



Martin Luther Lutheran Church
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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

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Worship w/Communion:

Sundays - 9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday School for all -Sundays 10:10 a.m.

Church Council: Todd Dooley-President; Shayne Kirts-President-elect; Dennis Smith, Secretary; Samantha Ullrich-Treasurer; Jessica Weidemann-Worship Committee; Vickie Neutzler-Stewardship Committee; Amber Dooley-Christian Education Committee; Cheryl Etzel-Outreach/Care Committee; Ronnie Siptak-Property Committee



Make every effort

to keep the unity of

the Spirit through

the bond of peace.

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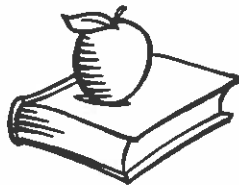


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Martin Luther Lutheran Church

August, 2015

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35



SUNDAY SCHOOL and BACK-TO-SCHOOL NEWS!

August 22 & 23 -
Lutherhill comes to MLLC!

Director, Matt Kindsvatter, will preach on both days and help the youths with a skit for worship on Sunday. Lutherhill staff will lead some of the music on Sunday and conduct a special Sunday School class in the Mission & Ministry Building after worship. (See page 4 for a complete rundown of the two days' activities).

The Blessing of teachers and backpacks will be a part of Sunday's worship service on August 23rd.



RT-C AND MLLS TEACHERS AND STAFF BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP--Thursday, August 20, at 8:30 a.m. in our fellowship hall. *The first day of MLLS Preschool is Tuesday, September 1, and the first day of school for the RT-C School District is Monday, August 24.*

Rally day and Promotion Sunday is set for Sunday, August 30, with water fun day. Watch for more details in Sunday bulletins.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME! On Sunday, July 12, the following persons were welcomed as new members during worship, with a reception following: **Samantha Ullrich** from First United Methodist Church in Huntsville; **Mike & Terry McIntosh** from Grace Lutheran Church in Giddings; and **Stephanie Sanders** from Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Bellville. **Ann O'Hara** was received on March 2, 2014.
Welcome to all!

Anyone interested in making an official commitment to our ministry life together, to join the congregation, please contact the pastor. For those not yet baptized, the pastor will provide instruction regarding Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.



✧ **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** at Bethlehem Lutheran, Round Top, this Wednesday, July 29, starting at 7:00 p.m. All are invited!

✧ **The Blood Drive** for MLLC & Bethlemlen together is set for Sunday, August 23, from 9:30 until 2:00 in our fellowship hall. Please consider giving the *Gift of Life*

✧ September 6th is **Labor Day Sunday** with Sunday School at 9:00 a.m., and worship at 10:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall. A meal will be served after worship.


✧ **A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** will be compiled in September. Pictures of members will be taken during the week of September 15-19. There will be more information in the coming weeks. Please take photos of your organizations and groups during the next couple of months for inclusion in the directory.

✧ **Tone Chimes** will begin rehearsing on Sunday, September 20, following worship. See Jessica Weidemann if you're interested in joining the group. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for all who are interested in joining this year. We are starting on the third Sunday in September, but will return to rehearsals on the second Sunday in October.

✧ On October 4, the Synod staff will send a visitor, Peggy Hahn, to speak.

✧ **The 6th Annual MLLC Harvest Festival**, with Confirmation Class Reunion for persons confirmed in years ending in 5 and 0, is set for Sunday, October 18, at the Carmine Hall.

✧ **NOVEMBER 8 - WELCA Thankoffering and Annual Turkey Dinner.**

PASTOR RETURNS. 
 Pastor Tinker & family return from vacation on Sunday, August 2. If you are in need of a pastor before then, please call Pastor Nedbalek of Round Top (979/249-3686-ofc., or his cell-210/422-7599).

VACATION ☺☺☺ BIBLE SCHOOL WEEK REPORT:

The closing was held on Sunday, June 28th, during worship. Thanks to Dana Smith for directing the week's activities. 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 **Jesus' hometown of Nazareth**, 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 for donating the VBS t-shirts. The children (and adults!) all had an awesome time praising God and learning about Jesus through Celebration songs, Hometown Huddles, Marketplace shop activities, Mary's stories, and Fun Games.

WOMEN'S CIRCLES



••New yearbooks should be ready by Sunday, August 30. Quilting Magazines are available in the parlor for anyone who would like to take some. ••

••Annual TX-LA Gulf Coast Synod WELCA Convention - September 19, St. Paul Lutheran, La Grange. See the form in this newsletter to register. (WELCA ladies will hand out envelopes for the convention on Sundays, August 23 & 30).

