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Combined Church Choirs to Perform Oct. 23 in ‘United in Song for All God’s Children’ Concert to Benefit LSSI

On Sunday, October 23, adult and children’s choirs from four area churches will combine their voices for the “United in Song for All God’s Children” concert, beginning at 3 p.m. at [St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Urbana](#), located at 2200 S. Philo Road. The concert will benefit [Lutheran Social Services of Illinois](#) (LSSI), children’s foster care and adoption programs in Champaign/Urbana and the surrounding counties, and will support LSSI’s Prisoner and Family Ministry Storybook Program that will begin at the Danville Correctional Center this fall. Presenting Sponsors of this concert are University of Illinois Coach Bruce Weber and his wife Megan.

“We hope this concert can make a significant difference in the lives of foster children and adoptive families served by Lutheran Social Services of Illinois in our area. What better way to share than to sing together for the sake of these kids,” said Pastor Bob Rasmus, chair of LSSI’s Board of Directors and senior pastor at St. Matthew.

The choirs will perform under the direction of Dr. Elisabeth Buckley, director of music at St. Matthew. The churches involved in the concert are St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Grace Lutheran Church and St. Matthew Lutheran Church. The first three churches are located in Champaign, and St. Matthew is located in Urbana.

In addition, a number of talented instrumental and vocal soloists will perform, and the choir will sing such songs as “Beautiful Savior,” “Halle, Halle, Halle” and “He Never Failed Me Yet.” Ms. Ladine Shelby, an LSSI foster parent, will speak about her experience as a foster parent of over 50 children, and the Rev. Denver Bitner, D.Min., LSSI president/CEO will also speak.

A reception with light refreshments will follow the concert. Tickets are \$15 each. For more information, call 217/522-4296 or 217/367-1189.

Founded in 1867, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) is a statewide, not-for-profit social service agency of the three Illinois synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. LSSI serves people through an array of services at approximately 83 sites across Illinois. For more information, visit www.LSSI.org or LSSI’s [Facebook](#) page.

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