

THE REJOICE REVELER

REJOICE LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA, FRISCO



Vacation Bible School

will be held on June 12th - 16th
5:30-7:30 pm for Pre-K - 4th grade

*Registration forms are available on the table in the hallway.
Please place completed VBS registration forms in the white
basket on the sign-up table in the hallway.*

See Charlene Minard for more information!

Congratulations, Clay!!

Clay Kimbell, the youngest charter member who signed the charter that still belongs to Rejoice, is graduating from Texas Tech with a degree in Electronic Media and Communications.



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Summer Prayer Adventure with Rejoice

**An introduction to the
Summer Prayer Adventure
will be presented by Sandra Gass
at 9:45-10:45 am on
June 5th and June 12th.**

*Summer Adventure Prayer Packets are
available on the Congregational Life table
in the lobby.*

News Briefing

Congregational Newsletter Insert. More information available at www.ntnl.org

June 2011

Celebrating our Ministry together
in the NT-NL Mission Area

The 2011 NT-NL Mission Assembly Hurst Conference Center: April 29 – May 1

Serving DiscipleLife was the assembly theme – and also something the participants in the 2011 Mission Assembly practiced, pledged, prayed and planned about.

Practiced—in an afternoon of servant activities; **Pledged**—in giving \$12,550 in offerings and \$47,400 in pledges for DiscipleLife Alive!; **Prayed** about—in worship, song and Bible study offered by area congregations and our two speakers Ken Medema and Pastor Kendra Mohn; and **Planned** about—as the assembly committed itself to the future ministry and mission described by the DiscipleLife Alive! initiative.

We Got Connected

- Our first assembly to use Facebook and Twitter.
- Our first assembly to meet people in neighborhoods, coffee shops and social service agencies.

We Got Active

- Collected 2800 canned goods while walking neighborhoods for nearly 3 hours.
- Prepared 625 bags of breakfast foods and wrote 100 letters of encouragement for homeless folks.
- Gave enough blood to help 140 people.
- Built two ramps for disabled persons.
- Held 11 Bible studies in coffee shops and bookstores.
- Sent 100 people to work for the afternoon in the food bank and two area homeless shelters.
- Heard from about 10 congregations of the serving that they were doing in tandem with the assembly.

We Adopted Resolutions

- Supporting the *DiscipleLife Alive!* initiative.
- Calling for congregational financial support for the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest.
- Calling for the NT-NL to align with anti-bullying efforts.
- Endorsing the Louisiana Inter-Church Conference's efforts to support and advocate for children.
- Approving the 2012 Mission Strategy and the 2012 Care & Compensation guidelines.



DiscipleLife Alive! was the chief focus of the assembly's deliberations. The assembly got to view three new *DLA!* videos that describe the initiative. The assembly offered a strong and supportive response, seeing in *DLA!* a vision for the direction and ministry that the congregations of this mission area will embrace together for the future. "DiscipleLife" will now center in our shared work to *form leaders for mission*.

Learn More: To see a scrapbook of assembly photos, read Bishop's comments on the assembly, read a recap of assembly actions or comment using our Assembly Blog, go to www.NTNL.org and look under the tab for "Assembly". To read the conversation that took place on Facebook during the assembly, go to www.Facebook.com and search for "NTNL Mission Assembly 2011". To learn about the DiscipleLife Alive! initiative (and link to the new videos) go to the www.NTNL.org homepage.



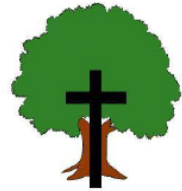
FYI (Go to www.NTNL.org)

- ❖ **Scholarships:** two seminarians received scholarships from the *NT-NL Fund for Leaders* for the coming academic year – Michelle Greenwald (Wartburg Seminary) and Rebecca Mehl (Luther Seminary) – both from New Hope in Keller. Your gifts to our endowed fund are currently receiving a 50% match. Learn more on NTNL.org under "Partners" / "Fund for Leaders".
- ❖ **Bishop's Blitz:** This fall Bishop Kanouse will be around the NT-NL talking about the vision of *DiscipleLife Alive!* Join him. The schedule is posted online under the tab for "DiscipleLife Alive!".
- ❖ **Upcoming Events:** The Disciple Project, June 26-30, at Texas Lutheran University to help leadership development among youth. Leadership Outside the Lines, Sept. 20-21 & Oct. 14-16, at Briarwood to help leadership development within congregational life. ELCA "Glocal" Mission Event, Sept. 23-24, in San Antonio.



The Briarwood Vine

Providing a Natural Setting Where People Experience God's Love
June 2011



THE "WORD" IS OUT!!

It's not too late!! You can still sign up for the 2011 Summer Camp at Briarwood. In fact, we even extended the early bird discount to June 1st. Space is available in most weeks.

We have planned another great summer camp season. This year our theme is "WORD." We will explore the spoken words of our Lord, Jesus Christ, examining Jesus' examples of sermons, parables, and teachings. We will look at the power of both the "WORD" and our words and how both can affect the world. Back again this year is our popular canoeing program. Campers will be able to canoe one of the tributaries to Lake Lewisville, enjoying one of the most beautiful scenic areas in all of Texas. Mountain biking will also be available again this year. And NEW THIS YEAR - GUITAR CAMP!! (for 5th through 8th graders).

For more information about our summer camp program, including our summer brochure, registration forms, and other information, [Click Here](#) or contact Jon Thompson, Program Director, at 940-241-2099 or by email at jon@briarwoodretreat.org. Are you ready for summer??

+ Peace +

Pastor Rob Moore

Pastor Rob Moore
Executive Director, Briarwood Retreat Center and Church Camp

Briarwood's First Annual Golf Tournament a Great Success!!

