

Calvary Lutheran Church

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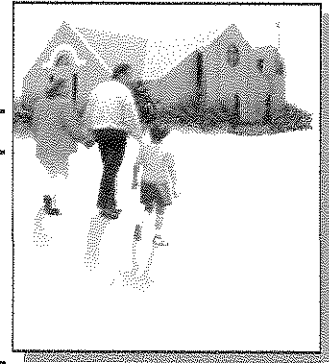
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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
What a year it has been!

From the moment the tires of our Jeep touched Texan soil, I knew this year held immense promise. Among the generous assortment of duties assigned to me as "intern work", I think I actually did get some time to explore your city, get to know you at your dinner tables, and be embraced by you all--the family that is Calvary Lutheran Church. In hindsight, it wasn't just your willingness to let me have a go at preaching; it wasn't just the Wednesday night gatherings in the Fellowship Hall; and it wasn't just the social programs and family activities, baptisms, confirmations and other moments that we shared that codified our bond--it was the wholehearted embrace that you offered time and time again that allowed us both to learn from each other these past months. The time has passed too quickly, but every moment of this internship served as a small incubator, slowly enabling me to be transformed from just another "seminary student" into "Pastor". I thank you for all of your contributions, encouragements, and willing hearts. And I leave not just a stronger minister and proclaimer of the Gospel, but I leave now as a member of Calvary, a full partner in the mission that Christ has set upon us. As we part ways in a few short weeks, I will be leaving inspired by the Gospel that lives in and moves through you all. Even as we go our own ways, we will continue in the united mission of Christ. And believe me, when November lays down its first frosty mornings in the Great North, I will yearn for the warm sunshine of Fort Worth!

So, farewell. Au Revoir. Ciao. Perhaps I'll catch up with you again sometime along this same stretch of Baker Boulevard, as we both have continued on our journeys of faith into the future-present Kingdom of God. I proclaim now, more fully than ever: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. (Thanks be to God!)

Intern Paul

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Outreach

Proverbs 16: 23-24 states, "A wise man's heart guides his mouth, and his lips promote instruction. Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones." Little did Solomon and the other authors of Proverbs know that centuries later, a wise man would no longer need to say a word to persuade people. We have the Internet! What would those born before the time of Christ think of the technological advances that have taken place in communication? Would they consider it a help or a hindrance? Our Lutheran forefathers would have likely relished the opportunity to spread the message of Christian love and salvation en masse, and they would have likely welcomed the debate with others about that message. Since we serve as a generational extension of our Lutheran predecessors, let's take advantage of the communication opportunities we have. On the Outreach Committee section of the Calvary bulletin board are small business cards that have the church's website, www.godshearhumanhands.org, as well as a customized QR code that can be scanned by a smart device and, consequentially, take people to the Calvary website. Please take a few of the cards and leave them at the coffee shop, on the car wash bulletin board, at your place of employment -- anywhere you would like to let others know about the good works of Calvary. Just one card can mean the chance to welcome a new member to the Calvary family.

FINANCIAL REPORT

May 2011 Results

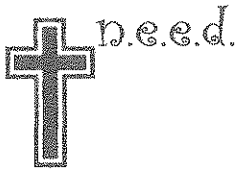
	Month		
	Budget	Actual	Variance*
Income	\$64,773	\$56,420	\$ (8,353)
Expense	55,824	52,089	3,735
Surplus(Deficit)	\$ 8,949	\$ 4,331	\$ (4,618)
	Year-to-Date		
	Budget	Actual	Variance
Income	\$290,604	\$293,832	\$3,228
Expense	279,962	271,829	8,133
Surplus(Deficit)	\$ 10,642	\$ 22,003	\$11,361

May's results were slightly lower than budgeted due to lower than anticipated offering income offset in part by expenses also being lower than the budgeted amounts. Timing differences in insurance premiums was a prime contributor to the decreased level of expenses.

* Favorable variances are reported as positive results while unfavorable variances are shown as negative results.

The full financial report is posted on the bulletin board.

**AUGUST CALLER DEADLINE IS
10:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY, JULY 20TH**

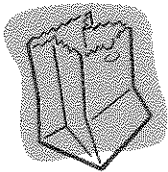


N.E.E.D. is now on Facebook! Go to your Facebook home page and type in N.E.E.D. in the Search section at the top of your page. N.E.E.D. with a cross symbol is your link. Click on this and you will get the N.E.E.D. Facebook site. We plan on posting articles of interest on the Facebook page and pictures when we get them. Currently there are pictures of Grace Briscoe and Ralph Rygg with information on how they help at N.E.E.D.

