

the sower

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

reflections. . .

It's 8:00, New Year's morning. In the church, we commemorate the name of Jesus. In the song, it's all about eight maids a-milking! Whichever it is, one thing is sure. Christmas is now, officially, over! It's time for black-eyed peas! More importantly, it's time for football! The lights have been unplugged. The stockings taken down. The tree stripped and stuffed back into a box. And, through it all, one thing has haunted me. This has, also, been the time for us to forget about the poor. . . and the needy. . . and the less fortunate. . .



For the past month or so, we've done our duty. Donating food and clothing! Buying toys! Dropping spare change into kettles. After all, there are people, we've been told, who wouldn't have Christmas without us! But, now, it's over! And we've pack away our "Christmas Spirit" with all the other decorations. There was a time for love. But, now, it's over. And today, we're all about personal responsibility!

But this is where church and faith come in. . . For us, charity is more than a holiday decoration. It's a way of life. . . a reason for being. . . And when we can't - or when we won't - here in the church, we call it sin, we confess it, and we try again! And again! And again! Love is who we are! Love is what we are about! We proclaim it! We administer it! We believe in it! We live it!

So, Christmas is over! It's a new day! A new month! A new year! Even, a new decade! But for us. . . for you and me. . . it isn't the exception. But love continues to be the rule!

until next month. . .

pastor bob



News Briefing

January 2011

Celebrating our Ministry together
in the NT-NL Mission Area

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

DiscipleLife Alive!

A Transformation of Mind and Mission



Go to
[www
NTNL.org](http://www.NTNL.org)

and click on
*DiscipleLife /
DiscipleLife
Alive*

It's a prayer and a dream ... and so much more. It's a vision about the way we Lutherans will be present in love and action in the NT-NL mission area in the future. It's grounded in our loving response to God's grace, in our conviction that leadership formation will be at the heart of our common work, and in our expectation that mission will drive all future programming, staffing, training and organizational efforts. To do this expertly and faithfully, the vision calls for \$3 million in support from congregations and individuals to create a NT-NL DiscipleLife Center for Mission at Briarwood as a place of training and inspiration for the development of leaders, an expansion of the Mission Endowment Fund so it can support mission projects, leadership development and scholarship assistance, and a 10% tithe of all gifts received to support our global mission project: the Jubilee Centre in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Grounded in Grace to Run the Race

A new Bible study written by a variety of leaders from NT-NL (lay and clergy) will be sent to congregations in February. It's for use by individuals and groups during Lent and in preparation for the 2011 Mission Assembly. The series focuses on Hebrews 12:1-2. The study invites us to explore what the life of discipleship really means and what this means for each individual and for the future of the church as God's people.

Living DiscipleLife

Join the conversation about the future of the NT-NL. *Days of Prayer & Conversation* are planned for Jan. 15 (St. Luke's, Richardson), Jan. 29 (Calvary, Richland Hills), and Mar. 26 (Bethel, Avoca). You are invited. Info at NTNL.org.

Celebrating Our Life in the ELCA

- Enjoy **Living Lutheran** – a bright and inviting new online ELCA “magazine” that is just what it says it is: *a daily blend of stories, culture and community*. Put your bookmark on www.LivingLutheran.org.
- Read **This Church is the ELCA** – a statement of faith and thanksgiving for the ELCA, available at NTNL.org (go to downloads / toolkit).
- Read the story of **Pastor Diane Eggemeyer's** (Trinity, Miles) journey to ordination, featured in the current edition of the ELCA's *Stories of Faith in Action* and also posted at LivingLutheran.org.
- The ELCA's **Fund for Leaders** is an endowment fund that is celebrating its tenth anniversary. In these ten years over 1,000 grants to seminary students have totaled six million dollars in scholarships.

FYI...

January Emphasis: *Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone*

- ❖ NT-NL Youth Ministers offer **Peer Ministry Training** at Briarwood on February 4-6 for youth in 9th grade and older. Leadership skills are presented for youth who work with other youth. See the brochure at NTNL.org.
- ❖ This month our **Parish Lay Ministry Academy** graduates another group of PLMs who will serve in leadership roles in their home congregations. Graduation is January 29 at Calvary, Richland Hills.
- ❖ **Men's Gathering**: This is the third Gathering since 2005, involving Lutheran men from around our two-state area. It takes place in Brenham on Feb. 18-19 under the theme *I Call You My Friends*. The speaker is David Dusek, founder of *Rough Cut Men*. Info contact Davis Tubre (hdtubre@gmail.com).
- ❖ The **St. Olaf Choir** sings at the Meyerson, Dallas, on February 7. Info contact StOlafTickets.com (800.363.5487).

NELSON CHILDREN'S CENTER

Help, Healing & Hope



Ask the folks at the Nelson Children's Center about what they do, and they will likely tell you about six year old Sean. Years of abuse at home left him depressed and lacking in that natural kind of resilience and optimism. He couldn't even smile. He had seen too many beatings, including those inflicted with a belt on his infant sister. It took two years at the Center for Sean to begin to find his balance again. Therapy combined with a compassionate and structured environment made the difference. He can smile again and lives with a Lutheran Social Service (LSS) foster family.

That's what the **Nelson Children's Center** does. They care for children who are victims of physical, sexual and emotional abuse. As a residential facility, they are able to offer intensive therapy, schooling, activities, life skills training and much more in a compassionate Christian environment. They use a multidisciplinary team approach so that every child can be cared for as a whole person – emotionally, physically, socially and spiritually. Working as a part of the larger LSS system, children move toward opportunities for foster care, adoption or reunification with their families.



Ways You Can Help: The Center is always appreciative of help from those who believe in its ministry and seek to support its work.

- **Time & Love:** Volunteers are critical to the care of the children because extracurricular activities and spiritual care (worship and Bible study) opportunities depend on help from volunteers.
- **Personal Items:** Donations of helpful items are needed – for example hygiene items, toys, snacks, games, and sports equipment. Many of these find their way into the Center's Point Store where the children are able to redeem points they have earned for good behavior for these items.
- **Financial Support:** Monetary donations are always important inasmuch as a quarter of the cost of helping each child comes from such compassionate giving.



Nelson Children's Center

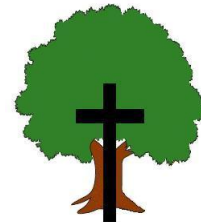
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Learn more and make an online donation: www.NelsonChildrensCenter.org

The Briarwood Vine

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



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



We had a wonderful 2010 and we are looking ahead to an even better 2011. This coming year we will be hosting some of our traditional retreats and ministries (Seniors Retreat,

Lenten and Advent Retreats, Confirmation Retreat, and another exciting Summer Camp season), some new events (like our cutting edge Leadership Retreat - "LOL - Leadership Outside the Lines"), as well as some fun social events (like our quarterly Sunday brunches) and enjoyable fund raising events (including our annual Auction/Gala and our new Golf Tournament).

Check out some of the great things happening at Briarwood in 2011 and **mark your calendar now!** You won't want to miss out on any of these great times.

Finally, thank you for all your partnership - your prayers, your presence, and your financial partnership. We pray that 2011 will be another year of growing ministry at Briarwood - and with your support - it will happen.

+ Peace +

Pastor Rob Moore
Executive Director, Briarwood Retreat Center and Church Camp

P.S. Visit our web site – www.briarwoodretreat.org – for more information on all of our retreats and programs!

SENIORS RETREAT MARCH 25-27

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!!



Our time this year will include worship, Bible study, interesting workshops, and opportunities for horseshoes, card and board games, bird watching with Stephanie Varnum, hiking, and much more. This is a wonderful time of year to be at Briarwood.

LENTEN RETREAT MARCH 26-27

4TH GRADE TO MIDDLE SCHOOL

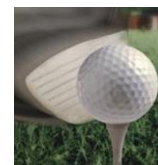


Your child is invited to Briarwood on March 26th and 27th as we journey with Jesus during the Lenten season. Together we will hear the story through the tales of those who were there - from Jesus' disciples to those at the foot of the cross.

Our time this year will include worship and singing, Bible study and small group discussion, games, campfire, an arts and crafts project, and all the enjoyment of a great camping experience. This is a wonderful time of year to be at Briarwood.

FIRST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT MAY 6

We are planning two great fund raising events for 2011. The first event will be our brand new Golf Tournament on Friday, May 6, 2011, at the beautiful Golf Club at Fossil Creek in Forth Worth, Texas. We will



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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. We will have many great tournament prizes (including hole-in-one prizes, long drive prize, and closest to the hole prize), a 50/50 raffle, mulligans for sale, and other contests. Visit our web site – www.briarwoodretreat.org – for more information.

SUMMER CAMP 2011

We are planning another exciting, fun-filled summer camp season. Last year we added Mountain Biking. The year before we added a canoeing program. This year we will be adding - SPECIALTY CAMPS. And what are they? Well, we are still making the final plans. A downloadable brochure and registration will be available on our web site after the first of the year.



GALA/AUCTION SEPTEMBER 9



Our second fun filled fund raising event will be our second annual Gala/Auction. We had such a wonderful

time (and raised a good amount of money) from our first Gala/Auction that we are having another one. Specifics for this event will be announced soon - but save the date now - the evening of Friday, September 9th.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT SEPTEMBER 16-17



By bringing your confirmation class to Briarwood, you can have a great beginning of the new year. Confirmation students will have a great time, see confirmation as something that is fun and important, and begin

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the confirmation journey with a good first step. The confirmation retreat will provide plenty of opportunity for your confirmation class to meet on its own as well as lots of fun time with the whole group.

LOL – LEADERSHIP OUTSIDE THE LINES SEPTEMBER 20-22 OCTOBER 14-16

Do you know that definition of insanity? It's doing the same thing over and over again, and expect different results.



Well, we've been doing the same thing in our congregations over and over again, yet we are surprised when we get the same results - declining morale and membership in our churches.

It's time to change how we are doing things. Our leaders need to be trained to be leaders of the 21st century. This new Leadership Retreat - "LOL - Leadership Outside the Lines" - will introduce you to a new way of being a leader.

The September retreat (September 20-22) is geared for rostered persons (since it is during the week) and the October retreat (October 14-16) is designed for lay leaders.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS RETREAT DECEMBER 3-4



It's not too early to mark your calendar now! Our next Advent/Christmas Retreat will be for 4th grade through Middle School youth. This is a great time to be at Briarwood. Through the Advent and Christmas stories, your child will learn and experience the story of Jesus' birth and his promised return.

Meet Anthony

IOWA



Anthony had lived in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, through the floods of 1993, and the water had never touched his home. So when the river started to rise again in June 2008, he was sure that everything would be all right. But about a week later, the water was almost waist deep at Anthony's house.

The floods of 2008 were historic, not only in Iowa but all across the Midwest. Many people were left to face the long process of cleaning up and rebuilding. This past spring, Lutheran Disaster Response, supported by your gifts to ELCA Disaster Response, teamed up with others to perform an ecumenical "blitz build." Over the course of six weeks, more than 500 volunteers spent nearly 14,000 hours rebuilding 13 homes in and around Cedar Rapids.

We cannot predict when disasters might strike, but we can predict that when they do, Lutherans will be ready and willing to serve. Even long after a disaster has happened, Lutherans are in it for the long term, bringing help and hope to those with ongoing needs. And for people like Anthony, that means finally getting to go back home.

Your generous gifts to ELCA Disaster Response help to ensure that volunteers can get right to work when their help is needed, and can keep on working as long as it takes.

Will you help with your gift today? Please make your check payable to "ELCA Disaster Response." Place your gift in your congregation's offering plate or mail it to: ELCA Disaster Response, 39330 Treasury Center, Chicago, IL 60694-9300. To give online with a credit card, please visit. . .

www.elca.org/hunger



mind games

Martin Luther King, Jr. Word Search

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- * Call 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say, “Thrivent Choice.”
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our local Thrivent Financial reps,
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**THE TUESDAY
EVENING BIBLE STUDY
WILL BE STARTING UP
AGAIN!** We haven't



picked a topic. But we'll be talking about it Tuesday, January 11th! And you can be a part of the discussion! 7-8:00pm! In the Fountain Room along the west hallway! Come when you can or when you'd like! **THERE'S NO TESTS!** Just a lot of good conversation!

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AND AS FAR AS SUNDAY SCHOOL GOES. . . It, too, continues this year. . . for kids AND for adults! 9:15 (+/-), every Sunday morning! Sherice teaches the younger disciples. Pastor, the older. The adult class will be moving on to something new. So, join us, Sunday, Jan 9th and you can help choose the topic! we still meet in the fellowship hall. The kids are in the room by the nursery. Any questions, give the pastor (**694-1373**) or Sherice (**689-9274**) a call or drop them a line. . .

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AND, BTW (by the way). . . we're looking for another teacher or two the for preschoolers! If you're interested or would like more information, again, contact Sherice or the pastor!

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**IT'S TIME, AGAIN, FOR
THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE CONGREGATION!**

First, as per our constitution, this is your 10-day advance notice by mail! The meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, January 30th.

Second, council representatives and/or ministry team leaders. . . reports need to be



in on-or-before Sunday, January 9th. If possible, simply email them to the pastor – **bbarndt@juno.com**

And, finally, the completed annual report of last year's ministry will be ready for your perusal on Sunday, January 16th. . . At least, that's the plan!

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST No. 84 will be served Saturday, January 9th! If you recall, the main reason for this effort wasn't so much feeding the hungry – although that happens – as it's giving us a chance to get to know our neighbors. But, of course, for that to happen, we have to be here! So, the invitation still stands. . . Doors open at 9:00 and we serve 'til 11:00! If you can't stay, we do have takeout! Any questions, talk with Fred! Or Lonnie! Or Dave! Or Ruth! Or Gretchen! Or Larry! Or Jonathan! Or Joshua! Or Lanie! Or Sherice! Or. . . Well, you get the idea! Feel free to bring your newspaper! Or, even, a friend or two! Of course, if you'd like to lend a hand, we'll find you a place!



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THE 2011 FLOWER CHART IS UP. . . AND IT'S EMPTY! We've tacked it to the wall in the lobby just to the left of the doors into the worship area. Find a day, add your name, and the reason for giving – in memory/in honor – and drop your check into the offering plate on Sunday. Each arrangement is \$20. It can't get any easier than that! Any questions, talk with Norma!

697-4215

THE #1 INFLUENCE ON FAITH IS "MOM"! As a church, we can't do a whole lot about that! The second most important influence is going-to-camp! But, about

that, we can! For the past three years, we've sent kids-to-camp. Lanie! Eden!

McKenzie! This year, we're going to do it again! We have, at present, about \$300 in the account. Keep your eyes and ears open for upcoming fundraisers. But, for now, two easy ways of contributing are. . . one, saving your aluminum cans and dropping them off at church (or giving us a call). . . and, two, using **www.goodsearch.com** as your search engine when you're online.

We "earn" a penny each search you make! Just make sure you type "Midland Lutheran Church (Midland, TX)" where the page asks, "Who do you goodsearch for?" Any questions about either, talk with the pastor!

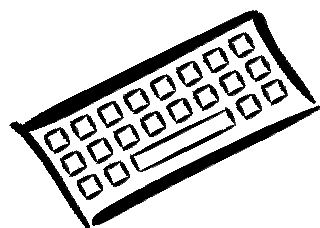
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DRUM ROLL PLEASE. . . this rice bowl offering for World Hunger Appeal for 2010 was. . . \$2,232.10! On behalf of the people we are serving through those gifts, "ii Thanks !!"

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AND ONE LAST THING. . . Sometime this month, we'll be starting another new outreach ministry! "Getting Out the Word" - a weekly email devotion. If you'd like to make sure you're on the list. . . or if you'd like to contribute to the effort. . . drop us an email - **bbarndt@juno.com** We've been

trying to figure out how to **SHOW** people that god loves them. Now, we'll be focusing on efforts to discover how we **TELL** them!



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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE FOLDING, STUFFING, & LABELING CLUB will be 10:00, Thursday morning, February 3rd! We'll meet, once again, in the room in back of the church office. If you'd

like to help "lend a hand" with the newsletter, come on by! We can always use an extra pair of hands!

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

Marv & Yvonne Armock; Bessie Arthur; Bob Bales; Sandra Burress; Speck & Dorothy Chambers; Ted Chevront; Burgess & Sally Cooke; Gene & Terri Gordon; Neil Harris; David Herman, Evelyn Herrera; Zack Jemison; Janette Jenson; Terry & Sharon Johnson; Lynelle Kestler; Bill & Shirley Landureth; Juanita Lopez; Cassie Martin; Frances Matthews; Darlene McMahon; Martin Meissner; Cindy Nelson; Lawanna Nelson; Rose Neuman; Eden Nicole; Jeanette Price; Jim & Nick Roop; Morris Snider; Don & Nelda Tergerson; 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

wanda howell	1/03	stephen nelson	1/19
michael eberly	1/07	judy swenson	1/22
charles hyde	1/10	ginny behnken	12/31
ruth orson	1/13		

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

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the ANNIVERSARIES

speck & dorothy chambers	1/11	62 yrs
henry & carole holstein	1/19	47 yrs
charles & barbara wolle	1/30	43 yrs

the LEADERSHIP of the CONGREGATION

president			
secretary	marylin boomer	carol reinert	treasurer
ministry team	council representative/team leader		
building and grounds			
education	sally cooke		
fellowship			
outreach	fred behnken		
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
jan 02	jonathan yee	ruth orson	gretchen shults	del bowie & lonnie yee	
jan 09	joshua yee	bob boomer	lonnie yee	tom daneker & lonnie yee	
jan 16	lanie barndt	dorothy chambers	key sewell	gerald & ruth mendenhall	the BARNDTs the BOOMERs
jan 23	eden brown	fred behnken	bob boomer	fred behnken & alan sewell	
jan 30	jonathan yee	joshua yee	marylin boomer	del bowie & lonnie yee	
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			marylin boomer	lockup	



*"Our lives begin to end
the day we become silent
about things that really matter. . .*

the rev. dr. martin luther king, jr.
1929-1968

average sunday attendance for december: **40**



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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bob barndt, pastor

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webpage: www.midlandlutheranchurch.org

email: midluth@att.net or bbarndt@juno.com

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 January

the **SECOND SUNDAY** of **CHRISTMAS**, January 2

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

the **READINGS**: Jeremiah 31:7–14 + Psalm 147:12–20 + Ephesians 1:3–14 + John 1:1–18

the **BAPTISM** of **OUR LORD**, January 9

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

the **READINGS**: Isaiah 42:1–9 + Psalm 29 + Acts 10:34–43 + Matthew 3:13–17

the **SECOND SUNDAY** after **EPIPHANY**, January 16

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the **READINGS**: Isaiah 49:1–7 + Psalm 40:1–11 + 1 Corinthians 1:1–9 + John 1:29–42

the **THIRD SUNDAY** after **EPIPHANY**, January 23

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.




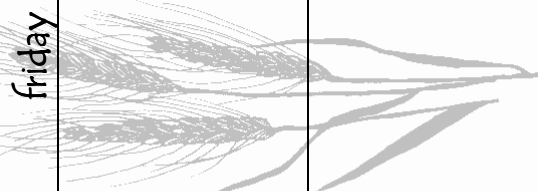






the **READINGS**: Isaiah 9:1–4 + Psalm 27:1, 4–9 + 1 Corinthians 1:10–18 + Matthew 4:12–23

the **FOURTH SUNDAY** after **EPIPHANY**, January 30

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the **READINGS**: Micah 6:1–8 + Psalm 15 + 1 Corinthians 1:18–31 + Matthew 5:1–12

january 2011

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
2 9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship	3 misd teacher/staff development student holiday -----	4  7:00pm - study group	5  9:30am - women of e.l.c.a.	6 10:00am - folding, stuffing, labeling club  1-5:00pm - the patio	7 	1/8  9-11:00am - pancake breakfast
9 9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship	10	11  7:00pm - study group	12	13  1-5:00pm - the patio	14	15
16 9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship	17 misd bad weather make-up day -----	18  7:00pm - study group	19	20 11:30am - congregation council  1-5:00pm - the patio	21	22
23 9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship	24	25	26	27  1-5:00pm - the patio	28	29
30 9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship	31 12:00pm annual meeting					

"Life's most persistent and urgent question. . .

"What are you doing for others?"

the rev. dr. martin luther king, jr.