

# *The Witness*

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## *Easter - the Gift of New Life*

by Pastor Bill

On April 8<sup>th</sup> the long Lenten season will come to an end as we celebrate together the New Life of Easter. On Easter Sunday morning we will be having two worship services (Yes, that means for all of you who love the early worship service, that there will be an early service for you.).

Our Easter schedule for 2007 is as follows:

- 7:00 a.m. Early Worship
- 8:00 a.m. Youth Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Flowering of the cross
- 10:00 a.m. Worship

During our Easter celebration we will be celebrating the emergence of new life in two ways. Certainly we will be joyfully proclaiming that "Jesus Christ is risen. That he is risen indeed." However, we will also be celebrating the gift of new life. That new life will be in the person of Sarah Karen Draper whose new life and new life will be celebrated at our 10:00 worship as Sarah is baptized. We look forward to the renewal of friendships and spiritual journeys traveled as we celebrate with Scott and Laura Draper, the new life that joins them and Daniel in their family.

Come and celebrate new life and renewal of life with your family at New Life in Christ.

## *Congregational Gift Inventory - update*

by Pastor Bill

On Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, the congregational family at New Life in Christ shared a journey of discovery of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit present in our family as we used a Taize worship experience and used a Congregational Survey to explore three areas of "Gift Oriented Ministry." We had the opportunity from our theological perspective to evaluate the importance of the thirty Gifts of the Spirit talked about in scriptures. We had the opportunity to take a survey to discover the presence of those gifts of the Spirit in our lives. And then we got the opportunity to do some visioning for the future through the final four questions.

A special word of thanks to all who filled out the survey. Even with my illness the results of those surveys are now in and were presented to the Church Health Team on Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting the CHT will decide on how to give you your results. To say the least, the results were both eye opening and profound. I look forward to your getting your results soon.

However, just like in banking, there can be no withdrawal without a deposit. We invite those of you who have not filled out one of the Congregational Surveys to do so as soon as possible. Just to let you know, if you don't fill out a survey on your own, you will hear from a Church Health Team who will encourage you to share in the experience and the ministry.

## *Celebrating with our Members*

### APRIL Birthdays

Ira Hodges 4/2  
 Virginia Espinoza 4/11  
 Charlie Grindstaff 4/14  
 Eric Larson 4/20  
 Peter Eck 4/24  
 Zach Hill 4/24  
 Lacy Alexander 4/25  
 Pat Gallatin 4/25  
 Herb Doller 4/26  
 Nikki Askelson 4/30  
 Pat Johnston 4/30

### APRIL Baptisms

Carolyn Blackburn 4/1  
 Michael Carr 4/1  
 Charles Skeels 4/1  
 Marian Holcomb 4/2  
 Robert Holcomb 4/2  
 Marcia Mitchell 4/8  
 Jim Adamson 4/9  
 Terry Hicock 4/15  
 Melissa Clique 4/17  
 Laura Draper 4/21  
 Emily Larson 4/25  
 Caryn Westergaard 4/29

### APRIL Anniversaries

Jim & Pat Gallatin 4/28

## *April 2007 - Worship Assistants*

*If you cannot fulfill this appointment, please arrange for a substitute and then notify the church office.  
 Bulletin is printed on Wednesday.*

	<b>April 1</b>	<b>April 8</b>	<b>April 15</b>	<b>April 22</b>	<b>April 29</b>
<b>Usher</b>	Ral & Barbara Aars	Marty Hill Jerry Kersten	John and Pat Johnston	Ralph Roberts Authurine Wade	Olen & Patrice Story
<b>Lector</b>	Ellen Ward	Olen Story	Ral Aars	Laura Blackburn	Jim Gallatin
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Pat Johnston	Patrice Story	Ral Aars	Herb Doller	Marty Hill
<b>Cantor</b>	Belen Eck	Peter Eck	Barbara Palermo	Phil Ward	Anita Hicock
<b>Coffer Server</b>	Azella Dykman	Youth	Sandy Roiger	Laura Blackburn	Mayra Espinoza
<b>Altar Guild</b>	----- Mayra Espinosa and Belen Eck -----				

