



Making A Difference Newsletter September 1, 2010





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Containers are Filled and Your Donations are Bound for Haiti

Friday afternoon, August 27th and Monday morning, August 30th, LCC volunteers did a stellar job of loading the containers for Haiti in less than an hour and a half.

Thank you to all the donors whose donations will make a difference in the lives of the people of Haiti.

On Thursdays and Fridays throughout the summer small teams ranging from 2 to 15 worked at the warehouse transporting, sorting, boxing, and palletizing donations getting ready for the day when we could ship the donations to Haiti. Our crew of 48 LCC volunteers logged over 4,000 hours preparing the donations. Over the past Friday and Monday the volunteers loaded two containers with 2,209 boxes and items with a total weight of 37,920 lbs. These containers included some special items, shoes, medical supplies, and medical equipment for the clinic and hospitals and the Medical Mercy teams, tools to be used in the Building Homes and Hope For Haiti Project, and lastly a special donation of liturgical resources for our Churches in Haiti.



Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard and made this possible. LCC would not be the ministry we are or do the things we do without your faithful service. You are Lutheran Church Charities!

A special thank you to Ace Relocation Systems and their staff who allowed us to use their facility for the summer months.

We also want to thank Orphan Grain Train who has been partnering with us and the LCMS to transport your donations to Haiti where they will be given out through our Lutheran Churches who are ministering in Jesus' name to the hurting people of Haiti. For all of us involved it was amazing to see God at work through his people!

[Click here to watch a video of a container being loaded at the warehouse](#)

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

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

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NID President's Annual Mission Convocation

Tim Hetzner and LCC Staff Presenting

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

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



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 hunger 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. He will also show practical ways of showing Mercy and Compassion to those in your church and community. A guide for hosting a Mission Fair will be made available to those in attendance as well as a presentation on *How a Good Hunting Dog can teach us a lot about Being a Disciple* - done with a live hunting dog!! [Get details and register here.](#)

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

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!

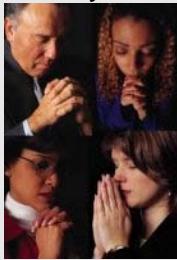
If you would like to be a host site [click here](#)

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

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



"Send a Spoken Prayer"



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

To learn more, [Click Here](#)

Short-Format Courses Long-Format Courses

- James: 5-week course
- Philippians: 5-week course
- Jude: 1-week course
- Jonah::3-week course
- Proverbs: 10-week course
- Know that God Exists: 1-week course
- Esther: 5-week course
- Cover To Cover: A Journey Through The Bible 60-week course
- The Gospel of John 31-week course
- 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

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Car Needed for Nigerian Immigrant

Request from Pastor Steve Kass, Family In Faith, Glendale Heights, IL



We are looking to help a young Nigerian man who needs a vehicle. He has been attending Family In Faith for about six months. He has managed on a bicycle for the last four months, but realizes that those days will end soon enough. We hope to find him a car before the snow falls. He has been saving money to title and insure the car but will not have enough saved to buy a car. If you can help that would be such a blessing for this young man.

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

LCC Staff Left Tuesday for Haiti to Continue to Make Arrangements for LCMS's **Building Homes and Hope for Haiti**

On Tuesday, LCC staff members Tim Hetzner and Dona Martin traveled to Haiti, along with Rev Glenn Merritt and other staff from LCMS, to continue the ongoing plans for *Building Homes and Hope for Haiti*.

If your church or group would like to volunteer for a Mission trip to Haiti to build homes, [click here](#) for more information or to register your group. Thank you for Making a Difference in Haiti.



LERT Members Answer the Call in Maywood



This past week LCC was contacted by an elderly woman who needed help with her basement. During the flooding in July around the Chicago area she had over two feet of water in her basement and paid for a company to help clean. Now, weeks later, mold is growing and funds are limited. A call for help went out to LCC's certified LERT members and on Monday, August 30 ten individuals answered the call. Volunteers cut and

removed drywall, removed ceiling tiles, and sanitized her basement. As the volunteers met Barbara she said over and over again, "You all are a blessing from God and I can't say thank you enough".

