

Leader News

An E-Note to NT-NL Rostered Leaders



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Announcements



IT'S A NEW YEAR



Funds Available: If you are not yet retired from active service, the ELCA has a program to give you and your spouse \$1,000. They have made it very easy to request your funds. Just [click here](#).

Your **Annual Pastor's Report to the Bishop** is due by January 31 each year. Your reflections are a helpful way to share how the journey of ministry is unfolding for you. To open a report form, [click here](#).

Your Annual Congregational Report: [Tammy Mast](#) has agreed to serve as our NT-NL Statistician for this year. In this position she will be a resource to you and to the NT-NL Mission Council in soliciting and tabulating the results of our Congregational Report Forms.



Table Talks at Briarwood

A time of conversation, relationship and learning... dreaming together. Join us at Briarwood for our on-going discussion as we continue to dream together about the mission and ministry of the NT-NL Mission Area. The events are made possible by contributions to *DiscipleLife Alive!* [Learn more](#).

The NT-NL [Mission Assembly](#) (April 27-29) will be a time to celebrate the planning that

has grown out of the *DLA! Initiative* as well as the progress that we will have achieved on our \$3 million goal. Congregations are urged to use the weeks leading up to the assembly to complete and report the results of their DLA! campaign.

A "**Glocal**" People from all parts of the NT-NL Mission Area might like to attend our upcoming [Glocal Mission Festival](#), April 28, in Irving. It will be a fun and energizing event that will open their eyes to the ELCA's worldwide work, the culturally rich and diverse world of that outreach, and the way we collectively support and celebrate that work. Announce the event in your congregational publications.



Speak Now and Forever Hold Your Faith - LYO's Sr. High Gathering features keynote speaker Jason Davis during a fun and eventful weekend, Feb. 17-19 at Briarwood. Jason is a former NT-NL LYO president and currently the Director of Youth and Family Ministries at Mt. Calvary in Boulder. [Click here](#) to download the registration packet.



We Want your Videos! This year's Mission Assembly has a Global Mission theme. In that spirit, we want to see how your group is helping out your community. Send in a video (30-40 seconds) showing your congregation in action and we will use the video at the assembly or on our Facebook page. [Learn more.](#)

The **Souper Bowl of Caring** is Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 5. It's a youth-led effort to raise funds for hunger. [Learn more.](#)

The Executive Director position at the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest is open. [Learn more.](#)

MC News: To read a summary of the discussion and actions of the NT-NL Mission Council on January 27-28, [click here.](#)



The **Adult Lutherans Organized for Action** (ALOA) SeniorFest is set for Feb. 18 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at King of Glory, Dallas. The speaker, Rev. Walt Waiser from Peace, Hurst, will focus on *Prayer*. [Learn more.](#)

To complete the brief online evaluation of the 2012 TriSynodical Theological Leadership Conference, [click here.](#)

Wartburg Seminary now offers a **Certificate in Theology & Congregational Leadership** designed to enrich congregational members. [Learn more.](#)

Briarwood Retreat Center is hosting a Golf Tourney at Fossil Creek on May 4. [Learn more.](#)

A **Lost and Found** concert takes place March 4 in Edmond, OK. We enjoyed their music

at our assembly in Plano. [Learn more.](#)

Created by God: this human sexuality workshop on February 3-4 is for kids in 5th, 6th, and 7th grade and is offered by King of Glory, Dallas. Human sexuality is presented in a safe, warm and Christian context. [Learn more.](#)

Order the new **2012 Global Mission Map Brochure** now, filled with photos and stories about our global efforts. To order 10 or fewer call 800.638.3522 or send an [email](#).

The IRS has announced that the **standard mileage rate** for 2012 for business travel will remain at 55.5 cents. The charitable rate is 14 cents.



OTHER CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Winter/Spring 2012

Go. Baptize. Make Disciples: a Training Institute for the Catechumenate will be offered three times next year. The events are sponsored by the several ecumenical partners, including ELCA. [Learn more.](#)

February 10-12

NT-NL Clergy/AiM Spouse Retreat at Briarwood. [Learn more.](#)

March 4-6

The 31st Annual Rural Ministry Conference offered by Wartburg Seminary has the theme *Care, Share, Dare: Courage in a Caring Community*. [Learn more.](#)

March 5-6

New Visions: Leadership for Mission is a two-day training event offered through Dr. Peter Steinke's *Healthy Congregations*. The event will help you increase mission awareness, improve congregational vitality, grow leadership skills and manage change in healthy ways. The event is taught by Pr. Jon Lee. Cost is \$295 per person. [Learn more.](#)

March 5-17, 2012

The Fifth International Seminar within the Luther Decade is set for Wittenberg, Germany, and features Dr. Thomas Schattauer and Dr. Katharina Wiefel-Jenner. The event is taught in English and is built around the theme, *Sing to the Lord a New Son: Liturgy and Worship in a Lutheran Perspective*. [Learn more.](#)

March 19

LSTC's Leadership Lecture on *Identity and Context* by Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber and Prof. Linda Thomas. [Learn more.](#)

May 27 - June 1

Spanish Language & Hispanic Ministry Intensive offered by the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest at the campus in Austin. [Learn more.](#)

June 7-9

Baptized and Set Free: Reconnecting with Lutheran Worship, sponsored by the SWT Synod, San Antonio. More information soon.

June 18-28

Luther Academy of the Rockies, sponsored by Wartburg Seminary at Meeker Park Lodge in Colorado, features Drs. Paul Scott Wilson, Stan Olson and Ann Fritschell on *Reading, Teaching and Preaching the Biblical Message in the 21st Century*. [Learn more.](#)



And don't forget

Position Opening at Briarwood: the Board of Directors of Briarwood Retreat Center has opened its search for a new Executive Director. To read the position description, [click here](#).

If your congregation was covered by liability and/or property insurance with **Charity First Insurance** between 8/26/94 and 9/1/05 you should know that a class action settlement of claims is in the works. Notice of the settlement is found in The Lutheran magazine.

