



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

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Martin Luther Lutheran Church

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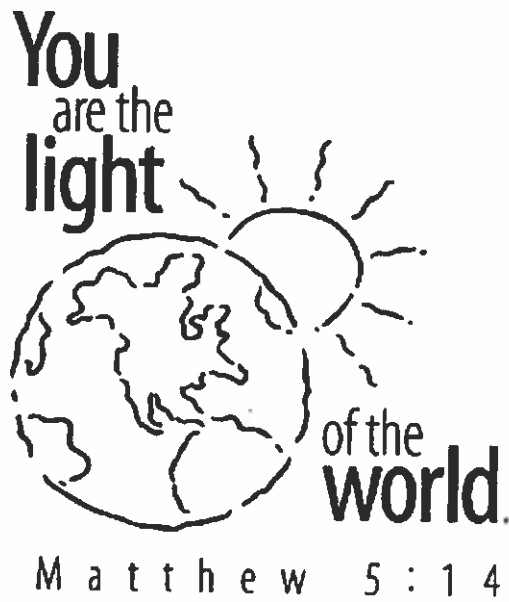
### Worship schedule:

Sunday School for all -Sundays 9:00 a.m.

Sunday worship w/Holy Communion - 9:45 a.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month - Worship w/Holy  
Communion 6:00 p.m.

Church Council: Shaye Kirts-President; Blake Dooley-  
President-elect; Kayla Peters-Secretary; Samantha Ullrich-  
Treasurer; Jessica Weidemann-Worship Committee;  
Cindy Weidemann-Stewardship Committee; Dana Smith-  
Christian Education Committee; Cheryl Etzel-Outreach/Care  
Committee; Ronnie Siptak-Property Committee





# Luther's Letter

Martin Luther Lutheran Church

February, 2017

Jesus said, "...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16



## THIS SUNDAY'S EVENTS:

-- Seminary Scholarship Sunday: This Sunday, January 29, during the Adult Sunday School hour (9:00 a.m.), Lizbeth Johnson of the *Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest* will make a presentation about this Seminary Scholarship Endowment for MLLC members. Refreshments will be provided.

*This new endowment has been started by Pastor Bill Derrick, and has been approved by the MLLC Council. Ms. Johnson's presentation will include information about how to contribute to this fund as well as how to apply for a scholarship. A memorial or honorarium may be given to this fund as well.*

*LFS offers services to our church and individual congregation members through Ms. Johnson (a gift planner). She is assigned to the TX-LA Gulf Coast Synod and is available at no charge or obligation. Learn about options seldom shared for your own planning and for the benefit of our new church endowment--the*

### *Martin Luther Lutheran Church Scholarship Fund.*

--The Semi-Annual **+** Blood Drive, in conjunction with Bethlehem Lutheran, Round Top, is this Sunday, the 29<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in our fellowship hall. Please consider giving the Gift of Life.


--Souper Bowl of Caring collection is this Sunday, the 29<sup>th</sup>, and again on February 5. This is an annual fundraiser for local food pantries across the United States that takes place near the Super Bowl Sunday football game. Look for LYO members with soup pots collecting monetary donations on those two Sundays. Make checks payable to: *MLLC LYO*; memo line: *Souper Bowl*. If you are unable to attend worship on the designated dates, or simply forget to bring something to give on those dates, feel free to mail or drop off your Caring gifts to the church office by February 10.


--**Treehouse Ministry** (*MLLC's 2015 Noisy Offering recipient*) is sending two students --*Doug Howell and Jessica Rollinson*-- this Sunday, the 29<sup>th</sup>, to speak about this Campus Ministry at Blinn College and Texas A&M University. Envelopes will be available to make a donation to Treehouse.

✧ CHECK the SHARED MINISTRY church schedules IN THIS NEWSLETTER. ✧



## ALSO IN FEBRUARY:

⇒ Confirmation Classes: February 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, from 4:15-6:45 p.m. in the Mission & Ministry building. (*Classes will not meet in March.*)

⇒ Next Choir  practice is set for Sunday, February 5, at 9:15 a.m. in the back of the sanctuary. The choir will sing "*This Little Light of Mine*".

⇒ Tone Chimes  will rehearse on Sunday, February 12, at 9:00 a.m.

⇒ The RT-C 4-H Bingo Party is set for Sunday, February 12, from 2:00-4:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited!

⇒ Valentine's  Day is Tuesday, February 14. From Jeremiah 31:3 - God loves us with an 'everlasting love'. And, remember: The LYO has a supply of valentine  cards for sale in the parlor. Also available are Easter cards, thank-you cards, and more!