Comfort Dog Ministry Update

LCC K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs at Street Fest in Palatine



LCC K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs were invited by Immanuel Lutheran Church in Palatine to assist at their outreach booth at Street Fest in downtown Palatine Saturday and Sunday, August 28-29. A pack of LCC's K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs - Butter, Faith, Feurst, Hope, Leo, Star, Strudel, Tara, and Tillie - greeted individuals as they entered into the display tents for the Fest. Having the K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs at community events like

this allows for evangelistic opportunities. The K-9s help to break down barriers and allow ministry conversations to take place.

Tara Sunday the Comfort Dog

During the Street Fest in Palatine a former member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Palatine stopped to visit with the LCC K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs. Diane shared that she was back in the area to attend her sister's funeral. One could tell from what she was sharing that her heart was heavy. The one who noticed the most was our very own Tara Sunday. Tara came right over to Diane to



give her comfort and love. Diane sat down in the grass and eventually laid back and Tara just cuddled right alongside her for about 20 minutes. Do you sense when others are hurting around you? Are you willing to bring the love and compassion of Jesus Christ to those who are hurting? Today we are surrounded by people who are hurting in many different ways. Today is an opportunity for you to come alongside others to share the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. Tara Sunday noticed and reacted. Will you?

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

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

LCC Thanks Denise Goelitz of Kitten KaPoodle Mobile Pet Grooming



For providing free grooming for LCC's Comfort Dog, Star. Denise operates a mobile grooming shop. She services clients within a 15 mile radius of Elgin.

Call 224-678-8767 or e-mail KittenKapoodle@live.com

Thank you Denise, for taking care of Star!



Kaye Thailand Update

Rev. Carl Kaye, his wife Grace and son Nathanael are currently serving as missionaries through LCMS World Mission in Chaing Mai, Thailand. Rev. Kaye will be returning to the United States in September for an update on the Thailand Missions.

[Click here](#) for a copy of his latest newsletter with the list of churches where he will be speaking.

Widow in Need of Help to Pay Rent

[Request from Pastor Stephane Kalonji, African Immigrant Ministry, Chicago](#)



Josephine Akwarandu, a member of the African Immigrant Ministry, lost her husband on August 14 after only a brief illness. The husband (age 43), who was a taxi driver, was the main bread winner for the family. With his death, Josephine, left with two children, is in desperate need for help so she can pay her rent for at least the next three to four months.

Her monthly rent is \$550.00. The African community in Chicago has helped pay for the funeral and would appreciate any help so

Josephine can pay her rent while figuring out a way to generate more income for her and her young son and daughter.

[Click here to donate](#)

Residence for a Retired Church Worker in Ponca City, OK offered by St John's Lutheran Church

If you are a retired church worker and looking for a home to live in, please contact Lutheran Church Charities (866-455-6466 or LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org) for contact information.



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

- Clean Up Supplies - Grace, Chicago
- Homeless Family Fund - Emmanuel, Aurora
- Lutheran Woman Assistance Fund - St Paul, Lansing
- Single Woman Medical Fund - St John, Lombard

Helping Our Neighbors in Indiana Volunteer Opportunity

Consider volunteering for a few days and Making A Difference



It's been 22 months since the tri-county area of NW Indiana flooded and 22,000 families were impacted as the result of flooding from the remnants of Hurricane Ike. A tremendous amount of recovery work has been completed

but there are still 800 families waiting for assistance. Project LARRI (Lakeshore Area Regional Recovery of Indiana) is seeking volunteers to help with the rebuilding efforts.

Join volunteers from Lutheran Church Charities and the NID-LWML who will be providing assistance to our neighbors in Indiana. This is an opportunity to serve that is close in terms of travel time, offers a great deal of flexibility, and is affordable in our struggling economy. Housing is provided at no charge - team members choose how many days they can volunteer.



*House Blessing
House restored by volunteers*

Plan now to join the team planning to go the week of Sept 12-Sept 18. Projects could include framing, hanging wallboard, mudding the wallboard, painting, sanding and staining woodwork. On the practical side a few people are needed to do the meal prep, grocery shopping and cleaning.

If you would like to help, contact Jan Gerzevske, jgerz@netzero.com or 630.294.5014 for further details. If you would like to help but are unable to arrange your schedule to volunteer, contributions for the purchase of materials are welcomed.

