



Making A Difference Newsletter

Forward to a Friend

September 23, 2009



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](#)"



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Can You Help LCC Find Free Warehouse Storage For Our Ongoing Ministry?

In order to be able to respond to disasters swiftly, it is imperative that we operate in a state of preparedness. To be able to do that, it is important that we have our vehicles and equipment stored in a location and environment that will enable us to move quickly.



For the other parts of our ministry, we need:

- Work space for our volunteers that is a climate controlled environment
- Has short term storage space for donations till they can be picked up in a few days.
- A space large enough where we can drive in and store our Disaster response RV and trailers for immediate DEPLOYMENT.

Your Donations Make A Difference

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Job Seekers and Employers
Servant at Heart Business
Directory
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September Meeting
New Moms Inc Fundraiser
Chicago Urban Summit
Walcamp Fall Festival
Evangelism Idea Exchange

- A cargo bay allowing us the ability to load semi-trailers would also be nice and useful feature.

If you know of someone who owns or has available warehouse space that isn't being currently used, please contact Tim Hetzner at Lutheran Church Charities. We understand that use of the warehouse would not be permanent and that the owner would have the full rights to regain their facility if it was to be rented or sold. LCC would carry the insurance on the space we are using. Please contact Tim Hetzner, President of LCC at (866) 455-6466 if you know of someone. This would be a tremendous Help in meeting the increased demands LCC faces. Help us to continue to - by the Grace of God - Make A Difference in People's Lives and in God's Kingdom!

Continuing Need for Bi-Lingual Bibles for Outreach to Muslim College Students

Request from POBLO Missionary Hicham Chehab



Dear Friends,
College years are times of transformation. So we need to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the lost at such a pivotal stage in the lives of People.

POBLO-Chicago's student ministry is reaching out to Muslims at Community Colleges. More Bibles and Evangelism material are needed.

Please consider donating to this cause so that we can answer the call for the Mission of God.

In God's Peace
Hicham

[\[Click Here to Donate Now \]](#)

LCC's Bag Mat Project Featured in Chicago Newspaper Articles

The Daily Herald Newspaper wrote an article about the Bag Mat Project on September 7, 2009.

Immanuel Lutheran, Palatine's 50s Plus group decided to make mats from grocery bags, getting the idea from Lutheran Church Charities [\[play video to see what the project is about\]](#).



[View the article on the Daily Herald web site](#) or [Download article from the LCC web site](#)

The Chicago Tribune's TribLocal also ran an article about the project on August 31.

Spirit of Life Chorus
Performance Schedule
Benefit Concert to Assist
the Families of Our Armed
Forces
Upcoming Events
How To Support LCC

[View the article on the TribLocal web site](#) or
[Download article from the LCC web site](#)

The weekly Palatine Journal & Topics ran an article about the project:

[View the article on the Jornal & Topics web site](#) or
[Download article from the LCC web site](#)

Prayer Wall
Post a prayer, or pray
for others!



[LCC's Prayer Wall](#)

Ethnic Ministry in Need of Clothing and Washing Machine

Request from Rev. Jean Bingue, Bethesda
Lutheran Church, Chicago



Dear LCC,

I am writing you today to ask for your help. I am looking for some men's, women's and children's clothing for those members of our congregation who are in need. As you know, we have several members who have recently arrived here in the Chicago area with just the clothes on their backs. They are in desperate need. In particular, we are looking for men's suits size 46 x 32, 44 x 32, men's shirts size 2X and 1X. Women's sizes 12, 14, and 16. Children's sizes from 6X to 14.

The cold air of the winter months is rapidly approaching and they will also be in need of coats, hats and gloves. Men's sizes 46 and 44. Women's sizes 12, 14 and 16. Children's sizes from 6X to 14.

Because money is at a premium for these people, they cannot afford to go to a Laundromat to wash the items they do have. It is for that reason that we are looking for a washing machine to set up for use by the members of the congregation.

