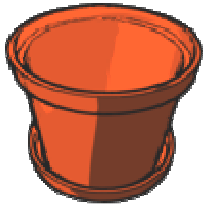


the sower

... sowing the seeds of a new creation. . .

reflections. . .

... something from the inbox



It was time to choose a new CEO. But, instead of the usual candidates, the outgoing CEO decided on something different. "Here's a seed for each of you," he said to the younger executives. "I want you to plant it, water it, and, one year from today, bring back what you've grown. The one who has the best plant will take my place."

So, Jim, along with all the others, took a seed, went home, and planted it. Each day, he watered it. Three weeks. . . nothing! Four weeks. . . Five weeks. . . still nothing! Six months went by. The pot was still empty. But, he kept at it.

When the year passed, everyone brought in their plants. Strong! Healthy! Green! Embarrassed, Jim sat at the back of the room and set his pot on the floor beside him. The CEO came in and looked around. "Amazing! You've all done a great job!" Then, he looked at Jim. "Come on up here, will you. And bring your pot." Jim wanted to die. But, he got up as he was asked and went forward. "What happened?" Jim told him.

"Well, a year ago," the CEO continued, "I gave each of you one seed. And I asked you to plant it, water it, and bring back whatever you grew. But, one thing I didn't tell you. . . I gave you all boiled seeds! It was impossible for you to grow anything! And, yet, all of you - all of you except Jim, that is - brought in wonderful plants." He paused for a moment. "Only Jim did what I asked. And only Jim had the honesty and the humility to bring me an empty pot! An empty pot with nothing in it but a seed that couldn't grow! Ladies and gentlemen," he said offering his hand to Jim, "your new CEO!"

called to be successful? or *just* to be faithful?

until next month. . .

pastor bob



News Briefing

February 2011

Celebrating our Ministry together
in the NT-NL Mission Area

Congregational Newsletter Insert. More information available at www.ntnl.org

DiscipleLife Alive!

A Door to the Future

"The Christian Church as we have known it is dead." Our children no longer participate; our membership is aging and dying; financial resources are stretched; congregations are closing.



Against the backdrop of such stark realities, the NT-NL is embracing a bold new vision to engage its future with renewed vitality and vision.

DiscipleLife Alive! is an open door and invitation to focus our energies on the development of leaders for this new world we live in, to commit ourselves to new and daring missional endeavors, and to support our companions in mission, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone, as they do the same.

What if Briarwood became the center of our work to form leaders for mission? What if our own Mission Endowment Fund had the resources to support the training of leaders and the development of new mission outreach projects? What if we redefined ourselves not as an organization but as a missional movement? What if?

Learn more: NTNL.org / DiscipleLife.org / [DiscipleLife Alive!](http://DiscipleLifeAlive.org)

Headed to Sierra Leone

Bishop Kanouse and six others will be in Sierra Leone in February joining arms with our companion church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone. These visits back and forth over the Atlantic give both church groups the opportunity to participate in each others mission, solidify our supportive relationships, and encourage one another in faith and work. On this visit the group will see the continuing construction of the Jubilee Centre, the work of the Medical Clinic, the development of churches and schools, and join in a consultation with the Global Mission office of the ELCA.

Mosaic Heart and Soul Gala

This "Deep in the Heart of Texas" gala sponsored by Mosaic – our Lutheran ministry with people with intellectual disabilities – takes place on Feb. 11 at the Westin Galleria in Dallas. The Gala is in its 14th year as a fund raiser for the work of Mosaic Dallas. Special honorees this year are Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Grand Prairie and Community Volunteer Janet Follstaedt of King of Glory, Dallas. You can donate or register for the event online at www.MosaicinDallas.org.

Remember the Hungry this Lent

ELCA Hunger Appeal invites you to offer Wednesday evening Lenten meals that use their suggestions for a global cuisine, table tents, prayers and discussion starters. Instead of charging for the meal, you might collect donations to support ELCA World Hunger. Info contact: www.ELCA.org/hunger/lent.

Living Lutherans: Here's a web site that is full of heartening stories and uplifting thoughts. Www.LivingLutheran.org is a new online ELCA resource that will inspire and encourage.



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FYI...

- ❖ **Grounded in Grace** is the title of a new Lenten Bible study authored by members of the NT-NL to help us all focus on the DiscipleLife Alive! initiative and the upcoming Mission Assembly. It will be available at www.NTNL.org soon.
- ❖ The final **Living DiscipleLife Day** takes place at Bethel, Avoca, on March 26. More info at www.NTNL.org.
- ❖ The Eighth Triennial Gathering of the **Women of the ELCA** is July 14-17 in Spokane, WA. Workshops, exhibits, worship and inspiring speakers will deliver a transformational weekend. Info contact www.WomenoftheELCA.org.
- ❖ The TriSynod **Lutheran Men and Mission** offers a gathering on Feb. 18-19 at St. Paul, Brenham, entitled *I Call You My Friends*. Featured speaker is David Dusek, founder of Rough Cut Men. Info contact HDTubre@gmail.com.
- ❖ **Leadership Outside the Lines** is a leadership training event coming this September and October at Briarwood to assist congregational leaders with their leadership skills. Info contact: www.BriarwoodRetreat.org.
- ❖ **Open Range, Barns or Fences?** is the theme of this year's Clergy/AIM Spouse Retreat at Briarwood on Feb. 25-27. The speaker is Mary Ellen Durham. For more information, see the flyer posted at www.NTNL.org.
- ❖ The Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service encourages everyone to get informed on immigration reform. LIRS advocates for laws that are practical, fair and humane. Check out their **Stand for Welcome** resources at www.LIRS.org.

The Northern Texas – Northern Louisiana Mission Area of the ELCA – *DiscipleLife: Sowing and Growing Disciples of Jesus*

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone

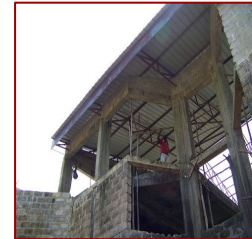
A Partner in *DiscipleLife Alive!*

The NT-NL enjoys a partnership in ministry with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone. Together we have sought to expand the ministry that the ELCSL can offer in this extremely poor region of the world by assisting them in developing leadership, facilities and financial support. But even as we have been a blessing to them, we have found that they are a wonderful blessing to us.



By now, perhaps, nearly every ELCA Lutheran in the NT-NL Mission Area has heard of our strong, prayerful and intimate connection to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone. We have been partners with them in ministry since their inception fifteen years ago. Today they are a vibrant church of 4,000 members in more than 20 congregations.

And perhaps most have also heard of The Jubilee Centre in Freetown. It stands high on a hilltop overlooking this capitol city and witnesses to the work Jesus Christ does in their recovering country. The Jubilee Centre is central to the critical mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone. When complete, it will provide an updated women's center, expanded library for theological learning, youth gathering center, educational facility, community center, as well as a place of worship for more than 1,000 people. It already serves as a place for healing and spiritual growth in a place where war, greed, hate and violence left so many of our brothers and sisters without shelter, family, security or stability - the things we Americans take for granted.



The Jubilee Centre will be the central symbol and gathering place for a church that is active in so many ways. Thanks to the generosity of NT-NL Lutherans, the ELCSL boasts a Medical Clinic in Kiskey, the services of Pastor Kate Warn as pastor-in-residence, elementary schools, training programs for pastors and lay evangelists, outreach projects for amputees and other persons, and women's and youth ministry programs. The NT-NL has frequently sent shipping containers to the ELCSL full of medical, construction, educational, worship and food supplies for their use.

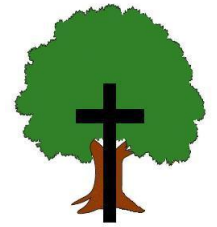


Our brothers and sisters in Sierra Leone need our help to complete the Jubilee Center. Construction is expected to be complete by February, 2012. To meet that deadline, approximately \$300,000 is needed to finish the construction. In order to accomplish what we have begun, a 10% tithe of all money raised through the ***DiscipleLife Alive!*** initiative has been committed to the completion of the Jubilee Centre. You are urged to learn more about the [*DiscipleLife Alive!*](#) initiative. We need your continued support and generosity.

To learn more about our relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone talk to any one of the scores of NT-NL Lutherans who have visited there, or contact the Companion Synod Committee chairperson, Deb Lemon (DebLemon@mac.com).

The Briarwood Vine

Providing a Natural Setting Where People Experience God's Love
February 2011



FIRST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

As I have met with groups in churches and other settings, I have talked about the three "Ps" - **Prayer, Presence, and Partnership**. Here's your chance to do all three.

You can be a **Partner** with us by being **present** at our first annual Golf Tournament (and lots of **prayer** happens on a golf course!!). This year's tournament will be held on Friday, May 6, 2011, at the beautiful Golf Club at Fossil Creek in Fort Worth, Texas. We will play a 4 person scramble format with a shotgun start at



approximately 8:00 a.m. (with lunch to follow in the clubhouse). The day will include a Continental Breakfast, range balls, cart, and 18 holes on Fossil Creek's Championship Course - plus a Texas Home cooked Lunch.

So how can you be a **Partner**?? First of all by being **Present** at our tournament as a golfer. The cost is only \$125 per golfer (or \$500 per foursome). Proceeds will go to the ministry of Briarwood, which has never turned away a child from summer camp because of costs. Your participation will continue to make that commitment a reality.

In addition, you or your congregation or your business is invited to be a sponsor at this year's tournament. Sponsorship opportunities include Hole Sponsor (\$200), Longest Drive Sponsor (\$200), Hole in One Sponsor (\$200), Closest to Pin Sponsor (\$200), Refreshment Cart Sponsor (\$500), Lunch Sponsor (\$1500) and three "corporate" sponsorships (Silver - \$1500, Gold - \$3000, Platinum - \$5000). For more information, including a registration form, go to our web site – www.briarwoodretreat.org.

We believe that God's purpose for Briarwood is to provide a natural setting where people experience God's love.
Thank you for your partnership in the camping and retreat ministry of the synod.

Seniors Retreat

"Lean on Me - We're All in This Together" March 25-27

There is nothing more valuable than a close friend. We often talk about our relationship with Jesus in this way, but what does that mean? How can one lean on Jesus when we cannot see or touch him? This is just one idea we will be exploring at this year's Seniors Retreat. Our Seniors Retreat is our popular weekend retreat for seniors. Designed for the retired, semi-retired, or still working - there is no age limit. If you want to join us, you are invited to be here!!



A downloadable brochure and registration form will be soon be available on our web site – www.briarwoodretreat.org.

Lenten Retreat - March 26-27 4th Grade through Middle School



What does Lent mean to you? A time to give something up? A temporary cessation of a bad habit? Even (heaven forbid) NO CHOCOLATE??

If that has been your traditional Lenten experience, you have been missing the best part. Your child is invited to Briarwood on March 26th and 27th as we journey with Jesus during the Lenten season. Together we will explore the meaning of Lent - from its traditional meanings to contemporary ways of living Lent. A downloadable brochure and registration form will soon be available on our web site – www.briarwoodretreat.org.

Meet Fatima

NIGERIA



When Fatima was first brought to Mashiah Foundation in Jos, Nigeria, she was skeletally thin and too weak to walk. Her legs were covered in sores. She desperately needed help, but she had AIDS and her family had abandoned her. It seemed that her fate was sealed. But that was then. This is now. Fatima has been transformed into a woman living with hope.

Mashiah Foundation staff (including ELCA mission personnel Mary Beth and Bayo Oyebade) cared for Fatima for months, providing her with food and medicine, and nursing her back to health. She gained weight. She gained strength. She still carries the HIV virus, but antiretroviral drugs keep it in check.

Most importantly, Fatima met other women at Mashiah Foundation who had once been just like her. These women had regained their health and were now working in the Mashiah Foundation sewing program. Fatima learned that HIV did not have to be a death sentence. Help and treatment were available. There was a loving community to embrace her. Through fellowship with other HIV-positive women, Fatima found new hope.

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support Mashiah Foundation and dozens of other HIV and AIDS ministries worldwide. You can learn more at www.elca.org/aids.

Please make your check payable to "ELCA World Hunger." Place your gift in your congregation's offering plate or mail it to: ELCA World Hunger, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764. To give online with a credit card, please visit. . .

www.elca.org/hunger



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Thrivent Financial

Benefit Members: Take Note. . .

If you have a Thrivent product or use their banking services you can make a big difference by designating your Choice Dollars. If you haven't designated where your 2010 Choice Dollars are to go you still have until March 31, 2011 to choose on line at www.Thrivent.com

Important program changes for Thrivent Choice Dollars in 2011:

- The maximum amount of Choice Dollars designated to eligible benefit members per year will increase from \$500 to \$2,500.
- The following increases will be made to the formula for designating Choice Dollars to eligible benefit members based on product ownership:
- \$4 per \$100 of annual premium on qualifying insurance products will be designated monthly to eligible members based on the premium payments they made in the prior month (up from \$2 in 2010).
- \$2 per \$1,000 of contract value of qualifying products will be designated on a quarterly basis with 25% of this amount designated each quarter based on the actual contract value at the end of quarter (up from 90 cents in 2010).

Eligible benefit members will receive letters throughout the year informing them of the estimated Choice Dollars available for them to direct in 2011. It will also be available online at www.Thrivent.com

Directing Choice Dollars is Easy Online:

As you and your chapter and congregation members direct Choice Dollars, consider doing so online. It's fast and easy! You can register by following these steps: 1. Visit Thrivent.com and click "Register". 2. Choose Option A for full access to accounts. Enter your Thrivent ID or Tax ID (Social Security Number) AND your Contract Number or Birth Date. 3. Enter any missing personal information

Voting Event is Open Through Feb. 28:

The winter Thrivent Choice VotingSM Event is underway through Feb. 28, featuring seven national nonprofit organizations in the area of health and human care. The organizations are: Bethesda Lutheran Communities, Feeding America, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, Lutheran Services in America, Orphan Grain Train, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and Wheat Ridge Ministries, Associate and benefit members (age 16 or older) will be able to vote in one of three ways:

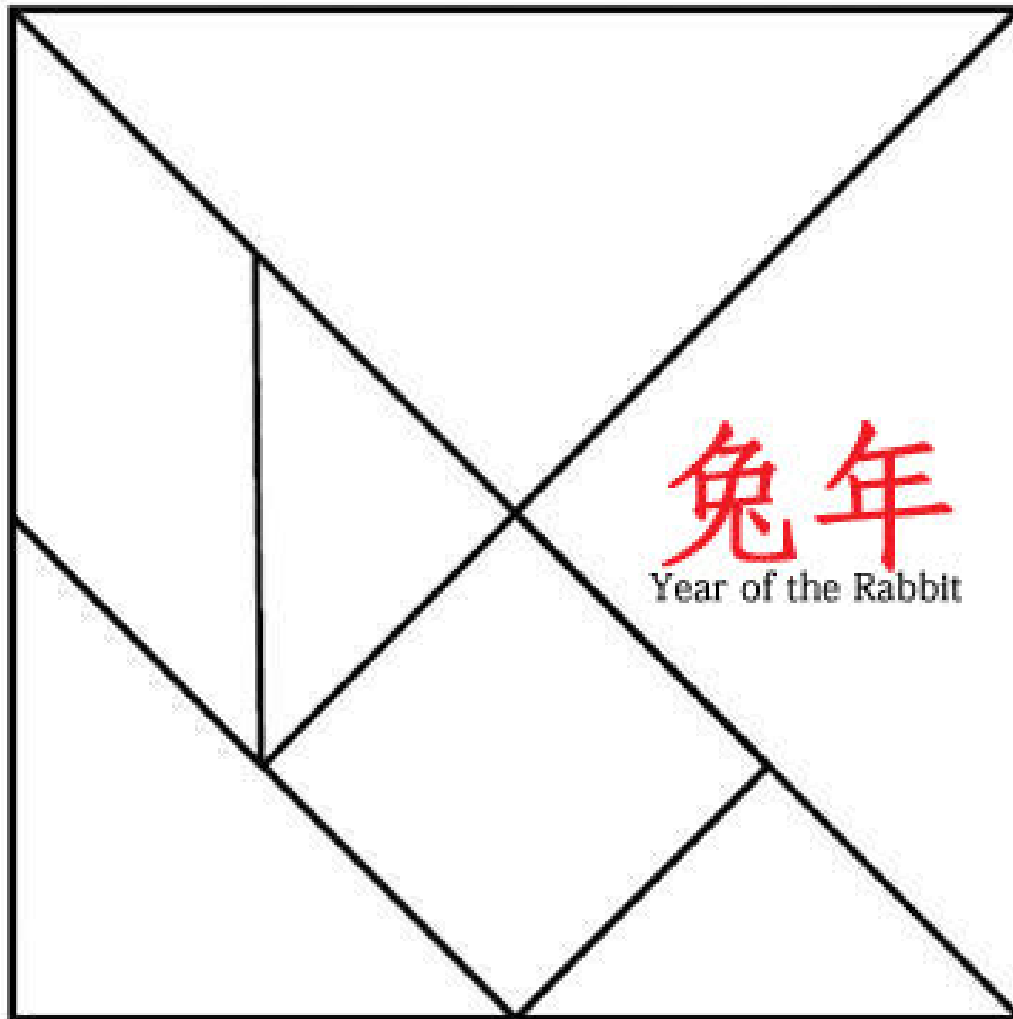
- Online at Thrivent.com/choicevote. (In a change from the first Voting Event, members will need to log in to Thrivent.com with their MyThrivent user ID and password to vote online. First-time users can easily register on Thrivent.com.)
- By returning the business reply card in the Winter issue of *Thrivent@* magazine, which mails this month. (The business reply card will allow up to eight members in the same household to vote via one card.)
- By calling 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and saying "Thrivent Choice."



