

**OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
1524 WEST MAIN, DURANT, OK 74701**

OUR SAVIOUR'S NEWS

OCTOBER, 2011

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

It is exciting to have a member of one's own congregation ordained as a pastor. Most of us probably sit back and think that is not something that we could do. While I may feel that God is calling me to serve others, I also feel that I don't have the ability to make that happen in my life. This is something that others in our synod have noticed as well, which is why we are making some important changes in our Northern Texas – Northern Louisiana Synod.

For one, we are now thinking of ourselves not as a synod but as a mission area. This is done in an effort to help people in our congregations see that there are many people around us who need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ and receive God's love in their lives. We are all missionaries who are not serving ourselves but who are reaching out to others with God's love.

The problem, of course, is that we are leery of doing something like that. We don't feel that we have the skills that we need to share with others as we feel that we should. And that is why we are making a bigger change in our structure. We have started up a fund-raising effort which will enable us to move our mission office out to our Briarwood Retreat Center, which is a community centered area instead of an administrative center. Here we will have not only classrooms but the electronic communications equipment which will enable people around our mission territory to take part in leadership training offered there. This will enable our congregations to reach out to those around them in ways that will make us all more comfortable in sharing good news with others. Local congregations or areas will have the ability to take part in training events, seminars and distant learning opportunities that will go across our entire mission area.

One third of the monies raised will be used for Leadership Formation Funding. Part of this will go to an endowment to bring in speakers to coordinate leadership formation among our congregations. Monies will also be used to set up satellite mission centers to help with leadership training.

A tithe of the monies raised will be given to our sister church in Sierra Leone to help them finish their Jubilee Centre which will provide worship space for 1,000 along with a medical center, an outreach center and a community center for Freetown.

You will be hearing more about our DiscipleLife Alive! program in the months to come. Remember that this will help enable us to fulfill our mission to bring the good news to those around us here in the Durant area.

In Christ,
Charles Meyer, Pastor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7 Ray Holtzen
11 Bill Boreham
12 Diane Grote
& Malachi Redhawk
& Meghan Comer
19 John Harris
25 Dawn Shipman
26 Martha Landua
28 Sarah Comer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

1 Trey & Rhonda
Collier
15 Debra & Charles
Johnson
18 Wayne & Annie
Smith

LOAVES & FISHES

35 cans of Spam and 5 large cans of Tuna were delivered to the Loaves & Fishes Store in Sept. Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause.

Our new food item for Oct., Nov. and Dec. is BISCUIT MIX. Our goal is 40 packages of Biscuit Mix each month.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15 A.M.

INTERGENERATIONAL
CLASS

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

*The Call Committee is awaiting new candidates.

*We will be planning to have our 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat on Halloween, Monday, October 31st. We will be combining our 5th Sunday Fiesta with this fellowship & community outreach event. Details will be decided at our next meeting.

*The battery has been replaced on the organ and the clavino va has been removed from the nave.

*A church workday was held on 8/27/11 to paint the fellowship hall. There was a good turnout and a lot was accomplished both inside & out.

*Susan Remshardt will be a leader at the Stewardship Academy to be held at Briarwood in 10/14/11 – 10/15/11. Church members interested will be encouraged to attend.

*Sunday School Rally Day was held 9/11/11. We will begin an inter-generational Sunday school on 9/18/11. Pastor Meyer will be meeting for the Confirmation class on Wednesday evenings.

**MOSAIC FALL TREAT
BAGS NEED TO BE
RETURNED BY
OCTOBER 9**

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT

Girl's Night Out will meet on October 11 at the home of Mary Slice, 1208 Four Seasons Drive, Durrant, at 6:30 p.m.

The programming for the evening will be the 2009 DVD *"Chonda Pierce, this ain't Prettyville."* We'll take a trip with Chonda to her small-town America—to a place she calls home. We'll meet the people and visit the places that fashioned a young

Joan Iker's Ordination will be at OSLC on 09/25/11. There will be an offering collected during this worship service of which half will go to the Bishop's designated fund and half will go to the Bryan County Youth Services. We will be hosting the dinner following the service for approximately 150 people.

Paige Poppe, Secretary

A NOTE FROM DIANE GROTE

I would like to sincerely thank the church family for your extra efforts to make Joan Iker's ordination special. Sprucing up the church inside and out as well as welcoming the many guests joining us at the service made Joan, I am sure, proud and honored. Thank you very much for *ALL* that you have done. Diane

A Sunday School teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

Chonda Pierce into the nation's #1 family comedian. Pizza & dessert will be served. Can you watch and eat at the same time? We'll find out!

Evelyn Engel handed out surveys to the women on 9/18/11 asking for feedback and suggestions for the organization. Please fill out and return to her church mailbox. Thanks!