[Click here to donate](#)

Meeting Human Needs in Christ's Name



Touched Twice United is a non-profit ministry designed to coach churches to meet the greatest needs in their community. TTU was founded in 1996 after a vision clinic was held in Louisville, KY. A small team of volunteers stumbled on an opportunity by offering free vision screenings and glasses through a local church. One cold day in November more than 300 people lined up looking for help. The name touched twice comes from Mark 8,

where Jesus touched the blind man once and he saw partially, a second time and he saw fully. Rather than Jesus running low on power, we believe that Jesus demonstrated touching the blind man twice. We believe that by taking care of the temporal needs first it gives us an opportunity to share hope in Jesus second. TTU has coached hundreds of churches nationwide to offer free medical, vision, and dental care in a one day backyard mission trip fashion. The clinics also have a unique volunteering role called the advocate or "friend for the day." A church member volunteer is connected to a guest and helps fill out paperwork, guide the individual or family through the clinic and share their story of freedom through Christ. For more information about how to host a clinic at your church visit: www.touchedtwiceunited.org

[Click here](#) to read more about Touched Twice United and testimonials from participating churches

Malaria Initiative

'Malaria Initiative' is a non-profit corporation formed by Susan Busse M.D., Thomas Hesselink M.D., and John Peterson, to bring spiritual and medical treatment to those suffering from Malaria, working with Lutheran Church Charities.



A treatment of acidified sodium chlorite at a cost of less than \$00.01 USD. per dose has proven to be very promising in preliminary laboratory and field trials. We have been working in Uganda, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, and Ghana to improve our working relationship in these countries to further the treatment of Malaria using this particular treatment. Our goal is to spread the Message of Christ and bring a useful and inexpensive treatment for Malaria; Malaria being the number one infectious killer world wide.

We are currently working at gathering more scientific data from sites that have Malaria patients, to track them along with their progress, and to document the results of the treatments so we can publish in medical journals. We are supporting a PhD. student doing thesis work at Western Michigan University on this promising

treatment.

Malaria Initiative is looking to get help financing the above stated goals so they may travel to train personnel and fulfill all our commitments. The three principals have taken no payment for their services, all have volunteered their services and funded much of the costs out of pocket along with donations from generous donors.

Visit their web site: www.malaria01.org or E-mail: malaria01@yahoo.com
[Click here](#) to view a video about this project

[Click here to donate](#)



LCC in Need of Snow Plow

LCC has a need for a snow plow. The truck that it will go on is a 2000 Ford F250 Super Duty.

For more information or if you have a plow to donate please call LCC at 866-455-6466 or email LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

Help Lutheran Hour Ministries Build Wells in Ghana

[Request from Rev. John Donkoh, Director of Lutheran Media Ministry, Ghana, West Africa](#)

Lutheran Media Ministry, part of Lutheran Hour Ministries, is based in Ghana, West Africa. Rev. John Donkoh, Director of Lutheran Media Ministry, is raising support to build Bore Holes, or wells, in different towns in Ghana as a tool for ministry. They are not only reaching out to fellow countrymen, but also to the widows that the government has forced to live as outcasts in places called Witch Camps. The goal of these wells is to provide clean water, and to display the love and compassion of Christ to those who need it.



(L to R) Gary Kessler, Rev. John Donkoh, Tim Hetzner

Gary Kessler (Member of Lord of Life Lutheran Church, La Fox, Illinois) has been working with Rev. John Donkoh to spread the word about this ministry and help gain support.



[Click here](#) to watch a video of Gary Kessler and Rev. John Donkoh discussing this project

To support Lutheran Media Ministry's efforts please [click here to donate](#).

Dollar per Dollar Your Donations are Making A Difference by Buying 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.



Children in a tent city in Jacmel show off their new shoes this past week.



Children receive new shoes in a tent city in Leogane this past week.

Last week more shoes were distributed in tent cities in Jacmel and Leogane. Thank you for your continual support to help all these children and for showing them Mercy and Compassion. [Click here](#) to view photos

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

Please [contribute now](#) if you are moved to help! Thank you for your compassion for these children.

