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Three pre-teen boys, residents of the Nelson Children's Center, were baptized together recently in the center's chapel. The Rev. Eric Hiner, associate pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Denton, officiated. Through spiritual care programs at each LSS children's center, residents voluntarily participate in various faith-based activities including Bible study, Sunday school and worship service. Last year 25 residents of LSS children's centers were baptized! For more information about LSS children's ministries, please visit www.LSSS.org and click on Children.

Save the date! Don't miss Celebre La Buena Vida, the annual fund-raiser for the LSS La Buena Vida Day Centers on March 12, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Held at the El Paso Club, the event includes a light buffet supper, cash bar, live music and live and silent auctions. The silent auction features unique miniature wooden houses painted by well-known El Paso artists. The La Buena Vida day centers provide El Paso's elderly and disabled a safe and caring place to spend weekdays among peers. For more information, please contact Peter Nicolou at (915) 598-5403, or visit www.LSSS.org and click on Events.

Neighborhood House, the LSS assistance ministry in Lubbock, has received a state grant of \$765,000 to assist the needy! The funds will ensure that low-income elderly, disabled and families with children under 6 can pay their heating and cooling costs. To qualify, they must be at or below the Federal poverty income level. For the needy who do not meet that requirement, help is available through other funds given to Neighborhood House by a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. Neighborhood House will add at least one part-time employee to help handle the surge in applications for assistance. For more information or to help those in need, please visit www.LSSS.org and click on Poor, or call (806) 741-0459.

The very popular LSS Lenten Calendar is available again this year. The calendar seeks daily prayers during the season of Lent for the children and adults served by LSS. Calendars can be ordered by visiting www.LSSS.org or by calling Miranda Burge at (512) 706-7602.

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