



Martin Luther Lutheran Church  
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P. O. Box 362  
Carmine, TX 78932

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

## Luther's Letter

a monthly publication of  
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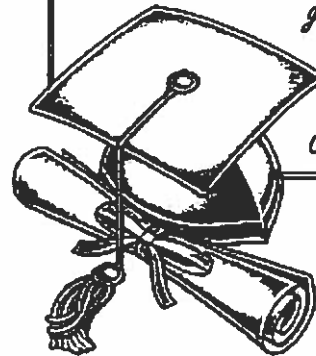
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### Worship schedule:

Sunday School for all -Sundays 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday worship w/Holy Communion - 10:00 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month - Worship w/Holy  
Communion 6:00 p.m.

Church Council: Blake Dooley-President; Tim Sanders-  
President-elect; Anita Drydale-Secretary; Cindy Weidemann-  
Treasurer; Jessica Weidemann-Worship Committee;  
Karen Roemer-Stewardship Committee; Dana Smith-  
Christian Education Committee; Cheryl Etzel-Outreach/Care  
Committee; Brick Peele-Property Committee

*But the wisdom that  
comes from heaven  
is first of all pure; then  
peaceable, gentle, willing to  
yield, full of mercy and  
good fruits,  
impartial  
and sincere.  
James 3:17*





# Luther's Letter

Martin Luther Lutheran Church

June, 2017

O Lord, how manifold are your works! Psalm 104:24

## SPECIAL DAYS IN JUNE

→ Day of Pentecost - June 4  
(Worship at MLLC at 10:00 a.m.)

The Day of Pentecost of the *fiftieth day of the Easter season*. On that fiftieth day we celebrate God the Holy Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. We give thanks for the dramatic outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Disciples as they were gathered in one place in Jerusalem. On that day the Holy Spirit came as a rush of violent wind and as tongues of fire on the disciples. They were then sent out by the Spirit to proclaim in various languages the mighty acts of God, specifically the saving work of Jesus through his death on the cross and his rising from the dead. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. *Read about the Day of Pentecost in Acts, chapter 2.*

→ Reception for all Graduates after worship - June 4. →  
Congratulations to the following:



Tana Brooks is graduating from RT-C High School.

Cole Garlin is graduating from La Grange High School.

Tucker Jacob graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in May, 2017.

Emily Meinholdt is graduating from RT-C High School.

Jordan Peters graduated on March 11, 2017, from Dental Assisting Options. She is a Registered Dental Assistant, and is employed by Light Pediatric Dental located in College Station.

Colter Siptak is graduating from La Grange High School with plans to attend Southwestern University to play football while obtaining a degree in accounting.

→ WELCA Salad Supper - June 7, 7:00 p.m. See the WELCA report on page 2 for more information. All ladies of the congregation are invited!

→ The Holy Trinity - June 11  
From Psalm 8:1 - *O Lord, our sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*"

→ Father's Day - June 18.  
A reception for all fathers, *father-figures, and sons of fathers* is planned on that day following worship. Thank you for all you do for your families!

→ Summer Camping envelopes, attached to this page, may be returned at any time during June. As always, those who receive e-newsletters may pick up their envelopes in the narthex.

Confirmation Camp is June 18-23 at Lutherhill. Janette Weidemann, Miles Tinker, and Tyler Marth will be attending from MLLC.

→ Flag Day is June 14. Remember to salute our U.S. flag on this day!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is set for June 11-15 (Sunday through Thursday) from 5:30 to 7:45 p.m., with closing on Sunday, June 18, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

June 1 is the deadline to register to receive a t-shirt. You may register later, and walk-ins are welcome, but you will not be guaranteed a t-shirt.

Children ages 3-completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade and any family members who wish to participate with children are invited! Extra registrations forms are in the church office.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to provide a meal and cookies.

See you at VBS!

## ♪ ATTENTION, MUSICIANS! ♪

--Tone Chimes will take a break during June and July, and will start again in August. Please watch bulletins and newsletters for the next rehearsal.

--Next Choir practice is set for 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 4. The group will sing "Father, I Adore You". Anyone who enjoys singing is always welcome to join!

--If anyone is interested in the Texas Lutheran University School of Music Texas All-State Lutheran Music Camp being held July 6-8, 2017, at TLU in Seguin, please note that the deadline to register at \$100 is June 16.

After June 16, the fee will be \$200. Visit [www.tlu.edu/lutheran-all-state](http://www.tlu.edu/lutheran-all-state) to register.

