

The Lord of All Seasons...

Lutheran Church Charities

Making A Difference
Newsletter

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Remember us last...
Keep us First to Serve



November 7, 2007

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



RED LCC VAN NEEDS BRAKES!

In Dire Need of Repairs for Vehicles to Allow us to Continue to Serve

[LCC Vehicle Fund](#)

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.

Currently, our Red Van is in need of brakes all around, so that we can have it on the road next week to pick up food for the Katrina Food Drive and load the Semi. They completely went out on October 25th! The cost

is just shy of \$1000. Between Gas, Insurance and Repairs - we are in desperate need of funds to help us keep this valuable part of our ministry going.

[Would you consider helping us? If so - please click here to make a donation.](#)

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

Clothing, toys for Children in Iraq - Items Needed to Open the Door for the Gospel

Request from Rev. Keith E. GeRue, A LCMS Pastor serving Word and Sacrament Ministry in Bucca, Iraq. (Former parish pastor in the NID)

I have a request and would like your assistance. Our Unit has just taken over the visitation program in Bucca. Over 200 families come per week. This program is a way in which the families of Iraqi Detainees get to visit them. Many of these children have nothing except the clothing on their backs. What we would like to do is along with giving them paper and pen, (Which we have a truckload of) is to give them a little toy and stuffed animal. Is there anyway which the LCC can assist with this project?

Our answer is ABSOLUTELY! If you would like to collect these items, please contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

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Or you can contact Rev. GeRue directly at keith.gerue@iraq.centcom.mil or mail him at:

Keith E. GeRue
CH CPT, 384th MP BN
Unit 60534
APO AE 09375

Note: Priority mail box 6x12x9 is about \$10.
A large 24x24x12 box is about \$20.
Only USPS delivers to Iraq, UPS Does not!



Thank You for Making a Difference in the lives of these children!

Your Donations Make A Difference

Here are just some of the many ways in which your donations are continuing to Make A Difference... In People's Lives and in God's Kingdom:

Because of Your Generous Donations



LCC Northern Illinois Wide Food Drive To Aid Camp Biloxi Was A Great Success!!

Sunday November 4th, the Food Drive for the Distribution Center at Camp Biloxi came to a close.

(Photo: Tony Dixon of Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Mount Prospect delivers food collected on Halloween)

This week Lutheran Church Charities will be sending out our volunteers with trailers to pick up the boxes of food from the following collection sites:

- St John Lutheran Church, Darien,
- St Matthew Lutheran Church, Hawthorn Woods
- St. Paul Lutheran Church, Thornton
- St. John Lutheran Church, Country Club Hills
- Redeemer Lutheran Church, Elmhurst
- Immanuel Lutheran Church, Palatine
- St. Phillip Lutheran Church, Chicago

Our thanks to all the volunteers at the collection sites who sorted and boxed all of the food. Also a word of thanks to all the congregations who collected food and dropped it off at one of the collection sites and to the many LCC volunteers who are making the pick-ups from the various sites this week.

You have all Made a Difference in the lives of the people in Biloxi by reaching out to them with the Compassion of Christ!

[Make a MONETARY Donation to help Stock The Shelves at Camp Biloxi - Click Here](#)



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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God Provides for His People Through His People Pastor in Akron Ohio reaches out to family in Findlay, Ohio

On Tuesday, October 30th Pastor Lon Landsmann from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Akron, Ohio contacted the LCC offices with a car donation. Pastor Landsmann served at Zion Lutheran Church in Grant Park, Illinois before accepting the call to Good Shepherd. He receives our newsletter and wanted to donate the car to a family affected by the flooding in Findlay, Ohio. Dianna Bonfield contacted Pastor Gerry Mohr at Concordia Lutheran Church in Findlay, Ohio. Pastor Mohr had a member family that was struggling financially. The family was just making ends meet and then the husband lost weeks of work due to the flooding. That created a financial crisis and they were in desperate need of a car. That same day, Pastor Landsmann and his wife drove the 140 miles to Findlay to deliver the car!

Photo: Pastor Landsmann towards the front of the vehicle, with the recipient couple in Findlay, Ohio



*Once again God provides for His people through His people!
Thank you Pastor Landsmann and Pastor Mohr for serving those in need!*

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

Courses available Now

The Gospel of John - 30 sessions

Cover to Cover - Genesis through Revelation - 60 sessions

Book of Revelation - 30 Sessions

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

<http://www.WAUonline.org>

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Join the 50 plus congregations in
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Among Us Bible Study Materials
(Free for Churches)

You can't have a Well Fed
Church if you only serve
Fast Food!
Consider having your church or

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



Thanksgiving Outreach Projects +



Lutheran Church Charities has received requests for assistance with regard to helping ministries reach out to their communities his holiday season. Listed below are the requests received to date.