WELCA has received word that the **Personal Care Kits** were shipped to Tanzania from the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Maryland on September 11, 2014. The mission quilts were also shipped to Tanzania on October 3, 2014.

School Kits for Lutheran World Relief are still being collected during July and August. The goal is to have 100 kits collected. Lots of items have

already been received. All that is needed at this time are **pencil sharpeners**. However, if you have already bought the items, please bring them by August 9, and we will complete more than 100 kits. Thanks for all donations! (WELCA will purchase backpacks).

 Circle meeting date:
 Thursday, August 13th

Ladies Aid meets at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Bible study is by *Thelma Hinze*. Ann O'Hara and Susan Ray bring sandwiches and relishes, and other food is brought by member.

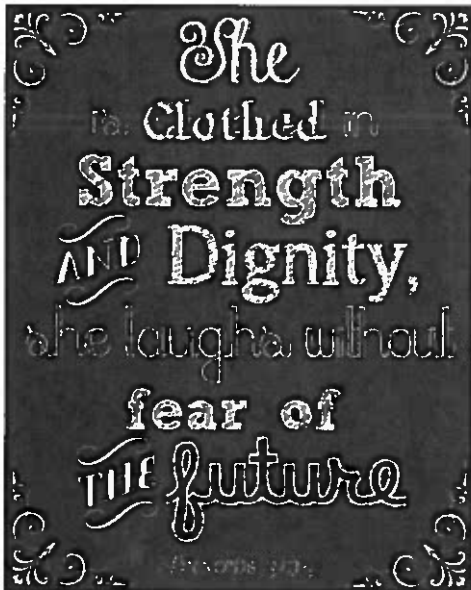
Mary Group meets the same day at 6:30 p.m. in the church parlor. Opening devotion is by *Edith Flinn*; Bible study by *Diana Wunderlich*; offering meditation by *Susan Bathe*, and *Barbara Jacob* is hostess.

Next Quilting Day is Monday, August 10th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Mission & Ministry building.

Lutherhill 9th annual S'mores & Champagne Gala, is Tuesday, September 15, at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott. WELCA has quilt to donate again).

(WELCA news continued on page 4)





ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE TEXAS LOUISIANA GULF COAST WOMEN OF THE ELCA

SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
110 WEST WALNUT, LA GRANGE, TEXAS

*THE BOARD WILL HOST A RECEPTION AT CARBY CHAPEL AT
LUTHERHILL ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 STARTING AT 7 PM*

REGISTRATION FEE:

By September 1: \$50

After September 1: \$60

(Registration includes 2 meals - Saturday breakfast & lunch)

HOUSING:

Participants are responsible for making their own reservations.

- A block of 25 rooms has been reserved until September 4 at:
Best Western Plus
600 E. State Highway 71 Bypass
La Grange, Texas
(979) 968-6800
- Group name = *Texas Louisiana Convention*
- 1 king bed room = \$101.95 + tax
- 2 double beds room = \$105.95 + tax

SILENT AUCTION:

Each unit (church) is asked to bring one larger item (theme basket, quilt, etc.) for the silent auction.

PHYSICAL OFFERING:

We are asking everyone to bring items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. The kits will be assembled at the convention. Visit <http://lwr.org/personalcarekits> for a list of items included the kits.

Proceeds from the offering and silent auction will be given to the Meals on Wheels program in La Grange, Texas.

*** Pictures of the event will be taken and may be used in Women of the ELCA publications.*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

Church: _____

Church City: _____

CHECK ONE (or more):

Delegate Board Member

Non-Delegate First Time Attendee

Guest (Pastor, Churchwide Rep, Vendor)

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Contact: _____

Phone #: _____

Special Needs: _____

Mail Registration form & check to:

Kim Holle

PO Box 269

Baytown, TX 77522

(832) 457-0863 / kholle@pfenniglaw.com

Make checks payable to: **Women of the ELCA**

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New WELCA Group Idea--

Facebook:

If anyone is interested in being part of a MLLC Facebook WELCA group, please contact Cindy Weidemann at cindysue5150@yahoo.com, or by cell phone at 979/224-7891.



We would post articles from Women of the ELCA, Café, or anywhere else that we find, and then everyone can comment on and discuss these articles in their own time, instead of attending meetings. I know how busy that I get with work and extracurricular activities, so I was excited to hear this idea for a different kind of group when I was at the Triennial Gathering last year. I think this would be a great way for those of us who can't make monthly meetings to connect more and discuss our faith! Thank you for your help! *Cindy*



PARSONAGE RENOVATION

continues—The roof was recently completed. The front porch has been assembled. Interior work will continue for the months to come.

