

MINISTRY

HIGHLIGHTS



"Jeremiah 29:11 ...a future and a hope."

Because we can see it we are called to share it.

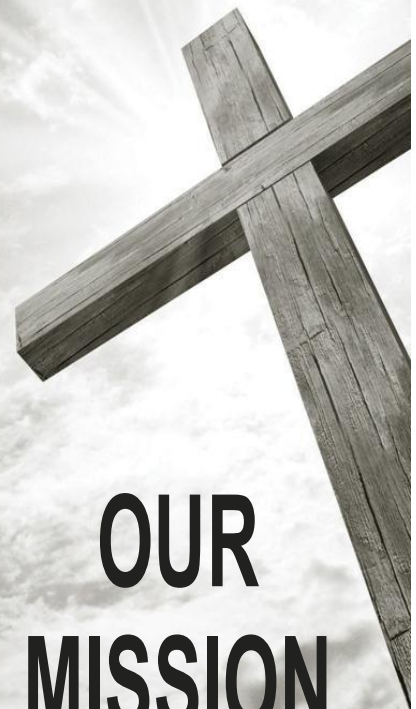
Thank you all for your continued commitment to the women here at Lifespring. We, as a staff team, pray that God blesses each of you and your families with an increased measure of the peace, joy, and the love of Jesus Christ.

Your support helps us continue to meet not only the tangible needs of the women and children who come to us seeking refuge, but also

allows us to meet the spiritual needs of the women and children we have been blessed to serve.

Please consider continuing to support Lifespring Ministry by attending this year's benefit dinner at Danada House in Wheaton, Illinois on Thursday, September 27 at 5:30 PM.

Tickets are \$75 per person.



OUR MISSION

To honor God by loving and serving the afflicted and powerless through sharing the Gospel of forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ by empowering them to be disciples of Christ.

ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

BACK TO SCHOOL Residents' children are gearing up for another year of school. **POETRY** Take the time to read a poem that was written by one of our current residents. **ANSWERED PRAYERS** Learn how God has been faithful to hear and answer our prayers at Lifespring. **GREETINGS** Hear from our program coordinator. **THE LOCAL CHURCH** We are very thankful for them.

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Hurting People Hurt People

The Devil Is a Liar

A poem by current resident: Jeffi J Martin

You see, devil's advocates wouldn't have had a chance to hurt me – Because I never would've given them the chance to desert me.

The alcoholic flocks to the drunk – And the addict's lover just wants another bump.

The broken needs someone to fix – But we're all just looking for a way to stay lit.

You see, food gives a neglected kid joy – But the same child becomes teased, forever labeled "Fat Boy."

I've heard it told "Hurting People Hurt People" – But I've also experienced hurt under the safety of the steeple.

None of us are perfect and only Jesus was free from sin – So why is it that we judge when a lost sheep walks in?

I know I bleed red and so do they – But

some of us stay spiritually sick when we refuse to kneel and pray.

I've heard unbelievers say that God is just a crutch for the weak – I wholeheartedly believe they'd see it differently if they were to start to seek.

And even if what they say were true – Jesus I'd still sit right next to you.

I'd ask a friend to join right in as we bow our heads to pray – For what they say does hold some truth and that is why we pray.

For where I am weak He gives me strength to love those who think they know more – because we are the ones for which He gave up His Son so we could sin no more.

So, I pray that you use my mouth for good this time and give me the right words to

Speak – to give them hope, will, and desire to diligently want to seek.

His Spirit in me whispers, "Love them with My truth so they'll come to me at last" – Because some people have told me that He's been shoved down their throat and they run back to Satan's grasp.

His word says, "Come to me all ye who are weary and I will give you rest" – Seeking Him wholeheartedly and doing His will lifts our burdens and brings out our best.

This change alone can cause the doubters to become His sons and daughters.

Just living for the Lord will bring great witness of God's promises to us all – When we surrender to His will, He lights up the darkness so we never have to fall.

Now always remember that no matter what, you can never fall too far from grace – Satan uses his tricks to lie, cheat and steal to keep us from finishing our race.

Satan doesn't come looking like a bad dream. He's disguised as our strangest desire – He comes to us with an angelic face just to toss us in the fire.

COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.

MATTHEW 11:28



Back to School: Residents' Children Are Gearing Up For Another School Year

For any child, going back to school can be stressful, but for the children of our residents, it can be especially challenging and difficult. For the children here it also means more than just changed routines and the end of summertime fun: it can oftentimes mean huge changes which can be scary for our little ones. It's during periods of change when smoothing the transition can have the greatest impact on the children here. Each year we are grateful to those of you that bless our children with new backpacks filled with school supplies, giving these kids a chance to walk proudly into a new classroom and join the buzz of interaction that precedes learning. We are also thankful that our children can participate in afterschool programming provided by Urban Youth Ministry, also a division of Wayside Cross, which provides them with a safe, productive place to go when the bell rings at the end of the day. Not only does this help our working moms, but it encourages our kids to interact with their peers and to grow spiritually.

PIZZA PARTY FRIDAY



Once a month, Big Rock Church, provides our residents with Domino's Pizza for dinner. As a church, various members, along with the pastor, make the trek to Aurora to serve our women. While here they spend the evening in fellowship with and encouraging our ladies and staff.

Thank you, Big Rock Church, for faithfully serving our women month after month.

ANSWERED PRAYERS

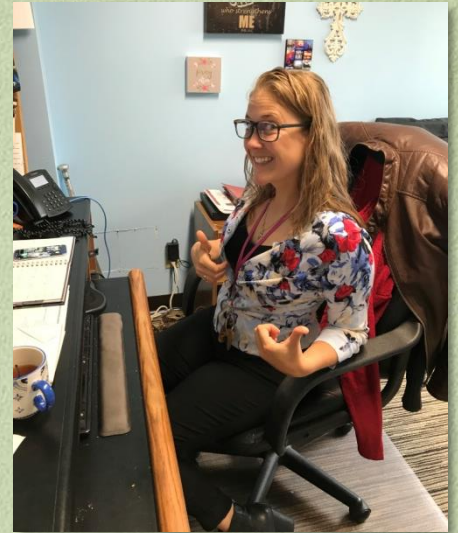
As a ministry that deals with the pains and struggles of hurting people on a daily basis, we are thankful and encouraged by stories that exemplify how God is still alive and moving, and how He hears our prayers.

For those of you who have been receiving our newsletter, you know that we have trusted the Lord to provide employment for our residents, and have reached out to you for referrals. We are delighted to announce that three of our ladies have been able to secure jobs this last month. Please continue to pray that our women would be able to find gainful employment.

NEEDS LIST

Hand Sanitizer	Deodorant
Razors	Body Wash
Toothpaste	Toothbrushes
Hi Lighters	Back Packs
Colored Pencils	Tab Dividers
Tylenol	Gallon Ziploc bags
Ethnic Hair Products	Adult Cold Medicine
Pepto-Bismol	Large Plastic Bins
Milk Crates	Hangers
Alarm Clocks	120-180 Watt Lightbulbs
Cooking Spices	Jelly
Pasta Sauce	Cereal

Greetings from our Program Coordinator



There have been some changes in our volunteer department over the past few months! Morgan Baumert, previously working as one of our Case Managers, has taken on the task of recruiting volunteers as one of her many roles as our ministry's program coordinator, and she is extremely excited to connect those with a heart to serve with the needs of our ministry.

All volunteers are required to complete an application and attend an orientation before serving. Once approved, Morgan will work to find the best placement for volunteers according to their interests and availability.

Some of our most pressing needs for volunteers are currently:

MENTORS FOR OUR RESIDENTS

CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

For more information on how to get involved, visit our website or contact Morgan at mbaumert@waysidecross.org to get started!

THE LOCAL CHURCH

Whom They Partner With Us and Whom We Need Them...

At Lifespring, we are blessed to have the encouragement, prayers, and financial support of our nearby churches. Without their support, our ministry would neither be strong nor effective.

When local churches invest in the ministry here at Lifespring, we are better able to affect real heart change in lost and hurting women.

"I see much value in the parachurch and local church working closely together and I'd love to see Christ lifted high as we continue to partner with Lifespring."

Brian Sendelbach

*Associate Pastor
Village Baptist Church*

The benefits of partnership are

not one-sided: as local churches continue to partner with us, we are able to help the churches meet the needs of their members.

"At Christ Community Church we offer Care Night for the local community which focuses on specific issues like divorce, loss of a loved one, addiction, etc. We had a young woman come into the addiction group that was doing well but had a relapse that became serious. She ended up in the hospital and from there she was to go to a detox facility but none had an immediate opening. However, in talking with this woman I soon found out that she had been to many of them over the years and nothing has changed. It was when I thought of Lifespring - a ministry for women to come to see who they truly are and

learn the ultimate truth about themselves, that they are worth dying for, and now can learn how to fully take hold of their lives and become self-sufficient and prosperous.

This woman quickly has begun to feel safe with the staff and the environment and is identifying the root issues that cause her addiction. Housing a struggling woman is something the church can't offer and we are so thankful to partner with a ministry such as Lifespring that can meet women where they are, give them 24/7 care and walk with them to a place of health and self-sufficiency."

Lee Lukazewski

*Associate/Adult Ministry Pastor
Christ Community Church
Blackberry Creek Campus*

UPCOMING EVENTS

GATHER AND GO NIGHTS Please join Lifespring Ministry for a night of prayer, ministry updates, and to learn how to get involved. The Gather and Go Nights occur every 12th day of the month from 6:00-7:00 PM.

ANNUAL BENEFIT Our annual benefit event will be on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 5:30 PM at Danada House, Wheaton, IL.

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