Thrivent Choice - Watch Your Mailbox - and Help Support Making A Difference Through Lutheran Church Charities

[Thrivent Choice](#) is the new charitable grant program through which Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members are able to direct Thrivent charitable funds. Eligible members are designated Choice Dollars, based on insurance



premiums, contract values, and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership which are directed by the member to Lutheran organizations. If you are an eligible member, watch your mailbox in August for program details from Thrivent to know how to designate your Choice Dollars either online or by using a toll-free phone service.



A direct gift from Thrivent Choice is the replacement for Thrivent's past matching gift programs. Over the years Lutheran Church Charities has benefited from Thrivent's matching gifts and relied on them for our Disaster Response work, our Parish K-9

Comfort Dog Ministry and operational expenses to continue to offer our Dollar In-Dollar Out Giving. So, when choosing a recipient for your Choice Dollars, please remember Lutheran Church Charities as a beneficiary.

You can donate your choice dollars to Lutheran Church Charities in two ways, by going to www.thrivent.com and then go to [Thrivent Choice Dollars](#) and following the directions to give on line or by calling 1-800-847-4836. Thank you for supporting Lutheran Church Charities through your Thrivent Choice Dollars. If you run into any problems please call LCC at 866-455-6466



Your support is so very important for us to continue to Make a Difference to those in Need with the Mercy and Compassion of Christ. THANK YOU

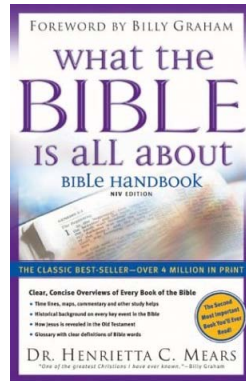
Tim Hetzner
President
Lutheran Church Charities



Tim's Pick of the Week

[What The Bible Is All About \(NIV\)](#)

By Dr. Henrietta C.Mears



The world's best-selling Bible handbook just got better! Henrietta Mears' all-time classic has been fully updated and revised for easier study of the popular New International Version Bible. It also includes: - A complete glossary for easy word identification; - Selected readings and short book overviews to open each chapter; - New maps, charts, and 1- to 2-year Bible reading plans; - Better graphics; sharper typestyle and design; - Articles on "How to Become a Member of God's Family" and "How to Grow As a Member of God's Family"

- *clear, concise overviews of every book in the Bible
- *reading plans, maps, commentary and other study helps
- *historical background on every key event in the Bible
- *how Jesus is revealed in the Old Testament
- *glossary with clear definitions of Bible words

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

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:

- Newer computer and monitor
- 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

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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

- [Historic St. Matthew Makes an Urgent Appeal](#)
- [Lutheran Woman in Need of Assistance](#)
- [Single Woman Needs Assistance with \\$2000 in Medical Bills](#)
- [Lutheran Couple in Need of Assistance](#)
- [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

- 2781 stationery for school children
- 2780 coffee maker, single table top range & other household items
- 2779 two computer systems (PC, monitor, etc)
- 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

[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.

- 2785 2 blue/grey wing chairs-queen anne legs, sofa table, 2 white wicker porch chairs
- 2783 Dark Purple Couch/Loveseat: 6' wide, double recliner, attached cushions

(not removable)

- 2773-2778 Wood office desk 38"x75" with 3 file drawers and 2 desk drawers
- 2772 Dishwasher
- 2771 Complete set of white kitchen cabinets (7-8 uppers and 7-8 lowers of various sizes)
- 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)

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

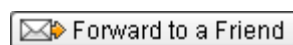
Looking for a Christian business? Lutheran Church Charities has an on-line Christian Business Directory called Servant@Heart. This on-line directory allows:

- 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.

It is the people of God working together that fully allows God to build for His Kingdom!



The Church Has Left the Building!



Outdoor Celebration/Community Service Event Sunday, September 5, 2010 St. Paul Lutheran Church & School Mt. Prospect, IL

Dress comfortably as immediately following the worship celebration we will disperse into our community to serve on various service projects with the love of Christ.

There will be something for all ages and abilities.

This is the second annual **Church Has Left The Building** servant event day that we have sponsored. Last year nearly 300 individuals of all ages took part through the following: home improvement projects for Mount Prospect residents in need, local food pantry collection, clean up of local parks, free water give away at the Farmer's Market, packing of school supply back packs for children in need, Hats of Hope visit to a local hospital, a special project for Feed My Starving Children, ... and more!

The true Church is not and never has been a building ...or a steeple. The true Church is made up of people transformed by the eternal love of Jesus... people who also have a heart to make a difference.

The Church has Left the building!

Come Be the Church!

Saint Paul Lutheran Church & School
100 South School Street
Mount Prospect, IL 60056
Phone: 847-255-0332

See the website at www.Serve-Saint-Paul.org to sign up or for more information.

Run/Walk for Refugees



Saturday, September 11, 2010
Long Grove, IL

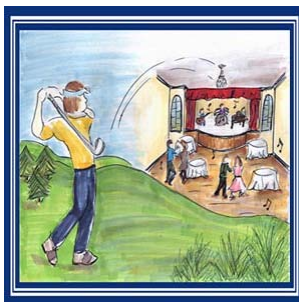
Their strength and courage are amazing! Use your feet to help these incredible people. Join the Exodus World Service Run/Walk for Refugees on Saturday, September 11 in Long Grove. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. and the event starts at 8:30 a.m.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TODAY](#) or call 630/307-1400 x100 for more information.

Challenge yourself! Every \$500 you raise will help turn an empty apartment into a welcoming home for a new refugee family. Raise \$500 or more and receive a handcrafted thank you gift made by a refugee artisan!

Can't join us in Long Grove? You can still participate as a "virtual walker!" Create your own fundraising page at WWW.E-W-S.ORG and then take a walk for refugees in your own location.

Swing with St. Luke - 125th Anniversary Celebration Golf Outing and Auction Dinner



Friday, September 24, 2010
Eaglewood Resort
1401 Nordic Road
Itasca, IL 60143

St. Luke, Itasca is celebrating the 125th anniversary of our school. We would like to invite the entire LCMS community to come and join us and celebrate this incredible milestone for our church and school. Along with an 18 Hole Best Ball Scramble that begins at 1pm at the Eaglewood Golf Course in Itasca, we also have an auction and dinner dance with a live band beginning at 6pm, also at Eaglewood.

Call 773-0396 for tickets and info

[Click here for more information at www.SaintLukeltasca.com](http://www.SaintLukeltasca.com)

Escorted Transportation Services Fundraiser



Metropolis Performing Arts Centre
Thursday, September 30, 2010 - 7:30 pm
111 W. Campbell St.
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

You are invited to share in an evening of fun and laughter with Escorted Transportation Services

Cost: \$40.00 per ticket

Note: \$15.00 of your ticket price helps support our non-for profit organization in providing transportation to medical appointments for seniors. Thank you for assisting us in this endeavor!

Chicago Urban Ministry Summit Sponsored by LCMS World Mission



September 30 - October 1, 2010
Koehneke Community Center
Concordia University Chicago
7400 Augusta Street
River Forest, IL 60305

Pastors, church workers, and laypeople who would like to learn more about reversing the trend of urban church decline in Chicago and how they can support God's work in this city.

Dinner only: \$65 per person
or \$55 per person if purchasing
a table of 10
Summit only: \$35

Dinner and Summit: \$90

Contact Rev. Kenety Gee at Kenety.Gee@lcms.org or register online at www.chicagourbanmissions.org

Make checks payable to
LCMS World Mission and mail to:
Rev. Kenety Gee
Chatham Fields Lutheran Church
8050 S. St. Lawrence Ave.
Chicago, IL 60619

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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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St. John's (Algonquin) offers Love and Logic Workshops for Parents and Teachers



St. John's Ev Lutheran Church & School
Wednesdays beginning October 6 through November 17
300 Jefferson St.
Algonquin, IL

St. John's Lutheran Church & School invite parents and teachers alike to attend a series of Love and Logic Workshops beginning in October. Love and Logic workshops provide simple and easy techniques to help parents (and grandparents) provide love and support while expecting children to be respectful and responsible. Teachers learn to manage disruptive students, bully proof children, diffuse power struggles and more.

The six evening workshops will be offered on Wednesday October 6, 13 and 27 and November 3, 10 and 17. The program cost is \$65 per person (regular price is \$99) or \$95 per couple (regularly \$149). Childcare is also available for a free will offering. The workshops are expected to fill and registration is strongly encouraged.

To register, contact St. John's Church Office at 847-658-9300 or go online to St John's website at www.StJohnsAlgonquin.org.

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