

February 19, 2012

# Breeze thru the Leaves



## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### Sunday, February 19

Undies Sunday  
Confirmation – 1 PM  
Children of the King – after 2<sup>nd</sup> service  
Senior Youth – after 2<sup>nd</sup> service

### Monday, February 20

Church Council – 7 PM

### Tuesday, February 21

Quilters' Corner – 9:30 AM

### Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday Service – 7:30 PM (no meal)

### Thursday, February 23

Bible Study – 10 AM

Choir – 7 PM

### Friday, February 24

### Saturday, February 25

### Sunday, February 26

Undies Sunday  
Confirmation – 1 PM

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

For 2-12-12

8:45 AM Service - 58

11:15 AM Service - 50

10:00 AM Education Hour - 58

### Offerings

**General: \$6,773, \$2,823**

(Needed each week: \$ 5,150)

**General for this month: \$9,596**

(Needed for January: \$ 25,750)

**"Growing Towards the Future": \$209**

(Debt Retirement Fund)

**This week's Mission Support Tithe: \$282**



DID YOU KNOW...?

The mortgage jug needs some love & attention – every little bit helps.



Undies Sunday has been such a big success in previous years that we are making **all** the Sundays in February "Undies Sunday"! Please bring men's, women's, and children's underwear, undershirts and socks and place them in the container by the display in the Fellowship Hall. These will be donated to Good Samaritans of Garland.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

*- sponsored by Young at Heart*



**Children of the King will meet TODAY February 19<sup>th</sup> after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service. For more information about Children of the King please contact Kim Nies.**



This year's Lenten meals will be prepared by the groves working in teams. Your Elder and / or your Elder's wife, will be contacting you with plans for the meals and asking for your assistance. Following is the schedule for the Elder teams at the Lenten meals:

- February 29: Live Oak/Olive
- March 7: Hickory/Maple
- March 14: Palm/Pecan
- March 21: Olive/Walnut
- March 28: Live Oak/Hickory

## NEW ESV PEW BIBLES & ALTAR PARAMENTS

Today in church we dedicate to the Lord's service our new ESV pew Bibles purchased by members of the congregation and also new altar paraments which were purchased by the Altar Guild in honor of Tree of Life's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. May we all be blessed and the Lord be glorified by these new additions to our worship.

## ART & ELLIE SILBERNAGEL IN THE NEWS

Art and Ellie Silbernagel were in the Dallas Morning News Neighbors Go section on Friday, February 10, 2012. The article is about their "Love of a Lifetime" and includes some wonderful pictures of the happy couple. You can see the article posted on the Information Center in the Fellowship Hall and you can also view it online at

<http://www.neighborsgo.com/stories/79690> .

Art and Ellie plan to have a cake and punch reception after the second service on March 4<sup>th</sup> to celebrate their 71<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary which is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please join us in celebrating this joyous occasion with this beautiful couple!

## GROVE REALIGNMENTS ARE COMPLETE

We have been blessed with the addition of 2 new elders this year (Lyle Livingston & Ken Warren). Their addition allows us to realign the congregation into smaller groves that will provide the elders with an opportunity to better communicate and serve grove members. **You will find the list of groves in your church mailbox today.**



Thank you to everyone who purchased roses and carnations for Valentine's! It's wonderful to see this expression of love for family and friends! We love our Tree of Life Family!

-Senior Youth Group



Dearest Church family,

*I would like to thank you for my wonderful gift at Christmas. We had four family members pass after Christmas and it helped with expenses. Thank you so much.*

Allie Banda

### YOUNG AT HEART NEWS

Our group is off and running in the New Year and we would like to invite any new members to join us. We have several things ongoing - the selling of our beautiful crosses and our cookbooks, both of which are available all year long.

A new project for this year is the making of "Chrismons" for our Christmas tree this year and years to follow. Kaye Green and Patty Gibbs are on the committee to get this started. You do not even have to attend our meetings or be a Young at Heart "member" to participate. We will be working on making up a "kit" for you to take home and work on as you have the time. We know there are many talented people out there who may have the time and enjoy doing something for the church. This is something we need to begin now.

For more information, please call Christy Kloostra (972/475-3074) or Jan Keitch (972/279-1649)

### TOL BRAILLE NEWS

Our Braille Team met on January 13<sup>th</sup> with seven team members present. There were 32 books printed and we were very pleased with that number. Afterward four of us met for lunch and had a very good meal.

If you would like to know more about this opportunity to serve the Lord please contact Ron or Patty Gibbs. We would love to have you! Our next session will be Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at Zion Lutheran Church. We meet at 9:30 am and work until around 11:30 am.

### CALLING POST

The Calling Post calls are recorded weekly phone calls that usually come on Saturday evenings and are helpful reminders about upcoming events and the Bible readings for the Sunday services. Our aim is to keep all of you informed. Please contact the office if you are not regularly receiving the Calling Post phone calls.

### REMEMBER OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

Have you noticed the cans on the Sunday School tables and on the Visitor table in the Narthex? These cans and the funds you put in them go to our missionary family – Ivan, Jennifer, Heather, and Timothy Rasch – who are serving the Lord in Nigeria. Please keep the Rasch family in your prayers and remember them regularly with your offerings. This is one small way that we can help spread the Gospel message and the love of Jesus Christ to those around the world.

### Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend

*A Weekend Of Discovery...  
... A Life Time Of Love!*

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends are for husbands & wives who are in love and want to make that love even stronger. The Weekend is an opportunity for husbands & wives to get away from the every day hassles. It is a time to focus on their lives together. The Weekend improves communication between husbands and wives. Three Lutheran lay couples and a Lutheran clergy couple lead the Weekend. They help the husbands & wives become more sensitive to the needs of each other. The Weekend is a rich experience that touches those married 5 years or long enough to be grandparents. It is a very private experience. Husbands & wives practice the communication skills in the privacy of their own rooms. The Weekend is not group oriented. There are no group discussions. It is for any couple that is in love and wants to continue living together in the vows they made on their wedding day.

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend will be March 2-4, 2012 at a local D/FW hotel. The Weekend begins on Friday, March 2nd at 7:30 pm and ends on Sunday, March 4th at about 5 pm. The application fee is \$45. During the Weekend there is an opportunity to make an anonymous contribution to cover the Weekend expenses. Applications under 30 days prior to the weekend are as space is available. For more information call Herb & Betty Doller (972-780-0920, [HerbDoller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:HerbDoller@sbcglobal.net), [info@LME-dfw.org](mailto:info@LME-dfw.org)). To apply call Chris & Roger Williams (972-530-1218), [Application@lme-dfw.org](mailto:Application@lme-dfw.org)). More info at: <http://www.LME-dfw.org>.



The Senior Youth would like to thank **everyone** who had a part in the chili cook-off last Sunday. Thank you to all the fantastic chefs who cooked up some delicious chili. Thank you to those who assisted with setting everything up. Thank you to those who helped with the cleanup. Thank you to those who donated money for the opportunity to win the Crockpot and/or donated money for the delicious chili meal. Thank you to everyone who attended! This event raised over \$300 for the youth's trip to Glorybound this summer. Thank you for supporting the spiritual growth of our youth through this event!!!

For those who were not able to attend, our winners are:  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize – Scott Crowder & Jack Allison\*  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Christy Kloostra\*  
1<sup>st</sup> prize – Janis Herbert\*  
\*As judged by the Firemen of Station 5 on Lyons Road.  
People's Choice Award – Christy Kloostra (voted by TOL chili lovers)  
Crockpot winners: the Maddox Family who in turn gave the Crockpot to Barb & Mike Morgan.