

LEADER NEWS

June 2010 – Season of Pentecost

An E-Note from the Office of the Bishop to the Rostered Leaders of the
Northern Texas – Northern Louisiana Synod, ELCA

New Items of Interest on the NT-NL Web Site

- [Fund for Leaders](#) web page now offers updated information.
- Bishop's [Letter to Synod](#) on the status of finances and restructuring.
- A [Recap](#) and [Photo Gallery](#) of our 2010 Synod Assembly.

Announcements

- [President Ann Svennungsen](#) of Texas Lutheran University has announced her resignation as president effective May 31 ([read the news release](#)). Her decision was based on “professional and personal considerations”, and her intent is to seek “a new role in higher education and church leadership”. During her three years, President Svennungsen was instrumental in the development of a Strategic Plan for the university, laying the foundation for a new Master Plan.
- Two [Boundary Awareness Seminars](#) (professional ethics) are planned for all rostered leaders and lay church workers: June 8 at Faith, Fort Worth, and August 24 at St. Luke's, Richardson. Each begins at 10 a.m. and concludes by 3 p.m. Every church worker should attend if they have not completed this course in the last three years. It is vitally important to your professionalism in ministry, and it fulfills the requirement of insurance companies. Cost \$25; sign up by contacting [Pastor Stan Meyer](#) (214.637.6865). Deadline is one week prior to the seminar; a minimum of 10 participants is required.
- The [Fifth Annual South Dallas Youth Conference](#) will take place on June 12 at Mount Olive, Dallas. It's a high energy day for youth, including workshops, guest speaker (Melody Bell, Griot/Storyteller), Praise Dancers, Mime and Step Teams. Additional info contact Helen Beaujour (214.978.8216).
- First United, Dallas, is sponsoring a [Midsummer Night: A Festival of Music and Art](#) on June 27. The event includes music by local musicians, German folk songs, Vespers in German, a party, and exhibits by Lakewood artists.
- [Online Town Hall Forum](#): The next online forum hosted by Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson will be Saturday, August 14 at 11:30 a.m. This live webcast will address questions posed by on site participants as well as by ELCA members.
- Lutheran Night at Rangers Ballpark is scheduled for Saturday, June 5, 7:05 p.m. Tickets range from \$11 - \$19. Direct and only contact for tickets, email [Patrick Harvey](#) (or call 817.436.5963).
- [Wheat Ridge Ministries](#) is offering ministry [sabbatical grants](#) to Lutheran congregations to support and encourage the health and wellness of clergy in their congregation. The deadline for grant requests in Jan. 15, 2011. Additional info contact the [Wheat Ridge office](#) (800.762.6748).
- Don't forget that NTN.org maintains a [Pulpit Supply list](#) for your use as you may be away from home for vacation in the coming months.
- Christ the Servant, Denton, is one of the sponsors of a *Hungry Kimono Quilt Raffle* benefitting the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen and Denton Community Food

Center. To read more, [click here](#). Info contact [Christ the Servant](#) or call 940.387.1984.

- From the ELCA News Service: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Washington, D.C., has issued a new rule that may affect use of some wireless microphones by congregations. The rule bans the use of wireless microphones or similar devices that operate in the 700 MHz Band no later than June 12, to avoid interference with fire and police departments now using the band. More at <http://www.elca.org/News/Releases.asp?a=4533>. For information contact: John Brooks, Director (773) 380-2958 or news@elca.org or <http://www.elca.org/news>. Twitter: <http://twitter.com/elcanews>.
- Correction: The "Seeds That Change" newsletter from the [Mission Endowment Fund](#) should have stated that the next Dinner Fund Raiser at King of Glory in Dallas is October 9 (not October 2).

Reminders:

- Videos from the 2010 Synod Assembly are now available for viewing on the [Assembly Recap](#) page on the NT-NL web site: You can view (1) The Rev. Stephen Bouman's sermon, *Love One Another*, at the opening worship service, (2) Bishop Kanouse's Saturday presentation, *The Future of DiscipleLife*, (3) the *Dead Horse Skit* at the Festival Visioning Presentation, and (4) Bishop Kanouse's sermon at the closing worship on Sunday.
- The [Stewardship Academy](#) for 2010-11 is scheduled for Briarwood. The academy consists of three weekends (Oct., Jan., Mar.) for study, reflection and discussion. This event is highly regarded for deepening awareness, commitment and growth.
- 2011 [Domestic Hunger Grant](#) applications are due by June 30. Organizations may submit only one application per year. Info contact Ms. Johnnie Thompson (1.800.638.3522 x2693).

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New on the Continuing Education Events list

The following items have been added to our Continuing Education Listing. Most of them are open to non-rostered as well as rostered persons.

- [Pastor Doug Hester](#) offers classes on Family Systems to groups of clergy and other leaders.
- [Pastor Terry Germann](#) does too.
- [Great Lakes Theological Academy](#), July 26-30.

Click here to review the complete [CE Listing](#).

Call Process Update

This update is online for all to see. Go to the Prayer List of Our Congregations with [Open Calls](#). The list includes Call Process status information, interim pastor, and congregational trends all in a user-friendly format. You may also go to [Ministry Opportunities](#) to search the ELCA listing of openings. For more information about Call Process, contact Pastor Jane Mar, Bishop Assistant for Mobility and Congregational Care.

Click here to see the [list of Open Calls](#).
Click here to see the online [Pulpit Supply list](#).



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