

# *The Witness*

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## **NEW LIFE IN CHRIST ACADEMY**

The AdHoc Committee approved at the May Congregational Meeting met and decided that the Day Care/Learning Center should be operated and owned by New Life In Christ. The AdHoc Committee Members were: Tom Teske, Chairman, Jim Blackburn, Pam Beran, Parma Kersten, Jerry Kersten, Maudine Ruebman and Herb and Betty Doller. The committee met a second time after service on June 12, 2005. The AdHoc Committee appointed a permanent school board consisting of: Tom Teske, Chairman, Jim Blackburn, Herb and Betty Doller and Pam Beran. Pastor Metting, Jerry and Parma Kersten were appointed as AdHoc Members to the Board.

The first decision made by the Board was that the name of the school would be New Life In Christ Academy. They have commenced activities such as school curriculum, hours, financial analysis and etc. with a goal to open the school on Monday, August 15, 2005.

There is a lot of planning and work to be done, but the board is hopeful that it can be achieved. Volunteers are always needed and welcome.

If you have any questions you may contact any of the members of the board.

## ***Natural Church Development***

Adult Sunday School Topic in July

*Why are some churches growing while others are declining?*

*What church growth principles are true, regardless of culture and theological persuasion?*

*What should each church and every Christian do to obey the great Commission and great Commandment in the world today?*

*"A man scatters seed ... the seed sprouts and grows ... all by itself the soil produces grain...."*

Mark 4:26-29

Natural Church Development is a process being used in 33,000 churches, 60 countries, 18 languages and 6 continents. The process involves evaluating 6 Bionic Principles: Interdependence, Multiplication, Energy transformation, multi-usage, symbiosis, and functionality. The process also involves the evaluation of 8 Quality Characteristics: empowering leadership, gift-oriented ministry, passionate spirituality, functional structures, inspiring worship, holistic small groups, contextual evangelism, loving relationships.

On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup> the adult Sunday school group will be talking about Natural Church Development and what it could mean should NLIC decide to participate in the process.

# Celebrating with our Members

## JULY Birthdays

Month/Day	Person
7/1	H., Terry
7/1	R., Lucile
7/2	W., Ben
7/6	N., Sherry
7/10	F., Joseph
7/11	J., Neale
7/13	A., Christian
7/13	T., Mayelene
7/15	E., Mandy
7/15	L., Velma
7/16	M., Daniel
7/19	C., Clark
7/19	D., Carol
7/19	H., Millie
7/19	P., Corinne
7/23	A., Jackie
7/26	G., Robert
7/26	W., Roxanne
7/30	R., Ashley
7/31	E., Marty

## JULY Baptisms

Month/Day	Person
7/1	C., Leah
7/1	G., Pat
7/1	W., Veora
7/13	A., Christian
7/19	D., Amanda
7/22	B., Pam
7/25	T., Michael
7/27	M., Bill
7/30	Al, Dana

## JULY Anniversaries

Month/Day	Person
7/9	Tom & Marion T.
7/10	Ralph & Armandina R.
7/20	William & Fern B.
7/21	William & Judy S.

## Thoughts for the Journey

### "The Five-Finger Prayer " (Author Unknown)

1. Your thumb is nearest to you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a "*sweet duty.*"
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all, which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "*the least shall be the greatest among you.*" Your pinky should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

# STAFF, COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

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Education / Youth	<u>Doug Dykman &amp; Chris Bartlett</u>
Evangelism	Michael Aars
Parish Life	Tom Teske
Property	Phil Ward
Service	Azella Dykman
Stewardship/Finance	Jim Blackburn
Worship/Music	Greg Lain

### NLIC Shepherds:

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## NLIC Committees:

<b>Education &amp; Youth</b>	Chair: Sandi Scott (972-723-1817); Liaison: Doug Dykman and Chris Bartlett Members: Christine Lain, Sandi Scott, Cindy Carey, Elisa Moore, Jackie Askelson, Robert Johnson, and the NLIC Youth
<b>Evangelism</b>	Chair: Michael Aars, (214-760-4851); Liaison: Michael Aars Members: Ralph Roberts, Jerry Kersten, Jim & Carolyn Blackburn, Judy Strickland, Jack Bartlett, Dawn Carter, Jack & Maudine Ruebman
<b>Parish Life</b>	Chair: Pat Gallatin-Rhody (972-296-2442); Liaison: Tom Teske Members: Marion Teske, Pam Beran, Patrice Pruitt
<b>Property</b>	Chair: Bill Strickland (972-296-5353) Liaison: Phil Ward Members: Jim Gallatin, Pat Johnston, Robert Johnson, Jack Howell, Jack Ruebman, Dennis Roiger, Elwood Tweet
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<b>Stewardship &amp; Finance</b>	Chair: Jim Blackburn (972-283-1722); Liaison: Jim Blackburn Members: Tom Teske, Jack Bartlett, Ralph Roberts, Chris Bartlett,
<b>Worship &amp; Music</b>	Chair: Liaison: Greg Lain Members: Barbara Palermo, Jackie Askelson, Barbara Aars, Parma Kersten, Belen Eck

## ***Our next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend is October 21-25. Being Married Is ...***

Nurturing Your Spouse's  
Self-Esteem ....

So that you both feel precious and honored.



We cannot fully love another if we do not love who we are. God made us each unique in His image. We often judge ourselves to be inferior or incomplete. We cannot accept that God has given us all that we need to serve Him. We often cannot believe that God sees each of us, personally, as precious and honored (Isaiah 43:1-4a). Loving the person God made us enables us to more fully accept and love others!

As a married couple we need to affirm God's love of our spouse. By telling him or her in words and acts how precious and honored he or she is to God, we are also telling him or her how precious and honored he or she is to us. The unconditional love that couples have for each other flows from the unconditional love that Jesus has first given to each of us.

***Tell Your Spouse He Or She Is Precious And Honored By God And You!***



Lutheran Marriage Encounter  
<http://www.LME-dfw.org>  
Next Weekend – Oct 21-23  
Herb & Betty Doller-972-780-0920

## ***Bon Appetite***

Bon Appetite is back. The next outing is July 9<sup>th</sup> at El Feniz on Colorado, Dallas at 5:00 p.m. For those of you that don't like Mexican food El Fenix also offers American cuisine. The Sign-Up Sheet is hanging in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us for a great evening.

## ***CHILDREN'S CHURCH***

We received a letter from Juan that we would like to share:

Dear Friend in New Life in Christ:

I greet you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, may God bless you, I hope you are very well. The school year started January 31st, this year I'm in other grade, we have new teachers, this year I have 10 subjects and I got good scores in my first exams.

My family is very well, my mother is well in her job, but my father died November 6<sup>th</sup> last year, I have 2 sisters one is older and the other is younger. In Compassion we are in other classrooms and with their tutors, we have worship first and then we take part in different activities, in the Church there is worship early in the morning, I go there, we sing, we go to Sunday School, we learn texts, we go to Church, we repeat texts and then we hear God's Word. I say good bye in the holy name of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

With love, Juan

The children from NLIC responded by writing a letter to Juan and drawing pictures for him.

## ***Circus Spectacular Vacation Bible Camp- July 10 - 14 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.***

Be on the look out for registration forms and sign up as soon as possible! And please don't forget to sign up to bring food. (bulletin board, fellowship hall)



**JULY 2005**

**9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School**

**10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion**

## ***New Life In Christ Lutheran Church -Office Information***

### ***Office Hours***

Pastor Bill Metting	Tuesday thru Friday, normal hours from 8:30 am until 12:00 (noon).
Secretary Andrea Bryan	Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday normal hours from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm.

### ***Procedures and Deadlines***

- Notifications:** Andrea will send out notifications to Worship assistants on a monthly basis and then each week on Tuesday will either mail or email the list of Worship assistants to volunteers. If changes are to be made to the schedule, please notify the office by noon on Wednesday.
- Bulletin:** Andrea works on the bulletin on Tuesday and Wednesday. At noon on Wednesday she finalizes the bulletin so that it can be run that afternoon.  
***Please be aware of our schedules and deadlines.***
- Newsletter:** Articles are due in the church office the third Sunday of every month. Articles may be e-mailed to [nlic\\_secretary@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nlic_secretary@sbcglobal.net) or hard copies placed on the secretary's desk. The Secretary puts the newsletter together the last week so that our volunteer staff can put the newsletter together and have it ready to be picked up that last Sunday on the month.