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Give Us Grateful Hearts

By Mildren Tengbom

O God, You are the giver

*Of every good and perfect gift.
We are aware of how easily we take
And how often we grudgingly give.
Give us the gift of grateful hearts,
That we may want to share freely with others
All you have given us. Amen*

"Give us the gift of grateful hearts" is a powerful petition in Mildren Tengbom prayer. As we at New Life in Christ Lutheran Church prepare for the month of November and our celebration of Thanksgiving, it should be a petition in our prayers. The petition calls us to realize that we are not self sufficient. We depend on others to help us in this journey of life. We are dependent upon the farmer and his crops so that we can eat. We are dependent upon the rancher to supply our meat. We are dependent upon the driller, the roughneck, and the roustabout on that oil rig digging deep in the ground to find the oil that will be used to provide our electricity, fuel our cars, and provide us with energy. We are dependent upon our neighbor for their contributions in making our lives better. We are dependent upon our own talents and abilities which provide for our needs with others.

While living life finds us dependent on many things, we as faithful people find that in life we are primarily dependent upon God for his blessings. We at New Life in Christ Lutheran will come together to express our *Thanksgiving to God on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:15 p.m.* Join us as we lift our hearts to God in thankfulness for his blessings. *May God "give us the gift of grateful hearts."*

Celebrating with our Members

NOVEMBER Birthdays

11/2 Sandra Roiger
11/5 Laura Draper
11/5 Neva Dykman
11/6 Jerry Palermo
11/8 Andrew Doller
11/9 Kyle Scott
11/11 Ralph Roberts
11/11 Bill Strickland
11/14 Brenda Larson
11/17 Anita Hicock
11/22 Marian Holcomb
11/26 Barbara Palermo
11/28 Michael Aars
11/29 Azella Dykman
11/29 Sandi Scott
11/30 Robert Johnson

NOVEMBER Baptisms

11/1 Eliza Carey
11/1 Jennifer Carey
11/16 Barbara Aars
11/18 Dawn Carter
11/22 Kyle Scott
11/23 Rallin Aars
11/27 Christopher Bartlett
11/28 Jim Robbins
11/29 Ryan Layne

NOVEMBER Anniversaries

11/15 Dana & Sindy Joe Alexander
11/20 Peter & Belen Eck
11/25 Jeff & Nora Hopkins



NEWS Briefing

November

Congregational Newsletter Insert – Please forward to all interested persons – February 2006

A *DiscipleLife Synod*: Northern Texas – Northern Louisiana Synod, ELCA

Sowing and Growing Disciples of Jesus

DiscipleLife Planning Team Initiated

The NT-NL Synod Council met September 29-30 in an intensive retreat designed to help focus the purpose and vision of the Council for its work in the coming five years. The results of their deliberations are being forwarded to a **DiscipleLife Planning Team** that will meet over the next three months. The Team's responsibility is to suggest targeted goals for the synod for the next five years. Each of the goals will help the synod define and become a "DiscipleLife Synod." Besides Bishop Kevin Kanouse and his staff assistants, the Team consists of Janet Follstaedt (King of Glory, Dallas), Pastor Jane Mar (Emmanuel, Granbury), Art Mory (Shepherd of Life, Arlington), Pastor Russell Vardell (Our Saviour, Durant), Pastor Bill Waxenberg (Christ, Dallas), and Michael Weir (King of Glory, Dallas).

4:24 Prayer Campaign

The NT-NL Synod Council has endorsed a resolution from the Lutheran Youth Organization entitled: "**4:24 Prayer Campaign**" calling on all members of the synod to pause for a minute in prayer every day at 4:24 p.m. The campaign seeks to unite and strengthen us all as we join in prayer for the needs of the world and church. "When they heard [that the disciples were released from prison], they raised their voices together to God" (Acts 4:24).

MOSAIC's Heart and Soul Gala

Bishop Kevin and Billye Jean Kanouse will serve as the Honorary Chaircouple of the 10th annual **Heart and Soul Gala** on the evening of February 16 at the Westin Galleria in Dallas. Known around the metroplex as the Biggest Lutheran Party in Dallas, the Gala features a dinner and auction as well as honors local and national community leaders who have made a significant difference in the lives of people who have disabilities. This year the *Heart and Soul Award for Community Advocacy* will be presented to Mrs. Mary Slice for her advocacy and outreach as President of the NT-NL Synodical Women's Organization. The Chairpersons of this year's Gala are Randy and Judy Paulson, members of Preston Meadow Lutheran Church in Plano. Info contact 972.866.9989 or Beth.Sabella@mosaicinfo.org.