If your ministry would like to raise awareness of your projects for Thanksgiving or Christmas, please contact us at LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org..

Three Courses Available:

New for Fall 2007!

APOCALYPSIS JESU CHRISTUS (30 weeks)

In-Sight into the Book of Revelation

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

The Book of Revelation however is a revelation of Jesus Christ

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

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

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

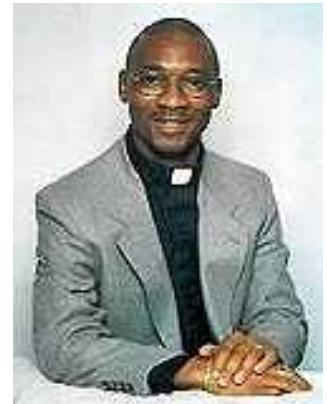
From the very beginning, cranks and crackpots have attempted to use The Book of Revelation to advocate some new twist on the Chicken Little Doctrine: The Sky 1S Falling! But APOCALYPSIS JESU CHRISTUS teaches instead that Christians will overcome all opposition through the work of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of John (30 weeks)

Often viewed as a stand apart Gospel, this study will explore the brilliance of the author who

+ Chicago South Side Outreach Request From Pastor Stephane Kalonji, Zion Lutheran Church, Chicago

For the past two years, Zion Lutheran Church has reached to many African immigrants and other members of its community through the giving out of Thanksgiving food items. I would like to request that Lutheran Church Charities partner with us again this year to serve these immigrants and other brothers and sisters with their need of food for Thanksgiving. The greatest need has been that of a turkey. Last year, we gave out over one hundred turkeys and other food items. We plan on giving out whatever we have received on November 20th.



Thank you for your help as we reach out to the community,

Pastor Stephane Kalonji

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

[Click here to donate to purchase turkeys for Zion Thanksgiving 2007 Project](#)

+ Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets Request from Pastor Tilahun Menedo, Faith Lutheran Church, Mobile, Alabama



The Evangelism and Outreach Committee at Faith is planning to put together Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets for those in need and we are asking for help. We realize that you and your readers are deeply concerned with the needs of all people. We are attempting to put together at least 6 Baskets for each Holiday. Each basket will consist of the basic needs for a good nutritious dinner and filled with prayers, love, joy, and happiness for a wonderful holiday - one that may not happen without your help.

[Click here to donate to Faith, Mobile Holiday](#)

[Baskets](#)

presents us with the Life and Ministry of Jesus with such great insight and understanding. Discover who the Beloved Disciple is.

Cover-To-Cover Through The Bible.

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

INDIVIDUALS CAN TAKE EITHER COURSE BY INTERNET!

For more information on [Word Among Us Classes](#) and how your church or small group can become a site visit our web page by [Clicking Here....](#)

+ Food Needed For Community Outreach Thanksgiving Meal

Request from Vicar Jean Andre Gerard Bingue, Bethesda Lutheran Church, Chicago

I would like to request help from you during the Holiday Seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas. I need food and gifts for my congregation and community. For the past 3 years, at every Thanksgiving, I have a joint service with Reverend Bacon. After the service, we have a dinner for the members of the congregation and community.

I would appreciate it if you can help us find some frozen food such as meat, vegetables, rice, potatoes, etc. and dry/canned food that we need for the Thanksgiving Meal. We serve over 100 people at the dinner.

Please contact Dianna Bonfield at 866-455-6466 or e-mail Dianna@LutheranChurchCharities.org if you have food or gifts to donate



+ Thanksgiving Dinners



Are you finding yourself or someone you know TURKEYLESS on THANKSGIVING?

You are cordially invited to join St. Matthews in Hawthorn Woods on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 22nd) for Worship Service at 10 am followed by Appetizers and Turkey Dinner starting at 11:00 am.

Please R.S.V.P. by November 18th by calling the church office at

(847) 438-7709 ([map](#))

There is a limit of 100 people. Please invite others that might need some fellowship.

+ Historic St. Matthews Special Thanksgiving Dinner Request from Maria Leal for Turkeys to be cooked

St. Matthew is planning to have a special **Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless** on Tuesday, November 18, at noon. Maria will need several turkeys to cook.

