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### Milwaukee Inner City Children Outreach Project - Donations Needed This Week

#### College Students at Wisconsin Lutheran Help Make a Difference

Help Share the Love and Compassion of Christ by helping some of our Lutheran College Students at Wisconsin Lutheran reach out to the children they are serving on a weekly basis in Milwaukee.



be received by Monday, Dec 10th.

[If you would like to contribute, dollar per dollar, to help the college students at Wisconsin Lutheran purchase the socks and other items, click here.](#)

*Thank you for Making A Difference in helping the children - all in the Name and Compassion of Christ.*

### 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:



Stephen Hetzner is organizing this project through the school he attends, Wisconsin Lutheran in Milwaukee. He and other college students work weekly with inner city Milwaukee children and have noticed their dire need for socks, boots, scarves, jackets, gloves and mittens. If you can help donate these items please contact Lutheran Church Charities at 866-455-6466 or email us at [LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org](mailto:LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org)

We will be delivering them to Milwaukee early next week, so all donations need to

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## Car Donation Helps Young Couple Rebuild Their Life



Rev. Allan Buss from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Belvidere, IL contacted LCC with a need for a car. He is working with a young couple in his congregation who have pulled through a series of physical and emotional struggles. They are now both working but did not have reliable transportation. Because of the generous donation of a car, LCC was able to meet this need and help this young couple as they put their life back together.

*Photo: Rev. Allan Buss with Tim Hetzner at LCC when picking up the car for the young couple.*

***Once Again Your Car Donations Have Made A Difference!***

## Food Donation assists Ministry Outreach



On Friday, November 30th, LCC Volunteer Tammy Rak from St. Paul Lutheran Church, Addison dropped off a van full of donated food to Zion Lutheran Church in Chicago.

This food donation will be used in as they continue to reach out to their community and French-Speaking Immigrants with the Compassion of Christ.

*In the photo: Pastor Stephane Kalonji helps to unload food from van.*



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@LutheranChurch Charities.](mailto:LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org)

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## Update...



On Monday, December 3rd LCC Volunteer Roger Geske delivered a check from LCC to Pastor Cate. Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to help this family! The members of St. Peter are continuing their efforts to assist the family.

## 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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## 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](#)



## Family in Need of Assistance After Serious Car Accident

### Request from Pastor Paul Cutler, Grace Lutheran Church, Streamwood, Illinois

Grace Lutheran Church Sunday Kid's Club, Streamwood, IL is asking you to join hands and hearts to help a family in need. A young family of 4 needs our help. Saturday, December 1, 2007 was supposed to be a day of happiness and joy. One of our church families was helping their nephew Jason and his wife and children move into the first home of their own.



However, this joyous day turned into a day of fears and tears. As Jason (Dad) was driving from his new home to pick up more of their belongings, a driver in front of Jason lost control of her car and hit him head on. It took the fire department over 2 hours to cut him out of his car. Jason now lies in the hospital with a shattered left femur, and crushed right ankle and a broken right wrist. He is in traction and in severe pain.



We praise God that He was with him and that He didn't take Jason from us but we are asking for assistance for his family. Jason was the only one in the car, as his wife Cathie was staying home with the little ones Jacob 4 and Demita 7. Jason is looking at a minimum of 6-8 weeks after leaving the hospital, in a rehabilitation center, and the outlook for his being able to walk the same again is questionable. We are praying for assistance for his family's bills and to provide a Christmas for them. Any help would be

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appreciated. If you are not able to help financially, please keep the family in your prayers. Prayers are priceless. Thanks and we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas.

[Click here to donate to Grace Streamwood Family - Jason](#)

## Family in Desperate Need of a Car Request from Deaconess Lauren Olsen, St. John's Lutheran Church, Union Illinois

We received a request from one of our member families who are now living in Wisconsin. They are in desperate need of a working vehicle. The husband is disabled and can not currently work. The wife is working but with the medical bills can not afford to buy a car. They do have a car but it is about to die and the cost of repairs are more than the car is worth. They have a two year old son. We have placed the need before our congregation to see if anyone has a vehicle that they would be willing to donate. I thought it might help to broaden the appeal through Lutheran Church Charities. Thanks for your assistance in this area.



