

# The Witness

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## Journey to Easter

During the first fifteen days of April and Holy Week we will be completing our Lenten journey through prayer. The end of that journey is Easter and our celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. Even before we get to Easter the signs of new life fill our lives. The rains have fallen, the grass is growing and the trees are putting on their leaves. As we witness these signs of new life in nature it is also my prayer that we may also experience a spiritual growth in our living. The schedule leading to our Easter celebration includes:

- April 5, 2006 @ 6:30 Disciples pray in temptation Matthew 6:13 - John 17:13-16 Education provides meal
- April 13, 2006 @ 7:15 Maundy Thursday Disciples pray for deliverance Matthew 6:13 - John 17:17-21 No meal
- April 14, 2006 @ noon to 3:00 Stations of the Cross Devotion  
@ 7:15 Service of Darkness Disciples pray with power Matthew 6:14-15 - John 17:22-26 No meal
- April 16, 2006 @ 7:00 Early Worship and communion  
@ 8:00 Youth Breakfast  
@ 9:00 Flowering of the Cross  
@ 10:00 Worship and Communion

## Thoughts for the Journey

### Put Your Life Where Your Mouth Is

(Author Unknown, Provided by Student Discipleship Ministries, TX)

Matthew 7:18-23 (NIV) says:

*"A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them." Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?'*

*Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"*

Jesus says that a person's life may not line up with his lip. Just because a person calls Jesus "**Lord**" does not mean that he lives his life under Jesus' lordship. When a person dedicates their life to living

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for Jesus, it means that they are actively entrusting their lives to Him and living in obedience to Him –and that is much more than mere lip service.

In 1958, America's first commercial jet air service began with the flight of a Boeing 707. One month later a passenger on a piston-engine, propeller-driven DC-6 airliner found that he was sitting next to a Boeing engineer. The traveler asked the engineer about the new jet aircraft, and the engineer proudly told him all about the extensive testing Boeing had carried out on the jet. He also recounted Boeing's vast experience with engines, from the B-17 to the B-52. Asked if he had yet flown on the 707 jet, the engineer replied, *"I think I'll wait until it's been in service awhile."*

You see, the engineer talked about the greatness of the jet, but he wasn't willing to risk his life by flying on it. He wasn't willing to put his life where his mouth was.

**Do you put your life where your mouth is, as far as your Christian walk is concerned?  
Do you really live with Jesus as "Lord", or do you just talk about Jesus being Lord?**

## *Celebrating with our Members*

### April Birthdays

| Month/Day | Person              |
|-----------|---------------------|
| 4/2       | Ira, Hodges         |
| 4/14      | Grindstaff, Charlie |
| 4/20      | Larson, Eric        |
| 4/24      | Eck, Peter          |
| 4/24      | Hill, Zach          |
| 4/25      | Alexander, Lacey    |
| 4/25      | Gallatin, Pat       |
| 4/26      | Doller, Herbert     |
| 4/30      | Askelson, Nicole    |
| 4/30      | Johnston, Patricia  |

### April Baptisms

| Month/Day | Person             |
|-----------|--------------------|
| 4/1       | Blackburn, Carolyn |
| 4/1       | Carr, Michael      |
| 4/2       | Holcomb, Marian    |
| 4/2       | Holcomb, Robert    |
| 4/8       | Mitchell, Marcia   |
| 4/9       | Adamson, Jim       |
| 4/15      | Hicock, Terry      |
| 4/17      | Justice, Melissa   |
| 4/21      | Draper, Laura      |
| 4/25      | Larson, Emily      |
| 4/29      | Westergaard, Caryn |

### April Anniversaries

| Month/Day | Person                 |
|-----------|------------------------|
| 4/28      | James and Pat Gallatin |

## *Thank You from Judy Strickland and Melissa Justice*

We would like to thank everyone for the cards and expressions of sympathy during the death of our mother and grandmother. The support of our church family means a lot to us.

Judy Strickland and Melissa Justice

## *Thank You and Farewell from Tom and Mary Holman*

Today we “signed off” on the Anufo New Testament. The typesetting is complete, and soon it will be on its way to the printers in Korea. The Anufo people in Ghana will soon have God’s Word in their heart language!

Did you know that you, too, have been part of this? Thank you for the wonderful fellowship and for the ways you have encouraged us while we were here in Dallas. And thanks also for giving us the opportunity to share with you about the work of Bible translation. We look forward to seeing what God will do as we continue to partner together to give God’s Word to every language group in Africa that needs it.

With love in Christ,

Mary and Tom Holman

### ***CHURCH SPRING CLEAN-UP***

Spring Clean-up is scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be served. Please come and help. Thanks.

## ***EDUCATION AND YOUTH***

### ***CHURCH CAMP***

Any youth interested in Camp that has completed 2<sup>nd</sup> grade can attend. If interested, please contact Jackie Askelson for info. Registration in due next month.

### ***SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH NEWS WHAT HAS HAPPENED***

**The Roller skating party** held on 3/5 at the Arlington Skating Rink was a great all youth event attended by 9 youth and 6 adults acting like youth!

### ***WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN***

**EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST** offered by the Youth at 8:00 followed by the **FLOWERING OF THE CROSS** (don’t forget to bring flowers) and **AN EASTER EGG HUNT** (kids bring your Easter Baskets!)

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP (SCHOOL) VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** *proposed dates are June 25-29<sup>th</sup>*  
**6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Talk to Cindy Carey or Sandi Scott. And MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FUN!!**

# PARISH LIFE

Ladies please join us May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m. for our Annual Tea. Parish Life will provide "Brunch". In place of a guest speaker we are asking you to bring a sample of your "collectables" (angels, spoons, thimbles, tea cups etc). We will have tables setup to display them on. If your not one who collects then just come and enjoy the food and wonderful fellowship. Have a sister, an aunt or just a good friend please bring them along.

## LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

NEXT WEEKEND APRIL 21-23

*Being Married Is ...*

**Understanding the Cycle of  
Romance and Disillusionment ....**



**... Knowing The Signs!**

All couples go through cycles of Romance & Disillusionment. At times our relationship is going well. We look forward to coming home to each other. Our activities revolve around each other. We have shared dreams for the future! Each day is better than yesterday! We are secure in our growing romance!

At other times we feel disillusioned. The give and take seems like just take. We feel abused and neglected. "Little things" that should not be problems become big problems. We may feel like we are out of control in a downward spiral. Disaster is just ahead!

At these times couples with good relationships have mechanisms for saying, "Timeout! We need to stop and get back in control." Such mechanisms almost always involve renewing channels of communication. Whether it is going on vacation, going for walks or just turning off the TV and sitting on a couch together. Couples in disillusionment need to understand each other's disappointments and frustrations. Each needs to be willing to change their behavior for the sake of the other. Asking for and receiving forgiveness is part of the process. We need to reestablish common goals. It is the hope for the future that makes the burdens of today more bearable.

Reversing periods of disillusionment can in itself lead to a closer relationship. We have worked together through the "hard times" and won! In Love we can do anything together!



... Working to make the Romance Higher And ...The Disillusionment Less Deep! Lutheran Marriage Encounter in DFW

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

Next Weekends - Apr 21-23 & Oct 6-8, 2006

For Information

Herb & Betty Doller

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# **BON APPETIT**

*Saturday, April 8, 2006, 5 PM @ La Calle Doce, 415 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Oak Cliff*

**Please Come And Join Us For Fun And Fellowship**

*The Sign-up sheet is hanging on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.*

For further info contact Carrots Wroten @ 972-296-9380

## **FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR**

**LADIES LADIES LADIES LADIES LADIES LADIES LADIES**

Top 5 Reasons you should sing in the Ladies Choir:

5. Although I would never sing a solo, I always sing in church during worship.
4. I don't have to make a weekly commitment to choir since we'll only practice twice.
3. Even though I can't read music, I can learn the music we'll be singing.
2. I will share fellowship and fun with my sisters in Christ.
1. I will lift up my voice to God and make beautiful music with like-minded women.

These are the reasons I would love to have you come sing in the Ladies Choir. We will only practice two Wednesdays, April 26<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7PM and then we'll sing on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. If you can only come to one practice, that's okay because you can still learn the music in one evening. This is just a very short commitment, so try it, you may like it. You don't have to read music to sing with us. Just as many hands make light work, so, too, do many voices raised to God make beautiful music together. Please come - I look forward to seeing you!!

Barbara Palermo

# STAFF, COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

|                        |              |                              |              |
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## NLIC Executive Committee:

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### Council Liaisons:

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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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| Carol Dietz                     | 972-283-1835 |
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| Jerry and Parma Kersten         | 972-780-5978 |
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| Sandy Roiger                    | 972-223-4086 |
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| <u>Tom and Marion Teske</u>     | 972-937-7547 |
| Carrots Wroten                  | 972-296-9380 |

## NLIC Committees:

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

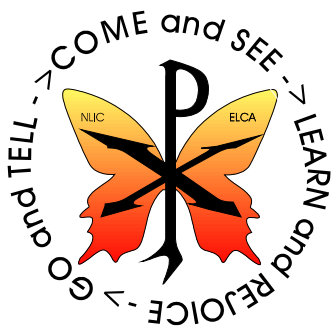
## Procedures and Deadlines

- 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](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 of the month.

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## APRIL 2006

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