

# 2009 Catalog

*Gifts of Hope is operated totally by volunteers from throughout the SC Synod, ELCA. Every penny received goes directly to the beneficiary organizations.*



## This year, give *Hope*.

GIFTS OF HOPE IS AN ALTERNATIVE GIFT-GIVING PROGRAM IN the SC Synod (ELCA). This Christmas give gifts to family and friends that really matter...Give Hope. For your shopping pleasure, this catalog contains 36 unique gifts priced from \$5 to \$100 that give hope to others. The gifts in this catalog are represented by Institutions and Social Ministry Organizations affiliated with the SC Synod, ELCA, as well as the SC Synod's companion synods.

For each gift you purchase, you receive two items – a gift card and an insert describing your chosen gift – which you give to your friend or family member. The actual gift will be delivered by the designated organization or institution to the beneficiary (for example, new shoes and backpacks for children or food for a refugee family).



Whether you give Gifts Of Hope to share your faith and blessings, to advocate for a simpler lifestyle, to enjoy matching your purchases to the interest of those you present with the gifts, for convenience – or for all these reasons, we thank you for participating in this program to give hope to someone who really needs it.

## How to Purchase:

You can purchase Gifts of Hope through your congregation this Advent season or through the US Mail.

### THROUGH YOUR CONGREGATION

The fastest and easiest way for most people to purchase Gifts of Hope during Advent is in person, at the sales event in your local congregation.

1. Review this Gifts of Hope catalog
2. Fill in the Order Form, available as a separate sheet
3. Write a check to your congregation or pay in cash
4. For each purchase, receive a card and insert for your gift

### THROUGH THE MAIL USING OUR WEBSITE

If you are unable to purchase Gifts of Hope through a local congregation sales event, please use [www.GiftsOfHopeSC.org](http://www.GiftsOfHopeSC.org) to obtain an order form. In addition, when family and friends, at home or away, ask what you want for Christmas, please direct them to the website. To order using the website:

1. Go to [www.GiftsOfHopeSC.org](http://www.GiftsOfHopeSC.org)
2. Review the online Gifts of Hope catalog
3. Print out and complete the order form
4. Mail your Order Form with check as directed

**Note:** The website is unable to accept credit card transactions. We will endeavor to fill orders promptly, but cannot make guarantees about delivery times. We send the cards and inserts you purchase to you via regular U.S. Mail, so please allow at least 2 weeks delivery time.

# Gifts of Hope 2009

View the Gifts Of Hope Catalog is online at  
[www.GiftsOfHopeSC.org](http://www.GiftsOfHopeSC.org)

## GIFTS THAT PROVIDE FOR DAILY NEEDS

### 1. Energy Efficient Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs

SCLRC \$9

Help our retreat centers go green by making the Light Switch! Your gift will provide 8 energy efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs that will illuminate our centers using less energy and cutting back on carbon emissions. Camp and retreat groups use many lights, and you can help us be good stewards by protecting our planet with this gift.

### 2. School Supplies for Children and Youth in Tanzania

SWDT \$10

The youth of the SW Diocese attend Lutheran Schools from Primary through the equivalent of High School. Basic school supplies, such as pencils, notebooks, paper, lab materials and school uniforms are always needed. Provide a child with his or her school supplies for a year.

### 3. Newborn Baby Outfit and Blanket

ILMV \$10

Your gift provides a newborn baby outfit and blanket to a low-income mother to wrap her baby in for the trip home from the hospital. The new mother will receive the outfit and blanket after attending a healthy pregnancy and newborn preparation course.

### 4. Help a Resident or Hospice Patient put their best look forward.

LHSC \$15

As health conditions of residents and hospice patients change, so do clothing and shoe sizes. Help someone with limited resources maintain pride in their appearance by purchasing comfortable and well-fitting clothing and shoes.

### 5. Lunch for Seminarians

LTSS \$25

This gift will provide one week of lunches in the seminary refectory for a student struggling with financial hardship.

### 6. New Shoes or Backpack for Children

ILMV \$25

This gift will provide new shoes or a backpack for children living in poverty as they start school.

### 7. Gift Card for an International Student to purchase necessities

NC \$25

Newberry's international students often do not possess the resources for ongoing important personal items and products needed to live 9 months in a dormitory. This gift will provide a gift card to Wal-Mart for purchases needed.

