

Dear God,

God, I want to get to know you more, and be closer but I just feel so distant. I try to think about how I can be more like you in my everyday life, but I just keep on slipping up. I'm just so hungry for you to hear me. I know you understand, you understand everything. But I don't feel like you hear me. Is it something I've done? I wonder sometimes why I'm here. Then I remember what I've been told over and over before, everything happens for a reason. I just try to always keep that in mind.

Love, Me

*Written by a former Lutherwood resident*



## Our Mission:

In response to God's love and grace in Jesus Christ, Lutheran Child and Family Services serves human needs with the support of the church and community by providing programs of compassionate care and counsel to enhance dignity and quality of life.



Weekday chapel service at  
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*Diversity and inclusion are core values of Lutheran Child & Family Services and as such our organization commits to continually develop and implement practices, programs and a workforce resembling the clients and communities that we serve.*



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A ministry of



*Abby's letter to God....*

*“Dear God, I wish that you would stop the conflict in my family. I wish for my dad to come back. I wish my mom would stay healthy.”*

*Abby is a former Lutherwood resident*



Lutheran Child and Family Services' Spiritual Engagement, Education & Development (SEED) Program is an important piece of each child's plan of care at Lutherwood. With your help, we can achieve our goal of building a community of healing where relationships with God, self and others are renewed and restored.

The SEED Program is grounded in Lutheran Child and Family Services' faith-based values. We're committed—with your support—to assist our residents, clients and their families in two ways: By providing encouragement toward both **ROOTEDNESS** and **GROWTH** in mind, body, and spirit.

## How You Can Help

As a faith-based program, SEED is funded separately from other Lutheran Child and Family Services programs. No public funds can be used to sustain SEED. This ministry is supported totally through charitable gifts from foundations, congregations, and people like you.

Please make a gift to SEED today. Your gift will turn around more young lives, extend hope and purpose, and build stronger families.

Please send your gift to:

The Foundation for LCFS  
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When you make your gift, please include a note directing your gift to SEED.

For more information, contact Brady Gurganious, Spiritual Life Leader, at 317-359-5467 ext. 300 or [seed@lutheranfamily.org](mailto:seed@lutheranfamily.org).

Based on qualitative research conducted throughout the past two years by Lutheran Child and Family Services' staff, SEED will focus on:

1. Voluntary weekly chapel services and Bible study.
2. Renewing relationships by addressing children's anger.
3. Restoring hope through understanding and coping with grief.
4. Moving toward healing and growth by proactively focusing on hurt, pain and loss.
5. Connecting children with caring faith communities and mentors.
6. Providing training in spiritual care to faith leaders, families and volunteers.



While we recognize, respect and support the various faith commitments of our diverse clientele, SEED is motivated and grounded in a 130-year tradition of Christian values: Acceptance, grace, forgiveness, and renewal inspired by Jesus Christ.