



February E-News from LSSN



While February 6th is often a time for football fans to celebrate, area congregations and schools are taking the opportunity to join LSSN in celebrating Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. The Souper Bowl is a national drive to equip and mobilize congregations, schools, and businesses to positively impact their communities by collecting money or food on or near Super Bowl weekend. LSSN's food pantry has been a recipient of local Souper Bowl donations for many years, and this year is no exception.

For example, Thrivent is providing matching funds of \$1 for every \$3 raised at New Song, The Lakes, Holy Spirit, and St. Andrew Lutheran Churches, while Christ Lutheran Church on Torrey Pines is working to raise 1,000 cans of food! This list is by no means complete, and we look forward to thanking all our partners next month.

If you are available to join with one of our many partners for this event, we thank you for remembering the needy during the Big Game. Congregations are also encouraged to report their participation at <http://www.souperbowl.org/> so that we can list and thank them properly!



LSSN is planning a "thank-you" recognition event for all our volunteers this Saturday, January 29th from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Gardens Community Center in Summerlin, located at 10401 Garden Park Drive. This event will feature hors d'ouerves, beverages, a pictorial history of LSSN's volunteers, special awards, music courtesy of local DJ Ephraim Gonzales, and free professional pictures. To help relieve all the accumulated stress of your hard work, students from the massage program at Everest College will be providing free chair massages for the entirety of the event! If you've helped out at LSSN during the past year, please RSVP to Tom Maatta at Thomas@lssnv.org or 702-639-1730. We hope that you'll be able to join us!

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 Nicole Ianacone at 702-639-1730 or nicole@lssnv.org and we will be more than happy to assist you!

Faith Lutheran Jr./Sr. High School Food Drive

We reported last month that students at Faith Lutheran High School banded together to collect over 7,213 pounds of food right before Thanksgiving to support LSSN's ministries! Since then, they were kind enough to share with us some pictures:



We are blessed not only with their abundance, but with their enthusiasm. Again, our thanks!

LSSN's Derrick Felder Honored by Las Vegas City Council!



Councilman Stavros Anthony introduces Derrick Felder as Mayor Goodman, members of the City Council, and Derrick's two sons look on.

On January 5th, Derrick Felder – LSSN's Nutrition Services and Supportive Housing Manager – was honored by the Las Vegas City Council as their January Citizen of the Month. They believed that Derrick's service at LSSN, as well as his history with Goodwill of Southern Nevada, was worthy of commendation – and we couldn't agree more.

All of us at LSSN would like to congratulate Derrick on his award and to thank him for the work that he does for us in the community every day. We wouldn't be who we are without him.



Steve Chartrand (President & CEO of Goodwill of Southern Nevada), Derrick Felder, and Armena Mkhitarian (LSSN Executive Director)

ELCA University Choir Coming to Las Vegas



On Saturday, March 19th at 7:00 pm, the 50-person Grand View University Choir from Des Moines, led by Dr. Kathryn Pohlmann Duffy, will be performing at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church to raise funds for LSSN. They have generously offered to add us as a part of their West Coast Tour.

Tickets will be \$10 for adults and will be on sale soon through LSSN and local congregations, while admission is free for children and students. A freewill offering will also be collected. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is generously sponsoring the event and offering \$1 for every \$3 raised through ticket sales and the freewill offering as a part of their Care Abounds in Communities Program.

The Grand View Choir performs for major college events, including Julefest, Honors Convocation, and Baccalaureate, and tours each year during spring break. In recent years the Choir has toured to Colorado, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., Minnesota, Wisconsin, Canada, Denmark, and Germany. It made its first overseas tour in 2005 and returned to Europe to tour in 2009. Grand View University was founded in 1896 by Danish immigrants and is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

The Grand View Choir members contribute a vibrant energy to the campus community by sharing their musical gifts at celebrations, worship services and campus gatherings throughout the academic year. Students of all majors are encouraged to audition for the Grand View Choir. In addition to enhancing many campus and community events with their music and ministry, Choir members annually travel during a spring concert tour. In past years, the Choir has been honored to sing in Carnegie Hall and also for the presentation of the World Food Prize.

It promises to be a spectacular show, and we hope that you can join us!

Agassi Prep Service Day of Learning



As a part of their commitment to a well rounded education, Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy annually holds its Service Day of Learning to help instill the value of community service to their students. LSSN was proud to again welcome their students and would like to thank them for their help!



Thrivent Choice Donations Lead Valley - \$82,000 still remains!

A promotional banner for Thrivent Choice. The left side has an orange background with white text: "Help support Lutheran organizations you care about through Thrivent ChoiceSM." Below this is the Thrivent logo (a stylized heart) and the text "Thrivent Financial for Lutherans[®] Let's thrive: Learn how". The right side of the banner shows a photograph of two men in white aprons and hairnets packing boxes with stacks of cash.

To date, LSSN has received over \$2,000.00 in Thrivent Choice DollarsSM and the Southern Nevada Chapter of Thrivent has informed us that LSSN has received more funds than any other organization in our area. This wouldn't have been possible with your help. Thank you so much!

The Chapter has also informed us that local benefit members still have over \$82,000 in their accounts available to be donated! If these funds are not distributed by March, they disappear and are replaced with next year's. 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. Don't let these funds go to waste!

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.



Looking for more convenience in your donations?

LSSN now offers the capability for donors to set up regular automated deductions from their checking or savings accounts to support our ministries in the community through Thrivent's Simply Giving Program. All that you have to do is fill out a simple form and provide a voided check to LSSN, and we can take care of all the details. This form is available at <http://www.lssnv.org/donate.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.

Sharing the love of St. Valentine, our congregational monthly food donation theme for February is "Gifts from the Heart." Suggested food items for the month are boxed foods, such as mashed potatoes, rice, stuffing, macaroni & cheese, Jell-O & pudding mixes, cereals, instant soups, and Hamburger or Tuna Helper.

Looking forward to St. Patrick's Day, our theme for March will be "The I(s) of March", focusing on Italian and Irish dishes. Suggested food items will include potatoes (fresh, boxed, or canned), corned beef, canned hash, mixed veggies, canned carrots, and any non-perishable Italian food items (such as pasta, sauce, Italian green beans, and cannellini beans).

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.

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