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THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Christmas Day 2010 is history and in retrospect, I want to share with you what an impact that DAY has on me and my family every year. It seems to intensify as I grow older and I'm certain I am not alone among my church family.

Every year as we celebrate the birth of Christ, God's love for us becomes clearer. Do we really understand and appreciate the compassionate and loving God that he has to be to give his only son to live among us and teach us his father's love and then depart from this world as he did? For those of us who are parents, this action is incomprehensible. Why did He do it? Because "*God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life*" (John 3:16)

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2011

Sunday Worship Services	9am and 11am
Sunday School	10:15 (no Sunday School on Jan. 2)
Choir Practice	every Wednesday at 7pm
Worship Meeting	Jan. 4, 6:30pm
Finance Meeting	Jan 5, 6:30pm
Outreach Meeting	Jan. 6, 7:00pm
Epiphany	Jan. 7
Church Council Meeting	Jan 9, 12:15pm
Christian Education Meeting	Jan 11, 7:15pm
Future/Property Meeting	Jan. 26, 7:00pm

Full peace will come only when Christ returns. But until that day we can only know His peace in our hearts and can be messengers of His peace in the world, as we commit our lives to Him.

May the New Year of 2011 be a good year for New Hope Lutheran Church in El Paso!

Joyce Palmer, Editor

A WEDDING CELEBRATION: George and Thania Drake have their eldest son, Daniel Hannah, returning from his service in the Marine Corps to marry his high school sweetheart, Connie Navarro, on January 7. We wish them many happy days as they begin their life together in Camp LeJuene, NC, where Daniel will continue his service to all of us in the Marine Corps.

A message from Leila Budnovich as she continues her long road of chemotherapy: "I would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers, especially Jack and Kay Reinshuttle, Virginia Walker and the Dove Circle for the Prayer Shawl and Joyce Palmer. Each one of you is a true blessing to me during this time in my life. The chemo is working but it has been and will continue to be a long "haul" until I am back to 100%."

Again let us remember all of our service members who are serving around the world and especially in Iraq and Afghanistan. They know our freedom is in their hands. God bless each and every one of them!

Your Church Family Focus

JAMES AND GENON DE VANEY

James and Genon come to us from the Midwest – Genon was born in Cheyenne, Oklahoma. She relates that she loved anything on the farm, even chores! She loves to ride horses and was active as a teen in her church and in high school. She played softball and basketball as well as being a member of the Glee Club and Pep Club. James (on the other hand) was born in Kansas but moved to Oklahoma at age 14. His family was a “Santa Fe Railroad” family.

After serving in the Navy, James worked for Litton Industries and retired from there with 37 years of service. Genon worked in various jobs as a teen which prepared her to be a Bookkeeper for Buick Automotive as well as an EPISD cafeteria Manager.



We at New Hope appreciate both of their backgrounds and expertise as they are involved in church activities such as stewardship and adult seminars. Either of them is available for just about any task for which they are asked and we thank them for their continued service at New Hope.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT NEW HOPE

This past year’s Christmas Program was a big success. Lynn Phipps coordinated the Christmas Story that involved both children and adults of New Hope.

Placards were made that followed the Christmas journey from Herod’s taxing and accountability to the birth of Jesus and the journey of the wise men and shepherds. As the placards depicted the visual story, adults and children read the Christmas Story from a script. It was a great presentation and fun for me as a participant! I hope those in attendance enjoyed it as much as I did. We want to thank Lynn for all her creativity and work. She is truly a gem for all of us at New Hope!

Boxtops for Education, Labels for Education and Price’s Dairy “Give Me 5 Lids” are worth saving!

Mary Swendiman is the coordinator of this program for Northeast Children’s Education Center. Every label or lid means a donation for the children’s education program. Drop them in Mary and Mark Swendiman’s folder at church and help the kids in northeast El Paso.

