



Share the experience of God's love!

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Cornerstone

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BRING UP A CHILD...

September is here and school has started. Isn't it something how our lives, even if we're retired, revolve around the school year? 'readin, 'riting & 'rithmetic hold us in good stead all out lives. Remember the book All I Really Need to Know, I Learned in Kindergarten by Robert Fulghum? The Old Testament Jewish Nation made sure their children first knew The 10 Commandments so they would have firm base upon which to build. There is a African (Nigerian) Proverb that says: It takes a village to raise a child." We Christians feel much the same. I share a wise selection from Dorothy Law Nolte who wrote "Children Learn What They Live".

If a child lives with criticism,
HE learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility,
HE learns to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule,
HE learns to be shy.

If a child lives with shame,
HE learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance,
HE learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement,
HE learns confidence.

If a child lives with praise,
HE learns to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness,
HE learns justice.

If a child lives with security,
HE learns to have faith.

If a child lives with approval,
HE learns to like himself.

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,
HE learns to find love in the world.

And the People of God Say: Amen and AMEN!

**Serving the
Our Redeemer
Community!**

**Ministers:
The People of
Our Redeemer
Lutheran Church**

**Rev. Margie
Faulkner, AIM
Interim Pastor**

**John
Zacharias
Director of
Music**

**Kathy Pound
Secretary**

**Connie
Kent-Largent
Financial
Secretary**

**[Position Open]
Sunday School
Coordinator**

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Council**

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Secretary
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Council

**Hattie Hammer
Rachel Largent
Paul Templin
Ron Templin**

**Share the
Experience of
God's Love!**



Remember in your prayers:

**Prayers for Treatment,
Healing and Comfort**

Jeanne Maxwell:
Recovering from auto accident

Alicia Templin and Marie Okudah:
continued cancer treatment;

Jean Rabbers: acute arthritis

Rosemary Green (Joyce Carter's niece):
Advanced Cancer



**Prayers for Wisdom, Strength,
Guidance, Thanksgiving**

Gus Virkus
Our Call Committee



RUSS DARKES	9/2
STORM LEHMANN	9/10
DINAH NORTON	9/15
TODD LEHMANN	9/17
JEANNE MAXWELL	9/19
BROOKS MAXWELL	9/20
CARL EMSHOFF	9/23
DOROTHY GRAHAM	9/28

JUD AND VICKI SMITH	9/7
DAVID AND CINDY DOLEZAL	9/21



Where did the lazy days of summer go?
Melted away with all the heat, I guess.

THANK YOU to everyone who brought back bulletins from their summer vacations. It was fun reading through all of them.



LOTS of things are happening around Our Redeemer. Some of them are highly visible and some not so much. **Have you ever "re-tooled"?** 1. to replace or rearrange the tools and machinery of (a factory). 2. to reorganize or rearrange, usually for the purpose of updating. **Have you ever "spruced up"?** 1. to make clean and trim.

THAT IS WHAT WILL BE HAPPENING. It is time to start the Fall programming and some programs are being 're-tooled' and 'spruced up'. Some new programs will be added too so all in all, Our Redeemer will have broader and better ministry for one and all. Your Church Council has been very busy doing short term goal setting. The minutes of the meetings are on the bulletin board for all to see, but here is a thumbnail of what has been happening. **FACILITY:** New, smooth and light, tables will be here soon. Window coverings should be up by the middle of the month. The west wing air conditioner has been fixed! **EDUCATION:** A new Primary Class will be added along with the Elementary and On The Edge. Teaching terms will be shortened and there will be several Inter-Generational Sundays scheduled throughout the year. **DISCIPLELIFE ALIVE!** This NT-NL Mission Area Program will be presented in many and various forms – look for 'an education' in the new things NT-NL is doing. **OUTREACH:** We add telephone, magazine and paper recycling for Mosaic to our list of support for charities. **COMMUNICATION:** There will be an organized prayer chain plus a hot-line for disbursing important information quickly. The church data base needs updating also so there will be more than one request to supply new or updated information. **ORGANIZATION:** Over the years a couple necessary Committees have fallen into disuse. An Audit Committee and a Mutual Ministry Committee will be re-instated and the Church Constitution will be re-tooled. **COUNCIL LEADERSHIP:** Continued short-term and new long term planning is necessary. The Annual Meeting will be in early December and there are Church Council positions that will 'roll over' with an NT-NL Lay Leadership Academy in the Spring.