DURANT MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

The Durant Ministerial Alliance has partnered with the Durant Police Department for several years to provide monetary assistance for strangers passing through our area who are in need of a little help such as gas or one-night's lodging, etc.

New assistance forms have been developed. For your information, these forms are in a folder marked "Ministerial Alliance" located on top of the file cabinet next to the secretary's desk in the church office. If you

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

WHEN: OCTOBER 18 (TUES.)

WHERE: FELLOWSHIP HALL

TIME: 11:30 A.M.

The name has changed (formerly Morning Bible Study) but the study remains the same. Pack or purchase your lunch and hop on over to Our Saviour's for a bite to eat and discussion of Mark's Gospel.

Women, men and anyone who enjoys discussing the Word of the Lord is invited to come spend your lunch hour with us. Join us "whenever" you get there for "however long" you can stay.

The Oct. session is "Jesus of Nazareth" based on Mark 1:1-45.

Feed your Body! Feed your Faith!

are in the building when someone comes in needing this type of assistance, please give them a form and directions to the police department. If they have no transportation, you might offer to take them there.

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25: 40

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LCM TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Join us for our LCM Trivia challenge on Sunday, October 9 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 3001 Lovers Lane, Dallas.

There's a Silent Auction, Table Décor Competition, and LCM Trivia Challenge. Gather your team of eight and get ready for fun! Don't have a team? We'll connect you! Proceeds benefit Lutheran Campus Ministry in the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Mission Area, a vital outreach to young

adults on college campuses. Registration is due October 3. For more information, visit www.lcmdenton.org or contact Pastor Celene Welch at 817/269-1229 or email PastorCWelch@msn.com.

**TRUNK OR TREAT
OCTOBER 31
DETAILS TO BE
ANNOUNCED
LATER**

A WORD OF THANKS

Thank you to all of you for your prayers during my recent surgery. I very much appreciated all of the cards, calls, food and concern. It always makes me feel special to know that I am part of such a loving family. Blessings to you all.

Rhonda Collier

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday School teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

Thank you to every one who donated cash or food for the Wesley Center Student Lunch on Sept. 22nd.

The students came in the center hungry and went away "full" and very thankful to Our Saviour's for providing the meal.

Special thanks to Evelyn Engel, Martha Landua and John Slice who helped me serve and clean up.

Mary Slice



Give Your Kids

The Best Gift They Can Get ...
Parents With A Great Marriage!

Your whole family deserves the love Mom and Dad discovered on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend! Marriage Encounter is a 44 hour event in which Husbands & Wives can get away from jobs, kids, chores and phones – and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, enrichment and a little extra romance in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Marriage Encounter Weekend can make!

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend is:

October 21-23, 2011

7 p.m. Friday till 5 p.m. Sunday

(Applications under 30 days before the Weekend are accepted as space is available)

<http://www.LME-dfw.org>

For more information contact:

Herb & Betty Doller, 972-780-0920,
HerbDoller@sbcglobal.net

(To apply, contact: Chri & Roger Williams (972-530-1218), Application@lme-dfw.org)

SOUTH CENTRAL OK THRIVENT CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING

Thrivent members of the South Central Ok Chapter will join together on Saturday, October 29, for their annual meeting. This is a time of fellowship and a time to vote for local chapter officers for 2012.

The theme for this FUN event is *"Dem Bones."* Our own Mary Slice is in charge of programming for the evening and encourages all Thrivent members to *"tune up your bones"* and attend.

You will be notified of the location and time as those plans have not been made definite as of this writing. Be assured, they will include FOOD and DOOR PRIZES!

Churches comprising the South Central OK Chapter are Our Saviour's and Faith, Durant, Trinity, Ardmore and Hope, Davis.

You say, "I don't own any Thrivent products but would like to participate?" You can become an *associate member* and experience the benefits offered by Thrivent Financial for only \$19.95 a year. Contact Mary Slice for an application at 580-924-5998.

STEWARDSHIP

Luke 21:1-4; How often do you think what you have to offer is not enough? Can you not seek out 3/4 of an hour to learn more of your heavenly Father's will for your life? Even an hour a week coming to church to enrich others lives is a greater gift to you than you can ever imagine to some one else. God blesses those who sacrifice what doesn't cost you anything but time well spent. God's work is in Our hands...we must do our part to increase the kingdom of God.

Susan Remshardt, Stewardship Council Representative

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Saviour's Sunday School for the 2011-2012 year is offering an intergenerational class. There is something for ALL AGES from the "littlest" to the "most seasoned".

There are stations for different crafts, bible stories and bible study on the Gospel lesson for the day.

Helpers are needed to carry this out throughout the year. A sign up chart is posted on the narthex bulletin board. Please lend a hand to make this a great year of education & Christian growth for our youth and adults.

