

LCCN April, 2017 News

Notes from Melina:

April is typically a busy month here at LCCN. The end of the HEAP season brings a large influx of families needing help with utility bills and income tax refunds are typically spent by this point. At the same time we are busy planning our annual Chinese auction, planning additional fundraisers and following up with our partner churches regarding annual dues. Recently I was questioned about repeatedly going to the churches for help. Given that we have several new partner churches and new leadership in existing partner churches, I would like to speak to that.

LCCN was set up as a partnership of churches that would reach out to those in need in Lake County and meet those needs by combining resources. It was determined back then that having an office that could handle screening cases, sharing information between the churches, and approving assistance would be the most cost effective way to do this. By working together and cutting back on duplication it was a win for those in need and those who served them. Churches joined the network not because they didn't want to or couldn't help on their own, but because they knew that more good could be done together.

Over the years the network has grown. We have gone from seeing 300 or so requests per year to over 1,100. As the demand for assistance has increased so has the need for funds to meet those needs. Because we are a network of churches, we turn to our partner churches for this. We do realize that this is a large burden for partners and are always on the lookout for alternative funding streams. Please be on the lookout for more information as we start to plan for the future.

Member Church Highlights

LCCN member since 1999



Pilgrim Lutheran Brethren
9514 Johnnycake Ridge
Mentor, OH 44060
440-255-9403 or 440-255-2748
Website: pilgrimlbc.com
Pastor: Bob Heggstad

Services: Sunday 8:30am & 11:00am
Sunday School (for all ages): 9:45-10:45am
Wednesday: 6:00-dinner; 7:00pm-small group bible studies (all ages, including nursery)

8th Annual Chinese Auction & Wine Pull

Friday, May 19, 2017

St. Gabriel's Church

9925 Johnnycake Ridge, Concord

Doors open 5:30pm; Drawings begin at 7pm

Only 30 entry tickets left

Ways to offset your expenses:

- Start a garden; grow your own vegetables
- Catch rain in a barrel to use on garden
- Buy staples in bulk (flour, cereal, rice, sugar, etc)
- One day a week serve vegetarian meal

AGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR APRIL 2017:

- Total Clients helped this month: 35
- Assisted with electric: \$1489.20
- Assisted with rent: \$2751.00
- Assisted with gas: \$225.20
- Total Assistance: \$4465.40

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