

STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION 2008

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Sunday worship is complemented with weekly concerts by local and national acts. Concerts are recorded, edited, and aired on local television. Many have praised come2go ministries as the best small performance venue in northern Indiana.

ELCA Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission unit grants—made possible through your mission support—have helped sustain come2go ministries, in addition to funding from the ELCA Indiana-Kentucky Synod, charitable foundations, and individuals.

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