

The Witness

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Roof Repair

Finance Committee

Our building needs some roof repair. As most of you know our building is more than 30 years old. The area needing repair is the eaves (officially named soffit and fascia) which are wood and they are rotting.

We have been watching this area for some time. The Property Committee asked a contractor to inspect the area and he said yes, it needs repairing. He gave us a quote of \$5,000 for the repair. He recommended repairing it by covering the wood with vinyl. The vinyl will be a long term solution as it won't deteriorate and in fact will not require painting periodically as does wood.

The Property Committee made the recommendation for the repairs, council approved and we are now asking the Congregation to support this project. We would also inform the congregation that the longer we wait the more it will cost as more wood will have to be replaced.

You may put your donations in your regular envelopes. Just mark the amount for the roof in the space on the envelope marked "other". We will keep you informed of the amount in the fund in the bulletin each Sunday and when we have the \$5,000 we will get the work done.

Thanks you in advance for your support.

Thoughts for the Journey

Raccoons and Sin

(By Gary Richmond in his book, book "A View From a Zoo")

Raccoons go through a glandular change at about 24 months. After that they often attack their owners. Since a 30-pound raccoon can be equal to a 100-pound dog in a scrap, I felt compelled to mention the change coming to a pet raccoon owned by a young friend of mine, Julie. She listened politely as I explained the coming danger. I'll never forget her answer.

"It will be different for me. . ." And she smiled as she added, *"Bandit wouldn't hurt me. He just wouldn't."*

Three months later Julie underwent plastic surgery for facial lacerations sustained when her adult raccoon attacked her for no apparent reason. Bandit was released into the wild.

Sin, too, often comes dressed in an adorable guise, and as we play with it, how easy it is to say, *"It will be different for me."*

Opportunities for Service and Obtaining Information

submitted by Anita Hicock

For a number of years I have had the following website bookmarked on my computer. I have read the newsletters from each of the related sites and believe this to be worthy of sharing. By simply going to the following link: <http://www.theliteracysite.com>

you have the opportunity to donate to six very needy causes. If clicking on the above site doesn't lead you there, simply copy and paste the address into your search engine. These are Hunger (Feeding the Hungry), Breast Cancer Awareness (Funding Mammograms), Child Health (Funding Healthcare for Children), Literacy (Funding Books for Kids), Rainforest (Preserving Endangered Land) and Animal Rescue (Funding Food for Animals). You need not click on all the links, just the ones that you feel moved to support. These sites are supported by corporate sponsors and need only your daily (or whenever you are online) attention to target their dollars to charities that are near and dear to all of us. Any questions about navigating the site, just call or write me at ahth5421@sbcglobal.net or 972-775-3516 or see you at church.

Thank You

The New Life in Christ Church family and Pastor Metting,

Thank you for allowing us to host a Family Group Conference at your church home on Monday, August 28th. The room was just what we needed to provide a comfortable, accessible meeting space for the family. Your kindness is greatly appreciated,

Susy Meehan
Family Group Conference Specialist
Lutheran Social Service of Texas

With our Members

During the month of September the following ministerial actions have been taken:

- ▶ A transfer of membership was issued for Lillian Carrier. Lillian moved to Austin last year and has now moved her membership to Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Austin.
- ▶ Herbert Calhoun passed from this life into eternal life on September 4th. Graveside services were held for Herbert on September 9th at Laurel Land Memorial Park.

Worship Assistants

The worship and music committee will resume the practice of assigning worship assistants (lectors, ushers, and communion assistants) from the time and talent list.

We will complete the volunteer lists that are now posted for September, October, and November. The assigned list will start in December.

News Briefing

October 2006

A DiscipleLife Synod: The Northern Texas –
Northern Louisiana Synod, ELCA

Congregational Newsletter Insert – Please forward to all interested persons –
Sowing and Growing Disciples of Jesus

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

A great deal of interest and excitement is developing for the new worship resource Evangelical Lutheran Worship. With ten liturgies, all 150 Psalms, and Luther's Small Catechism, it is way more than a hymnal! Five SongFests are scheduled for the NT-NL Synod to introduce and experience the ELW. Your \$20 registration fee includes lunch and a copy of the ELW. Each event takes place on a Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Nov. 4, at Calvary, Fort Worth; Nov. 11, at Holy Trinity, Shreveport; Jan. 13, at First, Waco; Feb. 17, at St. Luke's, Richardson; and Feb. 24, at Grace, Abilene. Find the registration form at www.NTNL.org/news_events.htm. Also look for worship information and resources at WorshipWorks. Use this web site to learn more about worship, but also as a place to log in your questions and comments. You can access the site from the NT-NL Synod's home page: www.NTNL.org.

Briarwood Executive Director Named

The Board of Briarwood Lutheran Ministries has named Pastor Michael R. Purcell as the new Executive Director. A Service of Installation is planned to coincide with the opening worship service of the Bishop's Convocation (1:15 p.m. on Monday, October 16) at Briarwood. Pastor Purcell comes to Briarwood from a 15-year ministry as the Pastor Developer and called Pastor of New Hope Lutheran Church in Keller – a congregation with an exemplary youth performing arts ministry. During the course of his ministry, Pastor Purcell founded Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Northern Arizona and served as coordinator, consultant and advisor for numerous Youth Ministry programs and events. His appointment at Briarwood is another milestone in the continuing development of this vital synod ministry.

Lutheran Youth Organization

The 2006 NT-NL Synod Jr. High Gathering (grades 6-8) takes place at the Westin Park Central in Dallas on November 10-12. The theme is Extreme Makeover: Christ Edition. The speaker is Kari Lyn Wampler from the Youth and Family Institute. She speaks to youth groups around the country. The registration deadline is October 10. The registration materials are at www.ntnlyouth.org.

Oromo Christian Fellowship: *St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Richardson is host to a developing ministry among Oromo people in the Dallas area. The Oromo people come from Ethiopia and the northern part of Kenya. Of the 50 nations in Africa, the Oromo people represent the fourth largest population group. This ministry first began in the DFW area in May, 2003, and has grown quickly ever since.*

FYI... October Emphases: Mission Endowment Fund & Lutheran Foundation of the SW

- ❖ For the 23rd year, Texas Lutheran University has been listed in U.S. News & World Report as one of the nation's best regional comprehensive colleges. And for the 4th consecutive year Princeton Review named TLU a "Best College in the Western Region." The university opened its 115th year in August with over 1300 students. Info contact www.TLU.edu.
- ❖ NT-NL's Mission Endowment Fund sponsors its annual fund raising dinner on October. 22. Info contact Hattie.Hammer@att.net.
- ❖ Three more Spread the Spirit's Fire events take place in October (in Abilene, Lubbock and Fort Worth). The workshops are for all congregational leaders. Information at www.NTNL.org/news_events.htm.
- ❖ Sign up for the Impact Online E-Newsletter at www.TexasImpact.com. Texas Impact is an ecumenical organization in Austin working on behalf of member churches to help shape governmental and legislative programs and initiatives.
- ❖ The next Lutheran Men in Mission Gathering takes place Feb. 16-17. The event provides opportunity for fellowship, learning, and service. Info contact NT-NL.LMM@charter.net.
- ❖ The Cherish Our Children Initiative is hosting a program, Giving Leadership for Our Youth in a Culture Gone Wild, at Santa Maria Lutheran Church (at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Irving) on October 12, 7-9 p.m. The program offers information on issues related to internet predators and the sexual exploitation of children. Info contact Nancy.Fisher@ntnl.org.
- ❖ **Oktoberfest** at Ascension Lutheran Church, Garland, is set for October 21, 6 p.m., and includes live German music, foods and a silent auction to benefit area ministries. Tickets \$25 in advance. Info contact 972.276.0023.

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Celebrating with our Members

OCTOBER Birthdays

10/6 Christopher Bartlett
10/6 Alexis Rosebrock
10/6 Christina Rosebrock
10/7 Rachelle Ware
10/13 Jennifer Hill
10/15 Lisa Dennis
10/17 Greg Cornwell
10/19 Dustin Sims
10/21 Megan New
10/22 Melody Larson
10/26 James Aars
10/28 James Adamson
10/28 Jim Adamson
10/31 Helen Klar

OCTOBER Baptisms

10/1 John Dietz
10/10 Betty Doller
10/15 Mandi Askelson
10/16 Tom Teske
10/20 Rachelle Ware
10/25 Joe Elliott
10/26 Jackie Askelson
10/29 Lisa Dennis

OCTOBER Anniversaries

10/18 David & Michele Etemad
10/19 Bill & Linda Metting

Youth and Education News

By Cindy Carey

Youth News

WHAT HAS HAPPENED

Fall Sunday school was kicked off by Rally Day celebrated on Sunday 9/10 with everyone sharing breakfast and the kids enjoying a good game of "Sardines". Sardines is a game best described as reverse tag. Whenever someone finds the person who is "it", they hide with them until there is a big group of people hiding together and who are easily seen by all - similar to when the word of God is spread - Christianity is easily seen by all. It is our mission during Sunday School to spread the word of God. Please come join us at 9:00 every Sunday. We have classes for all ages!

Confirmation classes have started once again. Please keep our confirmation students in your prayers as they finish their last year of classes before they are confirmed.

WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN

Possible Camping Trip is being discussed for the older youth. If you are in 7th grade or older and our interested in camping in October please let Cindy Carey know as soon as possible, what dates would work for you .

Congregational Work Day

Property Committee

The Church property Committee has Set October 14th as the date for our Fall Congregational Work day. We need all of your help and ask that you join us as we prepare for winter. The work day will last for 9:00 to 12:00

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Parish Life	Jerry Kersten
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Stewardship / Finance	Jim Blackburn
Worship / Music	Valerie Kelley
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Carrots Wroten	972-296-9380

NLIC Committees

Education and Youth	Chair	Sandi Scott (972-723-1817) & Cindy Carey (972-723-1817); Liaison: Chris Bartlett
	Members	Christine Lain, Cindy Carey, Jackie Askelson, Judy Rosebrock, Melissa Justice, Michelle Dietz, Jennifer Hill, Ruby Wade and the NLIC youth
Evangelism	Chair	Liaison: Ralph Roberts
	Members	Jerry Kersten, Judy Strickland, Jack Bartlett, Betty Doller, Herb Doller, Phil Ward, Michael Aars
Parish Life	Chair	Pat Gallatin-Rhody (972-296-2442); Liaison: Jerry Kersten
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Property	Chair	Bill Strickland (972-296-5353); Liaison: Greg Lain
	Members	Jim Gallatin, John and Pat Johnston, Jack Ruebman, Dennis Roiger, Elwood Tweet
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	Members	Jack Bartlett, Ralph Roberts, Christ Bartlett, Dennis Roiger, Bill Strickland
Worship & Music	Chair	Parma Kersten (972-780-5978); Liaison: Valerie Kelley
	Members	Barbara Palermo, Barbara Aars, Belen Eck, Lucile Robbins
Church Health Team		Ral Aars, Jim Blackburn, Jerry Palermo, Phil Ward Belen Eck, Melissa Justice, Ruby Wade

New Life In Christ Lutheran Church -Office Information

Office Hours

Pastor Bill Metting
Jonathan Metting

Tuesday thru Friday, normal hours from 8:30 am until 12:00 (noon).
Hours as needed

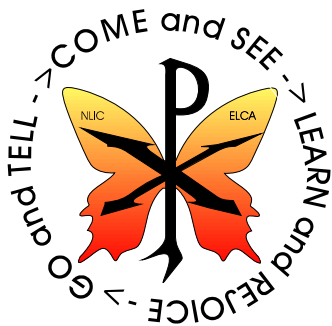
Procedures and Deadlines

- Notifications:** Jonathan 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:** Jonathan works on the bulletin on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Wednesday he finalizes the bulletin by 10:00 and runs the bulletin so that it can be folded on Friday.
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_editor@sbcglobal.net or hard copies placed on the secretary's desk. Betty Doller our new newsletter editor will put the publication 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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9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion