

# ONE IN CHRIST LUTHERAN PARISH

*Everyone is welcome...*

*...everyone needs to know.*

Guatemala "New School" Presentation

## **La Escuela de los Santos "The School of the Saints"**

**Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**

**5:15 pm Potluck Supper**

*Bring a main dish and  
a salad or dessert to share.*

**6:00 pm Update from Guatemala**

Come and hear what the UNI student groups have been up to. Those who have been going to Guatemala under the leadership of Estuardo and Pastor Diane Dardon have organized a group called *Caminos de Esperanza - Journeys of Hope*. Their first goal is to construct (the building has begun) a school on the outskirts of Retalhueu for children who would otherwise remain uneducated. This school will provide quality education for roughly 350 children.



### **PARISH FELLOWSHIP EVENT**

#### **Twins Game - "Lutheran Night"**

**Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> - 7:00  
pm game time**

Cost - \$35

This includes the ticket and bus ride.

**The bus will load at Salem at 3:45 pm.**

*Get your tickets (a limited quantity) and all money  
needs to be turned into Kathy by July 19<sup>th</sup>.*

Please call Kathy Kreuzscher at #592-3000 or  
#592-7707 or stop in at Kreuzscher Financial, 311  
West Main Street .

## **ONE IN CHRIST LUTHERAN PARISH SUMMER JOINT WORSHIP**

**Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at Joice Park  
10:30 am Worship**

Celebrated with Holy Communion and we will  
be using worship music from the new ELW.

*Bring your lawn chairs.*

**Followed by Meal and Fellowship**

Hosted by Bethany Lutheran Church, Joice

It is time to begin...

Natural Church  
Development

## **A VISIONING PROCESS**

In August, our congregational councils will be asking a wide cross-section of people in our congregations – 30 people from each congregation – to take an inventory asking them questions about life in their congregation. These inventories will be scored, compared to the results compiled from thousands of churches throughout the world, and then reported back to us. Our reports will speak to our congregations, but more importantly to our parish. We will access this information and then begin to address one or two areas in our life together to improve and grow.

Only 30 people will take the inventory – at the beginning of this process and again in a year to measure any changes and growth. But we need everyone to participate in the efforts to grow our congregations and parish into a healthier church body so be more effective in our God-given mission.

**Again, what is Natural Church Development?** It is about *church health*. It is about *releasing the God-given gifts* to the church. It is about creatively, authenticity, and *diversity*. And it is all based on *Biblical principles*.

Schwarz identifies 8 quality characteristics which, when *all* present to a sufficient degree will practically *guarantee* numerical growth. These characteristics are as follows:

1. Empowering leadership
2. Gift-oriented ministry
3. Passionate spirituality
4. Functional structures
5. Inspiring worship service
6. Holistic small groups
7. Need-oriented evangelism
8. Loving relationships

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