



## **November E-Newsletter – LSSN’s Thanksgiving Drive:**



LSSN is excited to once again be hosting programs to give additional support to people during the most joyous time of year, allowing Thanksgiving dinners and Christmas blessings where there would otherwise be none. Our contact person for both Thanksgiving and Christmas is Derrick Felder at 702-639-1730 ext. 16 and [derrick@lssnv.org](mailto:derrick@lssnv.org). Please refer any questions to him.

Our Thanksgiving distribution will be held on the Friday before Thanksgiving: November 18<sup>th</sup>. Last year, we were able to distribute 327 turkeys and an additional 13,713 pounds of trimmings to seniors and families through our partnership with the Housing Authority. This year, we hope to do even more...with your help.

### *Our volunteer needs are as follows:*

- 1) Volunteers are needed during the week of November 14<sup>th</sup> to help assemble the meal baskets. This will be in the mornings of these days, here at LSSN. Ten volunteers per day would be appreciated.
- 2) Volunteers (especially strong volunteers) are still needed for the distribution itself on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at LSSN at approximately 9:00 am in order to load the truck, then proceed to the housing complex for the distribution at approximately 10:00 am. Distribution is usually finished at about 1:00 pm.

### *Food needs are as follows:*

- 1) "Trimmings", such as boxed mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, stuffing, gravy, and canned vegetables, for the meals are needed. These can be contributed at any time between now and Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> through the standard weekly pickups at congregations, as well as delivered to LSSN Monday-Friday, 8:00 to 4:00 pm.
- 2) Turkeys are especially needed. LSSN will have staff conducting pickups at congregations on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>: if you have turkeys, please call Derrick for scheduling the pickup. If your congregation is able to store the turkeys until Monday, we will be happy to pick them up then. Should you be able to deliver the turkeys to LSSN, we ask that they be delivered between 8:00 and 4:00 pm on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup>. Again, please let us know if you are coming and how many turkeys you have. With the additional space in our new location, as well as our new freezers, we anticipate having sufficient storage space here.

We would prefer to not receive turkeys any earlier than Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Christmas is Coming Soon – Volunteers/Donations Needed!**



For many of us, the Christmas season is the happiest time of the year. For many others, though, it can be the most difficult. LSSN works hard to spread holiday joy and cheer to those that need it the most through our Adopt-A-Family program.

LSSN is now seeking sponsors. We match preferred gift recipients with the Wish List of a client or client family for your shopping convenience. Sponsors may choose to support a family of any size, from two to even ten or more. LSSN places no minimums on what can be spent on each family, but from past experience, adopting groups, families, and individuals have spent approximately \$50 to \$100 per household and/or \$20 to \$50 per individual child. **Sponsor information must be collected no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>, and all gifts must arrive at LSSN no later than December 12<sup>th</sup>. The sign-up form is attached at the end of this e-newsletter.** More information will be published in our newsletters, on our website, and through local congregations as the Christmas season approaches.

**During the week of December 12<sup>th</sup>, we will need five volunteers per day to help with the final organization and distribution of the gifts.**

If you are willing to answer the call to serve by volunteering for one of these holiday programs, or would like to contribute to the programs with either food or financial support, please contact Tom Maatta at [Thomas@lssnv.org](mailto:Thomas@lssnv.org) and Derrick Felder at [derrick@lssnv.org](mailto:derrick@lssnv.org).

We would also like to thank the Kiwanis for once again sponsoring “Lunch with Santa” for our supportive housing families on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **Food Donations Especially Needed!**



Not only is Thanksgiving rapidly approaching, but since we've moved into our new building with our expanded pantry, LSSN has been serving greater and greater numbers of people in need of food. As such, our food reserves are starting to run low.

Donations of non-perishable food are especially appreciated and needed this time of year. Donations can be taken to any congregation that has an LSSN donation station or delivered directly to LSSN at 73 Spectrum Boulevard between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Thank you so much for your support. Only with your help can we continue to express the love of Christ by filling hungry bellies here in the Valley!

## **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 Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm.

The event will feature free custom LSSN wine glasses, 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 \$50 before the event, \$60 at the door, and are available by contacting Robin Smith at 702-239-7379 or at [robinsmith@nvenergy.com](mailto:robinsmith@nvenergy.com) or Tom Maatta at 702-639-1730 or at [thomas@lssnv.org](mailto:thomas@lssnv.org).

Our first wine tasting in May with the Grape Street Café was a huge success, and we anticipate that things will go even better this time. We hope you'll be able to join us!

## **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 Dollars<sup>SM</sup> 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!

**Local Thrivent benefit members have over \$60,000 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 Dollars<sup>SM</sup>, 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 Dollars<sup>SM</sup> 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](mailto:thomas@lssnv.org).

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



LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES  
OF NEVADA

*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, Shawna Brody, by e-mail at [shawna@lssnv.org](mailto:shawna@lssnv.org) or via fax to 702-639-1736.

Questions about the voucher program can be directed to 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](http://www.lssnv.org/home_care.php).

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**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](https://www.lssnv.org/secure_donate.php).**

**Thank you for your support!**

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**Please note that Derrick Felder is the contact for food pick-up scheduling.  
He can be reached at [derrick@lssnv.org](mailto:derrick@lssnv.org) or 702-639-1730, ext. 16.**

*Especially with Thanksgiving coming, LSSN's food reserves are low. Non-perishable food contributions are especially needed and especially welcome!*

*As we remember the needy at the holiday, our theme for November is "Counting our Blessings". Non-perishable food items appropriate for the feast table are most welcome: canned green beans, corn, yams; gravy, cranberry sauce, instant potatoes, stuffing mix, boxes of jell-o and pudding, coffee, tea, and canned broths (beef, vegetable, chicken).*

**WE ESPECIALLY NEED TURKEY DONATIONS FOR OUR MAJOR THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION!**

*As we continue in our holiday celebrations, LSSN's December theme of "Tidings of Comfort and Joy" once again prepares for the coming of Immanuel. Non-perishable food items appropriate for the holiday dinner table are most welcome: canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned broth (beef, vegetable, chicken), instant mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, rice, beans, coffee, tea, and fruit juice. Food from the Kosher section of the supermarket is also especially appreciated, as we wish our Jewish brothers and sisters a very happy Hanukkah.*

*As the "chilly" weather begins, our January theme is "Comfort Foods of Winter". Suggested items include canned chilis, soups, and stews, along with cornbread and muffin mixes.*

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Lutheran Social Services of Nevada  
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LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES  
OF NEVADA

**Christmas Gift Program Sponsor Registration Form  
Adopt a child or senior for Christmas 2011**

A completed form can be emailed to [derrick@lssnv.org](mailto:derrick@lssnv.org), faxed to 702-639-1736  
Or mailed to LSSN at:

Attn: Holiday Adopt-A-Family  
P.O. Box 2079 Las Vegas, NV 89125

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Tell us who you are:	Enter a Number:	Select your preference(s):	Special Requests:
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Email Address:

Would you like to receive the  
LSSN newsletter by email? (Y/N)

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Please deliver **unwrapped** gifts to LSSN at 73 Spectrum Blvd by **Monday, December 12, 2011.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Derrick at 639-1730 x16 or via email at [derrick@lssnv.org](mailto:derrick@lssnv.org).

***Thank you for your support this Holiday Season!***