St. Matthew's El Comedor Popular soup kitchen has operated a self supporting program and added a mission to the hungry in La Barca, Mexico. Now St. Matthew faces the challenge to continue with a Word and Sacrament ministry with the help of its partners in a mission to save the souls of the lost. According to the Gospels Jesus' love and compassion was more tangible amongst the poor, the hungry, the sick, the demon possessed. St. Matthew wishes to remain a servant of God and a caring church amongst the low income families in Chicago's multiethnic community.



In Christ, Rev. Julio A. Loza

[Click here to Read More of the latest newsletter \(PDF\)](#)

[To Donate to St. Matthew's "El Comedor Popular" Soup Kitchen, click here](#)

Gifts online
Aaron Blessing
Pendant
- Gold or Silver -



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

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

Dimensions:

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

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OnLine Ordering from
LCC's "Resource Cart"](#)

If you have a supply of Turkeys to donate, please contact St. Matthew's Maria Leal directly at (773) 847-6458

Family With Severe Medical Problems in Need of Assistance

Request from Pastor Bill Cate, St. Peter Lutheran Church, Schaumburg, Illinois

We are working with a member family that is in need of assistance. They need help with living expenses in general, medical expenses for two members of the family, and the expenses of caring for a totally disabled son. The wife/mother of the family is currently receiving treatment for breast cancer and possibly lymphatic cancer. She has lost her job and is fully disabled at this time. The husband/father has been diagnosed with narcolepsy, so is having difficulty retaining his full-time school bus driving job, after being laid-off permanently from a tool-and-die career. Their adult son suffers from Cerebral Palsy, is fully disabled and wheel-chair bound with both mental and physical incapacity. The family has three other young children at home as well.



Our local Thrivent chapter will be providing some assistance for the family through Thrivent's "Care Abounds in Communities" program, but their need is great and additional assistance is needed to minister to the family's needs.

Thank you for posting this request in your newsletter, God bless your work and ministry.

Saved to Share,

Pastor Bill Cate
Minister of Discipleship
St. Peter Lutheran Church & School
Schaumburg

[To Donate to this St. Peter Schaumburg Family, click here](#)

Katrina Christmas Card 2007

Detailed information and order forms now available.



For Christmas 2007 St. John Lutheran Church in LaGrange Illinois is once again offering Katrina Christmas Cards. Dollar per dollar all the proceeds from the sale of the Christmas cards will go to support the ministry of Bayou Grace in Louisiana. This year the goal is to raise \$21,000.00. Cards will be available in quantities of 20 cards per pack.

[\(click here for a Larger View\)](#)

For ordering information, go to:
www.KatrinaChristmasCard.org

New this year - Congregations and organizations will be able to order cards in bulk. Selling these Christmas cards in your church is an easy project that will benefit

St. John, Wheaton Serving the Blind and Visually Impaired

Request from St. John Lutheran Church for Wheaton Blind Outreach Center; Judy Waterman and Karen Crawford



The Wheaton Blind Outreach Center of St. John Lutheran Church offers the blind and visually impaired individuals in DuPage County a monthly opportunity to share a meal, a devotional message, and network with and support one another. The people come with varying degrees of sight, some just newly diagnosed with macular degeneration.

Photo above: From a recent "Dinner in the Dark" event held to build awareness of the

Bayou Grace, Louisiana. A sizable portion of the funds raised can be used for your own team's efforts in the Gulf States.

challenges of being blind or visually impaired.

It is an active ministry at work that includes volunteers for meal preparation, serving, driving participants, and administrative assistance. Karen Crawford, the Center's Director says, "The members are introduced to Scripture and enjoy the blessings which come from prayer fellowship with and for one another. It is our prayer that the Lord's Word would speak to them, and along with that Word and the loving efforts of our volunteers, our participants will see Christ and be led into relationship with Him."

Newcomers and visitors are always welcome. To learn more of these services and the opportunities available to the visually impaired community in a non-threatening environment, please contact Karen Crawford, the Center's director, at (630) 682-1834.



Cookbooks Available



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

All Proceeds go to Katrina Relief

We have always loved entertaining. A large part has been cooking with family and friends. There is nothing better than everyone crowded in the kitchen creating a meal.

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

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

In Christ,
Rich and Dona Martin



[Click here to learn more about the center and their needs](#)

[Click here to donate to The Wheaton Blind Outreach Center](#)



Haiti Bus is Getting Ready to Go!