I truly appreciate your help in getting these items. I hope we will be able to provide something to these people. You always come through for us.

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



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

LCC Announces "Send a Spoken Prayer"



LCC's "Send a Spoken Prayer" e-Card site is

Comfort Dog Ministry Update

Grooming Donated

Thank You Windy City School of Pet Grooming for your donation of grooming services for LCC Comfort Dog Wave.

[Windy City School of Pet Grooming Web Site](#)



LCC Comfort Dogs Fuerst and Prince at work in Northwest Indiana

LCC Comfort Dog Fuerst had another busy weekend in Indiana. He was at the Alzheimer Memory Walk in Merrillville and at the Wizard of Oz Fest in Chesterton on Saturday, September 19th.



Sunday, September 20th Fuerst and Prince attended a Block Party hosted by Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Portage, Indiana. It was a free picnic for our neighbors that included a fire rig and ambulance as well as Aeros, one of Portage's police K9s. Fuerst is very much at home with the Police & Fire Departments since Pastor Engel is their chaplain.



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

A Laborer in the Kingdom Request from POBLO Missionary Hicham Chehab

[Read about Jeremiah's Story!](#)

Dear LCC,

God has provided a brother who wants to help me, as much as he can, with our ministry. He is from California, and is currently staying at my house. His name is Jeremiah Baechler (pictured), age 35. I first met him at Concordia, Indiana.

Jeremiah is looking for a room with a bathroom, ideally at a parsonage or something like this with a family, but with a separate door that gives him the ability to move in and out without disturbing anyone. He is looking in the communities of Roselle, Lombard, Wheaton, Addison, Glen Ellyn, Villa Park, Carol Stream, Hanover Park, Schaumburg, or within a ten mile radius of Lombard.

If anyone has a room for Jeremiah they can contact me at hicham.chehab@gmail.com

Please consider a monetary gift to assist in supporting Jerm=emiah and his ministry through Salam Arabic Missions in Lombard - [Click Here to Donate](#)



available.

To learn more, [Click Here](#)

In God's Peace,
Hicham

Popcorn Maker Needed

[Request from Bethel Family Programs, Humboldt Park Neighborhood, Chicago](#)

Bethel Family Programs has been growing exponentially-fall programs have overflowed to waitlists!-and we're so grateful for all God is doing. There's one particular story that I want to write to LCC about in particular: Taste 4 Change. Taste 4 Change is a concession stand in our gym launched by our teens on Chicago's west side. This summer, Taste 4 Change made a huge impact in these teens' lives and skills. They hadn't realized how important basic addition was until it was their profits they were adding! Budgeting, communication, record-keeping, and basic job readiness were all taught in practical, real-life lessons.



One of their biggest lessons was that pre-packaged snacks don't earn much profit and are easily lost to shoplifters. So we renovated our menu for fall: popcorn and mixable Gatorade. We're on a search now for a movie-style popcorn maker to make this wise business decision (and health decision!) possible. We'd sincerely appreciate it if anyone with a popcorn maker could donate it to us! The donors would receive the undying gratitude of Taste 4 Change youth, who would make them popcorn any time!

If you have a popcorn maker to donate, please contact LCC at (866) 455-6466 or LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

If you can donate towards the purchase of a new popcorn maker (\$140 needed) for this ministry, [please donate here](#).

Warm Clothing and Blankets Needed

[LCC has received the following requests for warm clothing and blankets:](#)

From Pastor Richard Gizynski, Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Chicago:

Ebenezer is once again looking for partner churches in our annual winter coat and blanket drive. We seek any winter coat, male or female, adult or children, new or gently used of all sizes. We can also accept hats, gloves and scarves. In addition we seek blankets of any size or material, from infant to king. Please, no clothing.

If any church would like to partner with us please contact Pastor Rich Gizynski at 773-216-5288.

From Hicham Chehab, POBLO Missionary:

Dear Friends,

The cold is coming and some refugees need blankets and warm clothing for winter.



GIZYNSKI, Rev. Richard
Ebenezer, Chicago.



If you have any, please contact me at 630-666-1930 or email hicham.chehab@gmail.com

Donations can also be dropped off at St. John Lombard, Peace Lombard, or Trinity Roselle.

In God's Peace,
Hicham



Support for Mission Trip to Kenya Request from Peter Imlah, Director of Mission and Outreach, Lutheran Church Charities

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have been given an opportunity to join with Salem Lutheran Church, Tomball, Texas (saalem4u.com) on a mission trip to provide a prescription eyeglass clinic to people in need in Kenya, Africa, November 12-22 2009.

I am really excited about this opportunity to minister in Kenya. During Salem's last trip to Kenya in May they were able to serve and share the Gospel Message with more than 15,000 people at 5 different locations!

The November trip will cost me just over \$3,500 (not including passport and shots), with the biggest portion coming from airfare. This is a big number, but I believe our God is bigger than that hurdle. Any support would be appreciated. I would love the opportunity to partner with you in this endeavor.

Due to the costs of rising airfare I needed to reserve my tickets by August 12th. The remaining funds are due September 4th. Would you prayerfully consider and respond to my request by Sunday, August 30th? If I have 50-100 people partner with me I would get where I need to be quite easily (many hands make for light work). If you have any questions or comments please don't hesitate to email me at pete@lutheranchurchcharities.org

I believe that the Lord speaks to us through our brothers and sisters in Christ and I would appreciate your input.

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



Your Donations Make A Difference

Don and Wendy Bouchard (Don Pictured) from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crystal Lake, donated three "Scrub Buckets" for use in disaster response.



Your Donations Make A Difference

Need Met - Van Available - Needs Repair

Robert and Arlene Carlson, members of Prince of Peace, Palatine donated their 1995 Chevy Astro Van to Jack Conner (pictured) member of Immanuel Lutheran in Elmhurst



Thanksgiving Baskets for Mobile Alabama

Request from Pastor Tillahun Menedo, Faith Lutheran Church, Mobile, Alabama

Again this year the Evangelism Committee at Faith Lutheran Church, Mobile is attempting to serve the needs within our own congregation and the local community, especially at this time of the year and at this critical time in our economy. We are so thankful for your past support for this project and give all the Glory and Praise to God. We are in the process of soliciting funding for our annual Thanksgiving Baskets for the needy and are seeking your help. We are planning to construct 6



baskets and anticipate the cost of each basket to be about \$40.00. To God be the Glory that this project will be a success again this year and will bless each recipient of these baskets with a meal for Thanksgiving that they otherwise may not have had. We do all of this in the name of Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

We thank God for any considerations that you may give to this request and may God continue to bless you and your effort to provide assistance to all of the needed.

[Click here to donate to the Mobile Alabama Baskets Fund](#)



Looking to be in a Bible Study?
This Fall, 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](#)



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:

Long-Format Courses

- Cover To Cover: A Journey Through The Bible *60-week course*
- The Gospel of John *31-week course*
- Apocalypse Jesu
Christus:

Classes Forming 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

- *1-week course*
- *Esther: 5-week course*
- *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

Refugee Family Needs Assistance with Utility Bills Request from POBLO Missionary Hicham Chehab

Dear Friends,
I have an Iraqi refugee family of four that needs help in paying utility bills that amount to \$ 250, gas and electrical bills.

The cold is coming and they will not be able to make it if the services are disconnected.

In God's Peace
Hicham

[Donate to the Iraqi Refugee Utility Fund](#)



Visitor from Haiti Available for Temporary Work Request from Tim Kaufman, Director of Student Ministry, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Palatine

Lionel Legoute has served as our translator on our mission trips to Les Cayes, Haiti the past couple of years. He is in his mid-30's and will be staying in the Palatine-area for a few weeks between Sept. 19-October 29. He has a real love for the Lord and is very liked by our teams. He will spend some time with me learning about the work of the church here in the states and how we do "church" at Prince of Peace.