⇒ The Transfiguration of Our Lord is observed on Sunday, February 26. From Matthew 17:2--"*...he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.*"

## REPORTS OF RECENT EVENTS:



--At the Annual meeting, on January 15, the following Church Council members elected, and they were installed on the 22<sup>nd</sup>:

*President, Blake Dooley; President-elect, Tim Sanders; Secretary, Anita Drydale; Treasurer, Cindy Weidemann; Christian Ed Committee Chairperson, Dana Smith; Worship Committee Chairperson, Jessica Weidemann; Outreach/Care Committee Chairperson, Cheryl Etzel; Property Committee Chairperson, Brick Peele; and Stewardship Committee Chairperson, Pat McCanlies.*

Thanks to the outgoing officers, *Shayne Kirts, President; Secretary, Kayla Peters; Treasurer, Samantha Ullrich; Cindy Weidemann, Stewardship Committee Chairperson; and Ronnie Siptak, Property Committee Chairperson.*

*Darlene Etzel* was elected to serve on the Endowment Committee to replace Betty Porter. Remaining members are *Tony Dooley, Shelley Scheffer, Linda Mattocks, and Ryan Hinze.*

*Connie Peters* was elected to the Financial Review Committee, replacing Cindy Hinze. Remaining members are *Karen Roemer and Trina Siptak.*

A new Day School Committee was approved. Serving on this committee are *Buck Williams, spokesperson; Stephanie Sanders, secretary; Marie Loewe, Joey Pohl, Scott Pratt, Brick Peele, Melissa Smith, Jennifer Tinker, and Marlene Waak.*

--Area Lutheran Churches 11<sup>th</sup> Night Concert (January 8) report: About 90 persons were in attendance. Musicians and singers participating were from MLLC, Bethlehem-Round Top, Trinity-Frelsburg, St. Paul-La Grange, St. John-New Ulm, and Shared Lutheran Ministry of Fayette County.

--A.M.E.N. report: Ted & Dianne Sager delivered 139 pounds of non-perishable food for the November collection.

## OTHER REMINDERS:

--Building Rent Fee Changes: Both the Fellowship Hall and Mission and Ministry Building may be rented for \$50 plus a \$25 refundable cleaning fee. The \$75 is due in the office before the day of the rental. If the building is cleaned, the \$25 will be refunded by mail. This fee is the same for both members and non-members.

---The Christian Education Committee will not meet in February. The next meeting will be Sunday, March 12, at 11:00 a.m.

---Financial statements for your 2016 contributions. *For those not picked up previously, they are being mailed with this newsletter*

---2017 Offering envelopes are being mailed to everyone. Please be aware: Some of the envelope numbers have changed. These new numbers should be on the next batch of envelope that arrive in your mail. The change was made to help arrange them in alphabetical order.

---A Joint Council meeting of MLLC and Waldeck Church is set for Monday, February 13, here at 6:30 p.m.

---Thrivent Choice Dollars: Now is a good time for members to call Thrivent Financial to direct your 2016 Choice Dollars. Call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent

Choice". Have your member ID ready. MLLC is a choice to give. *If you do not give them your choice, they will designate your money where they think best.*

*If you need help, contact Nancy Eilers.*

# Lent

BEGINS

.....with Ash Wednesday,  
March 1.

This year's theme is:

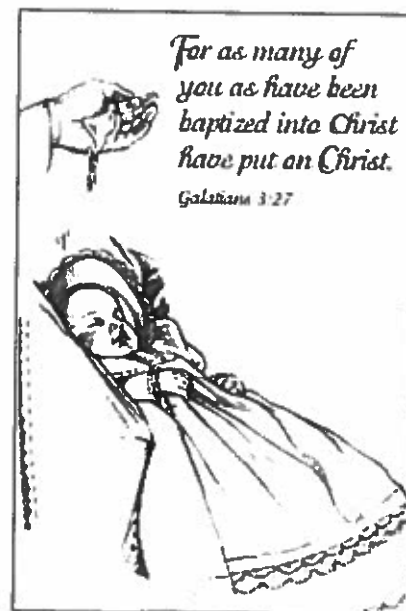
† LUTHER'S SMALL  
CATECHISM

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS:

Next regular meeting date:  
Thursday, February 9

Bible Study Theme: Reformation

Session 2 - Children of God  
through faith  
(Galatians 2:19-3:29)



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Shared Lutheran Ministries  
February 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**

211 Luther Lane; P O Box 362  
Carmine, TX 78932

Located at the corner of Luther Ln  
and Augsburg Ave, just a block south of US 290.  
<http://mlccarmine.com>

Also on Facebook

Worship on Sunday – 9:45 a.m.

Worship on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month –  
6:00 p.m.

Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.

Pastor David Tinker

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

Ladies Aid – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the  
fellowship hall.

Mary Group – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the  
parlor – by church offices

Men in Mission – 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the  
parlor – by church offices

**Shared Ministry Meeting for all 4 congregations**  
will be on Saturday, February 11, 9 – 11 a.m. at  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Round Top. This is  
for the two pastors and the appointed  
representatives to this committee from each of the  
four congregations.

