

The Witness

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Fall Congregational Meeting

December 11, 2005

11:15 A.M.

Agenda

I. Call to Order by President Kersten and opening prayer by Pastor Bill Metting.

II. Consideration of 2005 Budget for New Life in Christ Lutheran Church.

Thanks to our Stewardship and Finance Committee for their work in developing our Budget.

III. Elections

A. Election of a Nominating Committee for 2006 (1 year term, 5 members).

B. Election of Synod Assembly (April 28-30 in Killeen) Voting Members

Elect one lay male member Elect one lay female member Election of Bishop

IV. Pastor Bill's Report

V. Report on Elections.

VI. Closing Prayer.

"Advent - a road trip to Christmas"

by Pastor Bill

Within the next few weeks I want to invite you to join me in taking an *"Advent road trip to Christmas"*. I know that this invitation sounds a little strange. In good church language we would probably say: *"Join me in an advent pilgrimage that will lead us to Bethlehem"* or maybe *"An advent journey leading to the Christ Child"*. Not everyone speaks in church language. For those people the words: pilgrimage, journey, Bethlehem, and Christ Child, have very little meaning. Many people who are unfamiliar with the activities of a church are confused by the language of the church and that language serves to point to the reality that they are not in the "in crowd of the Church".

I am not sure that I am comfortable with the term: *"Road Trip"*. I also find myself stumbling over the words. The bottom line is that *once again in 2005 we are going to be taking a journey of faith as we move toward the celebration of the birth of Christ.*

November 30 th :	6:30	Advent Soup Supper - Worship and Music Committee
	7:15	Advent Worship I
December 3 rd :	5:00	Progressive Dinner (see other articles for specifics)
December 7 th :	6:30	Congregational Dinner Theatre and Children's Christmas Play
		Parish Life (Birthday cake), Education & Youth (meat) Property (salad)
		Stewardship & Finance & Worship and Music (vegetables or potatoes
		Service (dessert), Evangelism (drinks and bread)
December 14 th :	6:30	Advent Soup Supper -- Property
	7:15	Advent Worship III
December 24 th :	7:00	Christmas Eve Worship - (Prophesy, Hymns, Candlelight)
December 24 th :	11:00	Late Christmas Eve Worship - (Hymns, Candlelight, Communion)
December 25 th :	10:00	Christmas Day Worship

Elusive Peace

(Debbie Preuss, December 4, 2002)

Elusive peace in a busy day
Running, running, no time to pray
God wants to talk, to be your friend
For time and eternity without end
Talk to God, He's always there
His heart is filled with loving care
He wants a relationship with you
Not just religion that you say or do
But a friendship formed in the heart
One that will never be pulled apart

He gave His Son, take time to see
All He's done for you and me
The ransom is paid, by Jesus' blood
Be washed forever in His cleansing flood
He paid the price to set us free
Sins washed away for eternity
Take time away from your busy life
To give to God your cares and strife
For time and eternity without end
God wants to talk, to be your friend
Elusive peace in a busy day
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Celebrating with our Members

December Birthdays

Month/Day	Person
12/1	Dykman, Doug
12/6	Kelley, Alexander
12/10	Blackburn, Laura
12/12	Carey, Cindy
12/16	Cornwell, Kathy
12/16	Moore, Christian
12/17	Elliott, Joe
12/19	Megahan, Erik
12/20	Sims, Amber
12/22	Mierzwick, Pat
12/27	Curran, Ada
12/29	Kersten, Parma

December Baptisms

Month/Day	Person
12/1	Blackburn, James
12/1	Pruitt, Patrice
12/2	Green, Mary
12/9	Hanne, Kathy
12/10	Gallatin, James
12/15	Jensen, JoAnn
12/18	Adamson, Sally
12/21	Hicock, Anita
12/23	Hill, Alyssa
12/25	Anderson, Judith
12/25	Johnson, Robert
12/26	Fitzgerald, Erin
12/30	Strickland, Judy

December Anniversaries

Month/Day	Person
12/18	Jerry and Parma Kersten
12/27	Robert and Mary Green

Education – Youth

Sunday School Newsbreak

WHAT HAS HAPPENED:

The *OLDER YOUTH* met at the Askelsons the Sunday afternoon before Halloween to view scary movies together.