However, it would also be good for him to earn some money that he can use for his family back in Haiti. Due to the nature of his visa and his short time here, he would only be able to pick up odd jobs. He is very open to doing anything, so the type of job isn't in question. He'll be staying in Palatine with members of Prince of Peace and we could get him to places to work as necessary.

If you have any work for Lionel please contact me at the church office 847-359-3451 ext.116 or email tim@reachgrowserve.org



Ministry To People With Disabilities In Critical Need

Every week Voice of Care [www.voiceofcare.org] reaches with spiritual care hundreds of precious children and adults who have severe developmental disability. These people are in 16 care facilities throughout northern Illinois, places that have no relation with any church. The funding this ministry needs in order to continue must come from Christians who have a heart for reaching in Christ people with disabilities and those who care for them. At this time, the need for funds to cover chaplain salaries, travel and other basic ministry expenses is especially severe.

[To Donate to Voice of Care, Click here](#)



First LERT Teams Complete Certification Course Fifty One New Early Responders in the NID

Thursday evening August 27th, fifty-one people from across the district met at St. Paul, Rochelle, Illinois to attend the first LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) training session. A special thank you to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Marcia Schnorr and the other NID Parish Nurses who hosted the workshop for Lutheran Church Charities.

These fifty-one people will be the first to be certified as Lutheran Early Response Team members. When a disaster strikes and volunteers are needed these LERT members will be the first to be deployed to the disaster site following the First Responders.



Future LERT Training workshops are scheduled for these dates and locations:

- Saturday, Oct. 24th at Friends in Christ Lutheran Church, Morris Illinois; 9AM to NOON
- Tuesday, Oct. 27th at Celebration Ministries at Hope Lutheran Church, Park Forest Illinois; 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM A light meal will be provided for a \$5 donation.
- Thursday, Oct 29th at St. Peter, Lutheran Church, Schaumburg, Illinois; 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM A light meal will be provided for a \$5 donation.



If you are interested in serving as a LERT member but were not able to attend the first training session [click here to register for one of the above sessions](#) or for more information, call Dianna Bonfield at 866-455-6466

Church Facility Available

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wauconda, Illinois has space available for another Christian Church organization that needs a permanent place to worship. Messiah's worship services are held on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. and on Sundays at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and at 10:30 a.m. This offers the opportunity for another organization to have their worship services on Saturday or Sunday afternoons to compliment the services of Messiah.

Our sanctuary was recently built in the last 5 years and seats up to 500 people at one time. This worship space offers several amenities including: Air-Conditioning, Coffee Bar facilities, Gathering area with tables and chairs, Grand Piano, Video Projection Equipment, PA, Microphones, recording equipment and custodial services. For more information contact Tom Meyer at 847-899-3793 or tom.meyer@messiah-wauconda.org



Ethiopian Child Needs Specialized Medical Operation



[Request from Rev. Tilahun Menedo, Faith Lutheran Church, Mobile, Alabama](#)

Tamirat Berhanu is a wonderful child of Christ and one of the children in Master Builders Center project. He is 10 years old but already in 7th grade. He lost his dad to HIV and his mom has no income at all except the \$25 she receives from MBC every month. She uses this fund to help Tamirat and other siblings in the house.

Tamirat needs to have a pediatric cystoscopy, but there are not any doctors in Ethiopia that can perform this procedure. We are looking for help in obtaining funds so that he can be treated in South Africa or Israel. Another option is for an urologist in the US to be able to perform this operation.

[Please donate here to the Ethiopian Child Medical Fund](#)

Help train a Pastor in the rapidly growing Lutheran Church in Ethiopia

[Interview with Bruk Ayele - Dean, Lutheran Seminary in Ethiopia](#)

With over 5.5 Million members, keeping up with trained pastors is a challenge. Consider supporting a seminary student for \$1500 a year.