## REPORT ON THE CROSS-ROADS SHARED MINISTRY MEETING OF MAY 13

The four-church Shared Ministry group met on Saturday, May 13, at Waldeck Lutheran Church. Representatives from Bethlem-Round Top, Waldeck-Ledbetter, St. Paul-Shelby, and MLLC met to discuss how our ministries are doing both individually as well as together. One area of special note was the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. Jennifer Tinker was designated as the coordinator of the work to bring a group from our four churches to this special event. Youth who are in grades 8-12 as of September 15, 2017, are eligible to participate in this gathering.

(See page 8 for more about volunteering for this event).

The group will meet again on Saturday, August 12, 9-11 a.m. at MLLC.



The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession is observed on Sunday, June 25. *The Augsburg Confession is the document written in 1530 by Philip Melancthon, a student of Martin Luther, and it has become a public declaration of the Evangelical Lutheran faith.*

## WELCA NEWS:



---Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control  
*Galations 5:22-23*

June 7 Banquet - theme is "Fruits of the Spirit" using fruit in bowls for decorations. Ladies are asked to bring salads of meat, vegetables, or dessert. Please join us for an evening of fellowship, food, fun, entertainment, and singing!

(Decorating for the banquet is on June 6, 3:00 p.m.)

The WELCA General Meeting is held after worship on Sunday, June 11.

### Regular meeting:

Thursday, June 8

Bible Study Theme: *All Anew, Ready or Not*

(Theme of the 2017 Triennial Gathering)

Ladies Aid meets at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Bible study by *Susan Ray*. Servers are all Ladies Aid members.

Mary Group meets at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor. Opening devotion is by *Joys Baird*, Bible study by *Dianna Gerland*, and Offering Meditation by *Barbara Jacob*. Hostess is *Terry McIntosh*.

## Upcoming events:

-- Quilting days: The regular quilting day is June 12 at 9:00 a.m. AND—on Saturday, June 24, at 10:00-1:00 a.m., the Lydia WELCA group will quilt. Everyone is welcome! Bring your daughters—no experience is necessary!

--Birthday party at Brenham Nursing & Rehab, June 16 - 3:00 p.m.

--Birthday party at Argent Court-Brenham, July 14, 2:30 p.m.

--The WELCA Triennial Gathering is set for July 13-16 in Minneapolis, MN

--The WELCA Synod Convention is August 26 at St. Paul's-Brenham.

## THANKS YOU'S

♥ Thanks to the office helpers for May: Carol Hall folded bulletins; Cherrie Wines & Marlene Waak compiled the June newsletter; Nancy Eilers & Carol Carmean sent bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors; and Vickie Schroeder put supplies in pews. Your help is always greatly appreciated!!

♥ To MLLC from the Family of Lynda Kominczak

*During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives*

*really mean to us*

*Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered*

Your expressions of sympathy were greatly appreciated and never will be forgotten. Thank you, Pastor Tinker, for officiating at Lynda's funeral. Thank you, Ms. Nancy, for playing the organ.

Thank you to the ladies who prepared and served lunch. Also, thank you to the ladies who handled the memorials.

*Thanks, Randy, Robert & Stormy*

Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries  
June 2017 Happenings  
Waldeck Lutheran Church – St. Paul Lutheran Church – Shelby  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Round Top – Martin Luther Lutheran Church - Carmine

**Martin Luther Lutheran Church – Carmine**

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Located at the corner of  
Luther Ln & Augsburg Ave,  
just a block south of US 290.

<http://mlccarmine.com>

Find us on Facebook

Worship on Sunday – 10:00 a.m.

Worship on 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

Cell 979-530-6091/home 979-278-3384

President, Blake Dooley 832-260-2742

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

**Monthly Study/Fellowship Groups**

\*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

**Vacation Bible School**

June 11-15 (Sunday – Thursday)

5:30 – 7:45 p.m.

Closing – 10:00 a.m. Sunday, June 18

VBS 2017 is designed for students age three  
through those who have just completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Parents are invited to participate with their student.

Theme:

**Rome – Paul and the Underground Church**

Experience the Thrill of Visiting an Underground  
Church!

Explore a crowded Roman marketplace, tiptoe past  
watchful Roman guards, encourage first-century  
Christians who meet in a dark cave, race chariots,  
and visit Paul for daily discoveries about God's  
love.

For registration – call the church office – 979-278-  
3388 or see the web site:

[mlccarmine.com/vacation-bible-school-2017/](http://mlccarmine.com/vacation-bible-school-2017/)

**Waldeck Lutheran Church – Waldeck**

6915 Waldeck Church Ln

Ledbetter, TX 78946

Located at the intersection of

FM 1291 and FM 2145

(979) 249-3802

Find us on Facebook

Worship on Sunday – 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

Pastor David Tinker

Cell 979-530-6091/home 979-278-3384

President: Sue Schoenst 979-250-1783

**Parables Bible Study**

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

This month's study will be on Wednesday, June 28,  
at 10:30 a.m. He will be using the Crossways  
International Bible study course - the Parables of  
Jesus. All are invited. The class uses dynamic  
graphics to help us visualize and understand God's  
Word. The image shows the book cover for the  
course - which depicts some of the teaching  
graphics. We look forward to seeing you at this new  
study group.

