

# Alternative Gifts

Christmas 2018



The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of the  
shadow of death a Light has dawned.

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given...  
and he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:2,6-7

**Jesus Christ  
is by far  
the most perfect Christmas gift  
you could ever receive!**

**If you could give a gift  
to God this Christmas,  
what might it be?**

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*“For God so loved the world...”*

Because of His love for the world, God gave us the greatest Christmas Gift! God gave us the Gift we needed most. God gave us the gift that cost Him the most.

*“He gave His One and only Son...”*

God gave us His Son. He gave us a Savior. Wrapped in human skin, Jesus came special delivery to us in a Bethlehem manger to live among us and save us so we could one day be taken special delivery to heaven!

*“that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.”*

God gave us the gift we cannot live without - He gave us the Gift of forgiveness and salvation through Jesus!

Every Christmas, we give gifts as well. We give gifts to those we love, and to those to whom we feel obligated to give gifts. Many of the gifts we give, and receive, are gifts we could certainly live without! They are gifts that fill our stomachs, fill our rooms, fill our closets and fill our garages. And many of them are gifts we don't need in the first place.

Is there an alternative?

What if we made some adjustments to our gift-giving so we could give gifts to those who are truly in need? What if, instead of filling our homes with gifts we don't need, we filled the hearts of needy people with joy through some special gifts?

There is a way! This *Alternative Gifts Catalog* shows how you can show the love of Christ to others by redirecting some gifts to help people who are in need. You could bless people locally, nationally, or internationally by giving a special gift, or by telling others to give a special gift to someone else in your name. In the special season of giving that is upon us, may God's giving of His Son to be your Savior inspire your giving to others who are in need so they can experience His love through you!

*“For God so loved the world that He gave...”*

May your giving be a reflection of His giving!

*Pastor Craig*

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# HOVING HOME



**Hoving Home** is a Las Vegas, Christ-centered, home serving women who have been involved in addiction, alcoholism, prostitution and other life-controlling problems. Their vision is to bring the ladies into the home, and then into the Body of Christ. God has given to each one of us certain gifts. It is the expectation of the Hoving Home to help the person find their giftedness.

Price: Sponsor a Lady - \$20/day

Order: #LV001

# LAS VEGAS RESCUE MISSION



The **LV Rescue Mission** has shelter for homeless families, individuals, single mothers, and is the only local shelter able to accommodate single fathers. One of their primary goals is to touch lives with the love of Jesus Christ. LVRM has a resident pastor on staff and facilitates daily Bible studies.

Price: \$15 per day/night

Order #: LV002

LOCAL MISSIONS

# Women's Resource Medical Center & First Choice Pregnancy Services



## Miracle Tool to Save A Life

Ultrasounds are an effective way to save unborn babies. Often, parents will not terminate a pregnancy after seeing their child move in the womb, or hearing the heartbeat. Help **Women's Resource Medical Center** and **First Choice Pregnancy Services** protect God's most vulnerable souls.

Price: \$25/ultrasound

Order#: LV003

Your gift provides the necessary support to embrace women at-risk of abortion through education, counseling, prayer and love in Christ to make a choice for life. Statistics show that most women would not choose abortion if they had someone to walk alongside them.

Price: \$130/ Save a life

order#: LV004

# Balm of Gilead CCSD BIBLE CLUB

**Balm of Gilead** is a local Christian ministry reaching into our at-risk public Schools with the love of Christ through Bible Clubs. They also have mentoring and after-school programs in their facilities.

At-Risk Students Bible Club: \$25/child/month  
Order #: LV005



LOCAL MISSIONS

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Matthew: 28:18-20

# MILITARY BIBLESTICKS

FAITH COMES BY HEARING



Purchase an MP3 loaded with an audio drama New Testament and selected Psalms for one of the Troops who protect our nation and preserve our freedoms. How important is the Military BibleStick to our Troops? Consider the pressure — constant threat of danger and the enormous gift of God's peace.

Price: \$25 per BibleStick

Order #: nl001

# DISASTER RECOVERY

There has been unprecedented flooding in the past 2 years due to natural disasters. Since 2017, over \$400 billion has been incurred by hurricane damage. Many homes were either under-insured or non-insured for various reasons.



We can be a tangible source of Jesus' love by helping to cover the cost of the home repair. The average estimated cost for flood damage is \$7 per square foot of property. This includes mucking, to rebuilding, to painting.