Our first annual golf tournament, held on Friday, May 6th, at the Fossil Creek Golf Course, was a wonderful success. The weather was perfect, the food was great, the entertainment was well ... entertaining. And 85 golfers showed up and not only had a wonderful time - they helped raise money to support our important ministry. No child has



ever been turned away from Briarwood because of a lack of funds. Our successful golf tournament will help us to continue to keep this commitment into the future. We are still tabulating the final financial figures and a special announcement will be going out very soon once we know the total. But thank you to everyone - golfers, sponsors, volunteers, and staff - for making this event so successful.

Next Sunday Brunch June 5th - 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mark Your Calendar and Come Join Us!!

Our Sunday brunches continue to be a popular event. The menu includes: Omelet Station, Waffle Station with all the Fixins, Carving Station for Meat Entree, Sausage/Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, O'Brien Potatoes, Biscuits, Dinner Rolls, Country Gravy, Vegetables, Tossed Salad with House Dressing, Mini Muffins and Danishes, Sliced Fruit, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, and Orange Juice. Reservations are encouraged but not required. Call 940-241-2099 or email us at bw@briarwoodretreat.org to make a reservation. For more information go to www.briarwoodretreat.org.



We believe that God's purpose for Briarwood is to provide a natural setting where people experience God's love. Thank you for your partnership in the camping and retreat ministry of the synod.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- ◆ Vacation Bible School will begin on June 12th...have you returned your child's completed registration form to the basket on the sign-up table yet? Letters are being sent out to all families detailing the schedule of activities. We are excited to learn more about God's Global Barnyard.
- ◆ We will celebrate Confirmation on two Sundays this year, May 29th and June 12th. We look forward to hearing the statements of faith from these young people and will continue to support them and lift them up in prayer.
- ◆ To prepare us for our Summer Prayer Adventure, Sandra Gass will present an introduction entitled "Where is it in the Bible", on June 5th and 12th beginning at 9:45 am. Activities and snack for children will be provided in Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ Starting in June, the Men's Sunday Morning Bible Study will be using the book, Abba's Child, as they explore their identity as children of God.
- ◆ A recap from the NTNL Mission Assembly. Quoting from the Mission Assembly Messenger, "The 2011 Mission Assembly will remind us that our Living Disciplelife must always manifest itself in a Serving Disciplelife. Never just a private thing, our Disciplelife is in reality a script that others can read. It tells them what we love, value and believe. Our way of living in the Lord is also our way of serving in the world. Our Serving Disciplelife is a witness to the love of God in Christ who gave his very life in love and service. There were many opportunities to serve; neighborhoods were canvassed for canned goods; two wheel chair ramps were constructed; painting and clean up at the Union Gospel Mission; sorting and bagging at the Food Bank and 600 breakfast packets were assembled for the Presbyterian Night Shelter. The spirit of celebration was contagious as we gathered daily to experience a variety of worship styles - Jazz, Taize, Hispanic, Holden and Western services. Our bishop faithfully put some tough questions to the vote regarding our new missional direction; the further development of both lay and ordained leaders. Pastor Kate Warn brought news that 9 out of 10 wells are complete in Sierra Leone and work continues on the Jubilee Center. The ELCSL is about building relationships that span time and space. In her Bible study, Pastor Kendra Mohn reminded us that we are all called to preach the Gospel using words IF necessary. We are to use our gifts to preach God's words through our actions, to preach the Gospel by LIVING it. Pastor Phil Heinze summed it up best by reminding us that God has no BODY here on earth - he only has us!

Yours in Christ,

Mike and Charlene Minard

If you have a request for
Prayers of the People
(spoken during our Services)
or a confidential prayer request,
please submit the request to
Sandra Gass at
gass@att.net



Stephen Ministers

Grief, illness, unemployment, moving or life transitions can be some of the reasons a person might desire a Stephen Minister. The **Stephen Minister** will provide confidential, one-on-one Christian care by meeting weekly to listen and show concern to the hurting person. Don't you - or someone you know - suffer alone.

Talk to Pastor John or Jan Fischer so that a
Stephen Minister
can share their love with you or
another hurting person.

We are ready to care for you.



REJOICE LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

Pastor:

John Van Sant

Parish Lay Ministers:

Judy Clark, Sandra Gass, Robin Donner

Youth Ministry Director:

Neil Christopher

Communications Coordinator:

Linda Kappel

Music Minister-Celebration Service:

Jennifer Landau

Webmaster:

Neil Christopher

Music Minister - Traditional Service:

Julie Wright

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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Sandra Gass

MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

Altar Care:

Diane Steward

Prayer Ministry:

Sandra Gass

Education:

Charlene Minard

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Jan Fischer

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Judy Clark

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Worship Superintendents:

Candy Fitzgerald
 Janice Foong

Music and Worship:

Julie Wright

Outreach:

Kristene Hostenske

Growing Faith Together



*"A sower went out to sow his seed;
 and as he sowed...
 some fell into good
 soil, and when it grew, it produced
 a hundredfold." Luke 8:5, 8*

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June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 * <u>Choir Practice</u>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 * <u>Choir Practice</u>	9	10 * <u>Senior Social</u>	11
12 * <u>Vacation Bible School</u> * <u>Youth Group</u>	13 * <u>Vacation Bible School</u>	14 * <u>Vacation Bible School</u>	15 * <u>Choir Practice</u> * <u>Vacation Bible School</u>	16 * <u>Vacation Bible School</u>	17	18
19	20	21	22 * <u>Choir Practice</u>	23	24	25
26 * <u>Youth Group</u>	27	28	29 * <u>Choir Practice</u>	30		