Contact Pastor David Tinker (979-249-3802 or 979-  
278-3388) with questions.

Vacation Bible School – Dates to be announced.

**Shared Ministry News**

The next 4 Church "Crossroads Shared Lutheran  
Ministries" meeting will be on Saturday, August 12,  
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June 2017 Happenings  
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Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Round Top – Martin Luther Lutheran Church - Carmine

**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

June 4<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM Confirmation during worship

June 28-June 30 BLC Vacation Bible School  
5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. (Closing July 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 a.m.)

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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](http://www.stpaulshelby.org)

Find us on Facebook  
Regular Sunday Service time – 8:00 AM  
– Sunday School @ 9:45 AM  
Pastor John David Nedbalek – cell 210-422-7599  
President: Verlyne Aschenbeck 979-250-1442

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

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

Game Day – First Wednesday of each month  
from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Open to the community.  
Everyone is welcome. Bring snack, board game,  
dominoes, etc.

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*Shell with water —  
The shell with three  
droplets of water sym-  
bolizes the sacrament  
of baptism in general or  
the baptism of Christ,  
specifically. The three  
water droplets signify  
the Holy Trinity —  
Father, Son and  
Holy Spirit.*



**Resolve to  
Pray for  
the  
following  
persons:**

Ronnie Eckert (recent surgery); Bill Derrick (recent minor surgery); Barbara Thane (Karen Roemer's aunt and friend Debbie Jacob's sister, cancer); Bob Porter (Betty Porter's husband, health concerns); May Dell Steinfeld (friend of David & Sara Eilers, health concerns); Martha Leonhardt (Ronnie Hinze's aunt, health concerns); Ella Mae Love (Raymond Rosenbaum's mother, health concerns); Lucas Smith (Cole Garlin's baseball friend from Columbus, Hodgkins-Lymphoma); Bruce Muske (Carol Hall's son-in-law, cancer); Mike Michalka (from Sealy, relative of Dorothy Rothermel, leukemia); Linda Mattocks (cancer surgery, back home); Alan Juergens (Ruby Renck's son, health concerns);

Barbara Urban Schultz (friend of Susan Bathe, cancer); Susan Ray (foot surgery); Saline Weintraub (friend of Susan Ray for continuing courage and strength); Lee Odis Lang (friend, prayers for healing); Izzy Depaz (10-year-old niece and granddaughter of workers at JW's, leukemia); and Jim Lightner (relative of Brick & Debby Peele, serious health issues).

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** El Gene Schulle (friend from Brenham, health concerns); Gene Pawlak (Dale Pawlak's uncle, health concerns); Jennifer Schulze Baker (friend from Burton); Dale Walker (friend of Susan Bathe, health concerns); Paula Watkins (Carmine resident, RV park owner, cancer);

Kaitlyn Fritz (teenage friend of Bill Derrick from Brenham, rare disease); Jimmy Alvarado (friend Missy Weidemann's grandfather, in hospital with pneumonia); Perry Crow (friend of Cherrie Wines, recovering from liver and kidney transplant soon); Russell Zickler (former band director and friend of the Weidemanns, cancer); Josephine Canik (Carol Hall's sister-in-law, cancer);

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); Joey Pomykal (Paula Barrick's step-nephew, medical concerns); Bertha Ruether (Esther Kelley's mother); Don Steinbach (former member, stem cell transplant); Michael (Butch) Schulz (Barbara Schulz's husband, health concerns); Milton Poehls (Pauline Peetsy Fischer's brother, cancer and heart trouble); Jimmy Flinn (eye problems and stroke); Herman (Ham) Kovar (Rick Kovar's father, back problems);

Mary Edwards (Linda Kovar's sister, battling lupus); Nelson Neutzler (friend of Alvis Mueller, health concerns); Josh Dow (16-year-old friend of Wade & Nancy Eilers, cancer); Amanda Sebastian (friend from Blue Bell Creameries and Randall Kohring's cousin, brain tumor); Lisa Mayer (health concerns); and Delores Oppermann (niece of Joyce Eilers, cancer).

**Members in Care and Assisted Living Facilities:** Joyce Lehmann (at private care facility in Giddings); Verline Schulte (Brenham Rest Home); Elvera Limmer, Shirley Mueller, and Joyce Eilers (Brenham Nursing & Rehab); Elvira Dallmeyer and Bernice Pratt (at Argent Court, Brenham); Angeline Zwernemann (Jefferson Place Assisted Living, La Grange).

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

**Military Personnel:** MLLC members Joseph Vogel and Bryan Miller.

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

† Our Christian Sympathy to the friends & families of: Erwin Thiel (Andy Eckert's father-in-law); Lynda Kominczak, Cody Mitschke (Giddings High School student), and Justin Hernandez (RT-C sophomore student)

## SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT

The 2017 Assembly of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod was held May 18-20, at the Hilton Houston North. Voting members from MLLC were: Mike McIntosh, Terry McIntosh, Jennifer Tinker and Pastor David Tinker.

The Theme of the Assembly was "Who is my neighbor?" In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus is asked, "Who is my neighbor?" The lawyer doing the asking was perhaps looking for a loophole in the laws of the day or hoping for a shortcut to eternal life. Jesus' answer was surprising. The person who truly acted like a neighbor was not the upper class priest or Levite but instead was the Samaritan, the outsider of that society. He invites us to not limit who our neighbor is, but to be the neighbor to those we encounter in this life.

### The Good Samaritan



We know that God tells us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, he takes this commandment even further by saying, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

The 2017 Synod Assembly worked to address the question, "Who is my neighbor?"



**Synod Assembly report continued--**

Members of marginalized communities shared their stories and experiences with us. Voting members were invited to engage in conversation and reflection.

The music for worship and fellowship was provided by the ELCA Glocal Musicians. These are musicians of various ethnic and societal backgrounds who work within the ELCA to share Christian songs from around the world.

Their mission is to equip for God's work in global and local realities, as well as their "glocal" intersections.

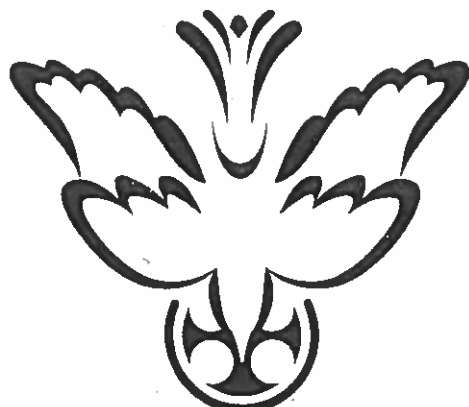
After serving 8 years as Synod Vice President, Evan Moilan has stepped down from his role. The Assembly elected Robert Rivera as our new Synod Vice President. Robert is a member of St. James Lutheran Church in Houston.

The ELCA Churchwide Representative at the Assembly was Judith Roberts. She serves as ELCA Program Director for Racial Justice. She and her team work to educate, equip, and engage leaders to analyze the systems of racism and identify solutions that create equitable outcomes within and outside of the ELCA. The Racial Justice ministries of the ELCA serves as catalyst and bridge builder committed to the work of equipping leaders to recognize and understand the complexity and implications of racism and racial issues. Through partnerships with synods, congregations, associations, and agencies, Racial Justice supports training and education in the areas of anti-racism and racial justice.

**+ Christian Symbols +**

**Descending Dove**

The descending dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. "As soon as Jesus was baptized, he ... saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove" (Matthew 3:16, NIV). The three-rayed nimbus around the dove's head identifies the Spirit as a member of the Trinity. A dove shown without the nimbus is a symbol of peace.



**MLLC Financial Information**

**April 2017 Year to Date**

Total Income	\$85,655.18
Total Expenses	78,881.10
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>\$ 6,774.08</b>

**April 2017 Month**

Total Income	\$25,686.76
Total Expenses	19,096.95
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>\$ 6,589.81</b>

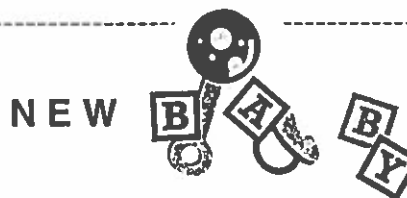
**Year to Date Expenses Highlights:**

Salaries and Benefits	\$53,042.59
Property Insurance	6,129.95
Benevolences	4,811.99
Utilities	4,806.74
Printing	2,433.31
Supplies & Forms	1,497.01
Bulletins & Envelopes	1,248.38



**ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION REPORT:**

date	attendance	general	school	building
04-30	70	2,309.09	-0-	-0-
05-07	80	2,955.00	-0-	25.00
05-13	28	1,175.00	-0-	30.00
05-14	109	3,610.00	-0-	150.00
05-21	75	6,191.45	-0-	30.00



**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Clint & RaChelle Kuecker on the birth of their son, Jax Everett Kuecker, born May 1, 2017, at St. Mark's Medical Center in La Grange. Jax weighed 7.96 pounds and measured 20 inches in length. From MLLC, grandparents are Floyd & Cheryl Etzel, and great-grandfather is Otto L. Fuchs, Jr.

## Living Faith in the Summer Months

By Pastor David Tinker



June is the beginning of our summer pattern of life in our culture. Even if we are not in school or don't have students in our families we often do things at least a little different in the summer months. Many will take more weekend trips. Others take more extended vacations and will be away for a week or more. Many youths participate in Vacation Bible School, Lutheran Church Camp, or other camps and programs.

Many youth spend more time with grandparents during these months. Some of us take on extra or different work schedules due to seasonal situations. No matter what the reason, we do things differently in the summer months.

We are still called to follow the way of Jesus and to be part of his community of faith in the summer. Here are some ways you can keep connected with God, his people and his ministries throughout this time of year. These are listed in no particular order.

1) Plan your weekends around being able to attend worship. Remember our weekend schedule – Sundays at 10:00 a.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. Also remember that Waldeck Lutheran Church – our partner congregation – offers worship at 8:00 a.m. each Sunday.

2) If you will be away for the weekend, plan ahead to worship at a local congregation. The ELCA web site has a search page to find a

local church where you are traveling:  
<http://www.elca.org/tools/FindACongregation>

I do my very best to not miss worship on Sunday when I am away. I enjoy getting to meet other Christians and to see what they do in their faith community.

Sometimes our family can't find a local Lutheran church to attend. In such cases we have often found an Episcopal Church to attend in the community.

I always enjoy hearing from you when you return from vacations as you tell me about the churches you have visited while away. If you remember it, please bring an extra copy of the Sunday bulletin for me to see.

3) Seek ways to serve your neighbor as a volunteer throughout the summer. This could be through any number of local organizations. It could also simply be finding ways to serve neighbors in need. Pray that the Lord will open your eyes to needs that you can help answer with your service.

4) Invest in your practice of daily devotions and prayer time. Continue a good pattern, or start a daily practice. We have devotional materials at the church. Use the daily prayers suggested by Martin Luther in the Small Catechism. Ask me if you need some help getting started.

5) Read a Christian Classic book. I personally enjoy the works of C. S. Lewis, especially "Mere Christianity".

6) Work on creating or improving Sabbath time practices. Carve out a day of rest, prayer and study of God's Word, such as Sunday. Consider putting aside handheld devices. Eat meals together as a household. Take a good nap. If your work is more sedentary, do something which gets you moving and outside.

7) Keep up with your regular offerings. Together we will still

have expenses such as utilities and staffing throughout the summer. When you miss a week of offerings, either make up the next week you are at worship or send in your offering envelope by mail. You can also begin using the automated giving service which we are rolling out this year. Contact me if you have questions about this.

8) Find a way to participate in Vacation Bible School at MLLC. We are offering this June 11-15.

(Sunday-Thursday), 5:30 – 7:45 p.m. The closing will be on Sunday, June 18, at our 10:00 a.m. worship service.

9) If you have been missing worship in recent months, then get back to church this summer.

I look forward to seeing you this summer, and to hearing how your summer faith practices are going.

## † OFFICIAL ACT IN APRIL:

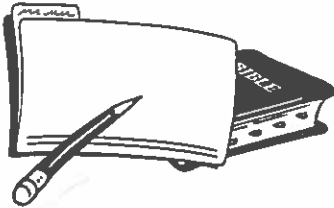


The funeral service for Lynda Kominczak was conducted at MLLC on Saturday, April 29, 2017, with burial at Carmine Cemetery. Ms. Lynda passed away on April 27, 2017, in Victoria at the age of 39 years.

Christian Sympathy to her Family and Friends.







## MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

*The meeting date was changed from Monday, May 15, 2017, due to numerous council member schedule conflicts.*

Members Present: Blake Dooley, Tim Sanders, Cindy Weidemann, Jessica Weidemann, Karen Roemer, Cheryl Etzel, Dana Smith, Brick Peele, and Pastor David Tinker

Absent: Anita Drydale – was not able to attend meeting due to the change of date.

Minutes recorded by Pastor David Tinker in her absence.

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m. by Blake Dooley, council president.

### School Committee Discussion

Presented by Buck Williams (chair of committee), Marlene Waak (committee member), with some comment by Brick Peele (church council liaison with the School Committee). They presented regarding their work on an After-School Enrichment Program (ASEP).

They went through how they have been working on the plans and expectations of the Church Council regarding this committee's work.

Guidelines for staff, students and families were presented.