\$7/ft<sup>2</sup> Flood Damage Repair #: NL002

# Oromo Evangelical Church of Las Vegas Immigrant Ministry



Imagine moving to a new country with no experience in shopping, registering for school, turning on utilities, public transportation and no job. If you add in cultural, language and financial barriers you see a great

opportunity for the church to be live out Jesus' call to welcome strangers into our midst. The Oromo church worshipping at Faith Community has an active ministry that is doing just that. You can bless a new immigrant by helping to bless them with a welcome "grocery bag", transportation or a portion of rent.

Grocery Bag: \$50

Order #: CC001

Bus Pass One-Month: \$65

Order #: CC002

Share of Rent: \$25

Order #: CC003

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

In 2015, Faith Community's Warren family was 'sent' to serve in the Latin American mission field.

Blake and Lizz serve as missionaries through the LCMS in the Latin America and Caribbean region, based in the Dominican Republic. Blake serves as the business manager to the region as he manages the financial affairs in the region. He also supports the LCMS missionaries serving in this region.



You can partner with them in the ministry by sponsoring a portion of their living costs in the Dominican Republic.

\$20/Mission Support - #DR001

# LIBERIA: HOPE & CARE FOR CHILDREN

The Hope and Care Farm will soon raise hogs!



Pigs have prolific breeding potential; fast growth rates and good feed-to-meat conversion ratios and are easy to raise.

The farm income generates funds for Hope Lutheran School scholarships.

Ultimately, your gift of hogs will provide an education for a destitute student!

Hogs: \$150/pair - #HCC01



Give a gift of a chick and your gift will naturally grow and multiply! Chicks mean eventual eggs giving necessary protein for growing bodies or a growing flock in the Hope Farms!

Empower the Hope and Care Orphanage & School to become self-sufficient through this tangible gift that gives...independence, nutrition and success.

Cost of One Chick \$25

Order #: HCC02



## Pastoral Training

is a huge need in the Liberia Lutheran Church with 95 ELCLS congregations and/or preaching points and 17 ordained pastors.

*Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

Training Course  
for a Liberian  
Pastor: \$50  
Order: #HCC03



Liberian women are being empowered by learning: to save, to draw up business plans, to tithe and budget. They find strength in Bible-based trust groups that pray together, encourage each other and hold one another accountable.



Your gift will generate a loan to a woman to begin a new business venture. Over 170 women have received a loan so far in 7 counties and 24 congregations. Some of the loan recipients have been successful enough to build a home, send their kids to school, or expand to a bigger business while keeping food on the table.

Price 1 Loan Share: \$20

Order #: HCC04

You can support the Alternative Christmas Gift program in at least three different ways:

- 1) Give a gift of hope to a loved one.
- 2) Fill out the wish list for yourself and ask a loved one to gift you with a gift of hope this year.
- 3) Make a donation towards any of the gifts.

100% OF YOUR GIFT goes  
DIRECTLY TO THE MINISTRIES  
Zero ADMIN FEE.

**THANK**  
Thank you so much for considering an Alternative Christmas Gift this year. Certainly, as we share God's love with those in this country and around the world suffering from hunger, homelessness, and peril and emotional distress from disasters, we honor God's love for us. As we go about our Christmas celebrations this year, may we always remember and honor God's gift to us that first Christmas morn- Jesus Christ.

If you are unable to participate, please join us in prayer for our mission partners as they seek to build God's kingdom and share the love of Christ locally, nationally, and to the ends of the earth.

**YOU**

# MY CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

In lieu of a Christmas gift, please consider a gift of love from Faith Community's Alternative Gift Catalog.

My favorites are:

Pg. # \_\_\_\_\_ Item # \_\_\_\_\_

Description \_\_\_\_\_  
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Pg. # \_\_\_\_\_ Item # \_\_\_\_\_

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Pg. # \_\_\_\_\_ Item # \_\_\_\_\_

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**Order Online:**

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**The table in the church lobby from 11/24 - 12/23**

Item #	Description	Qty,	Subtotal

Order Total:

**Ordered By:**

Name

Phone

Paid by     Check # \_\_\_\_\_     Credit \_\_\_\_\_     Cash

**Gift For:** Fill out portion below only if you would like a Christmas Card made for the person you are honoring with this gift

Name

Address



**INVITING PEOPLE  
TO KNOW JESUS...**



**LOCALLY  
NATIONALLY  
INTERNATIONALLY**