



Martin Luther Lutheran Church  
211 Luther LN  
P. O. Box 362  
Carmine, TX 78932

*MLLC's Mission Statement:  
Martin Luther Lutheran Church,  
called by the Spirit to be a  
community of faith, welcomes all  
to a ministry of Word and  
Sacrament, that together we may  
grow in faith, and be equipped for  
service to God and our community.*

### Luther's Letter

a monthly publication of  
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#### Worship schedule:

Sunday School for all -Sundays 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday worship w/Holy Communion - 10:00 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month - Worship w/Holy  
Communion 6:00 p.m.

Church Council: Blake Dooley-President; Tim Sanders-  
President-elect; Anita Drydale-Secretary; Cindy Weidemann-  
Treasurer; Jessica Weidemann-Worship Committee;  
Karen Roemer-Stewardship Committee; Dana Smith-  
Christian Education Committee; Cheryl Etzel-Outreach/Care  
Committee; Brick Peele-Property Committee



THE *Parable*  
OF THE *Sower*

Matthew 13:1-9



# Luther's Letter

Martin Luther Lutheran Church

July, 2017

...and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.. Matt. 10:42



## SUMMER CAMPING TIME

As of this printing, *Pastor Tinker, Janette Weidemann, and Miles Tinker* are attending Confirmation Camp at Lutherhill.

Elementary Youth Camp is set for August.

The Camping Envelopes were included with the June newsletter, and may be returned at any time. Thanks for your donations to help these young people have a fun and Christian experience at camp.

Mary Circle. The children (and adults!) all had an awesome time praising and learning about God through Extollo songs, Family Times, Marketplace shop activities, visits at Paul's house and in the Underground Church cave, and Apprenticeship games. We know God's love is a gift, changes us, is always with us, saves us, and is worth sharing! There were 54 children in attendance, and approximately 40 leaders and helpers.

## REMINDERS:

→Next Choir practice is set for 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 2. The group will sing "God Bless America".

→Lutherhill will lead Sunday School on August 20, and on August 27, we will celebrate Rally Sunday and the start of our New Year.

→Labor Day service is set for Sunday, September 3.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

This year's theme was "*Rome: Paul and the Underground Church*".

Thank you to everyone for a wonderful job and a successful week. Thanks to those who donated or lent supplies to create our version of Rome, and to those who brought cookies and helped cook and serve our delicious dinners.

We also greatly appreciate those who gave generous donations to buy our materials and supplies, including Ladies Aid and .....

### It's Summer!

*May there always be work for your hands to do.  
May the sun shine bright in your windowpane;  
May the rainbow be certain to follow each rain.  
May the hand of a friend always be near you.  
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.*

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On Tuesday, July 4, as we celebrate America's birthday, it's interesting to note that clergymen wrote both the *Pledge of Allegiance* and the hymn, "*My Country 'Tis of Thee*." Rev. Francis Bellamy wrote the pledge in 1892. Rev. Samuel Francis Smith wrote the hymn in 1831. Both men were Baptist ministers.

The pledge was first used in public schools in 1892 during Columbus Day observances. "*My Country 'Tis of Thee*" was used as a national song before "*The Star-Spangled Banner*" was named America's national anthem in 1931.

(The Church Office will be closed July 4.)

One Nation Under God



## WOMEN'S PAGE



## WELCA Salad Supper &amp; Program report:

The annual MLLC WELCA Salad Supper was held on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 with many delicious salads and desserts that were enjoyed by the ninety-one people attending. We were happy to have guests from the area churches including Burton, Round Top, Waldeck, and Warrenton, and also guests from the Carmine area. Leonita Sanders welcomed everyone and led the Purpose Statement and the singing of the Table Prayer. The theme for the banquet was **Fruit of the Spirit** which includes the following: *Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control*. The tables were decorated with pastel colored tablecloths, centered with bowls of fruit and packages of prayer cards which were given as favors to the guests in attendance.

The program opened with a scripture reading of Galatians 5:22-23a, the fruit of the spirit by Joys Baird. Songs sung during the program included "Spirit of Gentleness", "For the Fruit of All Creation", and "All Things Bright and Beautiful". A skit, *Martin and Katie Luther*, was presented by Pastor David Tinker as Martin Luther and Jennifer Tinker as Katie. "Jesus Loves Me" was sung by the following young people with Jennifer Tinker and Emma Baird on ukuleles: Megan Smith, Makayla Smith, Kandyce Hughes, Lylah Robertson, Georgia Jones, Miriam Lambert, Cheyanne Panalion, and Presley Lange. The song, "Fruit of the Spirit Song", was sung by Shayne Kirts, Shelby Vaughn,

Stephanie Sanders, Dana Smith, Jessica Weidemann, Karen Roemer, and Samantha Ullrich. Nancy Eilers, pianist, and Jolene Wickel and Conway Waak, guitarists, accompanied the singing. Scriptures read during the program were by Dianna Gerland and Sedalia Ullrich.

Pastor Tinker closed with prayer and the benediction.



## Next regular meeting:

Thursday, July 13

Bible Study Theme: *All Anew, Ready or Not*  
(Theme of the 2017 Triennial Gathering)

Ladies Aid meets at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Pastor Tinker leads the Bible study. Nelda Muehlbrad and Thelma Hinze will serve.

Mary Group meets at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor. Sedalia Ullrich gives the opening devotion; Pastor Tinker?? Or Terry McIntosh *leads the Bible study*; Dianna Gerland *presents the offering meditation*; Sedalia Ullrich *serves as hostess*.



