

# News Briefing

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NT-NL Synod, ELCA



## Help Stuff a Shipping Container

Congregations across the NT-NL Synod are invited to send medical supplies with their voting members to the 2010 Synod Assembly in Amarillo. A shipping container bound for our friends in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone will await them – already half full of dehydrated food supplies. The other half will be filled with the medical supplies that we collect – like microscopes, thermometers, blood pressure cuffs, glucometers, scales, bandages, scissors, cloth diapers, bar soap and layettes (no medications as they might spoil en route). And there is room for school supplies, carpenter tools, liturgical supplies and two Honda motor cycles. Please, no LBWs, clothes, American textbooks or anything rusty or broken. The link to the complete list of needed items can be found on the homepage of [www.NTNL.org](http://www.NTNL.org). Visitors and voting members at this assembly will hear from Pastor Kate Warn, our synod's Pastor-in-Residence in Sierra Leone. She will speak of the great needs that are present among the people and the powerful way our financial and material support is a blessing to them.

## Remember the People of Haiti

NT-NL Synod congregations observed a synodwide day of prayer for Haitians on Feb. 14, but a single prayer or a single donation is never fully enough. Continue to pray for the ongoing rebuilding work there and to stay informed by logging on to [www.ELCA.org/disaster](http://www.ELCA.org/disaster). If you wish to make a donation, you may place it in the offering plate clearly marked *Haitian Relief* (which the synod will channel to Lutheran World Relief) or you may donate directly online at [www.LWR.org](http://www.LWR.org).

## Psalms: Book of Praises

Professor Chip Bouzard of Wartburg College – a specialist on the Psalms – will be teaching about the types of psalms and the ways they can be used in our worship and spiritual life. Special attention will be given to the psalms of lament. You are invited! The class is offered on April 17 (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.) as a part of the Parish Lay Ministry gathering held at Calvary, Richland Hills. Cost, \$35. RSVP to Dean Russell Vardell ([dean@plmacademy.org](mailto:dean@plmacademy.org)).

## NT-NL DiscipleLife

**New Hope, Keller**, has given generous help to a family from Liberia trying to get started here in the U.S. ≈ **Holy Trinity, Shreveport**, had its Annual Chili Cookoff in February. ≈ **Advent, Arlington**, is planning a Mexico Mission Trip in March. ≈ **Rejoice, Coppell**, took a special “noisy offering” for Campus Ministry. ≈ A **number of NT-NL congregations** sponsored a Souper Bowl of Caring to raise money for the hungry. ≈ **St. Matthew, Waco**, plans a special Lenten Cantata, *Colors of Grace: Lessons for Lent*. ≈ **King of Glory, Dallas**, participates in *In the City for Good* – to support ministries within urban environments. ≈ **New Life in Christ, Duncanville**, has a *Alzheimer's Care-givers Support Group*. ≈ **Trinity, Fort Worth**, offers a yearlong Bible study online. ≈ **Midland, Midland**, supports *Casa de Amigos, Family Promise of Midland, Dreamcatchers Ministry* and *ELCA World Hunger*.

## FYI...

**March Emphasis:** Pray for *Theological Education* and our *Journey to Easter*

- ❖ **SeniorFest 2010** features Tom McDermott – a storyteller and musician – on March 6 at King of Glory, Dallas, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Association of Lutheran Older Adults.
- ❖ A **Seniors Retreat: The Art of Living**, will be offered at Briarwood on March 12-14 with workshops on fitness, genealogy, travel and others. Info contact [www.BriarwoodRetreat.org](http://www.BriarwoodRetreat.org).
- ❖ A seminar on **The Ethics of Food** takes place at Walnut Hill, Dallas, on March 20 beginning at 9:45 a.m. Info contact [www.NTNL.org](http://www.NTNL.org) – “Upcoming Events” list on the homepage.
- ❖ Dig deeper! Dig deeper into scripture; be reminded of its power and message for life. Learn more about the **Book of Faith Initiative** at [www.NTNL.org](http://www.NTNL.org) / Congregations / Lutheran Identity.

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