A study of the costs for an after school program (ASEP) was presented. This study showed the ratio of students and staff needed to be cost efficient for the program. The committee is seeking a program which will break even or receive more money than the costs of the program.

The Church Council offered questions and ideas regarding the possible ASEP.

The committee suggested that there be a start with a pre-licensed program. This would be limited to 6 students per one address (211 Luther Ln and 250 Augsburg Ave), with a total of 12 students and 2-3 teachers for the program. This was not approved by the Church Council at this meeting.

In Response to this: The Church Council asked that the School Committee to seek clarification of requirements for licensing for this small program and how this would work out for staffing.

It was moved that the MLLC School Committee send out a survey to public school families to gauge potential interest in the community for an After School Program. The School Committee would determine the content and response method.

Moved by Cindy Weidemann; Second by Tim Sanders; all approved.

The minutes from the April Church Council meeting were reviewed and presented for approval.

It was moved by Jessica Weidemann, seconded by Dana Smith, to approve the minutes.

All approved

### Treasurer Report

April was a positive month for income, in part, due to Holy Week Services.

No extraordinary expenses were noted.

The treasurer noted that we are fully up to date on monthly Synod Mission Support (Synod Benevolence). The treasurer noted that the special annual gifts to certain organizations are being spread out through the year. In the past month this special once a year, budgeted, gift payment was made: Lutheran Social Services – Upbring - \$500.00, per the 2017 budget.

It was moved by Jessica, and seconded by Cheryl, to accept the treasurer's report. All approved.

It was moved by Cindy, and seconded by Dana, to appoint Jennifer Tinker as the 3<sup>rd</sup> MLLC Voting Member at the 2017 Gulf Coast Synod Assembly. All agreed. (This had been noted previously, but it was not a definite appointment by the Council.)

### Pastor's Report

Special note – ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston in 2018. Jennifer Tinker has offered to help coordinate the planning for the 4 congregations (MLLC, Waldeck, St. Paul – Shelby, Bethlehem – Round Top) youth groups as they plan for this event.

Committee Reports – notes not reported by printed reports.

Christian Education Report.

Will meet on May 21

### Property

Made note replacement of LED lighting in Parlor; HVAC repairs in

Parlor made; Working on LED lighting fixture replacement in parts of Sanctuary and Sacristy.

Work is being done on broken windows in Fellowship hall and minor repairs on the garage door opening system in the parsonage.

Council Actions from the Property Report:

It was moved by Jessica, and seconded by Karen, to replace lighting fixtures in Narthex with LED fixtures. All approved.

It was moved by Cheryl, and seconded by Karen, to upgrade from basic to premium church office internet. All approved. This upgrade will double the speed of the current internet speed for the office, and is the closest step up of the service available from the internet service provider.

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**May 16, 2017 Council Minutes  
continued---****Stewardship Committee**

The committee is working on selecting members for the 2018 Financial Review Committee members. They will present more at future meetings in preparation for the Annual Meeting.

It was moved by Dana, and seconded by Jessica, to appoint Karen Roemer to fulfill the unexpired term as Stewardship Committee Chair vacated earlier this year..

All Approved.

The Church Council expressed their thanks to Karen Roemer for accepting the appointment to the Stewardship Committee Chair role for the remainder of the term.

**New Business:**

New Bank signature card to be prepared.

It was moved by Karen, and seconded by Cheryl, to approve Brick Peele to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> signatory for the Carmine State Bank checking account.

All Approved.

It was moved by Dana, and seconded by Jessica, to decline the sale of Oil and Gas Royalties of MLLC to First American Royalty. All Agreed. Note: Because of this vote, no sale will happen, and no contract will be signed.

The company sent a letter asking to buy the MLLC royalties, and this was the response of the Church Council.

The Church Council expressed their thanks to the quilters and WELCA members for preparing and shipping the quilts and kits in 2017. We shipped 39 boxes to Lutheran World Relief this year. Great job!

Further discussion of the possible After School Program occurred at the end of the meeting.

Thanks to Buck Williams and Marlene Waak for their work and their presentation regarding the possible After School program at the beginning of the meeting tonight.

It was moved by Karen, and seconded by Pastor Tinker, to adjourn the meeting. All agreed.

The next Church Council meeting will be on Monday, June 19, at 6:15 p.m.

Blake will present the June Devotion.

Respectfully submitted by Pastor David Tinker, substitute Council Secretary.

**REMEMBER:**

A.M.E.N. bags and envelopes may be returned at any time with non-perishable food and monetary donations for the food pantry located in La Grange, which serves all of Fayette County.

**ATTENTION YOUTH!  
LOOKING ⇒ ⇒ WAY  
AHEAD TO 2018!**

The 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering will be in Houston June 27-July 1, 2018.

