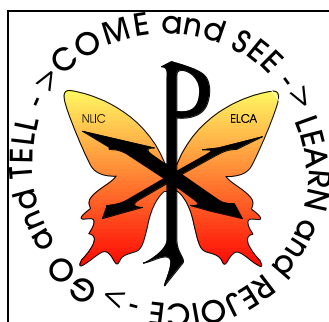


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Giving Thanks

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³³ Let the trees of the forest rustle with praise,
for the LORD is coming to judge the earth.

³⁴ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!

His faithful love endures forever.
³⁵ Cry out, “Save us, O God of our salvation!
Gather and rescue us from among the nations,
so we can thank your holy name
and rejoice and praise you.”

1 Chronicles 16:33-35 (New Living Translation)

November and the opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving has always been special to me. How can a person not like the feast that is shared in most families? And if you happen to be a sports fan the day can be filled with watching football or maybe even running a few routes. And if you are not a sports fan you may want to spend some time giving the advertisements for “black” Friday a second look. All of these things are a part of our Thanksgiving Celebration in 2011, however they were not meant to be the focus.



Thanksgiving is meant to focus us on our need and the response of our gracious and loving God who provides for us. **What is it that you need in your life?** I know many of us have many wants but what are the needs? **What are the things that you cannot do without?** Do you need help with your list? Martin Luther in the small catechism wrote this about the fourth petition of the Lord’s Prayer:

THE FOURTH PETITION

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread without our prayer, even to all the wicked; but we pray in this petition that He would lead us to acknowledge this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything needed for this life, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, fields, cattle, money, goods, God-fearing spouse and children, faithful servants and rulers, good government, peace, health, order, honor, true friends, good neighbors, and the like.

Wow! The list of needs that Luther provides begins with food, drink, clothing, shoes, hours, home, fields, cattle, money, goods, God-fearing spouse and children, faithful servants and rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, order, honor, true friends, good neighbors, and the list could go on and on and on. Thanksgiving happens when we start to realize that we cannot provide for all of those needs ourselves and that we are dependent on God to provide even as we work for them. Thanksgiving happens in our lives we live with the assurance that **“God gives abundantly”**.

May your Thanksgiving Day activities also include giving thanks to God who provides for us daily.

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Fair Day – October 2, 2011



Happy Birthday to You!

When you see the following people this month, take a minute and wish them a Happy Birthday:



Sandra Roiger	11/2	Anita Hicock	11/17
Neva Dykman	11/5	Marian Holcomb	11/22
Jerry Palermo	11/6	Jennifer Travnicek	11/23
Terry Wing	11/6	Barbara Palermo	11/26
Andrew Doller	11/8	Michael Aars	11/28
Kyle Scott	11/9	Azella Dykman	11/29
Leslee Kendrick	11/11	Sandi Scott	11/29
William Strickland	11/11	Robert Johnson	11/30

Celebrating with our Members



Congratulations to the following members who are celebrating the anniversaries of their baptisms in November:

Eliza Carey	11/1	Kyle Scott	11/22
Jennifer Carey	11/1	Rallin Aars	11/23
Ben Wing	11/6	Chris Bartlett	11/27
Barbara Aars	11/16	Jim Robbins	11/28
Dawn Carter	11/18	Ryan Layne	11/29

Celebrating with our Members

Congratulations to the following members who are celebrating wedding anniversaries in November:



Dana & Trey Alexander	11/15
Peter & Belen Eck	11/20
Jerry & Juanita Keosoff	11/23
Jeff & Nora Hopkins	11/25

UPDATE FROM THE HOLMANS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your prayers for my foot. I've been able to walk and even exercise, but I still try to elevate it when I sit down.

From October 10-19, we will be attending a retreat in Galveston, Texas, followed by an international Bible translation conference in Dallas. We trust that these will be beneficial both spiritually and professionally.

After our return from Texas we have just a month until we depart for Ghana on November 20. Please **pray** that we will be wise in setting priorities for rest, reflection, study, family visits, shopping, and packing.

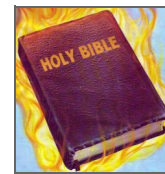
We will arrive in Ghana on November 21st, and on the 25th we will fly to Nigeria for the start of the Gwoza Hills Translation Project. Tom and I will each be working with a new language. Please **pray** for a good start for us, especially since I will be working with a language that is much different from Waja, the language I worked with in the last project.

Thank you for praying. Your prayers are our "first line of defense" in bringing God's Word to those who don't have it in their heart language.

