



Sowing and Growing Disciples of Jesus

St. Matthew, Waco, offered a Polka Mass. ≈ Women of **St. John, Wilson**, collected new shoes for children. ≈ **Midland, Midland**, offers a Children's Night Out on the Wednesdays of summer (dinner and games). ≈ **Advent, Arlington**, is working to address the needs of the day laborers in their area. ≈ **Christ, Dallas**, offered a family mission trip to Bayou LaButri. ≈ **Emmanuel, Granbury**, is looking at ways to share ministry with the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. ≈ **First, Longview**, had its 30th annual Senior Citizen Luau. ≈ **Gloria Dei, Garland**, went to see a Frisco Rough Riders game. ≈ **Gloria Dei, Lubbock**, uses Thrivent's Simply Giving program. ≈ Men of **Calvary, Richland Hills**, went dove hunting together.

Leadership Formation for Mission

Living DiscipleLife Gatherings for Prayer and Conversation

Last year various gatherings of lay and rostered leaders took place to talk about the future of the NT-NL. That led to presentations and conversations at the 2010 assembly in Amarillo about the redefinition of "synod" and our life together. Now that conversation comes home to all the members and leaders in our congregations. YOU are invited to join the discussion and help find ways to realign our life together around *leadership formation for mission*.

Bishop Kevin Kanouse will lead each of six gatherings using a format that weaves worship together with conversation, food and fellowship. His intent is to listen to the needs of the leaders and congregations and to propose ways that we can work together to focus on the development of missional congregations, courageous leaders and evangelical outreach. Every congregation is invited to send 2-3 congregational leaders plus their pastor to one of these *Living DiscipleLife* gatherings. Each begins at 10 a.m. and concludes by 3 p.m. – lunch is included for a donation. Let your pastor know that you would like to attend. Registration will close one week prior to each event. You are welcome to attend any of the six *Living DiscipleLife* days.

October 23
Good Shepherd, Marshall

November 13
St. Matthew, Waco

December 4
Shepherd King, Lubbock

January 15
St. Luke's, Richardson

January 29
Calvary, Richland Hills

March 26
Bethel, Avoca

Parish Lay Ministry Academy – Fall Term

As a hundred NT-NL graduates can attest, the Parish Lay Ministry Academy is a wonderful way to "go deeper" in your understanding of the teachings and mission of the church and to prepare yourself for new ways to serve and lead in the congregation. The fall term begins September 11 – with topics on Worship, Pauline Theology and Church History. Info contact www.PLMAcademy.org.

School for Children in Sierra Leone

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone will have another 4-classroom school built thanks to the generosity of anonymous donors from NT-NL. The couple (a retired pastor and spouse) were touched by a story at the 2008 Synod Assembly about a NT-NL congregation doing this very thing. This is *Living DiscipleLife* !

FYI...

September Emphasis: The NT-NL Mission Endowment Fund

- ❖ **Lifestyle Stewardship: Hope for a Healthy Future** – Learn more about food, overeating, and a healthy lifestyle at this seminar, Sept. 18 (Advent, Arlington) presented by Dr. Anne Georgulas. See the brochure posted on NTNL.org.
- ❖ **GUSTO!** – a speaker and event series at King of Glory, Dallas, (www.KingOfGlory.com) for mature adults – launches a new season on Sept. 13th with a presentation by columnist Steve Blow of the *Dallas Morning News*. All are welcome.
- ❖ Meridian State Park is the site for the fall retreat of **Lutheran Men in Mission**. The Oct. 15-17 event offers time to kayak, canoe, bicycle, fish, hike and make new friends. Info contact NTNL.org (partners / LMM).
- ❖ The church is present on campus and in the lives of students through Campus Ministry. Help keep this ministry engaged on our campuses by supporting the **Campus Ministry Trivia Challenge** – a fun evening on October 24 at Christ, Dallas, which includes a Trivia game challenge, dinner and silent auction. See the upcoming events on NTNL.org.