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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.

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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



...for the second Sunday of Advent...  
From Luke 1:78-79:

“...By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break  
upon us, to give light  
to those who sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into  
the way of peace.”

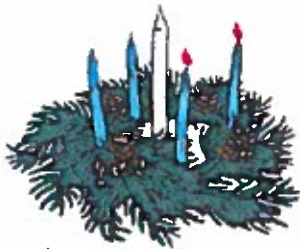


# Luther's Letter

Martin Luther Lutheran Church

December, 2015

As it is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah,  
*"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"*  
*Luke 3:4 (for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent)*



## \* ADVENT IS A BEGINNING!

Many Christians may not realize that Advent is the beginning of the church year. The church year starts with our preparation to celebrate the birth of Christ and anticipate His second coming.

After Christmas, churches move on to observe Epiphany (*the arrival of the wise men*). Epiphany is always observed on January 6.

Next comes the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent continues through Holy Week when we observe Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

Forty days after Easter we recall the ascension of Christ (Acts 1.9) on Ascension Day.

Fifty days after Easter comes the birthday of the church when the Holy Spirit descended upon Christ's followers in Jerusalem giving them power and unity. It happened on the day of Pentecost, a harvest holiday first celebrated by Jews. Pentecost is observed until the start of Advent, when the church year begins again.

## \* ADVENT VESPER SERVICES AND MEALS.

This Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, is the First Sunday of Advent. Vespers services start on Wednesday, December 2, with a meal in the fellowship hall starting at 6:00 p.m., and the worship service at 7:00 p.m. (*Both meal and worship service will be in the fellowship hall*). Worship Committee serves the first meal, and LYO and Christian Ed on December 9. Care Committee will serve on December 16. (*See Pastor's Article on page 2 for more on the Advent Series*).



In addition, the Sunday School-age students will participate in a special Christmas craft on Sunday, December 20, and a craft reflecting the story of the wisemen on the 27<sup>th</sup>. The regular Sunday School schedule starts again on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## \* CHRISTMAS WEEK SCHEDULE.

--MILLS Program, Friday, December 4, 7:00 p.m. The Giraffes and Zebras will be singing Christmas songs. All are invited!

--The Sunday School will have practices this Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> and on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 12, from 9:30-11:00 am. Please mark your calendars to be here for the celebration of *Jesus' Birthday* on December 13<sup>th</sup>, with a brunch potluck to follow in the fellowship hall.

--Worship Committee is sponsoring a Carol Service during worship on Sunday, December 20. "*And Heaven and Nature Sing*" is the theme, and all are invited to join in the celebration of Christ's birth. If you can sing or play an instrument, solos or groups, all are welcome. A sign-up sheet for those willing to share their talents is in the narthex. We hope to have a wonderful service filled with a vast variety of music.

LYO Christmas Eve Candlelight service, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day worship, with Holy Communion, starts at 10:00 am.



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Please note, There will be no Saturday evening worship service on December 26



**ADVENT SERIES: THE  
WORD BECAME FLESH –  
John 1:1-18  
By Pastor David Tinker**

You are invited to participate in our special Advent services on Wednesdays this December. This Advent we will look more deeply into the message of the Prologue of John's Gospel. This passage is used as the Gospel Reading at our annual Christmas Day worship service (December 25 at 10:00 a.m.). We will hear more about how the Word of God became flesh and lived among us. As Advent is always a part of our preparation for Christmas, our hope is that you will gain greater appreciation of this passage through your participation in these services. Here is how these Wednesdays will flow.

Wednesday, December 2  
**Word and Light**

We will see how the same Word of God which created light and life and the universe, is the same Word which comes into the world.

Wednesday, December 9  
**People and Tabernacle**

We will see how God enters our human reality as he takes up residence among his beloved, yet sinful, people.

Wednesday, December 16  
**Torah and Grace**

We will see how the Covenant at Mt. Sinai, with the ten Commandments, were a good thing for the people, and how the more wonderful Word made flesh brings us God's most excellent grace.

Another interesting and different part of this will be how our worship space will be set up. We will set up part of the Fellowship Hall to be a giant Advent Wreath. We will have church-in-the-round,

and will have four large candles in the space, reminding us of the four Sundays of Advent, and the Light of Jesus Christ coming into the world.

We look forward to seeing you at these wonderful times of fellowship, prayer and spiritual growth.

In our Lent Series in February and March 2016 we will again welcome area Lutheran Pastors to share the message during the five Wednesdays after Ash Wednesday and before Palm Sunday. More information will be shared in the January and February newsletters.



**REMINDERS:**

- ✓ **The All-Servers Lists for 2016** are included in this newsletter.

**Please note:** Usher Teams have changed somewhat—some team numbers and members have changed. Please check to make sure when it is your turn to serve. If you have questions, call the church office, 278-3388.

- ✓ **CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS:** Members of the congregation are encouraged to prayerfully consider serving on our following roles: *President-elect, Secretary, and Stewardship Committee Chair*. Please seek the Lord in prayer regarding your participation in leadership. Contact Nominating Committee members, Todd Dooley, Dennis Smith, or Pastor David Tinker, with questions or if you wish to have your name put forward for the role.

✓ **CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE**

On December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, the class members will meet from 4:15-5:15 p.m. and attend the Advent services. There will be no class on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, or 30<sup>th</sup>. The Winter Schedule will be published in the coming weeks. Confirmation Sunday for MLLC is set for May 1,

and for Bethlehem-Round Top on May 15<sup>th</sup> (*the Day of Pentecost*).

- ✓ **2016 Offering Envelopes** will be mailed to you.

- ✓ **The 2016 Flower Chart** is posted in the narthex. Please sign up to place flowers on the altar on your chosen date.

- ✓ Members are encouraged to keep in mind those who are homebound and in care and assisted living facilities during the holidays. Check the Prayer List on page 5 for the names and locations of those who might like a phone call or visit!

**WOMEN OF THE CHURCH  
JOINT MEETING:  
Thursday, December 10**



All members of both groups will serve, and all ladies are welcome to attend! There will be Christmas piano selections and a short Bible study.

At Ladies Aid's November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, it was decided to give the December Christmas offering to **Turtle Wings of Schulenburg** to help children with learning disabilities.

Ladies Aid will decorate the fellowship hall Christmas tree and give poinsettias to nursing home residents as their Christmas project. (*There is no quilting in December*).

The Birthday Party at Brenham Nursing and Rehab is set for December 11 at 2:30 p.m.

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**Report on Thankoffering Sunday.**

The worship service: The Hilltop Ramblers from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Greenvine presented the message for the day in song. It was a wonderful presentation with guitars, ukelele, mandolin, trumpet, and voices. The group included: *Russell Klump, Troy Weidemann, Ralf Thiemer, Brian Wostal, Kareen Resendez, Billie Eckert, Jean Moore, Lacy Eckert, and Carolyn Thiemer.* The group asked Jennifer Tinker to sing and play the ukelele along with them. She had sung with them while she was their interim pastor, and wrote a song for them entitled, "My Help Comes from the Lord".

Turkey dinner meals served: 300  
Complimentary tickets: 14  
Donations amounted to \$23.00, and desserts brought in \$317.09, for a total of \$2,642.00 received for the meal.



## 2015 HARVEST FESTIVAL WRAP-UP

First and foremost, we offer our thanks to the dozens of people who gave their time and resources to make this annual event a great success. We are thankful for volunteers, bakers, coordinators, cooks, raffle donators, raffle ticket buyers, auction donators, auction bidders, auction staff, music leaders, game and craft leaders, and everybody who did so much.

Here are some highlights of the day: We began the day with worship outside with the cooks. About 36 people gathered for prayer and communion before the main cooking took place. The work of cooking would be taking place during the main 9:30 a.m. worship service, so we gathered early to praise the Lord and to give him thanks.

Worship in the Hall at 9:30 a.m. – close to two hundred gathered in

the main hall for God's Word and Holy Communion. We enjoyed worship songs led by our Praise Team. We chose to use Country & Western based worship songs for this service.

Homecoming – We had a few dozen folks attend as members of Confirmation Classes celebrating anniversaries. This year we had classes with years ending in 5 or 0.

Fun and Games – we enjoyed a variety of fun, games and crafts for kids. The fish pond, which was revived after being gone a few years, was especially popular.

Meal – Carmine has the best fried chicken, and we enjoyed this great fried chicken meal together. Several hundred meals were prepared and sold on this special day.

Raffle & Silent Auction – Dozens of donated items were raffled off or sold at the silent auction. The raffle was a new addition, and it turned out to be quite popular. The raffle and silent auction are always fun and these help support the ministry of the congregation as we reach out to others.

Clean Up – a faithful crew of dozens stayed after to clean up and reset the hall after the festival. This crew is a great blessing as we serve our community by making the hall ready for the next users.

