

# News Briefing

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NT-NL Synod, ELCA



## Living DiscipleLife – in Amarillo

*It will be, once again, the perfect blend of learning, fun, service, and business as our leaders gather April 23-25 at the Amarillo Civic Center for the 2010 Synod Assembly*

► **LEARNING** – at the Living DiscipleLife Festival which offers six classes on key topics for ministry today AND hearing two presentations from Dr. Shannon Jung about our opportunities for discipleship AND hearing from the Rev. Stephen Bouman (Director for Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission) about the present and future mission of the ELCA.

► **FUN** – grand music and worship, a Texas BBQ, and a gala banquet with entertainment provided by the cowboy poet, Andy Wilkinsen (pictured right).

► **SERVICE** – as congregations bring together supplies (school, medical and carpentry items) to stuff a shipping container for Sierra Leone AND offerings to both pay for the shipping and support our Pastor-in-Residence, Pr. Kate Warn (who will also speak to the assembly).

► **BUSINESS** – joining in a visioning conversation about the *Future of DiscipleLife* in the NT-NL Synod, electing our leadership, adopting our Mission Strategy for the coming year, and considering items of new business (resolutions).



### Benefit Golf Tournament

Consider this: an early tee time on April 17 at the Timber Links at Denton golf course, enjoying a day that will also benefit Lutheran Campus Ministry at Denton. Nice. \$75 entrance fee; PGA goody bags. Info contact Pastor Celene Welch ([PastorCWelch@msn.com](mailto:PastorCWelch@msn.com)).

### First Briarwood Gala

And how about this: an elegant evening at the Canyon Creek Country Club on May 7 with a three course dinner, auction and dance in celebration of Briarwood's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It's all *for the love of camp*. Learn more at [www.briarwoodretreat.org/gala.htm](http://www.briarwoodretreat.org/gala.htm).

### Caring for Kids

Still another: a grand evening to benefit the Nelson Children's Center for abused and neglected youth in Denton. It takes place May 1 at the Delaney Vineyards in Grapevine and offers wine and hors d'oeuvres. Info contact [www.lsss.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=999](http://www.lsss.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=999).

### NT-NL DiscipleLife

**Oak Cliff, Dallas**, begins a *Hispanic Ministry* outreach program on April 11. ≈ **Advent, Arlington**, sponsored a home-building mission trip to Acuña, Mexico, in March. ≈ **Our Saviour, Durant**, provides food for about 300 needy people each month. ≈ **Rejoice, Coppell**, now offers a *Senior Adult Fellowship*. ≈ **Grace, Abilene**, participates in the work of LWR and refugee resettlement. ≈ **St. Matthew, Fort Worth**, puts together care packages for its college students. ≈ **First United, Dallas**, put together 97 quilts in 2009. ≈ The Palm Sunday parade of palms at **Central, Dallas**, will go out into the neighborhood. ≈ **Trinity, Fort Worth's, Katie Luther Book Club** on Facebook has 22 members.

### FYI...

**April Emphasis:** Please pray for our Synod Assembly and the work of Mosaic

- ❖ **Youth Convo** at the 2010 Synod Assembly focuses this year on leadership development and service learning. The registration information is on "Upcoming Events" on the [www.ntnl.org](http://www.ntnl.org) homepage.
- ❖ We will gather medical supplies at the assembly bound for **Sierra Leone**, as well as congregational offerings to support the ministry there. Information about both of these can be found on "Quick Links" on the [www.ntnl.org](http://www.ntnl.org) homepage.
- ❖ In 2009 eighty-three NT-NL congregations made a contribution to **ELCA World Hunger** – 70% of our congregations. What will the total be next year? The goal is 100%.
- ❖ **Iglesia Santa Maria de Guadalupe** in Irving dedicates its new facility on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.
- ❖ Great news – gifts from members of the NT-NL Synod to the synod's **Fund for Leaders** endowment has grown to the point that first scholarships can now be planned. Learn more at [www.ntnl.org](http://www.ntnl.org) / Partners / Fund for Leaders.