



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

Luther's Letter

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Worship w/Communion:

Sundays - 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Church Council: Shaye Kirts-President; Blake Dooley-President-elect; Terry McIntosh, 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

"Create
in me a
clean heart,
O God,
and put a
new and right
spirit
within me."
Psalm 51:10



Luther's Letter

Martin Luther Lutheran Church

February, 2016

*"...store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...
for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21*



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD this year is celebrated on the first Sunday of February—the 7th. From Luke 9:35—

"Then from the cloud came a voice that said,

"This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him!"



ASH WEDNESDAY

...is the beginning of the Lenten season, with Worship Service, Confession of Sin and Imposition of Ashes, on February 10,

starting at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. (All other services will be in the fellowship hall). The *"Lenten Grace"* devotionals, from *Upbring*, will be available. We will welcome area Lutheran pastors to share the message.

Our Lenten Theme is *"Reflections Around the Cross"*. We are participating in a Pulpit Exchange with area Lutheran clergy. Each one will bring a message from a Biblical character who reflects on Jesus' death on the cross. Each week we will also read a portion of Jesus' Passion from the Gospel of Luke. We will use our usual service of Evening Prayer.

--Pastor Candy O'Meara portrays the Roman Centurion on February 17.

--Pastor Marcia Kifer will portray Mary, the Mother of Our Lord on February 24.

--Pastor Willie Rotter portrays Caiaphas, the High Priest, on March 2.

--Pastor John David Nedbalek portrays Satan on March 9.

--Pastor Glenn Hohlt portrays Nicodemus on March 16.

Meals will be served, starting on February 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Later, on Good Friday, Pastor David Tinker portrays the Apostle John.

(See page 7 for the 2016 Holy Week schedule)



PLEASE MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR.

The MLLS Fundraiser Dinner is set for Sunday, February 7, at Carmine Hall, with pickup from 11:00-1:30. Tickets for the to-go-only meal are \$10.00 and available in the church office and from MLLS students. The meal will consist of 6-oz. chicken-fried steak, German potatoes, green beans, and cream gravy. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex to provide sweets (either packed separately in ziplock bags or on plates to be easily picked up). Free-will donations will be accepted for the desserts.

THIS SUNDAY'S EVENTS.

① **NEW MEMBER RECEPTION** to welcome *Brick & Debby Peele*, and *Cassius, Glenda & Drayton Oakes* is this Sunday. All are invited to the reception in the parlor following worship to welcome these new members!

② Also this Sunday is **CAMPUS MINISTRY SUNDAY**. *Treehouse Ministry*, our 2015 "Noisy Offering" recipient, is sending student speakers to present the sermon, and they will be presented a check from our combined donations from the 2015 "Noisy Offerings" and other donations. The Noisy Offering collected for 2015, was \$2,552.90. *Thanks for all donations!* (See page 9 for an introduction of the speakers).

③ The **LYO SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**. LYO members will be collecting this Sunday, the 31st, and February 7th as well. Proceeds support *A.M.E.N. in La Grange and Bridge Ministry Food Pantry in Burton*. Please make checks payable to MLLC LYO, or memo—"Souper Bowl", and thank you! (See *Pastor's Article on page 5 about this event*). The MLLC LYO has been given a donation by the Carmine Chamber of Commerce for helping clean up at the Carmine Hall Christmas Fest. This money will be used to help defray costs of their service project in New Mexico during the summer.

④ And... **CARMINE CEMETERY MEETING** is this Sunday, at 10:30 a.m. at the Carmine Lions Building. All members are urged to attend.



Installation

At the Annual meeting, January 17, 2016, the following persons were elected to Church Council. Blake Dooley, President-Elect; Terry McIntosh, Secretary; Cindy Weidemann, Stewardship Committee Chair; and Dana Smith, Christian Ed. Committee Chair (to fill the one year remaining on term, since Amber Dooley resigned due to Blake Dooley accepting President-elect.)

Re-elected were, Jessica Weidemann, Worship Committee Chair, and Cheryl Etzel, Care Committee Chair.

Remaining on Council are, Shayne Kirts, President, Samantha Ullrich, Treasurer, and Ronnie Siptak, Property Committee Chair.

Thanks to outgoing officers. Todd Dooley, President; Dennis Smith, Secretary; Vickie Neutzler, Stewardship Chair, and Amber Dooley, Christian Education Committee Chair.