### Financial Report from the Harvest Festival:

2015 Harvest Festival Income -  
\$23,383.36,  
*including food, desserts, silent  
auction, raffle, and special  
donation*

2015 Harvest Festival Food  
Expenses - \$4,568.46,  
*including food, hall donation,  
cleaning, advertising*

Net Income - \$18,814.90

We have a great congregation, and the Harvest Festival is one of the great things we do together. 2015 was our 6<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival. We

look forward to serving together as we celebrate our 7<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival on October 16, 2016. Mark your calendars now. Since many have asked, this is not the same weekend as the Bethlehem – Round Top 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. That will be on October 23, 2016.



## KEEPING "CHRIST" AND "MAS" IN CHRISTMAS By Pastor David Tinker

Every year I hear people mention something along these lines: "We need to keep Christ in Christmas". I am 100% for keeping Christ in Christmas. Christmas, for Christians, is about Jesus Christ. It is about the birth of the Messiah, known to us as the Christ. For Christians, the connection between Jesus and the Christmas celebration is central.

Many others in our culture have no connection with Jesus. Christmas, for these folks, is not about the birth of Jesus, regardless of the name of the day. For many, it is about warm feelings, gifts, decorations, and the like. Some don't know the connection to the savior of the world.

Others do know the connection, but choose to put that aside. It is not our job to force people who don't care about Jesus to "keep Christ in Christmas". Rather, it is our job to regularly revisit the truth of the Good News that God has come among us in the baby Jesus to bring life, light, hope and forgiveness to the human race.

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We then follow the way of Jesus as we announce the good news and bring God's goodness into the lives of others.

One of the essential ways to keep Christ in Christmas is this: We need to keep both "Christ" and "Mas" in Christmas. The term "Christmas" is a combination of two ideas which, together, designate one thing. Let's look at these words.

1 - Christ. This is the title for the role which Jesus has. He is the "Anointed one" of Israel. He is the Messiah, the special and ultimate king set apart by God the Father to fulfill his greater purposes for the world. Anointed One = Ultimate King in the family line of David = Messiah = Christ.

2 - Mas. This is a shortened form of the word "mass". This is connected with the dismissal of God's people from the gathering for Holy Communion. Through time the word 'missa' became 'mass'. Luther and the reformers used the term "mass" to refer to worship with Holy Communion.

The Holy Communion mass remembering the Nativity or Birth of Jesus the Christ is on December 25 each year. It is the "Christ-mass" when we celebrate the Christ. These words are pushed together, and we have "Christmas".

So, this Christmas, reflect on God's grace. Then do your best to keep both the "Christ" and the "Mas" in Christmas. Celebrate Jesus in your personal celebrations. Gather with his people for Holy Communion and worship on Christmas Day. Then go out, show love for your neighbor, and show love for one another. While doing this, share the greatest news of all: that Jesus Christ is born for us.

Both "Christ" and "mass" are important. I invite you to attend the "Christ-Mass" on Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. at MLLC.



### MEN IN MISSION PROJECT

**Seafarers Christmas Boxes.**  
Packing of boxes will take place this Monday, November 30, at 6:00 p.m. in the parlor. All are invited to participate.



The Martin Luther Men in Mission want very much to express our appreciation and thanks to all congregation members and friends who chose to contribute to the Port of Houston Seafarers Shoebox Christmas project. You did a very good job last year, but you have exceeded that this year.

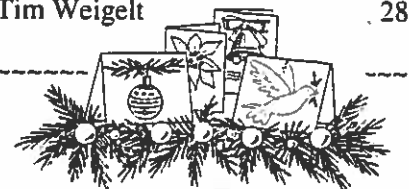
I know that many times it's not wise to single out someone for the fear of missing someone who has contributed as much. However, I'll take the chance (and if I learn that someone has done likewise, I'd gladly apologize and give them their due). About four to six weeks ago, Mrs. Dianne Sager told me that she and Mr. Ted Sager had applied for a \$250.00 grant from Thrivent Financial for items to fill the shoe boxes. Several weeks ago, she told me she had received the grant. Two weeks ago she had purchased the items and had filled the collection box, and if we needed help, she would gladly help. It is hard to beat her enthusiasm.

All congregation members and friends who want to join in the project on Monday are invited to come when they can. Again, thanks, Yours in Christ,  
*Alvis Mueller - MLLC Men in Mission*

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



Wyatt Waak	01
Kate Eilers	02
Lisa Mayer	02
Cliff Mueller	02
David Eilers	03
Jo Littlejohn	03
Betty Porter	03
Boo Goolsby	04
Randy Kominczak	04
Ryan Hinze	05
Jocie Jacob-Braun	06
Austen Marth	06
Jadon Weidemann	07
Emily Meinholdt	08
Dana Smith	08
Cody Wunderlich	08
Wilbert Loewe	10
Bruce Noak	10
Jordan Peters	12
LeVerne Hinze	14
Kelli Meinholdt	14
Bernice Mueller	15
Shirley Mueller	16
Kristi Wunderlich	16
Paula Barrick	17
Raylon Zwernemann	18
Dorothy Rothermel	20
Jack Weidemann	20
Orville Kunkel	21
Melvin Schoenst	23
Gwened Woelfel	23
Joyce Eilers	25
Joys Baird	26
Kolbie Tappe	27
Tim Weigelt	28



### GREETING CARDS FOR SALE.

In addition to the beautiful supply of Christmas cards, did you know there are cards for: **Anniversaries, Baptisms, Encouragement, Sympathy, Thank You, Weddings, and more?** The categories are marked on the shelves and you may place your money in the can on the top shelf. Please check out these beautiful cards!



AND  
**CONGRATULATIONS!!**


I wish to **thank** the people for their visits, cards and prayers during my surgery. Also, Pastor Tinker for being there for me. God Bless.

*Ilo Dean Ullrich*

Thanks!... to the **Office Helpers** for November: *Marlene Waak* folded bulletins; *Carol Carmean* sent bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors; *Marlene Waak & Ann O'Hara* assembled the December newsletter, and *Ann* put supplies in pews as well.

**Congratulations!**... to Daryl & Susan Ray on the birth of their grandson, *Kellen Michael Bishop*, born November 12, 2015, at Providence Tarzana Medical Center in Tarzana, California. Kellen weighed 7 lbs, 4 oz. His parents are Mike and Ashley Bishop and is also welcomed by his brother, Brenner. Great-grandmother from MLLC is Joyce Eilers.

And--

**Congratulations!**...  to *RaChelle Etzel*, Coach, and the RT-C Cubette Volleyball team who won first in the State Competition at Garland on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. *Emma Leppard, Jordan Peters, Tana Brooks, and Faith Stork* are members of the team. **Good job!**

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

¢ ¢ **THE NOISY OFFERING** in December will be collected on the **27<sup>th</sup>**. The 2015 offering has been designated for **Treehouse Ministries**, and the 2016 offering is designated for **Lutheran Ministries in the Central African Republic**. ¢ ¢

**ON THE PRAYER LIST:**



**Most recently:** *Ralph Barrick* (Paula Fischer Barrick's husband, returning cancer); *Joah Weidemann* (Jack & Bobbie's son, health issues); *Marie Nelius* (chemo for returning cancer); *Elvera Rudloff* (recovering from surgery); *LeVerne Hinze* (health concerns); *Janie Lange* (former member Valerie Meinke's mother, health concerns); *Sharon Kovar* (Reuben Wunderlich's niece, surgery for brain tumor); *Jimmy Berkeley* (Jolene Wickel's brother, health concerns); *Kay Griffin* (aunt of Debby Peele, recovering from surgery); *Dorothy Marth* (health concerns); *Velorie Dippel* (cousin of Dorothy Rothermel, health concerns); *Billy Grimm* (Dianne Sager's cousin, health concerns); *Jack Weidemann* (health issues); *Robert Preuss* (friend of Gene & Nelda Muehlbrad, head injury); *Paul Viertel* (declining health); *Don Steinbach* (former member, treatment for leukemia); *Grace Marie O'Quinn* (friend of Bill Derrick, newborn with health concerns); and *Charles "Chuck" Fougerson* (friend of Bill Derrick and great-uncle of Amy Dooley, cancer).

**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); *Mark Weintraub* and his mother, *Saline*, (friends of Susan

Ray, health concerns); *Rosa Lee Krebs* (friend from Shelby, health concerns); *Nelson Neutzler* (friend of Alvis Mueller, health concerns); *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); *Lisa Mayer* (health concerns); *Delores Oppermann* (niece of Joyce Eilers, cancer); and *Sheila Hanke* (friend, melanoma treatment).

**Members in Care and Assisted Living Facilities:** *Joyce Lehmann* (at private care facility in Giddings); *Verline Schulte* (Brenham Rest Home); *Elvera Limmer, LeVerne Hinze* and *Shirley Mueller* (Brenham Nursing & Rehab); *Lynda Kominczak* (Mission Nursing & Rehab in Cuero); *Elvira Dallmeyer* (Argent Court-Brenham); and *Joyce Eilers* (Argent Court-Brenham).

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

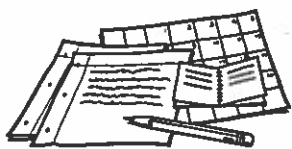
**Military Personnel:**

MLLC members: *Joseph Vogel* and *Bryan Miller*.  
Family and Friends: *Msgt. Scott Busby, 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 and friends of: *Joan Weidemann Els* (Jack Weidemann's sister); *Pastor Virgil Pecht* (former pastor of Gay Hill and Somerville); *Atlan Citzler, Sr.* (Leonita Sanders' uncle); and *Lorraine Sternadel* (friend from Waldeck).



## CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARIES. (two meetings)



The Church Council of Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Carmine, Texas met for its monthly meeting in the church parlor on Monday **October 19, 2015**, at 6:15 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Council President Todd Dooley. Pastor David Tinker and eight Council members were present with one member absent. Pastor Tinker provided the devotion.

The minutes for the September 21, 2015, Council meeting were presented. A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes. The Treasurer's Report was presented. Year-to-date expenses ending September 30, 2015, for MLLC (not including MLLS) were \$322,764.65 of which \$131,328.09 were for the parsonage renovations. Total income year-to-date was \$182,311.16. For the month of September 2015 MLLC expenses were \$36,248.19 and income was \$15,899.98. For the MLLS, total year-to-date expenses ending September 30, 2015, were \$133,706.81. Total year-to-date income for MLLS was \$125,840.47. For the month of September, 2015, MLLS expenses were \$15,263.28 and income was \$12,229.35. As of the end of September 2015 the General Fund checking account balance was \$15,389.04. A motion passed to accept the report as presented.

Pastor Tinker made the following report. We have received the baptism and confirmation records for new members, Brick and Debbie Peele. A new member reception will be held in the next couple of months. Sheldon Mitchel from Philips and Luckey Funeral Home would make a presentation

regarding wills on October 25<sup>th</sup>. A future wedding scheduled for Shelby Markwardt and Robert Vaughn on July 30, 2016. Memorial service for Sandy Pierce would be on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30am. Pastor continues to lead the adult and teen Sunday School classes and Chapel with the MLLS students. He attended several committee meetings in September and he continues to work on the web page. Pastor Tinker will attend a "*Boundaries Workshop*" at Salem in Brenham. This is a required event for all pastors and other ELCA-registered leaders. Upcoming special dates: October 24-25<sup>th</sup> – Reformation Sunday; November 1<sup>st</sup>- All Saints Sunday; November 8<sup>th</sup> – WELCA Thankoffering Service with meal; November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Synod Staff Visitor, Peggy Hahn; November 29<sup>th</sup> – Advent begins; December 2, 9, & 16<sup>th</sup> – Advent Wednesday services (meal at 6pm & Worship at 7pm); & December 13<sup>th</sup> – Children's Christmas Program and brunch.

The MLLS Day School reported enrollment numbers for September, 2015 were 28 full-time students and 9 drop-in students. The curriculum for the school year September thru May was purchased this month at an expense of \$1,567.58. Tuition for September not collected during the month was \$1,465. Beginning in October they would be selling Yankee Candles as a fund raiser. Important dates: October 21<sup>st</sup> – visit the Carmine Fire Station; October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Trike-A-Thon; & October 30<sup>th</sup> – Trick-or-Treating at Carmine State Bank.

The Property Committee reported that replacement of the heating and air-conditioning units in the sanctuary would begin on October 20<sup>th</sup>. The new units are larger than the old units and the wall will have to be removed and re-framed. The Committee will continue to pursue having the parking lot completed in front of the Mission and Ministry building.

The Stewardship Committee reported that the Harvest Fest was a big success! The raffle tickets (not including the silent auction) generated

a little more revenue this year than the live auction did during the previous year. Final numbers are still being calculated, but profit generated from this year's event should exceed \$15,000. Many thanks to everyone who donated items for the raffle and silent auction and to all of those who donated their time and talents to help make this a successful and enjoyable event.

In other business, Pastor Tinker reported that the paperwork for changing the church's service plan for our long distance phone service has been submitted. This will save MLLC a significant amount of money each year. In previous years, MLLC has not had to pay for rental of the Carmine Hall for the Harvest Fest. After discussion was made concerning the use and rental of the Hall, Ronnie Siptak made a motion that we donate \$1,000 to the Carmine Hall for past use of the Hall. Dennis Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed. Discussion was also made that appropriate rental fees for the Hall be included in the upcoming MLLC budgeting process.

Council discussed upcoming vacancies and elections for outgoing Council member positions. The Nominating Committee will be seeking individuals to replace the following positions: Vice-President Elect, Council Secretary, and Stewardship Committee representative. Several committees throughout the congregation are also seeking officers and members. MLLC members are asked to seriously consider volunteering for these roles in the leadership of our congregation. Please contact the MLLC office if you are interested.

A "Thank You" note was read from the Synod office for our continued financial support that is contributed to the Synod annually.

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The next regular Council meeting was set for Monday November 16, 2015, at 6:15PM. Todd Dooley volunteered to provide the devotion. A motion passed to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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The minutes for the October 19, 2015, Council meeting were presented. A motion passed to accept the minutes. The Treasurer's Report was presented. Year-to-date expenses ending October 31, 2015, for MLLC (not including MLLS) were \$366,490.40 of which \$148,488.61 were for the parsonage renovations. Total income year-to-date was \$220,721.88. Overall for the year-to-date, excluding expenses for the parsonage and multi-purpose building, the Church has a net income of \$8,319.66. For the month of October, 2015, MLLC expenses were \$43,725.75 and income was \$38,410.72. For the MLLS, total year-to-date expenses ending October 31, 2015, were \$146,399.75. Total year-to-date income for MLLS was \$140,867.92. For the month of October, 2015, MLLS expenses were \$12,692.94 and income was \$15,027.45. A motion passed to accept the report as presented.

Pastor Tinker made the following report. Peggy Hahn from the Gulf Coast Synod office would be our guest preacher on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. She was interested in getting together with leaders after worship

that day. Future wedding scheduled for Shelby Markwardt and Robert Vaughn on July 30, 2016. Pastor continues to lead the adult and teen Sunday School classes and Chapel with the MLLS students. He attended several committee meetings in October and led early morning worship at the Carmine Hall prior to the Harvest Festival. Confirmation class continues with Bethlehem Lutheran in Round Top. MLLC has 2 students in the program this year. Pastor continues to work on the web page. The Synod office is conducting strategic planning. They will be sending an electronic survey to Council members to complete. Upcoming special dates: November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Synod Staff Visitor, Peggy Hahn; November 29<sup>th</sup> – Advent begins; December 2, 9, & 16<sup>th</sup> – Advent Wednesday services (meal at 6pm & Worship @7pm); & December 13<sup>th</sup> – Children's Christmas Program and brunch.



The MLLS Day School reported they will conduct a meal fundraiser in February. Date is tentatively set for February 7<sup>th</sup>. They are hoping to have tickets ready to sell by end of December. Meals will be "to go" only. Meal will consist of chicken-fried steak, potatoes, green beans and gravy. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the narthex for congregation members to bake cookies. MLLS students will make Valentine's cards to place with each meal. The floors need to be professionally buffed in classrooms as they have not been done in at least five years. A proposal for Christmas bonuses for MLLS staff was discussed. After discussion, a motion passed to approve the bonuses. Council discussed MLLS Board members' terms that are expiring. The Board will look into this further.

The Christian Education Committee reported they will team with the LYO to provide a pancake dinner Advent

meal on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Christmas program practice began November 15<sup>th</sup>. The program will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup>; special Christmas craft on December 20<sup>th</sup>, and a craft dealing with the story of the wise men on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Worship Committee reported that they wish to thank everyone who helped with the Harvest Fest. The new microphones are in and have been installed. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for those interested in participating in the carol service on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Prayer Chain is ready to be activated. Advent services and meals will be held in the Fellowship Hall in the Round on December 2, 9, & 16<sup>th</sup>. Worship Committee will serve on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, LYO/Christian Ed on the 9<sup>th</sup>. December 16<sup>th</sup> Advent meal still needs a volunteer/group to provide the meal. We are looking at beginning a *Baptismal Anniversary Sunday*. The second Sunday of each month we are looking at celebrating everyone's baptism for the month beginning in January. Complaints are coming from the congregation regarding the hymnal markers. Ushers are requested to check pews following church services. The *With One Voice Hymnals* (blue hymnals) are requested to be placed in the pews on their sides to save them. They are beginning to show wear and tear. The extra red hymnals have been placed at the end of the pews. Noisy offering recipient has been designated to be Missionary Support.

The Outreach Committee reported that a new member reception will be planned for January. Pastor Tinker will work with the Committee to set a date. The Stewardship Committee reported they discussed the outcome of the Harvest Fest. Pastor Tinker and Samantha Ullrich will work to send out "thank you" notes to all the donors and winners of the raffle and silent auction items. The Committee discussed the possibility of some of our members getting only one envelope a month for offering.

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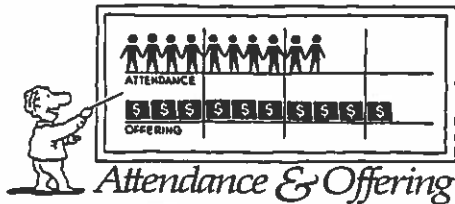
The members requesting only one envelope could let the church office know and they would create an envelope for them to be picked up. Their name would then be removed from the envelope mail-out list.

Work on the parsonage is continuing. There is a lot of “finish work” to be completed. The completion date is still set for the end of December. The Nominating Committee is seeking names for members to serve on the Council. Positions needing to be filled this year are: Vice-President elect, Council Secretary, and Stewardship Committee representative.

A preliminary annual budget for 2016 was presented and discussed. Several line items were discussed and readjusted. Work will continue to be done on the budget for approval by Council prior to the Annual Meeting in January. A “Thank You” note was read from Emma Baird for the prize she won for the pumpkin contest at the Harvest Fest. A “Thank You” note was read for MLLC’s annual contribution to Mission Support.

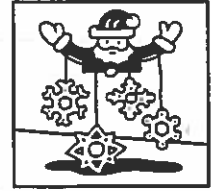
The next regular Council meeting was set for Monday December 21, 2015 at 6:15PM. Todd Dooley will provide the devotion. A motion passed to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Dennis Smith*  
 MLLC Council Secretary



date	attendance	general	school	building
10-24	15	124.00	50.00	-0-
10-25	88	2,017.00	2,209.20	-0-
11-01	104	4,546.00	3,667.32	-0-
11-08	97	2,612.00	2,575.00	30.00
11-14	36	1,290.00	-0-	-0-
11-15	74	2,222.95	6,080.00	150.00
11-22	102	2,817.02	240.27	-0-

**MLLS DECEMBER REPORT:**



*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. Thank you to those of you who have donated supplies for our new MLLS Activity and Art Room!*

*Please see our school wish list posted 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!*

**Please mark your calendars for Friday, December 4, for our MLLS Christmas program. The Giraffes and Zebras will be singing Christmas songs. Parents, grand-parents, friends, etc. are invited to attend. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments to follow in the fellowship hall.**

In our classrooms during the month of December, we will be exploring the theme, “Happy Birthday, Jesus!” We will learn about Jesus’s birth, Christmas trees, reindeer, and the season of winter, discover the triangle shape, the color red, number 6; opposites: Happy/Sad, and Letters: Jj and Kk; Positive Behaviors: Sharing; Science: Earth and Space. We will be learning about these topics through Bible activities, songs, stories, cooking activities, science experiments, and art projects.

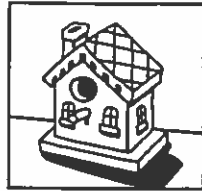
During Chapel services, we will be studying various Bible topics through use of Bible storybooks. We will recite The Lord’s Prayer, The Pledge of Allegiance, The Pledge to the Christian Flag, and The Pledge to the Bible, and sing Bible songs during our weekly Chapel services. Visitors are welcome to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

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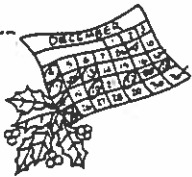
We visit our Activity/Art Room on Tuesday mornings where we explore painting at the easel, block play, and arts and crafts with Mrs. Ann and Mrs. Susan as our volunteers. Thank you to these ladies!

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, Rebecca Mayer, and Carol Carmean for reading to the children. They enjoy it very much!

Thank you to Pastor Bill and Jennifer Tinker for coming to sing with us occasionally! Thank you to everyone for your support of our Day School Ministry!



*Kelli Meinholdt, Lakisha Johnson, Kaci Neumann, Michelle Phoenix, Nikki Pohl, Ashley Santos, and Jennifer Vaclavik*



## LOCAL AND AREA UPCOMING EVENTS:

\* **Ledbetter Lane of Lights** opens on November 27, and will be open each Friday and Saturday until December 19 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Proceeds go to the Ledbetter Volunteer Fire Department. Admission is \$8.00 per person, children two and under are free. Buy tickets at the corner of U.S. 290 and FM1291. There will be a hayride under the lights, and Santa will be there each night, along with entertainment. On December 12, there will be a fun run/walk through the lights beginning at 5:30 p.m. Go to: [www.R2T2Racetiming.com](http://www.R2T2Racetiming.com) or call Tanya Nygrin at 979/966-7163 for more information.

\* **Hospice Brazos Valley** presents their "Jingle-Jangle" Wreath Sale on Thursday, December 3, from 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. at 1048 North Jefferson, La Grange. Purchase holiday greenery to take home: wreaths, door swags, and crosses. For more information, call 979/314-3898.

\* The Carmine Chamber of Commerce announces its 31<sup>st</sup> annual Chamber of Commerce **Christmas Fest** on Sunday, December 6, at the Carmine Hall from 10:00-4:00. There will be bottomless bowls of stew and hamburgers for sale, and over 20 vendor booths for Christmas shopping. There will be a silent auction, and Dickens Santa from 11:30-2:30 with a professional photographer on hand, or bring your camera. Tickets for \$10 may be bought from Chamber members and at Carmine State Bank. Music is by the RT-C School Band, Gene Hackmack on accordion, and Winedale German Singers. To rent a booth, reserve contained stew-to-go, or if you have questions, please call 979/451-1507.



\* Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Round Top presents a **Polka Service** on Sunday, December 6, at 9:30 a.m.

\* Brenham Memorial Chapel, 2300 Stringer Street, Brenham, invites everyone to a **Service of Remembrance** on Sunday, December 6, at 2:00 p.m. You are encouraged to bring a photo of your loved one to be placed on their remembrance tree. For questions, call 979/836-3611.

\* Round Top Family Library is hosting the **12<sup>th</sup> annual Chili Cookoff** on Saturday, January 16, 2016, starting at noon on the RoundTop Town Square. Look for more information as the time approaches, or e-mail: [barbara@ilovetoread.org](mailto:barbara@ilovetoread.org)

SERVERS FOR:

*December*

**Assisting Ministers:** Jessica Weidemann (12-06, 12-27); Susan Bathe (12-12); Dianna Gerland (12-13); Leonita Sanders (12-20); LYO (12-24); and Dana Smith (12-25)

**Put supplies in pews:** Betty Porter

**Offering counters:** Amy Dooley, Vickie Neutzler, Boo Goolsby

**Acolyte organizers:** Parents of December acolytes

**Prepare Communion for shut-ins:** Dean & Joyce Ullrich

**Bulletin folder:** Cheryl Etzel (*Melissa Wickel folds the night service bulletins*)

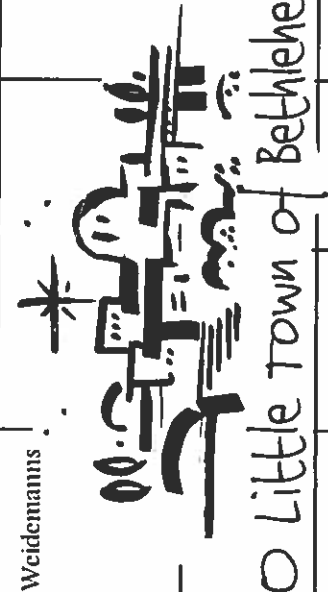
**Send bulletins to shut-ins & cards to visitors:** Thelma Hinze

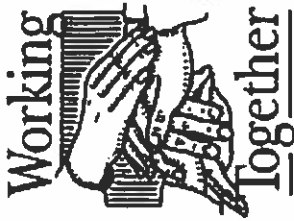
**January newsletter assemblers:** Nancy Eilers and Leatha Miller

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SERVERS for: December 

date	acolytes	ushers	readers	flowers	bread providers	bread & wine presenters	cross bearer	communion assistants	communion set-up
12-02 Advent	Alicia	Team #12-Karen Roemer, capt. & greeter, Dennis Smith, greeter; Darrell Kelley, Esther Kelley, Emily Kelley	Susan Balke						
12-06	Dana	Team #13-Ted Sager, greeter; Dianne Sager, Carol Carmean, Patti Hart	Kayla Peters	Jessica Weidemann					Ann
12-09 Advent	Faith	Team #14-Ronnie Eckert, capt., Avalda Pohl, greeter; Debbie Eckert, Brooke Hopson	Stephanie Sanders						
12-12 Saturday		Volunteers							
12-13	Jed	Team #15-Tony Dooley, capt., Karen Dooley, Amy & Todd Dooley, Amber & Blake Dooley	Carol Carmean	Shayne Kirts				Connie Peters	Jocie
12-16 Advent	Dylan	Team #16-Dennis Gerland, capt., Boo Goolsby, greeter; Jennifer Mohr, Jack, Jadon & Jessica Weidemann	Tony Dooley						Jocie
12-20	Aaron	Team #18-Garry Sanders, capt., Leonita Sanders, greeter; Becky & Johnny Dunham, Jason Schroeder, Brock Marburger, Dillon Marburger	Susan Ray	Weidemanns				Karen Dooley	Susan B.
12-24 Christmas Eve	LYO	LYO	LYO						
12-25 Christmas Day	Hannah & Carson	Team #17-Dean Ullrich, capt. & greeter, Joyce Ullrich, greeter; Tori Brooks, Nelda Muehlbrad, Robbie & Dianne Tovey	Leonita Sanders	Susan & Daryl Ray	Jessica Weidemann	Bobbie Weidemann & Dianne Sager	Jordan Peters	Dianne Sager	Jadon (white paraments)
12-27	Janelle	Team #19-Berrie Eitzel, capt., Darlene Eitzel, Tana Brooks, Vickie Neutzler, Shelley Scheffer, Shelby Markwardt	Vickie Schroeder	Vickie & Darrel Neutzler				Shelley Scheffer	Susie AL





## 2016 ALL SERVERS LISTS

An "USHER TO DO" list is posted on the narthex bulletin board. Call the church office, 278-3388, if you have any questions or need training.

**FOR ALL SERVERS:** If you cannot serve on your assigned day, please switch with someone and notify the church office.  
**THANKS TO ALL FAITHFUL VOLUNTEERS!**

**USHERS:** If you cannot serve on your assigned day, please switch with someone and notify the captain & church office.

**TEAM CAPTAINS:** Please call the members on your team to remind them of their turn to usher. Designate one member of your team as greeter if none is so marked. Ask visitors to sign the guest book.

**\*\*\*All ushers should be seated in the back of the sanctuary soon after the service begins and join the congregation in worship.\*\*\***

**TEAM #20-Jan. 3, Mar. 26 (Sat. Vigil), July 31, Dec. 7 (Advent)**  
*Floyd Etzel, capt., & greeter.*  
 Cheryl Etzel 278-3346  
 RaChelle Etzel 203-0181  
 Casey Lange 966-2353  
 Codie Lange 249-5632

**TEAM #1-Jan. 10, Mar. 27 (Sunrise), Aug. 7, Dec. 11**  
*Wade Eilers, capt. 278-364*  
*David Eilers, greeter 836-9865*  
 Christy Kelley 512/558-2530  
 Daryl Ray 278-3641  
 Melba Zingelmann 278-3777  
 Patti Hart 836-7109

**TEAM #2-Jan. 17, Mar. 27 (Festival), Aug. 14, Dec. 14 (Advent)**  
*Reuben Wunderlich, capt., 278-3039*  
*Ronda Kunkel, greeter 289-4106*  
*Marlene Waak, greeter 278-3270*  
*Dianne Sager, greeter 278-3909*  
 Jack Flinn 278-3176  
 Robbie Stork 278-4010

**TEAM #3-Jan. 24, Apr. 3, Aug. 21, Dec. 18**  
*Barbara Jacob, capt., greeter 278-3498*  
 Jerry Jacob 278-3498  
 Yvonne Moore 451-2640

Tucker Jacob 278-3362  
 Sedalia Ullrich 278-3351  
 Jessica Weidemann 278-3141  
**December 24 (Christmas Eve)-LYO**

**TEAM #4-Jan. 31, Apr. 10, Aug. 28, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)**  
*Gene Goolsby, capt. & greeter, 278-3105,*  
*Cindy Hinze, greeter, 278-3358,*  
*Conway Waak, greeter, 278-3270*  
 Morgan Mikeska 836-4721  
 Breanna Marburger 249-5531  
 Kayla Peters 278-3622

**Team #5-LYO-Feb. 7, Apr. 17, Sept. 4 (Labor Day)**  
**Team #6-Feb. 10 (Ash. Wed.), Apr. 24, Sept. 11**  
*Jeff Flinn, capt., 277-2370*  
*Mia & Buck Williams, greeters, 979/571-5052*  
 Lisa Mayer 249-3468  
 Susan Leppard 249-5112  
 Emma Leppard 249-5112

**Team #7-Feb. 14, May 1 (Confirmation), Sept. 18**  
*Diana Wunderlich, capt. & greeter 278-3039*

Cole Garlin 249-3496  
 Hayden Garlin 249-3496  
 Kelli Meinholdt 249-3297  
 Ricky Meinholdt 249-3297  
 Faith Meinholdt 249-3297  
 Emily Meinholdt 249-3297

**Team #8-Feb. 17 (Lent), May 8, Sept. 25**  
*Tim Weigelt, capt., 278-3732*  
*Ann O'Hara, greeter (979/421-3137)*  
 Lori Weigelt 278-3732  
 Justin Roemer 884-3301  
 Claire Mayer 249-3468  
 Hannah Roemer 277-8941

**TEAM #9-Feb. 21, May 15 (Pentecost), Oct. 2**  
*Eldon Mikeska, Jr., capt. 836-4721*  
 Mason Mikeska 836-4721  
 Stuart Markwardt 278-3298  
 Jimmy Loewe 278-3633  
 Randall Zwernemann 249-5452  
 René Zwernemann 249-5452

**TEAM #10-Feb. 24 (Lent), May 22 (Trinity), Oct. 9**  
*Glenn Treude, capt. 289-2555*  
*Melissa Wickel, greeter*  
 Melvin Schoenst, 278-3247  
 Rene Runge 836-7381

Ed Eargle 979/224-8071  
 Dana Smith 979/966-0528  
**TEAM #11-Feb. 28, May 29, Oct. 16 (Homecoming)**  
*Tim Sanders, capt. 278-3075*  
*Alvis Mueller, greeter 203-6447*  
 Steve Leppard 249-5112  
 Amanda Leppard 249-5112  
 Theresa Garlin 249-3496  
 Jed Leppard 249-5112

**TEAM #12-Mar. 2 (Lent), June 5, Oct. 23**

*Berrie Etzel, capt., 830-7119*  
*Shelley Scheffer, greeter 249-4159*  
 Darlene Etzel 830-7119  
 Tana Brooks 278-3080  
 Vickie Neutzler 278-4090  
 Shelby Markwardt 278-3298

**TEAM #13-Mar. 6, June 12, Oct. 30**  
*Karen Roemer, capt. & greeter, 337-7629*

*Dennis Smith, greeter 979/966-0528*  
 Darrell Kelley 249-3934  
 Esther Kelley 249-3934  
 Emily Kelley 249-3934  
 Jadon Weidemann 278-3141



**TEAM #14-Mar. 9 (Lent), June 19,**  
**Nov. 6**  
*Ronnie Eckert, capt. 278-3713*  
*Avalda Pohl, greeter 278-3348*  
*Debbie Eckert 278-3713*  
*Connie Peters 278-3622*  
*Jordan Peters 278-3622*

**NOVEMBER 13 - WELCA**

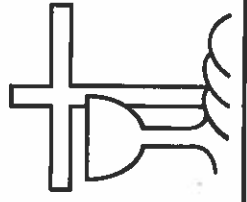
**TEAM #15-Mar. 13, June 26,**  
**Nov. 20 (Christ the King)**  
*Tony Dooley, capt., 278-3389*  
*Karen Dooley 278-3389*  
*Amy Dooley 203-4343*  
*Todd Dooley 203-4343*  
*Blake Dooley 832/474-4698*  
*Amber Dooley 832/474-4698*

**TEAM #16-Mar. 16 (Lent), July 3,**  
**Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving Eve)**  
*Dennis Gerland, capt., 278-3707*  
*Boo Goolsby, greeter, 278-3105*  
*Jennifer Mohr 278-3394*  
*Brick Peele 278-3778*  
*Debbie Peele 278-3778*  
*Carol Carmean 224-8071*

**TEAM #17-Mar. 20 (Palm Sunday),**  
**July 10, Nov. 27**  
*Dean Ultrich, capt. & greeter*  
*278-3281*  
*Joyce Ultrich, greeter 278-3281*  
*Ted Sager, greeter 278-3909*  
*Tori Brooks 278-3080*  
*Robbie & Dianne Tovey, 278-3688*

**TEAM #18- Mar. 24 (Maundy**  
**Thurs.), July 17, Nov. 30 (Advent)**  
*Garry Sanders, capt., 278-3668*  
*Leonita Sanders, greeter, 278-3668*  
*Becky & Johnny Dunham,*  
*281/331-6524*  
*Jason Schroeder 512/237-2674*

**TEAM #19-Mar. 25 (Good Fri.),**  
**July 24, Dec. 4**  
*Monty Mayer, capt. 249-3468*  
*Ronnie Siptak 249-3208*  
*Colter Siptak, 249-3208*  
*Shayne Kirts 278-3477*  
*Kevin Woelfel 249-3729*



**ASSISTING**  
**MINISTERS:**

**JANUARY**

03 -Dianna Gerland  
 09 - Susan Bathe  
 10 - Leonita Sanders  
 17 - Dana Smith  
 23 - Jessica Weidemann  
 24 - Susan Bathe  
 31 - Bobbie Weidemann

**FEBRUARY**

07 - Dianna Gerland  
 10 (*Ash Wed.*) - Leonita Sanders  
 13 - Susan Bathe  
 14 - Dana Smith  
 21 - Susan Bathe  
 27 - Jessica Weidemann  
 28 - Dianna Gerland

**MARCH**

06 - Leonita Sanders  
 12 - Susan Bathe  
 13 - Dana Smith  
 20 (*Palm Sun.*) - Susan Bathe  
 24 (*Maundy Thurs.*) - Dianna Gerland  
 25 (*Good Fri.*) - Leonita Sanders  
 26 (*Sat. Vigil*) - Jessica Weidemann  
 27 (*Festival*) - Dana Smith

**APRIL**

03 - Susan Bathe  
 09 - Susan Bathe

10 - Dianna Gerland  
 17 - Leonita Sanders  
 23 - Jessica Weidemann  
 24 - Dana Smith

**MAY**

01 (*Confirmation*) - Susan Bathe  
 08 - Dianna Gerland  
 14 - Susan Bathe  
 15 (*Pentecost*) - Leonita Sanders  
 22 (*Trinity*) - Dana Smith  
 28 - Jessica Weidemann  
 29 - Bobbie Weidemann

**JUNE**

05 - Susan Bathe  
 11 - Susan Bathe  
 12 - Dianna Gerland  
 19 - Leonita Sanders  
 25 - Jessica Weidemann  
 26 - Dana Smith

**JULY**

03 - Susan Bathe  
 09 - Susan Bathe  
 10 - Dianna Gerland  
 17 - Leonita Sanders  
 23 - Jessica Weidemann  
 24 - Dana Smith  
 31 - Bobbie Weidemann

**AUGUST**

07 - Susan Bathe  
 13 - Susan Bathe  
 14 - Dianna Gerland  
 21 - Leonita Sanders  
 27 - Jessica Weidemann  
 28 - Dana Smith

**SEPTEMBER**

04 (*Labor Day*) - Susan Bathe  
 10 - Susan Bathe  
 11 - Dianna Gerland  
 18 - Leonita Sanders

24 - Jessica Weidemann  
 25 - Dana Smith

**OCTOBER**

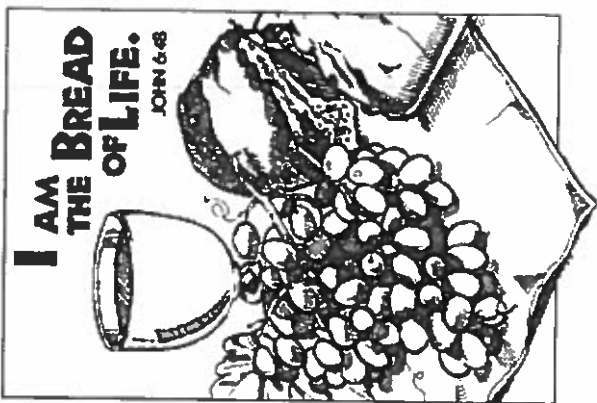
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**NOVEMBER**

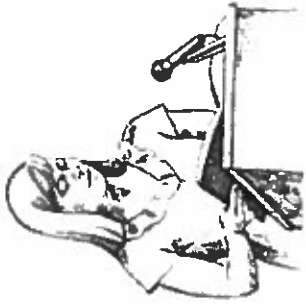
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 13 (*Thanksgiving*) - Dianna Gerland  
 20 (*Christ the King*) - Leonita Sanders  
 23 (*Thanksgiving Eve*) - Dana Smith  
 26 - Jessica Weidemann  
 27 (*1<sup>st</sup> Sun.-Advent*) - Susan Bathe

**DECEMBER**

04 - Dianna Gerland  
 10 - Susan Bathe  
 11 - Leonita Sanders  
 18 - Dana Smith  
 25 - Susan Bathe



## LAY READERS:



### **JANUARY**

03 - Amy Dooley  
10 - Bobbie Weidemann  
17 - Dana Smith  
24 - Susan Bathe  
31 - Kayla Peters

### **FEBRUARY**

07 - Stephanie Sanders  
10 (*Ash Wed.*) - Tony Dooley  
14 - Carol Carmean  
17 (*Lent*) - Susan Ray  
21 - Mike McIntosh  
24 (*Lent*) - Leonita Sanders  
28 - Amy Dooley

### **MARCH**

02 (*Lent*) - Bobbie Weidemann  
06 - Dana Smith  
09 (*Lent*) - Susan Bathe  
13 - Kayla Peters  
16 (*Lent*) - Stephanie Sanders  
20 (*Palm Sunday*) - Carol Carmean  
24 (*Maundy Thurs.*) - Tony Dooley  
25 (*Good Friday*) - Susan Ray  
26 (*Sat. Vigil*) - Mike McIntosh  
27 (*Festival*) - Leonita Sanders

### **APRIL**

03 - Amy Dooley  
10 - Bobbie Weidemann  
17 - Dana Smith  
24 - Susan Bathe

### **MAY**

01 (*Confirmation*) - Kayla Peters  
08 - Stephanie Sanders  
15 (*Pentecost*) - Carol Carmean  
22 (*Trinity*) - Tony Dooley  
29 - Susan Ray

### **JUNE**

05 - Mike McIntosh  
12 - Leonita Sanders  
19 - Amy Dooley  
26 - Bobbie Weidemann

### **JULY**

03 - Dana Smith  
10 - Kayla Peters  
17 - Susan Bathe  
24 - Stephanie Sanders  
31 - Carol Carmean

### **AUGUST**

07 - Tony Dooley  
14 - Susan Ray  
21 - Mike McIntosh  
28 - Leonita Sanders

### **SEPTEMBER**

04 (*Labor Day*) - Amy Dooley  
11 - Bobbie Weidemann  
18 - Dana Smith  
25 - Susan Bathe

### **OCTOBER**

02 - Kayla Peters  
09 - Stephanie Sanders  
16 (*Homecoming*) - Carol Carmean  
23 - Tony Dooley  
30 (*Reformation*) - Susan Ray

### **NOVEMBER**

06 (*All Saints*) - Mike McIntosh  
13 (*Thanksgiving*) - WELCA,  
20 (*Christ the King*) - Leonita Sanders  
23 (*Thanks. Eve*) - Amy Dooley

27 (*1<sup>st</sup> Sun.-Advent*) - Bobbie Weidemann  
30 (*Advent*) - Dana Smith

### **DECEMBER**

04 - Susan Bathe  
07 (*Advent*) - Stephanie Sanders  
11 - Kayla Peters  
14 (*Advent*) - Tony Dooley  
18 - Carol Carmean  
24 - LYO  
25 (*Christmas Day*) - Susan Ray

### **APRIL**

03 - Janette  
10 - Miles  
17 - Kaitlyn Pawlak  
24 - Kennedy Flinn

### **MAY**

01 (*Confirmation*) - Hannah & Faith  
08 - Rylan Stork  
15 (*Pentecost*) - Carson & Janette  
22 (*Trinity*) - Miles & Kaitlyn  
29 - Faith

### **JUNE**

05 - Hannah  
12 - Kennedy  
19 - Rylan  
26 - Carson

### **JULY**

03 - Janette  
10 - Miles  
17 - Kaitlyn  
24 - Faith  
31 - Hannah

### **AUGUST**

07 - Kennedy  
14 - Rylan  
21 - Carson  
28 - Janette

### **SEPTEMBER**

04 (*Labor Day*) - Miles  
11 - Kaitlyn  
18 - Faith  
25 - Hannah

### **OCTOBER**

02 - Kennedy  
09 - Rylan  
16 (*Homecoming*) - Carson  
23 - Janette  
30 (*Reformation*) - Miles & Faith

## ACOLYTES:

### **JANUARY**

03 - Hannah  
10 - Faith  
17 - Carson  
24 - Janette  
31 - Hannah

### **FEBRUARY**

07 - Miles  
10 (*Ash. Wed.*) - Faith  
14 - Carson  
17 (*Lent*) - Janette  
21 - Hannah  
24 (*Lent*) - Miles  
28 - Faith

### **MARCH**

02 - Carson  
06 - Janette  
09 (*Lent*) - Miles  
13 - Hannah  
16 (*Lent*) - Faith  
20 (*Palm Sun.*) - Carson & Janette  
24 (*Maundy Thurs.*) - Hannah  
26 (*Vigil*) - Miles  
27 (*Easter*) - Faith & Carson





(Acolytes continued-----)

**NOVEMBER**

- 06 (All Saints) - Kaitlyn & Hannah
- 13 (Thanksgiving) WELCA, Kennedy
- 20 (Christ the King) - Rylan & Carson
- 23 (Thanksgiving Eve) - Janette & Miles
- 27 (1<sup>st</sup> Sun. of Advent) - Kaitlyn
- 30 (Advent) - Faith

**DECEMBER**

- 04 - Hannah
- 07 (Advent) - Kennedy
- 11 - Rylan
- 14 (Advent) - Carson
- 18 - Kaitlyn
- 24 (Christmas Eve) - LYO
- 25 - (Christmas Day) - Miles & Janette

*Acolytes: If you cannot acolyte on your assigned day, switch with someone and notify the church office.*



**ACOLYTE**

**ORGANIZERS (for 2016**

**will be the parents of those Acolytes listed above).**

*Duties are: Be available in case the acolytes have questions. Help them get dressed before each service and light the candlelighters.*

**OFFERING COUNTERS:**

*NOTE: If you cannot be available to help, please contact someone from another group. Samantha Ullrich will be available to tally contributions and make deposit slips.*

**JANUARY** Shelley Scheffer  
Karen Dooley  
Jessica Weidemann

**FEBRUARY** Samantha Ullrich  
Karen Roemer  
Jeff Flinn

**MARCH** Amy Dooley  
Vickie Neutzler  
Boo Goolsby

**APRIL** Shelley Scheffer  
Karen Dooley  
Jessica Weidemann

**MAY** Samantha Ullrich  
Karen Roemer  
Jeff Flinn

**JUNE** Amy Dooley  
Vickie Neutzler  
Boo Goolsby

**JULY** Shelley Scheffer  
Karen Dooley  
Jessica Weidemann

**AUGUST** Samantha Ullrich  
Karen Roemer  
Jeff Flinn

**SEPTEMBER** Amy Dooley  
Vickie Neutzler  
Boo Goolsby

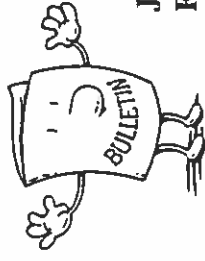
**OCTOBER** Shelley Scheffer  
Karen Dooley  
Jessica Weidemann

**NOVEMBER** Samantha Ullrich  
Karen Roemer  
Jeff Flinn

**DECEMBER** Amy Dooley  
Vickie Neutzler  
Boo Goolsby

**BULLETIN FOLDERS:**

**JANUARY** - Boo & Gene Goolsby  
**FEBRUARY** - Cherrie Wines  
**MARCH** - Ann O'Hara  
**APRIL** - Barbara & Jerry Jacob  
**MAY** - Cheryl Etzel  
**JUNE** - Betty Porter  
**JULY** - Ruby Renck  
**AUGUST** - Kay Schmidt  
**SEPTEMBER** - Carol Hall  
**OCTOBER** - Dianna Gerland  
**NOVEMBER** - Nancy Eilers  
**DECEMBER** - Melissa Wickel  
(Melissa Wickel folds bulletins for night services).



*Sunday bulletins are usually ready for stapling & folding by 2:00 p.m. Thursdays for Sunday morning.*

**NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLERS:**

*(Months listed are the months you will fold for the following month).*

**JANUARY** - Carol Hall & Betty Porter  
**FEBRUARY** - Berrie & Darlene Etzel  
**MARCH** - Ted & Dianne Sager  
**APRIL** - Ann O'Hara & Marlene Waak  
**MAY** - Nancy Eilers & Leatha Miller  
**JUNE** - Jerry & Barbara Jacob  
**JULY** - Cheryl Etzel, Cherrie Wines, & Ruby Renck

**AUGUST** - Sara & David Eilers  
**SEPTEMBER** - Nancy Eilers & Leatha Miller  
**OCTOBER** - Carol Hall & Betty Porter  
**NOVEMBER** - Ted & Dianne Sager  
**DECEMBER** - Ann O'Hara & Marlene Waak

*Newsletters are usually ready by 1:00 p.m. the Friday before the last Sunday of the month. They will need to be folded, taped, labeled, and placed on the tables at the back of the sanctuary in alphabetical order ready for pick-up.*

**SEND BULLETINS TO**

**SHUT-INS & CARDS TO VISITORS:**

**JANUARY** - Cherrie Wines  
**FEBRUARY** - Jessica Weidemann  
**MARCH** - Nancy Eilers  
**APRIL** - Carol Carmean  
**MAY** - Thelma Hinze  
**JUNE** - Cherrie Wines  
**JULY** - Jessica Weidemann  
**AUGUST** - Nancy Eilers  
**SEPTEMBER** - Carol Carmean  
**OCTOBER** - Thelma Hinze  
**NOVEMBER** - Cherrie Wines  
**DECEMBER** - Jessica Weidemann

*Pick up enough Sunday bulletins for shut-ins each week & mail by Tues. Church office has the supplies. Duties for sending cards to visitors: Check the guest register bi-weekly and send post cards to visitors*

**PUT COMMUNION  
CARDS, PENCILS  
& ENVELOPES IN  
PEWS:**

**JANUARY** - Cheryl Etzel  
**FEBRUARY** - Bobbie Weidemann  
**MARCH** - Jocie Jacob-Braun  
**APRIL** - Tony Dooley  
**MAY** - Tina Mikeska  
**JUNE** - Dean & Joyce Ullrich  
**JULY** - Carol Hall  
**AUGUST** - Vickie Schroeder  
**SEPTEMBER** - Kay Schmidt  
**OCTOBER** - Cherrie Wines  
**NOVEMBER** - Betty Porter  
**DECEMBER** - Blake & Amber  
 Dooley

*Fill pew pockets with communion  
 cards & offering envelopes bi-  
 weekly, sharpen pencils and replace  
 as needed. Place special offering  
 envelopes in pew pockets as  
 requested.*



**Prepare communion**

**for shut-ins:** Dean & Joyce Ullrich will serve for the entire year. To those who take communion to shut-ins: Please call the Ullrichs by noon Friday if you plan to share communion with shut-ins on Sunday.

**COMMUNION  
ASSISTANTS:**

**JANUARY**  
 10 - Dana Smith  
 17 - Susan Ray  
 24 - Jocie Jacob-Braun  
 31 - Amy Dooley  
**FEBRUARY**  
 10 (*Ash. Wed.*) - Cheryl Etzel  
 14 - Shelby Markwardt  
 21 - Vickie Schroeder  
 28 - Cindy Hinze  
**MARCH**  
 06 - Mike McIntosh  
 13 - Darlene Etzel  
 20 (*Palm Sun.*) - Amber Dooley  
 24 (*Maundy Thurs.*) - Floyd Etzel  
 26 (*Sat. Vigil*) - Barbara Jacob  
 27 (*Festival*) - Connie Peters  
**APRIL**  
 10 - Karen Roemer  
 17 - Dianne Sager  
 24 - Shelley Scheffer  
**MAY**  
 01 - (*Confirmation*) - Dana Smith  
 08 - Susan Ray  
 15 (*Pentecost*) - Jocie Jacob-Braun  
 22 (*Trinity*) - Amy Dooley  
 29 - Cheryl Etzel  
**JUNE**  
 12 - Shelby Markwardt  
 19 - Vickie Neutzler  
 26 - Cindy Hinze  
**JULY**  
 10 - Mike McIntosh  
 17 - Darlene Etzel

24 - Amber Dooley  
 31 - Floyd Etzel

**AUGUST**

14 - Barbara Jacob  
 22 - Connie Peters  
 28 - Karen Roemer

**SEPTEMBER**

4 (*Labor Day*) - Dianne Sager  
 11 - Shelley Scheffer  
 18 - Susan Ray  
 25 - Jocie Jacob-Braun

**OCTOBER**

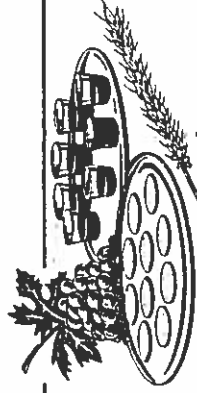
09 - Dana Smith  
 16 (*Homecoming*) - Amy Dooley  
 23 - Cheryl Etzel  
 30 (*Reformation*) - Shelby Markwardt

**NOVEMBER**

13 (*Thanksgiving*) - WELCA  
 20 - (*Christ the King*) - Vickie Schroeder  
 23 (*Thanksgiving Eve*) - Cindy Hinze  
 27 (*1<sup>st</sup> Sun-Advent*) - Mike McIntosh

**DECEMBER**

11 - Darlene Etzel  
 18 - Amber Dooley  
 24 (*Christmas Eve*) - LYO  
 25 (*Christmas Day*) - Shelley Scheffer



*Communion  
 Preparation  
 Volunteers*

**COMMUNION SET-UP:**

(For Sundays marked with a color, change paraments to that color, and take note of the Martin Luther banner)

**JANUARY**

03 - Vickie  
 09 & 10 - Connie  
 17 - Karen. (green paraments)  
 23 & 24 - Debbie  
 31 - Jessica

**FEBRUARY**

07 - Susan B. (white paraments)  
 10 (*Ash. Wed.*) - Jadon (black paraments)  
 13 & 14 - Susie M.. (purple paraments & ML Banner)

21 - Esther

27 & 28 - Ann

**MARCH**

06 - Connie  
 12 & 13 - Vickie  
 20 (*Palm Sunday*) - Karen (red paraments)  
 24 (*Maundy Thurs.*) - Debbie  
 26 (*Vigil*) - Jadon (white paraments)  
 27 (*Festival*) - Jadon

**APRIL**

03 - Susie M.  
 09 & 10 - Jessica  
 17 - Susan B.  
 23 & 24 - Esther

**MAY**

01 (*Confirmation*) - Ann  
 08 - Vickie  
 14 & 15 (*Pentecost*) - Connie (red paraments)  
 22 (*Trinity*) - Karen (white paraments)  
 28 & 29 - Debbie (green paraments)

**(Communion set-up continued-----)**

**JUNE**

- 05 - Jadon
- 11 & 12 - Susie M.
- 19 - Jessica
- 25 & 26 - Ann (ML Banner)

**JULY**

- 03 - Esther
- 09 & 10 - Vickie
- 17 - Susan B.
- 23 & 24 - Jadon
- 31 - Karen

**AUGUST**

- 07 - Connie
- 13 & 14 - Jessica
- 21 - Debbie
- 27 & 28 - Esther

**SEPTEMBER**

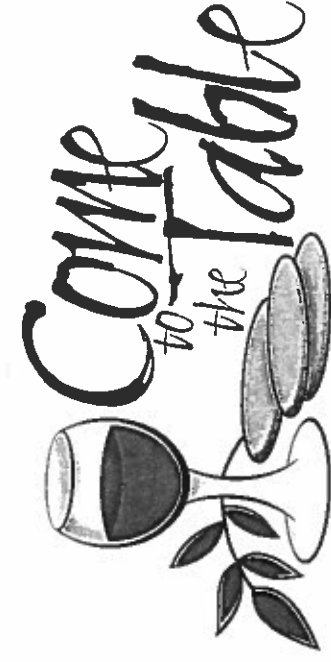
- 04 (*Labor Day*) - Susie M.
- 10 & 11 - Ann
- 18 - Susan B.
- 24 & 25 - Vickie

**OCTOBER**

- 02 - Jadon
- 08 & 09 - Connie
- 16 (*Homecoming*) - Esther
- 22 & 23 - Susie M.
- 30 (*Reformation*) - Jessica  
(red & Martin Luther banner)

**NOVEMBER**

- 06 (*All Saints*) - Karen (white paraments & ML banner)
- 12 & 13 - (*Thanksgiving*) - Debbie (green paraments; Thanksgiving & Veterans banners)
- 20 (*Christ the King*) - Susan B. (white paraments)
- 23 (*Thanks. Eve*) - Vickie
- 26 & 27 - Ann (blue paraments)



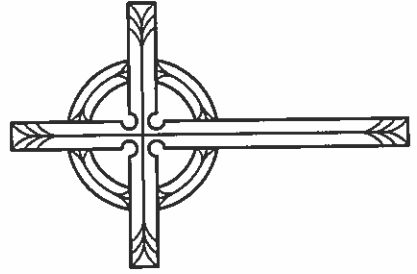
**DECEMBER**

- 04 - Connie
- 10 & 11 - Jadon
- 18 - Karen
- 25 (*Christmas*) - Esther (white paraments)

*At least one person will be needed to help with communion behind the altar during the service.*

**FESTIVALS 2016**

- PALM SUNDAY, March 20**
- EASTER, March 27**
- CONFIRMATION, May 1**
- PENTECOST, May 15**
- TRINITY, May 22**
- REFORMATION, October 30**
- ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, Nov. 6**
- CHRIST THE KING, Nov. 20**
- THANKSGIVING EVE, Nov. 23**
- CHRISTMAS, Dec. 25**



**BREAD PROVIDER**

- Amber Dooley
- Carol Carmean
- Bobbie Weidemann
- Jessica Weidemann
- LYO
- Amber Dooley
- Carol Carmean
- Bobbie Weidemann
- Jessica Weidemann
- LYO

**BREAD & WINE PRESENTERS**

- Berrie & Darlene Etzel
- Dennis & Dianna Gerland
- Jessica & Jadon Weidemann
- Floyd & Cheryl Etzel
- Dennis & Dana Smith
- Jessica & Bobbie Weidemann
- Berrie & Darlene Etzel
- Jessica & Jadon Weidemann
- Dennis & Dianna Gerland
- Floyd & Cheryl Etzel

**CROSS BEARERS**

- Miles Tinker
- Jordan Peters
- Josie Drydale
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- Jordan Peters
- Josie Drydale

# December 2015 PEACE & LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE & LOVE HOPE JESUS

<p><b>PLEASE NOTE: THE NOISY OFFERING THIS MONTH WILL BE COLLECTED ON THE 27TH.</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> 6:00 pm-Worship Committee</p>	<p><b>2</b> 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime 4:15-5:15 pm-Confirmation class 6:00 pm-Advent meal &amp; 7:00 pm-Vesper Service (both in fellowship hall)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> 7:00 pm-MLLS Christmas Program with refreshments to follow in fellowship hall</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>
<p><b>6</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion 10:10 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study/Christmas program practice 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p><b>7</b> 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel</p>	<p><b>8</b> Deadline to order poinsettias from the church office</p>	<p><b>9</b> 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime 4:15-5:15 pm-Confirmation class 5:00 pm-Tone Chimes 6:00 pm-Advent meal &amp; 7:00 pm-Vesper Service (both in fellowship hall)</p>	<p><b>10</b> 2:00 pm-Ladies Aid and Mary Group meet together</p>	<p><b>11</b> 2:30 pm-Birthday Party at Breckham Nursing &amp; Rehab</p>
<p><b>13</b> 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion led by Prance Team/Sunday School Christmas Program "We're On the Air" 10:10 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study/Tone Chimes practice/Happy Birthday, Jesus! after worship w/branch 10:10 am-Property Committee 11:10 am-Christian Ed Committee 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p><b>14</b> 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel (No quilting today)</p>	<p><b>15</b> Council agenda deadline</p>	<p><b>16</b> 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime (No Confirmation class) 6:00 pm-Advent meal &amp; 7:00 pm-Vesper Service (both in fellowship hall)</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>
<p><b>20</b> 4th Sunday of Advent Carol Service ♪ 9:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion 10:10 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p><b>21</b> 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel 1:30 pm-Sr. Citizens 6:15 pm-Church Council * 1st Day of Winter</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime (No Confirmation class)</p>	<p><b>24</b> Christmas Eve 6:00 pm-Candlelight service (Day Care closed)</p>	<p><b>25</b> Christmas Day 10:00 am-Worship service with Holy Communion (MAYM Hldg. used Dec. 26 &amp; 27)</p>
<p><b>27</b> 1st Sunday of Christmas 8:15 am-Hymn Sing 9:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion/Noisy Offering collected 10:10 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:30 am-LYO meeting 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p><b>28</b> 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel (No Men in Mission meeting)</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime (No Confirmation class)</p>	<p><b>31</b> New Year's Eve</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>
<p><b>26</b> (No Saturday worship today) REMEMBER TO COLLECT YOUR LOOSE CHANGE FOR THE NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
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