**Building Rent Fee Changes**

We invite people of the community to use our  
facilities for events. The Church Council has  
decided on new fees for renting either the  
Fellowship Hall or the Mission & Ministry Building  
for an event. These may be rented for \$50 plus a  
\$25 refundable cleaning fee. If the building is  
cleaned, the \$25 will be refunded by mail. This fee  
is the same for both members and non-members,  
beginning January 1, 2017.

**Information about Lent and Holy Week will be  
noted in the March Newsletter Pages.**

**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

**Women's Bible Study – Monthly Study Group –**  
10:30 a.m. - February 22 – generally 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
– you are invited to bring a lunch item to share.

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**Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Round Top**

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

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

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

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



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**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

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

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

Game Day – First Wednesday of each month  
beginning on February 1, 2017 from 2 PM to 4 PM

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## WELCA NEWS, continued---

Ladies Aid meets at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall  
Bible Study by Pastor Tinker  
Servers are LaVerne Kunkel and Avalda Pohl

Mary Group meets at 6:30 p.m. in the church parlor  
Opening devotion by Jocie Braun  
Bible Study by Pastor Tinker  
Offering meditation by Leonita Sanders  
Hostess is Dianna Gerland

Next Quilting day:  
Monday,  
February 13, 9:00 a.m.



## Don't Forget

On March 9, WELCA and Ladies Aid will have a joint Bible study and meeting at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Servers will be from both groups: Ann O'Hara, Susan Ray, and Leonita Sanders

AND—

Envelopes will be handed out March 5 & 12 for Lutheran World Relief.

Please make a monetary contribution to further the LWR projects that will be shipped in April. WELCA members will purchase the needed items. Baby care kits, personal care kits, and fabric kits will be completed.

Donations to buy fabric for quilts are also needed.

Thanks for your participation!

### Items needed for Fabric Kits for LWR:

—Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester); fabric should have no stains or holes and be cut into pieces measuring:

2-1/4" yards of 60" wide fabric,  
or  
3 yards of 44" wide fabric, or  
4 yards of 36" wide fabric

Two spools of neutral-colored, general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each.

Fold thread and one piece of fabric inside second piece and tie with yard, sturdy string, ribbon, or strip of fabric.

### WELCA Planning Committee & General Meeting Report:

At the meeting on January 9, it was decided that in March, envelopes for monetary donations for *Lutheran World Relief* will be handed out, instead of collecting Personal Care Kits.

We have 100 Personal Care Kits, ready to go, thanks to Dianne Sager for using one of her \$250 Thrivent Action Team grants for items for this purpose.

The monetary donations will be used to complete Baby Care Kits or fabric kits.

### AND--- USED POSTAGE STAMPS ARE STILL BEING COLLECTED for LWR.

You may have lots of stamps from your Christmas cards that could be sent in.

Just remember—there needs to be 1/4" of space left around the stamps, or they can't be used.



Vincentia Dippel Roberts (cousin of Dorothy Rothermel, having surgery); Connie Bird (daughter of Dorothy Rothermel, for tests); El Gene Schulle (friend from Brenham, health concerns); Paula Barrick (recent surgery); Roxanne Fricke (friend of Susan Bathe, recent surgery); Gladys Roemer (recently hospitalized); Paul Viertel (declining health); Julie Davidson (friend of Pastor Tinker, cancer); Gene Pawlak (Dale Pawlak's uncle, health concerns); Barbara Urban Schultz (Susan Bathe's friend, health concerns); Dorothy Sommerfeld (member of Salem Lutheran Church-Brenham, cancer); Jennifer Schulze Baker (friend from Burton); Dale Walker (friend of Susan Bathe, health concerns); Paula Watkins (Carmine resident, RV park owner, cancer); Marilyn Wagner (sister of Leonita Sanders, recent knee replacement surgery); Kaitlyn Fritz (teenage friend of Bill Derrick from Brenham, rare disease); Erwin Thiel (Andy Eckert's father-in-law, cancer); Jimmy Alvarado (friend Missy Weidemann's grandfather, in hospital with pneumonia); Perry Crow (friend of Cherrie Wines, needs liver and kidney trans-plant soon); Russell Zickler (former band director and friend of the Weidemanns, cancer); Paula Barrick (for strength and peace); and Josephine Canik (Carol Hall's sister-in-law, cancer).

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Kalisa Pomykal (former member, for strength and peace); Kenneth Bishop (Carmine City Council member Ginger Psencik's, son-in-law, cancer); Dave Barney (Paula Barrick's daughter, Bobbie Hughes' boyfriend, treatment for cancer); Bobbie Hughes (Paula Barrick's daughter, for strength in difficult times); Steven Pratt (Bernice Pratt's son, cancer); and-----

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## Prayer List continued-----

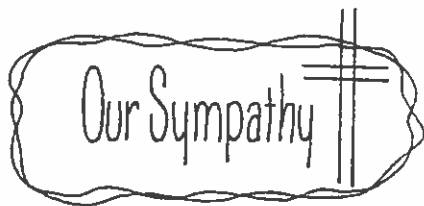
Joey Pomykal (Paula Barrick's step-nephew, medical concerns); Bertha Ruether (Esther Kelley's mother); Paul Viertel (declining health); Don Steinbach (former member, stem cell transplant); Michael (Butch) Schulz (Barbara Schulz's husband; health concerns); Milton Poehls (Pauline Peetsy Fischer's brother, 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 (15-year-old friend of Wade & Nancy Eilers, cancer); Amanda Sebastian (friend from Blue Bell Creameries and Randall Kohring's cousin, brain tumor); Lisa Mayer (health concerns); and Delores Oppermann (niece of Joyce Eilers, cancer).

