

News Briefing

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Northern Texas – Northern Louisiana

Who Is My Neighbor?

Immigration, Justice and Congregational Ministry



What are the economic and legal realities related to immigration? What constructive steps might people of faith take in an effort to promote humane immigration practices and policy? What steps might be taken to reduce the tension caused by polarizing perspectives on immigration? This special seminar features Ms. Leslie E. Velez, immigration attorney with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, Dr. David Molina, Associate Professor of Economics, University of North Texas, and Dr. Pia M. Orrenius, economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. The theological framework will be provided by Bishop Kevin Kanouse. The event is sponsored by the NT-NL Public Witness Team and takes place at Shepherd of Life, Arlington, on Nov. 6, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. To register contact the synod office at 214/637-6865, by Thursday, November 4; the registration fee of \$15.00 includes lunch.

Three Other Learning Opportunities

- *Beyond the Building Workshop*: learn the basics of digital and social media to support your ministry. Presenters Sherri & Christopher Harris – (Nov. 18, 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., King of Glory, Dallas). Info at www.FaithGrowth.com.
- *Jews of Wittenberg in the Third Reich*: an exhibit opening at the Museum of Biblical Art (Park Lane and Boedeker, Dallas) in November.
- *Congregational Leadership Academy*: an opportunity to train a team from your congregation to look after the health and vitality of the congregation. Three sessions during Lent, 2011. Go to “Leaders” at NTNL.org.



Sowing and Growing Disciples of Jesus

Rejoice, Coppel, is offering a study on the Muslim faith. • **Both Messiah, Weatherford**, and **Advent, Arlington**, have had celebrations for their pastors' anniversary of ordination. • **Grace, Carrollton**, has begun a child care and Bible teaching time for infants up to three years old. • **Our Saviour's, Durant**, has a *Fifth Sunday Fiesta*. • **Good Shepherd, Irving**, had a skit on Martin Luther for Reformation Sunday. • **St. Luke's, Richardson**, is offering a year-long concert series featuring their tracker-action organ. • **Our Savior's, Clifton**, offers a Mom's Group, *Living Simply with Children*. • **Trinity, Fort Worth**, had a *Bistro Night Under the Skies* in their courtyard. • **Gloria Dei, Garland**, has days of prayer and fasting on the first Friday of each month.



Join one of these days of Prayer and Conversation

Living DiscipleLife: Leadership Formation for Mission

Oct. 23 (Good Shepherd, Marshall) • **Nov. 13** (St. Matthew, Waco) • **Dec. 4** (Shepherd King, Lubbock) • **Jan. 15** (St. Luke's, Richardson) • **Jan. 29** (Calvary, Richland Hills) • **Mar. 26** (Bethel, Avoca)

FYI...

November Emphasis: ELCA World Hunger Appeal

- ❖ The **LYO Sr. High Gathering** is Jan. 14-16 at the Crowne Plaza Addison under the theme, *Prison Break*. Look for information under “Upcoming Events” (homepage of www.NTNL.org).
- ❖ The **NT-NL Women of the ELCA** has a new web site – www.NTNLLutheranWomen.com. The Eighth Triennial Gathering of the Women of the ELCA is July 14-17, 2011, in Spokane, Washington.
- ❖ Learn more about **Lutheran Ministries and Social Services of Waco** at www.LMSS-Waco.org.
- ❖ Several congregations that are intentional about teaching discipleship tell their stories in the fall, 2010, issue of the ELCA's **Mission Partner Focus** newsletter. Info at www.ELCA.org/mp/mpfocus.
- ❖ **NT-NL Mission Interpreters** are available to tell the stories of the many and diverse ways the ELCA is in mission locally, regionally, nationally and globally. Contact: MissionInterpreterCoordinator@ntnl.org.
- ❖ The **2011 Prayer List** of NT-NL congregations and related ministries is available online on our web site under “Congregations”. Use the list to pray for the many ministries within our mission territory.
- ❖ Bishop Kevin Kanouse is offering a tour of the **Lands of Luther** in July of 2011. Pastor Steve Quill (Ret., Houston) is offering a tour of the **Holy Land** in October of 2011. Brochures at NTNL.org (Downloads / Upcoming events).
- ❖ Learn more about the **Nelson Center's** ministry with abused children at www.NelsonChildrensCenter.org.

Northern Texas – Northern Louisiana: The *DiscipleLife* Synod – Sowing and Growing Disciples of Jesus

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