Update and Request from the Friends of Haiti, Christ Lutheran Church, Orland Park, Illinois

The following email was received from Sue Gross:



What a blessing this bus project has been!

All those who have worked with us on this project have seen the Lord's hand directing us. He has opened one door after another. So many of you have supported us both with material goods and prayers. I never expected this kind of response. Many, many thanks.

Most of the items we need have been collected. Christ Lutheran Church members and students from Luther North High (pictured here) painted the bus. Maintenance checks and tires have been

donated. Drivers have volunteered to take it to Miami. **We just need a few more items** and a final day to finish the painted message on the bus.

We will then sort, pack and secure the bus before sending it off to Haiti by Thanksgiving.

The items we still need and would like to get quickly are:

[Click Here to Order yours Today](#)

- **Used musical instruments**
- **Used choir robes**

If you have any to donate please call LCC at
866-455-6466 or
e-mail LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

Pictured here is Vida Johnston of LCC presenting a check from your monetary donations to Sue Gross for the "Friends of Haiti" ministry at Christ Lutheran Church in Orland Park, IL on Sunday, October 28, 2007



Southern California Wild Fires Update from Glenn Merritt of LCMS World Relief and Human Care

- No LCMS churches, schools, camps, or child care centers have been damaged in the fires.
- Numerous LCMS families, including church workers, have lost their homes in the fires.
- LCMS World Relief and Human Care staff members Rev. Glenn Merritt, director of disaster response and Rev. Carlos Hernandez, director of districts and congregations, are on-site, assisting the Pacific Southwest District and pastors in assessment and response efforts.
- LCMS World Relief and Human Care awarded the Pacific SW District a \$50,000 emergency grant to distribute to congregations as needed.
- Our disaster funds as well as the district's fire funds are critically low. We are relying on donor gifts to share Christ's mercy with the people affected by fire in S. California. Pacific Southwest District President Rev. Dr. Larry Stoterau has been in contact with LCMS World Relief and Human Care staff, and said, "churches in the Pacific Southwest District have responded very well to the dangers in their communities."



Special Appeal: Disaster Relief Southern California Wild Fires

Financial Assistance

You can read below or click on the links below to find out more specific information, but here are some options:

- Lutheran Church Charities Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund:
[Donate to the Fund here...](#)
- Rev. Ralph Buchhorn - Extra Mile Ministries:
[Donate to Extra Mile Ministries...](#)
- Lutheran Church Charities Recovery Fund for LCMS Schools and Families:
[Donate to this fund here...](#)
- LCMS World Relief and Human Care:
[Click here for updates or to donate directly...](#)
- Pacific Southwest District of the LCMS - Fire Fund:
[Click here for updates on their web site...](#)



Additional Information About the Fires...

An update report from Rachel Klitzing - Executive Director of School Ministries, Pacific Southwest District ([Click to Download PDF File](#))

An Update report on Rev. Ralph Buchhorn - Extra Mile Ministries - serving right now the victims from the Fire ([Click to Download PDF File](#))

An Update report from Rev. Glenn Merritt from LCMS World Relief and Human Care
([View LCMS web site](#))

As you are aware, the fires in California have caused tremendous devastation for many individuals and families. There are still many "unknowns" out there, but as one pastor shared with me, ***"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's People who are in need. Practice hospitality."*** Romans 12:11-13

Lutheran Church Charities Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund -
[Donate to the Fund here...](#)

What you can do...

We have received many emails and phone calls asking "What can we do to help". I appreciate your Christian concern and Christ like Compassion - it is an inspiration to us and to those on the ground in California. At this point, this is what can be done:

1. Pray - Pray for those who have lost property and belongs. Pray for those who are serving those who are displaced from their homes because of the fires. Pray for all the workers who continue to battle the fires.
2. Financial contributions are needed now and for the days ahead. There are several ways in which you can support the efforts financially. I will list those efforts of LCC (Dollar In/Dollar Out) and of others - and if you are led you can choose how you would like your dollars to go.
3. Keep Informed by going to the LCC Web site and the Web site of LCMS World Relief and Human Care for current updates.



On behalf of all the people involved out in California with the fires, LCC thanks you for your prayers and support. As in all disasters that occur - God continues to shine forth and work in and through His People to share the Compassion and Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

Serving Together, Serving Christ, so we can serve others IN HIS NAME.

Ultrasound Machine Needed

Help The Life Center in Elgin reach out to women with crisis pregnancies

Request from Pastor Steve Okpisz, Faith Lutheran Church, Geneva, Illinois

Our congregation supports the Elgin Life Center. Vivian Maly is the director and a member of Faith Lutheran Church. She has sent the following request and we are asking for your support:



We have a new goal of adding an ultrasound Machine to our ministry. We believe that women considering abortion will fall in love with the little baby they see with ultrasound technology. We pray that this "eye opening technology", which was called by one nationally syndicated columnist as an "abortion block", will become a reality at The Life Center. Some centers

report as high as 98% of their women who have ultrasounds choose to carry to term. The program costs tens of thousands of dollars. We are praying for a grant from Focus on the Family to cover 80% of the cost of the machine. We are praying for faithful Christians to join us in raising the other 20% and the funds for a nurse to be on staff. So will you join us in this life saving crusade?

Vivian Maly, Director
The Life Center

[Click here to donate to The Life Center Ultrasound.](#)

The Servant's Heart- Serving the "Poorest of the Poor" in Guatemala



The Servant's Heart was founded in 1992 as a ministry to the "poorest of the poor" in Guatemala. These were the people who lived and worked in the garbage dump of Guatemala City. Beginning with visits to the shanty towns inside the dump and Bible studies with twelve families, the ministry has grown to include a Lutheran day school, daily VBS and Bible study classes, medical clinics both at the ministry sites and in the squatters area near the dump, a daily soup kitchen, and an economic development department which teaches marketable skills in handcrafts as well as Christian work ethics and business skills. Our short-term mission teams come year-round from the U. S. to spend nine days with us. These volunteers bring much-needed supplies as well as hearts full of the love of Jesus to share with our people.

The Servant's Heart is in need of aid for our school and students. Due to financial reasons, we are closing our private school for the coming year, with plans to open for the 2009 school year. We are, however, completely committed to providing our children with a Christian education, and we are seeking tuition assistance to continue sending these children to private Christian schools within the city. We will continue our after school and enrichment programs as well as our VBS and Saturday programs that compose the academic areas of our ministry.

The Servant's Heart is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

[Click here to read more about the ministry and needs of Servant's Heart](#)

[Click here to Donate to the Ministry](#)

Davis Family Mission Update - We're Here!

Greetings!

We hope and pray that you and your family are well!
We have arrived in Kenya safe and sound. a little sleep-deprived but otherwise good.

The girls did much better then we had hoped/feared, so there is an answer to prayer. We are staying in Nairobi today. Tomorrow we will head out into the field where we will be staying for most of our stay. Please pray for safe travel in that (the traffic is a little bit this side of crazy here) and continued smooth transition for us. Also the Kids Alive Kenya board is meeting today and tomorrow for strategic planning please pray for clear hearts and minds for all who are involved in that process.



We have a decent internet hook up today but not sure what the future will look like on that front we will just go with the flow.

Thanks and Blessings to you all,
Trent, Michelle, Michaela and Rachel

Updates: Volunteers Needed for Disaster Response

As a result of the storm systems that swept across the Midwest in August, volunteers for LCC are needed to assist with clean up efforts in Ohio, Minnesota, and Kansas. LCC has received the following requests:

Kansas Flooding and Tornado Cleanup

At the directive of Rev. Glenn Merritt of LCMS World Relief and Human Care and the Rev. Keith E. Kohlmeier, President, Kansas District LCMS, they will be accepting volunteers after Labor Day to help in Greensburg and the surrounding area.

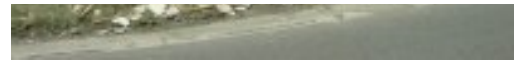
Update- First Volunteer Village Opens in Greensburg, Kansas. Volunteers Needed.

This past week the Volunteer Village opened in Greensburg Kansas. The Village will be able to house 40 volunteers. Orphan Grain Train (OGT) brought out two mobile bedroom units that are heated and air-conditioned. Each bedroom is outfitted with bunk beds. OGT also provided a Shower/ Laundry Unit and a mobile kitchen. Volunteers constructed a dining room /fellowship facility.