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

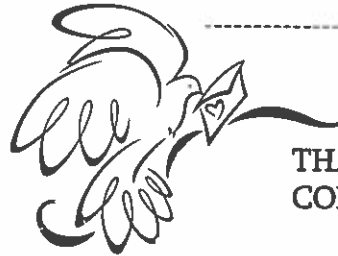
**Family and Friends:** Rowdy Chaddock, Michael Martin, Wacey Lanier, Jonathan Noak, Justyn Bearden, Wade Friedrich, James Dunham, and all those who serve, known and unknown, in harm's way.



† Our Christian Sympathy to the friends & families of: Leroy Schiller (cousin of Dennis Gerland and Loydine Mays); Roy Koehl (former member Mark Koehl's father); Dennis Schulz (from Burton, father-in-law of Barbara Schulz); Brenda Wensel Herr (friend from Bleiberville); Chris Herzog (relative of Dennis Gerland and Loydine Mays); Gladys Jaeger (from Giddings); Steve Ardoin (high school classmate of Pastor Tinker); Lloyd Zwernemann, Mrs. Bobby (Jane) Fischer (cousin of Joyce Ullrich); Billy Grimm (relative of Dianne Sager); Betty Jean Farrack (sister of Charles Mueller, Sr.); James Becker (member of Salem Lutheran Church-Brenham); Gary Mokry (relative of Bill Derrick).

## ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION REPORT:

date	attendance	general	school	building
12-24	164	1,973.00	50.00	-0-
12-25	62	4,066.00	126.50	-0-
12-29	--	140.00	-0-	-0-
01-01	56	3,451.25	-0-	10.00
01-08	99	2,623.00	50.00	175.00
01-14	29	1,153.00	-0-	-0-
01-15	98	5,445.25	90.00	-0-
01-22	77	2,077.00	-0-	25.00



## THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS!

★ Thanks to Eldon Mikeska and Dennis Gerland for replacing the light bulbs in the sanctuary on December 22. And, thanks to the Mary Group for providing the funds to buy the tall stepladder to accomplish this project.

★ Congratulations to Jadon Weidemann for earning a spot in the All-State Band, which gives him the distinction of being one of the top 20 trumpet players in Class 4A in the State of Texas. Jadon is a member of the Giddings High School Band. Way to go, Jadon!

★ Thanks to the Office Helpers for January: Cherrie Wines folded bulletins, Sara and David Eilers assembled the February newsletter, Nancy Eilers sent bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors, and Bobbie Weidemann placed supplies in pews.

★ Congratulations to Tanner & Brittany Jacob on the birth of their son, Kyler Dane Jacob, born December 28, 2016. Kyler weighed 6 lbs., 11 oz., and measured 19-3/4 inches. He was welcomed by big brother, Kannon, and from MLLC, grandparents, Lane & Robyn Jacob; great-grandparents, Jerry & Barbara Jacob; aunt, Taylor Jacob, and uncle, Tucker Jacob.

★ Brenham Mission Society sends a thank you for our donation of \$280.00 for 2016. "Your donation does great things for mission outreach projects! Winston and Tanya Rosenbaum, Treasurers.

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☆ **Ministry To the Port of Houston** sends the following:  
Christmas, 2016

Dear Friends of the Seafarers Centers,

Many thanks on behalf of the seafarers whose Christmas is touched by the goodness of people like yourselves. The Christmas Boxes you provide mean so much to so many people who are far away from home and families during this glorious season.

Last year over 11,300 boxes were received and distributed! This year with your help we hope to match or exceed that number. We wish that each of you could share just one smile or thank you from those recipients first hand. We encourage you to visit and tour our center whenever you are in the area.

Again, our heartfelt thanks for your gift of Christmas boxes. God's blessing to all throughout the year.

Sincerely, *Chaplains & Staff,*  
*Howard T. Tellepsen Seafarers Center & Lou Lawler, Seafarers Center.*

**God's Calling for the Church**  
**By Pastor David Tinker**

In mid-January I shared a few Bible passages with the congregation regarding what Jesus calls on us to do. Founded on God's grace we have a calling to live and act according to his teachings. There are 4 core callings for the church which are noted in the words of Jesus in the Gospel books. Some are repeated in various forms, but the meaning is the same. These commands of Jesus are both for the Church as a whole, and for all the members of the Body of Christ in the world. Stirred the Holy Spirit and grounded in the Good News of Jesus, each Christian is invited to

ponder these teachings and to seek to follow what the Lord has said.

Here are those passages I noted:  
Mark 12:30-31

"...you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

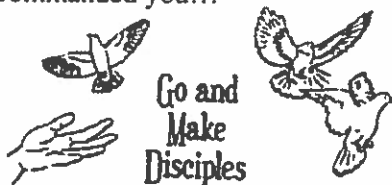
John 13:34

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."



Matthew 28:19-20

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you..."



These are: 1) Love God with your whole being.

2) Love and serve your neighbor in the way you would want to be treated

3) Love one another in the community of faith,

and 4) Go out into the world with the message and way of Jesus so others can become followers of Jesus through Baptism, faith and discipleship.

As we move forward in faith, I invite you to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and strength to seek to follow these commandments of Jesus.

Always remember, none of us ever do these perfectly. When you don't get it right, seek the forgiveness and support of God, and then strive forward to follow the teachings of Jesus.

**OFFICIAL ACTS:**



The funeral service for Mr. Lloyd Zwernemann was conducted at Memorial Oaks Funeral Chapel in Brenham on Saturday, January 7, 2017, with Pastor Tinker presiding. Burial was at Carmine Cemetery. *Our Christian Sympathy to his family and friends.*



**Memorials & Gifts**

**4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER, 2016, MEMORIAL REPORT:**

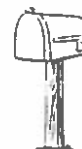
General Fund:

Ed Cain, Nelda Muesse \$ 40.00

Building Fund:

*In honor of Jerry & Barbara Jacob's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary* \$100.00

Total Memorials \$140.00



**NEW ADDRESS:**

Helen Georges  
477 N. Knox Ave.  
Giddings, TX 78942-2107  
Phone: 979/212-0021





**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:**

Tiffani Brooks	01
LaRissa Higgs	02
Leonita Sanders	02
Jon Wunderlich	03
David Krause	04
Ruth Schoenemann	04
Randy Zingelmann	05
Lane Jacob	09
Aden Diehl	10
Breanna Marburger	10
Yvonne Moore	10
Marge Morris	10
Tana Brooks	11
Brody Dooley	11
René Zwernemann	12
Vickie Neutzler	13
Tiffany Carmean	16
Tori Brooks	17
Ora Lee Levien	17
Brick Peele	17
Sara Eilers	18
Randall Kohring	18
Roger Schoenst	19
Caden Medack	20
Dianne Sager	21
JoLynn Schoenberg	22
Ila Nell Kieke	24
Emma Baird	25
Kyle Roemer	25
David Key	26
Karen Dooley	28
Ted Sager	29



**CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARIES: (3 meetings)**

November 21, 2016, meeting:

MLLC Church Council met on Monday, November 21, 2016, at a6:15 p.m. with President Shayne Kirts presiding.

The devotion was given by Dana Smith, from the book Same Kind of Different As Me, and was about being thankful for everything in your life. Pastor Tinker gave the devotion at the December meeting.

Pastor Blair Lundborg gave a brief presentation to the Council on the topic of Mission Support and the church giving back. He also spoke about the contract MLLC and Waldeck Lutheran Church entered into.

In the contract, Waldeck Church is to pay to MLLC \$2,700.00 per month, and of this amount, \$760.00 goes to Pastor Tinker, and the remaining amount goes to the Church.

MLLS Board presented several issues to the Council. *Members of the Board—Ed Eargle, Kristi Wunderlich, Ann O'Hara, and Gwen Woelfel, were present.* The members of both the MLLS Board and MLLC Church Council discussed the upcoming congregational meeting in which the future of the Day School would be decided.

The minutes of the October, 2016 meeting were accepted.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Samantha Ullrich, as follows:

Total Income for Church - \$235,020.08  
 Total expenses - \$241,219.66,  
 for Net Income - (\$6,199.58) (loss)  
 Net income (Loss) for the School - (\$11,675.45).

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Christian Education Committee:  
 Dana Smith reported that practices for the Christmas program were going well.

Worship Committee:  
 Jessica Weidemann announced that the Committee and Men in Mission would serve the first Advent meal, and that this year MLLC would be hosting the 11<sup>th</sup> Night Concert on January 8, with reception to follow in the fellowship hall.

Outreach Committee:  
 Cheryl Etzel reported that the New Member Reception went well.

New Business:  
 Rental fees for the fellowship hall and M&M building were discussed. It was decided that rental fees for both sites be \$50.00 with refundable cleaning deposit of \$25.00, effective January 1, 2017.

*(Minutes submitted by Kayla Peters, Council Secretary).*

December 19, 2016, meeting:

MLLC Church Council met on Monday, December 19, 2016, with President Shayne Kirts presiding.

Treasurer's report: Samantha Ullrich reported the following: As of December 13, 2016, total assets amounted to \$144,385.97. Total liabilities & equity - \$144,467.51

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

The proposed budget for 2017 was discussed.