The MLLC WELCA met on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in the parlor following worship for their general meeting with the following attending:

*Joys Baird, Sedalia Ullrich, Terry McIntosh, Nancy Eilers, Diana Wunderlich, Leonita Sanders, Dianna Gerland, Colette Wunderlich, and Dianne Sager.*

The meeting was called to order by Leonita and the purpose and mission statements were recited. She also presented the devotion, "Nurturing Spiritual Relationships" and the opening prayer.

Minutes were presented by Colette of the general meeting in January as well as the special meeting in March. This was followed by the treasurer's report by Terry.

The following reports were given. For **Mission Action** by Dianne Sager and Diana Wunderlich, the AMEN ingathering is in February, May, August, November, and Allyne McGilvra was given a thank you for delivering the items to La Grange. Reports of the recent Lutheran World Relief drive was given and appreciation to Dianne Sager for all her work with the LWR shipment as well as Brick Peele and Ted Sager in delivering the items to Zionsville. Upbring Krause Center was sent \$100 from the recent Mother's Day reception donations. School kits will be collected in July for LWR, and the WELCA will pay for the school bags, not paid for by donations. School kits packing will be in September.

The quilting group has twenty plus quilts ready for Camp for All and would be delivered by Diana Wunderlich, Abby Wunderlich, and Janette Weidemann in June. The group will begin working on LWR quilts.

The Lydia Group also quilts for Camp for All. Quilts will be donated to the MLLC Harvest Fest and to the Lutherhill fundraiser. Card fronts and used postage stamps will continue to be collected.

For **Mission Community** by Nancy Eilers and Sedalia Ullrich, the nursing home parties are as follows: Brenham Nursing and Rehab on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm; Argent Court on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm; and Brenham Rest Home on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. There was no Easter breakfast due to the changing of worship times and Sunday School.

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Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries  
July 2017 Happenings  
Waldeck Lutheran Church – St. Paul Lutheran Church – Shelby  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Round Top – Martin Luther Lutheran Church - Carmine

**Martin Luther Lutheran Church – Carmine**

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Located at the corner of  
Luther Ln & Augsburg Ave,  
just a block south of US 290.  
<http://mlccarmine.com>  
Find us on Facebook  
Worship on Sunday – 10:00 a.m.  
Worship on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month –  
6:00 p.m.  
Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.  
Pastor David Tinker  
Cell 979-530-6091/home 979-278-3384  
President, Blake Dooley 832-260-2742

Quilting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 9:00 a.m. in the Mission  
& Ministry Building.

**Monthly Study/Fellowship Groups**

- \*Ladies Aid – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the  
fellowship hall.
- \*Mary Group – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the  
parlor – by church offices
- \*Men in Mission – 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the  
parlor – by church offices

**Waldeck Lutheran Church – Waldeck**

6915 Waldeck Church Ln  
Ledbetter, TX 78946  
Located at the intersection of  
FM 1291 and FM 2145  
(979) 249-3802  
Find us on Facebook  
Worship on Sunday – 8:00 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.  
Pastor David Tinker  
Cell 979-530-6091/home 979-278-3384  
President: Sue Schoenst 979-250-1783

**Vacation Bible School**

Monday, July 24 – Friday July 28  
8:30-11:30 a.m.  
Closing Event on Friday night.

For Information and Registration  
Call: 979-966-3862



We invite children in Pre-K through Grade 4 to  
attend. *The Theme is: Mighty Fortress: In Jesus  
the Victory is Won!* At Mighty Fortress, kids learn  
that God is their refuge and strength. Friends may  
fail them. They may not ace their test or make the  
team, but God promises to be their rock and their  
salvation—their fortress and sure defense. So raise  
your banner! In Jesus, the victory is won!

**Parables Bible Study**

This is a Monthly Study Group – 10:30 a.m. –  
generally 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – you are invited to bring a  
lunch item to share.  
Upcoming Dates: July 19 – changed due to VBS  
August 23

We will be using the Crossways International Bible  
study course - the Parables of Jesus. All are invited.  
The class uses dynamic graphics to help us visualize  
and understand God's Word. The image shows the  
book cover for the course - which depicts some of  
the teaching graphics. We look forward to seeing  
you at this new study group.  
Contact Pastor David Tinker (979-249-3802 or 979-  
278-3388) with questions.

For we are  
GOD'S HANDIWORK,  
created in  
**CHRIST JESUS**  
to do  
GOOD WORKS.

EPHESIANS 2:10, NIV



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**Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Round Top**

412 S White St  
Round Top, TX 78954  
(979) 249-3686  
Find us on Facebook

Worship on Sunday – 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 8:30 a.m.  
Noisy Offering on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday monthly  
Pastor John David Nedbalek

First Thursday of each Month  
9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle Visitors Welcome

Second Tuesday of each Month  
9:00 a.m. Sewing Circle Visitors welcome

**Vacation Bible School**

Wednesday, June 28 - Friday,  
June 30

Each night: 5:30 - 8:00p.m.

Closing Event will be on  
Sunday July 2nd at 9:30 a.m.  
worship.

We invite children age 3  
through 6<sup>th</sup> grade to participate.

The theme is: *Camp out...getting S'MORE of  
Jesus.*

Those that want to register or would like to  
volunteer to help can email Stacy Eilers at  
eilerss@lgisd.net or text/ call her at 979-639-1897.