## ***PARISH LIFE TO HOST MEN'S APPRECIATION DINNER***

Parish Life will host a dinner in honor of the men of New Life in Christ on Saturday, April 21, 2007 beginning at 6 p.m. This dinner is for all men – young or not so young – single, divorced, married or widowed. We want all of you to come and just have a relaxing evening. All you have to do is show up – there is nothing to set up, cook or clean up.

The men of the congregation do so much to enhance the worship and fellowship and this is Parish Life's way of saying "thank you". If any of the ladies of the congregation would like to help Parish Life, please contact Pat Rhody-Gallatin or Patrice Pruitt-Story.

Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board and let us know you are coming. We want to make sure we have enough food!

## ***IT'S TEA TIME FOR THE LADIES OF NLIC***

It's tea time for all the ladies and female friends of New Life in Christ. Parish Life will host a special tea party on Saturday, May 12, 2007 at 11 a.m. for all the ladies (mothers, sisters, daughters, aunts, grandmas, and best friends).

Parish Life is asking all ladies to decorate a hat and either wear it or bring it with you. These hats can be as fancy or as simple as you like. What's your favorite hobby? Maybe you want to show off that hobby by decorating a hat. For example, if you collect clowns, you could decorate a hat with clowns on it. If you collect spoons, maybe you could have a hat with assorted spoons adorning it. Use your imagination – and let's just get together and have a wonderful time.

Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board and let us know you are coming. We want to make sure we have enough tables set up.

## ***ANYONE INTERESTED IN STARTING A RED HAT SOCIETY AT NLIC?***

The Red Hat Society began when a few women decided they wanted to have fun after fifty – or even before. They decided to wear red hats and purple outfits to designate that they were fifty. Ladies that are under the magic age of fifty may still join the Red Hat Society and wear lavender outfits and pink hats.

The number one rule in the Red Hat Society is that there are no rules – other than the rule to wear the purple and red regalia at all events if over fifty. Ladies under fifty are asked to honor this request and wear lavender and pink.

Are you female and around fifty – over or under – and want to get together for a little fun and frivolity without any rules? Contact Patrice Pruitt-Story either at church or by email and let her know if you are interested in starting a chapter at NLIC. She can be reached at [patrice@patricepruitt.com](mailto:patrice@patricepruitt.com) or 972-816-1539.

# *Thoughts for the Journey - DID NOAH FISH?*

A Sunday school teacher asked,

*"Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"*

*"No," replied David. "How could he, with just two worms?"*

## *News from the Megahans in Botswana, Africa*

1. Last week was a very important and very exhausting week. Our Translation Consultant came to do some checks. He was very impressed with the work accomplished, however, there is a LOT of work left to do. He plans to come in September for a long period of time in the hopes that we are finished and he can give the 'thumbs up' for publication. Please pray for the very detailed work that we have before us in the next five months.
2. Our trip to Maun was safe and productive. We hope to go to Maun again in April to help both with the Yeyi work and to support and help Tim Beckendorf with his work with the Khwe. He and his wife will travel to the States in June/July for the delivery of their expected 2nd child. Pray for their safe travel and birth of their child.
3. I (Michael) has been appointed Interim Project Director for Language Programs in Botswana . Pray for the strength need to carry out this responsibility until a full-time person can be appointed. There are many projects that we want to start and support. Much prayer and energy is needed.
4. Peter is doing well with school and social activities. Jo Ann is also moving ahead. We expect to go to Pretoria , South Africa , in May (9-12) for doctor appointments and her surgery. Please keep that in your prayers.
5. We are still planning on coming to the States from 6 December 2007 - 1 May 2008. Keep that trip in your prayers. We still hope to visit a lot of churches and individuals. Our tentative plans:
  - a. Minnesota area from 6 Dec - 15 Dec.
  - b. 15 Dec through 2 January will be time at the main office and family/Christmas time and St. Louis area churches.
  - c. 3 January-1 April based in Texas (probably Dallas ) and visiting churches, but will go anywhere in USA to visit during this time--please plan a date.
  - d. 1 April- 1 May back in St. Louis , Minnesota , South Dakota area for church visits.These dates are only guidelines. We hope to hear from many and make many trips.
6. Please pray for transportation for these travels and housing.

In Christ,

Michael L. Megahan

## EASTER ACTIVITIES:

EASTER BREAKFAST following the Sunrise Service sponsored by the Youth. There is a sign up sheet for anyone wishing to assist with supplying food will be on the Youth door.

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS during the Sunday School hour. Please plan to participate in this very special tradition and don't forget to bring flowers to help decorate the Cross.

EASTER EGG HUNT for elementary age and younger sponsored by the Youth - don't forget your Easter Baskets

ALL AGE YOUTH EVENT at Ellen's Fairway in April stay tuned for specifics!

WANTED : VBS TEACHERS - When- 7/08/07 - 7/12/07

Who - Anyone who wants to share the word of the Lord.

Why - Because it is fun, rewarding and needed.

Interested????? Contact Cindy Carey or Sandi Scott

DO YOU HAVE A GRADUATING High School or College student? Please let Cindy Carey or Sandi Scott know ASAP.

***LADIES      LADIES      LADIES      LADIES      LADIES***

I have a dream ... perhaps unrealistic, but nevertheless it's a dream that you can help me achieve so it won't be a nightmare. My dream is for everyone to sing in the choir at least once. I can hear you saying to yourself "If I sang in the choir, it would be a nightmare." If so don't listen to yourself - listen to me!

We're going to practice Wednesdays April 25<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm and sing on Sunday May 5. Remember, 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

## ***Marriage Encounter***

The next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be June 15-17. The weekend is a go so we encourage to sign up before the weekend is full. This experience is the best thing you can do with your spouse to add that spark of romance that you knew early in your relationship. You won't regret attending. If you need more information, contact Herb and Betty Doller at church, 972-780-0920, [bettydoller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bettydoller@sbcglobal.net), or [herbdoller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:herbdoller@sbcglobal.net).

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1 Pot Luck</b> 9:00 Sunday School <b>10:00 Worship – Com.</b> 11:30 Parish Life	<b>2 Pastor’s Day Off</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>3</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>4</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>5 Maundy Thursday</b> Meals on Wheels  7:15 Maundy Thursday Service	<b>6 Good Friday</b> Meals on Wheels 12-3 Stations of the Cross 7:15 Good Friday Service	<b>7 Pastor’s Day Off</b> 9:00 LadiesBibleStudy
<b>8 Easter Sunday</b> 7:00 Early Worship 9:00 Flowering Cross 8:15 Easter Breakfast- Youth sponsored 10:00 Worship – Com. 11:15 Ed. - Youth	<b>9 Pastor’s Day Off</b>	<b>10</b>  6:45 Exec. Comm. 7:15 Church Council 7:00 Service	<b>11</b> 9:30 Crossways Study  6:30 Confirmation- Staff 7:00 Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14 Pastor’s Day Off</b> 8:00 Men’sBible Study 9:00 LadiesBibleStudy <i>Bon Appetit</i>
<b>15 Cong. Meeting</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship – Com. 11:30 Congregational Meeting 11:30 Church Health Team	<b>16 Pastor’s Day Off</b>	<b>17</b> 10-2 Theological Conf Planning Committee	<b>18</b> 9:30 Crossways Study  6:30 Confirmation- Staff 7:00 Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21 Pastor’s Day Off</b> 9:00 LadiesBibleStudy  6:00 Men’s Appreciation Dinner
<b>22 ARTICLES DUE</b> <b>Blood Drive</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship – Com. Youth Outing – Ellen’s Fairway	<b>23 Pastor’s Day Off</b>	<b>24</b>  7:00 Property	<b>25</b> 9:30 Crossways Study  6:30 Confirmation- Staff  7:00 Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <i>NTNL Synod Assembly</i> <i>– Sheraton Grand DFW</i> <i>- Irving</i>	<b>28 Pastor’s Day Off</b> 9:00 LadiesBibleStudy <i>NTNL Synod Assembly</i> <i>– Sheraton Grand DFW</i> <i>– Irving</i>
<b>29</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship – Com. 11:45 Evangelism <i>NTNL Synod Assembly</i> <i>– Sheraton Grand DFW</i> <i>- Irving</i>	<b>30 Pastor’s Day Off</b>					

# NLIC Staff, Council, and Committees

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## Council Liaisons:

Committee	Council Liaison
Education / Youth	Chris Bartlett
Evangelism	Ralph Roberts
Parish Life	Jerry Kersten
Property	Greg Lain
Service	Azella Dykman
Stewardship / Finance	Jim Blackburn
Worship / Music	Valerie Kelley
Natural Church Development	Phil Ward

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Jim and Lucile Robbins	972-217-1657
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Bill and Judy Strickland	972-296-5353
Jean Lehre	972-272-3320
Carrots Wroten	972-296-9380

## NLIC Committees

<b>Education and Youth</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Sandi Scott (972-723-1817) &amp; Cindy Carey (972-723-1817); Liaison: Chris Bartlett</b>
	<b>Members</b>	Cindy Carey, Jackie Askelson, Judy Rosebrock, Melissa Justice, Michelle Dietz, Jennifer Hill, Ruby Wade and the NLIC youth
<b>Evangelism</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Liaison: Ralph Roberts</b>
	<b>Members</b>	Jerry Kersten, Judy Strickland, Jack Bartlett, Betty Doller, Herb Doller, Phil Ward, Michael Aars
<b>Parish Life</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Pat Gallatin-Rhody (972-296-2442); Liaison: Jerry Kersten</b>
	<b>Members</b>	Sue Polinski, Pam Beran, Patrice Pruitt, Jackie Askelson, Leah Hedgepeth, Ruby Wade, Arthurine Wade
<b>Property</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Bill Strickland (972-296-5353); Liaison: Greg Lain</b>
	<b>Members</b>	Jim Gallatin, John and Pat Johnston, Jack Ruebman, Dennis Roiger, Elwood Tweet
<b>Service</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Pat Johnston (214-946-6707) &amp; Linda Metting (972-298-2364) Liaison: Azella Dykman</b>
	<b>Members</b>	Jean Lehre, Sandy Roiger, Carrots Wroten
<b>Stewardship &amp; Finance</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Jim Blackburn (972-283-1722) Liaison: Jim Blackburn</b>
	<b>Members</b>	Jack Bartlett, Ralph Roberts, Christ Bartlett, Dennis Roiger, Bill Strickland
<b>Worship &amp; Music</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Parma Kersten (972-780-5978); Liaison: Valerie Kelley</b>
	<b>Members</b>	Barbara Palermo, Barbara Aars, Belen Eck, Lucile Robbins, Linda Metting, Anita Hicock
<b>Church Health Team</b>		<b>Ral Aars, Jim Blackburn, Jerry Palermo, Phil Ward</b>
		<b>Belen Eck, Melissa Justice, Ruby Wade</b>

# 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

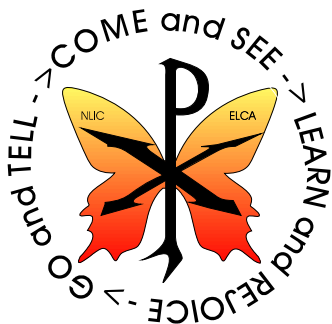
## Procedures and Deadlines

- 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](mailto: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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*April 2007*

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion