and helps cover the cost of the training materials, meal, and the LERT T-shirt, which is required to be worn in a disaster response situation. Registration can be paid by credit card online at time of registration or by cash or check at the door. To register [click here](#).



In order to better manage volunteers and resources, FEMA is finalizing a guideline on credentialing volunteers for large-scale disasters. The federal guidelines indicate that volunteers responding to a disaster should be trained and certified. LCC is providing training for Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) throughout our district. Should a disaster strike these teams would be put on call and may be asked to deploy in 72 hours or less to the disaster site.

This training will prepare team member for credentialing and will focus on the safety, work, and ministry of Lutherans as Early Responders.



[Click here to register](#). For more information call Dianna Bonfield at 866-455-6466

Volunteers Needed at Warehouse Through August

The work of sorting and getting the donations ready to ship to Haiti will continue through August. Volunteer work days at the warehouse have been scheduled every Thursday and Friday from now until August 27. The next scheduled work days are July 29th and 30th. If you are interested in volunteering to work at the warehouse please contact Dianna Bonfield at 866-455-6466 or email Dianna@LutheranChurchCharities.org



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

Comfort Dog Ministry Update

St. John Algonquin and Founders Day

On Friday, July 23rd, LCC Comfort Dogs Tara, Star, Shami (pictured) and Tille joined Butter at the Algonquin Founders Day Festival. St. John Lutheran Church, Algonquin had a booth at the festival. The Comfort Dogs and handlers were on hand to meet and greet the festival participants.



VBS at Emmanuel Dwight

Pete Imlah and LCC Comfort Dog Tillie attended the evening service for the VBS held at Emmanuel Lutheran, Dwight. Pete spoke about LCC Disaster Response and the K-9 Parish Comfort Dog Ministry. While there he also delivered a check to Emmanuel of donations for Disaster Response from the recent tornado.



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

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

Homeless Family with Three Small Children in Desperate Need of Assistance!

**Requested by Rev. Michael Graham,
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Aurora,
Illinois**

Update: From Pastor Graham,

"Your donation checks have been delivered to the family. Unfortunately the mother was not present but her husband was. However, that is because she is now working! We thank the Lord for that. The baby is in a care center in Naperville that cares for babies with medical conditions such as hers who cannot be cared for at home. However, they can go visit the baby and help with the care during the day."



*Thank you to all who have donated so far to this ongoing need. Your donations are **Making a Difference** to this family!*

[Click here to read the original appeal](#)

[Click here to donate](#)

Dollar per Dollar Your Donations Buy Shoes for Haitian Children

LCC provides more money for shoes and clothing to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti for distribution to the children in the Tent Cities of Haiti

Pictured at right: During the LCMS Convention in Houston, Tim Hetzner presented a check to Reverend Marky Kessa, President of ELCH in Haiti, and his wife Sydney, for the purchase of shoes for the children in Haitian refugee tent cities.



Pictured at Left: Sydney Kessa (at far right) distributing shoes and clothing to the children in the tent cities in Haiti! Thank you for your continual support to help all these children and for showing them Mercy and Compassion

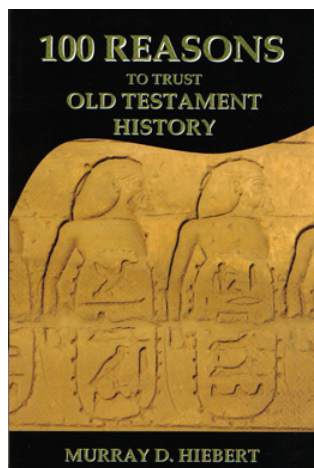
[Click here to read the original appeal](#)

Please **contribute now** if you are moved to help! Thank you for your compassion for these children.

Tim's Pick of the Week

[100 Reasons to Trust Old Testament History](#)

By Murray D. Hiebert



Is the Old Testament of the Bible true?

A simple question but usually not answered so simply. Many people, including some biblical scholars, are increasingly skeptical towards the Bible. More often than not, the Bible is dismissed as a mythological history of the Israelite people.

Scholars, archaeologists and the secular world continue to ferociously debate whether biblical characters such as Abraham, Moses and David even existed. Is there no evidence for them? Are the Bible stories 'proven' historically inaccurate? What effect does this have on Christianity?

Stepping back from the debate, we will look at what archaeology has actually discovered about biblical times and how that relates to the stories of the Old Testament.

Meant for the average Christian and skeptic alike, *100 Reasons to Trust Old Testament History* makes the case that the historical foundation of the Bible is solid. There is no reason to dismiss it or its message!

School Supplies Needed for the Back-to-School Rally **Request from Pastor Stephane Kalonji , Zion Lutheran Church,**

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! This year, our back-to-school rally will take place on Saturday, August 14. As in the past, I am soliciting donations of school supplies to distribute to the students who will participate. We anticipate that we will have a little over 100 students since our summer program is serving between 55 and 68 youth and children everyday.



If you have school supplies to donate they can be dropped off at:

Zion Lutheran Church
9901 S. Winston Ave.
Chicago, IL

Or at the LCC office:
333 W. Lake St.
Addison, IL

Help Ebenezer, Chicago with VBS Community Outreach! **Request from Pastor Richard Gizynski, Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Chicago**

Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Chicago, is holding its summer Vacation Bible School during the week of August 2-6. The program will run in the afternoon from 12:30 PM until 4:00 PM. The theme is "High Seas Adventure." We anticipate an enrollment of 100+ children.

We are asking for help of any kind. If there is a congregation that can donate leftover supplies or decorations, we can use these. We could also use any donations to offset a budget of \$2500. Lastly, we need anybody who would be willing to volunteer as a participant in the roles of crew leaders, whether for a day or the whole week.

VBS is one of Ebenezer's biggest service/outreach events of the year. It is look forward to with great anticipation by the youth of the community. But our resources are limited and stretched, especially this year, and without support we may not be able to carry on this summer. So we ask all who see this to prayerfully consider if they can help in any way. If so, please contact Pastor Rich Gizynski at (773) 216-5288 (cell phone). Thank you and God bless.



[Click here to donate](#)

Malaria Initiative going to Ghana



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

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

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

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

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

[Click here to donate to help support the Malaria Project](#)

Lutheran Woman in Need of Assistance

Request from Pastor Harold Wahl, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lansing, Illinois



We have a woman, in her early 60's (not old enough to qualify for medicare) who is facing several severe hardships. She has been a faithful, life-long Lutheran. While she is not handicapped to the point of qualifying for disability income, she does have some physical limitations along with some illness for which she is under a doctor's care. She is currently out of work and does not have money to cover her rent, utilities, food, and medicine. Because of family difficulties, she has no immediate family members to turn to.

This woman is in dire straits and is "falling through the cracks." Any help or assistance she could be given would certainly be appreciated.

[Click here to donate](#)

Single Woman Needs Assistance with \$2000 in Medical Bills

Request from Pastor Dan Wegrzyn, St. John's Lutheran Church, Lombard



We have a member who is going through difficult financial times. Since being laid off from her job as an accountant over a year ago she hasn't been able to get back on her feet, she has been struggling to stay independent. She had been working, making about half of what she was accustomed to but she was laid off from that job on June 15th. She recently had a medical situation add to her debt (she is on a COBRA plan) as well as slowing down her mobility. She also suffers from depression. Her family lives out of state and can not help her financially or support her in her living situation.

The congregation is helping her but she is in need of \$2,000 to clear up her medical bills. Any assistance that she can receive as she struggles to pay her bills while she continues to look for full time work would be such a blessing to her.

[Click here to donate](#)

Salam Arabic Church in Need of Minivan

Request from Hicham Chehab, Acting Pastor, Salam Arabic Fellowship Missionary, POBLO- Chicago



Dear Friends, We need a minivan worthy of the road in order to keep serving the Arab community in Chicagoland and help in driving people to Salam Arabic Church. A station wagon may help too. Our minivan broke down two days ago, and is being sent to a junk yard.

If you have a vehicle to donate please contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

St. Matthew, Hawthorn Woods Installs New Pastor



St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Hawthorn Woods, will have an installation service for its new senior pastor, Reverend Timothy Kinne and his wife Debra on Sunday, August 8, 2010, beginning at 3:00 p.m. A reception will follow the program in Krueger Hall.

Reverend Daniel Gilbert, President, Northern Illinois District will preside at the installation, with Reverend Scott Bruzek of St. John Lutheran Church and School, Wheaton, serving as the Guest Preacher. Pastor Ronald Moritz from St. Matthew will serve as Presiding Minister for the service.

Pastor Kinne is married to Debra, and has been blessed by the Lord

with five children and five grandchildren.

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

- Single Woman Medical Fund - St. John, Lombard
- Ebenezer, Chicago - VBS Fund
- Emmanuel, Dwight - Disaster Relief
- St. Matthew Soup Kitchen, Chicago

Historic St. Matthew Makes An Urgent Appeal Request by Rev. Julio A. Loza, Historic St. Matthew Lutheran Church



Historic St. Matthew Lutheran Church, after 138 years of Christian service in Chicago, faces the overwhelming task of having to comply with expensive building repairs imposed by the City's Building Department; especially at a time when our nation faces a stagnant economy. St. Matthew, with its commitment to feed the homeless and unemployed, finds it very hard, if not impossible, to have the funding required for this awesome task. At St. Matthew, we have an uphill struggle ahead of us. Driven by God's love, we make an urgent and special appeal to pray for our ministry and help us to raise at least \$30,000 to continue to feed the hungry and make repairs in our building.

St. Matthew is the home of the El Comedor Popular soup kitchen, which feeds the hungry in Chicago. They have been experiencing some difficult times with their ministry. They are in a permanent financial struggle, but they endure to feed the homeless and unemployed whose numbers continue to grow because of the economy.

[Click here to donate](#)

LCC Emergency Assistance Fund



LCC gets requests daily concerning people who need assistance, and it is increasing because of the current economic times we are living in.

LCC works through our churches to provide assistance by making the need known - and dollar per dollar we give the money to a church to help the family or individual. However, we receive some requests that are emergencies, and money is needed that day or the next day and we can't always get the need out in our weekly email newsletter first.

Would you consider making a gift to our **LCC Emergency Assistance** fund so that when these emergency needs occur we can help (through our churches) quicker? This is an important way

for the Body of Christ to share the Mercy and Compassion and Proclamation of Christ.

[To contribute please click here](#)

Thank you for continuing to Make A Difference!

Tim Hetzner

Vacation Bible School

It's That Time Again!!



LCC is posting a Vacation Bible School schedule on our website again this year. Many people use LCC as a source for information on church activities. Send us the time, date, location and description of your VBS program and we will include it on our website.

VBS is such a wonderful outreach to bring the Compassion of Christ into the community that we want to take every opportunity to tell folks what you're doing. Just e-mail the

information and contact person's name to

LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

[Click here to see VBS listing](#)

Tools Needed for LCC's Expanding Ministry

LCC is in need of the following tools. This is a great opportunity to clean out your basement or check out the garage sales! If you have any of these tools to donate please call 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

- wire feed welder w/out gas
- mechanic's assorted wrenches, sockets, ratchets
- electric or cordless sawzall
- saw horses
- bench grinder
- four and a half inch hand grinder
- hammer drill
- belt sander and/or palm sander
- jigsaw
- 4' level
- stackable tool chests
- router and bits
- assortment of pliers
- pipe wrenches
- cordless drills
- 10-inch cutoff saw
- assorted drill bits
- cutting torches
- stick welder, welding helmet and/or hand-held shield
- 8ft-10ft step ladder
- bar clamps
- small drill press

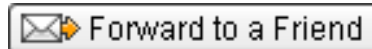


Items Needed by Ministries

We have received the following requests for items needed by ministries:

- Digital Ink Black, # 60-1520 for an ABDick 6530 Duplicator
- Still Point Theatre Collective is currently looking for a donation of a computer/printer (desktop or laptop)
- washing machine and two stoves
- couch, dresser

If you have items to donate please contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or email us at LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org



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

[Indicate Your Interest Here](#)



➤ [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!

Form Your Class Now!

Cover to Cover - Year 1

St. Matthew, Hawthorn
Woods

St. John, Country Club Hills
St. Paul, Matteson

Cover to Cover - Year 2

Trinity, Lansing

The Gospel of John

St. Paul, Thornton

Philippians

Lord of Life, LaFox

St. Paul, Winfield

James

Trinity, Huntley

Pueblo, Colorado

Jonah

Shepherd of the Hills,

Onalaska, Wisconsin

Proverbs

St. Luke, Itasca

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





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

For more information on scheduling LCC and the K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs for an event or chapel at your church, contact LCC at **866-455-6466** or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

To help support the growing Ministry of the

Comfort Dogs [click here...](#)

To find out information on how your congregation can get one of the [LCC K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs](#) [Click here](#)

[Click here for some Photo Albums](#) showing some of the many places the dogs have brought comfort.... And [click here for the Dog Blog](#), featuring "[Tara's Twitter](#)"



Other Stories Still Seeking Support

- [Lutheran Couple in Need of Assistance](#)
- [Assistance Needed for Single Mother Facing Foreclosure](#)
- [Unemployed Father of Four Needs Assistance for Car Repairs](#)
- [Continuing Need for Bilingual Bibles for Outreach to Muslim College Students](#)
- [God's on the Go in Ghana](#)
- [Help Train Pastors in Ethiopia](#)
- [LCMS Pastor Starts Orphanage in Ethiopia](#)

Items Available to a Ministry

- 2752 150 Blue Pew Bibles - NIV version
- 2687 School Library Books
- 2686 10 junior executive style desks
- 2570 10 bin sorter with stapler Collator series 300/400
- 2527 60+ sparton Foam Soap dispensers for bulk soap
- 2198 Schulmerich Quadrabelll carillon

[For More items, click here to view the latest updates on our DONATE Web Page...](#)

New Items Free for the Asking

LCC works *THROUGH* churches and is not a Direct Service Ministry. To request an item on our "Free for the Asking" list please contact your Church and ask that they call us (866-455-6466) requesting an item. Arrangements will then be made to connect the item with you. If you are not a member of a Christian Church then please call LCC to place you in contact with one of our LCMS churches who can assist you.

- 2770 1940's Foot treadle Sewing machine (manual) in cabinet with 6 drawers by the Free Sewing Machine Company (machine located in Ridgefield, WA)
- 2769 Whirlpool 30" freestanding, sealed burner, black and white gas stove
- 2768 GE Heavy Duty 8 cycle, 2 speed white washer
- 2767 200 yards of flame retardant, black, slightly fuzzy, black out BLACK fabric. Can be used for draperies.
- 2766 Maytag Heavy Duty Auto Dry Control Gas Dryer (Model DG412)
- 2765 Wood Bookcase/Library Shelf - approx 6-7ft. Tall x 30" Wide (3 shelves on top and cabinet doors on the bottom)
- 2764 Wood Bookcase/Library Shelf - approx 6-7ft. Tall x 30" Wide (3 shelves on top and cabinet doors on the bottom)
- 2763 Microwave hood
- 2762 KitchenAid Electric range, convection oven, 30" free-standing

For More Items Available, click here to view the list on our [DONATE page...](#)

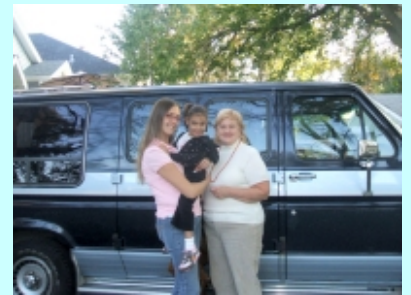
To [OFFER](#) an item for this section, or to get a Receipt for an item you have donated, [CLICK HERE for the NON-MONETARY DONATION FORM](#)

Vehicles Needed to Help Individuals and Ministries

All vehicles that are donated to LCC go directly out to families or individuals through our congregations. NO vehicles are sold.

Photo: Jennifer's daughter had medical needs that required a vehicle with a lift. This donated van helped to meet that need.

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



- [Mother and 5 Children in Need of a Car](#)
- [Van Needed for Faith, Stickney](#)
- [Truck Needed for Sexton at First Saint Paul's, Chicago](#)
- [Cars Needed for Immigrant Families](#)

[Click here for the complete page listing the needs](#)

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

COME LORD JESUS, BE OUR GUEST ...



You recognize this prayer written by Martin Luther ...

*Come Lord Jesus, be our guest
And let thy gifts to us be blessed. Amen*

If we really mean this prayer and want Jesus to be our Guest - wouldn't we feed him also?

Consider becoming a part of LCC's individual challenge and FEED THE INVISIBLE GUEST - AND MAKE HIM VISIBLE program to help feed the

hungry.

[Click here for more details](#) | [Click here to donate now](#)

[Click here for a Bulletin Insert](#)

Job Seekers and Employers - Connect Online!

Christians contact us frequently who are looking for employment - either because the company they are with has downsized, closed or has had layoffs. If you are looking for people to hire and would like to consider a fellow Christian for a position, please check here www.servantatheart.org.

Job seekers can post their resumes, and employers can post job openings. Access to Expanded Job Listings through National Labor Exchange...



Servant at Heart

Lutheran Church Charities' Online Christian Business Directory

Looking for a Christian business? Lutheran Church Charities has an on-line Christian Business Directory called Servant@Heart. This on-line directory allows:

- Christians businesses to advertise their services without cost.
- Others to seek out Christian businesses.

Each member of the directory has their church and pastor identified in their listing.

Search at ServantAtHeart.org to find Christian businesses or to have your business listed. You can also go to www.LutheranChurchCharities.org or call (866) 455-6466.



50 Years of Grace



August 8, 2010
Faith Lutheran Church
2525 Helm Road
Carpentersville, Illinois

Faith Lutheran Church in Carpentersville is celebrating a 50th Anniversary.

50 years of grace! That's what we will be celebrating on Sunday, August 8, at a 10:00 a.m. festival Service of Holy Communion and then at a congregational picnic which is scheduled to begin immediately after the Service.

Please plan to attend this historic event. If you are a former member, a friend or neighbor of the church it would be a great day to visit and join in the festival.

Invitations have been sent to former members for whom we have addresses. Pastor Meissner will be present to share memories from his days with us. A group of musicians and singers from Prince of Peace in Palatine - "Shepherd's Gate" - will be leading our singing in the Service and providing some music during our picnic as well.

Please call or email the church with RSVP or a memory of your own.

Phone: 847-428-2079

E-mail: Faihtlc61@att.net

9th Annual Concord Open Golf Outing



August 9, 2010
White Pines Golf Club
Bensenville, IL

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

HURRY! Deadline for registration is July 19!

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

[Click here to view the itinerary](#)

20th Annual Pig and Corn Roast!



Sunday, August 15th - Rain or Shine
St. Matthew Lutheran Church
24500 N. Old McHenry Road
Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047

St. Matthew Lutheran Church (Old McHenry Road between Quentin and Midlothian Roads), Hawthorn Woods will sponsor its 20TH ANNUAL PIG ROAST on Sunday, August 15th. Food will be served from 12:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Admission is \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 4 through 10. Children under 4-free.

For additional information visit www.stmatts.net

For ticket purchase or ticket information, please call the church office (847) 438-7709.

ECC Summer Adventure Camp



June 1, 2010 - August 20, 2010
Concordia Early Childhood Center
7420 N. 2nd St.
Machesney Park, IL
[View Map](#)

A camp for grades K-5 with activities & field trips. Students will participate in fun and engaging activities in a safe Christian environment. Campers will have supervised ventures to many local attractions. Field trips include bowling, swimming, mini putt, art museums and more!

Call the Early Childhood Center with additional questions or visit www.clc-mp.org to register your child.

Walcamp Fall Festival



October 3, 2010
Walcamp Outdoor Ministries
Kingston, IL

We have a spectacular day planned for you! We will start with a worship service at 10AM followed by our traditional roast pork dinner with all the fixins' at 11AM. Hot dogs, hamburgers, brats and pulled pork sandwiches along with other yummy tidbits will be available outside.

President & Mrs. Lincoln have graciously accepted our invitation to visit the Festival this year. You will see them at the Civil War Living History or visiting any of our other attractions. You will hear and see entertainment at the lodge you have never seen at Walcamp ever! Come see who they are.

The bake sale was SO well received last year that we brought it back this year. Right next to that is the familiar Farm Stand. Many crafters/vendors will join us in and around the pavilion.

New this year will be a vintage baseball game with Creston playing Lockport . . . bring your lawn chair or blanket and grab a hot dog for an exciting afternoon of baseball!

One person's trash is another person's treasure . . . what treasures will you find at our Country Auction. Come see what we have to offer!

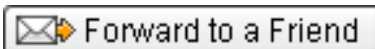
No we haven't forgotten the children . . .we'll have games, inflatables and horse rides to help keep them entertained.

And last but not least the Camper Reunion . . . anyone who has ever been in summer camp or attended a retreat or RV' or tent camped . . . or worked in the kitchen . . . or been a counselor . . . in other words everyone come and see who will be here that you know . . . but wait . . . there will be a MYSTERY GUEST! Will the mystery guest sign in please . . . ??? ??????

Mark your calendar early so you won't miss any part of this spectacular day! Questions? call 815-784-5141

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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