



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
Martin Luther Lutheran Church
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Nancy Eilers, Carol Carmean, & Nancy Rosenbaum, secretaries

Worship schedule:

Sunday School for all -Sundays 9:00 a.m.
Sunday worship w/Holy Communion - 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th 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





Luther's Letter

Martin Luther Lutheran Church

August, 2017

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves...and those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Matthew 14:19, 21



SAVE THE DATES!

(There have been some changes!!)

- There will be **no choir practice in August**. Next date will be **Sunday, September 3**.
- The next **Shared Ministry** meeting will be at MLLC on **Saturday, August 12**, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Mission & Ministry building.
- **Lutherhill Sunday** has been changed from August 20 (*as reported previously*) to **Sunday, August 13**. Matt Kindsvatter will speak during the worship service, and Lutherhill will lead the Sunday School that day.
- The **Annual Breakfast for RT-C teachers and staff** will start at 8:00 a.m. on **Thursday, August 24**, in our fellowship hall.
- The next **Praise Team Sunday** has been changed in August to the **4th Sunday—August 27**. (*In September, Praise Team Sunday will be the 2nd Sunday, the 10th.*)
- **Sunday School Rally Day** is set for **Sunday, August 27**. Teachers will be installed, awards presented, and there will be a Blessing of Backpacks as we approach the start of a new school year.
- **The Blood Drive** is scheduled at MLLC on **Sunday, August 27**,

from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in our fellowship hall. Please consider giving the 'gift of life'.

→ **First Day of School** for RT-C schools is **Monday, August 28**.



→ On **Labor Day Sunday, September 3**, we will have the informal service in the fellowship hall, followed by games and potluck meal. Worship Committee provides sloppy joes, buns, onions, pickles, mustard, and tea. The congregation is asked to bring sides such as chips, beans, coleslaw, veggie tray, etc. The meal will be served around 11:30 a.m. *Members are encouraged to wear their work clothes on that day.*

→ **Tone Chimes** will be starting up **Sunday, September 10**. New members are always welcome!

On **Sunday, September 17**, we will have a friendly visit from **Pastor Chris Markert, Assistant to the Bishop**.



MLLC Camping at Lutherhill has two sessions in August. The **August 6-9 camp**

will be attended by *Bailey Wunderlich, Caden Tovey, and Bree Dooley* from MLLC.

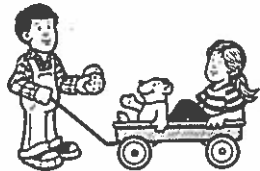
The **August 6-11 camp** will be attended by *Emma Baird, Jace Carmean, Brody Dooley, Kennedy Flinn, Abby Wunderlich, Cody Wunderlich & Carter Wunderlich* from MLLC, and *Lane Riley* from Waldeck Lutheran.

The **Camping Envelopes** were included in the June newsletter and may be returned at any time. Thanks for all contributions to help these young people have a fun and meaningful experience at camp.



Please note that a new schedule has been formed for Home Communion distribution. David & Sara Eilers, Floyd & Cheryl Etzel, and Susan Bathe will be taking communion to shut-ins on or after the first Sunday of the **even** months. Pastor Tinker will take communion in **odd** months. Susan will now be preparing the kits. Many Thanks to Dean & Joyce Ullrich for preparing the kits for many years, and for taking communion to shut-ins.

FUTURE SCHOOL SURVEY



The Church Council has prepared a short survey regarding a possible After-School Program at MLLC. They would like to gauge the support of the congregation regarding the pursuit of plans for such a program for the future. This will help the Church Council and the School Committee to guide their work. A simple "yes or no" survey form has been prepared. There is also a space for a brief question or comment. (These forms and the return box are in the narthex. Please complete these by the 2nd Sunday of August - 8/13/17).

WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS:

Gathering report:



Cindy and Janette Weidemann and Colette Wunderlich, representing MLLC WELCA, were part of 3,322 persons who attended the Women of the ELCA Tenth Triennial Gathering in Minneapolis July 13-16. The theme: *All Anew*, was supported by several biblical texts that speak of renewal of the heart, mind, body, soul, church, and world.