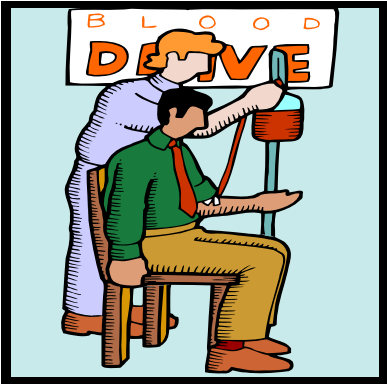
Support to Seminarians: The NT-NL Synod is blessed to have thirty students engaged in seminary studies for ordained or lay rostered ministries. Thanks to the *Mission Support* received from congregations, the synod will be able to send a **scholarship gift** to each of the students who are enrolled in classes this semester. Your giving is a gift to many. Thank you.

FYI...

November Emphasis: *The ELCA's World Hunger Appeal*

- ❖ **Pastor Pedro Portillo** (Santa Maria Lutheran Church, Irving) has been elected chairperson of the synod's Hispanic Lutheran Coalition Council. The council helps coordinate the synod's Hispanic Ministry efforts. Info contact Irma.Godinez@ntnl.org.
- ❖ **San Miguel Lutheran Church** in Fort Worth is sponsoring an exploratory outreach ministry to Alvarado, Texas (near Burleson) to see if families can be gathered into a worshipping community. Such "satellite" ministries are another way of extending our mission.
- ❖ **Jr. High Youth Registration** is now open: *Extreme Makeover – Home Edition* featuring Kari Lynn Wampler, Nov. 10-12. Download the brochure at www.ntllyouth.org. The Sr. High Event is Jan. 12-14. Packets are being sent to each congregation.
- ❖ **School Supplies Needed:** One of the hardest hit areas in New Orleans includes the congregation of Gethsemane Lutheran Church. The congregation ministers to a devastated area. There is an immediate need for school supplies (one inch binders, five section dividers, and loose leaf paper). Info contact Carl Hilt (985.652.8615; chartist@rtconline.com).
- ❖ **Mary Dixon** (Calvary, Richland Hills) is the new president of the NT-NL Synodical Women's Organization. SWO is a vibrant and supportive ministry within the congregations of this synod. For more information contact Mary at DDixon7696@sbcglobal.net.
- ❖ The **2007 Synod Assembly** takes place on April 27-29 at the Sheraton Hotel DFW (Hwy 114 at Esters in Irving). This year's theme focuses on *Called to DiscipleLife*. Our Bible study leader will be the Rev. Dr. Richard Nelson (SMU).

SERVICE COMMITTEE NEWS



Blood Drive

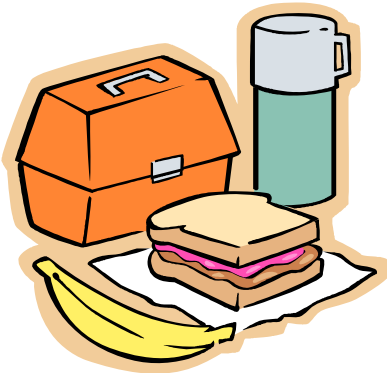
Please mark your calendars for Sunday, November 19th....this is our fall blood drive. You may sign up to give blood or bring snacks on the following Sundays: November 5th and November 12th. Please give the gift of life by taking the time to donate blood.

Meals on Wheels Holiday Gift Project

Once again this year we will be collecting gifts for the meals on wheels recipients on the Duncanville route. At present, there are 29 people receiving meals. A container will be in the Fellowship Hall the first Sunday in November for your donations.

29 of each of the following full-size toiletry items are needed:

Shampoo	Hand Lotion	Toothpaste	Toothbrush
Bar Soap	Wash Cloth	Adult size white tube socks	



ANGEL TREE

It's that time of year! The Angel Tree will be appearing later this month. Please take the time to pick up an angel and bring Christmas joy to a less fortunate child.