July 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 AM Worship - BLC Vacation Bible  
School Closing

August 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 PM BLC Ice Cream Social  
All are welcome to come and enjoy the  
Fellowship and Ice cream



**St. Paul Lutheran Church – Shelby**

6814 Skull Creek Road  
Fayetteville TX 78940  
Located just a few blocks east of FM 1457  
(979)836-8972

www.stpaulshelby.org

Find us on Facebook

Regular Sunday Service time – 8:00 AM  
– Sunday School @ 9:45 AM

Pastor John David Nedbalek – cell 210-422-7599

President: Verlyne Aschenbeck 979-250-1442

Quilting – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month

Noisy Offering – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month

Game Day – First Wednesday of each month  
from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Open to the community.  
Everyone is welcome. Bring snack, board game,  
dominoes, etc.

**Church Picnic**

July 30, 2017 – 8 a.m. service will be held at the old  
historical Church on Skull Creek Rd  
followed by the annual Church picnic at the  
fellowship hall of St Paul

@ 6814 Skull Creek Rd.

We are looking into bringing a group from our 4  
churches to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in  
Houston in June 2018.

**Next Shared Ministry Meeting.**

Leaders from the 4 congregations of Crossroads  
Shared Lutheran Ministries will meet at Martin  
Luther in Carmine on Saturday, August 13, 9-11  
a.m.

**WELCA REPORT** continued—

For **Mission Growth** by Joys Baird, a successful salad supper and program of songs, scripture, and a skit was held on June 7<sup>th</sup> with 91 in attendance. Thanks was given to all who brought salads and desserts, participated in the program, helped in the kitchen, and for attending. Yearbooks will be planned in October, printed in November, and given out in December for the new year, 2018. Thankoffering service with Denna Hardin as guest speaker, and the dinner catered by Mantey Catering will be on November 12<sup>th</sup>.



Other business included donating \$300 to the LYO's Souper Bowl of Caring in February; the Brazos Cluster Spring Happening in March attended by Dianne Sager and Leonita Sanders; the 10<sup>th</sup> Triennial WELCA convention in July that Colette Wunderlich, Cindy Weidemann, and Janette Weidemann will be attending, and the unit will be paying their registration fees, envelopes for offering are being handed out and physical offering is gift cards with a minimum of \$10 from Walmart, Home Depot, Lowe's; the WELCA synod convention in August at St. Paul's in Brenham, envelopes handed out for offering on August 5<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, Colette on the Synod Nominating Committee, and Barbara Jacob will be the delegate; the Brazos Cluster Fall Happening place and date not yet available.

The **MLLC Nominating Committee** is seeking a person to serve as president for the MLLC WELCA starting in 2018.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

**Upcoming events:**

✿ **Quilting days:** The regular quilting day is July 10 at 9:00 a.m. The Lydia Group will quilt in the M&M Building on Saturday, July 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

✿ **Lutheran World Relief School Kit Ingathering is during July:** Items needed for school kits are:

- Four 70-count spiral notebooks of ruled paper
  - One blunt pair of scissors
  - One 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
  - One pencil sharpener
  - Five new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
  - Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- (Erasers will not be needed this year)
- One box of 16-24 crayons
  - One sturdy backpack-style cloth bag - 14x17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

(Pack all items in the bag, fold handles over, secure with yarn).

✿ **Birthday party** at Argent Court-Brenham, July 14, 2:30 p.m.

✿ **The WELCA Triennial Gathering** is set for July 13-16 in Minneapolis, MN

✿ **The WELCA Synod Convention** is August 26 at St. Paul's-Brenham. (See more below).

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**FROM THE MAY, 2017, ISSUE OF "THE SCROLL"**

The Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod Women of the ELCA Annual Convention is set for August 26,

at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brenham. Registration fee is \$45 and due by August 18. (Registration includes Saturday lunch).

The Board will host a reception in the parlor of St. Paul's on Friday, August 25, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday morning registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The proceeds from the Love Offering will be divided as follows: 50% to Women of the ELCA Churchwide General Operating Funds, 25% to Hope Rising (a home for victims of Human Trafficking) and 25% to the Rainbow Room (operated by Child Welfare/CPS).

Each unit (church) is asked to bring one larger item (theme basket, quilt, etc.) for the silent auction. Proceeds from the silent auction will be divided as follows: \$500 to the WELCA Region 4 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Challenge and the remainder to the SWO General Operating Funds.

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**NURSING HOME PARTY REPORT:**

The Women of Martin Luther Lutheran Church hosted a Birthday Party and Father's Day Party on Friday, June 16, at Brenham Nursing & Rehab Center in Brenham. Birthday celebrants included Elvera Limmer who was 91 years old on Sunday, June 18.

Residents of Carmine and members of MLLC at this facility are Joyce Eilers, Gladys Koether, Elvera Limmer, and Shirley Mueller.



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WELCA report continued--

We also enjoyed visiting with Jean "Mutzy" Schulle (former Carmine resident) and her husband, Elgene Schulle. Mr. Schulle is a resident at the Center.

Approximately 50 residents and guests participated in the celebration. Sandwiches were provided by Joys Baird, Nancy Eilers, Leonita Sanders, and Colette Wunderlich. Cheese puffs were provided by Sara Eilers and JoLynn Schoenberg. Sedalia Ullrich brought the beautifully-decorated and delicious cake with "Happy Birthday and Happy Father's Day" in blue icing with blue roses, along with the plates, napkins, forks and cups. Barbara Jacob provided the punch.

Attending and leading the sing-a-long with the residents and helping to serve were Joys Baird, Sara Eilers, Barbara Jacob, Fritz Ullrich Jones, Leonita Sanders, and Sedalia Ullrich.

The next scheduled nursing home party is Friday, July 14, 2:30 p.m. at Argent Court in Brenham. A sign-up sheet will be provided and if you have not participated, please sign up to donate for this party. We will need sandwiches, a large cake, plates, napkins, forks and cups. Please contact Nancy Eilers or Sedalia Ullrich, for any questions. Our member, Elvira Dallmeyer, is a resident of Argent Court, and we will be visiting her.

These nursing home parties are so appreciated and enjoyed by the residents, and as a WELCA group, we really need your help furnishing food and your participation to make these parties successful. This is one of the worthy projects the Women of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church provides to our aging members and residents in nursing homes. Thank you for your help!!!!



IN SINCERE APPRECIATION

Thanks from Waldeck Lutheran Church: *We would like to thank everyone WHO IN ANY WAY contributed to the success of the church picnic on Sunday, May 21. The event turned out to be great with delicious hamburgers and fries. We were privileged to have so many live auction participants leaving satisfied. The Country Store was a special and unique added addition this year. The Sunday School added more fun as people tried to win baked items for a quarter. It is a true blessing when so many people share their talents and time for a common goal. All of the support was greatly appreciated.*

Thanks to the office helpers for June: Wendy & Kennedy Flinn put supplies in pews, Dianna Gerland folded bulletins, Carol Carmean sent bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors; and Gene & Boo Goolsby compiled the July newsletter.

The Burton High School Yearbook Staff says:

*"Dear MLLS, Thank you for purchasing an ad in our 2017 yearbook. We appreciate your support and generosity. Again, thank you for your support. Sincerely, Lauren Hodde, Yearbook staff"*

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION REPORT:

date	attendance	general	school	building
05-27	20	425.00	-0-	-0-
05-28	68	1,885.00	-0-	25.00
06-04	98	6,641.00	50.00	-0-
06-10	30	1,266.00	-0-	-0-
06-11	93	2,982.00	-0-	175.00
06-18	114	2,550.99	50.00	30.00



Rep. Steve Scalise, Zachary Barth, Matt Mika, Crystal Griner, and David Bailey (those shot in attack at Alexandria, Virginia); Clarence & Jenell Jaster (ongoing health concerns); Ruth Hueske (friend of Nancy Rosenbaum, recent fall); Barbara Thane (Karen Roemer's aunt and friend Debbie Jacob's sister, cancer); Martha Leonhardt (Ronnie Hinze's aunt, health concerns); Lucas Smith (Cole Garlin's baseball friend from Columbus, Hodgkins-Lymphoma); Bruce Muske (Carol Hall's son-in-law, cancer); Linda Mattocks (cancer treatment); Alan Juergens (Ruby Renck's son, health concerns); Barbara Urban Schultz (friend of Susan Bathe, cancer); and Izzy Depaz (10-year-old niece and granddaughter of workers at JW's, leukemia).

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## PRAYER LIST continued---

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** Saline Weintraub, El Gene Schulle (friend from Brenham, health concerns); Gene Pawlak (Dale Pawlak's uncle, health concerns); Jennifer Schulze Baker (friend from Burton); Dale Walker (friend of Susan Bathe, health concerns); Paula Watkins (Carmine resident, RV park owner, cancer);

Kaitlyn Fritz (teenage friend of Bill Derrick from Brenham, rare disease); Jimmy Alvarado (friend Missy Weidemann's grandfather, in hospital with pneumonia); Perry Crow (friend of Cherrie Wines, recovering from liver and kidney transplant soon); Russell Zickler (former band director and friend of the Weidemanns, cancer); Josephine Canik (Carol Hall's sister-in-law, cancer);

Kalisa Pomykal (former member, for strength and peace); Kenneth Bishop (Carmine City Council member Ginger Psencik's, son-in-law, cancer); Dave Barney (Paula Barrick's daughter, Bobbie Hughes' boyfriend, treatment for cancer);

Bobbie Hughes (Paula Barrick's daughter, for strength in difficult times); Steven Pratt (Bernice Pratt's son, cancer); Joey Pomykal (Paula Barrick's step-nephew, medical concerns); Bertha Ruether (Esther Kelley's mother); Don Steinbach (former member, stem cell transplant); Michael (Butch) Schulz (Barbara Schulz's husband; health concerns); Milton Poehls (Pauline Peetsy Fischer's brother, cancer and heart trouble); Jimmy Flinn (eye problems and stroke); Herman (Ham) Kovar (Rick Kovar's father, back problems);

Mary Edwards (Linda Kovar's sister, battling lupus); Nelson Neutzler (friend of Alvis Mueller, health concerns); Josh Dow (16-year-old friend of Wade & Nancy Eilers, cancer); Amanda Sebastian (friend from Blue Bell Creameries and Randall Kohring's cousin, brain tumor); Lisa Mayer (health concerns); and Delores Oppermann (niece of Joyce Eilers, cancer).



**Members in Care and Assisted Living Facilities:** Joyce Lehmann (at private care facility in Giddings); Verline Schulte (Brenham Rest Home); Elvera Limmer, Shirley Mueller, and Joyce Eilers (Brenham Nursing & Rehab); Elvira Dallmeyer (at Argent Court, Brenham), Angeline Zwernemann (Jefferson Place Assisted Living, La Grange).

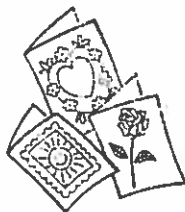
**Homebound Members:** Neville Marburger (in Houston), Mamie Roemer, Judith Yarborough, Peetsy Fischer, and Elvera Rudloff (in Houston).

**Military Personnel:** MLLC members: Joseph Vogel and Bryan Miller.

**Family and Friends:** Rowdy Chaddock, Michael Martin, Wacey Lanier, Jonathan Noak, Justyn Bearden, Wade Friedrich, James Dunham, and all those who serve, known and unknown, in harm's way.



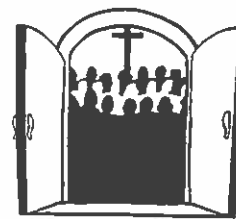
† Our Christian Sympathy to the friends & families of: Bernice Pratt, Regan Schmidt (former Carmine resident); Mike Michalka (relative of Dorothy Rothermel from Sealy).



Check out the beautiful assortment of Sympathy, Difficult Times, Get Well, Thinking of You, and many more greeting cards for sale by the LYO. They can be found in the parlor on the shelf by the wall. Make your selection and place the money in the can on the top shelf. Prices are indicated on the boxes. And----THANKS!

## More than Keeping the Doors Open

By Pastor David Tinker



Many years ago I lived in rural Indiana. It was so nice to have a pharmacy and general store in the closest town, population about 1200. Our family shopped there and enjoyed visiting with people from the community who we would see while there. One day I was getting a prescription filled. I told the pharmacist, who also owned the store, that I was so glad the store was in town and what I liked about it. He thanked me for my comments and for shopping there. Then he told me that they were closing at the end of the month. There was no longer enough business to support the store, so they were closing to avoid bankruptcy. Locals were no longer shopping there, no matter how glad they were that there was a pharmacy in town.

Our congregation is, in many ways, doing fine. People are worshipping the Lord as a community of faith. We are able to pay our bills. Ministry is happening by and among the people. We are glad that we are "keeping the doors open".

We are not called to keep institutions going, but institutions such as our congregation help us fulfill our calling as the church. The institution of the Church, in any community, is meant to be an instrument of God's faithful work in and through the people. We have the opportunity to build a more faithful future together. There are some notable ways you can be part of how we move beyond "keeping the doors open" and into living out God's mission for this congregation. These are things which will also help us work together to "keep the doors open" and will do even more.

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## PASTOR'S ARTICLE continued-

Here are some things which you may already be doing. You may also resume doing, if you have reduced or stopped doing these things. You may also start doing some of these for the first time. Each will serve multiple, positive ends. One is that you will help the congregation to do our ministry together.

Another is that you will be investing in your faith life and growing both closer to Jesus Christ and becoming more like him. As you grow closer to Jesus, and become more like Jesus, you will be more able to serve the Lord, love your neighbor, and be a blessing as you have been blessed by God.

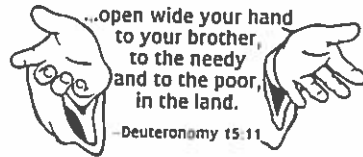
So, here are some ways you can help your church, and be a more faithful Christ-Follower at the same time.



1) Seek to receive Holy Communion on a regular and frequent basis. As we receive Jesus in this Sacrament we are being more and more connected with him. The most normal time and place to receive this Sacrament is at our regular weekend worship services. As we work together as the two congregations (Martin Luther Lutheran in Carmine and Waldeck Lutheran) we also offer worship more than once per weekend. Sundays: 8:00 a.m. in Waldeck; 10:00 a.m. in Carmine; also on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays in Carmine at 6:00 p.m. On nearly every weekend there are people from one congregation present at the other. Many find one time or another to be more workable for their schedule that weekend. If none of the scheduled times work for you, then let's talk about what could be for you and others to receive Holy Communion more frequently.

2) Seek Reconciliation with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Disconnection, disagreement and conflict happen in the best of churches, and we have a wonderful congregation.

To reconcile with others, start by making the choice to view the other person as someone for whom Jesus Christ has died. That other person is loved by God, just as you are. People often dehumanize others, and things get worse from there.



Remember, we are in this life together, and we are better off working out whatever it is that divides us. I invite you to prayerfully seek to see the face of Christ in each other. Approach life with an openness to a better life together. Remember that each of us is usually a contributor to the item of conflict. If you see a fellow Christian as an enemy, then do what Jesus says, "Love your enemies." Let's get together about what is hurting so that we can work through the pain, and then grow to be reconciled.

3) Pray for congregational leaders – including the church council and pastor. Pray that they will know Christ more fully. Pray that they will seek to follow the calling of Jesus for his Church. Pray that they will be faithful and bold in serving and leading.

4) Seek the Holy Spirit's guidance to note at least one thing each day for which you are thankful. Work to include items connected to our life as a congregation. Include these in your daily prayer life.

5) Create openings for people to serve God, Church and neighbor in our congregation's ministries. This could be something as simple as involving another person in some task.

6) Reject any participation in gossip. Don't share it, listen to it, create it, tolerate it.

7) Give generously to God through the ministries of the church. Keep up your offerings even when you can't be at worship each week.

8) Pray for an openness to new people in the congregation. Pray for an openness to fresh ways of doing

ministry. New people need a local church. Fresh ideas often can help us be even more faithful to the calling of God in our lives.

9) Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly. In other words, read, study, listen to, meditate on, and live out God's Word in your life. Seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in understanding the Word. Seek the Holy Spirit's stirring for you to know and follow Jesus more faithfully. Take time each day to dwell in God's Word.



10) Have some grace for one another as we live out our journey together. In our sin we often do things to harm one another. Sometimes we do it with real intent. Sometimes we react to situations with anger, and don't really get how it affects others. Sometimes we are not even conscious of our attitudes and actions which harm others. Sometimes we choose to dismiss or harm one person, and end up causing more damage to others. Let's work to show God's grace to others as we have been shown this by God.

These are not the end all of ministry as God's people, but these are some notable ways that we can move beyond just "keeping the doors open". In response to all that God has already done for us and provided for us, as we seek to know Jesus in this life we will get to do more for Christ and his Church than we ever thought we could.

### Official Act in June:



The funeral service for **Bernice Pratt** was conducted by Pastor Tinker at MLLC on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, with committal at Carmine Cemetery. Mrs. Pratt passed away Friday, June 9, 2017, in College Station at the age of 94. Christian Sympathy to her friends and family.

## CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY

Monday, June 19, 2017

Members present: *Blake Dooley, Tim Sanders, Cindy Weidemann, Jessica Weidemann, Karen Roemer, Cheryl Etzel, Brick Peele, Anita Drydale, and Pastor David Tinker.*

The devotion was presented by Blake. Thank you's were received from the Synod for our contributions (Synod's records of contributions match ours) and from Lutheran Social Services--Upbring for \$500.00 donation. Also received was a letter from Lutherhill about financial hopes for the ministry and summary of campers.

May Council Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved as presented.

### Treasurer's Report

Motion carried to approve the report as presented.

### Pastor's Report

New member request by Ray and Joann Ullrich was presented by Pastor. Motion carried to accept.

### Baptisms:

Five coming up in July. Details to be worked out.

### Upcoming weddings:

Breanna Marburger and Zakary Leonhardt: August 5, 2017  
Megan Duckworth and Jeff Hinze: January 6, 2018.

Recent funeral: Bernice Pratt: June 14

### Meetings in May:

Church council  
School committee (2)  
WELCA Banquet planning  
Shared Ministry Quarterly Meeting

--Pastor led the Decoration Day services at both Carmine and La Bahia cemeteries.

--He gave the address at the RT-C baccalaureate service at MLLC.

--He conducted four Sunday worship services, two Saturday worship services at MLLC. Confirmation class update: Two youth are attending confirmation camp.

--He attended the Assembly of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod in Houston. Our voting members were Terry McIntosh, Mike McIntosh, and Jennifer Tinker.

--He led three Holy Communion services at La Grange area nursing homes. This was done as part of our Shared Ministry with Waldeck and in cooperation with area Lutheran congregations on May 9. --He continues work on the MLLC website.

### Upcoming dates of note:

July or August, Ruth Kelling from the Synod Mission Committee will be visiting MLLC to receive our Noisy Offering check for 2016 for our Companion Synod in the Central African Republic.

July 24-28 Vacation Bible School at Waldeck 8:30-10:30 a.m.

August 6-11 Younger Youth at Lutherhill in group with Shared Ministry youth

August 12 Shared Ministry Meeting at MLLC, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

August 20 Lutherhill Sunday at MLLC. Guest speaker-Matt Kindsvatter, Executive Director of Lutherhill Ministries

September 17 Friendly visit from Pastor Chris Markert, Assistant to the Bishop

### Committee Reports:

Outreach Committee:  
May 14 - Mother's Day and Mrs. Pratt's birthday  
June 4 - Graduates' reception  
June 18 - VBS Closing and Father's Day reception

### Upcoming dates:

August (?) - Teachers Breakfast  
September 10 - Grandparents Day reception

September 17 - Possible reception for Pastor Chris Markert

Christian Education:  
No update

Worship Committee:  
No update

Property Committee:  
Initial phase of bulb replacement in the parlor with LED bulbs completed.

A/C in parlor recently repaired with replacement of condenser coil.

Fellowship Hall stained glass windows reviewed with Diane Tovey.

A temporary repair has been applied to the roof leak in the school wing.

Budgetary estimate for bulb replacement at Waldeck has been requested.

Stucco repair in southwest corner of Fellowship Hall is pending.

Stewardship Committee:  
No update.

Dayschool Committee:  
Council voted no for non-licensed. We did not vote yes for licensing. However, we would be open to discuss in the future. We need more details to vote and request that the Committee continue to try and develop plan for licensed program.

### Old Business:

None.

### New Business:

Placing locks on rooms in the Dayschool/Sunday School wing. Motion carried to approve.

The meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

The next Church Council meeting will be on Monday, July 17, at 6:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Drydale,  
MLLC Council  
Secretary*

**MLLC FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

May 2017 Year to Date  
 Total Income \$102,580.45  
 Total Expenses 96,781.68  
 Net Income: \$ 5,798.77


May 2017 Month  
 Total Income \$16,925.27  
 Total Expenses 17,900.58  
 Net Loss: \$ 975.31

Year to Date Expenses Highlights:  
 Salaries and benefits \$65,208.31  
 Benevolences 6,470.99  
 Property Insurance 6,129.95  
 Utilities 5,490.50  
 Printing 2,498.79  
 Supplies & Forms 2,013.43  
 Bulletins & Envelopes 1,248.38  
 Convention Expenses 1,180.00  
 Maintenance & Repair 1,062.13  
 Camping Ministry 862.00  
 Postage & Handling 759.16  
 Equipment & Tools 702.64

**MORE REMINDERS:**

\* **WORSHIP COMMITTEE** will meet on Thursday, July 6, instead of Tuesday, at 6:00 p.m.

\* **A.M.E.N.** bags and envelopes may be returned at any time with non-perishable food and monetary donations for the food pantry located in La Grange, which serves all of Fayette County.

\*  **Youth**  
 The 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering will be in Houston June 27-July 1, 2018. Volunteers are needed at the Gathering. The volunteer application process opened on May 15, and closes on July 15, 2017. The form can be found on the Youth Gathering page at ELCA.org.

If you have any questions, contact Lynnae Schatz at [lschatz@kinsmenlutheran.org](mailto:lschatz@kinsmenlutheran.org).



**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Debby Peele	01
Susan Ray	02
Kennedy Jasinski	04
McKinley Jasinski	04
Debbie Eckert	05
Susan Leppard	05
Joseph Vogel	06
Floyd Braun	07
Lori Weigelt	07
Clint Eilers	09
Shelley Scheffer	09
Joyce Ullrich	09
Carson Flinn	12
Tripp Dunham	13
John Hart, II	13
Karen Roemer	14
Chris Carmean	17
Cody Muske	17
Ronda Kunkel	18
Loydine Mays	19
Eldon Mikeska, Jr.	19
Elvira Dallmeyer	20
Jerry Moore	21
Sarah Leppard	22
Kathy Schoenst	22
Judd Dunham	23
J. C. Pohl	23
Charles Mueller, Jr.	24
Jessica Warburton	24
Carter Wunderlich	25
Becky Dunham	27
Kaci Mueller	27
Barbara Schulz	28
Toby Brooks	31
Ricky Wickel	31



-Phil Oestreich and Sydney Spano, Thrivent representatives, are hosting free educational workshops in La Grange during July. "Noon" Lunch & Learn workshops and 6:00 p.m. "Evening" workshops.

**Investment Basics**

Monday, July 10, Noon - 1:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, July 11, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**Estate Strategy Essentials**

Tuesday, July 18 - Noon-1:00 p.m.  
 Also, on July 18 - 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**Social Security**

Tuesday, July 25 - Noon-1:00 p.m.  
 Also, on July 25, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

All workshops are conducted at the Thrivent office in La Grange, 1903 Janssen Ln. Please RSVP to Phil Oestreich, 979/968-3738. Lunch is provided at the noon sessions, and snacks at the evening sessions.

**LOCAL AND AREA NEWS:**

-The **Alzheimers Support Group** (facilitated by *Cindy Fanning*) has free meetings the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Hospice Brazos Valley Office, 1048 N. Jefferson St., in La Grange. Call 979/968-6913 for more information.

-The **Firemen's Feast and Fund-raiser**, is on July 16, at the Carmine Hall. Serving of fried chicken will be fro 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Donations will be accepted as payment for the meal. Bounce House and other kids' games begin at 11; auction at 12 noon; To-go barbecue sausage can be picked up from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

-**Neighbor to Neighbor: A Texas Village** is a program to help maturing adults stay active in their own homes for as long as possible. Membership is open to Fayette County residents, age 55 and over. Members benefits include: transportation, tech support for computers, printers, TV's and phones, and personal and household assistance. Volunteers are also needed. For more information or to receive a membership or volunteer application, please contact: [N2NT@gmail.com](mailto:N2NT@gmail.com) or call 979/217-2652. You may also send a letter to P.O. Box 809, 275 E. Ellinger Rd., La Grange, TX 78945. (See the brochures in the narthex.)

Make a

# Fruits of the Spirit Snack

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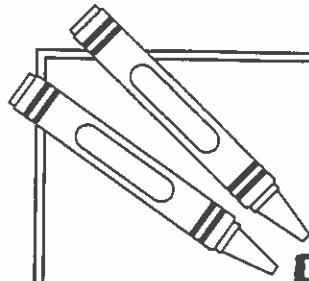
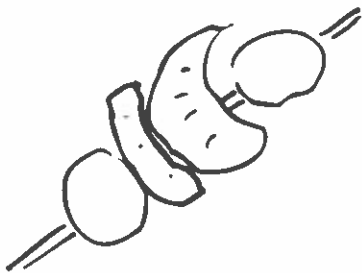
- fresh or canned fruit
- apples
- oranges
- bananas
- cherries
- grapes
- pineapple
- melon
- toothpicks

How to make it:

1. Open cans and drain juice.
2. Cut fresh fruit in chunks or slices.

*(Tip: To keep fresh fruit from turning brown, soak it in lemon-lime soda pop!)*

3. Arrange pieces of fruit on toothpicks. Share with family or friends!



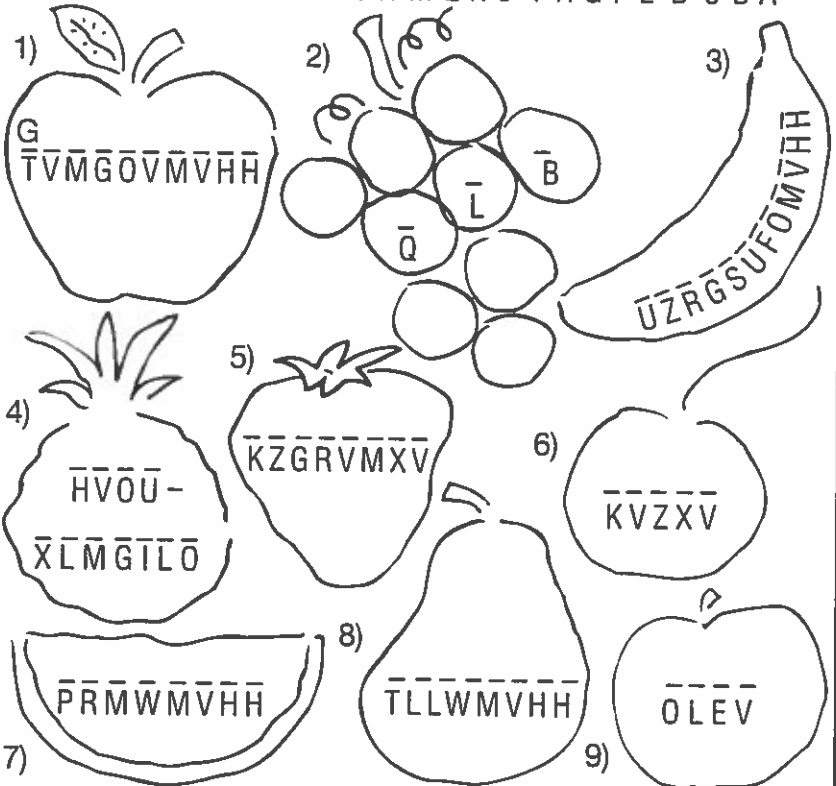
# Just for KIDS

## Fruits of the Spirit

In the book of Galatians, Paul told the people to "live by the spirit" – to live God's way. He told them what they would need to do this. These characteristics are called the "fruits of the Spirit."