ALL THE YOUTH met at Red Bird Lanes to bowl Sunday Nov. 11th... By the looks of the scores we may all ask for bumpers next time!

WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN

NO ADULT OR YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL will be held on the Sunday following Thanksgiving or on Christmas or New Years Day.

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH will be held on the Sunday following Thanksgiving or on Christmas or New Years Day.

THE GIFT OF A SON will be coming to you on *WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7TH DURING THE ADVENT SERVICE*. **POT LUCK DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30** with the interactive play following in the Sanctuary. If you attended last year you know how much fun we all had soooo spread the word, bring friends and come join us again this year!

OLDER YOUTH SHOPPING TRIP will be on December 11th after church.

ALL YOUTH SWIM PARTY will be on Jan. 8th from 4-PM at the Lancaster Parks & Recreation Center, 1700 Veterans Memorial Parkway Lancaster, TX phone: 972-227-1112x19 **COME JOIN THE FUN!**

Advent Worship – Wednesday – December 7th

Education & Youth Committee (Sandi & Cindy)

The education committee is scheduling the interactive Christmas Program/ dinner - THE GIFT OF A SON – for Wednesday, December 7 starting at 6:30 pm with a pot luck dinner followed by the program in the Sanctuary. In addition to the program, we will be asking each person to bring a can good to help support the Food Bank during the holidays.

This is the same program which was presented last year, and like last year we are asking each committee to:

(1) bring a course for the pot luck dinner and

(2) participate in the program with a specific scene.

(Please let either Cindy Carey or myself know if this does NOT work for you.)

The pot luck courses are:

Parish Life – Birthday Cake for Jesus

Education/Youth – Meat

Property – Salad

Worship & Music – Vegetable / potatoes

Stewardship/Finance – Vegetable / Potatoes

Service – Dessert

Evangelism – Drinks and bread

The tables will be set up on Sunday following the service.

Scene assignments for the program will be distributed to the committee chairs. There are 9 scene, each group will need to pick a “leader” and assign reading parts and (as time allows) provide props.

As we move into the Christmas season and we are bombarded with all the holiday advertising and running, let's not forget what this season is truly about and why we celebrate it. Thank you to everyone in advance for making this a fun and memorable program again this year.

Coffee Server News

Dear Friends

Thank you for your response to be a coffee server. Listed below is the schedule for January, February and March 2006. 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 a.m. Coffee servers are responsible for preparing the coffee and cleaning up after the 10 a.m. 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

Jackie Askelson

Jan 1 Anita Hicock

Feb 5 Carrots Wroten

Mar 5 Sandi Scott

Jan 8 Andrea Bryan

Feb 12 Sandy Roiger

Mar 12 Barbara Aars

Jan 15 Carol Dietz

Feb 19 Valerie Kelley

Mar 19 Azella Dykman

Jan 22 Mayra Oza Espinoza

Feb 26 Catherine & Barbara Bartlett

Mar 26 Jackie & Mandi Askelson

Jan 29 Dana Alexander

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study Group is studying "Solving the 24 Problems Men Face" ("The Man in the Mirror").

They do a chapter per month and meet the 2nd Saturday of the Month @ 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM with breakfast provided (Dec 10th). The next chapter they will be studying and discussing is "Solving Our Time Problems", (How to Make the Right Choice / How to Decide What's Important / Doing God's Will). We hope and pray that all the Men of NLIC would join us and invite another man outside of our church to come and study the word of God.

Please keep the Men's Bible Study in your daily prayers for its growth and outreach.