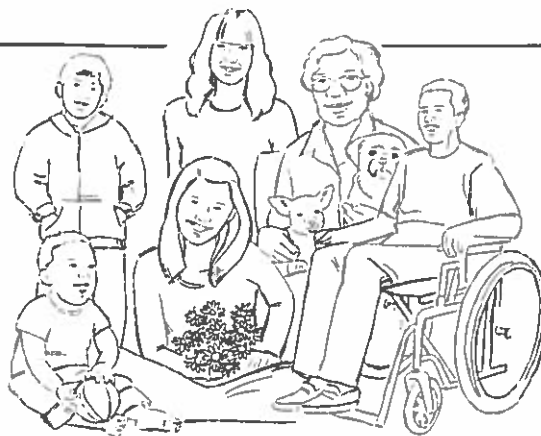
Volunteers are needed at the Gathering. The volunteer application process opened on May 15, and closes on July 15, 2017. The form can be found on the Youth Gathering page at [ELCA.org](http://ELCA.org).

If you have any questions, contact Lynnae Schatz at [lschatz@kinsmenlutheran.org](mailto:lschatz@kinsmenlutheran.org)

**JUNE  
BIRTHDAYS!**

Delores Pohl	01
Abby Wunderlich	01
Hayden Garlin	02
Garry Sanders	03
Vilette Finke	04
Amanda Frank	05
Cole Garlin	05
Liam Frank	06
Haley Kokel	06
Randy Sanders	06
David Tinker	06
Joy Treude	06
Tucker Jacob	11
Douglas Ullrich, Sr.	11
Sedalia Ullrich	11
Ronnie Siptak	12
Faith Stork	12
Alvis Mueller	15
Elvera Rudloff	15
Tonia Dunham	17
Daniel Kieke	17
Mason Mikeska	17
Elvera Limmer	18
Ruby Renck	18
Verline Schulte	18
Amber Dooley	19
Marie Loewe	19
Joyce Fuchs	20
Dennis Gerland	20
Delbert Stiewert	21
Jerry Jacob	24
Bridget Kokel	24
Richard Kovar	25
Josie Drydale	27
Morgan Mikeska	27
Codie Lange	28
Gwen Stork	28
Rylan Stork	28
Leatha Miller	29
Dylan Mueller	30

## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!



☞ **Lutherhill Open Camp Day is Saturday, June 3.** Join them for a free day of camp, which opens at 10 a.m. Worship at Hillside is at 11:00 a.m. and hamburger lunch is at noon. From 1:00-4:00 p.m., activities include pool, pond, archery, high ropes course, arts & crafts, canteen & games, GaGa ball and disc golf.

REMINDER: **Family Camp** this year is July 2-7. Visit [www.lutherhill.org](http://www.lutherhill.org) for details.

☞ **THRIVENT FINANCIAL** free educational workshops. All workshops are at 1903 Janssen Ln, La Grange

Monday, June 5, 12 noon-1:00 p.m., and 6:00-7:00 p.m. -

### ① Estate Strategy Essentials -

*You can learn steps to help you pass the right assets to the right people, trusts and charities—with no or minimal estate transfer costs.*

Monday, June 12 - 12 noon-1:00 p.m., and Tuesday,

June 13, 6:00-7:00 p.m. -

### ② Preparing for Long-Term Care: A Gift Your Family Deserves -

*Learn options for long-term care, who can provide it and how you would pay for it.*

Monday, June 19, 12 noon-1:00 p.m., and 6:00-7:00 p.m. -

### ③ Income Taxes and Retirement -

*Learn about tax diversification, taxation of capital gains and Social Security, health care insurance subsidies and the financial impact of the first death in retirement.*

Monday, June 26, 12 noon-1:00 p.m., and 6:00-7:00 p.m. -

④ **Social Security: Strategize to Maximize** - *Get the guidance you need to understand the basics of Social Security and how to optimize its benefits. Learn when you should apply for it and how your spouse will be affected.*

For more information, you may call Philip H. Oestreich or Sydney B. Spano at 979/968-3738.

☞ **BACH CANTATAS** in celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation are being presented at St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Monday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free, reception following.

This event is sponsored by St. Peter's and The Brenham Choral Society. There will be soloists and an orchestra. Any questions, call 979/836-7248.

☞ **LEDBETTER HOMECOMING** is June 11 at the Fireman's Hall. This is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ledbetter Volunteer Fire Department.

☞ **THE FARMERS MARKET & COUNTRY CRAFT** at Ledbetter is held the second Saturday of each month throughout the summer. The Market is located along U.S. 290 between Stuermer Store and Darnell's Antique Shop. Contact Deborah Lancaster at 979/412-4167 or Kathy Baker at 979/278-4030 to participate.