Endowment Committee members remained the same. Tony Dooley, Shelley Scheffer, Linda Mattocks, Betty Porter, and Ryan Hinze.

Newly-elected MLLS Committee member is Ann O'Hara. Remaining members are, Ed Eargle, President; Kristi Wunderlich, Vice-Chair; Cheryl Etzel and Gwen Woelfel, members; Pastor Tinker, and Kelli Meinholdt, MLLS Director.

Newly-elected to Financial Review Committee is Trina Siptak, and remaining on the committee are Cindy Hinze and Karen Roemer.



PASTOR'S NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS continues each Sunday morning at 10.15 a.m. (location has changed).

Instead of the bridal room, the class now meets in the room at the end of the hall; it's the door to the right. The class is reading and discussing this book, *"Life Together"*, by Lutheran Pastor and Martyr, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. New students are encouraged to attend.



The Sacrament of HOLY BAPTISM

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE DAYS.

The next Baptismal Remembrance Days will be February 13 & 14, and each second Saturday and Sunday of the month thereafter.

The first of these special days was celebrated on January 9 & 10 - persons remembered were, *Quinly Scheffer, Cohen Miller, Tina Mikeska, Joey Pohl, Bowen William, Jackie Ray, Brenner Bishop, Casey Lange, Larry Pohl, Matthew Roemer, Tim Sanders, Kayla Peters, Judy Yarborough, Kamryn Hinze, Carol Hall, Sedalia Ullrich, Dana Smith, Roger Schoenst, Colette Wunderlich, Avalda Pohl, Chelsea Lozano, and Jane Marek.*

REMINDERS.

⇒ **The Prayer Chain** has been reinstated. If you would like to activate the prayer chain, please notify Pastor Tinker.

⇒ **A new choir** 🎵 is starting up! There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those interested in singing in a choir. Plans are to sing

downstairs and practice before worship (around 8.00 or 8.15 a.m.) and then sing during the service. Old favorite hymns will be sung. Pastor Bill Derrick will be the leader of the group.

⇒ **The 2015 contribution statements** are available in the back of the sanctuary, and those not picked up will be included in this newsletter.

⇒ **2016 Offering Envelopes** will be mailed to you every two months.

⇒ **The Noisy Offering** (collected each second Sunday) in 2016 is designated for our Companion Synod, Lutheran Ministries in the Central African Republic.

† CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE FOR WINTER AND SPRING, 2016.

The class will meet in the Mission & Ministry building. A meal for the students will be provided in the fellowship hall.

February 3 - Class-4.15-7.15 p.m.
(No classes later in February or in March).

April 6 - Class-4.15-7.15 p.m.

April 20 - Class-4.15-7.15 p.m.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Now is a good time for members to call Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to direct your 2015 Choice Dollars. Call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice." Have your member ID ready. Both Martin Luther Lutheran Church and Martin Luther Lutheran School are choices. If you do not give them your choice, they will designate your money where they think best. If you need help, contact Nancy Eilers.

WELCA NEWS:



The next quilting day is Monday, February 8, at 9.00 a.m. in the Mission & Ministry Building

The date for the LWR kit assembly is Tuesday, February 9, at 5.30 p.m.

Next meeting date,
February 11

Bible Study theme, Christian
Citizenship 101

Session 2, Philippians 1:27-2:18

LADIES AID meets at 2.00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Bible study is by Dianne Sager, and servers are LaVerne Kunkel and Avalda Pohl.

MARY GROUP meets at 6.30 p.m. in the church parlor. Jocie Braun presents the opening devotion; Bible study by Sedalia Ullrich; offering meditation by Leonita Sanders, and Dianna Gerland serves as hostess.

LWR FABRIC KITS are collected in February. Items needed are:

—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 yarn, sturdy string, ribbon, or strip of fabric.

Used Postage Stamp Project.

This ongoing project benefits *Lutheran World Relief*.



You may have lots of stamps from your Christmas cards that you could

contribute to this project. Be sure, when you cut them off the envelopes, leave 1/4" of space around each stamp, or they cannot be used.



VALENTINE'S EVENTS.

—RT-C 4-H Club sponsors the **Valentine Bingo Party** on Sunday, February 7, from 2.00-4.00 p.m. in the MLLC fellowship hall. All are invited to attend.

—The **Carmine Sweetheart Car Show** is scheduled for Saturday, February 13, from 10.00 a.m.-3.00 p.m. on Sylan Street, the south frontage road to U.S. 290. All vintages of cars are welcome. For more information, call Bob Springer at 278-4222 or 713/898-7667.

PLEASE NOTE.

--The LYO has several boxes of **Valentine's Day cards** available for sale (*bottom shelf*) in the parlor.



AND, it's not too early to check out the beautiful **Easter cards** as well.

Prices are printed on the boxes, and money may be placed in the can on the top shelf. Thanks!



Most recently: Jerry Jacob (open heart surgery); Johnana Clark (former Pastor Stephen Clark's wife, stage 1 breast cancer); Vera Clepper (Eugene Muehlbrad's sister, stroke); Eugene Muehlbrad (recent

surgery); Bobbie Weidemann (recent hip replacement surgery); Liam Reddy (4-year-old great-grandson of Bob & Betty Porter, kidney cancer); Jerry Wickel (Praise Team member, health concerns); Bertha Ruether (mother of Esther Kelley, hospitalized in Austin); Gwendolyn Williams (wife of Pastor Johnny Williams of Somerville and friend of Bill Derrick, hospitalized); Marie Nelius (chemo for returning cancer); surgery for brain tumor); Dorothy Marth (health concerns); and Jack Weidemann (health issues).

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Janie Lange (former member Valerie Meinke's mother, health concerns); Robert Preuss (friend of Gene & Nelda Muehlbrad, head injury); Paul Viertel (declining health); Don Steinbach (former member, stem cell transplant); Grace Marie O'Quinn (friend of Bill Derrick, newborn with health concerns); Sharon Kovar (Reuben Wunderlich's niece 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); Nelson Neutzler (friend of Alvis Mueller, health concerns); Josh Dow (14-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).

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(Prayer List continued—)

Members in Care and Assisted Living

Facilities: Velorie Dippel (cousin of Dorothy Rothermel, at Clarewood House in Houston); 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 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, James Dunham, and all who serve, known and unknown, in harm's way.

✝ **Christian Sympathy to the families and friends of:** Doris Hartmann (friend from Rutersville); Ralph Barrick (Paula Fischer Barrick's husband); Nelda Weyand (Darlene Etzel's mother, Dwayne Garlin & Wendy Flinn's grandmother, and Carol Carmean's aunt); Pastor Ron McCulloch (friend of Ted & Dianne Sager and Bill Derrick); James Meinke (former member Dean Meinke's father); Vertyn Finke (former member Jill Finke's mother-in-law); Esther Kueker (former members Karen Tappe & Kay Engeling's mother and Pastor John Kueker's wife, formerly of Rehburg); Margaret Niesner (former member Kim McGilvra Niesner's mother-in-law); Esther Kunkel (friend from Burton-baptized & confirmed here); Wayne Lehmann, Robyn Jacob's uncle,

nephew of LaVerne & Orville Kunkel and Joyce Lehmann, baptized & confirmed here; Wilburn Reuter (brother-in-law of LaVerne & Orville Kunkel and Joyce Lehmann).

THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS!



🌸 Thanks to the Office Helpers for January. Carol Hall & Betty Porter assembled the January newsletter, Cheryl Etzel put supplies in pews, Boo & Gene Goolsby folded bulletins and Cherrie Wines sent bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors. Your help is always much appreciated!

🌸 **Congratulations to Jared & Ashley Pohl** on the birth of their daughter, **Kylie Lynn**, born December 8, 2015, at Baylor Scott & White Hospital in Brenham. Kylie weighed 7 lbs, 10 oz.. From MLLC, grandparents are Joey & Evelyn Pohl, great-grandparents are J. C. & Avalda Pohl, and uncle & aunt are Joey & Nikki Pohl.

🌸 **A.M.E.N. Food Pantry**, La Grange, sends a thank you for monetary donation of \$30.00 and 233 lbs. of groceries received in December. A.M.E.N. not only provides emergency food, but through Second Chance Emporium, they have a means of helping with clothing, furniture, and household items as well. We sincerely appreciate your participation in serving the needy of our community. May God bless you. Sincerely, Carolyn Rotter, for the A.M.E.N. Board of Directors.

🌸 **Lutherhill Ministries** sends a Thank You for our generosity and support. The gift date reported is January 11, 2016. Gift amount is \$1,000.00 designated by them as an "Oak Society" donor. Matt Kindsvatter, Executive Director,

signed the card and added, "Thanks for y'all's amazing love and support of Lutherhill".



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
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
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Karen Dooley	28
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Super Bowl
Weekend--February 7
Collection Dates:
January 31 and February 7



The Souper Bowl of Caring is an Annual Fundraiser for the local food pantries across the United States. All proceeds will directly and exclusively support our local food pantries: A.M.E.N. (La Grange) and the Bridge Ministry Food Pantry (Burton). Both of these serve Carmine and surrounding areas. The Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) of Martin Luther Lutheran Church has led this effort for many years.

How to Participate:

- *Look for the LYO members holding the large soup pots after worship on the last Sunday of January and the first Sunday of February.
- *Bring in monetary gifts for A.M.E.N. and Bridge Ministry Food Pantry. Place these in the "Soup Pots" located by the sanctuary entrances. For gifts placed in the Soup Pots, Cash or check accepted. Make checks payable to: MLLC LYO; memo line: Souper Bowl. No amount is too small or too large.
- *You may give using a designation on your regular offering envelope--note: Souper Bowl.
- *All gifts will be processed by the LYO and forwarded to the two recipient groups.
- *If you will not be able to attend worship on the designated dates, or you simply forget to bring something to give on those dates, feel free to mail your Souper Bowl of Caring gifts to the church office by February 10.

The LYO has Big Plans to help our neighbors in need:
* Our goal is to have a record year for giving through MLLC. We hope to exceed \$950.00.
*This is a nationwide effort. In 2015, as of the January 14, 2016, update, \$8,098,129.00 was generated by 6,716 groups across the USA! *The official web site is: www.souperbowl.org



OFFICIAL ACTS IN JANUARY: New Members

The following persons were welcomed with a reception after worship on Sunday, January 31st.
Deborah (Debby) and Leigh (Brick) Peele come to us from Houston and have Episcopal and Methodist backgrounds.

...and **Cassius, Glenda and Drayton Oakes** transferred to MLLC from St. Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sugar Land.

NEW ADDRESSES & PHONE NUMBERS,

Terry McIntosh's new telephone number: 979/587-1070



Debby & Brick Peele
P. O. Box 158
Carmine, TX 78932
Phone: 979/278-3778

Glenda, Cassius & Drayton Oakes
P. O. Box 423
Round Top, 78954
Phone: 832/541-1640

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION REPORT:

date	attendance	general	school	building
12-24	155	1,679.00	-0-	-0-
12-25	64	1,414.95	-0-	-0-
12-27	56	4,393.88	1,760.00	-0-
12-31	end-of-year donation	2,425.00		
01-03-16	86	3,931.00	50.00	-0-
01-09	24	672.00	-0-	-0-
01-10	104	2,425.00	4,260.00	180.00
01-17	98	3,918.36	3,755.00	-0-
01-23	35	1,160.00	-0-	-0-
01-24	89	1,467.00	50.00	-0-

BLOOD



DRIVE

JANUARY 24TH BLOOD DRIVE REPORT: There were 21 donors, four persons gave doubles, which gave us credit for 25 donations. Thank you to everyone who donated!

CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY:

CALL TO ORDER

The Church Council of Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Carmine, Texas, met for its first monthly meeting of 2016 on Monday January 18, 2016, at 6:15 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Shayne Kirts. Seven council members and Pastor Tinker were present. One council member was absent and a representative came in her place. Dana Smith provided a form to be completed by the new council members (Dana Smith, Blake Dooley and Terry McIntosh) for the church day school to conduct background checks.

DEVOTION

Pastor Tinker provided the devotion. He said he conducts the devotion 3 or 4 times a year and asks the other council members to volunteer for the devotion for one or two meetings.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for the December 15, 2015, Council meeting were presented. Cheryl Etzel made a motion to accept the minutes. Blake Dooley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Since the Congregational Meeting was held yesterday, January 18th, a new Treasurer's Report was not presented. It was discussed that the yearly budget for 2016 was approved at the Congregational Meeting.

PASTOR'S REPORT

1. Special Note: Request to affirm the traditional schedule shift for Confirmation Sunday, May 1, 2016: One Sunday only: Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Worship at 10:15 a.m.
2. New Member/Transfer request: Cassius, Glenda and Drayton Oakes, from St. Martin's Lutheran in Sugar Land, TX. Glenda grew up at MLLC.
3. Future Weddings: Shelby Markwardt and Robert Vaughn – July 30, 2016
4. Leading Adult Sunday School – We began a new class in the new year. We are reading and discussing Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, "Life Together". Several new students have joined the class.
5. Meetings in December: Church Council, Area Lutheran Pastors meetings, Planning for Lent Series, Worship, Christian Education and Praise Team practice

6. LYO Program practice and planning
7. Work on mlccarmine.com Web site.
8. Continued work on plans for Baptismal Anniversary Sundays in 2016. The first one, January 10, went very well.
9. MLLS Chapel –The students are learning about the healing and teaching ministry of Jesus.
10. Confirmation Class. The new format for the class schedule is going well. We are offering five long sessions throughout the winter and spring, rather than a weekly class. Confirmation Sunday at MLLC is May 1, 2016.

Upcoming Events:

11. January 26-27: Continuing Education Event – Tri-Synodical Theological Conference in Arlington, TX
12. January 31: Campus Ministry Sunday and New Member Reception Sunday (Brick & Debby Peele)
13. February 6: Shared Ministry Event at St. Paul in Shelby – 9 a.m. – 12 noon
14. February 10: Lent Begins – Ash Wednesday service – 7 p.m.
15. February 17, 24, March 2, 9 and 16: Lent Wednesday Services; Meal at 6 p.m., Worship at 7 p.m.; This will feature a pulpit exchange with five other congregations

- March 24-Maundy Thursday – 7 p.m.
- March 25-Good Friday – 7 p.m.
- March 26-Vigil of Easter – 7 p.m.
- March 27-Easter Sunday
- May 1-Confirmation Sunday

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MLLS Day School (verbal report presented by Shayne Kirts. The Committee has not met for January. The school fundraiser on February 7th is currently selling tickets for the To-Go meal. The school will try to make this an annual event. Volunteer sheets have been posted by the Principal's Office door.

Christian Education Committee

(prepared by Amber Dooley and presented by the new chairperson, Dana Smith). The committee meet on January 10th.

1. The Committee will team up with LYO to provide a breakfast supper for the Lenten Meal on March 2nd.
2. The committee decided to donate \$159 to the LYO's mission trip in June from the proceeds of the Advent meal and Jesus' Birthday brunch.
3. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held immediately following worship with a

craft and snacks for the children afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.

4. The Committee set a date for VBS with the time to be determined later. The first day will be the evening of Sunday, June 12th, Monday thru Thursday (6/13-6/16), no activities on June 17th and a closing during worship on June 19th. Since the 19th is Father's Day, they will have a joint celebration. The program will be "Joseph in Egypt".

Worship Committee (no report)
Jessica Weidemann will present a report for January and February at the February meeting.

Outreach Committee (presented by Cheryl Etzel):

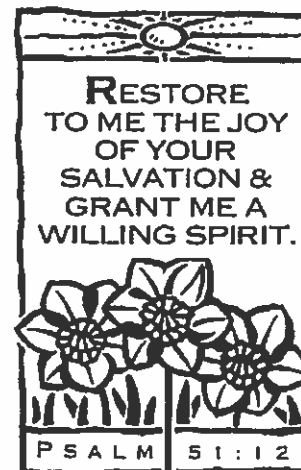
1. The committee always welcomes new members. A notice will be placed in the church bulletin for January 24th inviting all congregants to join the committee.

Property Committee (no report) since the congregational meeting was held yesterday, January 18th, and the parsonage and the M&M Building were discussed.

Stewardship Committee (presented by Vickie Neutzler for Cindy Weidemann):

1. The Committee met on January 11th with 5 members present. In new business a Lenten meal will be provided by the committee on March 16th with soup, salad and desserts being provided. The donations from the meal will be donated to Lutheran Disaster Relief.
2. The Financial Review Committee for 2016 will consist of Karen Roemer, Cindy Hinze and Trina Siptak.
3. The Committee will have their next meeting on March 14th at 6:30 p.m.

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OLD BUSINESS

1. The Housing Committee was on the agenda but will be discussed at the next Council meeting on February 15th at 6:15 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The treasurer, Samantha Ullrich, provided updated Budgets for 2016 incorporating the changes approved at the Annual Congregational Meeting, January 18th.

2. There are three more new members (Cassius and Glenda Oakes and their son, Drayton) who will be welcoming at the January 30th new member reception.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Several "Thank You" notes were read from staff and organist for recent Christmas bonuses received.
 2. Pastor Tinker shared a flyer about the Sharing Ministry Conference being hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shelby on Saturday, February 6th 9-noon. The speaker is Rev. Rich Nelson – creator of "Following the Way". A free will offering will be collected. To RSVP, call 979-249-3155 by January 25th. For more information contact Pastor Tinker.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Council meeting was set for Monday February 15, 2016 at 6:15PM. Ronnie Siptak made a motion to adjourn. Cheryl Etzel seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

*Respectfully Submitted,
 Terry McIntosh,
 MLLC Council Secretary*

FOURTH QUARTER, 2015, MEMORIAL REPORT:

Building Fund Memorials:	
Joan Els	\$ 25.00
MLLC Day School Memorials:	
Thelma Neutzler	10.00
Alois Bilski	10.00
Total	20.00
General Fund Memorials:	
Sandy Pierce	\$ 85.00
Gladys Kuhn	100.00
Joan Els	20.00
Thelma Neutzler	20.00
Joanie Weidemann	25.00
<i>In Honor of Keadron Ellis's</i>	
<i>90th birthday</i>	<i>25.00</i>
Total	\$275.00

 **HOLY WEEK**

2016 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE.

Palm Sunday, March 20
 Procession of Palms, Entry into Holy Week
 Worship Saturday at 6 p.m., Sunday at 9,00
 Dedication of Lutheran World Relief projects

Maundy Thursday, March 24
 Worship at 7,00 p.m.
 Remembering the Last Supper
 Washing of Feet and hands, First Holy Communion

Good Friday, March 25
 7,00 p.m.
 Prayers and Readings, Adoration of the Crucified
 Remembering Jesus' death on the cross.
 Reflections by the Apostle John

Note the Three Options for attending
 Worship on Easter:
 Saturday at 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday at 7:30 a.m.
 Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
 Details below.

The Resurrection of Our Lord. The Vigil of Easter, March 26
 Worship at 7:00 p.m. (will last until about 8:20-8:30 p.m.)
 Service of Light, Service of Readings
 Baptisms or Remembrance of Baptism, Initial Holy Communion of Easter
 Entry of Easter Flowers into Sanctuary

Resurrection Sunday, march 27
 Sunrise Service 7.30 a.m.-Carmine Cemetery - (Please verify time)
 Easter Breakfast 8.00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
 Worship - 9.00 a.m.
 Sunday School Resurrection Celebration and Egg Hut - 10.15 a.m.
 A grand celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord!

MLLS FEBRUARY 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 mark your calendar and purchase your tickets for our Chicken Fried Steak dinner Fundraiser on Sunday, February 7, at the Carmine Hall! To-go-only meals from 11:00-12:30. Deadline to purchase tickets is January 31. Thank you for your support of our Day School ministry!

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!

In our classrooms during the month of February, we will be exploring the theme, "Loving Hearts".



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(MLLS report continued.....)

We will learn about Groundhog Day, Black History month, dental care, Valentine's Day, and Presidents' Day; discover the Heart shape; the color Pink; numbers 9 and 10; opposites: Big/Little; and Letters: Oo, Pp, and Qq. Positive Behaviors: Keeping Calm; Science, Thunder and Lightning.

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



We will have our class Valentine's Day Party on Friday, February 12. The children will exchange valentines and we will have refreshments.



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

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

Children's storytime is held each Wednesday morning in the school library. We wish to thank our library volunteers, *Nancy Eilers, Susan Ray, Ann O'Hara, Ed Eargle, 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,
Shannon Reyes,
Ashley Santos,
and Brenda Townsley



AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

--Free Basic Computer & Smartphone Classes are taught at the Round Top Family Library, 206 W. Mill St., on February 3, 10 & 17, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. No need to register, just show up ready to learn 😊. For any questions, call 979/249-2700.

--The RT-C Education Foundation fundraiser is set for Saturday, February 6, at the Round Top Rifle Assoc. Hall. The hand-battered chicken fried steak, twice-baked potatoes, and green bean meal is served from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Ticket sales closed on January 29, but limited tickets will be available at the door. The silent auction opens at 4:00 p.m., Black Bert's Magic Show for kids of all ages from 4:00-5:00 p.m., and music by Allison Crowson & Cory Bosely is from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Dinner is served from 5:00-7:00 p.m.; Heads or Tails Game & Live Auction begins at 6:00 p.m. Dance by Charles and the Fabulous Four is from 8:00-11:00 p.m. Sausage wraps will be available during the dance.

--The Carmine Chamber of Commerce sponsors a "Fabulous 50's Mixer" on Thursday, February 18, at 6:00 p.m. at J.W.'s Pavilion Event Center. Social time will include drinks, appetizers and door prizes. Everyone in the surrounding area is invited to come and meet people in and around Camine.

--The Carmine Chamber of Commerce Christmas Décor Winners are.

Business. 1st place - Darlene's Custom Sewing
2nd place - Pecan Grove Inn
3rd place - McCall's Style

Residence. 1st place - M/M Gerald Byrket
2nd place - M/M Tanner Jacob
3rd place - M/M Fernando Cerda

Congratulations to all!

The greatest love of all

On Valentine's Day, we remember that God is the source of all love in the world. His perfect love for us has made all human love possible.

For God so loVed the world
thAt He gave His
onLy
begottEn
SoN,
thaT whoever
belIeves
iN Him should not perish
but havE everlasting life.
(John 3:16, NKJV)

CAMPUS MINISTRY SUNDAY - JANUARY 31

INTRODUCTION OF THE TREEHOUSE STUDENTS, Jennifer Sims and Nicci Watson

Jennifer Sims

Howdy y'all! My name is Jennifer Sims, and I am a junior at Texas A&M studying chemical engineering. This is my second year in Treehouse, and I currently serve on the leadership team as a member of the programs team. I am very grateful to have found a group as supportive and loving as Treehouse, and I especially enjoy all the opportunities Treehouse has for education on social justice.

Nicci Watson

Howdy! My name is Nicci Watson and I am a junior Allied Health major from Fort Worth, Texas. I am graduating in May 2017 with hopes of going to nursing school to become a pediatric nurse. This is my third year to be involved in Treehouse and my second campus ministry Sunday.

About Treehouse and Campus Ministry Sunday

Thank you for welcoming Treehouse to worship today! Treehouse is the Lutheran Campus Ministry at Texas A&M and Blinn College, serving and equipping students and young adults in both Bryan-College Station and Brenham. Today is Campus Ministry Sunday, where 30 Treehouse students will be preaching in 16 of our congregations, and we are pleased to be worshipping with you and sharing the *Good News of God's work* among college students. For more information about Treehouse (or if you are a current student at A&M or Blinn), check out our website.

www.treehouseministries.com or email our Campus Pastor, Pastor Mindy Roll at mindyroll@yahoo.com
Thank you for your generous love and kind support of our students!

SUPPORTING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN 2016.
(By Pastor Tinker)

The Vacation Bible School (VBS) ministry of MLLC continues to grow. We are excited about this year's outreach and education ministry. The dates for VBS 2016 are June 12-16. VBS will be offered for five days, Sunday through Thursday (rather than the M-F we have done in recent years). We will again be offering the program in the evening.

This exciting, faithful and growing ministry takes volunteers, prayers, and financial gifts to be successful. We, in the Christian Education Committee, invite you to give of your time and resources as God provides.

This ministry does take money to operate successfully. The overall cost is more than \$1,000. The great things we do for God and community through VBS are more than worth it. Please consider making a gift to support VBS 2016. Any amount will help. Give through your Sunday School offering, through the church office, or through your offering at worship. Please make sure any gifts you make are noted for "VBS".

Please pray for the leaders as they prepare for this ministry event. Also pray for the children and families in our community as the Holy Spirit prepares them to hear the *Good News* through this event.

We will have more information in the coming months about volunteer needs.

A good start

He who fritters away the early morning, its opportunity and freshness, in other pursuits than seeking God will make poor headway seeking him the rest of the day. If God is not first in our thoughts and efforts in the morning, he will be in the last place the remainder of the day.



—E.M. Bounds

SERVERS

FOR:

Lay Assistants: Dianna Gerland (02-07, 02-28); Leonita Sanders (02-10-Ash, Wed.);

Susan Bathe (02-13, 02-21); Dana Smith (02-14);

Jessica Weidemann (02-27);

Send cards to visitors & bulletins to shut-ins, Jessica Weidemann

March newsletter assemblers, Berric & Darlene Elzel

(the weekend of February 26th or 27th)

Acolyte organizers, Parents of February acolytes

Bulletin folder, Cherric Wines

Prepare Communion for shut-ins, Dean & Joyce Ullrich

Put supplies in pews, Bobbie Weidemann



Offering Counters, Samantha Ullrich, Karen Roemer, Jeff Flinn

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date	acolytes	ushers	readers	flowers	communion assistants	communion set-up
02-07	Faith	Team #5-LYO	Stephanie Sanders	Todd & Amy Dooley		Susan B. (white paraments)
02-10 Ash Wednesday	Miles	Team #6-Jeff Flinn, capt., Mia & Buck Williams, greeters; Lisa Mayer, Susan Leppard, Emma Leppard	Tony Dooley		Cheryl Elzel	Jadon (black paraments)
02-13 Saturday		Volunteers				Susic M. (Purple paraments & ML banner)
02-14	Carson	Team #7-Diana Wunderlich, capt. & greeter; Cole Garlin, Hayden Garlin, Kelli, Ricky, Faith & Emily Meinholdt	Carol Carmean	Sedalia Ullrich	Shelby Markwardt	Susic M.
02-17 Lent	Janelle	Team #8-Tim Weigell, capt., Ann O'Hara, greeter; Lori Weigell, Justin Roemer, Claire Mayer, Hannah Roemer	Susan Ray			
02-21	Carson	Team #9-Eldon Mikeska, Jr., capt., Mason Mikeska, Stuart Markwardt, Jimmy Loewe, Randall Zwernemann, René Zwernemann	Mike McIntosh	Brick & Debby Peele	Vickie Schroeder	Esther
02-24 Lent	Janelle	Team #10-Glenn Treude, capt., Melissa Wickel, greeter; Melvin Schoenst, René Runge, Ed Eargle, Dennis Smith	Leonita Sanders			
02-27 Saturday		Volunteers				Ann
02-28	Faith	Team #11-Tim Sanders, capt., Alvis Mueller, greeter; Steve Leppard, Amanda Leppard, Theresa Garlin, Jed Leppard	Amy Dooley	Ted & Dianne Sager	Cindy Hinze	Ann

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<p>Please Note: After worship on February 7, WELCA meets to plan the Spring Gathering.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p>	<p>1 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel</p>	<p>2 6:00-Worship Committee</p>	<p>3 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime 4:15-7:15 pm-Confirmation class in the M&M building</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 (RT-C Education Foundation fundraiser at RT Rifle Assoc. Hall; activities starting at 4:00 pm)</p>
<p>7 Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion 10:10 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study/LYO Souper Bowl of Caring (11:00-12:30-MLLS meal pickup at Carmine Hall) ▽ 2:00-4:00 pm-RT-C 4-H Club Valentine Bingo Party in the fellowship hall 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p>8 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel 9:00 am-Quilting</p>	<p>9 Council agenda deadline 5:30 pm-LWR Assembly of kits</p>	<p>10 Ash Wednesday 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime 7:00 pm-Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary with Confession of Sin, Imposition of Ashes, and Holy Communion</p>	<p>11 2:00 pm-Ladies Aid 6:30 pm-Mary Group</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion & Remembrance ▽ Baptismal Remembrance REMEMBER TO COLLECT YOUR LOOSE CHANGE FOR THE NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY</p>
<p>14 1st Sunday in Lent 9:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion led by Praise Team/▽ Baptismal Remembrance/Noisy Offering collected 10:10 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:10 am-Tone Chimes practice 10:10 am-Property Committee 11:10 am-Christian Ed Committee 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p>15 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel 1:30 pm-Sr. Citizens Domino party 6:15 pm-Church Council</p>	<p>16 Presidents Day </p>	<p>17 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime 6:00 pm-Lenten meal 7:00 pm-Lenten Service (both in Fellowship Hall). Pastor Candy O'Meara portrays the Roman Centurion</p>	<p>18  Martin Luther died on this day in 1546</p>	<p>19 Newsletter deadline</p>	<p>20 Fellowship Hall used 11:00-4:00 for shower</p>
<p>21 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion 10:10 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p>22 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel 7:00 pm-Men in Mission</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime 6:00 pm-Lenten meal 7:00 pm-Lenten Service (both in Fellowship Hall) Pastor Marcia Kifer portrays Mary, the Mother of our Lord.</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion</p>
<p>28 3rd Sunday in Lent 8:45 am-Hymn Sing 9:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion ▽ CHOIR MEETING AFTER WORSHIP 10:10 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:30 am-LYO meeting 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p>29 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel</p>				<p>January 2016 S M T W T F S 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 2016 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>