
LCS FAITH Center Update

Following is some information about the LCS FAITH Center for church newsletter editors, pastors and others interested in outreach or social ministry. Your help in getting the word out is appreciated and will help keep the LCS FAITH Center functioning and helping others less fortunate than ourselves. Comments about format, timing or content are welcome. Contact: Steve Tindall (stindall@lcsde.org or 302 654 8886). The LCS FAITH Center is located at 226 N. Walnut St. in Wilmington. In 2009, it merged with LCS (Lutheran Community Services).

Loans Introduced at LCS FAITH Center

LCS has decided to start making zero-interest loans as well as grants to clients at the LCS FAITH Center. Loans will be made for utilities, housing, and back to work needs to clients who we believe have a reasonable chance of repaying them. This will help stretch our funds and instill financial responsibility concepts in clients as part of our financial literacy initiative.

Strong Demand at LCS FAITH Center

Kathy Swanson, the Assistant Program Director at the LCS FAITH Center in downtown Wilmington, and wife of Rev. Daniel Swanson at Hope Lutheran in New Castle, has a hands-on feel for the heavy demand at the FAITH Center. She believes that: *“Services are needed more than ever.... Since I came to the FAITH Center we seem to have more people who have a good income but are not able to pull out of an extraordinary situation. We’ve had so many calls”*

A Note From a Client

Here is someone the FAITH Center helped recently. His name is Dave. He wrote us a quick note that said: *“Amy and I have been homeless about six months out of the two years we have been together. We were referred to many places, but NO Place was able to help us like the LCS FAITH Center. They stayed late at the Center just to assist us. We were welcomed with open arms. They fed us and put us in a motel. The employees at the center were very beautiful to us. Thank God for those who helped.”*

Contributions for the LCS FAITH Center

The LCS FAITH Center provides housing, utility help and back-to-work help for low income people. In order to maintain current levels of service there, LCS relies on many different churches and denominations. Even so, we barely squeak by. But the early fall was good to us – we received generous contributions from Bethel AME, Immanuel Episcopal, Mt. Salem Methodist, and Westminster Presbyterian. We look forward to receiving more contributions from other committed supporters, which will allow our work to continue.