God's blessings,

Deaconess Lauren Olsen

If you have a vehicle to donate, contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or email [LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org](mailto:LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org)

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## New Classes Forming



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## 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](mailto:LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org)



Or you can contact Rev. GeRue directly at [keith.gerue@iraq.centcom.mil](mailto:keith.gerue@iraq.centcom.mil) or mail him at:

Keith E. GeRue

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..



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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!*

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

## Volunteers Needed in South Africa Request from Reinhild Neibuhr, Themba Trust, South Africa

We urgently need some committed Christians to help as Wardens/Matrons in our hostels for 2008. This would be a perfect volunteer job for post-graduate Masters or PhD students, since they would have time every morning to focus on their thesis and research work. Anyone who is interested can learn more and contact us through our website [www.thembatrust.net](http://www.thembatrust.net)

The Themba Trust is a Non-Profit Organization aimed at serving the rural poor in South Africa through building educational and charitable institutions. It is based in the small village of Dirkiesdorp (Mabola) in the south-eastern part of Mpumalanga Province, South Africa. Rev. Stillfried Niebuhr of the Lutheran Church Mission (Bleckmar, Germany) established the Themba Trust in 1983 in his personal capacity as a charitable trust based on Christian principles, according to Lutheran conviction.



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



The Evangelism and Outreach Committee at Faith is planning to put together 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.

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[Baskets](#)

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

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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....](#)

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## A Request for Prayers and Assistance From Pastor Kris Whitby, St Paul Lutheran Church, Mt. Prospect

Your family in Christ at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School in Mt. Prospect request your earnest prayers for our sister in the faith, Janet. Janet is a faithful member of St. Paul who has long blessed our congregation with her praise to the Lord in our choir. Months ago, Janet was diagnosed with cancerous brain tumor. Through surgery and chemo therapy, Janet is on the road to wellness by the mercies of our Savior, however, her financial difficulties are mounting. As our congregation begins to mobilize to come to the aid of this sister in Christ, we ask for your prayers that our efforts would be blessed in accordance with our Lord's gracious will. If you would like to know additional ways you can help, please contact our church office at (847) 255-0332.

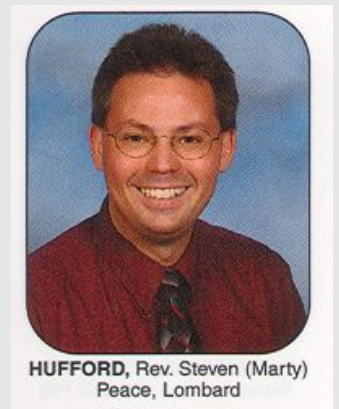


[Click here to donate to St. Paul Mt. Prospect Family Fund](#)

## Car Needed-Help A Man Get Back On His Feet So A Job Can Be Secured

### Request from Men of Peace group at Peace Lutheran Church in Lombard

A friend of the Men of Peace, a men's group of Peace Lutheran Church in Lombard, IL. is in need of transportation. He is a well-educated man and a former school teacher who got caught up in the world of cocaine. A little over 2 years ago our Lord entered this man's heart and he has repented his former way of living, has turned his life around and now follows a Christian path. The Men of Peace first met him when he spoke to our group and gave his testimony of how the Lord came to him when he was at his lowest point. He is an excellent positive example of how a life can be changed. For the last 18 months he has been living at the Wayside Mission in Aurora, where he has served recently as assistant chaplain. Now he has an opportunity to move to a group home in Batavia, where he has been asked to serve as house leader. In order to do this, he needs reliable transportation from Batavia to Aurora, where he is employed. There is no public transportation available. If a car is donated for him it will be an answer to prayer. It will enable him to move to the group home, making the next positive step in his life.



HUFFORD, Rev. Steven (Marty)  
Peace, Lombard

## 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



## Sparks Newsletter Update

Find out about one church's outreach to "people on the margin." Family In Faith Lutheran Church in Glendale Heights is a welcoming place for those who have found life extra hard...Read all about it in the **November 28** edition of **Sparks**. (<http://www.peopleablaze.com/Index.asp?PageID=8479>)


Did you miss the **Sparks** story on reaching into your community with easy-to-do ESL Conversation Classes for people whose native language is not English? Find out how St. Peter Lutheran in Schaumburg is doing it and how Cross-Cultural Conversations (the new parent organization of Chicagoland International Student Ministry) can help you get started. Read it in the November 14 edition of **Sparks**. (<http://www.peopleablaze.com/Index.asp?PageID=8403>)

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.