mind games

TANGRAM PUZZLE

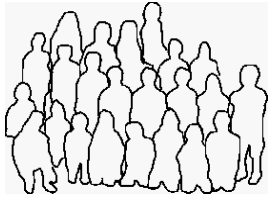
in honor of chinese new year on february 3rd!



- * cut out the pieces above
- * use all seven pieces
- * lay them flat without overlapping
- * each piece must touch another
- * match the silhouettes
- * or create your own!



THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION was held last Sunday, January 30th, immediately after worship.



The report on the ministry for the past year was received, the budget approved, and two positions filled.

Carol Reinert will continue as Treasurer for another term and Sherice Barndt will serve as council representative and education ministry team leader. Any other positions not filled at the meeting will be considered by the congregation council.

Also, if you would like a hardcopy of "a report on the ministry" of this past year prepared by the congregation council as required by the constitution, just give the church office a call. **694-1373** We'll be sure to get one to you. Or you can get to the website. . .

www.midlandlutheranchurch.org

There's a tab at the top of the page labeled "Reports". Any problems, you know where to find us!

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SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IN FULL SWING FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER. . .

The morning begins at 9:15 (+/-), every Sunday morning! Sherice has the younger disciples. (We still need a preschool teacher or two!) Pastor has the older who, by the way, has chosen a new topic: The Future of the ELCA. Not to sound too melodramatic, we're, simply, trying to understand where god might be leading us as a denomination in light of the major stresses and strains we've faced over the past few years. So, join us, any - or



every - Sunday! The adults still meet in the fellowship hall. The kids are in the room by the nursery off the west hallway. Any questions, give Pastor (**694-1373**) or Sherice (**689-9274**) a call or drop them a line. . .

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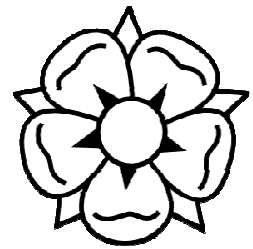
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THE TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY IS MEETING! 7:00, every

Tuesday evening, in the Fountain Room off the west hallway. The

latest topic: A discussion of chapters 1-3, first, of Galatians and, then, of James! We'll be "testing out" a way of



approaching the bible in small, home bible studies we'll begin, probably, during Lent!

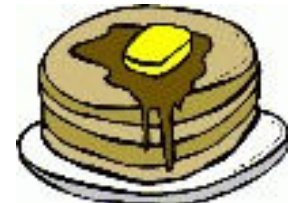
Come when you can! When you'd like!

THERE'S NO TESTS! Just a lot of good coffee and even better conversation! Any questions, give the pastor a call or drop him a line.

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WE'RE STARTING YEAR SEVEN!

Pancake breakfast # 85 will be served Saturday, February 12th! Doors open at 9:00 and we serve 'til 11:00! If you can't stay, we do have takeout! Feel free to bring your newspaper! Or, a friend or two! Of course, if you'd like to lend a hand, we'll find you a place! Someone's usually here from 8:00 on! Like we say in the flyer. . . "a time, a place, and a reason for neighbors to get together!"



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THE 2011 FLOWER CHART IS UP. . .

And there are plenty of days left! There's

alot of reasons for providing flowers for worship on Sunday mornings. Birthdays! Anniversaries! Memories! Thank yous! No reasons, in particular! Feel free to add yours to the list! It's on the wall in the lobby just to the left of the doors into the worship area. And, then, drop a check in the offering plate on a convenient Sunday. Each arrangement is just \$20. After the service, you can take your "offering" home or share it with someone who needs a lift! It can't get any easier than that! Any questions, talk with Norma! **697-4215**

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OUR ANNUAL KIDS-TO-CAMP EFFORT CONTINUES!

Sunday evening, February 13th, we're having a Valentine's Dinner fundraiser! The menu is Italian! Entertainment! Table cloths! The whole nine yards! Adults are \$12.00 each. Children are \$6.00. And, you don't have to be a "couple"! For tickets, talk to Lanie Barndt or Eden Brown. Or you can give Eden's mom, Lyne, a call - **520-7775** - or drop her a line -

lynebrown@grandecom.net



Don't worry about which girl you talk to. Whatever we raise will be divided equally between Lanie, Eden, and McKenzie Howell!

Two other - EASY -

ways you can help. . . First, save your aluminum cans and drop them off at church next time you come! Or give us a call and we'll come get them!



And, second, use

www.goodsearch.com

when you're looking for something online. It's the same as Yahoo, except on Goodsearch.com, we "earn" a penny for each search you make! Since we've **GoodSearch** been listed, we raised over \$160, one penny at a time! Be sure you type in "Midland Lutheran Church (Midland, TX)" where the webpage asks, "Who do you goodsearch for?" Any questions about either cans or goodsearch, talk with the pastor! Or with Fred Behnken! He's the one who got us on Goodsearch!

262-3374 or

fred_behnken@grandecom.net

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THE COUNT'S STARTED OVER. . . The "rice bowl" offering for World Hunger Appeal taken up by the kids Sunday mornings, as of last Sunday, is. . .

\$ 209.65 !



On behalf of the people we serve through those gifts, "ii Thanks !!"

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WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN. . .

Well, actually just one! And, of course, that good "man" could, also, be a good "woman"! Our synod - Northern Texas - Northern Louisiana (aka, the DiscipleLife Synod) - is in the process of restructuring.

Not so much in reaction to the "fall out" of the

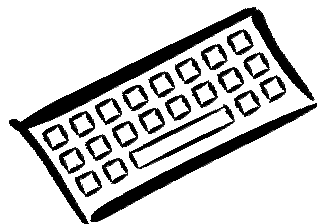
ELCA's vote August-a-year-ago or the "recession" as it is in response to the new vision for mission and ministry developing across this territory. There's been talk of moving synod offices from the Love Field area of Dallas north to Briarwood Retreat



Center, making that more of a facility for a teaching and planning, complete with all the latest technology to connect with out-lying congregations. So, we're looking for someone who would be interested in serving as our "Key Leader" to be one more link in the chain of change. First of all, any "volunteers"? If not, don't worry, you'll be hearing from someone in the next month or so! Any questions about the whole process, talk with Pastor Bob or go to the synod's website. . . www.ntnl.org

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WELL, IT'S UP AND IT'S RUNNING. . . our latest venture, that is: "Getting Out the WORD" – "our"



weekly email-devotion. If you haven't gotten the latest "issue," drop me an email. No need for a long message – unless you'd like to! Just put GOTW in the subject line and I'll add you to the list! My drop us an email – bbarndt@juno.com For years, we've been **SHOWING** people how much god loves them. Now, its time to **TELL** them! So, feel free to forward liberally!

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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE FOLDING, STUFFING, & LABELING CLUB will be 10:00, Thursday morning, March 3rd! We'll meet, as usual, in the room behind the church office. (It's already heated!) If you'd like to "lend a hand" with the newsletter, come on down! We can always use you!

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE in your thoughts, words, & DEEDS. . .

Michael Aguirre; Marv & Yvonne Armock; Bessie Arthur; Bob Bales; Sandra Burrese; Speck &

Dorothy Chambers; Ted Chevront; the family and friends of Rick Cihonski; Burgess & Sally Cooke; Adam Engram; Gene & Terri Gordon; Neil Harris; David Herman, Evelyn Herrera; Zack Jemison; Janette Jenson; Terry & Sharon Johnson; Lynelle Kestler; Bill & Shirley Landureth; la familia y amigos de Juanita Lopez; Cassie Martin; Frances Matthews; Martin Meissner; Cindy Nelson; Lawanna Nelson; Rose Neuman; Eden Nicole; Jeanette Price; Robertson; Jim & Nick Roop; the family and friends of Al Saenger; Morris Snider; the family and friends of Rejean Valois; Marie Walker