CONFIRMATION CLASS UPDATE.

The New Confirmation Class will begin on

September 2. The current plan is to have class 4:00–5:30 p.m. With some students traveling from outside of the Round Top–Carmines ISD, we may need to make a slight adjustment to either 4:15–5:45, or a little later, to accommodate travel times. The class will meet in the Mission & Ministry Building, which is a change from recent years. More information will be available in the coming weeks. We will continue to work with Bethlehem Lutheran in Round Top.



LUTHERHILL AT MLLC ON AUGUST 22 & 23:

On the weekend of August 22 & 23, Lutherhill will come to us. Our main visitor will be Matt Kindsvatter, the Executive Director of Lutherhill Ministries in La Grange. This is a *very special opportunity*. Plan now to attend worship and Sunday School on this weekend. Here is the schedule for the weekend:

Saturday, August 22:

Worship at 6:00 p.m.

Matt will be our preacher. Pastor Tinker and the assisting minister will otherwise lead worship. The music will be typical of our Saturday night services.

Sunday, August 23:

8:15 or 8:30 a.m. - Sunday School and youths who would like to help with the skit for worship will gather to learn the skit. This skit will be in the places of the Children's Sermon at worship. A notice will be sent out from the Christian Education Committee regarding this opportunity.

9:00 a.m. - Worship with Matt and Lutherhill Staff. At least some of the music will be led by Lutherhill staff, and will be more typical of Summer Camp-style worship. Matt will again preach. Pastor Tinker, the reader, and the assisting minister will also participate in the leadership as usual.

10:15 a.m. - Lutherhill staff will lead a special Sunday School class in the Mission & Ministry building. We like to have them offer this at least once a year.

FLOOD RELIEF

EFFORTS. You still have a week to donate, if you wish, through Upbring (*formerly Lutheran Social Services of the South*) for

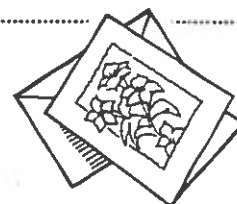


support of flood relief in central Texas. Upbring is working with congregations and relief organizations to provide both immediate and long-term support for families who have suffered due to recent flooding. Make checks payable to MLLC.

MLLC AND BETHLEHEM, ROUND TOP, YOUTH AT LUTHERHILL.



There will be a combined group of campers from MLLC and Bethlehem–Round Top, plus a few friends, attending Lutherhill together August 2–7. There are 28 campers registered from this group. This brings the total between the two congregations (plus a couple of friends) to at least 35 for Summer, 2015. The two churches sent seven youths to Confirmation Camp at Lutherhill in June. Thank you for your generous support of Lutheran Camping Ministry through sending your children and through your gifts to support their participation. The MLLC Endowment also supports Lutherhill through generous donations in recent years.



GREETING CARDS FOR SALE.

Do you know someone who would love to receive an "Encouragement", "Get Well", "Thinking of You", or "New Baby" card in the mail? Check out the beautiful assortment of cards for sale by the LYO on the shelf in the parlor. Categories are listed on the shelves and prices are on the boxes. Make your selection and place your money or checks made out to MLLC LYO in the can on the top shelf. Thank you!

ON THE PRAYER LIST:

Most recently. Dorothy Marth (recently hospitalized); Joyce Eilers (recently hospitalized); Carolyn Bennetsen (sister of Leonita Sanders, health concerns); Leonard Addicks (friend, health concerns); Regina Hutton (friend of Pastor David & Jennifer Tinker, medical issues); Jack Weidemann (health issues); Paul Viertel (declining health); Garry Sanders (leg burns); Jill Carni (friend of Ann O'Hara, surgery); Don Steinbach (former member, treatment for leukemia); Natalie Broadway (friend of Daryl & Susan Ray, cancer); Robert Preuss (friend of Gene & Nelda Muehlbrad, head injury); Grace Marie O'Quinn (friend of Bill Derrick, newborn with health concerns); Charles "Chuck" Fougerson (friend of Bill Derrick, cancer); Avalda Pohl (recent surgery, back home); Mark Weintraub and his mother, Saline, (friends of Susan Ray, health concerns); Rosa Lee Krebs (friend from Shelby, health concerns); Mark Jacob (Jocie Jacob Braun's son and Karen Roemer's uncle, cancer); Louis Kartous (recovering from surgery); Nelson Neutzler (friend of Alvis Mueller, health concerns); Fritz Schoenst (friend from Round Top, surgery); Josh Dow (13-year-old friend of Wade & Nancy Eilers, cancer); Amanda Sebastian (friend from Blue Bell Creameries and Randall Kohring's cousin, brain tumor); continued ----➔



IN GOD'S CARE

Lisa Mayer (health concerns); Delores Oppermann (niece of Joyce Eilers, cancer); Ralph Barrick (Peetsy Fischer's son-in-law, cancer); Marie Nelius (friend from Round Top, lymphoma); and Sheila Hanke (friend, melanoma treatment).

Ongoing Prayer Concerns. Tim Coleman (friend of Alvis Mueller, cancer and recent foot amputation); Michael "Butch" Schulz (Barbara Schulz's husband; health concerns); Milton Poehls (Pauline Peetsy Fischer's brother, cancer and heart trouble); Larry Glenz (friend from Brenham, cancer); Jimmy Flinn (eye problems and stroke); Herman (Ham) Kovar (Rick Kovar's father, back problems); and Mary Edwards (Linda Kovar's sister, battling lupus).

Members in Care and Assisted Living Facilities. Verline Schulte (Brenham Rest Home); Elvera Limmer, LeVerne Hinze and Shirley Mueller (Brenham Nursing & Rehab); Lynda Kominczak (Mission Nursing & Rehab in Cuero); and Elvira Dallmeyer (Argent Court-Brenham).

Homebound Members. Joyce Lehmann, Nevilee 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, Scott Busby, James Dunham, and all who serve, known and unknown, in harm's way.

† Christian Sympathy to the families of Harris (Sandy) Pierce; Nathalie Landua (sister-in-law of Dorothy Rothermel and friend from Burton); EddieLow Kiel (friend of Bill

Derrick); Jack (Tebo) Ray (brother of Jackie Ray and Renè Runge); Lenora Wellmann (Randall Kohring's grandmother), Valgene Neutzler (baptized at MLLC in 1939), and Frieda Siegmund (mother of Sherwin Siegmund, friend and contractor on our Mission & Ministry building and other MLLC renovations).

NEW ARRIVALS:



Congratulations to Mr. Otto L. Fuchs, Jr. on the birth of his great-granddaughter, Caroleen Kelly, who was born June 25, 2015. Parents are Ben & Carolise Stroeck Kelly of Little Elm, Texas, and grandparents are Bruce & Carobeth Fuchs Bockhorn of Carmine.

And, congratulations to Jonathan and Tonia Dunham on the birth of their son, Tripp Kyle Dunham, who was born Monday, July 13, 2015, at Memorial Hermann-Woodlands. Tripp weighed eight pounds, 14 oz., and measured 19-34". He was welcomed by his sister, Ally, and brother, Judd. Grandparents from MLLC are Johnny & Becky Dunham.



A work in progress (by Martin Luther)

A Christian is always in the process of becoming, never in the state of having become. The Christian life is not being pious but becoming pious, not being healthy but becoming healthy, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not yet [what we are to be], but we are becoming it. It is not yet done and has not yet happened. It is, however, going on and coming to be. It is not the end, but it is the way.



IN AUGUST:

Wade Eilers	02
Greg Warburton	02
Jeff Wunderlich	02
Matthew Colpetzer	04
Bailey Wunderlich	06
Amy Dooley	08
Marvin Marburger	08
Justin Roemer	08
Lauren Wachsmann	08
Bobbie Weidemann	08
Nicholas Roemer	09
Joe Cucuzza	11
Nicholas Lehmann	11
Herman Schoenemann, Jr.	12
Conway Waak, Jr.	13
Doris Gebhard	14
Tye Siptak	14
Linda Kovar	15
Connie Peters	15
Megan Smith	15
Jace Carmean	16
Tabatha Diehl	16
Johnny Dunham	18
Jeffrey Knebel	18
Claire Mayer	18
Nelda Muehlbrad	18
Aaron Kohring	19
Melba Zingelmann	19
Chelsea Lozano	20
Paula Noak	21
Dillon Marburger	22
Taylor Jacob	24
Rickey Roemer	24
Kevin Woelfel	24
Gladys Roemer	25
Hubert Stiewert	25
Carol Hall	26
Shana Muske	27
Lyndell Woodruff	28
Cindy Weidemann	29
René Runge	30
Neil Weigelt	30
Bradley Wunderlich	30
Ilo Dean Ullrich	31

PASTOR'S ARTICLE:

Matthew 28:16-20 The Great Commission

God's Action and Our Calling –
Part 4 of 6, Matthew 28:16-20
The Great Commission

One of the last things Jesus did in the time before his Ascension to the Father was to give instructions. One of the ways he did this is recorded in the book of Matthew, chapter 28. Jesus had gathered his 11 remaining Apostles for these final instructions.

Here is what we read at the very end of the book: “16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

This is not some minor teaching of Jesus. The church has rightly called this “The Great Commission”, for this is the major “marching orders” for the people of God. There are several notable elements in this.

Go
THEREFORE AND MAKE
DISCIPLES OF ALL
nations...

MATTHEW 28:19, NRSV



Authority – Jesus stresses the importance of this by backing his statement with the full authority of God. He is stressing – “take me very seriously in this matter.”

Go – He calls on us to “Go”. His calling for us is not a passive waiting. We are instructed to “Go” into all the world. If we plan to sit back and wait for people to come to us we are doing just the opposite of what Jesus has called upon us to do. Jesus said, “Go,” and that is central to all we do as the church.

Make Disciples – our job is to do things which help others learn to follow the way of Jesus. Our words, actions and ministries are to be very connected to helping others know Jesus and know how to follow him.

Baptize – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is one of the most important connection points between God and humanity. Part of what happens in Baptism is that the Holy Spirit is brought into a person's life in a powerful way. Anytime the Holy Spirit enters our lives greater faith happens. We are called to Baptize, which includes sharing the good news with people of all ages, so that they can be united with the Christ Jesus and his saving work for us.

God's Name – We are called to address God in a personal way. Jesus directly teaches us to use the name, “Father, Son and Holy Spirit” to address him in prayer, to refer to him, and to use when baptizing a person. We are deliberate in our choice of words to address the Lord. God is in charge of himself, and it is most respectful to use the names revealed in scripture when talking about God or referring to God.

Teaching – the teaching ministry of the church is essential. We teach God's Word to adults, youth and children.

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We also eagerly seek to participate in learning and individual study of God's Word.

God is always with us – the promise of Jesus is that he will always be with us. He transforms his way of being with us when he ascends to the Father, but he never leaves us. The presence of God is a great blessing. The Lord is committed to be with us through all of life's journey.

As we move forward in ministry at Martin Luther Lutheran Church it is important that we seek out God's instructions regarding what we are to do as his people. The Great Commission is a significant part of God's instructions for our life together. In September, Mark 12:28-32, Greatest Commandment

✠ **OFFICIAL ACTS:** New members received on July 12. (See list of names on page 1).

Wedding: Sierra Kunkel and Alan Richard were united in marriage at MLLC on Saturday, July 11, 2015. May God bless your marriage!



ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION REPORT:

date	attendance	general	school	building
06-27	26	630.00	-0-	-0-
06-28	150	1,963.25	1,058.00	36.00
07-05	56	2,236.50	1,636.75	-0-
07-11	13	206.00	-0-	-0-
07-12	87	8,265.16	5,870.00	30.00
07-19	54 (fire station) 65 in church	3,183.00	1,943.00	300.00

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Year-to-Date Income	\$122,798.94
Year-to-Date Expenses	<u>213,105.14</u>
Net Income	\$(90,306.20)
Net income	\$(90,306.20)
Parsonage Costs	79,611.00
Multi-Purpose Building Costs	<u>5,599.57</u>
Net Income Less Building Costs	\$(5,095.63)



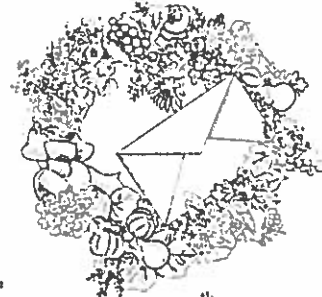
Jacob Family Special Donation \$3,360.00
 New refrigerator purchased for Fellowship Hall using Thrivent Funds
 New washer/dryer purchased for Fellowship Hall for the MLLS using MLLS Memorial Funds

A HUGE THANK YOU!

-- Thanks to the Office Helpers for July, *Floyd & Cheryl Etzel* assembled the August newsletter; *Melissa Wickel* placed supplies in pews; *Jenell Jaster* folded bulletins; and *Carol Carmean* sent bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors.

–Thanks from AMEN Food Pantry, La Grange. Dear Friends, On behalf of the A.M.E.N. Board of Directors, we thank you for your generous support in providing emergency assistance for our needy brothers and sisters in our area. Your generous monetary donation of \$36.00 received June 1, 2015, is very much appreciated. May God bless you. Signed *Carolyn Rotter*, for A.M.E.N. Board of Directors.

2ND QUARTER, 2015, MEMORIAL REPORT



Building Fund.

In honor of Louise Jacob's 90 th birthday	\$ 30.00
Ira Bell Bathe	110.00
Cliff Miller	50.00
In honor of Jack & Bobbie Weidemann's 50 th wedding anniversary	<u>30.00</u>
TOTAL	\$220.00

Day School Fund.

Edward Pietsch	\$ 10.00
Odell Lueckemeyer	10.00
Paige Morrow	20.00
Ira Bell Bathe	120.00
Cliff Miller	<u>405.00</u>
TOTAL	\$565.00

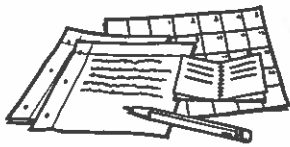
General Fund.

Clarence Wagner	\$ 20.00
John Wall	10.00
Paige Morrow	10.00
Evelyn Bolling	20.00
Ira Bell Bathe	<u>3,295.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,355.00

Tone Chimes Fund.

In honor of Jack & Bobbie Weidemann's 50 th wedding anniversary	\$70.00
In honor of Mr. Otto L. Fuchs, Jr.	<u>25.00</u>
TOTAL	\$95.00

CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY



The Church Council of Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Carmine, Texas met for its monthly meeting in the church parlor on Monday July 20, 2015 at 6:15 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Council President Todd Dooley. Pastor David Tinker and nine Council members were present. Samantha Ullrich provided the devotion.

The minutes for the June 15, 2015 Council meeting were presented. A motion passed to accept the minutes. The Treasurer's Report was presented. Year-to-date expenses ending June 30, 2015 for MLLC (not including MLLS) were \$213,105.14 of which \$79,611 were for the parsonage renovations. Total income year-to-date was \$122,798.94. For the month of June 2015 MLLC expenses were \$43,853.34 and income was \$15,108.41. For the MLLS, total year-to-date expenses ending June, 30 2015 were \$89,808.86. Total year-to-date income for MLLS was \$86,514.78. For the month of June 2015, MLLS expenses were \$18,206.63 which included three pay periods and income was \$13,145.43. As of the end of June 2015 the General Fund checking account balance was negative \$7,871.66. A motion passed to accept the report as presented.

Pastor David Tinker made the following report. He thanked the Council and congregation for our support and prayers during his father's recent serious illness. He requested that the Council and the congregation think about what we enjoy about our life together at MLLC. He would like us to share 1-3 items of note and share with him. These items will help us reflect on the good things we have at MLLC and will be a part of our

looking to the future of the congregation in the coming years.

There was one death in the congregation recently. Sandy Pierce's memorial service will be held in Illinois in August while a service in Carmine will be held in October. The wedding of Sierra Kunkel & Alan Richard was July 11th. A new member reception was held on July 12th. Dates for photos for the upcoming photo directory will be September 15-19th. Pastor continues to lead the adult Sunday School class and Chapel with the MLLS students. He attended Confirmation camp week June 14-19th as well as several committee meetings in June. There is a youth camp week August 2nd -7th which includes 28 youth from MLLC and Bethlehem Lutheran in Round Top. Vacation Bible School was a big success with an increased attendance of over 50% from recent years. There were over 30 volunteers both teen and adult. Pastor will be on vacation the weekend of July 25th & 26th. Pastor Bill Derrick will be our preacher and presiding minister that weekend. Upcoming special dates: August 22 & 23rd - Lutherhill Director Matt Kindsvatter to preach at both service and will provide the Sunday School Lesson; August 30th- Rally Sunday and Water Fun Day; September 6th - Labor Day Sunday (Sunday School at 9am and Worship at 10:15am); October 4th - Synod staff visitor, Peggy Hahn, to preach at Sunday service; October 18th - Harvest Fest @ Carmine Hall; & November 8th - WELCA Thankoffering Service.

The MLLS Day School reported that enrollment numbers for June 2015 were 34 full-time students and five drop-in students. Jennifer Vaclavik and Kelli Meinholdt are doing the housekeeping and staff relief. Summer activities are in progress and vary from a water day, outdoor games, etc. There were three pay periods during the month of June. Fundraisers for the MLLS were discussed. Council recommended conducting an annual fundraising

meal that would be supported by the congregation and MLLS parents. Enrollment is down overall for the upcoming school year. The MLLS committee proposed an increase in student tuition. After discussion, a motion passed to accept the proposal for a \$20 per month increase in tuition per student. The MLLS committee recommended a slight pay raise for MLLS staff to include providing insurance for Director Kelli Meinholdt. After discussion, a motion passed to accept the proposal.

The Christian Education Committee reported that VBS was a huge success with 44 children participating. The Committee wants to thank everyone who helped out in any way with the success of VBS. Plans for next summer are already beginning.

The Worship Committee reported that the quote for the additional microphones and equipment has increased by \$200. The manufacturer raised the cost to the supplier. The increase in cost was presented to the Stewardship Committee to request Memorial Funds/Designated gifts to cover the difference which was later approved. The Prayer Chain list has been finalized and procedures are in the making. Labor Day Sunday potluck meal has been decided on with pulled pork as the main dish along with buns and condiments provided by Worship Committee. Congregation members are asked to bring sides and desserts. Door prizes will be awarded again this year. A second banner stand has been requested, researched and found for \$395. It is identical to the existing stand. It has been presented to the Stewardship Committee for purchase with Memorial Funds.

The Outreach Committee reported that they hosted the new member reception on July 12th.

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The Committee will organize, serve, and host a breakfast for the RT-C and MLLS teachers and staff on August 20th at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The congregation is asked to help by providing food and drinks as well as serving. The Committee will help as needed with the Labor Day meal on September 6th.

The Stewardship Committee reported that they tabled the request from the Worship Committee for an additional banner stand. The Harvest Festival is being discussed. The Committee is discussing having an auction this year and the pros and cons of previous years and possibly doing something different. After discussion among Council, a motion passed to give the Stewardship Committee the authority to decide how to handle the auction. The Committee requests help getting good quality items to help make this a success! The earlier the better!

The parsonage renovations are coming along fine. The sheetrock will soon be installed and paint colors will be decided soon. The new pictorial directory is in the near future. Help is still needed to assist in working on this project.

Property Committee presented to Council a proposal to install a fountain and benches in front of the church entrance. This item was tabled following discussion of more immediate needs of replacing two heating/air conditioning units in the sanctuary. It was decided to lay sod grass until a better time when a plan can be proposed and approved for this area.

Property Committee presented that one of the heating/air conditioning units in the sanctuary is in immediate need of replacement while the other is not in good shape. It was discussed that there have been problems with these units not cooling properly and that one, as of this past winter, does not provide any heat to the sanctuary. A motion passed to proceed with replacing the two units which will require approval by the congregation in a special called meeting. One bid has

been received and more will be solicited prior to a congregational meeting.

The next regular Council meeting was set for Monday August 17th, 2015 at 6:15PM. Amber Dooley volunteered to provide the devotion. A motion passed to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dennis Smith
MLLC Council Secretary*

MLLS AUGUST REPORT

Summer Daycare



Thank you, MLLC members and MLLS parents, who have generously donated food, supplies, and monetary donations for our Day School ministry! Thank you also goes to MLLC members who have directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to MLLS! We appreciate your thoughtfulness and support. These donations greatly help us with our expenses. And, thank you to those of you who have donated supplies for our new MLLS Activity and Art Room!

Please see our school wish list in the school lobby. We would like to purchase sets of wooden unit blocks for our classrooms and we also need other items. If you would be interested in making a donation toward this, please do so by leaving your donation in an envelope labeled "MLLS Wish List donation". Thank you for your support!

In our classrooms during the month of August, we will be exploring a different theme each week:

August 3-7 is "Animals That Come Out at Night" Week, and we will learn about owls, bats, raccoons, and other nocturnal creatures.



August 10-14 will be "Favorite Summer Foods" Week, and we will explore watermelons, banana splits, and lemonade.



August 17-12 is "Wiggly Critters" Week, and we will learn about caterpillars, worms, and snakes.



August 24-28 will be "Farm Fun" Week, and we will learn about barns, ducks, pigs, horses, cows, and chickens.



We will be learning about these topics through Bible activities, songs, stories, cooking activities, science experiments, and art projects.

During Chapel services, we will be studying various Bible topics through use of Bible storybooks. We will recite *The Lord's Prayer*, *The Pledge of Allegiance*, *The Pledge to the Christian Flag*, and *The Pledge to the Bible*, and sing Bible songs during our weekly Chapel services. Visitors are welcome to join us during Chapel services on Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Chapel services are led by Pastor David Tinker.

We visit our Activity/Art Room on Tuesday mornings where we explore painting at the easel, block play, and arts and crafts with Mrs. Ann and Mrs. Susan as our volunteers. Thank you to these ladies!

Children's storytime is held each Wednesday morning in the school library. We wish to thank our library volunteers, *Nancy Eilers, Susan Ray, Ann O'Hara, Ed Eargle, Marie Loewe, and Carol Carmean* for reading to the children. They enjoy it very much!

And, thank you to Pastor Bill for coming to sing with us occasionally. Thank you to everyone for your support of our Day School Ministry!

