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Have you ever considered becoming a foster parent? Lutheran Social Services is looking for stable, loving families to join its award-winning foster care program. The LSS foster care office in Tyler serves the following counties: Anderson, Cherokee, Gregg, Henderson, Rusk, Smith, VanZandt and Wood. The program now includes 34 families and 62 children. The greatest need is for foster families for teenagers. God's children need you! Call [Sherry Thompson](#) in Tyler at (903) 939-3400. More information about the LSS foster care program is available [here](#).

Nelson Children's Center residents had a fun and productive summer. The children in the theater club wrote a play called "Guide to Heaven," about kids who travel back in time, meet Jesus and witness His miracles. The handbell choir from Grace Lutheran Church, Arlington, won the hearts of the children. One little girl said she thought "that's what Heaven sounds like!" Members of Grace Lutheran Church, Midland, provided vacation Bible school while Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, Denton, helped organize the donation room and the library.

There is still time to register for the **Tomorrow's Child Golf Tournament at the Oakmont Country Club in Corinth on Oct. 9.** [Register online.](#)

Plan to attend an evening of chamber music featuring Ellen Rose and Friends. **This year there will be two concerts: Sunday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m., at Peace Lutheran Church in Hurst; and Sunday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m., at Bethel Lutheran Church in Dallas.** For more information, call [Kristy McKinney](#) at (940) 484-8232 or [click here](#).

Over the summer months, Neighborhood House Assistance Ministry in Lubbock handed out \$40,000 per month in energy utility vouchers. In July alone, Neighborhood House helped 143 families with their utility bills. As a result of the increased requests for help during the record-breaking high temperatures, the state granted the LSS ministry \$165,000 to assist the elderly and disabled and \$44,410 for needy families who qualify under federal guidelines. Earlier this year, Neighborhood House received a state grant for \$153,790 for utility assistance to help the needy in Lubbock. For more information about Neighborhood House Assistance Ministry, click [here](#).