[Watch the interview Tim Hetzner did with Pastor Bruk Ayele in Ethiopia.](#)

Help Make A Difference in a open mission field!

[Donate now!](#)



Cars Needed for Immigrant Families

Request from POBLO Missionary, Hicham Chehab

Dear Friends,

We have several Iraqi refugee families that we are working with who need reliable transportation. One is a family of four, also a family of six and a single mother. They have arrived here with very little and need transportation in order to work. The donation of a car would be a tremendous blessing and witness to these families.

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



LCMS Pastor starts Orphanage in Ethiopia

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

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

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

- [Donate to the orphanage through LCC.](#)
- [Download the Master Builders Center Newsletter](#)
- [Download the Master Builders Center Flyer](#)



Working Together with God Connecting the Dots

The Lutheran Church in Ghana - Pastor Paul Fynn

Deaconess Hannah Bart-Plange

LWML

Lutheran Church Charities

The Malaria Initiative

***Can deadly malaria fever be treated for one third of one penny?
Can a pastor fit treatment for 500 suffering people in his shirt pocket?***

WARNING #1: You may not believe this story. That's a normal reaction, don't worry.

WARNING #2: If you do not believe this story, you will be... wrong. (Thank the Lord!)

Welcome to an African adventure - right here in Northern Illinois!

Hannah's temperature skyrocketed to 104 degrees last Thursday evening. After 4 days of wrangling a 'flu' with Tylenol and chicken soup, we rushed our special guest from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana to the ER at Central DuPage Hospital. She was so weak that she could barely open her mouth to have her temperature taken. We were very, very scared.



[Click here to read how she was healed!](#)

Picture: Dea. Hannah Bart-Plange (center) being interviewed by Dr. Susan Busse (right) and another woman.

Please Help Deaconess Hannah!

YOU can participate in showing Christ's Mercy in this amazing story too!

- \$2000 = Dcs. Hannah's personal bank loan to come to America. With her teacher's salary of \$4000/yr, this loan will take over a year to pay back. Let's give her a hand with that!
- \$500 = Food and travel expenses while she's in the US for one more month.



[Click here to donate to Hannah's travel expenses](#)

- \$3600 = OUCH. Medical Bills = 1 ER Visit + 2 Blood Tests. We are filing lots of paperwork with CDH and hope to have this bill reduced. Any remaining funds will go directly to ELCG outreach efforts in the rural villages of Ghana.

[Click here to donate to Hannah's medical expenses](#)

\$0 - There was no charge for the new treatment LCC doctors gave Hannah to end her malaria fever.

It is our fervent prayer that members of the Body of Christ across the globe may soon join us in using this new treatment as The Great Physician opens doors, bringing the gospel to new places and new faces we have not been allowed to reach before.

Rebekah Litfin
LWML President, St. John Wheaton

***Unto the Lord be the Glory for great things He has done!
Unto the Lord be the Glory for great things He will do!
(Ghanian Song of Praise)***

[Click here to Help Finance and Cover the Expenses of the Malaria Initiative](#)

[Click here to watch an interview with Deaconess Hannah...](#)

Other Stories Still Seeking Support

- [Dentures for Iranian Convert](#)
- [Mission to Haiti - Eyeglasses Needed](#)
- [Family of 3 in Need of Housing - Schaumburg](#)
- [Shipping Costs for Ghana Supplies](#)
- [Family of Five in Financial Need](#)
- [Open Doors in Haiti - Bible Study materials Needed](#)
- [Orphans in Kenya](#)

Items Available to a Ministry

- Large set of Dishes from St. Matthew, Hawthorn Woods - [View the list here](#)
- 2532 - 1 Cassette Player, 1 remote foot switch & head phones
- 2531 - 2 cassette tape erasers
- 2530 - 343 blank cassette tapes
- 2529 - 20 choir robes (blue with gold sashes)
- 2527 - 60+ Sparton Foam Soap dispensers for bulk soap
- 2526 - Commercial Refrigerator 54"W x 80"Tx34"D
- 2382/2383 - (2) Basketball Standards - One needs minor repair (welding) work.
- 2384/2385 - (2) Christmas Trees approx. 15-18 feet tall
- 2328 - 150 LW (1941) Hymnals
- 2311 - 8 drums & 10 bottles of ink for a Savin #3360 Duplicator
- 2300 - Wooden teacher's desk, formica top; 59.5"wide; 29.5"deep, 30.5" high
- 2296 - 6 ft tall, very narrow standing shelf unit for VCR storage; imitation walnut
- HYMNALS AVAILABLE... check the web site listing for the latest updates...

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

Items NEEDED for a Ministry

- Washing Machine
- Garage Door Opener for double-wide (2-car) single door
- Gas-Powered Weed Wacker

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

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.

- 2550 - Olympic weight set with bench
- 2549 - 13 bxs (18 cards/bx) Christmas Cards by Sunrise Greetings 13 box = 18 cards (blue card with dove of peace flying above the earth. Outside message "If ever there were a place, it's here. If ever there were a time it's now" Inside message "Peace on Earth"
- 2548 - Kraft Bubble Mailer 12.25 x 17.125 EZ-2 open Teare Strim, Self Sealing Closure 25 envelopes per box
- 2547 - Post-it 3M Photo Paper - Glossy, peel & stick (8 1/2" x 11") 20 sheets per pack
- 2545 - Night Stand (medium oak) 30" tall, 1 drawer & 2 shelves below
- 2542 - 2 wooden end tables w glass in-set top (one glass broken)
- 2544 - 1 Booster Seat
- 2540 - Baby Swing
- 2539 - High Chair
- 2538 - Walker
- 2537 - 1 covered book shelves
- 2536 - 2 storage cabinets
- 2535 - TV Stand - Plexiglas
- 2534 - 2 matching dressers (1 w mirror, 1 high boy)
- 2533 - 1 twin bed frame, box spring & mattress (antique white)
- 2532 - 1 Cassette Player, 1 remote foot switch & head phones
- 2531 - 2 cassette tape erasers
- 2530 - 343 blank cassette tapes

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

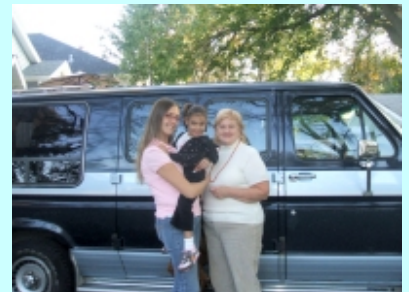
To [OFFER](#) an item for this section, or to get a Receipt for an item you have donated, [CLICK HERE for the NON-MONETARY DONATION FORM](#)

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...



- [Family of Four in Need of a Vehicle in Itasca](#)

- [Minivan needed for Hispanic Ministry in California](#)
- [15 Passenger Van needed for Salam Arabic Church](#)
- [Single Mother Needs Car for Work](#)
- [Egyptian Refugee Family in need of Transportation](#)

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

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



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

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

STOP is not a word LCC uses often...
But sometimes we have to COME to a STOP!

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

COME LORD JESUS, BE OUR GUEST ...



You recognize this prayer written by Martin Luther ...

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

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

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

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Churches Partner With LCC To Provide Congregational Preparedness Training - **NEW DATE ADDED**



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

LOCATIONS:

- Good Shepherd - Frankfort - Thursday evening - October 1st 5:30 - a light supper. The workshop is 6 to 9PM
- Good Shepherd (195 Nesler Road site)- Elgin - Saturday - October 24th 9 AM to Noon
- St Mark - St. Charles- Monday evening November 2 5:30 PM to 9 PM, a light supper will be provided at 5:30 **NEW RESCHEDULED DATE**

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

Tim's Pick of the Week

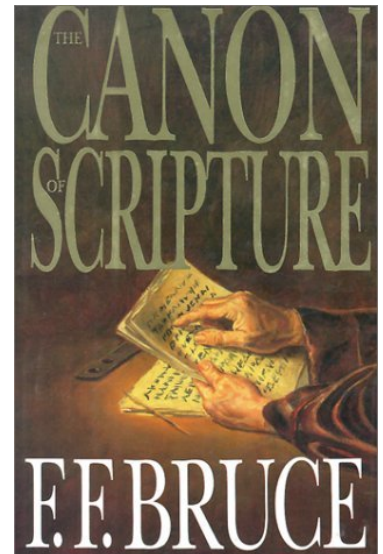
[The Canon of Scripture](#)

by F.F. Bruce

Winner of two 1990 Christianity Today Awards!

How did the books of the Bible come to be recognized as Holy Scripture? Who decided what shape the canon should take? What criteria influenced these decisions? After nearly nineteen centuries the canon of Scripture still remains an issue of debate.

In this significant historical study, F. F. Bruce brings the wisdom of a lifetime of reflection and biblical interpretation to bear in answering the questions and clearing away the confusion surrounding the Christian canon of Scripture. Adept in both Old and New Testament studies, he brings a rare comprehensive perspective to his task. Though some issues have shifted since the original publication of this book, it still remains a significant landmark and touchstone for further studies.



Job Seekers and Employers - Connect Online!

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

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



Servant at Heart

Lutheran Church Charities' On-Line Christian Business Directory

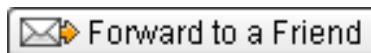
Looking for a Christian business? Lutheran Church Charities has an on-line Christian Business Directory called Servant@Heart. This on-line directory allows:

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

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

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

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



New Moms, Inc. Fundraising Banquet

October 2, 2009



On October 2nd, New Moms is hosting a fellowship and fundraising banquet at the Marriott Chicago, O'Hare. The ministry invites you to enjoy a complimentary meal, and hear from staff and current/past participants. By attending, you will learn about how you can support this ministry as it serves the unique needs of homeless

and at-risk pregnant and parenting teen mothers and their children. Please keep the ministry in your prayers and consider attending the banquet on October 2nd.

[Click here to learn more about New Moms.](#)

[Click here for more information about the banquet.](#)

[Click here to register for the banquet.](#)

Chicago Urban Summit on Lutheranism Concordia University - Chicago, River Forest October 2, 2009

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

Christians interested in Lutheranism in urban areas are invited to the Chicago Urban Summit at Concordia University Chicago this fall. Guest speaker Mark Junkans will share his experiences as executive director of LINC Houston, the Lutheran Intercity Network Coalition that has helped the church grow in inner city Houston, and there will be panel discussion from local pastors. The summit is being organized by LCMS World Mission Urban Strategist Kennety Gee and area pastors who have a concern for the declining numbers among Lutherans in Chicago and other urban areas of Northern Illinois.

Gee is the pastor of Chatham Fields Lutheran Church in Chicago (English District LCMS) and has also accepted a position with LCMS World Mission earlier this year. His role within the LCMS Ablaze! movement is raising up new mission leaders and serving as an additional catalyst for missions in Chicago.

The morning session of the summit will focus on the nature of urban Lutheranism today, and the afternoon topic is revival of urban Lutheranism. The summit will meet Friday, Oct. 2, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Concordia University Chicago. The registration fee before Aug. 30 is \$20 per person (groups of 3 or more from a congregation pay \$15 per person); after Aug. 30 the registration is \$25 per person (\$20 each if 3 or more). Lunch and materials are included.