Opening Thankoffering worship with Holy Communion was on Thursday afternoon, The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, presiding bishop of the ELCA, was the preacher and Rev. Ann Svennungsen, Minneapolis Area Synod bishop, presided. The Thankoffering

amounted to \$49,094.60, and it was reported on Sunday morning, that there was almost \$64,000.

During Friday morning plenary, Leymah Gbowee, our Lutheran Sister from Liberia, was the featured speaker. Her theme was "With Whom is God asking us to align today? In whose corner are we being called to stand?" She gave an update on the advances being made in Liberian schools with help from WELCA. Leymah is a Nobel Peace Prize winner and peace activist.

Run, Walk, and Roll donations totaled \$19,116 of which 100% will go to support the programming of WELCA's health initiative, Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls.

Colette attended workshops on Friday and Saturday afternoon while Cindy had Gathering Choir practice and then joined Janette who chose to help with the Days for Girls service project. They cut, sewed, ironed, folded, stuffed, and assembled feminine hygiene kits. Days for Girls, through LWR, distributed kits and health education to 64,000 women and girls in more than 100 countries. Cindy and Janette also participated in an art project.

For Sunday morning closing worship with Holy Communion, The Rev. Angela T. Khabebe from Ascension Lutheran Church in Waukesha, Wisconsin, was preacher. She completed seminary at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago where she won the James Kenneth Echols Prize for Excellence in Preaching. So, you can imagine what her sermon was like! Loud and powerful! The Gathering Choir sang numerous songs. Joyful offerings at this service were designated 1/2 to Churchwide Women's Organization, 1/4 to PV

for Phebe which is helping bring more dependable solar energy to Phebe Hospital in Liberia, and 1/4 to Cherish All Children, a domestic ministry that works to educate congregations about human trafficking.



Re: Convention at St. Paul's Brenham:

WELCA envelopes will be handed out on August 6 & 13 for the Love Offering to the Annual TX-LA Gulf Coast WELCA Convention at St. Paul's Lutheran in Brenham on Saturday, August 26.

The WELCA Board will host a reception at 7:00 p.m. on the Friday night before the convention. The Saturday morning registration starts at 8:30 a.m. Barbara Jacob is the delegate from MLLC.

Next Meeting:
Joint meeting of Ladies Aid and Mary Group - Thursday, August 10
Bible Study theme: *All Anew, Ready or Not*

At their joint meeting, Ladies Aid and Mary Group will discuss the possibility of combining the two groups. *Edith Flinn* gives the opening devotion, *Diana Wunderlich* leads the Bible study, *Sedalia Ullrich* presents the offering meditation, and *Barbara Jacob, Ann O'Hara & Susan Ray* serve as hostesses.

Upcoming events:

Quilting days: The regular quilting day is Monday, August 14, at 9:00 a.m.



Entertainment at the WELCA Salad Supper, June 7, 2017. Theme: Fruit of the Spirit



MLLC Vacation Bible School – June 11-15, 2017. “Rome: Paul and the Underground Church”



Confirmation Camp – Lutherhill – June 18-23, 2017

WELCA Report continued.....

The Lydia sewing group will take a break during August. (Watch bulletins and newsletters for the next quilting schedule).

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Nursing Home Party report:

The MLLC WELCA hosted a Birthday Party on Friday, July 14, at 2:30 p.m. at Argent Court in Brenham. Birthday celebrants included Elvira Dallmeyer who would be 94 years old on July 20.

Approximately 40 residents and guests participated in the celebration. Sandwiches were provided by *Joys Baird, Sara Eilers, Dianna Gerland, and Tina Mikeska*. Cheese puffs were provided by JoLynn Schoenberg.

Sedalia Ullrich brought the beautifully-decorated and delicious cake. On the cake was written "Happy Birthday" with spring flowers of multicolored icings. Sedalia also provided the plates, napkins, forks and cups.

Attending and leading the singalong with the residents and helping to serve were *Joys Baird, Nancy Eilers, Sara Eilers, Lynette Treybig Hamilton, Barbara Jacob, Linda Mattocks, Dianne Sager, and Sedalia Ullrich*.

Dianne Sager brought Ora Lee Levien and Bernice Mueller to join the party, and Susan Ray brought Joyce Eilers from Brenham Nursing & Rehab to help Mrs. Dallmeyer celebrate her birthday. All enjoyed this special afternoon with Mrs. Dallmeyer, our oldest member of Martin Luther.

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 MLLC provides to our aging members and residents in nursing homes. Thank you for your help!!!

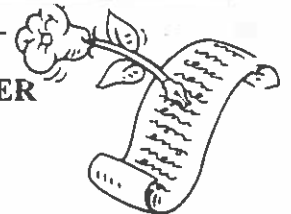


School kits for LWR are being collected in August. Needed are 70-count spiral notebooks; blunt pair of scissors; 30-centimeter ruler or one with inches and centimeters; pencil sharpener; #2 unsharpened pencils with erasers; ballpoint pens; and 16-24-count crayons.

Please note: There are plenty of erasers left over and will not be needed this year. Please, no religious, patriotic, or camouflage symbols on any of the items.

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION REPORT:

date	attendance	general	school	building
06-24	27	1,115.00	-0-	-0-
06-25	71	5,878.00	-0-	-0-
07-02	81	6,284.00	90.00	-0-
07-08	65	1,095.00	-0-	10.00
07-09	67	2,580.00	-0-	180.00
07-16 7:00 a.m.	At firehouse 40	-0-	-0-	-0-
10:00 am	41	2,340.00	-0	-0-
07-22	72	516.00	-0-	-0-
07-23	67	2,161.00	-0-	55.50



PLEASE CHECK THE PRAYER LIST AND PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Johnny Dunham (health concerns); **Ruby Renck** (broken ribs from fall); **Dr. Bill Satterfield** (relative of Dorothy Rothermel, cancer); **Dora Kieke** (friend from Burton, on hospice); **Ruth Hueske** (friend of office secretary, Nancy Rosenbaum, health issues); **Kathy Gray** (friend of Paula Barrick, health issues); **Clarence & Jenell Jaster** (ongoing health concerns); **Martha Leonhardt** (Ronnie Hinze's aunt, health concerns); **Lucas Smith** (Cole Garlin's baseball friend from Columbus, Hodgkins Lymphoma); **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).

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); **Russell Zickler** (former band director and friend of the Weidemanns, cancer);

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Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries
August 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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Carmine, TX 78932 979-278-3388
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 2nd and 4th 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 – 2nd Mondays at 9:00 a.m. in the Mission
& Ministry Building.

Monthly Study/Fellowship Groups

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

Lutherhill Sunday

Sunday, August 13, Matt Kindsvatter and staff from
Lutherhill will be our guests for worship and
Sunday School.

Praise Team Sunday – August 27

Our Praise Team will be leading our music on this
Sunday.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!!

When: Sunday August 27, 2017

Where: Martin Luther Fellowship Hall
Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Carmine

Time: 9:30 am – 2:00 pm

Give the gift of life!



Blood Drive

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

Parables Bible Study

This is a Monthly Study Group – 10:30 a.m. –
generally 4th Wednesday – you are invited to bring a
lunch item to share.

Upcoming Dates:

August 23

September 27

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.

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.

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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 1st Sunday at 8:30 a.m.
Noisy Offering on 1st 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



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

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Blood Drive

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 – 3rd Wednesday each month

Noisy Offering – 3rd 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.

Salad Supper – All Invited

The Women of the Church annual salad supper will
be held August 27th at 4:30 pm with guest speaker
Jane Fruge. It will be held at the Fellowship Hall at
St Paul Lutheran church in Shelby. All ladies from
area churches are invited to bring a salad and a
guest.

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

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PRAYER LIST continued.....

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); **Steve 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); **Elvera Limmer**, **Gladys Koether**, **Shirley Mueller**, **Verline Schulte** and **Joyce Eilers** (Brenham Nursing & Rehab); **Elvira Dallmeyer** (at Argent Court, Brenham); and **Angeline Zwernemann** (Jefferson Place Assisted Living, La Grange).

Homebound Members: **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**, **James Dunham**, and all those who serve, known and unknown, in harm's way.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

... to the families and friends of: **Wayne Noak** (Stacy Goehring Eilers' relative); **Charlie Langley** (Carmine area resident); **Bernice Kieke Kay** (confirmed at MLLC in 1936); **Carol Zwahr** (friend from Brenham); **Rev. Warren Rinehart** (Bishop Mike Rinehart's father); and **Bernice Eilers** (sister-in-law of David & Sara Eilers).

IN SINCERE GRATITUDE:

The family of Bernice Pratt would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, food, memorial donations, or sent a card. Special Thanks to Pastor Tinker for his visits, prayers, and kind words. Also those who helped with the service including the ladies who prepared and served lunch and those who helped with memorials. Also to Jennifer Tinker for the special music she wrote and played. We appreciate all of the support we received during this hard time. God Bless You All!! James & Valerie Moore, Steven & Cindy Pratt.

Thanks to the office helpers for July: *Thelma Hinze* sent bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors; *Brick & Debby Peele* put supplies in pews; *Ann O'Hara & Ruby Renck* assembled the August newsletter; and *Dianna Gerland* folded bulletins. Thank you from the office staff!

Lutherhill Ministries sends a thanks for our generosity and support! The gift date is given as July 7, 2017; Gift amount - \$1,000.00; Year-to-date gift amount - \$1,000.00; Society Member: Oak Society; Gift description - Annual Fund Donation. Matt Kindsvatter also wrote in: "Y'all are Awesome! Thanks for ya'll's continued amazing love and support of Lutherhill.

MLLC FINANCIAL INFORMATION

June, 2017, year-to-date
Total income \$123,937.80
Total expenses 115,662.92
Net Income \$ 8,274.88

June, 2017 Monthly
Total income \$21,357.35
Total expenses 18,881.24
Total income \$ 2,476.11

Year-to-date Expenses

Highlights:
Salaries & benefits \$78,016.43
Benevolences 7,994.31
Utilities 6,494.53
Property Insurance 6,129.95
Printing 3,240.56
Supplies & Forms 2,307.18
Maintenance & Repair 1,467.06
Bulletins & Envelopes 1,393.90
Convention Expenses 1,180.00
Postage & Handling 1,017.51
Camping Ministry 862.00
Equipment & Tools 790.24



Brenner Bishop	01
Wade Eilers	02
Greg Warburton	02
Jeff Wunderlich	02
Matthew Coilpetzer	04
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Amy Dooley	08
Marvin Marburger	08
Justin Roemer	08
Bobbie Weidemann	08
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PASTOR'S ARTICLE

Funerals are for the Survivors
By Pastor David Tinker

On May 16 a friend of mine died. For various reasons the family did not have any form of memorial or funeral service. The best I can tell is that they felt such a service would be cost prohibitive.



A couple of years ago another friend of mine died. His instructions were that there be no memorial service, funeral, family gathering, or any other observance at the time of his death. So, they did nothing.

About 30 years ago a woman died. Her remains were cremated, and then her husband put the plastic urn on the closet shelf. Ten years later he died and his adult daughter was distraught. They had done nothing when her mother died, but she very much needed some sort of closure to work through the loss now of both her parents. So, she asked the funeral home for help. They contacted me, and I made contact with the adult daughter. Later that week we had a simple memorial service at the church where I served in Indiana. It was not a large affair, nor did it cost her anything. We had about 10 people at the church. The congregation paid for the organist, for they understood the family's situation and lack of funds, and the church wanted to help. What mattered is that we talked about her parents, and that she had a chance both to give thanks for her parents and to shed a few tears for them.