God's blessings,

Mary

Mary and Tom Holman



NOVEMBER GAME NIGHT

When:	November 18
Time:	6:30 — 9 p.m.
Where:	Fellowship Hall at NLIC
Who:	Adults and kids
Provided:	Food, snacks and drinks provided
How:	To participate, just sign up on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board



Advent Worship

November 30th, December 7th, December 14th

During Advent 2011 we are going to add to our celebration of advent by focusing on the Gifts of Advent.

November 30th Share the gift of FORGIVENESS

December 7th Share the gift of HOPE

December 14th Share the gift of JOY

J = Jesus

O = Others

Y = You

Our advent worship experience begins at 6:30 with a soup supper followed by our advent worship at 7:15. Hope to see you there.



Service Committee Happenings

Quilting

The quilters are meeting at 9:00am each Thursday. New quilters or helpers are always welcomed. Donations are accepted for supplies such as material, stuffing, yarn, etc. Any questions please contact a quilter.



Fill a Bowl

Please fill your bowl with all your loose change, count/roll your money and return the money for Mt Olive. Carolyn Carr is hand throwing the beautiful bowls. If you need a bowl see her. Questions see Carolyn Carr or a service committee member.

Mt Olive Food Pantry

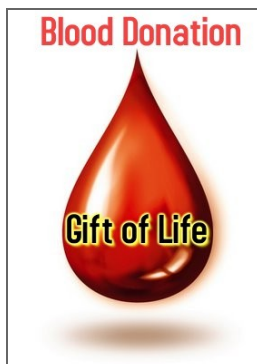


Thanks to everyone for their continuous donations to Mt Olive. Please keep filling the cart each week at the church. This is a great way for NLIC members to help others in need, so keep the donations coming. Also cash donations are accepted. Just make your check out to NLIC and mark it for Mt Olive food pantry. Any questions contact Pat or Carolyn.

Blood Drive

The winter blood drive is scheduled for Sunday, November 20, 2011 from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon.

Signup sheets are posted in Fellowship Hall for blood donors and snack donations. Questions: contact Carolyn.



Worship Assistants for November

If you cannot fill this appointment, please arrange for a substitute and then notify the Church office. The bulletin is printed on Wednesday.

November 6, 2011

Greeters	Ed Anttila & Jack Bartlett
Ushers	Askelson Family
Cantor	Valerie Kelley
Lector	Carol Dietz
Communion Assistant	Greg Lain
Building Closer	Jerry Keosoff
Coffee Server	Carol Dietz
Visual Assistant/Creator	Juanita Keosoff/Carolyn Skeels

November 13, 2011

Greeters	Chuck Skeels & John Johnston
Ushers	Barbara & Jack Bartlett
Cantor	Patrice Story
Lector	Robert Kelley
Communion Assistant	Bill Strickland
Building Closer	Bill Strickland
Coffee Server	Betty Doller
Visual Assistant/Creator	Anita Hicock/Patrice Story

November 20, 2011

Greeters	Carol Dietz & Jerry Kersten
Ushers	John & Pat Johnston
Cantor	Jerry Palermo
Lector	Patrice Story
Communion Assistant	Patrice Story
Building Closer	Chuck Skeels
Coffee Server	Valerie Kelley
Visual Assistant/Creator	Phil Ward/Carolyn Carr

November 27, 2011

Greeters	Juanita & Jerry Keosoff
Ushers	Kimbree Knight & Jerry Kersten
Cantor	Belen Eck
Lector	Jerry Kersten
Communion Assistant	Ed Anttila
Building Closer	Jack Bartlett
Coffee Server	Askelson Family
Visual Assistant/Creator	Arthurine Wade/Gene Carr

News Briefing

November 2011

Celebrating our Ministry together
in the NT-NL Mission Area



On Mission

The Expanding Ministry in Sierra Leone, West Africa DiscipleLife Alive!

Transforming the Future

Fall Events

DiscipleLife Alive! Leadership Training Celebrations are taking place all around the NT-NL Mission Area this fall. Come hear about the progress of the DLA! Initiative, learn

how to share with others the story and excitement that

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone continues to feel the powerful winds of the Spirit moving through their mission area. • A new

Krio language Lutheran liturgy has been prepared (Daniel Mossima, above, is practicing the music). • New mission churches are being planted (Pastor Hannah Kargbo, right, is considering a new mission start east of Freetown). • New elementary schools are under construction (St. Peter's, left). • Lay Evangelists are at work in villages across the country-side dramatically increasing the number of baptisms and confirmations. • The medical clinic opened recently in Calaba Town serves hundreds at a time.

• Pastor Kate Warn serves as NT-NL's missionary-in-residence in Sierra Leone. • And the development of leaders and programs in the ELCSL is gaining visibility and focus in the construction of a center for mission – the Jubilee Center in Freetown. All these missionary efforts are possible in large measure because of the generosity of the members of the NT-NL,

especially through the *DiscipleLife Alive! Initiative*. Learn more about global outreach by reading Pastor Kate Warn's engaging online blog (onmissionsierraleone.wordpress.com).

DLA! has generated, and plan ways to get your congregation involved in supporting this crucial work. Learn more at NTNL.org.

Nov. 2 (6 p.m.) – Our Savior, Mesquite

Nov. 3 (6:30 p.m.) – Preston Meadow, Plano

Nov. 5 (10 a.m.) – Trinity, Clifton

Nov. 8 (6 p.m.) – Christ, Dallas

Nov. 12 (10 a.m.) – Santa Maria, Irving

Dec. 4 (noon) – Briarwood, Argyle

Jan. 14 (10 a.m.) – Advent, Arlington

Jan. 29 (12:15 p.m.) – Calvary, Richland Hills



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Congregational Leadership Academy 2012

The NT-NL Congregational Leadership Academy can help congregational leaders learn about congregations as dynamic systems, about the management of conflict, and the positive benefits of a mission-vision. Congregations are invited to send a team of 3 to 5 key leaders (including the pastor) to the three sessions of the Academy during Lent 2012 (each is a Friday-Saturday). The Academy will be hosted by Zion Lutheran Church in McGregor. Learn more at NTNL.org under "Leaders".

FYI (Go to www.NTNL.org) **November Emphasis: Lutheran Social Services**

❖ **Briarwood's Annual Meeting & Fall Festival** on Nov. 6 includes entertainment, a discussion about Briarwood's programs and future, and a free meal. Reservations required. Info contact www.BriarwoodRetreat.org.

❖ **The ELCA Malaria Campaign**, approved by the 2011 Churchwide Assembly, is underway to help address the death and misery that the disease brings to much of Africa. Learn more at www.ELCA.org/malaria.

❖ **The South Dallas Youth Conference** held in June was a terrific example of missional outreach and the supportive efforts of the NT-NL Mission Endowment Fund. The program focused on teen suicide and on the effects of bullying. Learn more at NTNL.org (go to "Partners" and then "Mission Endowment Fund").

❖ **Feeling a Call to a Church Vocation?** High School Seniors, college students and second career folks are invited to meet the members of the NT-NL Candidacy Committee and attend a *Vocations Day* on Dec. 17 at Briarwood. Learn more at NTNL.org (go to "Leaders" and then "Vocations Day").

❖ **GUSTO!** On Nov. 14, 10 a.m., Jacquelyn Floyd, columnist for the *Dallas Morning News*, speaks on *What I Saw at the Media Circus*. Info contact www.KingOfGlory.com/Gusto.

The Spirit of



Christmas II

It's that time of year again!



"The Spirit of Christmas"

The second annual concert benefiting the North Texas Food Bank will be

Sunday, December 4th, at 7:15pm.

This year's performers include:

Tianta Harrison,
Kasi Hollowell, and
Jonathan Metting.

Come out and join us for another special evening for a great cause.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST CAREGIVER'S CORNER



Our October meeting was a lively affair with caregivers and congregants from other congregations attending to learn how to help others in their communities. Our focus at present is the Alzheimer's Walk that takes place on Saturday, November 12 at Fair Park. If you wish to support and not attend the Walk, please pick up a form from the Alz. display table and follow the directions.

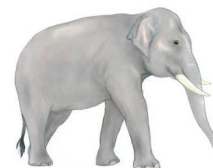
Our next support group meeting will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2011—11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M. Join us and find out how you can help a caregiver—sometimes a simple hug can speak volumes. Show God's love! Give of your time! Show compassion for others! You will be surprised at the benefits you will reap.

REMINDER: THE WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2011 IN FAIR PARK—COURT OF HONOR. CONTACT NANCY COLEMAN-ZACHARIAS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

NLIC Progressive Dinner

It is not too early to mark your calendars and reserve Saturday, December 3, 2011 for the Annual Progressive Dinner that will be held here at NLIC.

The theme for this year's Progressive Dinner is "Celebrating the Seasons". In addition to food that will celebrate each season, we will also have our ever popular and fun "Wright Family Christmas" story and white elephant gift exchange.