Amounts for bonuses were discussed. Motion carried to give the following bonuses this year:  
 Secretaries - \$150 each  
 Cleaning - \$150 each  
 Musicians - \$50 each

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*(December 19, 2016, Council Meeting Minutes continued-)*

Motion also carried to give Pastor Tinker a \$1,000 bonus this year.

**Pastor's Report:** Nine individuals have contacted the church office and/or the Pastor to volunteer to work toward a new school/day care ministry at MLLC. Some or all of these could be on a committee for this purpose.



The Council devised a list of tasks they believe this new committee will need to follow. It was decided they need to do the following:

1. Assemble a Preliminary Investigative Day School Committee.
2. Have the congregation approve such a Committee.
3. Members of the Committee shall tour a minimum of three other day schools.
4. Members shall create a new MLLS Handbook with a mission statement, financial plan, employee expectation plan, and parent-child expectation plan.
5. Have the Handbook and financial plan approved by Council.
6. Contact the State to get approval.
7. Go to the congregation with a plan.
8. If the congregation approves, start hiring and name a director.

**Christian Education Committee:**

Dana Smith suggested that next year, on the Sunday of the Christmas Program, limit the number of other things going on, in order to not take attention away from the program.

**Worship Committee:**

Jessica Weidemann reported the following:

Noisy offering for 2017 will go to Fayette County Habitat for Humanity.

And-Worship committee could use one or two more members.

**Outreach Committee:**

Cheryl Etzel announced that the Committee would be providing refreshments on January 8 for the Seminary Scholarship event during the Sunday School hour (*this event was postponed to January 29*), and also for the 11<sup>th</sup> Night event at MLLC from 4:00-6:00 p.m.



**Old Business:**

Council decided to get quotes from two different companies for a security system for the front door of the church.

**New Business:**

The Day School is still owed between \$2,800-\$2,900 for tuition not paid.

*(Minutes submitted by  
Kayla Peters, Council Secretary)*

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**January 16, 2017, meeting**

The Church Council met on Monday, January 16, 2017, with new Council President, Blake Dooley, presiding.

The minutes of the December 19, 2016, meeting were accepted.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Cindy Weidemann. Treasurer's notes were reviewed at the annual congregational meeting on January 15. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

**Pastor's Report:** He announced one wedding scheduled for August 5, 2017. He attended the following meetings: Praise Team, Church Council, Worship Committee, and Ladies Aid/Mary Group joint meeting.

He led three Advent Wednesday evening worship services, with accompanying meals, four Sunday worship services, and two Saturday worship services. Pastor continues to work on the church's web page.

Confirmation Class is meeting for longer sessions, twice per month, except for Advent and Lent. There are two students actively participating in the program- *Miles Tinker and Janette Weidemann*. We do not expect to have a Confirmation Sunday in 2017 at MLLC.

Pastor met with RT-C Superintendent Adren Pilger to continue to build up friendly cooperation with the local schools. Pastor John David Nedbalek of Round Top also attended the meeting. The new superintendent will meet with the pastors in the Spring, 2017.

**Committee Reports:**

**Christian Education Committee** (*presented by Dana Smith*):

1. The Sunday School children leaders will participate in the palm processional on Palm Sunday.
2. Tentative plans are being made for the annual Easter egg hunt and celebration, pending the specific time schedule for that Sunday.
3. The Committee is working on VBS. Dana Smith will serve as the director, with Amy Dooley leading the "set design".

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It will be held Sunday through Thursday (June 11-15) in the evenings, with closing during worship on Sunday, June 18.

This year's theme is "Rome: Paul and the Underground Church" which is Group's Holy Land Adventure. This style was used the past few summers. The starter kit has been received, and planning and recruitment of volunteers is underway.

Worship Committee (presented by Jessica Weidemann):

The Committee met on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, with five members present. The items discussed and decided on:

1. Baptismal Recognition Sundays are set for the upcoming church calendar. There should not be a conflict with the Sunday School program and Baptismal Recognition falling on the same Sunday any time in the near future.
2. The Committee is scheduled to meet with Sue Schoenst and another member from Waldeck Church to schedule Lent services as well as discuss Easter Sunday services.
3. Susan Bathe and the Worship Committee scheduled an Altar Guild review class as well as an Acolyte training class for Sunday, January 22.
4. A new wine dispenser has been ordered in lieu of the accidental perishing of the old one.
5. The committee is always looking for new members.

Outreach Committee (Cheryl Etzel), had no report, other than to report they are always looking for new members.

Property Committee (Brick Peele), had no report.

Stewardship Committee (presented by Cindy Weidemann):



1. Harvest Festival - They are still working on thank-you letters. These should be going out shortly.
2. Contributions by automatic draft - Pastor is completing the information required for offering the choice of contributions made by automatic bank drafts.
3. Individual Yearly Contribution Reports - These were assembled and made ready for distribution.
4. Financial Review Committee - Connie Peters has agreed to run for a position on this committee. The other members are Karen Roemer and Trina Siptak.
5. Lenten offering envelopes and recipient - It was decided that the funds should be given to the *Gulf Coast Synod ELCA World Hunger Campaign* to raise \$500K by the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation.

6. Lenten meal - It was decided to volunteer to host a meal of soup/ stew on a date to be determined once the Lenten services schedule is finalized.
7. The next Stewardship meeting - March 6, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Old Business: (No old business)

New Business:

1. Giving to ELCA \$708.33 per month to meet the \$8,500 annual line item. The monthly submission should start on the first of each month. The amount will be taken from the General Fund for now since there is money there.
2. Add financial information to the bulletin discussed. It is in a line item in the budget. Put out more information in the bulletin regarding finances.
3. Sealing the parking lot. Offered price by "walk in" contractor, but contractor was not reputable.
4. Payroll dates for church staff were discussed. The previous pay schedule will be resumed—paying secretaries every two weeks. Motion carried.
5. Day school:
  - A. Buck Williams will be leader for the committee.
  - B. Brick Peele to be council rep at Day school committee meetings.
  - C. Cleaning to be addressed. Pending decision by Day school committee.
  - D. Discussions over repair. Rooms to be inventoried with contents consolidated into one or more areas to leave more room for the Sunday School classes. Possible work day on a Saturday for repairs/clean up.
  - E. General cleaning for three rooms being used by Sunday School classes. Possible pay raise for cleaning.
  - F. Food left over in Day school. Possible donation if the food has not been purchased by the next Council meeting.



Announcement: Several "thank you" notes were read from staff for recent Christmas bonuses received.

The next Council meeting is set for Monday, February 20, at 6:15 p.m. Dana Smith will provide the devotion.

(Minutes submitted by  
Anita Drydale, New Council Secretary)





## UPCOMING AREA EVENTS:

⇒ On Saturday, February 4, the RT-C Education Foundation, benefitting the RoundTop-Carmine Schools, is sponsoring a Barn Raising Round Up at the Round Top Rifle Assoc. Hall, with Barnyard Fun Run/Walk at 8:00 a.m., Kids' Corral from 4:00-5:00 p.m., Silent Auction from 4:00-7:00 p.m., dinner from 5:00-7:00 p.m., Live Auction at 6:00 p.m., and Dance from 8:00-11:00 p.m. with music by The Lost Cause Band. Dinner tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at local businesses, or by calling 979/249-5756. Funds raised will be used for music, art, technology, and teacher grants in the RT-C ISD.

⇒ The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Carmine Sweetheart Classic Cruise & Gathering is set for Saturday, February 11, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Classic cars and trucks will line up along Sylvan St. (south side of U.S. 290-in front of the Train Depot.) Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Show off your favorite classic vehicle. All are invited to enjoy a fun day of camaraderie.

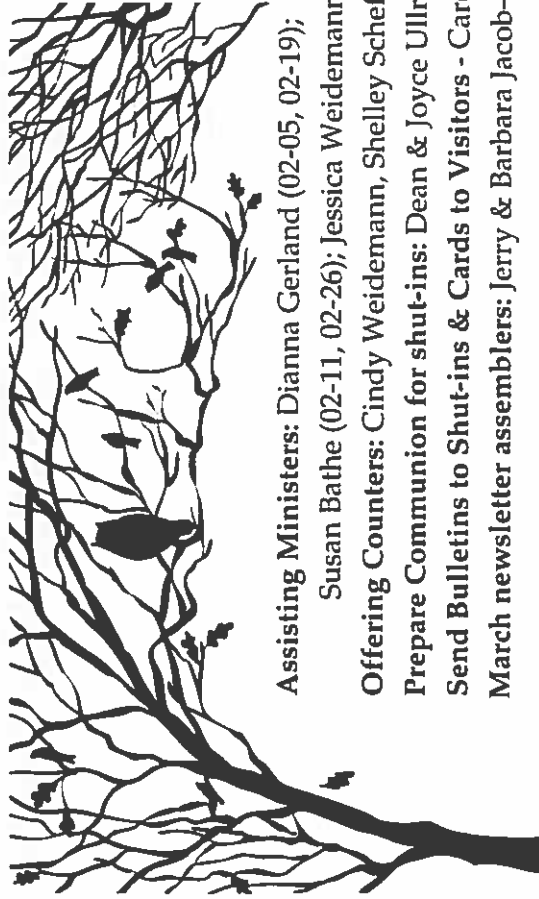
⇒ Valentine's ♥ Prime Rib Dinner, sponsored by the RT-C ISD will be held Sunday, February 12, at JW's Steakhouse. Tickets are \$40 per seat. There will be two seatings—5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tickets are being sold at JW's. All proceeds will be used to purchase Chromebooks for RT-C students.

⇒ Benefit for Rady Simmons is set for Sunday, February 19, at the Ledbetter Community Center. BBQ chicken and sausage with trimmings will be served from 11:00-2:00. Tickets are available in pre-sale and same-day sales. There will be a raffle, silent auction, and bake sale throughout the day.

Rady is self-employed and fell from scaffolding a few days before Christmas and broke both wrists and one leg. Major surgery was performed to insert pins and screws, and he came home on Christmas Day. His family has no health insurance and he will not be able to work for several months. A GoFundMe account has been set up in Rady's name: "*Rady Simmons Benefit*". Also, an account has been set up at Round Top State Bank with the account name: "*Benefit for Rady Simmons*". Please help however you can, and keep updated on this benefit event at the Facebook page: "*Rady Simmons Benefit*".

⇒ Bonds: This workshop, sponsored by the Carmine Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, at J.W.'s Steakhouse from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mike O'Hara, a neighbor and retired registered representative, will explain that now is the time to learn about tax-exempt munis, with absolutely no obligations. For questions, call 979/451-1507.





## SERVERS FOR FEBRUARY:

**Assisting Ministers:** Dianna Gerland (02-05, 02-19);

Susan Bathe (02-11, 02-26); Jessica Weidemann (02-12, 02-25)

**Offering Counters:** Cindy Weidemann, Shelley Scheffer, Amy Dooley

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

**Send Bulletins to Shut-ins & Cards to Visitors - Carol Carmean**

**March newsletter assemblers:** Jerry & Barbara Jacob--(the weekend of February 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>)

**Acolyte organizers:** Parents of February Acolytes



**Bulletin Folder:** Ann O'Hara

**Put supplies in pews:** Jocie Jacob-Braun

date	acolytes	ushers	readers	flowers	communion assistants	communion set-up
02-05	Drayton Oakes	Team #10 - Glenn Treude, capt., Melissa Wickel, greeter; Melvin Schoenst, René Runge, Ed Eargle, Dana Smith	Susan Bathe	Douglas & Sedalia Ullrich		Susan B.
02-11		<b>Volunteers</b>				Susan M. (ML banner)
02-12	Megan Smith	Team #11 - Tim Sanders, capt., Alvis Mueller, greeter; Steve Leppard, Amanda Leppard, Theresa Garlin, Jed Leppard	Stephanie Sanders	Todd & Amy Dooley	Amber Dooley	Susan M.
02-19	Kennedy Flinn	Team #12 - Berrie Etzel, capt., Shelley Scheffer, greeter; Darlene Etzel, Tana Brooks, Shelby Vaughn	Carol Carmean	Brick & Debby Peele	Floyd Etzel	Jessica (ML banner on stand)
02-25		<b>Volunteers</b>				Debbie E. (white paraments)
02-26	Rylan Stork	Team #13- Karen Roemer, capt. & greeter, Dennis Smith, greeter; Darrell, Esther, and Emily Kelley, Jadon Weidemann	Tony Dooley	Wade & Nancy Eilers	Ted Sager	Debbie E.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>PLEASE NOTE: The <u>Christian Education Committee</u> will not meet this month.</b></p>			<p><b>1</b> 4:15 pm-Confirmation classes</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>5</b> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 9:15 am-Choir practice 9:45 am-Worship with Holy Communion/<i>Souper Bowl of Caring</i> collection 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> 6:00 pm-Worship Committee meeting with Waldeck, here</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> 2:00 pm-Ladies Aid 6:30 pm-Mary Group</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> 6:00 pm-Worship w/<i>Holy Communion</i> REMEMBER TO COLLECT YOUR LOOSE CHANGE FOR THE NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY</p>
<p><b>12</b> 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study/Tone Chimes practice 9:45 am-Worship with Holy Communion led by Praise Team/Baptism of Sawyer Ray O'Malley/Noisy Offering collected Property Committee meets after worship 2:00-4:30 pm-RT-C 4-H Club Bingo Party in fellowship hall 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p><b>13</b> 9:00 am-Quilting 6:30 pm-Joint Council meeting, M&amp;M bldg.</p>	<p><b>14</b> ♡ Valentines Day </p>	<p><b>15</b> 4:15 pm-Confirmation classes</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> Newsletter deadline</p>	<p><b>18</b> MARTIN LUTHER DIED ON THIS DAY IN THE YEAR 1546.</p>
<p><b>19</b> 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 9:45 am-Worship with Holy Communion/ 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p><b>20</b> Presidents' Day 6:15 pm-Church Council 1:30 pm-Senior Citizens Domino Party</p>	<p><b>21</b> Council agenda deadline</p>	<p><b>22</b> 5:30 p.m.-LWR packing in the M&amp;M building</p>	<p><b>23</b>  Their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD. Psalm 112:7, NRSV</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion/Baptism Remembrance</p>
<p><b>26</b> Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:30 a.m.-Hymn Sing 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 9:45 am-Worship with Holy Communion/Baptism of Luke Timothy Kelley/Baptism Remembrance LYO meeting after worship 9:15 am-4:00 pm-Fellowship hall used 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p><b>27</b> 7:00 pm-Men in Mission</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>			<p>January 2017 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>March 2017 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>