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For ordering information, go to: [www.KatrinaChristmasCard.org](http://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.

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### 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

## "Fifth Wheel" Trailer Needed!

### Elderly Couple in Urgent Need in High Island, TX Rev. Glenn Merritt, LCMS World Relief and Human Care.



An elderly couple from High Island, TX, is requesting help from LCMS World Relief & Human Care. Their connection with the LCMS is through friends who are affiliated with Orphan Grain Train and through people they once knew at congregation in Beaumont, TX. They really have not been connected with the congregation for many years but they know one couple we helped resettle after Hurricane Rita.

This couple, Jack & Connie, have extensive health issues; Jack having been disabled since the early 60's. They are currently living at the home of their daughter and son-in-law in Splendora, TX in a small, very old camper that formerly was used as a hunting shack.

Their house on High Island, TX was destroyed by Hurricane Rita and just as reconstruction was started Hurricane Humberto destroyed it again. They had no insurance and did not receive FEMA assistance after Humberto because the house was unfinished when it was destroyed for the second time. They also lost all the personal possessions they had been able to salvage after Rita struck.

They are in case management and schedule for a rebuild by two faith-based organizations in June or July of 2008. Until that time they need assistance to buy/get a larger newer trailer with a lower level bed and water hook ups. They currently live without running water and the old trailer has an upper bed which is very difficult for them to get into. Plus a different unit could be placed on their property allowing them good access for clean up and protection. They are now living about 30 miles away.

After discussions with Connie, my suggestion is that we attempt to locate a larger trailer which can simply be donated to them. I suspect that they live very much on the edge.

Let's partner together to see if we can't help these folks out. They are in case management but do not qualify for a FEMA trailer in High Island.

If you have a trailer that you can donate contact the LCC offices at 866-455-6466 (toll free) or e-mail [LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org](mailto:LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org)

## U.S. Army Troops in need of Helmet Liners

"Support Our Troops" of Christ Lutheran Church in Orland Park, IL, is a loving and dedicated group of hardworking women who knit and crochet helmet liners, scarves, gators, and neck coolers for U. S. Soldiers deployed in Iraq. The standard items provided by the U. S. Armed Forces are not made of 100% wool and are not as comfortable as what they make for them. The climate in various parts of Iraq can be quite cold or brutally hot depending on the season or where the troops are stationed. With each garment they include the written message  
**"God be with you and may this keep you warm (cool) and safe until you return."**



Over the last several years almost 3,500 handmade items taking from 1-10 hours each to make, have been sent to our troops in Iraq. About 80 women, ages ranging from 20's well into their 70's, from all over the Chicagoland area have been working tirelessly at home and in regular "Bee" meetings.


**"Support Our Troops" recently received a request from a U.S. Army Chaplin for helmet liners for each of the soldiers in his unit of 17,000!**

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 Order yours Today](#)

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To meet the needs of our soldiers more volunteers are needed. "Support Our Troops" also needs continued support through additional donations to buy more materials.

For more information on how you can help "Support Our Troops", or start a chapter in your own congregation, please contact Carol O'Donnell via Christ Lutheran Church, Orland Park, IL 708-349-0431 email at [info@christlutheranorland.com](mailto:info@christlutheranorland.com) or email Carol directly at [sewbeeit8708@comcast.net](mailto:sewbeeit8708@comcast.net) or contact LCC at 866-455-6466 or e-mail [LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org](mailto:LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org)

[Click here to donate to "Support Our Troops" Christ Orland Park](#)

## Support Outreach to the Muslim Community Funds Needed for Green Card Request from Hicham Chehab, POBLO-Chicago Missionary

Haneen is an Iranian Shiite who hails from the Arab province called Ahwaz in Iran. Iranians usually persecute Arab-speaking citizens because they have a different culture. The last time they clamped down on this Arab province, now called Khozistan, was in 2005. Haneen fled to Syria with her family, where she married another refugee, an Arab speaking Shiite Iranian from Ahwaz. Every time Haneen passed a church in Syria, she used to feel that something inside her was drawing her to Christ. This lead to a struggle within her: What is the Truth: Islam or Christ?. [Find out more...](#)



[\*\*\*Haneen wants to apply for a Green card, with her family and the process needs \\$ 300. To donate, click here\*\*\*](#)

## Davis Family Mission Update - Last update from Kenya

Greetings!



Well an interesting thing happened today, I walked into my bedroom and found open suit cases on the floor. I can be a little slow on the uptake sometimes but I think that means it's about time to head for home.

We've had an amazing time here. It's hard to put into words. This past week has been a bit slower paced then the week that the team was here but we're making progress on wrapping up all of our projects. Linda the director for Kids Alive Kenya is coming out tomorrow afternoon and staying thru Tuesday morning which will give us an opportunity to meet and discuss the good and the challenges from this trip and also talk about the short and long term things we see for this ministry and if we fit into that.

The girls are looking forward to getting home (look out McDonalds! here we come!)and seeing the grand parents and all of their friends. The plane rides and lay over in London will be longer coming back but what are you going to do. but take it one step at a time.



One of those little things that just occurred to me as I was walking across the compound at night is that when you're at about 7,000 feet with very little light interference It is just amazing how many more and how bright the stars are. It really makes you appreciate the Lord's creation.

Michelle, the girls and I cannot begin to thank you enough for all of your prayers and support. Thank You, Thank You and Thank You Again.

Prayer Requests:

- Guidance from the Lord in our discussions about the future of this ministry and our place in it. if that is His will.
- Safe Travel both driving and flying ( I'm probably more concerned about the driving )
- Patience for all of us during the travel
- Quick Recovery from the Jet Lag. Past experience tells us it's much worse going west then it is coming east.

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



## California Fires Assistance Needed

The Smoke has subsided - The needs are coming forward

Financial requests are coming to Lutheran Church Charities from Rev. Glenn Merritt, LCMS Director of Disaster Response for LCMS World Relief & Human Care. Rev. Merritt was recently out in California assessing the needs along with those of the Pacific Southwest District of the LCMS.

You can learn more about LCMS World Relief and Human care or donate to them at <http://www.lcms.org/pages/default.asp?NavID=891>

Ramona Lutheran Church in Ramona, California was hard hit. Rev. David Kiel reports that a vicar, a school teacher, the church secretary, and another church employee are all in need of assistance to help them clean up and replace that which was destroyed by the fires.

[To read more about their needs, please click here.](#)

[To donate to the LCC California Disaster Relief Fund, please click here.](#)

Rev. David Weber of Our Redeemer Lutheran in San Diego, California requests assistance for a single mother. While the fire spared their apartment, it took her job, her savings and any means of supporting her family. The need is dire and the situation is desperate for this single mother and her 3 children.

[To read more about this family, please click here.](#)

[Again, to donate to help, fill out our online donation form...](#)

## Special Appeal: Disaster Relief

### Southern California Wild Fires

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



- [LCC Disaster Relief page](#)
- 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:  
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## After-School Ministry Director Needed for January and February

### Request from Pastor David Kummer, Bethel Lutheran Church, Chicago

Our after-school ministry director has maternity leave planned for January and February. She oversees all ages, from 3 years of age up to the early teens. She does have help in doing this. However, we need someone to fill-in for her on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 2-5PM.



[Click here for a copy of the Job Description](#)

Visit our Christmas Catalog on our website for a glimpse at these ministries:  
[www.bethelchicago.org/christmascatalog.html](http://www.bethelchicago.org/christmascatalog.html)

Thank you,  
Rev. David Kummer



## Illini 4000 Bike Trip This Summer to raise funds for Cancer

Although there is not a direct Christian Connection with the group - several of those going are Lutheran and others are Christian.

Rich Bimler knows and has met with the Leader/Coordinator and gives a Thumps UP!

[To support or be involved click here for more information](#)

## Internet Bible Study



### **WORD AMONG US**

Want to be in a Bible Study with others but your schedule doesn't allow for it?

Consider joining an Internet Study group.

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- All materials are on the internet
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- 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>

**STOP** is not a word LCC uses often...

***But sometimes we have to COME to a STOP***



### **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.

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

Thrivent Branch 30040 NW Cook County is helping by providing matching funds. Thank you, Thrivent!

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

## Snowbirds Welcomed!

### Long Term Volunteers Needed This Winter in Louisiana



Do you love to travel, especially in the winter to get away from the cold and snow in the north? Do you enjoy encountering new cultures? Do you enjoy helping others succeed and reach their goals? Bayou Grace is looking for Long Term Volunteers (LTV) to help staff their GED program from January 2008 through May 2008 until they can obtain the funding to hire teachers for the fall. They are also in need of LTV to serve in the office as an Office Manager, receptionist and secretary.

In exchange for your services as a LTV, Bayou Grace will provide room and board for each staff member. Where couples are involved, work assignments will be tailored to each individual's skills and interests. There are also openings in the areas of rebuilding and construction and family advocacy.

For those who prefer the comforts of their own RV's Bayou Grace will provide you with locations that have electrical, water and sewage hook-ups.

[Click here to fill out a form for Long Term Volunteers](#)

## Update: Volunteers Needed To Help Rebuild Greensburg Kansas

### Request from Chuck Jedele, Site Director

[For more details, click here](#)

If you as an individual or a group from your church would like to volunteer at the Greensburg Volunteer Village [Click here to volunteer to travel to Kansas](#)

## 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

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

### Findlay, Ohio

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

### Southern Minnesota Areas Flooded

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



[For More Detail about these Volunteer Opportunities, Click Here](#)

*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](#)

## **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: Apocalypsis 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: Apocalypsis 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](mailto: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.



## Tim's Pick of the Week



### [Baby's First Christmas Lullabies](#)

Publisher Krb Music Companies / 2000 / Compact disc

CBD Stock No: WWCD56723



### [Kids Christmas DVD Set](#)

Publisher Krb Music Companies / DVD

CBD Stock No: WW819819

## Other Stories Still Seeking Support

- [Katie on Campus](#)
- [Retired Teacher Will Share God's Love as She Serves In Asia](#)
- [Wheaton Blind Outreach](#)
- [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](#)
- [The Servant's Heart - Guatemala](#)
- [Ultrasound Machine Needed for Life Center in Elgin](#)

## Items Available to Church/Organization

**New Listing** - Faith Lutheran Church in Arlington Heights, IL has the following Pews available:

- 2 - 10' pews;
- 4 - 12';
- 3 - 15';
- 1 - 14'

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



## New Items Free for the Asking

- 5 Cemetery lots. Two are located at Chapel Hill Gardens, Oaklawn, Illinois and three are located at Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago.
- Gas Stove
- Electric Range

[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 \(PDF\)](#)



## O Jerusalem - The Movie

O Jerusalem meticulously re-creates the historic struggle surrounding the creation of the State of Israel in 1948. At the center of these events are two young, American friends - one Jewish, the other Arab. The film is told from the alternating viewpoints of the Jews, Arabs and Brits, all of whom collide in their fight for the control of Jerusalem while bringing to the forefront themes of courage, terrorism, deprivation, politics and a strong sense of morality.

[www.ojerusalemthemovie.com](http://www.ojerusalemthemovie.com)

## Keep Christ in Christmas

Video by Dr. James Dobson

<http://www.citizenlink.org/Stoplight/A000005834.cfm>

## 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:

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



## The Golden Compass

This movie is scheduled for release in early December. There is a great deal of controversy surrounding the movie and its anti-Christian message. Parents should be advised of the movie's message before allowing their children to see it.

Below is a review that contains links to help you make an informed decision.

[Review by Paul Edwards](#)

## Upcoming Events

	December	
Rejoice Singers - Christmas Concert	Dec 9 - 3:00 pm	Luther Villiage - Arlington Heights
	January	
Rejoice Singers - Epiphany Concert	Jan 5 - 5:00 pm	St. Peter Lutheran Church - Schaumburg
Women's Bible Study <i>by Beth More</i>	Starts Jan 9 - 6:45 pm	St. Matthew - Hawthorn Woods see <a href="http://www.stmatts.net">www.stmatts.net</a> for more details

[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

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

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