N.E.E.D. also now has a quarterly newsletter! On the Calvary Lutheran Church web site you can find the most recent N.E.E.D. Newsletter. Go to the Calvary Lutheran Church web site and click on Outreach, then click on N.E.E.D. and on the page that comes up is a NEWSLETTERS box, click on June 2011. Here you will find interesting information about what has recently happened at N.E.E.D. The newsletter will be published every 2-3 months so be sure to look for it.

Currently the following is how you can help N.E.E.D. Help fill the N.E.E.D. pantry shelves with the following –

- canned tuna and chicken
- canned green beans and corn
- cereal
- canned diced tomatoes and tomato sauce
- sugar and flour
- coffee and tea
- macaroni and cheese dinners



As always used clothing is also needed, so if you are spring cleaning, bring those items to the church and place them in the large N.E.E.D. box in the hallway by the mailboxes. If you have large items like used furniture, etc. that you no longer want you can deliver it to N.E.E.D. East/TWICE BLESSED at 424 Bedford Euless Road in Hurst.

If you would like to volunteer at N.E.E.D. and/or TWICE BLESSED please contact Ken Laursen at 817-379-5359.



Calling All Calvary Men!

CALVARY MEN'S GROUP SCHEDULE:

July 2ndBreakfast & Bible Study

Mark you calendars for the Men's Annual Dove Hunt in September, date to be determined.

More information will be available after July 15th.

Please mark your calendars and set your reminders and come join in the fellowship with other men of the Calvary congregation.

in the grip of GRACE,
Jerry

SANDWICH MAKING ANYONE?



Come – Help Make Sandwiches! Have fun and fellowship serving the needy. Join the crew in Calvary's kitchen on **Thursday, July 21st** to help make sandwiches for the homeless at the Presbyterian Night Shelter. The assembly line begins at 1:00 p.m.



INTERN PAUL'S FAREWELL CELEBRATION!

Intern Paul's last Sunday at Calvary will be **July 31st**. Please join us in a good old fashioned potluck as we celebrate his year with us.

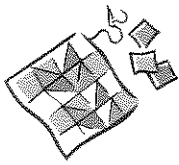
**Sunday, July 31st, after the 11:00 service
Family Life Center**

If your last name begins with:
A-I, please bring a main dish
J-Q, please bring a vegetable
R-Z, please bring a dessert



Should you wish to give a token of thanks to Paul & Katie, please note they will have limited packing space for their move back to Ohio.

QUILTING DAY



The quilters will meet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, July 9, with a break for lunch. We need people to iron fabric, cut and sew squares, and tie the layers together. Bring your own sack lunch or a food item to share. There are kits in the steel bin by the WELCA display stand if you prefer to sew tops at home.

The quilters would like to thank all that helped with the raffle. Janis Tubre is the winner. She was very pleased. She took the quilt with her on Sunday, June 19th.

CHRISTMAS STOCKING WORK DAY

Please join us on Saturday, July 23, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to start cutting out and sewing Christmas stockings. Every year we make at least 100 stockings for the congregation to fill during November, for the Salvation Army to distribute in December.



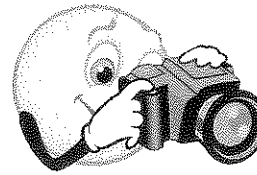
We would welcome donations of sturdy fabric suitable for Christmas stockings; even denim makes nice stockings for boys. Watch for sales of Christmas fabric, or use those 40% off coupons from JoAnn's. Bring a sack lunch or a food item to share; beverages will be provided. If you prefer to sew at home, call Kathy Pedersen at 817-457-9808 for a pattern or cut-out stockings and trim, ready to sew.

DONATIONS NEEDED

The Room in the Inn summer program is starting up, and they will be given first dibs on your NEW, UNOPENED hotel-size toiletries; items they don't need will go to patients at JPS, which also always welcomes your discarded magazines for their waiting rooms. Motel-size toiletries are given to the Salvation Army or Night Shelter, and full-size toiletries go to Open Arms, a local shelter for abused women and their children.

The quilters can always use cotton or cotton blend fabrics for quilt-tops, and the quilters need solid color flat twin size sheets for quilt backs. New flannel fabric will be made into receiving blankets.

Sign Ups Each Sunday through July 10



For the next 3 Sundays you will have the opportunity to sign up to have your professional photograph taken by an Olan Mills photographer for the new Calvary Pictorial Directory. Each individual or family will receive a free 8 X 10 portrait or a \$25 gift certificate to use for the pictures of your choice, plus a free Church directory. The Membership and Personnel Committee would like to challenge everyone to have their picture taken for the directory this year in order to exceed the number taken 3 years ago when only 171 photographs of members were taken for the directory. Remember you don't have to purchase anything, but our directory just won't be the same without you in it!

Photography dates and time are as follows:

Friday, July 22, from 2p.m. till 9:20p.m. and Saturday, July 23, from 9:30a.m. till 5:10p.m. These dates are especially reserved for those families with college age children and those who travel in the fall.

Tuesday, September 27 through Friday, September 30; from 2p.m. till 9:20p.m. and Saturday, October 1, from 9:30a.m. till 5:10p.m. These dates are for all other members that do not have conflicts.

All pictures will be taken in Calvary's Library and you will be able to view and select your favorite pose to be included in the directory right after your photography session and select the pose for your complimentary portrait. If you have special requests or needs please notify the photographer prior to beginning your photo session as well as the Membership and Personnel Representatives when you sign up.

Try to sign up as early as possible so that you can reserve the most convenient time and date. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Sally Fortenberry or Ellen Rheinlaender, your Membership and Personnel Council Representatives.



Births

- ❖ **Joseph Douglas Johnson**, son of Joseph & Whitney Johnson. Joseph was born on June 15, 2011.



Baptisms

"Then he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on each of them, and blessed them."
Mark 10:16

- ❖ **Mason John Morbach**, son of John & Becky Morbach and grandson of Joe & Kathy Morbach.



Our Sympathy to...

I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. John 11: 25-26a.

- ❖ **THE SAVAGE FAMILY** upon the death of PJ's mother and Calvary member, June Holden.
- ❖ **THE DAHL FAMILY** upon the death of Calvary member, Alvon Dahl.
- ❖ **THE OLIVER FAMILY** upon the death of Becky's father-in-law and Brandon & Lindsey Robledo's grandfather, Pat Nobles.



We Celebrate with...

- ☺ Ana Cernock, Emma Davis, Ethan Freeman, Alexander Lewis, Anna Walter, Kodie Winnings as they received their first communion on June 19th.



Thank You...

- ☺ I felt the outpouring of love from my Calvary Family during my recent trip to the ER which led to emergency gall bladder surgery. Thanks to Pastor Kyle for coming to the ER at a ridiculous hour on Saturday morning, Intern Paul for praying with my family while I was in surgery on Sunday and to Viktor for his visit and prayers. Thanks also to several who offered to watch Christian if needed during my stay.

Love to all!
Christy Haley

- ☺ To the Calvary Lutheran Crochet Group:
Thank you so much for the blanket. I really appreciate all the time and effort you put in to it. It is hard to find people who still support our military today, and to know that members of my church support us is very meaningful to me.

Thank you again.
2LT Jason Curley

- ☺ To all the supporters of the two Calvary Teams that participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. It was a great evening as we remembered, celebrated and fought back. The Calvary team raised just over \$1,700 and reached the bronze level of fundraising. The youth raised almost \$900. Again, thanks for your support.

Barb Guinn, Team Captain



Congratulations to...

- ☺ To All the Confirmands: **Emma Dargan, Brock Dyreson, Dion Fernandez, Britt Fleischer, Brad Herd, Logan Herd, Zachary Herd, Wade Lewis, Sarah Sakakenny, Jarod Sandberg, Joshua Slezak, Trevor Speegle, & Eric Trudelle** who were confirmed on June 12, 2011.



Weddings

- ❖ Congratulations to **Tiffany Lundgren & Steven Taylor** who were united in Holy Marriage on May 28, 2011.

Social Ministry



Thrivent Builds/Habitat for Humanity

Hooray!!! Let's start getting ready for our fall Thrivent Builds/Habitat for Humanity project! We will be having our familiar Sign-a-Stud party in the courtyard **between services on Sunday, July 17**. Please join us for coffee and snacks, and take a minute to write blessings and good wishes on 2 X 4 studs that will be built into the house for the new Habitat family! We'll have information regarding the September build, and the famous Calvary paint cans will be there to collect your generous donations!

