

North Texas

Multi-ethnic Ministry News

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*Go therefore and make
disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name
of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.*

Matthew 28:19



The Multi-ethnic Ministry News is a publication of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Multi-ethnic Ministry of North Texas.

Mission

Make disciples of all nations by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and ministering to the physical, social, emotional, and spiritual needs of new Americans.

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Serving our neighbors

We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19

Thanks be to God for the increasing support of Our Redeemer Lutheran and Faith Lutheran church members as they learn more about the mission and volunteer opportunities of the LCMS Multi-ethnic Ministry of North Texas.

Saturday program

Almost every week children from the Vickery Meadow area are served through the Saturday program at Our Redeemer. Volunteers share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, provide a safe place to play and learn, mentor and care for the children, and serve a meal. An average of 25 children participate in the program every week. As the number of children increases, more volunteers are needed to transport, mentor, and provide food.



Our Redeemer's Sunday morning Corinthians class returns to serve another meal to the children at the Saturday program.

Members of the music ministry group at Our Redeemer served a meal in June.





Clockwise from left: members of Our Redeemer's Ruth Mary Circle are ready to serve a meal to the children at the Saturday program; Clementine and her son Ishema, her sixth child, at their baby shower; members of Our Redeemer and Faith celebrate the birth of Ishema and shower the family with gifts.



Baby shower

On July 13, a baby shower was held for Clementine in celebration of the birth of her son Ishema. Clementine and her family enjoyed meeting the people who came together and rejoiced with them.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ August school shoe drive and shopping trip
- ▶ October/November winter coat and clothing drive
- ▶ December Christmas gift angel tree

HELP NEEDED

Please contact Pastor Yadessa @ 214.326.5969 (or Tara Hickman @ 214.202.6246 to provide a meal) if you would like to help with these or other needs.

- Newsletter/web content
- Mentor
- Driver
- Meal provider
- English teacher or conversation partner

Sharing God's Word

Karibu fellowship worship

On Sunday mornings at Our Redeemer Karibu fellowship worship services are held in English and Swahili with the help of interpreter Joseph Runezerwa. People from The Congo, Rwanda and Ethiopia attend the services. So far this year two children, Ishema and Ajuda, have been baptized and four youth have been confirmed: Claudine, Shadrack, Aline, and Janine.



Mekane Yesus Bible studies

Through Faith Lutheran the North Texas Multi-ethnic Ministry is engaging members of the Ethiopian Mekane Yesus church, the largest Lutheran denomination in the world. They meet every week, alternating between Faith and Our Redeemer. Another Mekane Yesus group has started meeting at Holy Cross Lutheran in Dallas. One of the leaders is being mentored to enter into ministry. Our prayer is that more former Mekane Yesus members will connect with these groups and stay strong in their Lutheran traditions.



Rwandese church group

Pastor Yadessa connected Bethel Lutheran in Dallas with a Rwandese church led by Joseph Runezerwa. The people of Bethel are mentoring and catechizing the Rwandese congregation. They will be confirmed in August and will then move to Bethel.

From top: Pastor Yadessa and interpreter Joseph Runezerwa during a Karibu worship service; Ishema's baptism pictures; Pastor Yadessa and Senait Gonfa with Zelalem Antenne, and Gabriel Tule of the Mekane Yesus church; the rite of confirmation for Claudine, Shadrack, Aline, and Janine.

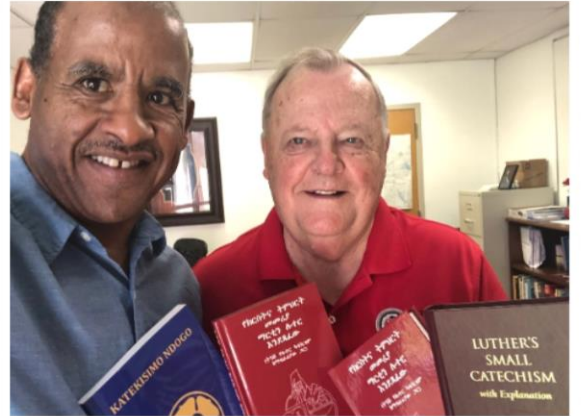


Did you know? Pastor Yadessa has copies of the Catechism in English, Amharic, Nepalese, and Swahili.

Other ministry news

- In May Pastor Yadessa attended the Multiethnic Symposium held at LCMS headquarters in St. Louis.
- In June Pastor Yadessa, his wife Senait, and his daughter Beckyn attended the national LWML convention in Mobile, AL.
- In July Reverend Robert Rahn, founder and executive director of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, stopped by Our Redeemer. He was impressed with what God is doing through the Multi-ethnic Ministry as it reaches out to various groups in Dallas and Fort Worth. Rev Rahn also said that LHF will continue sending books to be used in the ministry.
- Pastor Yadessa continues to provide spiritual services for the Anyuak fellowship at St. Paul Lutheran in Fort Worth. Pastor Yadessa travels two times each month to the Kearney Ave apartments in Fort Worth to lead prayer programs. Participants attend Sunday worship services at St. Paul.

From top: Pastor Yadessa with other participants at the LCMS Multiethnic Symposium; Pastor Yadessa and Robert Rahn.



Watch for announcements and signs above the donation box regarding changing needs!

Spotlight on the **Donation Box**

The Multi-ethnic Ministry donation box at Our Redeemer is located behind the welcome counter in the narthex.

Currently accepting these items:

- New or gently used boys and girls clothing
- Diapers sizes 2-4
- Dry beans, rice and spaghetti noodles

For more information about the ministry donation box or for a non-cash donation acknowledgement, please contact Pastor Yadessa @ 214.326.5969.