About 15 years ago I had two different gravesides funerals in quick succession. Neither person was related to the other. What these had in common was that each family knew the importance of such a gathering for the survivors, and that each service had about five people present, including the pastor.

About twelve years ago I received a call from a woman at the church I served in Florida. Her husband had died, and they had direct burial for his remains. She wanted to have some sort of gathering, but wasn't sure if a formal church service was the right thing. In our conversation we worked out a plan. We would have a lunch at her home with family and friends present. After the meal we would have a simple time of prayer, scripture and sharing of memories. What mattered was that we had something, anything at all, to recognize the loss.

When my mother died a few years ago she requested that we not spend a bunch of money on the funeral arrangements, and she knew the importance of a memorial gathering. In light of this we made sure we made economical burial arrangements, and we had a reverent and Christ centered pair of gatherings in her memory. The visitation was at the church in Houston in a room near the sanctuary. We had a memorial service in the sanctuary the next day. We worshipped the Lord, we shared God's Word, sang her favorite hymns, and told stories in remembrance of my mother, and in celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It was very much about God, and it helped us work through such a significant loss.

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PASTOR'S ARTICLE continued...

My philosophy or vision regarding funerals and memorial events at the time of a death is summed up as follows:

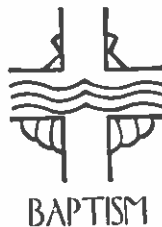
1. The funeral is not for the dead person, rather it is for those who are suffering the loss.
2. Rituals are essential for our lives, including rituals at the time of death. In the midst of a loss the funeral helps us see the deeper meaning of this event, and helps us find appropriate avenues for grief and thanksgiving. A memorial event also gets us connected to the community which is there for the bereaved.
3. Sharing stories and memories and feelings are healthy and good for us.
4. It is unhelpful for the dying person to tell the surviving family and friends how they must act and feel at the time of a death. To demand that one's loved ones bottle up their emotions, have no memorial type service or gathering, have only happy thoughts, or any other demand of these sorts will not make the loss any easier for these survivors. People need these opportunities for expressing grief, even if their deceased loved one was uncomfortable with these feelings when he or she was alive. Life is not better when we prevent others from expressing grief.
5. When needed, as a pastor, I will do all in my power to help a family have a

low or no cost to them memorial gathering.

6. Memorial events can take place when and where needed. Church funerals are very special, but this is by no means the only context for such events. Respect for God, the mourners, and the deceased is essential.
7. We first and foremost celebrate Jesus at such events for Christians. We celebrate the saving power of his suffering, death, and resurrection.
8. During funerals and memorial events I feel it is important both to point to the promises of Jesus for our lives, and to share remembrances of the life of the deceased person.
9. It is always a good thing to think about one's funeral or memorial event before one's death. I am always glad to meet with a person or family to discuss these matters. These meetings include discussion of scriptures, music, and other matters related to such gatherings. This makes our work together of planning go much more smoothly.

All of us face the reality of death. With God's love, together we can help each other to express grief and to give thanks.

Pastor David J. Tinker
Pastor of Martin Luther Lutheran Church and Waldeck Lutheran Church



OFFICIAL ACTS IN JULY:

Baptisms:

Baptized on Saturday, July 8, 2017, were: **Sadie Ann Stephens**, daughter of Robert & Shelby Vaughn and Amanda Stephens; and **Emery Michelle Vaughn**, daughter of Robert & Shelby Vaughn. Sadie's sponsors are *Shelley Scheffer, RaChelle Kuecker, and Cory & Brenda Handrick*. Emery's sponsors are *Laurie Byrd, Shayne Kirts, Karl Boelmann, and Ann Locke*. Sadie was born August 2, 2010, and Emery was born February 10, 2017.

Baptized on Saturday, July 22, 2017, were **Peyton Lane Franklin and Avery Brooke Franklin**, children of Lindsey & Joshua Eckert and Jason Franklin; and **Gracie Lee Eckert**, daughter of Joshua & Lindsey Eckert. Peyton's sponsors are Kristin Gaskamp, Gavin Gaskamp, and Ken Freeman.

