

Leader News

July 2010 ~ The Season of Pentecost

An E-Note to the Rostered Leaders of the Northern Texas -
Northern Louisiana Synod



Announcements



Boundary Awareness Seminar: If you have not completed a Professional Ethics Seminar in the last three years, you are overdue. Participation in a seminar is an expectation of the synod as well as many insurance companies. Our next seminar is August 24, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at St. Luke's, Richardson. Registration information is available [online](#).

Online Town Hall Forum: Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson answers questions in this [live broadcast](#) from Chicago on August 14. The webcast is a part of the *Follow Me: Sharing the Gospel in a 2.0 World* event.

Courage and Renewal North Texas: CRNT is offering a very helpful series of retreats for personal and professional renewal over the 2010-2011 year. These retreats provide an opportunity not only for personal reflection, but for building community with other pastors from a variety of denominations. For more information contact [Courage and Renewal](#).

Pre-Retirement Seminar: It's not too late to sign up for this helpful Board of Pensions event, scheduled for Camp Allen in Navasota, Texas, for September 13-14. Leaders for the event are Pastor Phil Blom, Peter Gasperlin, and Christina Von Bank -- all from the Board of Pensions. To learn more contact [Melissa Minieri](#) in the Gulf Coast Synod Office (281.873.5665).

Oil Spill in the Gulf: Lutheran Disaster Response continues to monitor and assist in the efforts along the Gulf Coast. They are coordinating the use of contributions from many Lutherans and providing information about volunteer opportunities on their [web site](#). In addition, Texas Impact has resources for prayer on their [web site](#).

Mission Interpreters: The NT-NL Synod now has three persons trained as Mission Interpreters - Rev. Brad Carroll, Frank Salvador and Irma Bañales. They are ready to meet with councils, leaders and study groups to talk about the vast and important ministries of the ELCA. A [brochure](#) about them is found on NTNL.org.

BriarWOODSTOCK is coming on August 1. Enjoy the day at Briarwood and the [several bands](#) that will provide the entertainment of the day.

Justice and Immigration Reform is the subject of a seminar to be offered by our Public Witness Team on November 10. Save the date.

Abiding Grace Lutheran Chapel is the name of a new worshipping community that is forming in the Grapevine/Colleyville/Southlake area. The contact person for the startup is [Kenn Mings](#).

The Lutheran World Federation Assembly takes place this month in Stuttgart, Germany around the theme *Give Us Today Our Daily Bread*. LWF has provided a DVD entitled "Women's Daily Bread" -- full of stories about the Assembly theme and the communion work towards inclusivity. To borrow the DVD, contact [Pastor Stan Meyer](#).

Have You Considered Military Reserve Chaplaincy? If you have an M.Div. degree, have not yet reached your 47th birthday, and are proportional in regards to your height and weight, you may qualify to serve as a Military Chaplain on either a part-time or full-time basis. The Army has a shortage of "sacramental" chaplains, and can use your gifts for ministry! Army Reserve Chaplains serve local reserve units as pastors. Both full-time and part-time chaplains received additional professional ministry training through the Army, competitive pay, and health insurance benefits. For more information, contact [Chaplain \(CPT\) Renee Kiel](#) (817-633-3802).

Pastoral Study Projects: The [Louisville Institute](#) invites applications for their *Pastoral Study Project Program*. Grants of up to \$15,000 will be given to ministers studying issues related to Christian faith and practice in order to benefit their pastoral leadership. Deadline August 15.

Pastor Alberto Pereyra, on the roster of the NT-NL Synod, now lives in Santiago, Chile, where he is actively serving as a voluntary therapist at Carlos Makenna Hospital. At age 77, [Alberto](#) works with children who have cancer, many of whom will die. "They share with me a deep sense of peace and love together with a vision of eternal life."

New Facebook pages: Both [Lutheran Social Services](#) and [Mosaic](#) can now be found on Facebook.

Lutheran Hymn Festival: this eighth annual musical event is set for September 19 at 7 p.m. at the Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas. Dr. Jeffrey Blerch from Concordia University will be on the organ bench. An adult choir of 150 voices and a children's choir of 120 voices will grace the occasion. More information is available [online](#).

High School Juniors and Seniors who are thinking about their choice of college should learn more about Lutheran colleges and universities and the clear difference in quality and value of these schools compared to larger public institutions. Tell them about LutheranColleges.org.

Solar Matching Grant Program: Oncor is publicizing a dollar-for-dollar matching program for churches that want to go solar. To receive a copy of the informative email, contact [Pastor Stan Meyer](#).

Mr. Tom Ness has joined the NT-NLSynod Staff as our part-time bookkeeper. Welcome, [Tom](#) !

New on the Continuing Ed List

- **Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches**, Sept. 11, Faith, Flower Mound
- Bishop Kanouse's **Lands of Luther Tour**, July 4-14, 2011.