

January 29, 2012

Breeze thru the Leaves



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, January 29

Chili Cook-off – after 2nd service
Confirmation – 1 PM

Monday, January 30

Tuesday, January 31

Quilters' Corner – 9:30 AM

Wednesday, February 1

Bells – 7 PM

Thursday, February 2

Bible Study – 10 AM

Choir – 7 PM

Friday, February 3

SIS Bible Study – 1 – 3 PM @ Coffee Generator

Saturday, February 4

Sunday, February 5

Sr. Youth – after 2nd service

Confirmation – 1 PM




Today

After the second service

Even if you don't cook - you can come and sample the wonderful creations of your TOL Family!

 Chili's gift cards for our winners

 Opportunity to win a Crockpot for a \$1 donation

 Piñata for the kids!

- Sponsored by Senior Youth

VALENTINE'S FLOWER SALES

SEND FLOWERS TO YOUR SWEETHEART

ROSES - \$5.00

CARNATIONS - \$3.00

PRE-ORDER THROUGH FEB 5TH

FLOWERS DELIVERED SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

SPONSORED BY TOL YOUTH

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

For 1-22-12

8:45 AM Service - 60

11:15 AM Service - 56

10:00 AM Education Hour - 51

Offerings

General: \$3,887, \$7,230, \$3,794, \$4,071
(Needed each week: \$ 5,150)

General for this month: \$18,982
(Needed for January: \$ 25,750)

"Growing Towards the Future": \$409
(Debt Retirement Fund)

This week's Mission Support Tithe: \$407



DID YOU KNOW...?

In 2011 there were 9 Sundays in which no one signed up for donating altar flowers and this cost was covered by general funds. In the future, we will only have altar flowers when someone signs up to donate them.



Undies Sunday has been such a big success in previous years that we are making **all** the Sundays in February "Undies Sunday"! Please start purchasing men's, women's, and children's underwear, undershirts and socks.

These will be donated to Good Samaritans of Garland.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!
- sponsored by Young at Heart

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

The 2012 Tree of Life Leadership Retreat is scheduled for February 18th from 9 AM to 3 PM. Please make plans to attend this important event. You do not have to be an officer or board member to attend. **All** Tree of Life members are welcome!

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.

GROVE REALIGNMENTS

We have been blessed with the addition of 2 new elders this year (Lyle Livingston & Ken Warren). Their addition will allow us to realign the congregation into smaller groves that will provide the elders with an opportunity to better communicate and serve grove members. The realignments will be complete and communicated to congregation within the next 30 days.

ME, A PASTOR? ME, A DEACONESS?

If you have found yourself asking this question, now is the time to discuss your future! Rev. Neil Ray of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, is going to be at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fort Worth on Monday, Jan. 30th from 4 – 7 PM. Come and explore the possibilities! Men of all ages are invited, as are their wives, fiancées, and parents. Women interested in the deaconess program are also invited, along with their families. Conferences are individual and informal. Reservations are not required; however, if you are able, please phone Rev. Ray at 260-452-2278 or his mobile at 260-452-0979 or feel free to e-mail him at neil.ray@ctsfw.edu to make an appointment. Redeemer Lutheran Church is located at 4513 Williams Road, Ft. Worth, Texas 76116.



Tree of Life Family,

Thank you so much for the Walmart gift card I received as a late Christmas present! You have no idea how happy it makes me to look in my mailbox and see that I have a card from y'all! Thank you again for your continual support and prayers as I am in the second semester of my freshman year at Concordia. I keep y'all in my thoughts and prayers and hope to see you soon!

God Bless,
Vicki Hill

NEW ESV PEW BIBLES

In the bulletin today you will find an order form to purchase ESV pew Bibles. These have already been purchased by Tree of Life members, but you have the opportunity to reimburse/purchase one in honor or in memory of a loved one. Once purchased, these Bibles will have a book plate put in the front cover with your name and the name of the one being honored/remembered. Please order soon so that we can have them ready before Ash Wednesday.

LOST YOUR MARBLES?

No, we haven't lost our marbles, but Dorothy Hohenberger lost the colored pegs to her Trouble game at the New Year's Eve Game Night. There were 4 each of red, yellow, green, and blue in a zip-lock sandwich bag. If you were at the game night and happened to pick them up by mistake or know where they are, please contact the office or Dorothy Hohenberger, 972-288-1495.



The new Flower Chart has been posted on the cabinet door closest to Pastor's office. You may sign up for the Sunday of your choice and honor/remember loved ones or special occasions. The two arrangements that you see each Sunday cost a total of \$25 and you may take them with you after the Traditional service. You may put your check or cash in the offering plate with a note for the financial secretary that it is for altar flowers. *Please read the "Did you know...?"* Thank you in advance for adding to the beauty of our worship.

TOL BRAILLE NEWS

Our Braille Team met on January 13th 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 10th at Zion Lutheran Church. We meet at 9:30 am and work until around 11:30 am.

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.

Of course, we would really like for new members to come join us; especially at our February meeting which will be on 2/14/12. We will be dining out at JJ's Breakfast and Lunch Cafe, located at Northwest Hwy. and Easton/Ferndale Rd. in Dallas.

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

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, info@LME-dfw.org). To apply call Chris & Roger Williams (972-530-1218), Application@lme-dfw.org. More info at: <http://www.LME-dfw.org>.