This event is for all adults of the congregation and gives us all a time to relax before the rush of the holiday season sets in.

Sign up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Members are asked to sign up to bring a food item for one of the seasons. Contact Jackie Askelson or Patrice Pruitt-Story for more information.

NLIC'S EVERY MEMBER RESPONSE

On, Sunday, November 13th, we will be having our "every member response (EMR) or pledge Sunday. The name "every member response" is appropriate and fitting because the stewardship committee hopes that every person at NLIC will participate hence "every member". You will receive a pledge card as part of the November newsletter. In your bulletin on two Sundays you will find additional copies of that pledge card. It is the hope of the Stewardship committee that you thoughtfully and prayerfully think about your response to the blessings God has given you in your life. Please fill out one pledge card on one of the three opportunities you have. You may fill out the card in the newsletter. That's great. If not, fill one next Sunday, November 13th or on Sunday November 20th. After you have completed your pledge card please place it in the blank envelope and put the envelope in the offering plate. The last Sunday to turn the pledge cards in is November 20th.

Let me remind you that your pledge card envelopes are never opened. What you think about and pray about as you fill out your pledge card is your commitment to God. When they are placed on the altar and remain there until the week before Ash Wednesday, they reflect our response as a congregation to God's blessing in our lives. Let us give from our hearts as well as our heads so we can continue the ministries that God is calling us to nurture.

PLEDGE CARD

Turn in to Church

_____ I will be an active Member of NLIC

_____ I will attend Worship regularly

_____ I will be a volunteer worker

I pledge my financial support as follows:

\$ _____ \$ _____

Weekly

Monthly

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

PLEDGE CARD

Personal File

_____ I will be an active Member of NLIC

_____ I will attend Worship regularly

_____ I will be a volunteer worker

I pledge my financial support as follows:

\$ _____ \$ _____

Weekly

Monthly

Thoughts for the Journey

November 2011

"Gratitude...goes beyond the 'mine' and 'thine' and claims the truth that all of life is a pure gift. In the past I always thought of gratitude as a spontaneous response to the awareness of gifts received, but now I realize that gratitude can also be lived as a discipline. The discipline of gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, a gift to be celebrated with joy." –

Father Henri

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Parish Life	Arthurine Wade	Worship/Music	Parma Kersten
Property	Jerry Keosoff	Youth	Mayra Espinoza
Service	Carolyn Carr	Natural Church Development	Chuck Skeels

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Rosemary Teague		Jim & Lucile Robbins		Juanita Keosoff	
Jerry & Parma Kersten		Sandy Roiger		Carrots Wroten	

NLIC Committees

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	Members: Jack Bartlett, Jerry Kersten, Carleen Nolte, Carolyn Skeels, Judy Strickland
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	Members: Jackie Askelson, Barbara Bartlett, Carol Dietz, Pat Gallatin-Rhody, Leah Hedgepeth, and Arthurine Wade
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Stewardship	Chair: Betty Doller (972-780-0920)
Worship & Music	Chair: Belen Eck, Liaison: Parma Kersten
	Members: Barbara Aars, Carolyn Carr, Greg Lain, Barbara Palermo
Youth	Chair: Nikki Askelson, Liaison: Myra Espinoza
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	Members: Ral Aars, Barbara Bartlett, Robert Kelley, and Judy Strickland

New Life in Christ Lutheran Church – Office Information

Office Hours

Pastor Bill Metting Tuesday through Friday, normal hours from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 Noon
Pat Blankenship Tuesday (8-12), Wednesday (8-12) and Friday (8-10)

Procedures and Deadlines

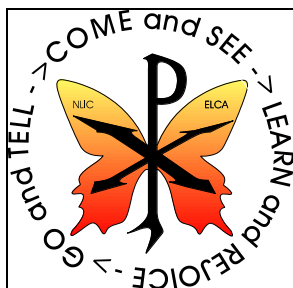
Notifications: Pat Blankenship will send out notifications to Worship assistants each week by email or regular mail on Tuesday. If changes are to be made to the schedule, please notify the office by 9 a.m. on Wednesday. The office does not make changes for you. After you secure a replacement, let the church office know and we will change the bulletin.

Bulletin: Pat Blankenship will do the bulletin on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Wednesday, she finalizes the bulletin by 9 a.m. 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 emailed to nlic_editor@sbcglobal.net or hard copies placed on the secretary's desk. Pat Blankenship is our newsletter editor. She 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 the last Sunday of the month.

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November 2011

9:00 am Sunday School
10 am Worship and Holy Communion