THAT'S A LOT! EXCITING? YES!! **WITH ALL THIS ACCOMPLISHED YOU WILL BE IN 'EXCELLENT SHAPE' WHEN YOU CALL YOUR NEW**

PASTOR. In order for ministry to move forward, servants are needed. Our Redeemer is a LAY EMPOWERMENT CONGREGATION. Everyone has God given gifts to be used for ministry, isn't that wonderful? God loves us so much he trusts us to further His Kingdom! So – when a call comes to you asking you to consider something – sincerely pray about it and see what the Lord would have you do.

Now, on a personal note: You have been quite generous to me with your affirmative comments. I appreciate those comments and observations, they are dear to my heart. I have been your Interim for 10 months and I know you are looking forward to your new pastor. If you are half as kind to him/her as you are to me – you will share a great relationship. Your Call Committee is interviewing and every Sunday we include prayers for a good match between this congregation and your new pastor. God will provide – perhaps soon :-)
Joe and I are going to take a couple weeks of vacation the end of September and beginning of October. We will go to Nebraska to check out how things are going for that daughter and family. We'll travel through the Black Hills of South Dakota on the way to Minnesota to celebrate my Aunt's 99th birthday. She still dances – imagine that! We'll also visit a few other friends and relatives along the way. If you have an emergency or pastoral concern while I'm gone, Pastor Mel Hammer will be available to minister to your needs. His number is: 972-296-3703.



ORLC WELCA SEPTEMBER News

Morning Group

The Morning Group will meet on
Thursday, Sept. 15th at 10.30 a.m.

They will begin a new Bible Study
with Pastor Margie
*“To Follow and To Serve:
The Gospel of Mark”.*

Evening Group

The Evening Group will meet on
Thursday, September 15th.

Parma Anderson, vice president of the NTNL Synodical
Women’s Organization will give a report
on the Triennial Gathering held in July in Spokane.
Service project will be filling LWR School Kits.



SAVE THE DATES!

October 7 and 8th!

NT-NL Synodical Women’s Organization Retreat at Briarwood!!!

Conversation and Refreshments After Church in the Fellowship Hall

Sign Up to Provide Coffee, Punch and Goodies



A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway. All are invited to be part of this activity. Join those attending worship for conversation and coffee, punch, goodies in the fellowship hall. What a great opportunity to meet each other and share your stories!

H. U. G. S Drive for Mosaic

This fall members and friends of the congregation are being asked to help provide items for Mosaic’s H.U.G.S Drive. Here are the details:

September: Hygiene items – chap sticks, small packets of tissues, shampoo, Dove body wash or soap, Eucerin skin lotion, other types of skin lotion, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body spray (guys and ladies love those knock off brands of colognes from the Dollar Store).

October: Utility Room Supplies – large Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning products (household, bathroom, etc.)

November: Gift Cards, Sheets– to go out to eat (Subway, Sonic etc.); bed sheets (single).

**Your help in gathering these items will be most appreciated
by the staff and clients of MOSAIC.**



FALL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Christian Education for all ages will be off and running beginning Sunday, September 11th at 9:15 AM until 10:00 AM. We will start with a special **RALLY DAY** presenting all sorts of eye popping, heart filling, soul lifting, activities. There will be face painting, song singing, FLOWER, THE CLOWN and an invitational balloon release. **EVERYONE** is invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall.

Starting Sunday, September 18 at 9:15 AM to 10:00 AM traditional classes will be available for Primary and Elementary children, ON THE EDGE (7th – 12th grade) will also meet. There will also be three INTER-GENERATIONAL opportunities offered this Fall. October 30th ALL will be invited to participate in a Reformation Celebration, November 27th will bring an Advent Workshop and December 18th will be a Christmas Program.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE AIR CONDITIONING.....

It has been a LONG, HOT summer and, as you know, the air conditioning in the west wing has not been operational. The workmen have been here and we now have a new unit that is up and running. The unit that was replaced was the original one – I think we can thank the Lord for the service it rendered over the years. It has been an adventure diagnosing the 'real problem' and the workers getting into the attic without having heat stroke. Thank you for your patience. Thank you for the steady giving of tithes, gifts and offerings so we were able to just say, "fix it". And now – we move forward to the new window coverings and the arrival of the new tables.

GREATER FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH IS COMING

Our Redeemer has a new tenant. Our long time tenant, Summit Baptist made the decision to disband the end of June. The church council seriously considered and negotiated a new lease agreement with Greater Faith Community Church. This community of faith will begin worshipping on October 2, 2011. They have been given permission to use the facility for Sunday Services and activities starting at 12:15PM until 4:00 PM and again on Wednesday evening from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM EXCEPT on the Wednesday's during Advent and Lent. At those times, they will meet on Thursday evening. They will also have access to the church on Monday's (sharing with the Boy Scouts) for planning sessions and any necessary counseling. The pastor of this church is Alex Blake. At the present Greater Faith is a worshipping community of about 60 persons. They have a special ministry of reaching out to At Risk Youth called BRIDGES. It is the heartfelt wish of both Our Redeemer and Greater Faith that a cordial Body of Christ relationship will develop between us and we can join together in some activities.



SEPTEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Sept 1 Office Hours 9:00am-3:00pm	Sept 2 Office closed	Sept 3
4 12th Sunday After Pentecost 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship with Holy Communion	5 Office closed	6 Office Hours 9:00am-3:00pm	7 Office Hours 9:00am-3:00pm	8 Office Hours 9:00am-3:00pm	9 Office closed	10
11 13th Sunday After Pentecost 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship with Holy Communion	12 Office closed Boy Scouts 7 p.m.	13 Office Hours 9:00am-3:00pm	14 Office Hours 9:00am-3:00pm	15 Office Hours 9am-3pm WELCA Morning Group 10:30 am WELCA Evening Group 7:00 pm	16 Office closed	17 Summit Baptist Church 6pm
18 14th Sunday After Pentecost 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship with Holy Communion Church Council meets following worship	19 Office Closed Boy Scouts 7 p.m.	20 Office Hours 9:00 am –3:00 pm	21 Office Hours 9:00am-3:00pm	22 Office Hours 9:00am-3:00pm	23 Office closed	24
25 15th Sunday After Pentecost 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship with Holy Communion	26 Office Closed Boy Scouts 7 p.m.	27 Office Hours 9:00 am –3:00 pm	28 Office Hours 9:00am-3:00pm	29 Office Hours 9:00am-3:00pm	30 Office closed	





SEPTEMBER



	4	11	18	25
Acolyte	Blake Maxwell	Lynnlea Banks	Ryan Adix	Cecelia Largent
Altar Care	Cindy Dolezal	Shirley Johnson	Kris Davies	Dorothy Graham
Assisting Minister	Mel Hammer	Hattie Hammer	Kris Davies	Cindy Dolezal
Counters	Grant Swanjord Dinah Norton	Jeff Adix Cindy Dolezal	David Dolezal Lois Phipps	Renee Swanjord Dinah Norton
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Lay Reader	David Dolezal	Hattie Hammer	Grant Swanjord	Karen Okudah
Ushers and Greeters	Dolezal	Johnson	Adix	Graham
Chalice Bearer	Lee Templin	Lee Templin	Lee Templin	Lee Templin
Nursery Care	Templin	Dolezal	Swanjord	Templin

*If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement and notify the church office as soon as possible.
Thank-You!*



News Briefing

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

September 2011

Celebrating our Ministry together
in the NT-NL Mission Area



DiscipleLife Alive!

Watch us Transform the Future of the NT-NL Mission Area

At the 2011 Mission Assembly voting members all around the assembly hall each brought forward a flower, collectively creating a fragrant bouquet that graced the altar. So too, we were reminded, the gifts that we have to offer – large and small – can accomplish much and be a true offering of ourselves to God.

DiscipleLife Alive! Leaders' Training Celebrations are planned for twenty-plus locations around the NT-NL Mission Area, beginning Sept. 26. Come hear about the progress of the DLA! Initiative, learn how to share with others the story and excitement that DLA! has generated, and plan ways to get your congregation involved in supporting this crucial work. Each gathering offers Bible study, presentations, training, reflections and a meal. Learn more at www.ntnl.org/index.php/disciplelife-alive/training-celebrations.

September

Sept. 26 – 6 p.m.
Holy Trinity, Shreveport

Sept. 27 – 6 p.m.
First, Longview

Sept. 28 – 6 p.m.
Faith, Flower Mound



Same Kind of Different

This year's Jr High Gathering, *Same Kind of Different*, is Nov. 11-13 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Addison and features the wit and wisdom of Wes Halula, a popular speaker. Those registering by Oct. 10 get a discount. Download the complete registration packet from the home page of NTNL.org.

Opportunities Abound for Leadership Formation for Mission this Fall

The home page of the NT-NL web site has been redesigned to make upcoming events a focal point of our news and information. Learn about these events and others by going to www.NTNL.org.