### 8. Help Feed a Hungry Child in India

JELA/JELC \$30

Provide a nutritious meal each day for a month for a child in the developing countries of India and Bangladesh. Funds are used to buy needed food supplies, such as rice and milk, for poor children at one of our Lutheran-affiliated project sites.

### 9. A Good Night's Sleep

SCLRC \$40

Thousands come to retreat and relax at Camp Kinard and Coastal Retreat Center. A good night's sleep is essential to renew the body and spirit. Your gift provides two quality pillows and new pillow cases for folks needing a place to rest their heads.

### 10. Seminary Emergency Assistance

LTSS \$50

This gift will provide assistance to seminarians with financial hardships for unforeseen expenses such as uncovered medical bills, bereavement travel, and unavoidable car repairs.

### 11. Help a Lutheran Hospice Patient Acquire Healthcare Needs

LHSC \$50

Lutheran Hospice is committed to providing care for patients who do not have insurance or qualify for Medicaid or Medicare. Your gift will cover the cost of pain management for a day, the rental of a wheel chair or oxygen concentrator for a month, or other medical equipment and medications needed by a hospice patient with limited resources.

### 12. Medical and Dental Supplies for Tanzanian Clinic

SWDT \$50

People walk for miles to visit a clinic built by the Diocese in 2002. This clinic serves thousands of people and medical supplies are always in short supply. This gift will help to meet basic medical needs in this third world country.

### 13. Pipes to Upgrade the Water System in Tanzania

SWDT \$50

Thousands of people in Magoye, Tanzania, including clinics and schools, have inadequate water facilities. Help with a large project to replace the pipes so that these people have access to clean water.

### 14. Electric Power Hookup for a Tanzanian School

SWDT \$50

The SW Diocese of Tanzania has just recently gotten a main power line run into Magoye where the key leaders of the Diocese live with their families. This gift will help defray the cost of a hookup for the school to the main power line.

### 15. Loving Care for a Foster Child

LFS \$60

LFS Carolinas' foster parents are special people who provide intensive care to abused, abandoned and neglected children. With LFS supervision and support, loving foster care families provide structure, healing and love to more than 500 children across the Carolinas each year. Your gift provides two weeks of care for a foster child right here in South Carolina.

### 16. Food for a Refugee Family

LFS \$75

Refugees arrive in this country with nothing but the clothes on their backs and precious documents that guarantee them safe passage to a new life in America. As the only agency in SC to welcome refugees, we partner with cosponsoring churches to ease the transition for refugee families as they adjust to life in a new culture and community. Your gift provides food for one week for a refugee family.

### 17. Health Insurance for a Seminary Student

LTSS \$80

This gift will defray the cost of one week of ELCA required health insurance for a student struggling with financial hardship.

### 18. Buy an Infant Incubator for a Hospital in India

JELA/JELC \$100

Many children in India continue to live in poverty with inadequate medical care. In an effort to better care for infants in the local community, this gift will help purchase an incubator at a Lutheran-supported hospital in Jamkhed, India.

*"Fruit cake lasts for decades. Hope lasts forever."*

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**19. Help Family Caregivers Renew their Strength and Hope** LHSC \$100

Over time, family members who provide constant care for hospice patients and persons with Alzheimer's disease can become physically, emotionally, spiritually and financially exhausted. Your gift will provide 24 hours of patient care while giving peace of mind to families who care.

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**GIFTS THAT BUILD FOR THE FUTURE**

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**20. Pregnancy Snacks** ILMV \$5

Your gift provides nutritious snacks to a pregnant Latina woman during a healthy pregnancy preparation course, and help both mommy and baby be healthy.

**21. Housing and Meal Assistance for Volunteers** LLMI \$10

Each year volunteers come to Lutheridge and Lutherock to help get camp ready for the summer. This will provide opportunities for volunteers to customize a weekend of work at either campsite. Your gift will assist with housing and meals.

**22. Provide Bricks to Build a New Teacher's College in Tanzania** SWDT \$10

Help provide building materials for a new college campus that will be used to educate Tanzanians to be teachers.

**23. Bilingual Reading Books** ILMV \$10

Help provide bilingual reading books for Latino students studying English to help them learn English and become more productive.

**24. Fish for the Ponds at Camp Kinard** SCLRC \$12

At Camp Kinard we have two large ponds that have provided fishing and boating memories for hundreds of folks. Due to this year's low water levels, lily pad overpopulation is threatening the aquatic harmony of our ponds. Camp Kinard has been advised to introduce a hundred lily pad snacking Carp into our ponds as an all natural solution. Your gift will provide one of these 12" hungry Carp.

**25. School Supplies for At Risk Youth in our Group Homes** LFS \$15

The children served in one of our four youth group homes are placed with us after suffering abuse and neglect. They have been diagnosed with behavioral and mental disorders and are unable to live in a regular foster care setting. Most often they arrive with only a trash bag of personal items. Your gift will help provide them with school supplies to assist their transition to a new school during this time of uncertainty and fear.

**26. Street Children Prevention Program in Brazil** JELA/JELC \$25

In addition to being exposed to physical dangers in the slum areas of Sao Paulo, children are often denied the right to receive an adequate education. In response to this crisis, this gift works to provide children with basic education and vocational skills such as cooking, sewing and woodworking. Your support provides a future of hope and promise for these children.

**27. Transportation for a Homeless Veteran** LFS \$30

Many of our country's veterans returning from war are homeless due to combat related disability and psychological trauma. Through LFS Carolinas' transitional housing program, homeless veterans receive the care they need to reach a level of self-sufficiency. This care requires medical and psychological appointments at Dorn VA in Columbia. Your gift provides transportation to and from the VA for one veteran for one week.

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**28. Music CDs for the Department of Music** NC \$50

Newberry's Department of Music uses many copy write CD's for group and private instructional purposes. This gift will enable the college to provide needed instruction.

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**29. A Day of Leadership Camp for a Youth Camper** LLMI \$60

Grounded in basic leadership fundamentals and the spiritual leadership of Christ, this camping experience will help youth develop their own leadership potential in church, school, or even as a future Lutheridge/Lutherock counselor. Because of camp experiences, many go on to seminary and serve the church as ordained and rostered leaders. Your gift will provide scholarship assistance for this program.

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**30. Textbook for Required Seminary Course** LTSS \$75

The average cost of required textbooks for one semester is about \$750. This gift will help purchase one required textbook for a student struggling with financial hardship.

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**31. Mattress for a Mentally Disabled Child** LFS \$100

LFS Carolinas serves a very special population of youth who are diagnosed with mental disabilities and who have been the victims of child abuse and neglect. Many of these children struggle with bed wetting and are hard on furniture. Your gift will help LFS maintain a level of quality in our facilities by providing a new mattress for a child.

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**GIFTS THAT BRING JOY**

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**32. Help a Resident or Hospice Patient Look Good & Feel Better** LHSC \$10

Special moments with a hair stylist or barber can boost one's spirit and build self-esteem. Your gift certificate for a haircut or wash & set will brighten the day for someone whose resources do not allow for this small luxury.

**33. New ELCA Worship Books** NC \$20

Being a college of the ELCA, Newberry's Wiles Chapel needs to have sufficient numbers of the current hymnal of the ELCA for students, faculty and staff to use in weekly Chapel services and for Lutheran Synod gatherings which historically have taken place in the Chapel.

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**34. Mentally Challenged Camper Outing Assistance** LLMI \$20

For more than 37 years, Lutheridge has provided camp opportunities for mentally challenged youth and adults. This program enables these special campers to experience all the fun of summer camp. Your gift will provide outing money for a camper.

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**35. Help Grant a Special Wish to a Patient of Lutheran Hospice** LHSC \$25

As Lutheran Hospice cares for patients and their families, staff members often learn about simple unfulfilled wishes that are still possible to achieve. Your gift will help Lutheran Hospice grant a special wish that will make a significant difference in a patient's last days.

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**36. Hayride for Special Groups** SCLRC \$25

Camp Kinard hosts special groups, like Children Unlimited for kids awaiting adoptive placement, who have lost considerable funding due to budget cuts. Your gift will provide a fun filled tractor pulled hayride for these groups, a luxury for programs struggling to continue growing community at camp.

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*"Dad has enough ties. This year, give Hope."*

# *Participating Ministries and Institutions*

## **Iglesia Luterana Manantial de Vida (ILMV)**

Iglesia Luterana Manantial de Vida (Spring of Life), is a ministry of the SC Synod of the ELCA. Our mission is to serve individuals and families physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Our worshipping community will include a Latino cultural center that we envision as a place where immigrant families can once again be part of a community, improve their English language skills, continue their education, remain connected to the culture and fine arts of their homeland, and learn life skills that will enable them to live healthy lives.

## **Japan Evangelical Lutheran Association (JELA) / Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church (JELC)**

JELA/JELC has a companion synod relationship with the SC Synod of the ELCA. JELA and JELC work in cooperation on many ministry programs in other Asian and South American countries, which are reflected in this catalog's gift descriptions.

## **Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas (LFS)**

Each year, LFS Carolinas works to bring healing and wholeness to children, adults, families and communities through accredited human service programs at many program sites in North and South Carolina coordinated from central offices in Raleigh, Greensboro and Charlotte, NC and Columbia, SC. LFS Carolinas partners with human service providers, governmental agencies, congregations and others to provide the most effective programs and outcomes possible. Founded in 1976, LFS is a joint social ministry of the North Carolina and South Carolina Synods of the ELCA.

## **Lutheran Homes of South Carolina (LHSC)**

Lutheran Homes of South Carolina enhances the well being of older adults by providing residential, health care and hospice services. The ministries of Lutheran Homes include five continuing care retirement communities--Franke at Seaside in Mt. Pleasant, the Heritage at Lowman in White Rock, Rice Home in Columbia, RoseCrest in Inman, and Trinity Lutheran Home in Aiken; Lutheran Hospice with offices in Columbia, Greer and Mt. Pleasant; and BeWell Home Services in the Midlands and Lowcountry.

## **Lutheridge+Lutherock Ministries, Inc. (LLMI)**

Lutheridge+Lutherock Ministries Inc. is owned and operated by the Florida-Bahamas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Southeastern synods of the ELCA and serves all ages from the SE United States. Its mission is to provide programs, opportunities, and places apart where all people can experience a Christ-centered community, grow in relationship to God and God's creation, and be equipped for ministry. Camp and conference facilities are Lutheridge, 160 acres in Arden, NC known for its summer camp and year-round ministry programs; and Lutherock, 700 acres on Sugar Mountain, known for its rugged, outdoor adventure ministry.

## **Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (LTSS)**

Southern Seminary has served the Church since its founding by the South Carolina Synod in 1830. The seminary's mission is to teach, form and nurture men and women to become servant leaders in the public ministries of the Church. Southern Seminary is one of eight ELCA seminaries and has been located on N. Main Street in Columbia, SC since 1911. Offering three degree programs: Master of Divinity (M. Div), Master of Arts in Religion (M.A.R.) and Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.), Southern Seminary draws students from Region 9 of the ELCA and from across the country. For more info visit [www.ltss.edu](http://www.ltss.edu) or call (866) 921-1157.

## **Newberry College (NC)**

Newberry College, a coeducational undergraduate college of the liberal arts and sciences, is a residential learning community dedicated to the intellectual and personal development of its students in a caring and supportive academic environment. Owned and in part supported by the South Carolina, Southeastern, Florida/Bahamas and Caribbean Synods of the ELCA, the college enrolls a small but diverse student body hailing predominantly from the southeastern United States. The Lutheran tradition allows us to celebrate the concept of vocation, leading students to prepare for meaningful life experiences, occupations, and service to the world as well as to the church.

## **South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers (SCLRC)**

SCLRC provides places of hospitality where congregations, communities and individuals can experience a Christian environment to renew faith, foster fellowship, build memories and encounter the glory of God's creation. These places of hospitality are Camp Kinard near Batesburg-Leesville, and Coastal Retreat Center on Isle of Palms, SC. We host a variety of congregational and synodical groups all year at both centers. We provide facilities at Kinard for special summer camps such as Camp Kemo, a camp for children fighting cancer, Camp Wonder Hands which is for kids who are deaf and hearing impaired, and Children Unlimited, a camp for special needs kids waiting for adoptive placement. Learn more at online at [www.sclrc.com](http://www.sclrc.com).

## **South Western Diocese Of Tanzania (SWDT)**

The South Western Diocese is located in the southwestern corner of Tanzania in a remote mountain region. The Diocese was created in 1992 when the Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania was divided. There are approximately 18 parishes and each parish has several congregations. Tanzania is a very stable country, but very poor, with warm and friendly citizens. The Lutheran Church's rapid growth rate in Tanzania makes it one of the world's fastest growing churches in East Africa.