

The Witness

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As the twelve days of Christmas come to an end
NLIC celebrates Epiphany with Worship
January 6, 2006

New Life in Christ Lutheran Church continues our tradition of celebrating Epiphany with fellowship and worship. Our fellowship begins with a soup supper at 6:30 p.m. If you are willing to provide a pot of soup to share please contact Pastor Bill. The fellowship meal will be followed by our Epiphany worship. Again this Epiphany we will be using the service written by Marty Haugen and Susan Briehl and commissioned by the Lutheran Student organization at the University of Texas entitled "**Unfailing Light.**" The liturgy is extremely rich in its presentation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and is designed to include the celebration of the sacrament of Holy Communion (which will be celebrated).

Come and worship with us, and don't forget to bring your candles.

ALL YOUTH SWIM PARTY

The all youth swim party will take place on January 8th, starting at 4:00 p.m. at the Lancaster Parks and Recreation Center, 1700 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Lancaster, TX. phone: 972-227-1112x19
COME JOIN THE FUN!!!!!!

2006 Flower Chart

There are still some openings on the 2006 Flower Chart. The Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please sign up and if giving for a special occasion please provide a note indicating what that special event is. Thank you.

Web Site Update

Our church website is getting some attention. In 2005 we had approx. 9.6 hits a day. A huge NLIC thank-you to Herb Doller for keeping our website up-to-date.

Thoughts for the Journey

Missed Opportunities

(By Alan Smith)

The story is told of a young man who wished to marry the farmer's beautiful daughter. He went to the farmer to ask his permission. The farmer looked him over and responded, "*Son, go stand out in that field and I'm going to release three bulls, one at a time. If you can catch the tail of any one of the three bulls, you can marry my daughter.*"

The young man stood in the pasture awaiting the first bull. The barn door opened and out ran the biggest, meanest-looking bull he had ever seen. He decided that one of the next bulls had to be a better choice than this one, so he ran over to the side and let the bull pass through the pasture out the back gate.

The barn door opened again. Unbelievable. He had never seen anything so big and fierce in his life. It stood - pawing the ground, grunting, slinging slobber - as it eyed him. Whatever the next bull was like, it had to be a better choice than this one. He ran to the fence and let the bull pass through the pasture, out the back gate.

The door opened a third time. A smile came across his face. This was the weakest, scrawniest little bull he had ever seen. This one was his bull. As the bull came running by, he positioned himself just right and jumped at just the exact moment. He grabbed... but the bull had no tail!

Life is full of opportunities. Some will be easy to take advantage of, some will be difficult. But once we let them pass (often in hopes of something better), those opportunities may never again be available.

The same thing is also true of opportunities to serve Christ. God often opens doors -- opportunities to speak up for Him, opportunities to minister to someone who is hurting or in need, opportunities to make an influence on the world around us. If we allow them to pass by (perhaps because we are waiting for something easier to come along), we may miss out on them altogether.

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith." (Gal. 6:10).

May you take advantage of the doors God opens for you this year!

Celebrating with our Members

January Birthdays

Month/Day	Person
1/1	Butler, Fern
1/4	Justice, Melissa
1/6	Adamson, Sally
1/9	Askelson, Steve
1/10	Bartlett, Catherine
1/12	Wade, Ruby
1/14	Larson, Emily
1/17	Etemad, Michele
1/20	Carr, Michael
1/22	Anttila, Edward
1/27	Lain, Rachael
1/28	Ruebman, Jack
1/30	Roiger, Dennis

January Baptisms

Month/Day	Person
1/4	Dykman, Jessica
1/16	Moore, Christian
1/19	Riffe, Renee
1/26	Askelson, Steve
1/29	Blackburn, Laura

January Anniversaries

Month/Day	Person
1/12	Jack & Maudine Ruebman
1/15	Jim & Sally Adamson
1/21	Brian & Sandi Scott
1/24	James & Carolyn Blackburn
1/30	Carolyn & Gene Carr

CALLING ALL MEN

It's time for me to beseech you, as I do every January, to come sing in the Men's Choir. Please come to practice on Wednesday, January 11th and January 18th at 7 p.m, and we'll sing on Sunday, January 22nd. I hope to see (and hear) you then.

Barbara Palermo

News from Herb and Betty Doller

Our son-in-law Daniel Westergaard (Caryn's husband) deployed to Iraq for one year the Saturday after Thanksgiving. He is in Kuwait right now and we are not sure what part of Iraq he will end up in. His e-mail address is: Daniel.westergaard@us.army.mil As of right now he does not appear to have a good e-mail access. He has not responded to any e-mails yet. It will probably be mid-January before his routine is orderly enough that he will have time to check personal e-mails.

He has asked for inexpensive (sports) toys that he can give away to the kids if you would like to send something to him.

His mailing address is: CPT Daniel Westergaard
HHT, 1-61 CAV, 506th RCT
Unit # 41501
101st ABN DIV (AASLT)
APO AE 09390-1501

If you would like to receive e-mail updates, you can send me an e-mail request to HerbDoller@sbcglobal.net and I will send you updates as I get them.

Prayers for a successful and safe mission will be appreciated.

Herb and Betty Doller

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
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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.

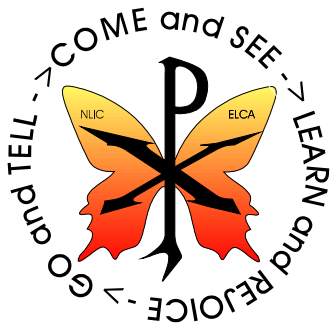
Procedures and Deadlines

- 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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January 2006

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