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NORTH and WEST TEXAS

During the first half of this year, nine residents of the Nelson Children's Center in Denton have been baptized! Spiritual Care Director, Deaconess Ruth Drum, said nine is the yearly average, so she expects a record number of baptisms this year. Three boys between 9 and 12 years old were the latest to be baptized. One of the three boys told Drum, "I know I need help." To prepare for baptism, each child studies the illustrated version of Luther's Small Catechism. Spiritual care, which includes Bible study, worship service and fellowship with volunteers from area churches, is offered to all residents on a voluntary basis. For more information about the spiritual care program at the Nelson Center, call Drum at (940) 484-8232.

Health for Friends Clinic in Lubbock is serving a record number of patients this year. Joy Loper, director of the clinic, said the downturn in the economy is the biggest reason for the increase. Since April, clinic nurses have had up to 1,000 patient visits each month. Health for Friends Clinic serves those who might not be able to otherwise have access to health care because they cannot afford health insurance. Help support the clinic's work. Visit www.LSSS.org and click on Give Now.

In Texas, there are nearly 7,000 children eligible for adoption. Through offices in Amarillo, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Lubbock and Mesquite, LSS provides adoption and foster-to-adopt services. In Dallas/Fort Worth, LSS has partnered with the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption to place foster children with loving adoptive families. Please prayerfully consider adopting a child through LSS. Locate the LSS office nearest you by calling (866) 700-0014 or visit www.LSSS.org and click on Contact Us.

LSS has numerous volunteer opportunities. Can you help with filing or answering the phone? Do you have a talent you can share such as art, music or photography? Opportunities exist for organizations, businesses and individuals to offer support in the form of donated goods and services such as school supplies for children, printing, tickets to amusement parks and sporting events. Locate the LSS program nearest you by visiting www.LSSS.org and click on Contact Us.

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