Avery's sponsors are Kristin Gaskamp, Linda Gaskamp, and Patricia Sanchez. Gracie's sponsors are Andrew Eckert, Brooke Eckert, Kristin Gaskamp, Jordan Peters, and Kayla Peters. Peyton was born July 29, 2005. Avery was born August 20, 2008, and Gracie was born February 9, 2017.

Peyton and Avery also received their first Holy Communion.

Upcoming baptism: Kannin McKae Tappe, son of Kirby and Brittney Tappe, will be baptized at MLLC this Sunday, July 30, 2017. His sponsors are Kolbie Tappe, Tiffany Tappe, Kurt Tappe, and Travis Bateman. Kannin was born December 28, 2016.

Welcome all to the Lord's Family!

COUNCIL SUMMARY

MLLC Church Council meeting, Monday, July 17, 2017, was attended by Blake Dooley, Tim Sanders, Jessica Weidemann, Karen Roemer, Cheryl Etzel, Anita Drydale, Dana Smith, and Pastor David Tinker. Absent were: Brick Peele and Cindy Weidemann.



The meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m. by Council Chairman, Blake Dooley. The devotion was presented by Cheryl Etzel.

The minutes of the June Council meeting were approved as read. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Pastor's Report:

He reported five baptisms, and two upcoming weddings: One on August 5, 2017, and the second on January 6, 2018.

He attended the Church Council meeting, Premarital Class X2, and the WELCA Salad Banquet.

He taught First Holy Communion Class for two youths who would be baptized in July.

He conducted four Sunday worship services, two Saturday worship services at MLLC; participated in Vacation Bible School as photographer and as an actor in the Early Church scenes each night.

Confirmation class update: He is preparing for 4-6 youths to participate in the MLLC portion of the program this coming school year. Janette and Miles have fulfilled their camp participation requirement.

Pastor attended Confirmation Camp week with the youths, and continues to work on the MLLC website.

Upcoming dates of note:

July 24-28: Vacation Bible School at Waldeck 8:30-11:30 a.m.

August 6: 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.

August 6-11: Younger Youths at Lutherhill in group with Shared Ministry youth.

August 12: Shared Ministry meeting at MLLC – 9-11 a.m.

August 13: 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 (upcoming dates):

August 12 – Help host Shared Ministry meeting at MLLC

August 13 – Lutherhill Sunday – furnish refreshments before and after church services

August 24 – Breakfast for RT-C teachers and staff

September 10 – Grandparents' Day reception

September 17 – Visit from Pastor Chris Markert – furnish refreshments before and after church service

Christian Education Committee:

--VBS was a huge success with 54 students attending at least one night. Average nightly attendance was about 50.

--This was the 2nd year to do Sunday-Thursday. Information on the cost of VBS will be discussed at the next Christian Ed. Meeting, and then presented to Council.

--Summer Sunday School continues through August 20 with the whole group as one class with teachers sharing the teaching responsibility covering one Fruit of the Spirit each Sunday.

--Lutherhill will lead Sunday School on August 13.

--Rally Sunday scheduled for August 27.

--We are in the process of finding teachers and organizing class rosters for the 2017-18 Sunday School year.

Worship Committee:

--Dean and Joyce Ullrich have requested their names be removed from the volunteer shut-in communion list.

--The committee to review what we have in place.

--Altar Guild and some members of the congregation have noticed a problem with flimsy communion cups. The committee will test new cups to see which will work best and begin recycling them.

--Labor Day Potluck – Sloppy joes and buns to be provided by Worship Committee with the congregation providing sides. Desserts being discussed. Labor Day treat will be old-fashioned picnic games.

--Harvest Festival – Praise Team being asked to serve as the music for the worship this year.

Worship Committee is working on collecting materials for decorating.

--The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, 6:00 p.m.

Property Committee: (Brick Peele was not present but provided summary to be read at meeting).

--MLLC School classrooms door locks were ordered.

--MLLC sign post at corner of Augsburg and Centennial Streets were primed and repainted.

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MLLC SECOND QUARTER, 2017, MEMORIAL REPORT:

General Fund Memorials:

Linda Kominczak
Bernice Pratt

Total \$395.00

Building Fund Memorials:

In honor of Ronnie & Donna
Mueller's 50th Wedding
Anniversary
Linda Kominczak

Total \$175.00

Total Memorials \$570.00

July 17, 2017 Council Summary continued...

- Sprinkler system for front lawns was tested, activated, and set for routine watering of grass.
- Initial phase of replacement of fluorescent bulbs in parlor with LED bulbs completed. Three ceiling fixtures in narthex were replaced with LED fixtures.
- Budgetary estimate to replace fluorescent bulbs at Waldeck facility in view of aging fixture and ballasts to be secured and considered by Waldeck Council.
- A/C unit for parlor recently repaired, with Council's approval.
- Fellowship Hall stained glass windows reviewed with Diane Tovey. Four windows identified as being broken or cracked. Windows are non-standard size. Special measurements necessary to determine cost estimates.
- Repair of stucco on southwest corner of Fellowship Hall, reviewed and evaluated. Bid is very reasonable; repair schedule pending Council approval.
- Removal of water well equipment/buildings on church property discussed with committee; task pending committee coordination.
- Roof leak in school wing storage closet – recommended procedure to patch area would be a TOP system. Bid received from Marlin Construction includes five-year warranty. Interim patch eliminates leaks during minor rain events.

Stewardship Committee:

- Four members present along with treasurer, Cindy Weidemann, and Pastor met on July 10.
- Reviewed May Mission Appeal - \$140 collected for Water to Thrive.
- Reviewed June Camping Fund - \$199 has been received so far.
- Discussed Harvest Festival – auction to start at noon; help will be needed behind the scenes;

Melvin Schoenst to do auction with Connie Peters and her girls assisting. Ads to be put in local papers. There will be a silent auction which will end about 10-20 minutes before the live auction. Discussed deck of cards game if we can get a sponsor for the prize. Could possibly do 50/50 game.

--General Fund Memorials – Linda Kominczak and Bernice Pratt - \$395.00.

--Building Fund Memorials – in honor of Ronnie & Donna Mueller's 50th Wedding Anniversary and Linda Kominczak - \$175.00.

Dayschool Committee: The committee does not want to put a lot of effort into planning if the program is going to be voted down by Council. However, Council cannot vote without details. No program this school year. 2018-19 possibility to start. Surveys to be requested for next three Sundays. If there is enough interest, we can possibly move forward with vote/plan.

No Old Business

New Business:

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

- Current Shared Ministry contract ends September 30. Make next contract five months to carry to the end of the year. At the annual congregational meeting at the end of January, we can vote on 12-month contract. --
- Schedule congregation meeting September 10 to vote on renewal.
- Request for purchase of mineral rights received. Requested that revision order be signed and returned.

Next Council Meeting is Monday, August 21, at 6:15 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Anita Drydale
MLLC Council Secretary

LOCAL AND AREA

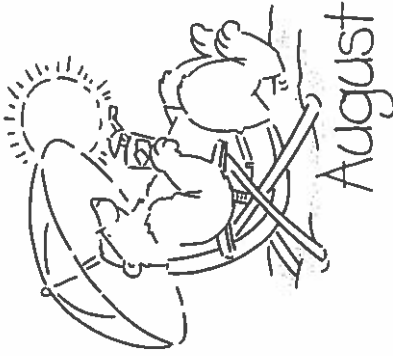


➤ **Ice Cream Social at Bethlehem Lutheran, Round Top, on Wednesday, August 2, starting at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!**

➤ Carmine Chamber of Commerce sponsors the 3rd annual **Shake, Rattle, and Roll Casino Awards Night on Saturday, August 12, at the Carmine Hall, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$12 for the chicken-fried steak meal, appetizers, and dessert. A table for eight meals, wine, and extras is \$280. Tickets may be purchased at Carmine State Bank and from Marlene Waak, Brick Peele, and Carmine Chamber board members. Proceeds go to preserve our rural Texas culture at the Carmine Museum.

➤ **Round Top Family Library Senior Citizens Gaming Day is set for Sunday, August 27, at 2:00 p.m. at the Library.**

SERVERS FOR:



Assisting Ministers: Dana Smith (08-06, 08-27); Susan Bathe (08-12),
Dianna Gerland (08-13), Jessica Weidemann (08-20, 08-26)

Acolyte organizers: Parents of August acolytes

Offering Counters: Amy Dooley, Jeff Flinn, Karen Roemer

Bulletin folders: Barbara & Jerry Jacob

September newsletter assemblers: Sara & David Eilers (the weekend of August 25 or 26)

Send bulletins to shut-ins & cards to visitors: Cherrie Wines

Put supplies in pews: Carol Hall

Prepare communion for shut-ins: Susan Bathe

Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Readers	Flowers	Communion assistants	Communion set-up
08-06	Jace	Team #6 - Jeff Flinn, capt., Mia & Buck Williams, greeters; Lisa Mayer, Susan Leppard, Emma Leppard, Carson Flinn	Kayla Peters	The Weidemann family		Jadon
08-12		Volunteers				Susie M.
08-13	Ryan	Team #7 - Diana Wunderlich, capt. & greeter; Cole Garlin, Hayden Garlin	Leonita Sanders	Floyd & Jocie Braun	Jessica Weidemann	Susie M.
08-20	Janette	Team #8 - Tim Weigelt, capt., Ann O'Hara, greeter; Loni Weigelt, Justin Roemer, Claire Mayer, Hannah Roemer	Bobbie Weidemann	Garry & Leonita Sanders	Shelby Vaughn	Karen
08-26		Volunteers				Susan B.
08-27	Drayton	Team #9 - Eldon Mikeska, capt., Mason Mikeska, Stuart Markwardt, Jimmy Loewe, Randall Zwernemann, René Zwernemann	Amy Dooley	Reuben & Diana Wunderlich	Connie Peters	Susan B.

August 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 6:00 pm-Worship Committee meeting	2	3	4 6:00 pm-wedding rehearsal ♡	5 3:00 pm-wedding of Breanna Marburger & Zak Leonhardt
6 9 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study (No choir practice today) 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/WELCA offering envelopes handed out/HOME COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION 5:00 pm-AA meeting	7	8 Council agenda deadline	9	10 2:00 pm-Ladies Aid and Mary Group	11	12 FELLOWSHIP HALL USED ALL DAY 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion
TWO CAMPING SESSIONS AT LUTHERHILL: August 6-9, three campers are attending from MLLC. August 6-11, seven campers attending from MLLC. HAPPY CAMPING!						
13 10 th Sunday after Pentecost Lutherhill Sunday – Matt Kindsvatter speaks 9:00 am-Sunday School led by Luther Hill/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/WELCA offering envelopes handed out After worship-Property Committee 11:00 am-Christian Ed Committee 5:00 pm-AA meeting	14 9:00 am-Quilting	15	16	17	18	19
20 11 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion 5:00 pm-AA meeting	21 1:30 pm-Senior Citizens Domino Party 6:15 pm-Church Council meeting	22	23	24 8:00 am-Breakfast for RT-C teachers & staff in fellowship hall	25	26 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion/BAPTISM REMEMBRANCE (8:30am-WELCA Synod Convention at St Paul's-Brenham) REMEMBER TO COLLECT YOUR LOOSE CHANGE FOR THE NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY
27 12 th Sunday after Pentecost Rally Day 9:00 am-Sunday School in the M&M Building/Adult Bible Study (9:30 am-2:00 pm-Blood Drive in the F.H.) 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/led by Praise Team/BAPTISM REMEMBRANCE/Noisy Offering collected/RT Teacher Installation & Awards presented/Blessing of backpacks After worship-LYO meeting 5:00 pm-AA meeting	28 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR RT-C STUDENTS 7:00 pm-Men in Mission	29	30	31		