



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

Luther's Letter

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Worship w/Communion:

Sundays - 9:00 a.m.

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

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

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





Luther's Letter

Martin Luther Lutheran Church

January, 2016

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will... Ephesians 1:11

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD - January 6.

The central significance of Epiphany is that Christ came as the Light of the World for all people. Symbols for the season include *light, a star,* and the *color green,* which represents life, growth, hope and eternity.



☆ **NEW MEMBER RECEPTION** to welcome *Brick & Debby Peele* is scheduled for Sunday, January 31st. All are invited to the reception following worship to welcome these new members!

☆ **JANUARY 31st IS CAMPUS MINISTRY SUNDAY.** (See page 5 for Pastor's article about this event.)

☆ **MLLS FUNDRAISER DINNER** on Sunday, February 7. Tickets for the to-go-only meal will be ready later in January. The meal will consist of chicken-fried steak, potatoes, green beans, and gravy. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex for congregation members to bake cookies, and the MLLS students will make Valentine's cards to place with each meal.

PASTOR WILL BE AWAY (December 26th until January 2)

There will not be a worship service this Saturday, December 26th.

Pastor Marcia Kifer from Shared Lutheran Ministry will be available for emergencies at:
office. 979/249-3155
home. 979/968-3634
cell. 480/292-5641
or at: pastormarcia@cvctx.com

Pastor Derrick will be the guest preacher and worship leader this Sunday, December 27th.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

☆ **INSTALLATION OF AUXILIARY OFFICERS** is set for Sunday, January 3, during the worship service. This includes *Men in Mission, LYO, WELCA, Mary Group, and Ladies Aid*. Please report any changes in the officers to the church office by December 27.

☆ **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is set for Sunday, January 17th, following worship. **Annual reports** are due to the church office by Tuesday, January 5th.

☆ **BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY**, is set for the second Sunday of each month, starting with January 10th. (See page 4 for more about this special day).

☆ **THE ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE** is Sunday, January 24th, from 9.30-2.00 in the fellowship hall.

☆ **CARMINE CEMETERY MEETING** is set for Sunday, January 31st, at the Carmine Lions Building. All members are urged to attend.

New Sunday Adult Study Group



Beginning January 3 – Sundays at 10:15 a.m. New students are encouraged to attend. We will meet in the Bridal Room – the first room on the left as you head from the church offices and down the Education Building hallway.

Pastor David Tinker will lead our discussion.

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† 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.

January 6 - Class-4.15-7.15 p.m.
January 20 - Class-4.15-7.15 p.m.
February 3 - Class-4.15-7.15 p.m.
April 6 - Class-4.15-7.15 p.m.
April 20 - Class-4.15-7.15 p.m.

We will be reading and discussing the book "*Life Together*" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. We have ordered several books for class use. If we need more, we will order more.

About this book: In *Life Together*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, renowned Lutheran Christian minister, professor, and author of *The Cost of Discipleship*, recounts his unique fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years in Germany. Giving practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups, *Life Together* is bread for all who are hungry for the real life of Christian fellowship.

About the author: Dietrich Bonhoeffer was born in Breslau on February 4, 1906. The son of a famous German psychiatrist, he studied in Berlin and New York City. He left the safety of America to return to Germany and continue his public repudiation of the Nazis, which led to his arrest in 1943. Linked to the group of conspirators whose attempted assassination of Hitler failed, he was hanged on April 9, 1945.



✓ THANKS to Kelli Meinholdt and staff for directing a most enjoyable program by the MLLS children on December 4.

✓ THANKS to Amy Dooley for directing the meaningful December 13th Jesus' Birthday program, and to Mia Williams for directing the music.

✓ THANKS to LYO members for presenting the Christmas Eve Candlelight service, and to Mia Williams for directing the drama.

✓ THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO SHARED THEIR TALENTS IN THE DECEMBER 20th CAROL SERVICE, *Jessica and Jadon Weidemann, instrumentalists; Tone Chimes for their selections; and for singers: Bree Dooley, Reagan Williams, Darlene Etzel, Brick & Debby Peele, Mike & Terry McIntosh, Bobbie, Jessica, and Janette Weidemann, Dennis Smith, and the Sunday School students.*

✓ THANKS to those who served as Advent Wreath Blessing readers. *Ann O'Hara, Carol Carmean, Mike McIntosh, and Blake & Amber Dooley;*

✓ AND... THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO ASSEMBLED THE OUTDOOR NATIVITY SCENE, HELPED DECORATE THE SANCTUARY CHRISMON TREE, PUT UP THE ADVENT WREATHS AND BANNERS, THE ADVENT CANDLE, and DONATED POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY.

PLEASE NOTE.

(The Chrismon tree in the sanctuary will be dismantled on Sunday, January 3, after worship. The banners and wreaths will be taken down as well. Please stay to help--and Thanks!)

FRIENDLY REMINDERS.

--2016 Offering Envelopes will be mailed to you every two months

--The Noisy Offering will be collected this Sunday, December 27th. The 2015 offering was designated for Treehouse Ministries.

The 2016 offering is designated for our Companion Synod, Lutheran Ministries in the Central African Republic.

--A.M.E.N. REPORT--a TOTAL OF 233 pounds of non-perishable food items were taken to La Grange on December 17, 2015. Thanks for all contributions!

--The All-Servers Lists for 2016 were included in the December newsletter. 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.

--The 2016 Flower Chart is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers on the altar in 2016, please sign up on your chosen date. *(As of this printing, altar flowers are needed for January 24th and 31st, as well as other dates during the year).*

--The pictorial directories are scheduled to be shipped in the next several weeks.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS:

On Monday, January 4, the Unit Planning Committee will have a General Meeting, starting at 6:00 p.m. All ladies of the congregation are encouraged to attend. This is also the yearly planning meeting for 2016.

The next quilting day is Monday, January 11, at 9:00 a.m. in the Mission & Ministry Building.

Next meeting date
January 14

Bible Study theme: Christian Citizenship 101
Session 1. Confidence in God's Beginnings and Endings (Philippians 1:1-26).

At 2:00 p.m. on that day, Ladies Aid meets in the fellowship hall, with Pastor Tinker leading the Bible study. Servers are Thelma Hinze and Nancy Eilers.

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At 6:30 p.m. Mary Group meets in the parlor. Sedalia Ullrich has the opening devotion; Pastor Tinker leads the Bible study; offering meditation by Edith Flinn, and hostess is Jenell Jaster.

Baby Care ☺ Kits for Lutheran World Relief will be collected in January.

Needed for the kits are.

- Two lightweight cotton t-shirts, sizes up to 24 months
- Two long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers without feet
- Two receiving blankets
- Four cloth diapers
- One sweater, sweatshirt, or jacket with hood or include a baby cap
- Two pairs of socks
- Two bath-size bars of gentle soap
- Two diaper pins or large safety pins
- One hand towel, dark color recommended.

(Wrap all items in a receiving blanket and secure with diaper pins)



Birthday Blessings

December 11, 2015
Birthday Party
report.

Brenham Nursing and Rehab was well attended including 14 birthday celebrants and four MLLC ladies—

Dianna Gerland, Sara Eilers, Nancy Eilers, and Sedalia Ullrich. Cheese, ham salad, and chicken salad sandwiches, cheese puffs, cake, and punch were served to approximately 30 persons. The group joined in singing familiar old school and Christmas songs. MLLC members observing birthdays were LeVerne Hinze and Shirley Mueller.

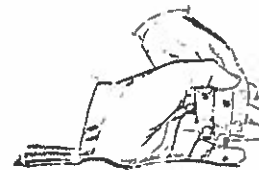
ON THE PRAYER LIST:

Most recently: Alvis Mueller (recent hospitalization); Jerry Wickel (Praise Team member, health concerns); Bertha Ruether (mother of Esther Kelley, hospitalized in Austin); Pastor Robert Sorensen (Pastor at Phillipsburg, hospitalized); Gwendolyn Williams (wife of Pastor Johnny Williams of Somerville and friend of Bill Derrick, hospitalized); 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); 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); Dorothy Marth (health concerns); Velorie Dippel (cousin of Dorothy Rothemel, 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); and Grace Marie O'Quinn (friend of Bill Derrick, newborn with health concerns).

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 (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).



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 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.

