



May E-News from LSSN



For the fourth year in a row, LSSN's Easter Basket program was a resounding success. On Good Friday, we were proud to partner with the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority to distribute Easter baskets to 467 children in need. Conducted on-location at the Sherman Garden Community Center (and also delivered to some of LSSN's shut-ins), volunteers from LSSN and SNRHA worked together to bring our ministry of service right to the doorsteps of those who need it the most. In addition, 102 families that would otherwise have not had the opportunity to enjoy a full Easter meal were able to share 4,621 pounds of food – more than a thousand pounds more than last year! Congregational donations and volunteers were central to helping make this program a reality! Thank you!





Faith Community Lutheran Church delivered a literal busload of Easter Baskets this year! Special thanks also goes out to all the congregations that participated, including Community Lutheran Church, who donated 2,435 pounds of food so that families could have a very Happy Easter!

Upcoming Events at LSSN



The Myron Heaton Chorale, featuring the Choir of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church directed by the Rev. Rolfe Johnstad, will perform “Today’s Classics to Spirituals”, a benefit concert for the Lutheran Social Services of Nevada, on Sunday, May 15th at 4:00 pm. The concert will be located at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church at 2 South Pecos in Henderson.

Tickets are \$10 for adults (free for children) and are available by calling the office of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church at 702-263-0802 or by contacting LSSN’s Tom Maatta at 702-639-1730 or at thomas@lssnv.org .



Grape Street Café Wine Tasting



Looking to satisfy your gastronomic tastes? LSSN will be hosting a Wine Tasting Event at the Grape Street Café, located at 501 W. Lake Mead Blvd. #120 (at the corner of Lake Mead and Buffalo), on Tuesday, May 17th from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

The event will feature heavy appetizers, all the wine you can taste, and the Grape Street Café is offering a 20% discount off of your bill should you choose to dine with them that evening.

LSSN is also planning a silent auction at the event.

Tickets are \$40 before the event, \$60 at the door, and are available by contacting Robin Smith at 702-239-7379 or at robinsmith@nvenergy.com.

We hope you'll be able to join us!

Second Annual “Helping the Homeless Raffle” Underway



Ever wonder what it's like to be an insider for a game with the UNLV Runnin' Rebel basketball team? Find out, and help the Lutheran Social Services of Nevada provide its ministries to the community at the same time by joining us for the second annual “Helping the Homeless Raffle!”

First prize winners will join new Head Coach Dave Rice and his team for one of their home non-conference games during the 2011-12 basketball season at the Thomas & Mack Center. The UNLV Runnin' Rebel Game Day Experience gives you and three friends the chance to experience game day in a whole new way!

The Game Day Experience includes:

- You and three friends (four people) will be Coach Rice's guests prior to the game, attending the game day shoot-around.
- Four plaza level tickets to the game at the Thomas & Mack Center.
- One autographed basketball from Dave Rice.

Coach Rice and the UNLV Runnin' Rebel basketball program are pleased to support the Lutheran Social Services of Nevada.

Stressed? Need to relax? Our second prize winner will enjoy this experience from the [Saffron Day Spa](#): a 50 minute massage, a manicure, a pedicure, and a Do TERRA Essential Oils Sampler Package!

In the mood for some excitement? Look no further than the [Las Vegas Wranglers](#), our community's own hockey sensation and affiliate of the NHL's Phoenix Coyotes and the AHL's San Antonio Rampage.

The third-place winner will receive a gift certificate good for four Mardi Gras level tickets to any Wranglers home game in October, redeemable at the Orleans Arena Box Office.

Looking for a nice night out at the movies? Our fourth place winner will receive four tickets to Rave Motion Pictures!

Tickets are \$10 (all proceeds benefit LSSN), may be purchased with cash, check, or major credit card, and are on sale in many local congregations or are available by contacting LSSN's Tom Maatta at 702-639-1730 or at thomas@lssnv.org.

Complete information is available at http://lssnv.org/raffle_2011.php.

Thank you very much for your support!

Food Themes Come to Life



Christ Lutheran Church on Torrey Pines has been REALLY getting into LSSN's monthly food themes. Check out their displays from February (that collected 275 boxes of macaroni and cheese along with 80 boxes of miscellaneous food) and March (that collected 156 boxes of pasta and 70 jars of sauce). Thank you so very much!



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.

The drive will be at the East Las Vegas Post Office located at 4948 S. Mountain Vista, Las Vegas, NV, 89121. Volunteers are needed for shifts of 1:00 to 3:30 pm and 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Donations of food for the lunch grill, water, and coolers, if possible, would also be helpful. Volunteers are also needed during the week of May 16th (Monday to Thursday during the morning) to help organize the food from the drive at LSSN's pantry.

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.

Are you a Thrivent member?



Are you a Thrivent member? Want to help your favorite Lutheran congregation or organization in a simple and quick way? If so, you may have Thrivent Choice DollarsSM still available to donate! Through the Thrivent Choice program, Thrivent sets aside money for every person that owns one of their policies, annuities, or products. Each member then gets to choose where to send this money without having to make any out-of-pocket donations or fill out any paperwork!

Now that we've passed Thrivent Choice's One Year Anniversary, local Thrivent benefit members have over \$110,000 in their accounts available to be donated!

This is an amazing opportunity to make a real difference in our community!

All it takes is an easy five minute phone call to 1-800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836)

At the prompt, say "Thrivent Choice", then choose "1" from the next menu. You'll then be connected with a friendly customer service representative who can answer your questions, check to see if you have any Choice Dollars remaining, and help you send them to the Lutheran congregation or organization of your choice. **That's all it takes!**

Or, if you prefer, you can also log in at <https://choice.thrivent.com> and go through the process online.

As always, the Lutheran Social Services of Nevada 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 the Lutheran Social Services of Nevada as you help direct Thrivent Financial's charitable funds.

If you'd like to make your contributions even more convenient, you can even choose to automatically send Choice DollarsSM to LSSN every month or year 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.

\$500 Voucher for Respite Care Available for Angels of Care – Home Care!



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Angels of Care - Home Care

In order to make our home care even more accessible and affordable to those in need, LSSN is proud to announce a partnership that provides a free voucher for respite care up to \$500 for those who qualify!

This voucher is available through the wonderful participation of [Helping Hands of Vegas Valley](#)

In order to participate, please download [this form](#) and return it to LSSN's Home Care Coordinator, Cherry Richardson, by e-mail at angelsofcare@lssnv.org or via fax to 702-639-1736.

Questions about the voucher program can be directed to Cherry at the above information or to Helping Hands of Vegas Valley at 702-633-7264.

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.

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.

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.

LSSN has a particular need for the pantry of small bags of flour, between 2 and 4 pounds.

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 barbeques, as well as canned vegetables, canned fruits, boxes of Jello-O and Pudding, and boxes of fruit juice.

"Expressing the love of Christ by serving and caring for people in need."

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