☞ **TWENTIETH ANNUAL GOSPEL JUBILEE AND SING-A-LONG** sponsored by Circle #1 of St. John's United Church of Christ in Burton, is on Monday, June 12, at 7:00 p.m. in their Family Life Center.

Enjoy the complimentary Ice Cream Social following. All are invited!

HELD IN  
YOUR



Make this heartwarming handprint gift to give your dad or another special man on Father's Day.

**What you need:**

- Tempura paint (any two colors besides white)
- A paper plate
- Two paintbrushes
- Your dad's hand
- White cardstock
- Paper towels
- A pen



**What you do:**

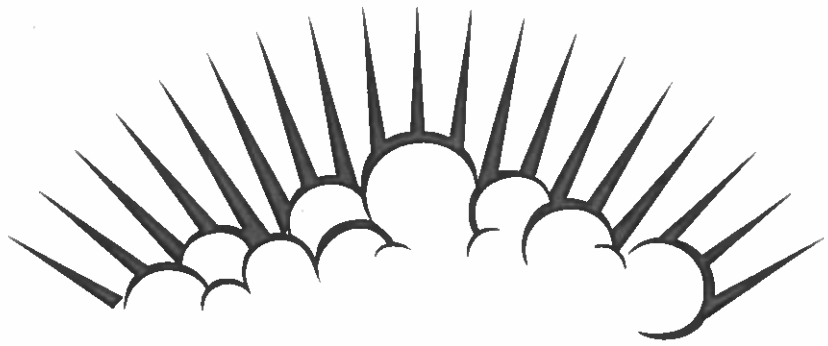
1. Place paint on the paper plate.
2. Paint your dad's palm and the insides of his fingers with one color of paint. Set his hand in the center of the cardstock and press down. Let dry.
3. Paint your palm and fingers with the other color. Place your hand in the center of your dad's. Let dry.
4. Write a loving message to your dad on the blank sections of the cardstock.
5. Give your dad the gift — and a hug!



## Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

*Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.*



"H\_ w\_ll c\_ll \_ \_ t t\_ m\_,"

'Y\_ \_ \_ r\_ m\_ F\_th\_r, m\_

G\_d, th\_ R\_ck m\_ S\_v\_ \_r.'" "

Ps\_Im 89:26, N\_V

Answer: "He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.'" Psalm 89:26, NIV

**SERVERS for:**



**Assisting Ministers:**

Dianna Gerland (06-04-Pentecost), (06-25);  
 Susan Bathe (06-10, 06-18);  
 Dana Smith-(06-11-Holy Trinity);  
 Jessica Weidemann (06-24)


Put supplies in pews: Wendy & Kennedy Flinn  
**Acolyte organizers:** Parents of June acolytes

Offering Counters: Shelley Scheffer, Karen Dooley, Melissa Wickel  
 Send bulletins to shut-ins & cards to visitors: Carol Carmean  
 Prepare Communion for shut-ins: Dean & Joyce Ullrich  
 Bulletin folder: Dianna Gerland  
 July newsletter assemblers: Gene & Boo Goolsby  
 (the weekend of June 23 or 24))

date	acolytes	ushers	readers	flowers	bread provider	bread & wine presenters	cross bearer	communion assistants	communion set-up
06-04 Pentecost	Rylan & Miles	Team #17-Dean Ullrich, capt. & greeter, Joyce Ullrich, greeter; Dianne & Ted Sager, greeters, Tori Brooks, Robbie & Dianne Tovey	Dana Smith	Karen & Tony Dooley	Amber Dooley	Bobbie & Jadon Weidemann	Carson Flinn		Susan B. (red paraments)
06-10 Saturday		Volunteers							Jessica (white paraments)
06-11 Holy Trinity	Ryan & Janette	Team #18-Garry Sanders, capt., Leonita Sanders, greeter; Becky & Johnny Dunham, Jason Schroeder	Stephanie Sanders	Debby & Brick Peele	Jadon Weidemann	Dennis & Dana Smith	Miles Tinker	Darlene Etzel	Jessica
06-18	Drayton	Team #19-Monty Mayer, capt., Ronnie Siptak, Colter Siptak, Shayne Kirts, Kevin Woelfel	Susan Bathe	Dean & Joyce Ullrich				Floyd Etzel	Debbie (green paraments)
06-24 Saturday		Volunteers							Susie M. (ML Banner)
06-25	Megan	Team #20-Floyd Etzel, capt. & greeter; Cheryl Etzel, RaChelle Kuecker, Scott & Amie Pratt, Casey Lange, Godie Lange	Carol Carmean	Eldon & Tina Mikeska				Ted Sager	Susie M.



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