Find the "Fruits of the Spirit" using the code below.

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Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N M L K J I H G F E D C B A



Gentleness, Joy, Faithfulness, Self-Control, Patience, Peace, Kindness, Goodness, Love

## SERVERS FOR:



Assisting Ministers: Jessica Weidemann (07-02, 07-22);  
Susan Bathe (07-08, 07-23); Dana Smith (07-09);  
Dianna Gerland (07-16); Bobbie Weidemann (07-30)





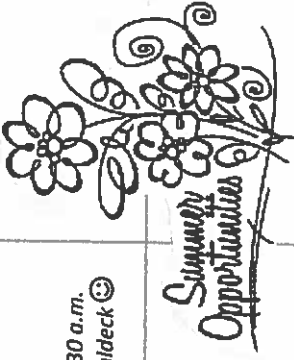
Offering Counters: Jessica W., Cindy Weidemann, Shelley Scheffer  
Send Bulletins Shut-ins & Cards to Visitors - Thelma Hinze  
August newsletter assemblers: Ann O'Hara and Ruby Renck

(The weekend of July 28 or 29)

Acolyte organizers: Parents of July Acolytes  
Bulletin Folder: Dianna Gerland  
Put supplies in pews: Brick & Debby Peele  
Prepare Communion for shut-ins: Dean & Joyce  
Ullrich

date	acolytes	ushers	readers	flowers	communion assistants	communion set-up
07-02	Brody	Team #1-Wade Eilers, capt., David Eilers, greeter; Christy Kelley, Daryl Ray, Melba Zingelmann, Patti Hart	Tony Dooley	Susan & Daryl Ray		Karen
07-08		<b>Volunteers</b>				Connie
07-09	Abby	Team #2-Reuben Wunderlich, capt., Ronda Kunkel, greeter, Marlene Waak, greeter, Jack Flinn, Robbie Stork, Faith Stork	Susan Ray	Joyce & Dean Ullrich	Shelley Scheffer	Connie
07-16	Jace	Team #3-Barbara Jacob, capt. & greeter, Jerry Jacob, Yvonne Moore, Sedalia Ullrich, Jessica Weidemann	Vickie Schroeder	Madonna Morris	Karen Roemer	Susan B.
07-22		<b>Volunteers</b>				Debbie
07-23	Kennedy	Team #4-Gene Goolsby, capt. & greeter, Cindy Hinze, greeter; Conway Waak, greeter; Morgan Mikeska, Breanna Marburger, Kayla Peters	Blake Dooley	Marlene Waak	Bobbie Weidemann	Debbie
07-30	Rylan	<b>Team #5-LYO</b>	Jessica Weidemann	Shelby Vaughn	Cheryl Etzel	Jessica

# July 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
→ July 9 is the deadline to return WELCA envelopes						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study 9:30 am-Choir practice 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 pm-AA meeting	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm-Stewardship Committee Meeting	<b>4</b> Independence Day  <u>Church Office closed</u>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:00 pm-Worship Committee meeting	<b>7</b> PLEASE NOTE: The Lydia Circle quilts in the M&M Bldg. on Saturday 10:00-1:00 →	<b>8</b> 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion/Vaughn baptisms ☞ REMEMBER TO COLLECT YOUR LOOSE CHANGE FOR THE NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY
<b>9</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion led by Praise Team/ Noisy Offering collected Property Committee meets after worship 11:00 am-Christian Ed Committee 5:00 pm-AA meeting	<b>10</b> 9:00 am-Quilting 	<b>11</b> Council agenda deadline	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 2:00 pm-Ladies Aid 6:30 pm-Mary Group <i>(10<sup>th</sup> Triennial WELCA Convention, Minneapolis, July 13-16)</i>	<b>14</b> 2:30 p.m.-Birthday party at Argent Court, Brenham 	<b>15</b> ATTENTION, YOUTHS! Today is the deadline to apply to volunteer at the Youth Gathering in Houston in 2018.
<b>16</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/ 5:00 pm-AA meeting	<b>17</b> 1:30 pm-Senior Citizens Domino Party  6:15 pm-Church Council	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Newsletter deadline M&M Bldg. used on Saturday → → → →	<b>22</b> Fellowship Hall used all day ----- 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion/Baptism Remembrance/Eckert/Franklin baptisms
<b>23</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:45 am-Hymn Sing 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/Baptism Remembrance LYO meeting after worship	<b>24</b> 7:00 pm- Men in Mission Family Night & Ice Cream Social ☺ JULY 24-28 (8:30-11:30 a.m.) VBS at Waldeck	<b>25</b> 8:30-11:30 a.m. VBS at Waldeck	<b>26</b> 8:30-11:30 a.m. VBS at Waldeck	<b>27</b> 8:30-11:30 a.m. VBS at Waldeck	<b>28</b> 8:30-11:30 a.m. VBS at Waldeck ☺	<b>29</b> 
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