Conference Worship

"A Celebration of Dr. King's vision - keep the dream alive"

January 15th at 3:00 p.m.

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

Dear Fellow Lutherans,

Dr. King's life and legacy is a call for justice for all people, regardless of race or station in life. Wouldn't it be good, then, that our church from all races and distinct cultures come together to celebrate Dr. King's vision and keep the dream alive? This is what we plan to do.

Won't you come and join us January 15th at 3:00 at Mt. Olive Lutheran church on Martin Luther King Boulevard for a celebration service that will include the music and heart language of all the walks of life of our church, Hispanic, Black, Oriental, and White.

We will hear Dr. King preach to us in a living way, hear music of not just one culture, and see our children dance and celebrate the message anew.

Afterwards, the Hispanic Coalition will share with us about communicating effectively with Hispanic culture. We can take home not only specific wisdom but also general principles of sharing with groups that are different than us.

After that, we will join together in a multi-cultural meal provided potluck style from the various distinct groups and cultures in our church.

Please come and join us as we continue to listen for God's call to revival and pray that it comes to us in this time and place.

In Christ,

South Dallas Conference Pastors

Holiday Greeting



*May the joy of the Savior's birth during this holy season
bring hope and happiness to your life.*

Pastor Bill

STAFF, COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

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Council Liaisons:

Education / Youth	<u>Doug Dykman & 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:

Carol Dietz	972-283-1835
Pat Johnston	214-946-6707
Jerry and Parma Kersten	972-780-5978
Sue Polinski	972-617-6194
Jim and Lucile Robbins	972-217-1657
Sandy Roiger	972-223-4086
<u>Bill and Judy Strickland</u>	972-296-5353
<u>Tom and Marion Teske</u>	972-937-7547
Carrots Wroten	972-296-9380

NLIC Committees:

Education & Youth	Chair: Sandi Scott (972-723-1817); Liaison: Doug Dykman and Chris Bartlett Members: Christine Lain, Sandi Scott, Cindy Carey, Jackie Askelson, Judy Rosebrock, Melissa Justice, Michelle Dietz, Jennifer Hill and the NLIC Youth
Evangelism	Chair: Michael Aars, (214-207-2134); Liaison: Michael Aars Members: Ralph Roberts, Jerry Kersten, Jim & Carolyn Blackburn, Judy Strickland, Jack Bartlett, Dawn Carter, Jack & Maudine Ruebman
Parish Life	Chair: Pat Gallatin-Rhody (972-296-2442); Liaison: Tom Teske Members: Marion Teske, Pam Beran, Patrice Pruitt
Property	Chair: Bill Strickland (972-296-5353) Liaison: Phil Ward Members: Jim Gallatin, Pat Johnston, Robert Johnson, Jack Howell, Jack Ruebman, Dennis Roiger, Elwood Tweet
Service	Members: Co-Chairs: Pat Johnston (214-946-6707) and Linda Metting (972-298-2364); Liaison: Azella Dykman Members: Jean Lehre, Sandy Roiger & Carrots Wroten
Stewardship & Finance	Chair: Jim Blackburn (972-283-1722); Liaison: Jim Blackburn Members: Tom Teske, Jack Bartlett, Ralph Roberts, Chris Bartlett,
Worship & Music	Chair: Parma Kersten (972-780-5978) Liaison: Greg Lain Members: Barbara Palermo, Jackie Askelson, Barbara Aars, Belen Eck

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.

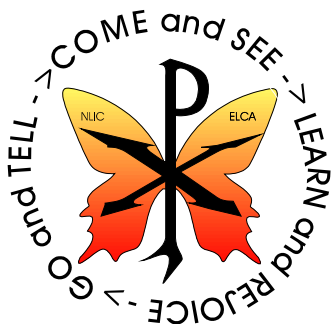
Procedures and Deadlines

- 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 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 of the month.

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DECEMBER 2005

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion