

The Witness

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The Legend of the Cherokee Indian

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Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian youth's rite of Passage? His father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone. *Once he survives the night, he is a MAN.*

He cannot tell the other boys of this experience, because each lad must come into manhood on his own. The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm. The wind blew the grass and earth, and shook his stump, but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. *It would be the only way he could become a man!*

Finally, after a horrific night the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold. It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him. He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm. We, too, are never alone. Even when we don't know it, God is watching over us, sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him.

Just because you can't see God, doesn't mean He is not there.

'For we walk by faith, not by sight.'

Truth and understanding come in different forms!!

Broken Lawn Mower

When the power mower was broken and wouldn't run, a lady kept hinting to her husband that he should get it fixed. But, somehow the message never sank in.

Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point. When her husband arrived home one day, he found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. He watched silently for a short time and then went into the house.

He was gone only a few moments. When he came out again. He handed her a toothbrush. *"When you finish cutting the grass,"* he said, *"you might as well sweep the sidewalks."*

The doctors say he will probably walk again, but he will always have a limp.

Celebrating with our Members

August Birthdays

Jennifer Carey 8/1
Amanda Cox 8/11
Ron Brown 8/13
Carolyn Blackburn 8/14
Barbara Aars 8/18
Olen Story 8/19
Ellen Ward 8/19
Ryan Lane 8/21
Trevor New 8/27
JoAnn Jensen 8/29
Jeff Hanne 8/30
Valerie Kelley 8/30
Eliza Carey 8/31

August Baptisms

Barbara Bartlett 8/12
Carol Dietz 8/12
Lacy Alexander 8/13
Steven Hanne 8/20
Dylan Williams 8/26
Joseph Fitzgerald 8/28
Corinne Palermo 8/28



August Anniversaries

Greg & Christine Lain 8/1
Jim & Lucile Robbins 8/7
Steve & Jackie Askelson 8/8
John & Carol Dietz 8/10
Geri & Mannix Smith 8/26
Jack & Barbara Bartlett 8/29
Herb & Betty Doller 8/29
Greg & Kathy Cornwell 8/31



Send a Kid to Camp Program

Hello "Send a Kid to Camp" card users. Krogers has switched there program and we need to start using this barcode that is at the bottom of the letter.

Please take the letter with you to Krogers and once you scan your Kroger Plus Card, then have the cashier scan this letter. Your card will be tied to our church for the year. Each year this change, but you don't have to use the additional card like we have in the past.

Please pass this letter on to relatives and friends that shop at Krogers and help support our "Send a Kid to Camp" fund, a fund that was started in Memory of Diane Story.

Thank you

I want to thank all of you who were involved in putting together the Anniversary Celebration for my 35th Ordination. It was such a great day. Your love, care and concern touched my heart and the heart of my family. Thank you again for the special day.

Pastor Bill and Linda

Thoughts for the Journey

"Parents, what are your children learning from your worship?

Do they see the same excitement as when you go to a basketball game?

Do they see you prepare for worship as you do for a vacation?

Do they see you hungry to arrive, seeking the face of the Father?

Or do they see you content to leave the way you came?...

They are watching. Believe me. They are watching." - Max Lucado

Thoughts for the Journey -2

Top Ten Reasons to Come to Church Even Though It's Summer

(By L. Lee Sissel)

10. Because praying for a 10 foot putt does NOT constitute an active prayer life.
9. Because saving people from the "heat" is what Christianity is all about!
8. Because this week's absentee equals next week's sermon illustration.
7. Because you helped pay for the church's central air conditioning, you might as well enjoy it!
6. Because your quest to make the immortal words, "*Give me wax for my board, keep me surfing for the Lord,*" a lifestyle choice, just hasn't been as "gnarly" as you thought it would be!
5. Because the combination of sweaty bare legs and varnished pews makes you feel like you're suffering for the cause of Christ!
4. Because the youth minister is preaching for the month of August and someone has to keep a record of his inappropriate illustrations and theological blunders!
3. **Because all new sermons are a big plus in a season of reruns!**
2. *Because it makes your day to see the preacher sweat!*

And the number one reason to come to church even though it is Summer is:

1. **Because when we say that Jesus is the Lord of our lives, we do NOT mean 9/12ths of our lives!**

Quilters... Come One Come All

The N.L.I.C. quilters will begin quilting for Lutheran World Relief the 1st Thursday in September (9-4-08) from 9am - 11am. Anyone is welcome to join us for work, fun, conversation and sometimes refreshments.

Ladies, please check garage and yard sales for needed material. We need all cotton or cotton-blend material, sheets (any size), pillow cases, and especially blankets, mattress pads and other items that can be used as stuffing in the quilts. These should be very inexpensive and sometimes they will be donated since we use them for disaster relief supplies. Put the word out to your friends to donate to use any of the above items.

Thank you all very much.

The Service Committee Quilters

News Briefing / Noticias Breves

Congregational Newsletter Insert – Please forward to all interested persons – August 2008

A DiscipleLife Synod: Northern Texas – Northern Louisiana Synod, ELCA **Sowing and Growing Disciples of Jesus**

MINISTRY AMONG YOUNG ADULTS takes many forms, but this time of the year we remember especially the ministry needed to those who are packing their bags for school. No matter what excitement there is in leaving for school, there are also feelings of loss and separation. The mission of *Lutheran Campus Ministry* is to be there to receive them and to assist them “to discover and fulfill their vocation in Jesus Christ”. The NT-NL Synod has a campus ministry presence at UNT, TWU, TCU, SMU, Angelo State, Austin College, Baylor University, Texas Tech and UT Dallas (full contact information is available at [Campus Ministry on NTNL.org](#)). Be sure to alert the leaders of Campus Ministry that your student is on the way by using the [CM Referral](#) page. The ELCA offers a special learning resource for young adults – in school or not – called [Windows of Faith](#). It is an eight session downloadable course which uses presentations and the participants’ own spiritual journeys to explore the basis, claims and joys of life in Christ. The NT-NL Synod is proud of our outreach on campus and the work of Lutheran Campus Ministry. For more information contact [Pastor Celene Welch](#), UNT/TWU Campus Pastor.

Twenty-eight Colleges & Universities It all started on campus – Martin Luther’s time as a student and professor of theology, that is. His time in the university led him to greater insights and leadership than he could have ever anticipated. The ELCA has 28 church-related colleges and universities, each dedicated to the highest standards of excellence. These are places of faith and learning, dedicated to the development of the whole person. Explore the world of [Lutheran Higher Education](#) and see how their values, programs and locations can make a difference. Or download the resource, [Here I Study](#), to learn what it means to attend a Lutheran college or university.

Returning this Fall

Spread the Spirit’s Fire is a day full of worship, fun, and workshops for all who serve as leaders in their congregations

September 27, 2008

November 1, 2008

January 31, 2009

February 28, 2009

Living Word, Grapevine

St. John, Winters

St. Paul, Levelland

Covenant, Temple

DiscipleLife

Texas Lutheran University is our university, sponsored by the three synods of Texas and Louisiana. Located in Seguin, the university is known for its strong sense of community, rigorous academic program (especially pre-professional, liberal arts and the sciences), small class size, engaged teaching faculty and the financial and personal support they are able to give students. Be sure to study up on the educational advantages of [Texas Lutheran University](#).

August Emphasis: NT-NL Campus Ministry Fund

FYI...

- ❖ **Alfred Gorvie**, a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone, is a guest of the NT-NL Synod this summer. He has the hope that he will be able to attend an Information Technology school in the fall to learn skills to benefit his church and country. You can assist him by contributing to the [Alfred Gorvie Scholarship Fund](#).
- ❖ The **Dallas Mosaic Vocational Center** is beginning a document destruction (shredding) program that congregations may wish to participate in. Info contact [Darron Brewer](#), Mosaic Vocational Coordinator (972.866.9989 x302).
- ❖ The NT-NL Synod participates in the ELCA’s [Fund for Leaders in Mission](#) – an endowment program for scholarships for seminarians. Contributions from members of the NT-NL Synod can be designated for the support NT-NL students.
- ❖ Have you thought about going green in the congregation? **Texas Impact** (an ecumenical agency in Austin advocating for justice and the poor) offers ideas at [Interfaith Power & Light](#).

Update from Tom and Mary Holman, July 2008

Dear Friends and Family,

We arrived safely in Nigeria on Friday, and today we're starting the Luke Partnership workshop. My repaired computer arrived the day before we left with some folks from Lutheran Bible Translators! Pray for God's protection and guidance for all the staff and participants. After the three-week workshop Tom and I will go on to Gombe, in northeastern Nigeria, for two weeks of checking with the two teams we're working with here.

The sixteen workshop staff have moved into "luxury accommodation" this time. Tom and I have a large room, and we brought our double air bed to put on the floor -- an improvement from sharing a single bed! There's no other furniture, though, so we've got hooks in the doors and rope strung up to hang our towels and clothes. They'll be bringing a table for us to work on soon. The bathroom (shared by five people) has "proper" facilities, but no running water, so we have a garbage-can size plastic container for water and five buckets and a bowl to dip the water with. The electricity is intermittent, too, so we run a generator whenever we need to. These little inconveniences are more than offset by the good relations between all the workshop staff and the satisfaction we find in helping the eleven languages that are represented here.

Counting on your prayers,

Mary

Tom and Mary Holman

Working with Christians in Ghana and Nigeria to give people access to the Bible

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Mothers IN Love
+ *Fathers IN Love*
= ***Families IN Love***

Give Your Kids
The Best Gift They Can Get ...

Parents With A Great Marriage!

Your whole family deserves the love Mom and Dad discovered on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend! Marriage Encounter is a 44 hour event in which Husbands & Wives can get away from jobs, kids, chores and phones - and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, enrichment and a little extra romance in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Marriage Encounter Weekend can make!

Go on a Weekend and all your kids will get is a whole lot of extra Love!

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend is:

Oct 17-19, 2008

7 p.m. Friday till 5 p.m. Sunday

(Applications after 30 days before the Weekend are accepted as space is available)



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

For more information contact:

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To apply contact: [Chris](#) & Roger Williams (972-530-1218), Application@lme-dfw.org).

August 2008 - Worship Assistants

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

	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Usher	Chuck Skeels Dorinda Collins-Knight	Bill Strickland Phil Ward	Askelson Family	Keith & Melissa Clicque	Roigers
Greeter	Belen Eck Carrots Wroten	Jim & Carolyn Blackburn	Askelson Family	Keith & Melissa Clicque	Roigers
Lector	Belen Eck	Jerry Kersten	Barbara Aars	John Johnston	Valerie Kelley
Cantor	Barbara Aars	Peter Eck	Belen Eck	Jerry Palermo	Barbara Palermo
Communion Assistant	Ed Anttila	Jack Bartlett	Peter Eck	Pat Johnston	Herb Doller
Acolyte					
Coffer Server	Arthurine Wade	Sandy Roiger	Carol Dietz	Mayra Espinoza	Valerie Kelley
Altar Guild	-----Valerie Kelley and Carolyn Blackburn-----				-----

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Parish Life	Arthurine Wade
Property	Chuck Skeels
Service	Nancy Coleman
Stewardship	Chris Bartlett
Finance	Bill Strickland
Worship / Music	Valerie Kelley
Natural Church Development	Chuck Skeels

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Jerry and Parma Kersten	972-780-5978
Sue Polinski	972-617-6194
Jim and Lucile Robbins	972-217-1657
Sandy Roiger	972-223-4086
Bill and Judy Strickland	972-296-5353
Jean Lehre	972-272-3320
Carrots Wroten	972-296-9380

NLIC Committees

Education and Youth	Chair	chair: Jeri Smith (972-554-2711) vice chair Dorinda Collins-Knight (214-339-5863); Liaison: Keith Clicque
	Members	Cindy Carey, Jackie Askelson, Judy Rosebrock, Melissa Justice, Michelle Dietz, Jennifer Hill, Ruby Wade, Sandi Scott, 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: Arthurine Wade
	Members	Sue Polinski, Pam Beran, Patrice Story, Jackie Askelson, Leah Hedgepeth, Ruby Wade,
Property	Chair	John Johnston (214-946--6707); Liaison: Chuck Skeels
	Members	Jim Gallatin, Olen Story, Ray Beran, Dennis Roiger,
Service	Chair	Pat Johnston (214-946-6707) & Linda Metting (972-298-2364) Liaison: Nancy Coleman
	Members	Jean Lehre, Sandy Roiger, Carrots Wroten, Carolyn Skeels, Velma Lingo
Stewardship	Chair	Jim Blackburn (972-283-1722) Liaison: Bill Strickland
	Members	Jack Bartlett, Bill Strickland, Jim Robbins
Finance	Chair	Herb and Betty Doller , Liaison: Chris Bartlett
Worship & Music	Chair	Parma Kersten (972-780-5978); Liaison: Valerie Kelley
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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).
Pat Blankenship Tuesday (8-12), Wednesday (8-12), Friday (8-10).

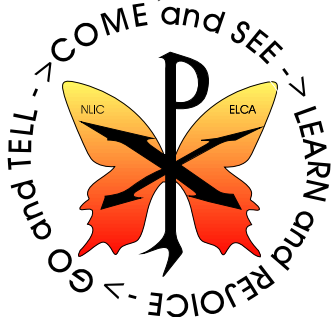
Procedures and Deadlines

- Notifications: Pat Blankenship will send out notifications to Worship assistants each week by email or regular mail on Tuesday. If changes are to be made to the schedule, please notify the office by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday. The office does not make changes for you. After you secure a replacement, let the church office know and we will change the bulletin.
- Bulletin: Pat Blankenship will do the bulletin on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Wednesday she finalizes the bulletin by 9:00 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 is our 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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August 2008

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