Room in the Inn

It's time! We open the doors for our second season of Room in the Inn on **July 5!** We will host 10 homeless men in the Family Life Center for an overnight stay every Tuesday in July and August. It's been a HOT summer already, so we will do our best to make our guests feel comfortable and cared for! Please contact Mindy Schumann if you'd like to volunteer or Nancy Rouze if you'd like to help with the meals.

Donation items may be left in the silver mesh baskets in the Narthex. We have special need of rubber flip flops, bottled water, cans of soda (Dr. Pepper and Root Beer are favorites), deodorant, sample size mouthwash, razors, chapstick, anti-fungal cream and sunblock.

And back by popular demand is our Noisy Offering!! We will have Noisy Offering on the second **Sunday, July 10** and donate these special offerings to Room in the Inn. Bring your pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters and Calvary's Joyful Noise will help provide basic necessities to our guests from the streets!

Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is **Monday, August 8 from 4:00pm - 8:00pm**. Dinner will be provided and is free to all family members if one donates blood. Friends, our numbers have been really, really low for the last year or more at the Calvary Blood Drive. Lots of you have been donating in Calvary's name at different locations so we ultimately still have good numbers. Please consider that if we want to continue to bring Carter staff and equipment to our location, we need to have donors at our location! Please, come and give the gift of life!

DINNERS FOR EIGHT

Dinners for Eight is a great opportunity for Calvary Members that would like to get to know more people in the Calvary family. Calvary's wide array of worship services and activities are great for scheduling flexibility but it can be a challenge to get to know members who may be at the church during different times. When you sign up for Dinners for Eight we'll create groups of eight people that will dine and visit together 4 times over the next 5-6 months. It can be 4 couples each hosting one time at their home or you can choose to meet at a restaurant. We can do groups of singles or groups that want to bring their kids.....the more participants we have the more possibilities. When and where you meet is decided by your group so that you can work around all the member's schedules. Calvary attracts members from all over the Metroplex so we'll ask you how far you want to travel to meet with your group so that we can accommodate that when we select the groups. Dinners for Eight has been a great success over the years and we hope that you will join us this fall to meet new Calvary friends.

Sign up sheets will be available until the end of August on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions please contact James Kramer at 817-300-3220 or jekramer@prodigy.net

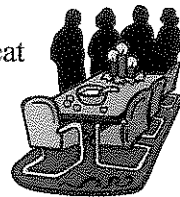
CALVARY SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES

During the summer we'll continue our **games and activities** on Wednesdays from 2:00 – 5:00 in the church library.

Then since the Calvary Café is closed, we will dine out each Wednesday at selected restaurants in the area. If we take the church bus, we'll leave the church at 5:30; otherwise we'll meet at the restaurant at 6:00. The schedule this month is:

- July 6 – Cracker Barrel Restaurant (bus)
- July 13 – Hoffbrau Steakhouse, Denton Hwy (no bus)
- July 20 – Miguelito's, Bedford Euless Rd. (no bus)
- July 27 – Catfish & Co. 900 Airport Fwy., Hurst (no bus)

We welcome your suggestions for places later in the summer. We'll also continue our regular 2nd Friday, dining out at Jerry's Italian Bistro in Richland Hills at 6:00 p.m. on July 8th.





Mission Trip 2011 has come to a close and has left its fingerprint on the hearts and minds of those who participated in this week. As those of you who were at the youth services on June 26 heard, this was a mission trip that many attended somewhat reluctantly. The idea of traveling just 40 miles north, working with older children instead of little kids, and having a building project that was less grandiose than the fellowship hall we built last year combined into some apprehension for our teens. Despite the lack of initial enthusiasm, thirty teens and ten adults headed to Denton where they would experience a week that was nothing like they expected.

Summer Extravaganza (aka Day Camp) was the place where many of our hearts were touched. The children that call the Nelson Center home rotated through five different classes throughout the day led by two of our teens and an adult mentor. SCRAPBOOK class gave each child a book and a place to record their future. They talked to them about how special they were and helped them to create pages that were unique like them. They celebrated who they were and what their future held. Each day had a different theme for the pages. Some of the most special moments were in the sitting around and working time! SPORTS taught these young men and women how to have fun with recreation and how to be good sports. Some of their favorite games were Pilo Polo and Bean Bag Dodgeball. The sports team also brought "school shirts" for each of the residents and day time staff members. Nelson Center colors are green and silver and the mascot is the eagle. Their shirt is forest green with silver letters – the LSS logo of a cross with arrows going out from it on the pocket and then an eagle with the Isaiah 40:31 verse superimposed over it on the back. SEWING class allowed each young person (and some staff members) to make a bear. The kids got to select their own material and learn how to do some basic stitching to help their leaders put it together. Bible verses were weaved into the lessons to remind the kids that they are "fearfully and wonderfully made". The last night the sewing team allowed the Calvary team to pray for a bear and sew up its last seams. On Friday, the residents clung to their finished bears as they got friends to sign them. COOKING class met in the cafeteria and each day the kids got to come in and make some type of snack. They were able to be creative and many days made enough to share so the counselors were able to reinforce that important life skill as well. While the cuisine of the day was cooking, the children and teens were able to play games like "I am Special" with their counselors. BIBLE CRAFTS was the final rotation and was a place where we talked about God and various scripture and tied them into a craft. One of the favorite crafts, among the Nelson Center kids and their staff, was making tie dye shirts. Seeing them all drying in the breeze, with their vibrant colors was a reminder of how beautiful and unique we each are. Of course each day ended with everyone together singing songs and praising God.

When the Summer Extravaganza team was not working directly with kids, they were redoing the Chapel. They turned the chapel into a place that was welcoming and inviting for these kids! They also talked to them about how important our "chapel" call Calvary is, and encouraged them to experience that for themselves.

On Thursday afternoon the COOKING team fired up the hot grill and cooked enough hot dogs for all of the children of the Nelson Center, all of the staff of the Nelson Center and all of our team from Calvary. It was a fun time for everyone to gather and enjoy a meal together! Again, we were an example of serving as the residents saw the labor of love.

The BUILDING team had the task of putting up 8ft pickets on the fence to help with both privacy and safety. While the purpose was functional, the outcome was a space that looked less like a residential treatment facility and more like a backyard. In addition, they built a covered gazebo by the pool so that the children who call the Nelson Center home would feel a little bit more like they were at a home as they had a place to relax and cool off after they were in the pool. It is a beautiful shaded place. The most important thing, however, that was built by the building team is not one that we can take a picture of and show you. Our building team helped build a spirit of serving in the children of the Nelson Center and helped build a work ethic through their example. The work site was off limits to the kids and staff during the week, but as the kids passed down one hallway that was all windows, they would stop and watch. They would see these "big boys" working in the heat, creating something beautiful for them. The example they set was priceless.

Working directly with the children of the Nelson Center was a definite highlight of the week, so building team members were allowed to sign up and get a class that they could go into each day and help with. This was a great time for them to interact and meet the kids for whom they were building a gazebo and fence.

As Sierra said in her homily, this is the first time that she has ever returned from a mission trip feeling unsatisfied. Her feelings were not because of what we did, but because there is so much more to do! We have a group of teens trying to figure out "now what?" Now what do we do with those fingerprints of the Nelson Center children on our hearts and minds? Watch for more details as our Calvary teens wrestle with this question...

JULY 2011 BIRTHDAYS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Meliss Bro Faith Burton Jim Falstrom Forrest Ripley Linda Thorson	2 Linda Miller Rex Norris
3 Paul Meinen	4 Raye Ann Sievers Jean Strickland	5	6 Janet Calhoun	7 Pete Fletcher Michelle Gage Jarod Sandberg	8 Rachel Conroy Mary Fortenberry Gary Gollhofer	9 Lauren Acker Dyan Herd Kim Riley Lily Signorelli
10 Brooke Bormann Ezekiel Green Kathy Morken Chole Seely	11 Roger Anderson Robby Dailley Joshua Heinze Julie Henson Sara McCandless Sydney McCandless Rick Russell	12 Tammy Trudelle	13 Christina Daughtrey Steve Marcuse Martha Strube	14 Victoria Sandberg	15 Gwendolyn Alsdorf	16
17 Ed Spitzmueller	18 Randy Schneider	19 Patti Wilson	20 David Lakota Lori Saxen	21 Virginia Anderson Janet Schlameus	22 Gavin Bear	23 Mundi Gutierrez Harry Marx
24 Alice Lee Lisa Summers	25 David Burkett Stan Haywood	26 Brandon Anderson Jeanette Hill Erin Jones David Welty	27 Miriam Etheredge Eric Lewellen	28 Veronica Hopper Emily Slaton	29 Kathy Hunt Jo Klobberdanz Richard {restiani	30 Mary Lakota Linda Pileggi Raymond Speegle Hunter Villavicencio
31 Kathy Davidson						

PLEASE NOTE: The birthday information comes from our membership files. If your birthday is not listed, call the office @ 817-284-8724 and give us the information so we can update our records. **THANKS**

Birthday Blessings

News Briefing

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

July 2011

Celebrating our Ministry together
in the NT-NL Mission Area



THE LEADERSHIP FORMATION FUND *Growing our Vision and Skills for Mission*

Many already know of the wonderful work of our NT-NL Mission Endowment Fund. Since 1996 the Fund has given away \$300,000 in grants for creative, outreaching, missional projects (over 50!) within our congregations. The MEF has been true to its purpose, planting "seeds that change". They are a blessing.

But, as their logo depicts, the MEF now has a second hand for helping. MEF has added a second endowment to work alongside its General Endowment Fund. This second fund (the "DiscipleLife Endowment for Mission Fund") will receive some of the proceeds from the *DiscipleLife Alive!* initiative currently underway in the NT-NL and use the money and its investment earnings to help support the Leadership Formation programming that will take place at the much-anticipated DiscipleLife Center for Mission at Briarwood. The proceeds will help the NT-NL bring gifted teachers and missional programs to the Center, help the NT-NL give scholarships to lay and rostered leaders so that all will have access to the training opportunities, and will help the Center employ the best available technology so that the training can be broadcast into congregations all across the territory. You can learn more about the MEF, the Leadership Formation Fund and the *DiscipleLife Alive!* initiative at NTNL.org



DiscipleLife Alive! is an initiative to raise \$3 million to expand our capacity for mission in the NT-NL mission area. One-third of the proceeds (\$1 million) will be managed by the MEF to create the Leadership Formation Fund (\$800,000 in a permanent endowment and \$200,000 in upfront expenditures to equip the DiscipleLife Center for Mission). One-half of the proceeds (\$1.5 million) will be used to create the DiscipleLife Center for Mission at Briarwood. And a tithe (one-tenth) of the proceeds (\$300,000) will be used to complete the Jubilee Centre in Sierra Leone as a similar Center for Mission for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone (our companion church). Our videos tell the story of *DiscipleLife Alive!* Go to www.NTNLvideos.org.

Back to School: Sons and daughters of the congregation will soon be headed off to college. In many ways they will leave behind the loving support of family and friends and the nurturing environment of the congregation. But you can help ensure that the church will be awaiting them in their new place by submitting a referral to Lutheran Campus Ministry. Just go to <http://lcmaustin.org/newstudentinfo> and fill out the online form.

From the Heart of Texas: Thirteen NT-NL congregations in the Temple-Waco-Clifton area recently delivered 176 boxes to Lutheran World Relief. The boxes contained 696 quilts, 447 health kits, 205 school kits, 56 layettes, 35 sewing kits and 30lbs of soap for LWR to distribute. Truly "God's Work. Our Hands".



FYI (Go to www.NTNL.org)

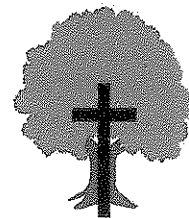
July Emphasis: Briarwood & Women and Men's Ministry

- ❖ **Foster Care:** Lutheran Social Services – a leader in programs that support children – wants to tell the story of Foster Care efforts in Texas. Invite them to speak in your congregation. Contact Whitney Flynt (Whitney.Flynt@lsss.org).
- ❖ **Check the Facts:** Ever been in a conversation when someone says that the ELCA believes x or y or did this or that, when you know that must not be true? Rumors and accusations need to be checked and not accepted at face value. There is an online resource available to you: the *ELCA FactChecker* found at www.ELCAFactChecker.com.
- ❖ **Parish Lay Mission Academy:** have you been waiting for a convenient time to begin studies in the NT-NL's lay ministry program? The PLMA starts up again in September, with sessions planned for Sep. 17, Oct. 22, and Nov. 19. Now's your time. Go to www.PLMACademy.org.
- ❖ **Thrivent Members:** you can direct your "Choice Dollars" as a contribution to the NT-NL. Choose "NT-NL" on Thrivent's list of options (after logging on at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800.847.4836.
- ❖ **"DiscipleLife" the Song:** link to it from the homepage of www.NTNL.org. It's composed by Ken Medema.

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The Briarwood Vine

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



LEADERSHIP OUTSIDE THE LINES

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 LOL Retreat is based on the "Renewable Practices" series for Faith-Based Groups which list seven distinct characteristics of effective leaders in the 21st century. They are:

- Asks Purposeful Questions
- Uses Participative Processes
- Works Playfully
- Takes Place Seriously
- Is Reproductive
- Sees Possibilities
- Ignites Passion

These first retreats will be based specifically on the first three of the leadership characteristics, specifically, Asks Purposeful Questions, Uses Participative Processes, and Works Playfully.

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. Go to www.briarwoodretreat.org for more information and a downloadable brochure and registration form. **It's time to do something different! Come "LOL" with us.**

THE "WORD" IS OUT!!

It's not too late to sign up for summer camp.

We are having another wonderful summer camp season and you are invited to be a part of it.

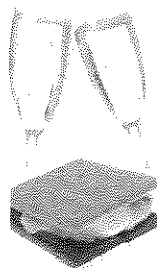


This year our theme is "WORD." We are exploring the spoken words of our Lord, Jesus Christ, examining Jesus' examples of sermons, parables, and teachings. We are looking at the power of both the "WORD" and our words and how both can affect the world.

For more information about our summer camp program, including our summer brochure, registration forms, and other information, go to www.briarwoodretreat.org or contact Jon Thompson, Program Director, at 940-241-2099 or by email at jon@briarwoodretreat.org.

Champagne and S'mores Gala/Auction Friday, September 9th

You are cordially invited to join the Briarwood Retreat Center and Church Camp for our Second Annual Gala/Auction.



Proceeds from the Champagne and S'Mores Gala will go to support our ministry to the thousands of children, youth, young adults, and adults whose lives have been blessed through our summer camp and retreat ministries.

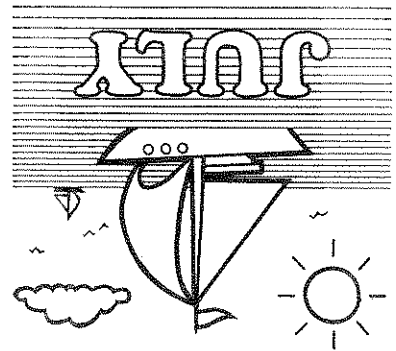
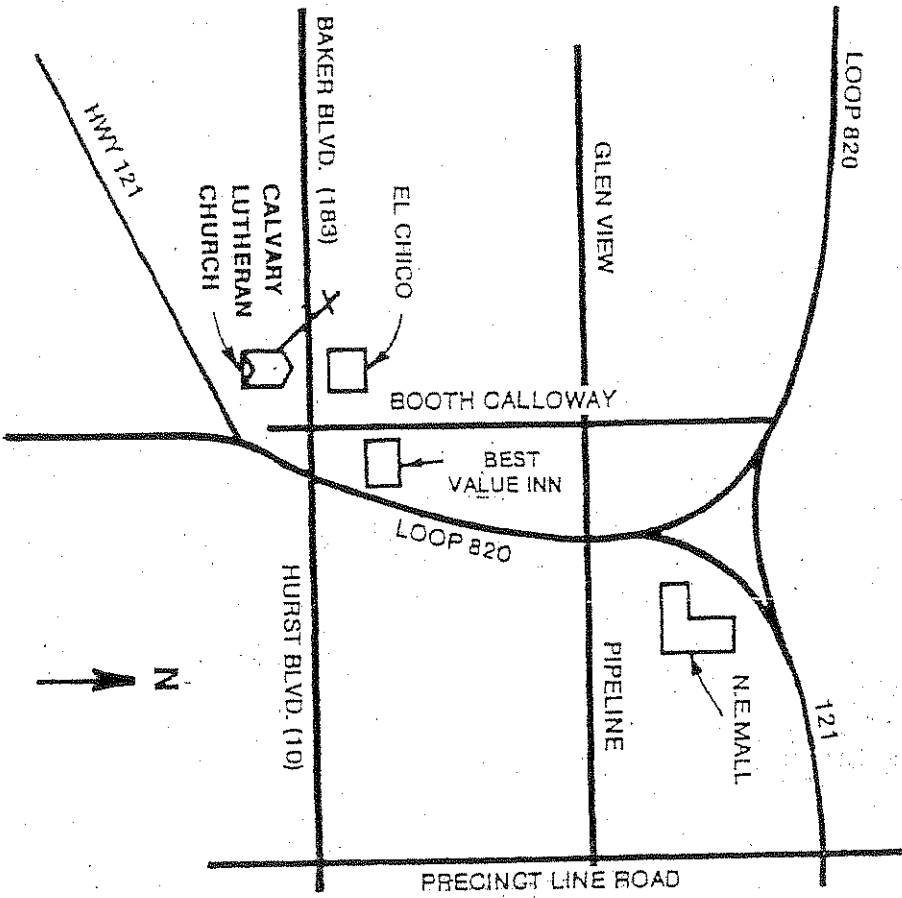
The evening will include dinner, drinks, silent and live auction, entertainment, and music. Business or Formal Attire is suggested. For more information, go to www.briarwoodretreat.org.

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.

July 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>* Sunday</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Taizé Evening Prayer/Holy Communion</p>				<p>1</p> <p>11:45 AM -1:00 PM Roman's Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study</p> <p>10:00 AM -12:00 PM Tarrant County Foster Parent Assoc. Meeting</p>
<p>3</p> <p>*See Above</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00 PM BSA Troop #335</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:30 PM Room in the Inn</p> <p>7:00 PM Ladies Via de Cristo Small Group</p> <p>7:00 PM Stephen Ministers</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 AM Pastor's Text Study</p> <p>2:00 PM Senior Games</p> <p>6:30 PM First Place 4 Health</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 AM Yarn Winders</p> <p>7:00 PM Men's Via de Cristo Small Group</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11:45 AM -1:00 PM Roman's Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 PM Dinner at Jerry's Bistro</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 AM -3:00 PM Quilting</p>
<p>10</p> <p>12:30 PM Church Council</p> <p>*See Above</p> <p>Ranch Camp</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Meeting</p> <p>11:00 AM Ladies Via de Cristo Small Group</p> <p>6:00 PM BSA Troop #335</p> <p>Ranch Camp</p>	<p>12</p> <p>3:30 PM Room in the Inn</p> <p>7:00 PM Ladies Via de Cristo Small Group</p> <p>Ranch Camp</p>	<p>13</p> <p>2:00 PM Senior Games</p> <p>6:30 PM First Place 4 Health</p> <p>Ranch Camp</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 PM Men's Via de Cristo Small Group</p> <p>Ranch Camp</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11:45 AM -1:00 PM Roman's Bible Study</p> <p>Ranch Camp</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00 AM -4:00 PM Parish Lay Academy (Spanish Class)</p> <p>Ranch Camp</p>
<p>17</p> <p>*See Above</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Meeting</p> <p>11:00 AM Ladies Via de Cristo Small Group</p> <p>6:00 PM BSA Troop #335</p>	<p>19</p> <p>3:30 PM Room in the Inn</p> <p>7:00 PM Ladies Via de Cristo Small Group</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00 AM Pastor's Text Study</p> <p>2:00 PM Senior Games</p> <p>6:30 PM First Place 4 Health</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 AM Yarn Winders</p> <p>1:00 PM Sandwich Making</p> <p>7:00 PM Men's Via de Cristo Small Group</p>	<p>22</p> <p>2:00 PM -9:30 PM Pictorial Directory Pictures</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 AM -5:10 PM Pictorial Directory Pictures</p>
<p>24</p> <p>*See Above</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Meeting</p> <p>11:00 AM Ladies Via de Cristo Small Group</p> <p>6:00 PM BSA Troop #335</p>	<p>26</p> <p>3:30 PM Room in the Inn</p> <p>7:00 PM Ladies Via de Cristo Small Group</p>	<p>27</p> <p>2:00 PM Senior Games</p> <p>6:30 PM First Place 4 Health</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 PM Men's Via de Cristo Small Group</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>4:00 PM Set Up for Intern's Farewell Celebration</p>
<p>31</p> <p>12:12 PM Intern Paul's Farewell Celebration</p> <p>*See Above</p>						

Sunday Service Schedule
 Worship -- 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,
 11:00 a.m., & 6:00 p.m.



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