MT. OLIVE FOOD PANTRY

Thank you so much for your response to the dire need of this organization. Thanks to your generosity we have already delivered 2 carts full of food. We will continue collecting can goods and pasta for the 400 people served weekly by this organization.

Pushing The Right Buttons



**Selecting The Right Buttons Says
“I Care About You!”**

Intimacy with our innermost thoughts is at the heart of a good marriage. And yet, our society often punishes those who are intimate. If some unscrupulous person knows your feelings, desires and fears, they can manipulate you away from your own best interests and towards their own selfish wants. We are often taught to maintain our distance from people. Protect our privacy! Be emotionally independent! We hide all those “buttons” that can both hurt and delight us. We develop behaviors that put us in a dilemma because God created us with emotional needs that can only be met by knowing each other’s intimate feelings, desires and fears.

In a loving relationship we trust our spouse with the knowledge of what affirms us and of those insecurities that can really hurt. We use this knowledge to lovingly affirm the importance of each to the other and to God. We guide our spouse in a way that is in their best interest without selfish intensions.

The buttons that affirm can be verbal, like the statement, “You look wonderful!” They can be non-verbal, like a hug, a smile, a wink, or a gift. They can be unconditional, as a button that is pushed just because! They can be conditional as a kiss for helping with the dishes. Each of us has our own set verbal, nonverbal, conditional, and unconditional buttons that have unique values. Unfortunately, we often assume that our spouse’s buttons are the same as our own....

Write down the list the buttons that delight you. Write down what you think is your spouse’s list of buttons. Lovingly exchange lists.

Push Buttons That Say, “I Love You!”



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Lutheran Marriage Encounter in DFW

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Stewardship / Finance	Jim Blackburn
Worship / Music	Valerie Kelley
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NLIC Committees

Education and Youth	Chair	Sandi Scott (972-723-1817) & Cindy Carey (972-723-1817); Liaison: Chris Bartlett
	Members	Cindy Carey, Jackie Askelson, Judy Rosebrock, Melissa Justice, Michelle Dietz, Jennifer Hill, Ruby Wade and the NLIC youth
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	Members	Jerry Kersten, Judy Strickland, Jack Bartlett, Betty Doller, Herb Doller, Phil Ward, Michael Aars
Parish Life	Chair	Pat Gallatin-Rhody (972-296-2442); Liaison: Jerry Kersten
	Members	Marion Teske, Pam Beran, Patrice Pruitt, Jackie Askelson, Leah Hedgepeth, Ruby Wade, Arthurine Wade
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Service	Chair	Pat Johnston (214-946-6707) & Linda Metting (972-298-2364) Liaison: Azella Dykman
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Stewardship & Finance	Chair	Jim Blackburn (972-283-1722) Liaison: Jim Blackburn
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Worship & Music	Chair	Parma Kersten (972-780-5978); Liaison: Valerie Kelley
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Church Health Team		Ral Aars, Jim Blackburn, Jerry Palermo, Phil Ward
		Belen Eck, Melissa Justice, Ruby Wade

New Life In Christ Lutheran Church -Office Information

Office Hours

Pastor Bill Metting
Jonathan Metting

Tuesday thru Friday, normal hours from 8:30 am until 12:00 (noon).
Hours as needed

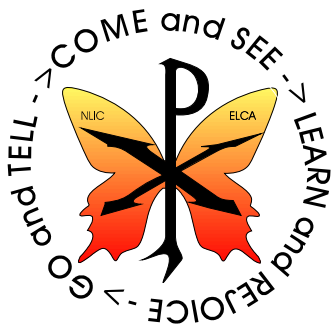
Procedures and Deadlines

- Notifications:** Jonathan will send out notifications to Worship assistants on a monthly basis and then each week on Tuesday will either mail or email the list of Worship assistants to volunteers. If changes are to be made to the schedule, please notify the office by noon on Wednesday.
- Bulletin:** Jonathan works on the bulletin on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Wednesday he finalizes the bulletin by 10:00 and runs the bulletin so that it can be folded on Friday.
Please be aware of our schedules and deadlines.
- Newsletter:** Articles are due in the church office the third Sunday of every month. Articles may be e-mailed to nlic_editor@sbcglobal.net or hard copies placed on the secretary's desk. Betty Doller our new newsletter editor will put the publication together the last week so that our volunteer staff can put the newsletter together and have it ready to be picked up that last Sunday of the month.

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9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion