



Newsletter 2014
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It is a New Year with new opportunities and commitments to be filled. I firmly believe that God meant what He said when He said that we were to go and make disciples of all nations. That can be done in many ways but all too often we pass it off thinking that surely God meant someone else when He said "Go."

But that's not the way it is. God had a plan and each of us is part of that plan. He called you through the Word, through Baptism, enlightens you, educates/teaches you, and now He expects us to do something about it.

What are you planning to do? Reach out to your neighbors, co-workers, friends by building new and stronger relationships? If so, what are you going to do? When are you going to do it?

Do you want to go on a mission trip, not necessarily to preach the Word, but maybe to "show the love of Jesus that is down in your heart"? Can't go? What about supporting those who can go with some financial help, prayers, and encouragement?

Our first trip this year is a joint effort between various Christian churches in our area. Our first mission trip will be this Saturday, January the 11th to West, Texas. We will meet at Christ the King at 7 am and leave by 8 in order to be in West by 9. Faith Lutheran in Grand Prairie is bringing eleven volunteers. The ministerial alliance of our community is also involved. I believe that the Waxahachie Bible Church and the Cowboy Church of Ellis County will be participating. There will be a number of other people representing other denominations from around east and central Texas. Donuts ,coffee and juice will be available at CTK before leaving. Lunch will be provided by Lutheran Disaster Care Ministries. Pastor Matt Canion of St Paul Lutheran in Waco is in charge.

This will probably be our last trip to West. Anyone of any age can be a part of this trip. If they can take pictures, sweep, move boxes or any of the other numerous tasks to be performed can participate.

These are the work projects to be accomplished:

1. Clean and level the lots for rebuilding.
2. Make files for lots on what needs to be completed for rebuilding, including pictures, and put in West recovery files.
3. Move their offices and consolidate with the aid stations at their new location.
4. Build new cubicle offices at new location.
5. Clean up old offices.

Our second trip is on Friday, January 17th through the 19th to Brownsville. We will leave Waxahachie around 12:00 PM and return on Sunday the 19th sometime that night.



El Calvario Lutheran Church - Brownsville

Work to be performed is:

1. Paint kitchen walls, ceiling and cabinets.
2. Repair the outside of building with mortar .
3. Clean and paint the breezeway of the church.
4. We would like to replace the door from outside going inside of the Sunday school room.
We would need to raise about \$140.00 for the replacement door.

Also if anyone that can't go could give toward the trip to help with miscellaneous supplies that always come up and food for group it would be appreciated.

We are doing these projects in Brownsville so in the summer Salem Lutheran in Tomball will come and do a major outreach with the church in the community.

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With Gods Leadership and Blessings these trips will be successful.

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