For telephone prayer chain requests – or if you'd like to be a link on the chain – please call Barbara Porsch (**683-4474** *

bporsch@sbcglobal.net)

or Ginny Behnken (**262-3374** *

fred_behnken@grandecom.net)

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the **BIRTHDAYS**

alisha farrington	2/01	norma saenger	2/16
linda stuckley	2/03	gerald mendenhall	2/17
samuel eberly	2/05	virginia spaight	2/19
bessie arthur	2/06	david swenson	2/21
rebecca nelson	2/06	joshua yee	2/26
mckenzie howell	2/09	tom daneker	2/28
cyndi stroud	2/14		

if we've – unintentionally – omitted a birthday or anniversary, please let us know

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the **ANNIVERSARIES**

speck & dorothy chambers	2/11	62 yrs
henry & carole holstein	2/19	47 yrs
charles & barbara wolle	2/30	43 yrs

the LEADERSHIP of the CONGREGATION

president			
secretary	marylin boomer	carol reinert	treasurer
ministry team	council representative/team leader		
building and grounds			
education	sherice barndt		
fellowship			
outreach			
stewardship & finance			
worship	norma saenger		
nominating team			delegate(s)
organist	chad hauris	bob barndt	pastor

the WORSHIP MINISTERS

	acolyte	reader	worship ass't	tellers	altar flowers
feb 06	joshua yee	marylin boomer	rachel meyer	del bowie & lonnie yee	Doug HOWELL
feb 13	lanie barndt	gretchen shults	fred behnken	tom daneker & lonnie yee	the BEHNKENS the BOWIES
feb 20	eden brown	eric kratky	eric kratky	gerald & ruth mendenhall	the BARNDTs
feb 27	jonathan yee	joshua yee	abbie meyer	fred behnken & alan sewell	the YEEs
altar guild	terri gordon & norma saenger		burgess cooke carol reinert	cantor	lockup

*"One of the greatest diseases
is to be nobody
to anybody."*

mother teresa of calcutta
1910-1997

average sunday attendance for january: **39**





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sunday morning schedule: **learning hour @ 9:15 * worship @ 10:30**

office hours: monday-thursday, 9am-noon & by appointment

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the PROPERs for february

the FIFTH SUNDAY after EPIPHANY, February 6

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the **READINGS**: Isaiah 58:1–9a [9b–12] + Psalm 112:1–9 [10] + 1 Corinthians 2:1–12 [13–16]
+ Matthew 5:13–20

the SIXTH SUNDAY after EPIPHANY, February 13

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the **READINGS**: Deuteronomy 30:15–20 + Psalm 119:1–8 + 1 Corinthians 3:1–9
+ Matthew 5:21–37

the SEVENTH SUNDAY after EPIPHANY, February 20

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: Holy God of compassion, you invite us into your way of forgiveness and peace. Lead us to love our enemies, and transform our words and deeds to be like his through whom we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



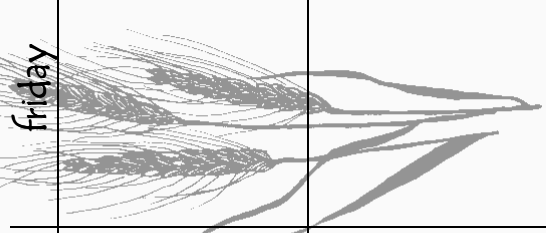








the **READINGS**: Leviticus 19:1–2, 9–18 + Psalm 119:33–40 + 1 Corinthians 3:10–11, 16–23
+ Matthew 5:38–48

the EIGHTH SUNDAY after EPIPHANY, February 27

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: God of tender care, like a mother, like a father, you never forget your children, and you know already what we need. In all our anxiety give us trusting and faithful hearts, that in confidence we may embody the peace and justice of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the **READINGS**: Isaiah 49:8–16a + Psalm 131 + 1 Corinthians 4:1–5 + Matthew 6:24–34

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sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
		1  7:00pm – study group	2	3 10:00am – folding, stuffing, labeling club 1-5:00pm – the patio 	4 	5
6 9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship	7	8  7:00pm – study group	9  9:30am – women of e.l.c.a.	10 1-5:00pm – the patio 	11	12  9-11:00am – pancake breakfast
13 9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship	14	15  7:00pm – study group	16	17 11:30am – congregation council 1-5:00pm – the patio 	18	19
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27 9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship	28					

Love is when you take away
the feeling, the passion, the romance
and you discover you still care...