Skilled volunteers are needed to work in rebuilding homes or building new construction. If you do not have construction skills they still need you. You will



be assigned to a team with one or more skilled persons. There is a special need for volunteers for November and December. The camp director requests that all skilled worker forms be filled out and returned to her one month prior to arriving at camp. Volunteers can come in as teams or as singles. Volunteers in close driving distance can come for a day or an extended weekend. If you, your family, or a team from your church is interested in volunteering in Greensburg Kansas [click here to fill out the volunteer to travel application.](#)



[Click here to volunteer to travel to Kansas](#)

Findlay, Ohio

Update- LCC staff member Dianna Bonfield had the opportunity on Sunday Oct 7th to spend the day in Findlay talking with victims of the flooding in Ohio. LCC has been in contact with LSS of Ohio who is coordinating the disaster relief for the seven counties affected by the floods. We have learned that they have moved out of the mucking out stage and are moving into the rebuilding stage. Their first priority is to work with the elderly and low income families. They need both skilled and non- skilled workers. There is also a need for Stephen ministers, care ministry people, social workers, Chaplains and people with good listening and ministry skills. Volunteers who live within driving distance can come for a day or an extended weekend. Housing is available for individuals or teams who can stay for a week or longer.



[Click here to volunteer to travel to Ohio](#)

Southern Minnesota Areas Flooded

Update - Camp at St. Mark's in Rushford, Minnesota Opened October 28th!

Pastor Merlin Stephan and the congregation of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Rushford, Minnesota, have opened the Parish Hall of the church and the basement of the parsonage as housing for volunteers. The camp has the capacity to house 30 volunteers at a time. Bunk beds have been added to the sleeping area in the Parish Hall for women and in the basement of the parsonage for men.

Skilled volunteers are needed to serve with non-skilled volunteers to help people rebuild their homes. Camp St. Marks offers one day volunteer opportunities for those living within a few hours travel distance. They also offer extended weekend and week long volunteer opportunities for individuals or teams.

The severe flooding in the southern part of the state has affected many churches. At the directive of Rev. Glenn Merritt of LCMS World Relief and Human Care volunteers are being allowed in...

- Grace Lutheran, Stockton - Rev. Jesse Krusemark
- St. John Lutheran, Rushford - Rev. Harold Hintzman (Three families have lost their homes)
- St. Mark Lutheran, Rushford - Merlin Stephan (Five families lost their homes - no utilities in city at all; No running water)
- Immanuel Lutheran, Lewiston - Rev. Bill Meilner
- Messiah Lutheran, LaCrescent - Rev. Greg Hovland
- St. Matthew's Lutheran, St. Charles - Rev. Michael Hart
- Our Savior's Lutheran, Eyota - Rev. Jon Vollrath
- Winona, Minnesota churches (Redeemer & St. Martin's) (members affected that live in these valleys)

[Click to volunteer to travel to Minnesota](#)

Thank you for your prayers and support in touching lives that are hurting with the Presence of Jesus Christ and for Making A Difference!

[To contribute to LCC Disaster Relief Click here](#)

What a Good Movie Can Do



Bella

November 6, 2007

Note: The following commentary includes details from the movie Bella. Do not read on if you prefer not to read about the film before viewing it.

When you go see the movie Bella, you will be struck by a series of simple but powerful images: a child running on a beach, a man dancing with a little girl, a butterfly sucked down a sink. The use of evocative imagery helps transform the film into something more than what it looks like on the surface—just a story of two people spending a day together after getting fired from their jobs.

You may be surprised to hear me focusing on Bella's use of imagery, because if you have heard of the film, you undoubtedly know it is "the pro-life movie" that many Christians have been talking about ... [Click Here to read more...](#)

from PFM's BreakPoint Commentary

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People Ablaze!

Sparks Newsletter Update



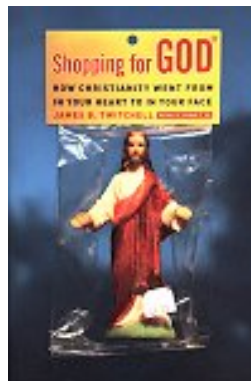
Ready for a mission trip? **St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Barrington** not only has developed a 12-year relationship that takes them back to assist the same congregation in Mexico several times each year, they are now teaching other congregations how to plan and launch their own trips. Read all about it in the October 31 edition of Sparks. <http://www.peopleablaze.org/Index.asp?PageID=8351>

Did you miss the Sparks report on starting a neighborhood group? You will find everything from the why to the tips and traps. Read it in the October 17 edition of Sparks. <http://www.peopleablaze.org/Index.asp?PageID=8273>

Christian teachers and teacher's assistants needed

Christian teachers and teacher's assistants needed at A Bright Beginning Academy Childcare Center, a ministry of Family In Faith Lutheran Church in Glendale Heights. Assistants must have a high school diploma. Teachers must have a minimum of 60 semester hours of college credit with a minimum of 6 semester hours of early childhood related training or 30 semester hours of college credit with a minimum of 6 semester hours of early childhood related training and one year of early childhood experience. Full insurance benefits available for those who work full time. Full and part time positions available. Salary based on education, experience and assigned duties. To apply please contact Karla Neumann 630-653-7990 or email your resume to ABBADaycare@fifcc.org

Tim's Pick of the Week



[Shopping For GOD: How Christianity Went From In Your Heart to In Your Face](#)

[By: James B. Twitchell](#)

Simon & Schuster Trade Sales / 2007 / Hardcover

Availability: Available to ship on or about 12/12/07.

APOCALYPSIS JESU CHRISTUS (30 weeks)

InSight into the Book of Revelation

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

➤ [Register Online: Apocalypse Jesu Christus - The Book of Revelation](#)

The Book of Revelation however is a revelation of Jesus Christ

- The totality of Jesus Christ in the totality of his mission and ministry, his death and resurrection, his living lordship, and his coming again.
- It is an explanation and proclamation of the gospel.
- It is instruction in Christian discipleship.
- It is a portrayal of the church.

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

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

➤ [Register Online: Apocalypse Jesu Christus - The Book of Revelation](#)



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

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

To indicate your interest in becoming a student in this course, > [Register Now](#) < or call (toll free) 866-455-6466.

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

or contact your local Host Facilitator.

Katrina Christmas Card 2007



For Christmas 2007 St. John Lutheran Church in LaGrange Illinois is once again offering Katrina Christmas Cards. Dollar per dollar all the proceeds from the sale of the Christmas cards will go to support the ministry of Bayou Grace in Louisiana. This year the goal is to raise \$21,000.00. Cards will be available in quantities of 20 cards per pack.

[\(click here for a Larger View\)](#)

For ordering information, go to: www.KatrinaChristmasCard.org

New this year - Congregations and organizations will be able to order cards in bulk. Selling these Christmas cards in your church is an easy project that will benefit Bayou Grace, Louisiana. A sizable portion of the funds raised can be used for your own team's efforts in the Gulf States.

Other Stories Still Seeking Support

- [Katie on Campus](#)
- [Retired Teacher Will Share God's Love as She Serves In Asia](#)
- [Help Fill the Bus for Haiti Orphanage](#)
- [Lutheran Teacher with Parkinson's disease in need of help](#)
- [Teach us to fish! Lutheran Seminary in Ghana needs assistance](#)
- [Northwest Suburban \(Chicago\) Basketball Ministry](#)

Items Available to Church/Organization

- New Listing - St. John Lutheran Church in Darien, IL has the following: 14 cases of the blue hymnal in relatively good condition for anyone who wants them. If they have to be shipped, we ask that they pay for the cost of shipping
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Brookfield, IL has the following items: 22 copies "Science 6 for Christian Schools " (text books)
- Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Franklin Park has about 40 folding wooden chairs (adult size), and about 20 folding metal chairs (kid-size) here for the taking. They're older but in decent condition.
- From St. John Lutheran Church in LaGrange, Illinois
 - 8 VCR's (all working)
 - 5 child size oak chairs

- o a plastic sandbox
- o plastic Big kitchen set
- o 2 toy baby beds

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

New Items Free for the Asking

- Wurlitzer Electronic Organ - Model 4573 with two keyboards and full foot pedal
This organ is in excellent condition and would make an excellent instrument for a church, school or in a home.



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

The Wonders of Egypt Biblical Study Tour

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

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

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



This Week

Reaching Out For Jesus



Saturday, November 10, 7 - 9 p.m.
Family Life Center
Trinity Lutheran Church, Roselle, Illinois

To Raise Awareness and Funding for the Outreach and Community Assistance Activities of POBLO's Hicham Chehab with the Immigrant and Refugee Populations in the Chicago Area.

Contact: Renate Marquardt
630-259-8416
or renatem@trinityroselle.com
\$10.00 per person for the buffet dinner

Presentations and skits by members of the Immigrant and Refugee Communities describing their lives in the United States.

You will have an opportunity to contribute a special free-will offering

[Click Here to download a Flyer \(in PDF\) to promote the event at your church](#)

Int'l Lutheran Laymen's League LLL District Convention Saturday November 17, 2007 St Peter Lutheran Church, Arlington Heights

111 W. Olive Street, Arlington Heights, IL
Registration 8:30 a.m. Convention opens at 9:00 a.m.

Learn the latest from Lutheran Hour Ministries including New Outreach Tools for **Your** Congregation.

- * Equipping to Share Workshops
- * Practicing Hospitality
- * New Neighbor Outreach
- * NID Orphan Grain Train
- * NID Panama Project

Pastors and their wives are FREE if registered by the Nov. 12 deadline.

[Click here for a Downloadable \(PDF\) registration form](#)



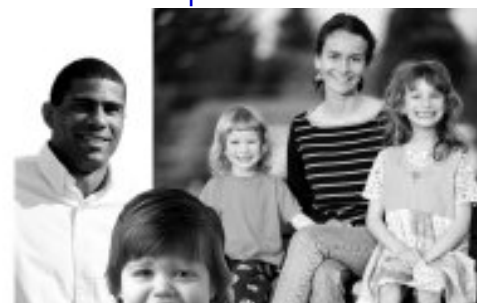
FREE Clinic



Do You, or Someone You Know, Need Free Help?

Professionals will be Ready to Provide:

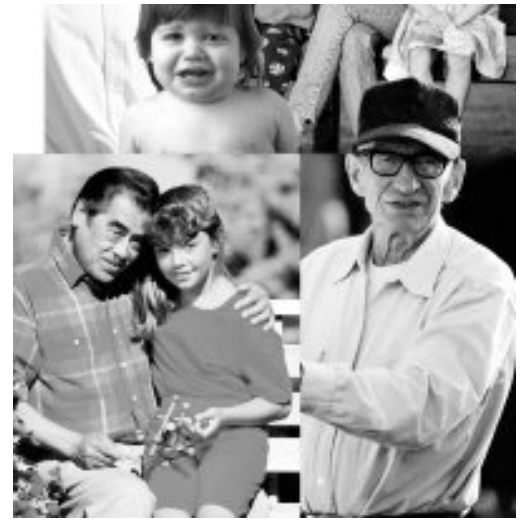
- Medical Screening*
- Dental Screening*
- Vision Screening*
- Chiropractic Screening*
- Food



- Lunch
- Clothing
- Haircuts
- Entertainment
- Prayer Partners
- Companionship
- And Much More!

**All medical screenings provided by licensed medical professionals*

Saturday, November 17, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church
405 S. Rush Street
Roselle, IL



Visit www.trinityroselle.com or call 847.289.7200 for more information

Meeting Human Needs in Christ's Name
Sponsored in part by the Central DuPage County Thrivent Chapter

There is a need for Spanish Translators and Advocates.

If you are able to serve as either, contact Trinity at 847-289-7200.

Rejoice Singers Presenting Concerts this season

The Rejoice Singers are an interdenominational out-reach ministry with members from the suburban areas of Chicago. They have the following concerts scheduled:

November 18, 2007
"Reaching Your World"
St. Peter Lutheran Church
111 W. Olive Street
Arlington Heights, IL
3:00 PM Concert

December 2, 2007
Christmas Concert
Lake Forest Place
1100 Pembridge Drive
Lake Forest, IL
3:00 PM Concert

December 9, 2007
Christmas Concert
Luther Village
1250 Village Drive
(just east of the Lutheran Home - 800 W. Oakton St.; behind Hearthstone)
Arlington Heights, IL
3:00 PM Concert

January 5, 2008
Epiphany Concert
St. Peter Lutheran Church
202 E. Schaumburg Rd.
Schaumburg IL
5:00 PM Service



Upcoming Events

Prevent a Stroke!	Nov 9 - 8:30 am - 5 pm	Living Lord Lutheran Church - Bartlett, IL
Blood Drive	Nov 10 - 8 am - Noon	Living Lord Lutheran Church - Bartlett, IL
Reaching Out For Jesus	Nov 10 - 7-9 pm	Trinity Lutheran Church - Roselle
Blood Drive	Nov 17 - 8 - 11:30 am	St. John Lutheran Church, LaGrange
The CLINIC - Free!	Nov 17 - 10am - 2 pm	Trinity Lutheran Church- Roselle
Rejoice Singers - "Reaching Your World"	Nov 18 - 3:00 pm	St. Peter Lutheran Church - Arlington Heights
Rejoice Singers - Christmas Concert	Dec 2 - 3:00 pm	Lake Forest Place
Rejoice Singers - Christmas Concert	Dec 9 - 3:00 pm	Luther Villiage - Arlington Heights
Rejoice Singers - Epiphany Concert	Jan 5 - 5:00 pm	St. Peter Lutheran Church - Schaumburg

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

How To Support Lutheran Church Charities

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

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

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

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

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



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