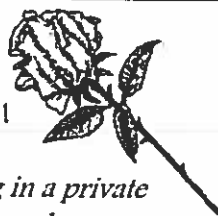
Family and Friends: Msgr. Scott Busby, Rowdy Chaddock, Michael Martin, Wacey Lanier, Jonathan Noak, Justyn Bearden, Wade Friedrich, Scott Busby, James Dunham, and all who serve, known and unknown, in harm's way.

† **Christian Sympathy to the families and friends of:** Brittany Ridley (niece of Carol & Roger Sommerfeld and 2006 RT-C graduate); Doris White (mother of friend, Clinton "Clinky" White); Rosa Lee Krebs (friend from Shelby); Steven (Pete) Davenport (son of friends, Charlene & Tom Davenport of Giddings); Leonard Addicks (friend of Bill Derrick); and Leroy "Buddy" Lorenz (former principal at Giddings High School).



Lloyd Zwernemann	01
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Clarence Jaster	02
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Jennifer Tinker	03
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LaVerne Kunkel	05
Todd Dooley	06
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Kirby Tappe	07
Valerie Moore	08
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Jill Eilers	09
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Michelle Pratt	11
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Colter Siptak	13
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Ron Mueller	15
Terry Roemer	16
Ashley Weiss	18
Thelma Hinze	20
Eugene Muehlbrad	20
Emily Wright	21
Hannah Pawlak	22
Dawn Miller	24
Cherrie Wines	24
Mandy Schoenst	25
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Michelle Kohring	28
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THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS!



* Joyce Lehmann, (living in a private care facility in Giddings), sends a thank-you by way of Brenda Callahan, to the ladies who brought her the beautiful poinsettia.

* Thanks to the Office Helpers for December. Cheryl Etzel and Melissa Wickel folded bulletins; Thelma Hinze sent bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors; Nancy Eilers and Leatha Miller assembled the January newsletter, and Betty Porter put supplies in pews as well.

* Congratulations to Taylor Jacob for her barrel racing awards she won again in Las Vegas.

* Congratulations to Lyndell & Allen Woodruff on the birth of their son, Rhyder Thomas Woodruff, born December 10, 2015, in Louisiana. Rhyder weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz. and measured 21". He is welcomed by his sister, Tinley Ann. From MLLC, grandparents are Jane & Darrell Marek and great-grandparents are Floyd and Jocie Braun.

Baptismal Anniversary Sundays

Starting January 10, 2016
By Pastor David Tinker



God loves us and we are ever thankful for the blessing of the gift of Holy Baptism. Starting in 2016 we will have a monthly celebration of the Baptismal Anniversaries of folks of MLLC who were baptized that month. This will be an ongoing celebration event each month for the years to come.

We begin this celebration on the festival of the Baptism of our Lord. That is January 10 this year. It is always the 1st Sunday after the Epiphany, which is January 6 each year.

How we will do this:

An invitation will be mailed to all honorees for that month, noting the special day.

We will have a brief recognition of Baptismal Anniversaries at worship. This will take place at the time of the Creed (or at another appropriate time when a baptism is scheduled for that Sunday).

Honorees for that month's Baptismal Anniversaries will be invited forward as a group. If mobility is a struggle for you, consider finding a seat near the front of the Sanctuary on that day. Note that nobody will be singled out to make a speech or anything like that.

A brief baptismal affirmation liturgy will take place. This will include an optional contact with the water in the baptismal font.

We will pray for the faith of the honorees that month. Honorees will then return to their places for the prayers and the remainder of the service.

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LENT starts February 10

In our Lenten 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 February newsletter.

Missing Baptismal Dates

We have most baptism dates for people in the congregation. We are still missing about 10% of the baptismal dates for our membership. Often times these are for individuals who were baptized somewhere other than MLLC. As we secure this information we will add those individuals to the invitations for this special recognition. Please let the church office know if your baptismal date was missed. We want to make this a special blessing for all.

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION REPORT:

date	attendance	general	school	building
11-25	49	486.00	-0-	-0-
11-28	18	355.00	-0-	-0-
11-29	81	1,500.00	435.00	-0-
12-02	40	349.00	-0-	5.00
12-04 (MLLS program)	100?	190.79	-0-	-0-
12-06	63	4,038.90	1,290.00	60.00
12-09	35	532.00	60.00	-0-
12-12	12	147.00	-0-	-0-
12-13	136	2,684.05	4,935.00	55.50
12-16	30	341.00	-0-	-0-
12-20	130	3,907.00	2,525.93	150.00

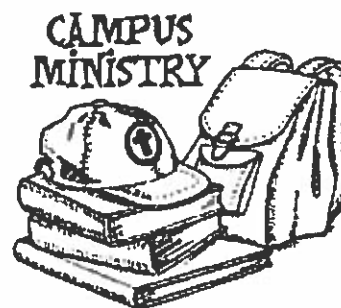
**Campus Ministry Sunday – January 31,
Worship at 9:00 a.m.**

**By Pastor Mindy Roll, Lutheran Campus Pastor
at Texas A&M and Blinn College**

Howdy Martin Luther! On Sunday, January 31, get ready to have your pulpits Aggie-fied – it's Campus Ministry Sunday! As you may know, for the last three years now, Treehouse (the Lutheran Campus Ministry at Texas A&M and Blinn College) has sent out students to our College Station and Brenham-area churches at the end of January to share the good news of Jesus through the lens of the life-changing work of campus ministry. It's a nerve-racking, joy-filled, and FUN experience for students, and we are grateful for the warm welcome our preachers always receive. Thank you for loving these students so well.

So, what is campus ministry? This is the biggest question I get as a campus pastor, and I sum it up like this: it's the place where the questioning faith of adolescence begins to mature into the complex, deep faith of adulthood. It's the place where questions about *what* I believe transform into questions about *how* to live a life of compelling discipleship. As such, Treehouse is about a few things: weekly Bible study where we come face-to-face with an always-surprising God; weekly worship where we come face-to-face with a challenging, welcoming community; and weekly service, where we come face-to-face with Jesus himself. These things together shape our students into disciples who have so much to teach the rest of the church (for they have taught me much!).

And who exactly is coming? TWO phenomenal Treehouse students will be co-preaching at Martin Luther on January 31. Generally, we like to pair an older, more confident student with a younger or newer-to-faith student. These pairs will have studied the text for several weeks, attended a preaching workshop, co-written a sermon together, and will have had the sermon reviewed. Most pairs will be accompanied by one of our great board members.



Wait! Are you a current student at A&M and Blinn or a soon-to-be freshman? We can't wait to meet you! Come introduce yourself to our preachers so we can get you connected to the ministry. Your life will never be the same. We mean it.

Again, thank you people of Martin Luther for all of your support of this vital ministry. Your encouragement, generosity, and prayers make a tremendous difference in the lives of so many students and young adults. This ministry happens because of you, and we are grateful.

See you on January 31 at 9:00 a.m.!

Pastor Mindy Roll & the students of Treehouse
Facebook – ELCA Campus Ministry of the Brazos Valley
www.treehouseministries.com

Special Note: At worship on Campus Ministry the people of MLLC will present a check to the folks from Treehouse. This will be the combined donations from 2015 from our "Noisy Offering" and other donations. Thank you all for your generosity in 2015.

CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY:

The Church Council of Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Carmine, Texas met for its monthly meeting in the church parlor on Monday December 21, 2015, at 6:15 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Council President Todd Dooley. Pastor David Tinker and seven Council members were present with two members absent. Todd Dooley provided the devotion.

The minutes for the November 16, 2015, Council meeting were presented. A motion passed to accept the minutes. The **Treasurer's Report** was presented. Year-to-date expenses ending November 30, 2015, for MLLC (not including MLLS) were \$395,331.60 of which \$158,749.97 were for the parsonage renovations. Total income year-to-date was \$237,290.49. Overall for the year-to-date, excluding expenses for the parsonage and multi-purpose building, the Church has a net loss of \$6,352.07.

For the month of November, 2015, MLLC expenses were \$28,841.20 and income was \$16,568.61. For the MLLS, total year-to-date expenses ending November 30, 2015, were \$164,508.93. Total year-to-date income for MLLS was \$154,369.83. For the month of November 2015, MLLS expenses were \$18,109.18 and income was \$13,501.91. A motion passed to accept the report as presented. Discussion was made concerning the budget for the parsonage. It is projected that the expenses for the parsonage will remain within the approved budget for the project.

Pastor David Tinker made the following report. The future wedding of Shelby Markwardt and Robert Vaughn is scheduled for July 30, 2016. Pastor continues to lead the adult Sunday School classes and Chapel with the MLLS students. Pastor attended several committee meetings in November as well as the Brazos Valley Hospice luncheon. Pastor continues to work on the webpage and he is working on plans for Baptismal Anniversary Sundays beginning in 2016. Confirmation class continues with Bethlehem Lutheran in Round Top. MLLC has two students in the program this year. Pastor will be on vacation from Dec. 26th - Jan. 2nd. Upcoming special dates: Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve service; Dec. 25th - Christmas Day service; Dec. 26th - no Saturday service; Jan. 10th - 1st Baptismal Anniversary Sunday; Jan. 26 - 27th - Tri-Synodical Theological Conference in Arlington; Jan. 31st - Campus Ministry Sunday & New Member Reception; Feb. 6th - Shared Ministry event @ St. Paul in Shelby; & Feb. 10th - Lent begins with Ash Wednesday service @ 7pm.

The MLLS Day School reported enrollment numbers for November, 2015, were 24 full-time students and six part-time students. One staff member resigned and was replaced while another staff returned from maternity leave. November had three payroll periods. Fund Raiser orders were paid during November with money received

in October. Students are practicing for the Christmas program to be held on Dec. 4th.

The **Worship Committee** made the following report. The sign-up sheet for the December 20th carol service was filled. The service was a big success. The Prayer Chain is ready to activate again. The new lists have been mailed out and activated. Lent begins in February with Ash Wednesday service on February 10th. Lenten services will be held "in the round" again this year in the Fellowship Hall preceded by a meal by various groups. Date available to sign-up are Feb. 17th & 24th and March 2, 9, & 16th. The sign-up sheet will be available in the office. We will have "Rotating Pastors" again this year as well from neighboring congregations. The second Sunday of each month, we will be celebrating everyone's baptism for the month starting in January. Council discussed the idea of hosting a polka service sometime during the year separate from the Harvest Fest service.

The **Christian Education Committee** reported that the Sunday School program went very well. Amber Dooley thanked the Council for support their efforts. **Outreach Committee** reported that a new member reception will be planned for January 31st in conjunction with the Campus Ministry group presentation. The **Property Committee** reported that work continues at the parsonage and work has begun on the parking lot for the multipurpose building.

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. No one has stepped up to fill these positions. Members are also sought for the Day School committee.

A preliminary annual budget for 2016 was discussed. More work needs to be done on the budget before Council can approve it for presentation to the congregation. MLLC staff bonuses were discussed at great length. A proposal was presented and passed to give MLLC staff bonuses which are all within the approved budgeted totals. The annual congregational meeting will be held following services on January 17th. All committee annual reports need to be submitted to the church office before January 5th to be prepared for the congregation.

The next regular Council meeting was set for Monday January 18, 2016 at 6:15PM. Pastor Tinker 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*



MLLS JANUARY REPORT:

Please mark your calendars for our **Sunday, February 7, fundraiser** at Carmine Hall. See page one of this newsletter for more information.

In our classrooms during the month of January, we will be exploring the theme, *"Wonderful Winter"*. We will learn about snow, New Year's Day, winter animals, discover the oval shape, the color Purple, numbers 7 and 8, opposites, Boy/Girl; and Letters, Ll, Mm, and Nn; Positive Behavior, Caring about others; Science, Snow.

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

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

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

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

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!

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 Brenda Townsley

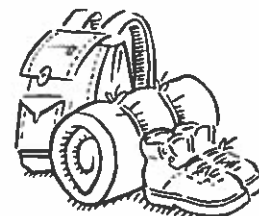


AREA UPCOMING EVENT:

* Round Top Family Library is hosting the 12th annual **Chili Cookoff** on Saturday, January 16, starting at noon on the Round Top Town Square. Look for more information as the time approaches, or e-mail: barbara@ilovetoread.org

LUTHERHILL 2016 NEWS:



Summer Camp Group
Registration
How-To Guide



Lutherhill suggests all groups, no matter what size, register using their Group Registration Form (*in the church office*). This helps ensure campers are accounted for and housed together. February 15 is the deadline for individual registration forms to be filled out and returned to Lutherhill.

When submitting the Group Registration Form, include also a non-refundable deposit of \$100 per camper (including sponsors) to their office. Their registrar is Laura Lyons, and she can be reached at laura@lutherhill.org or 979/249-3232, ext. 19.

Early Bird Discounts of \$20.00 per camper are given when Lutherhill receives the total camp balance and all individual registration forms by March 15. (This does not apply to sponsor registrations). Pastors and Sponsors receive a 20% discount when accompanying a youth group to camp.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2016</h1> 						
3 2 nd Sunday of Christmas/and the Epiphany of Our Lord 9:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion/Installation of Auxiliary Officers 10:10 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm-AA meeting	4 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel 6:00 pm-WELCA Unit Planning Committee & General Meeting	5 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE 6:00-Worship Committee	6 Epiphany of Our Lord 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime 4:15-7:15 pm-confirmation class in the M&M building	7 2:00 pm-Ladies Aid 6:30 pm-Mary Group	8 New Year's Day Day Care & office closed	9 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion REMEMBER TO COLLECT YOUR LOOSE CHANGE FOR THE NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY
10 Baptism of Our Lord 1 st Sunday after Epiphany Baptismal Remembrance Day 9:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion led by Praise Team/Noisy Offering collected 10:10 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:10 am-Property Committee 11:10 am-Christian Ed Committee 5:00 pm-AA meeting	11 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel 9:00 am-Quilting 6:30 pm-Stewardship meeting	12 Council agenda deadline	13 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime	14 2:00 pm-Ladies Aid 6:30 pm-Mary Group	15	16
17 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion Annual Congregational Meeting after worship 10:10 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm-AA meeting	18 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel 1:30 pm-Sr. Citizens Domino party 6:15 pm-Church Council	19	20 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime 4:15-7:15 pm-confirmation class in the M&M building	21	22 Newsletter deadline	23 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion
24 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany 8:45 am-Hymn Sing 9:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion 9:30-2:00-Blood Drive in fellowship hall 10:10 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:30 am-LYO meeting 5:00 pm-AA meeting	25 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel 7:00 pm-Men in Mission	26	27 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime	28	29	30
31 4 th Sunday after Epiphany Campus Ministry Sunday 9:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion 10:10 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm-AA meeting						December 2015 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 February 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

Servers for:



Assisting Ministers: Dianna Gerland (01-3),

Susan Bathe (01-09, 01-24), Leonita Sanders (01-10),

Dana Smith (01-17), Jessica Weidemann (01-23)

Bobbie Weidemann (01-31)

Send Bulletins to shut-ins and Cards to visitors: Cherrie Wines

February newsletter assemblers: Carol Hall & Betty Porter

(the weekend of January 29th or 30th)

Offering Counters: - Shelley Scheffer, Karen Dooley,

Jessica Weidemann

Bulletin Folders: Boo & Gene Goolsby

Put Supplies in pews: Cheryl Etzel

Prepare Communion for shut-ins: Dean & Joyce Ullrich

Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Lay Readers	Altar Flowers	Communion assistants	Communion set-up
01-03	Hannah	Team #20- Floyd Etzel, capt. & greeter; Cheryl Etzel, RaChelle Etzel, Casey Lange, Codie Lange	Amy Dooley	Pastor David & Miles Tinker		Vickie
01-09		Volunteers				Connie
01-10	Faith	Team #1- Wade Eilers, capt., David Eilers, greeter; Christy Kelley, Daryl Ray, Melba Zingelmann, Patti Hart	Bobbie Weidemann	Conway & Marlene Waak	Dana Smith	Connie
01-17	Carson	Team #2- Reuben Wunderlich, capt., Ronda Kunkel, greeter, Marlene Waak, greeter, Dianne Sager, greeter; Jack Flinn, Robbie Stork	Dana Smith	Brick & Debby Peele	Susan Ray	Karen (green paraments)
01-23		Volunteers				Debbie
01-24	Janette	Team #3- Barbara Jacob, capt. & greeter; Jerry Jacob, Yvonne Moore, Tucker Jacob, Sedalia Ullrich, Jessica Weidemann	Susan Bathe		Jocie Jacob- Braun	Debbie
01-31	Hannah	Team #4- Gene Goolsby, capt. & greeter, Cindy Hinze, greeter, Conway Waak, greeter; Morgan Mikeska, Breanna Marburger, Kayla Peters	Kayla Peters		Amy Dooley	Jessica