

The Witness

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Time & Talent Survey

The Stewardship Committee

Time & Talent Sunday this year will be April 3rd. The theme this year is *"The Harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few ... pray therefore the Lord of the Harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*

This is a very appropriate theme as laborers are getting few. For lack of volunteers for committee chairs, we have combined the Stewardship and Finance Committees and also the Youth and Education Committees. In addition some of the committees have too few members.

We ask each of you to put prayerful thought into what activities you would volunteer for this next year. We will be completing the Time & Talent Survey during the worship service on April 3rd. The survey will be available in the fellowship hall the last two Sundays in March so that you will have plenty of time for your choices.

Easter Worship Schedule

March 27, 2005

Throughout the Lenten season we have been on a journey into the book of Revelation. The reality is that there will come a time when our 2005 Lenten journey into Revelation will end. The Triumph of the Lamb will be our focus on Maundy Thursday. On Good Friday we will focus again on Christ's sacrifice for our sins. Then, three days later we will celebrate Easter.

Our Easter schedule for 2005 is as follows:

7:00 a.m.	Early Worship
8:00 a.m.	Youth Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
10:00 a.m.	Worship

We invite you to come and share the Victory of Christ with us in our Easter worship experiences.

EASTER MESSAGE 2005

"Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you'" (John 20:19).

The risen Christ appears to his disciples on Easter evening. Behind locked doors, they are terrified.

Is there a more apt description of our contemporary context than this? We are fearful people: frightened by the possibility of a terrorist attack, fearful of the stranger in our midst, worried about the future. The risen Christ stands before us today just as he stood before his frightened disciples. In the midst of our fear, he extends an ordinary greeting that becomes a most extraordinary gift: "Peace be with you."

Theologian Joseph Sittler describes the peace of God as ". . . rest, whose gift is to have no anxiety about anything, fulfil[ling] itself in a peace of God as movement, which goes out with holy concern about everything." [Joseph Sittler, *The Care of the Earth, and Other University Sermons* (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1964), p. 39.]

Yet the risen Christ offers not only the gift of peace, but also himself. He reveals the wounds of his crucifixion and then gives the surprising command, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (John 20:21). Christ sends his followers, terrified as they are, right back into the world that crucified their leader. But they are not sent into the world on their own. "When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'" (John 20:22).

In the community of Christ's Body, the Church, we are sent to proclaim Christ as risen for the healing of the world. Alleluia!

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Easter, 2005

Celebrating with our Members

March Birthdays

Month/Day	Person
3/2	J., Savannah
3/4	M., Minnie
3/7	C., Lillian
3/7	J., Doris
3/7	T., Michael
3/12	D., Scott
3/19	C., Carolyn
3/23	M., Marcia
3/24	R., Jim

March Baptisms

Month/Day	Person
3/1	C., Clark
3/1	L., Christine
3/3	R., Jack
3/11	A., Edward
3/14	E., Belen
3/20	L., Rachael
3/23	K., Helen
3/23	M., Jonathan
3/24	M., Linda
3/24	M., Ashleigh
3/26	A., Michael
3/26	J., Savannah
3/27	A., James
3/31	B., Catherine

March Anniversaries

Month/Day	Person
3/21	Erik & Iselchyresse M.
3/30	Paul & Charlie G.
3/31	Terry & Anita H.

Congratulations to the Draper Family on the Birth of their Baby Boy

Daniel Evan Draper was born on February 16th, 2005 at 12:22 p.m. He weighs 7 pounds 10 ounces and is 20 ¼ inches long.

"SPRING CLEAN-UP"

Our Spring Clean-Up will be on 12 March 05. Come and help spruce-up the church for the Easter holiday from 9-12 AM. Bring your gloves, etc. Lunch will be provided.

For further info please contact Bill Strickland. Thanks

Coffee Servers

Dear Friends

Thank you for your response to be a coffee server. Listed below is the schedule for April, May and June 2005. Please look this over and if there is a conflict arrange a switch. Let the office know preferably a week in advance so that the bulletin may be updated accordingly.

The coffee servers need to be at church and have the coffee ready by 9:45 AM. Coffee servers are responsible for preparing the coffee and cleaning up after the 10 AM service. It is suggested that the coffee server bring some type of snack.... i.e. cookies, donuts. Please, do not leave any leftovers at the church.

If you have any questions feel free to contact anyone on the Parish Life Committee.

Thanks & Kindest Regards

Marion Teske, Pat Rhody-Gallatin, Patrice Pruitt, Pam Beran

APRIL	3	Anita H.	May	1	Catherine & Barbara Bartlett	June	5	Carrots W.
	10	Robin P.		8	Sandi S.		11	Sandy R.
	17	Dana A.		15	Barbara A.		18	Anita H.
	24	Valerie K.		22	Azella D.		25	Rocky W.
				29	Jackie & Mandi A.			

Xtra: Pat Rhody-Gallatin and Leah Carr

SERVICE COMMITTEE NEWS

Information on the March 2005 Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Drive:

During the month of March and through Easter Sunday, the Service Committee will be collecting new bars of soap and new or gently used clothing. Look for the specially designated collection containers in the Fellowship Hall to place your items.

- *New* bars of soap, any brand, in original wrappers and,
- *Gently* Used Clothing: PLEASE, only light and medium weight clothing for men, children and infants, and sweaters/sweatshirts of all kinds for men, women, and children.

These items and the beautiful hand-made quilts made by those wonderful ladies in the Quilting Group will be shipped by LWR to areas in need locally and around the world. Those interested in joining NLIC's *Quilting Group* should contact Marion Teske.

OTHER NEWS: Please mark your calendars for our next semi-annual Blood Drive scheduled for April 24, 2005 and the CROP Walk, which is scheduled for April 17, 2005. More information will follow in next month's newsletter.

Worship Assistants -- sign up sheets

NLIC has a rich tradition of involvement of members in worship services. In an effort to continue to enhance our worship experience through the participation of our members a new system of assigning worship assistants will take place in February - Sign up sheets. About the middle of February sign up sheets for worship assistants will be posted for April, May and June. In the past the office has as a courtesy been notifying members of when they are to help. The office will still notify people of the times they are to serve but now you will also know because you will have signed up for a specific date.

Youth Group Garage Sale

The Youth will be collecting items for a garage sale this spring. The collection room for items will be the small old nursery. Please leave your items there. NO LARGE FURNITURE!! We are starting to raise funds for the 2006 National Convention. Any questions ask Sandi Scott, Jackie Askelson or a youth.

Education News

What's Happening?

Sunday School continues to meet at 9:00 a.m. *Kindergarten through Sixth grade* discussed favorite Bible stories and illustrated their favorite story. We even learned about a talking donkey in the Bible! Students also discussed questions about what they would do if they were put in different types of moral dilemmas they may face. *Jr. and Sr. High School students* continued to learn about different faiths with the Aars.

Children's Church continues to meet every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month when Pastor Bill does the children's sermon. If you would like to sign up to help with the children's church, you'll find the schedule by the coffee.

The King's Kids is a name that is being considered to call all of the youth who participate in "Youth Day Out". There is no Youth Day Out day planned for the month of March.

Up-Coming Events

Palm Sunday - NIV Bible presentation planned for 3rd graders *Ashleigh Moore* and *Anna Scott*. If you know a child who is in the third grade and would like to be presented with a Bible, please contact the church office.

Graduates for the 2004-2005 School Year - please notify the church office if you are graduating from High School or College and leave your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address so that we can contact you later to find out your recognitions, honors, and post graduate plans.

Thoughts for the Journey **The Other Side**

A sick man turned to his doctor, as he was leaving the room after paying a visit, and said, *"Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side."*

Very quietly the doctor said, *"I don't know."*

"You don't know? You are a Christian man, and yet you do not know what is on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door, on the other side of the door came the sound of scratching and wining. As the doctor opened the door a dog sprang into the room and jumped into the doctors arms. The dog was wagging its tail as a sign of its joy and gladness. As he held the dog, the doctor said,

"Did you notice my dog? He has never been in this room before. He did not know what was inside. He didn't know anything except that I was inside. When I opened the door he jumped inside without fear. I don't know what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing: I know that my Master is there, and that is enough. When the door opens, I will set aside all fear and pass through with gladness."



Mothers *IN* Love + Fathers *IN* Love = Families *IN* Love

Give Your Kids The Best Gift They Can Get ...

Parents With A Great Marriage!

Your whole family deserves the love Mom and Dad discover on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend! Marriage Encounter is a 44 hour event in which Husbands & Wives can get away from jobs, kids, chores and phones – and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, enrichment and a little extra romance in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Marriage Encounter Weekend can make!

Go on a Weekend and all your kids will get is a whole lot of extra Love!

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend is:

April 15-17, 2005

7 p.m. Friday till 5 p.m. Sunday

(Applications after 30 days before the Weekend are accepted as space is available)



<http://www.LME-dfw.org>

For more information contact: Herb & Betty Doller, 972-780-0920, HerbDoller@sbcglobal.net

Allen & Jeannine Gray, 817-246-9560, AllenGray817@MyBlueLight.com

To apply contact: Mike & Suzanne Heffner (469-441-9874, Application@lme-dfw.org).

NLIC Pictorial Directory ***March 20th Last Day for Pictures***

The last day for having pictures taken for the 2004 Pictorial Directory is Sunday, March 20th. Last day for selection of proof for inclusion in directory is March 27th. We will be set up for pictures on Sunday after church (except for March 6th when we will be out of town) through Mar 20th. If there is a request, we will also set up on a Wed evening. If you do not like the pictures we have taken, we will take another...and another...and... If you have another family picture you would rather use, please give it to us by March 27th.

We are "touching up" all of the portraits. This includes enhancing the color and brightness and removal of some facial blemishes. You can see the finished pictures by going to our web site www.NewLifeInChrist.org and then going to the Photo Album page. Instructions are on the Album Page

for downloading copies of the finished photo file (to make your own copies) and ordering commercially printed photos. The Password for the online album is on the bulletin board at church

**WORSHIP
ASSISTANTS**
Mar-05

Form Revised 12/01/04 2/22/2005

Date	Usher	Lector	Cantor	Communion Assistant	Acolyte	Coffee Server	Andrew Caller	Greeters	Alter Guild
6-Mar	Jack & Maudine Ruebman	Ed Antilla	Peter Eck	Greg Lain	Alexander Kelley	Sandy Roiger	Ralph Roberts and Chris Bartlett	Jack and Barbara Bartlett	Judy Strickland & Belen Eck
13-Mar	Michael Aars & Patrice Pruitt	Robert Kelley	Phil Ward	Jim Gallatin	Eliza Carey	Anita Hicock	Ralph Roberts and Chris Bartlett	Jack and Barbara Bartlett	Judy Strickland & Belen Eck
20-Mar	John & Carol Dietz	Sally Adamson	Belen Eck	Patrice Pruitt	Mandi Askelson	Rocky Wing	Ralph Roberts and Chris Bartlett	Jack and Barbara Bartlett	Judy Strickland & Belen Eck
27-Mar									
7:00 a.m. Easter	Pat & John Johnston	Pat Johnston		John Johnston			Ralph Roberts and Chris Bartlett		Judy Strickland & Belen Eck
10:00 a.m.	Steve & Jackie Askelson	Jack Bartlett		Parma Kersten	Alexander Kelley	Carrots Wroten	Ralph Roberts and Chris Bartlett	Jack and Barbara Bartlett	Judy Strickland & Belen Eck

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Collection for Lutheran World Relief all month		1	2 9:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Lenten Meal Youth & Education 7:15 Lenten Worship 8:00 Choir	3	4	5 9:00 Ladies Bible Study
6 Pot Luck 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship – Com. 11:15 Church Camp Meeting	7 Meals on Wheels	8 Meals on Wheels 12:00 SDC Pastors 6:45 Exec. Comm. 7:15 Church Council	9 9:30 Adult Bible Study Meals on Wheels 6:30 Lenten Meal Worship & Music 7:15 Lenten Worship 8:00 Choir	10 Meals on Wheels	11 Meals on Wheels	12 8:00 Men’s Group 9:00 Ladies Bible Study
13 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship – Com. 11:15 Youth Activity 11:15 Ed. - Youth	14	15	16 9:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Lenten Meal Evangelism 7:15 Lenten Worship 8:00 Choir	17 6:30 Parish Life	18	19 9:00 Ladies Bible Study
20 Palm Sunday ARTICLES DUE 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship – Com.	21	22 4:00 SDC Pastors 7:00 Service	23 9:30 Adult Bible Study	24 7:15 Maundy Thursday Worship	25 7:15 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>Worship</i>	26 9:00 Ladies Bible Study
27 Easter 7:00 Early Worship 8:15 Youth Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship – Com. 11:45 Evangelism	28	29 7:30 Property	30 9:30 Adult Bible Study	31		