To register, [view their event web page.](#)

Keynote Speaker:

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

Speakers include:

- Rev. Dan Gilbert, President, Northern Illinois District -LCMS

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

Registration Fee:

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

[Download the brochure here...](#)

Walcamp Fall Festival

October 4, 2009
10:00am - 4:00pm

Walcamp Outdoor Ministries, Kingston,
Illinois

Worship and Programs start at 10:00am

Festival Activities:

- Music and Entertainment
- Food and Games
- The Bake Shop
- Walcamp Marketplace (Arts and Crafts)
- Roast Pork Dinner
- Civil War Living History
- Camper Reunion
- and more!

For more information call (815) 784-5141 or go to www.Walcamp.org

Volunteers are needed! If you would like to make a pot of coffee, serve food, sell tickets for canoe rides, handout brochures and many other unchallenging jobs, please call Diana at 815-784-5141 or 847-705-9239. Call early and choose the job you want! Benefits to volunteering? Meet some wonderful people and have fun while doing some very necessary jobs!



Evangelism Idea Exchange

An NID Outreach Network Event

Congregation leaders are encouraged to learn and share what's working and what isn't in evangelism at a district-wide networking event.

Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009
St. Paul Lutheran Church
100 S. School Street
Mount Prospect, IL 60056

Guest Speakers:

Bruce Collet, Director of Outreach at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas, will talk about what worked in the past and why it won't work now.

Rev. Greg Finke, Senior Pastor of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas, will share what they've learned about incarnational outreach and how it can work here.

- Opening Devotion starts at 9 a.m.
- Day wraps up by 3 p.m.

Lunch and materials are provided in the \$30 per person registration fee (\$25 per person in groups of five or more)

Register and pay online at www.ni.lcms.org

Spirit of Life Chorus Performance Schedule

The Spirit of Life Chorus is a 100+ member ecumenical Christian concert chorus performing in church sanctories and auditoriums throughout the northern Illinois area.

Our concert series this fall is entitled "A Baby Changes Everything". Imagine Mary and Joseph as their baby was born. Do you think their son changed their lives? History tells us the answer, and what a change He has made....in all our lives. With music and the spoken word, our concert this year is filled with the wonderful and glorious sounds of Christmas!



We hope to see you at one or more of our 2009 Fall Concert Series. The schedule is listed below:

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

Saturday, October 17th

Lutheran Home

800 West Oakton St.; 60004

Concert time: 6:30 p.m.

NILES

Sunday, October 25th

St. John Lutheran Church

7429 Milwaukee Avenue; 60714

Concert time 4:00 p.m.

BATAVIA

Sunday, November 1

Immanuel Lutheran Church

950 Hart Road; 60510

Concert time: 4:00 p.m.

Benefit Concert to Assist the Families of Our Armed Forces

Concert to be held Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 7:00 PM
 Immanuel Lutheran Church
 200 N. Plum Grove Road
 Palatine, Illinois 60067



A benefit concert is being given to raise funds to support the families of the military on Saturday, November 7 at 7:00 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 200 N. Plum Grove, in Palatine. The RejoiceSingers will present the musical "Our Flag Was Still There" - a multimedia presentation along with a children's choir and Immanuel's adult choir. A chaplain, recently returned from service in Iraq, will be participating as well. This powerful program is open to the public. For information contact: Lutheran Church Charities or Immanuel Lutheran Church, Palatine (847) 359-0139.

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

St Luke, Itasca Praise Band Concert	Sept. 26, Noon	Christ Lutheran, Palatine, Illinois
New Moms Inc Fundraiser	October 2, 2009	Mariott Chicago O'Hare
Chicago Urban Summit	October 2, 2009	Concordia Univ. - Chicago
Evangelism Idea Exchange	October 17, 2009	St. Paul, Mount Prospect
Trinity 150th Anniversary Celebration	October 18, 2009	Trinity Lutheran Church, Tinley Park, Illinois
Apologetics Seminar	Oct 26-30, 2009	Jacksonville, Arkansas
Fundraiser:Hope for Tina	November 8 -2 pm	Merionette Park - Chicago
Oberammergau Passion Play -Study Trip	Taking Reservations Now	Germany

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

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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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