- **Briarwood's Gala & Auction, Champagne and S'more's** – Paradise Cove at Lake Grapevine, Sept. 9.
- **Men's Ministry Gathering** for the ETNL Conference – First, Longview, Sept. 17.
- **DLA! Celebration Day**, the kick off to the fall events in support of *DiscipleLife Alive!* – Briarwood, Sept. 20.
- **GUSTO! Speaker Series for Mature Adults** is the second Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at King of Glory, Dallas.
- **Leadership Outside the Lines** (leadership skills and development) – Briarwood, Sept. 20-21.
- **Luther's Vision of Freedom** (a lecture by Dr. Kurt Hendel) – Christ, Dallas, Sept. 22.
- **W-ELCA Fall Retreat** with the theme *Renewing Body & Soul* – Briarwood, Oct. 8.
- **NT-NL Campus Ministry Trivia Challenge** dinner and fund raiser – Christ, Dallas, Oct. 9.
- **Nelson Center's 15th Annual Tomorrow's Child Golf Benefit (LSS)** – Flower Mound, Oct. 10.
- **Pre-Retirement Seminar** for ELCA rostered leaders – Briarwood, Oct. 11-12.
- **Stewardship Academy** (first of three sessions) – Briarwood, Oct. 14-15.
- **Bishop's Convocation** for all professional church workers, *Faithful DiscipleLife* – Briarwood, Oct. 17-19.
- **Mission Endowment Fund Dinner/Fund Raiser, Seeds That Change** – Advent, Arlington, Oct. 22.
- **Jr. High Youth Gathering, Same Kind of Different** – Crowne Plaza, Addison, Nov. 11-13.



FYI (Go to www.NTNL.org)

September Emphasis: Campus Ministry & Mission Endowment Fund

- ♦ What do you know about the **Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest**? Learn about its mission of theological education under the "Partners" tab of NTNL.org. Our 2011 Mission Assembly voted to more actively support LSPS.
- ♦ Want to be involved in some "applied stewardship"? Learn about the **Believe in the Trinity** project to address the problem of litter and dumping along the Trinity River. Learn more at www.TrinityTrashBash.com.

The Northern Texas – Northern Louisiana Mission Area of the ELCA – *DiscipleLife: Sowing and Growing Disciples of Jesus*
To receive News Briefing electronically, sign up at www.ntnl.org or call 214.637.6865.



The Briarwood Vine

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



We're Not Slowing Down!

Our 2011 summer camp season has concluded and we had a great summer! Our theme this year was "WORD" and we explored the words of Jesus as children, youth, and adults experienced a fun-filled time and grew in their faith.



But we aren't slowing down! We have a busy schedule for the fall - including our next

Sunday Brunch on September 4th, our second annual

Champagne and S'mores Gala/Auction on September 9th, our *Here We Stand* Confirmation retreat on September 16th and 17th, and our *Leadership Outside the Lines (LOL) Retreat* from September 20th to 22nd. More information on all of these events can be found on our web site at www.briarwoodretreat.org.

You are invited to be a part of Briarwood - through prayer, through your presence, and through your financial gifts - as we continue to seek to be a "natural setting where people experience God's love."

+ Peace +

Pastor Rob Moore

Executive Director

Briarwood Retreat Center and Church Camp

Champagne and S'mores Gala/Auction

Friday, September 9th

Briarwood Retreat Center requests the pleasure of your company for our annual *Champagne and S'mores Gala*, Friday, September 9, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Paradise



Cove at Lake Grapevine, 3029 Midway Road, Southlake, Texas. This fun filled evening will include: dinner, drinks, live auction, silent auction, and music. 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. Business or formal attire is suggested. Cost to attend is: \$85 - Single Person, \$150 - Couple, \$750 - Table of 8. RSVP by email to bw@briarwoodretreat.org.



Confirmation Retreat Here We Stand September 16-17

Bring your confirmation class to Briarwood September 16 to 17 and you can have a great start this year. 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. More information, including a brochure and registration form, is available on our web site at www.briarwoodretreat.org.

Leadership Outside the Lines (LOL) Retreat

September 20-22

Do you know that definition of insanity? It's doing the same thing over and over again, and expect different results. Well 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. More information can be found at 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.



CELEBRATE



“SEEDS THAT CHANGE”



Sowing and Growing Seeds That Change

“GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS”



Share the Stories of 11 Grant Recipients Receiving \$20,000 in 2011

ANNUAL DINNER & FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011 from 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

**With
Silent and Live Auction
Entertainment By “Scattered Seeds”**

Tickets: \$30 with discounted table for 8 @ \$200

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+ Fathers *IN* Love

= Families *IN* Love

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Go on a Weekend and all your kids will get is a whole lot of extra Love!

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend is:

October 21-23, 2011

7 p.m. Friday till 5 p.m. Sunday

(Applications under 30 days before the Weekend are accepted as space is available)



<http://www.LME-dfw.org>

For more information contact:

Herb & Betty Doller, 972-780-0920, HerbDoller@sbcglobal.net

(To apply, contact: [Chris](#) & Roger Williams (972-530-1218), Application@lme-dfw.org).

Fall Sunday Schedule

9:15 am SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
10:15 am WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Inside the September Issue:

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