

Epiphany Lutheran Church Christmas Gift Catalogue

2009



Why a Gift Catalogue?

The Social Services Committee has put together this catalogue in hopes of encouraging you to take some of the materialism out of your Christmas celebration and to put the emphasis back on the real reason for celebration. As you make your annual shopping list, consider making a contribution to one of the causes/organizations that you'll find listed on the following pages. Instead of wrapping up another sweater or tie or scouring the aisles for the latest fad, give your loved one, your friend, your child's teacher, your gift exchange partner at work, your children, your parents or your spouse a card telling them that you have made a donation in their name in honor of the Christ Child. Just follow the simple instructions on page seven of this booklet to let them know that you have honored them by helping someone whose needs are great. We're not suggesting that you do not buy any material gifts, but wouldn't it be amazing if we all spent half of our holiday budget on helping those who are in need? As Jesus said in Matthew 24:40 "Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers or sisters of Mine, even to the least of them, you did it to me."

"Live simply so that others may simply live."

-Mahatma Gandhi

EPIPHANY'S CHOSEN PROJECT

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY FOR LSS-LANCASTER

LSS is serving the needy in three southeastern Ohio counties where local pantries have closed because they have no food for their communities. Lacking public transport and living in remote areas, many of Appalachia's very poor simply cannot access the same resources found in large cities. Also the Ohio Benefit Bank will help provide access to public benefits and tax credits for low—and moderate—income families. The LSS Lancaster Pantry has room to house the mobile pantry, which serves about 600 families a month. If you'd like to give a gift, but have no real preference, may we suggest the mobile pantry. This service is funded only by directed donations such as this one.

#1 Mobile Pantry—Help to buy/maintain and/or stock the vehicle

(any amount) _____

LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

Pantries work with government bodies who maintain records of the unemployed, elderly, working poor, etc., and who can verify who is eligible for aid. Our congregation has helped each of these pantries at times during this past year. Each has said that the number of needy is growing rapidly, 10% or more yearly.

#2 Pickerington Food Pantry (any amount) _____

#3 LSS Food Pantry—Lancaster (any amount) _____

#4 LSS Pantry—Columbus (any amount) _____

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FAIRHAVEN

FAIRFIELD COUNTY EMERGENCY SHELTER

This shelter in Lancaster has space in one room for eight women and, in a larger room, space for sixteen men. This is set up on a night to night basis. The clients are fed an evening meal.

#5 Emergency Shelter—Food Needs (\$10.00) _____

#6 Emergency Shelter—Sweatshirt/Pants (\$15.00) _____

FAIRHAVEN PLACE

This is a temporary (up to two years) housing program for homeless adults in Lancaster. There are seventeen furnished apartments. We help provide used small appliances, bedding, towels, kitchen utensils, and other household items regularly during the year for this facility. Each resident works with staff towards personal goals of self-sufficiency.

#7 Fairhaven Place—Hygiene Products (\$10.00) _____

#8 Fairhaven Place—Gift Cards (\$10.00) _____

FAMILY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Case managers work with families who are homeless or about to become homeless. The managers work out of offices at Fairhaven and also go into the community to work with clients.

#9 Case Managers—Baby's / Children's Clothing (\$10.00) _____

#10 Case Managers—Emergency Needs (\$10.00) _____

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF CENTRAL OHIO (LSS)

LSS helps thousands of needy people throughout 39 counties. They address the core issues of hunger, housing, healing, and hope. Organized in 1912, LSS was founded to carry on general charitable and religious work. Services to families, affordable housing communities, senior living residences and other adult services are available. (Food pantries and shelters are included elsewhere.) Monetary gifts of any amount are appreciated.

#11 Disaster Response (any amount) _____

#12 Faith Mission (any amount) _____

#13 Lutheran Village, Rose of Concern (any amount) _____

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY–THRIVENT

Habitat builds houses for the poor and homeless throughout the world. Those who receive houses must give 200 or more hours of work (sweat equity) to be eligible for a house and must also pay off a substantial mortgage. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, at the national level, has partnered with Habitat and the local Thrivent organization. Thrivent (national) provides 65% of the cost of the house, the local community and local Thrivent provide 10%, and Habitat provides the remainder. Your gift will be sent to the local Thrivent Builds for use in the Columbus area. It will be used for such materials as nails, bricks, paint, electrical wiring, etc. Two or three Thrivent Houses are being built each year in Columbus.

#14 Thrivent / Habitat (any amount) _____



LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES OF OHIO (LOMO)

Your support of LOMO will provide Camperships for those who otherwise would not be able to attend camp, support outreach programs as they serve churched and unchurched youth, ensure upkeep and maintenance of camp facilities, and help provide staff for year-round retreats, workshops, festivals, and other special events. Lutheran Memorial Camp, Camp Mowana, Camp Luther, and the Outreach Day Camps are all part of this gifting. Lutheran Memorial Camp and Camp Mowana are used by our groups. Monetary gifts of any amount are appreciated.

- #15 General LOMO Programs _____
- #16 Lutheran Memorial Camp _____
- #17 Camp Mowana _____



HEIFER PROJECT

This project helps families feed themselves by providing food and income-producing animals as well as training for their care. Families must then share newborn animals and new-found knowledge with other families. The animals provide milk, eggs, and meat. This is a great project for children.

- #18 Share of a goat (\$5.00) _____
- #19 Share of rabbits. (\$10.00) *This gift multiplies rapidly.* _____
- #20 Share of a llama (\$10.00) _____
- #21 Tree Seedlings (\$10.00) _____
- #22 Share of a pig (\$5.00) *A sow can produce up to 16 piglets a year.* _____
- #23 Share of a heifer (\$25.00) _____

ELCA GOOD GIFTS

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, our parent body, responds quickly to disasters and to needs for relief. They also provide resources to help others help themselves. Their ELCA Good Gifts catalog is on the Gifting Table in the Gathering Space.

#24 ELCA World Hunger Appeal (any amount) _____

#25 Mosquito Net– Malaria Area (\$10.00) _____

#26 10 Chicks for a family (\$10.00) _____

#27 1 pair of shoes for a school child (\$10.00) _____

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR)

LWR works with partners in 50 countries to help people grow food, improve health, strengthen communities, end conflict, build livelihoods, and recover from disasters.

#28 Seeds for a garden (\$5.00) _____

#29 Fish for farm ponds (\$5.00) _____

#30 Help digging a village well (\$10.00) _____

#31 Disaster Recovery (any amount) _____

NAVAJO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MISSION & SCHOOL (Rock Point, Arizona)

Winters are very cold. Many Navajo live in hogans heated by a fire in an empty oil drum in the center on the dirt floor. Wood, coal, warm clothing for adults and children are needed.

#32 Wood, coal for heating and cooking (\$10.00) _____

#33 School library books (\$5.00) _____

#34 Children's clothing (any amount) _____

#35 Health supplies, Cold Medications (\$5.00) _____

Ordering Instructions

1. Choose the gifts that you would like to order.
 2. List each of your choices on the order form on the back of this page.
 3. If you need more room, you can pick up another form in the Gathering Space, or simply attach another sheet of paper.
 4. Write the total amount of all your gifts in the appropriate blank on the order form, and fill in your name, address and phone number.
 5. If you are writing a check for your order, make it payable to *Epiphany Lutheran Church*, and write “**Gift Catalogue**” on the memo line of the check. YOU DO **NOT** NEED TO WRITE A SEPARATE CHECK FOR EACH ORGANIZATION—we will divide the money appropriately and send it on.
 6. Place your check or cash along with the order form in an envelope.
 - A. Write “**Gift Catalogue**” on the envelope and put it in the box in the Gathering Space.
- Or**
- B. If you prefer, mail your check (Please do not mail cash.) to **Epiphany Lutheran Church, 268 Hill Road North, Pickerington, OH 43147, Attention: Gift Catalogue.**
7. Pick up a gift card and envelope for each of your gift recipients from the Gifting Table in the Gathering Space. Your Christmas shopping is done!!

ORDER FORM

Item #	Quantity	Description	Price per item	Total
<i>sample</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Mobile Food Pantry</i>	<i>\$100</i>	<i>\$100</i>

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BACK OF THIS ORDER FORM

_____ Check _____ Cash Total _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____