



**Sowing and Growing Disciples of Jesus**

**St. Matthew, Fort Worth's**, music director, Jolene Webster, AIM, was named *Teacher of the Year* in the Fort Worth ISD. ≈ **Our Saviour's Durant**, hosted a Mother's Day Tea to benefit Lutheran Social Services. ≈ **Emanuel, Dallas**, recently celebrated its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hispanic Ministry. ≈ **First, Temple**, is "adopting" a unit at Fort Hood. ≈ **Advent, Arlington**, has a monthly coffee-house concert called *Six Strings 'n Coffee Beans*. ≈ **Faith, Wichita Falls**, and **Trinity, Fort Worth**, are hosting a visit of an ELCA missionary. ≈ **Emmanuel, Granbury**, had a float in the town's July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. ≈ **Gloria Dei, Garland**, has a Bible study summer course using John Wayne movies. ≈ **Grace, Abilene**, sells free trade coffee from Lutheran World Relief. ≈ Youth from **St. Paul, Crawford**, have been to Florida to help in the clean up. ≈ Youth from **Grace, Carrollton**, joined 500 other youth to clean and fix-up homes in Parsons, KS.

## Seminarians Receive Major Awards

First Grants from the NT-NL Endowed Scholarship Fund

*In 2007 the NT-NL Synod Council embarked on a plan to expand the amount of money available in an endowed scholarship fund to support students from our synod in seminary. Now, due to the generosity of many, our fund has grown to more than \$60,000, and it is time for our first awards.*



**Jesus Escamilla** (lay minister and mission developer at San Gabriel, Alvarado) will receive full tuition support for his next year at the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest in Austin. He is a candidate for ordained ministry in the TEEM program.



**Jealaine Marple** (member of Faith, Wichita Falls) is a senior student at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. She has just completed her internship year in Sumner, Iowa. Her scholarship grant will assist her in paying a portion of her tuition in the coming year.



**Libby Buuck** (member of Calvary, Richland Hills) is yet another recipient. Libby's award, however, comes from the national Fund for Leaders program of the ELCA (of which our synod fund is a part) and will cover full tuition for her first year of study at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio.

*As we have been blessed, now we bless others with the gift of new, energetic, and gifted leadership. Learn more about the Fund for Leaders Endowment Fund at [NTNL.org](http://NTNL.org) / Partners / Fund for Leaders, or inquire with Pastor Stan Meyer (214.637.6865) about the Fund's DVD.*

### FYI...

### August Emphasis: Campus Ministry and the Parish Lay Ministry Academy

- ❖ Hear the stories of "God's work. Our hands" in our neighborhoods and around the world. Invite an ELCA **Mission Interpreter** to your congregation. Info contact [MissionInterpreterCoordinator@ntnl.org](mailto:MissionInterpreterCoordinator@ntnl.org).
- ❖ A new worshipping community called **Abiding Grace Lutheran Chapel** is forming in the Grapevine, Colleyville, Southlake area. For more information contact Kenn Mingus ([kenn4125@gmail.com](mailto:kenn4125@gmail.com); 817.915.8075).
- ❖ The 8<sup>th</sup> annual **Lutheran Hymn Festival** is a celebration of music, featuring organ, a 150-voice adult choir and a 120-voice children's choir. It's September 19 at the Meyerson in Dallas. Info contact [www.LutheranHymnFestival.org](http://www.LutheranHymnFestival.org).
- ❖ **Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches** is a seminar offered by the Mediation and Wellness Team at Faith, Flower Mound, on September 11. See the link to their brochure on the homepage of NTNL.org.
- ❖ The draft of a new ELCA **Social Statement on Disabilities** is available at [www.elca.org/DisabilitiesMessage](http://www.elca.org/DisabilitiesMessage).
- ❖ College-bound **high school juniors and seniors** might consider the proven differences in quality and experience between large state institutions and smaller church-related schools. Learn more at [www.LutheranColleges.org](http://www.LutheranColleges.org).
- ❖ Bishop Kevin Kanouse is hosting a tour of the **Lands of Luther** July 4-14, 2011. The brochure is on our web site.