



April E-News from LSSN



LSSN is in the process of preparing for its annual Easter Basket program, and we need your help! By partnering with many area congregations and generous individuals last year, we were able to provide 450 Easter Baskets to area children. This year, we hope to top each of these goals and help those in need to have a blessed holiday celebration.

Going off-site to deliver holiday cheer, we will be again partnering with the Housing Authority to distribute these baskets on Thursday, April 21st.

Preparations will be held at LSSN on Tuesday, April 19th and Wednesday, March 20th, and we anticipate needing six volunteers on each of these days. Volunteers are also needed on the 21st to help with the assembly – especially those willing to drive and use their vehicles to help transport the Easter goodies.

Donations are crucial for the success of this program – all food donations should be at LSSN by Friday, April 15th. Our primary need is donated food for Easter dinners: hams, mashed potatoes, corn, rice, macaroni, and small side items. Comfort items for the holidays, such as mugs and tea, are also welcome.

Financial contributions are also very much appreciated.

For more information, please contact Derrick Felder at derrick@lssnv.org or 702-639-1730.

Foundations and Area Companies Rally to Support LSSN



LSSN is pleased to report that we recently received a \$49,137 grant from the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation. The grant will allow significant expansion of our donor and community awareness initiatives.

“LSSN has been blessed enough to significantly expand within the past several years, especially considering how hard the area has been hit by the economic downturn and the increased need among its people. This grant will help us continue this growth and make an even bigger impact right when those we serve need it the most. We are humbled that the Thrivent Foundation is partnering with us in this way, and we know that together we will continue to make a real difference to the many people in need here in the Valley.” said the Rev. Thomas Maatta, LSSN’s Development and Marketing Director.

“We are delighted to assist LSSN through this grant, said Tim Schwan, vice president of the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation. “We trust that this support will strengthen LSSN’s outreach to those it serves.”

The grant is part of the foundation’s Lutheran Grant Program. This program is designed to assist Lutheran organizations and those they serve in achieving economic security and sustainability. In 2010, the program distributed more than \$1.6 million through 42 separate grants.

The Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation is a private foundation funded by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. As a 501(c)(3) organization with its own board of trustees, the foundation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, literary and educational purposes and makes grants and gifts to 501(c)(3) exempt organizations. The foundation does not provide grants to individuals. To learn more about the foundation and its grant programs, visit: www.thriventfoundation.com.



LSSN would also like to thank NV Energy for their generous contribution of a \$7,500 grant. Their continued support and friendship is deeply cherished, and goes a long way toward making a difference to those in need in our community!



In addition, the Nevada State Bank granted \$500 to LSSN in order to support our ministries. We are thankful for their support and welcome them as a new partner!

Servant Stitchers Working Hard!



Pastor Diane Drach-Meinell of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church was kind enough to share this picture from their Servant Stitches ministry, which creates blankets, caps, booties and sweaters for the Baby Baskinette ministry distributed through LSSN. They provide an average of one basket a week, which allows us to reach out specifically to new families in need. Our thanks for this wonderful blessing!

Grand View Univ. and Faith Lutheran Choirs in Perfect Harmony



LSSN would like to offer its sincere thanks to director Kathryn Pohlman Duffy and the Grand View University Choir (pictured above), along with director Sandra Youmans and the Faith Lutheran Jr./Sr. High School Choir (pictured below), for putting on a wonderful show to support LSSN's good work. Thanks also to Christ the Servant Lutheran Church for hosting the event, Pastor Rolfe Johnstad for his tireless organization, our local congregations for helping to sell tickets, and all those who came out to enjoy the concert!



Mark the Date - Letter Carrier's Food Drive on the Horizon

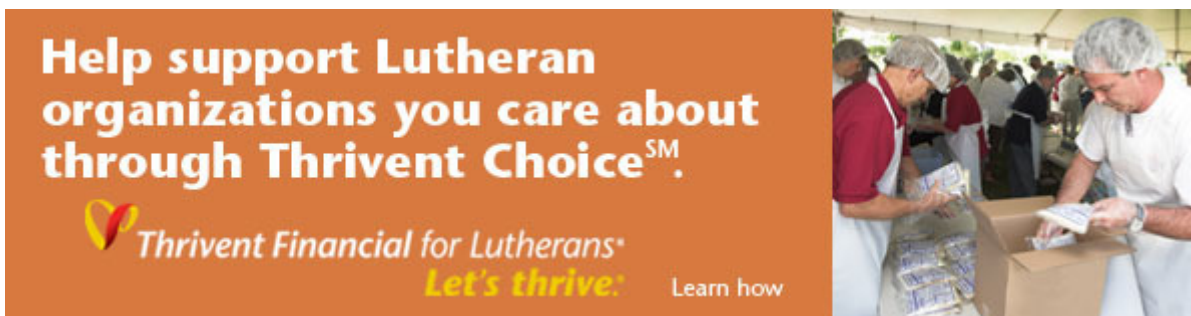


Our next service event will be participating in the National Association of Letter Carriers "Stamp Out Hunger 2011" Food Drive on Saturday, May 14th. Last year, this program resulted in 23,000 pounds of food to support LSSN's commitment to fight hunger in our area. Volunteers will be needed that afternoon. Donations of water and coolers, if possible, would also be helpful.

Please mark the date for this upcoming event. As we get closer, more specific details will be posted to our website and e-mailed out to our mailing lists.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Derrick Felder at either 702-639-1730 or derrick@lssnv.org. You can also support this campaign by placing a non-perishable food donation in a bag by your mailbox on May 14th and your letter carrier will deliver it during their normal visits.

Very Last Chance for Thrivent Choice - \$70,000 still remains!



The first year of Thrivent Choice is coming to a close and LSSN has been fortunate enough to receive over \$3,500.00 in Thrivent Choice DollarsSM through your thoughtfulness. Thank you so much!

However, \$70,000 in undesignated Thrivent Choice funds still remains in the Valley! If these funds are not distributed to a Lutheran congregation or organization by the end of March, they disappear and are replaced with next year's.

Please, don't let these funds go to waste!

If you think you might have funds, please give us a call and we'd be happy to help. If you think a friend might have funds available, please refer them to us.

As always, LSSN is grateful for your consideration when you make charitable giving plans. If you are a Thrivent Financial member who is eligible to direct Choice DollarsSM, we ask you to consider LSSN as you help direct Thrivent Financial's charitable funds. To do so, log in at <https://choice.thrivent.com> and follow the prompts, or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and at the prompt, say "Thrivent Choice". If you'd like to make your contributions even more convenient, you can even choose to automatically send Choice DollarsSM to LSSN every month using this option!

If you have any questions or encounter any issues with your direction, LSSN Development Director Tom Maatta will be happy to help. He can be reached at 702-807-5707 or thomas@lssnv.org.

LSSN Unveils New Home Care Program



LSSN is proud to announce that Angels of Care-Home Care has officially begun offering in-home care services.

Our non-medical in-home services are affordable, reliable, and professional.

What does Home Care consist of?

Home Care is the term we use at Angels of Care-Home Care to describe all services provided to the client at home.

Our services include:

Homemaking Services can encompass planning & preparation of meals, along with routine housekeeping activities such as making/changing beds, dusting, vacuuming, washing floors, cleaning kitchen and bathroom, and laundry.

Companion/Sitter Services includes non-medical care, socialization and basic supervision to ensure a client's safety and well-being. Companions may provide light housekeeping tasks, which are secondary to the care and supervision of the client.

Respite Services are services furnished on a short-term basis because of the absence or need for relief of those persons normally providing the care.

Friendly Reassurance Services refers to making regular contact, through either telephone or home visits, with home-bound individuals to assure their well being and safety.

We hold to the same standards of excellence as the other services we provide here at LSSN.

If you know of anyone who might be in the neighborhood for home care services, or if you would like more information, please check our website at http://www.lssnv.org/home_care.php.

We are excited to be able to provide these services to our community and look forward to providing services not only to seniors, but also people of all ages seeking assistance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our home care coordinator at 702-639-1730 or angelsocare@lssnv.org and we will be more than happy to assist you!

Would you like to join us in expressing the love of Christ by serving and caring for those in need?

Food donations are collected at many congregations or may be delivered to LSSN.

Financial contributions may be mailed to LSSN, PO Box 2079, Las Vegas, NV 89125.

Online secure donations can also be made at https://www.lssnv.org/secure_donate.php.

Thank you for your support!

Please note that Derrick Felder is the contact for food pick-up scheduling.

He can be reached at derrick@lssnv.org or 702-639-1730.

Our theme for April will be "Spring Fling with Food" as we enter into the holiday season. Suggested items come from a traditional Easter dinner: Canned Hams, Meats, Fish, and Vegetables, Jell-O, Instant Potatoes and Stuffing, Canned Yams, and Canned Pineapple. Remembering also the Passover Season, any non-perishable foods from the Kosher specialty food section would be appreciated.

In honor of the Cinco de Mayo celebrations, our theme for May will be "Fiesta Food". Suggested items are any Hispanic non-perishable food items, especially bags of dried beans and rice.

Our theme for June reflects beating the heat during the "Sweet Days of Summer". Suggested items include non-perishable food items associated with summer cook-outs and barbecues, as well as canned vegetables, canned fruits, boxes of Jello-O and Pudding, and boxes of fruit juice.

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