****Our First Day of Preschool is Tuesday, September 1!****

Kelli Meinholdt, Amber Baker, Jennifer Burrow, Jessica King, Kaci Neumann, Ashley Santos, Brenda Townsley, and Jennifer Vaclavik



SERVERS for:

Lay Assistants, Dianna Gerland (08-02, Susan Bathc (08-08);
 Jessica Weidemann (08-09, 08-22); Dana Smith (08-16);
 Leonita Sanders (08-23); Bobbie Weidemann (08-30)

Send cards to visitors & bulletins to shut-ins, Thelma Hinze
 Acolyte organizers, Parents of August acolytes

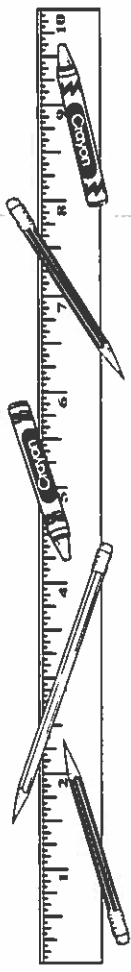
Prepare Communion for shut-ins, Dean & Joyce Ullrich

Put supplies in pews, Gene Goolsby
 Offering Counters, Amy Dooley, Vickie Neutzler, Boo Goolsby
 Bulletin folder, Niclissa Wickel

September newsletter assemblers, Jerry & Barbara Jacob
 (the weekend of August 26 or 27)

date	acolytes	ushers	readers	flowers	communion assistants	communion set-up
08-02	Dylan	Team #16-Dennis Gerland, capt., Boo Goolsby, greeter, Jennifer Mohr, Jack Weidemann, Jadon Weidemann, Jessica Weidemann	Carol Carmean	David & Sara Eilers		Vickie N.
08-08 Saturday		Volunteers				Jocie
08-09	Aaron	Team #17-Dean Ullrich, capt. & greeter, Joyce Ullrich, greeter; Tori Brooks, Nelda Muehlbrad, Robbie & Dianne Tovey	Leonita Sanders	Jessica Weidemann	Gene Goolsby	Jocie
08-16	Hannah	Team #18-Garry Sanders, capt., Leonita Sanders, greeter; Becky & Johnny Dunham, Jason Schroeder, Brock Marburger, Dillon Marburger	Susan Ray	Floyd & Jocie Braun	Connie Peters	Susan B.
08-22 Saturday		Volunteers				Jadon
08-23	Carson	Team #19-Berrie Etzel, capt., Darlene Etzel, Tana Brooks, Vickie Neutzler, Shelley Scheffer, Shelby Markwardt	Tony Doolcy	Gladys Roemer	Karen Roemer	Jadon
08-30	Janelle	Team #20-Jeff Flinn, capt., Mia & Buck Williams, greeters; Lisa Mayer, Susan Leppard, Emma Leppard	Vickie Schroeder	Berrie & Darlene Etzel	Barbara Jacob	Susic M.

August 2015



<p>2 10th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion 10:10 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p>3 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel</p>	<p>4 6:00 pm-Worship Committee</p>	<p>5 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime</p>	<p>6 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion REMEMBER TO COLLECT YOUR LOOSE CHANGE FOR THE NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY</p>
<p>9 11th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion led by Praise Team/Noisy Offering collected 10:10 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:10 am-Property Committee 11:10 am-Christian Ed Committee 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p>10 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel 9:00 am-Quilting</p>	<p>11 Council agenda deadline</p>	<p>12 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime</p>	<p>13 2:00 pm-Ladies Aid 6:30 pm-Mary Group</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion 10:10 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p>17 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel 1:30 pm-Sr. Citizens Donut Party 6:15 pm-Church Council</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime</p>	<p>20 8:30 am-RT-C and MLLS teachers & staff Breakfast in fellowship hall</p>	<p>21 Newsletter deadline</p>	<p>22 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion Matt Kindsvater to preach</p>
<p>23 13th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 am-Hymn Sing 9:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion/Matt Kindsvater preaches <i>(9:30-2:00-Blood Drive in fellow. hall)</i> 10:10 am-Sunday School (Lutherhall Staff has SS in the new bldg.)-Adult Bible Study 10:30 am-LYO meeting 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p>24 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel 7:00 pm-Men in Mission</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 14th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion/SS teachers installed/Blessing of Teachers & Backpacks RALLY SUNDAY & WATER FUN DAY 10:10 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p>31 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel</p>	<p>July 2015 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>September 2015 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>			