



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

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

Luther's Letter

a monthly publication of
Martin Luther Lutheran Church
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Nancy Eilers, Carol Carmean, & Nancy Rosenbaum, secretaries

Worship schedule:

Sunday School for all -Sundays 9:00 a.m.
Sunday worship w/Holy Communion - 9:45 a.m.
2nd & 4th 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;
Pat McCanlies-Stewardship Committee; Dana Smith-
Christian Education Committee; Cheryl Etzel-Outreach/Care
Committee; Brick Peele-Property Committee



*For God so loved
the world that he
gave his one and
only Son....*

JOHN 3:16, 5, 1



Luther's Letter

Martin Luther Lutheran Church

March, 2017

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Psalm 32:1



....marks the beginning of the Lenten season—March 1. This year's theme:

Luther's Small Catechism

(Note: *The ELW red hymnal*, starting at page 1160, and a Smartphone App as well that includes *Luther's Small Catechism*.)

Please take note of the following Lenten worship schedule:

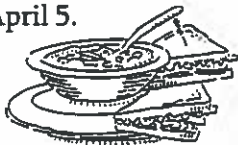
On Ash Wednesday, the worship service at Waldeck Lutheran starts at 5:45 p.m. and at MLLC at 7:30 p.m. (There will be a meal at Waldeck following worship, but no meal at MLLC on Ash Wednesday.)

Worship for both congregations on March 8, 22, and April 5 is at MLLC at 6:30 p.m., and on March 15 and 29 at Waldeck, starting at 6:30 p.m., with meals following.

(See the complete *Holy Week schedule* on page 5.)

Lenten offering this year is designated to Gulf Coast Synod ELCA World Hunger Campaign.

Lenten meals: Mary Group and Ladies serve soup & sandwiches on March 8. Groups or individuals are needed to serve on March 22 and April 5.

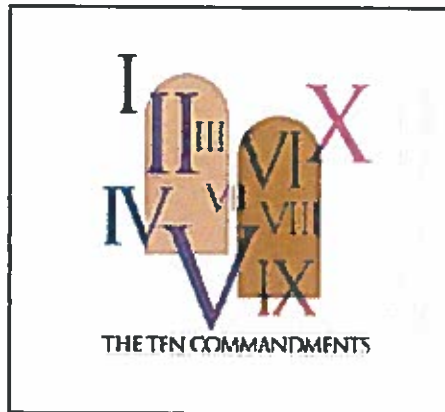


FROM THE PASTOR:

"In Awe and Love"

A Mid-Week Lenten Series Based on Luther's Small Catechism

Our Wednesday Lenten Series this year will be part of worldwide celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. The series will offer a look at one of the most prominent documents of the Reformation: Martin Luther's Small Catechism.



We will share this series with several other churches. The pastors from each congregation will travel to the other congregations to teach about a certain section of the Small Catechism.

The services will be held at the noted location. Worship at 6:30 p.m., with a meal to follow at about 7:15 p.m. Worship at Carmine will be in the fellowship hall. Worship at Waldeck will be in the sanctuary.

March 8 at Carmine,
Pr. Lemae Higgs, *Confession*
March 15 at Waldeck,
Pr. John David Nedbalek,
Ten Commandments

March 22 at Carmine,
Pr. Candy O'Meara,
Apostles Creed

March 29 at Waldeck,
Pr. Glenn Hohlt,
The Lord's Prayer

April 5 at Carmine,
Pr. Alan Kethan,
Holy Communion.

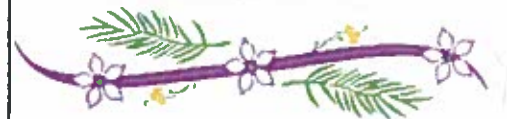
A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

is set for Sunday,

March 5, following worship regarding the future of our shared ministry with Waldeck Lutheran. The current six-month contract between both congregations expires March 31, 2017. Letters have been sent to all members about this, and all members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

COMING THIS SPRING!

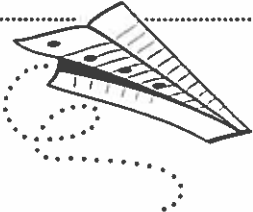
- ☛ Daylight Savings Time starts on Sunday, March 12
- ☛ SPRING BREAK for RT-C schools is March 13-17.




- ☛ St. Patrick's Day - March 17
- ☛ Automatic Bank Drafts concept for daily/weekly offerings is being worked on, and should be ready by April.
- ☛ The Easter Lily Ordering Form can be found at the bottom of Page 5.

✦ BLOOD DRIVE REPORT:

The January 29, 2017, blood drive had 15 donors, and of those, four were double. Thanks to all donors! The next blood drive is set for August 27, 2017. Please make plans to attend.



OTHER REMINDERS:

✦ Next Choir  practice is set for Sunday, March 5, at 9:15 a.m. in the back of the sanctuary. The choir will sing "Kum ba Yah".

✦ Tone Chimes  will rehearse on Sunday, March 12, at 9:00 a.m.

✦ Now is a good time for members to call Thrivent Financial to direct your 2016 Choice Dollars. Call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice". Have your member ID ready. MLLC is a choice to give. Last year a total of \$6,217 was designated for MLLC. Every little bit help. The deadline to call is March 31. *If you do not give them your choice, they will designate your money where they think best.*

If you need help, contact Nancy Eilers.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS:



World Day of Prayer Logo since 1982.

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Friday, March 3, at MLLC from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The south side of the church, doors under the carport, will be open for entrance into the church sanctuary. You are invited to come into the sanctuary to pray and stay as long as you wish or need.

The World Day of Prayer started in the United States in 1887. The word and interest spread to Canada, then to the British Isles, with rapid growth after World War II. Each year, the World Day of Prayer is observed the first Friday of March, and 170 countries around the world recognize this day.

Let's be a part of this day and give thanks for the privilege and freedom to worship. If you have a few minutes, or longer, please come into the sanctuary, enjoy the quietness from your busy day, and God will listen to your prayers.

Joint Meeting of both circles on March 9, at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Bible Study Theme: Reformation

Session 3 - Christian faith and Christian freedom. Heirs of the promise (Galatians 3:24-4:31). Bible study by Joys Baird

Opening devotion - Colette Wunderlich

Offering meditation - Diana Wunderlich

Servers are Ann O'Hara, Susan Ray and Leonita Sanders.

LWR envelopes will be handed out March 5 & 12. Please make a monetary contribution to further the LWR projects that will be shipped in April. WELCA members will purchase the needed

items. Baby care kits, personal care kits and fabric kits will be completed. Donations to buy fabric for quilts are also needed. Thanks for your participation.

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



LOOKING AHEAD!

✦ Brazos Cluster Spring Happening - March 25, Elizabeth Lutheran, 165 County Road 307, Caldwell. Registration at 8:30 a.m., program at 9:00. Speaker is Tracy Sebesta, Advocate Supervisor with CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) of Brenham. This is a program that benefits child welfare.

Theme Bible verse:
"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs".
Matthew 19:14

Physical offering: Non-perishable food items for Elizabeth Lutheran's Food Pantry;
Regular offering to CASA.

✦ WELCA Banquet, June 7, at 7:00 p.m. Decorating on June 6 at 3:00 p.m.

✦ WELCA General meeting, June 11, after worship.

✦ Birthday parties this year:
June 16 - 3:00 p.m., Brenham Nursing & Rehab
July 14 - 2:30 p.m., Argent Court
October 17 - 2:30 p.m., Brenham Rest Home

Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries
March 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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Carmine, TX 78932 979-278-3388
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 – 9:45 a.m.
Worship on 2nd and 4th 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 – 2nd Mondays at 9:00 a.m. in the Mission
& Ministry Building.

Monthly Study/Fellowship Groups

*Ladies Aid – 2nd Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the
fellowship hall.
*Mary Group – 2nd Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the
parlor – by church offices
*Men in Mission – 4th Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the
parlor – by church offices

**Special Congregational Meeting – Sunday, March
5, after worship – to vote on the continuation of the
shared ministry with Waldeck.**

March 1 - Ash Wednesday –
5:45 p.m. in Waldeck, followed by meal.
7:30 p.m. in Carmine – no meal

**Wednesday Lent Services for Carmine and
Waldeck**

Worship at 6:30 p.m., followed by meal.
March 8 – in Carmine
March 15 – in Waldeck
March 22 – in Carmine
March 29 – in Waldeck
April 5 – in Carmine

*Services in Carmine will be in the Fellowship Hall.
Services in Waldeck will be in the Sanctuary.*

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

Women's Bible Study – Monthly Study Group –
10:30 a.m. – March 22 – generally 4th Wednesday –
you are invited to bring a lunch item to share.

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5, after worship – to vote on the continuation of the
shared ministry with Carmine.**

Ash Wednesday and Lent Services

For Ash Wednesday and Lent Services, see the
column for Martin Luther – Carmine, left side of
this page.

Upcoming Women of the ELCA Gathering

Western Cluster Churches - Spring Gathering
Saturday, April 22, 2017
St. Paul Lutheran Church
201 N. Rusk
Fayetteville, TX
Theme: Earth's Treasure
Registration starts at 9:30 a.m.
Event starts at 10:00 a.m.
For reservations, contact Carol Seymour by 4/15/17
Phone: 979-249-5090
Email: carolseymour@cvctx.com
A Salad Luncheon will be provided by the Women
of St. Paul - Fayetteville


**Coming
this
Spring**

Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries

March 2017 Happenings

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Round Top

412 S White St
Round Top, TX 78954
(979) 249-3686

Find us on Facebook

Worship on Sunday – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 1st Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Noisy Offering on 1st Sunday monthly

Pastor John David Nedbalek - cell 210-422-7599

Find us on Facebook

President Clay Goehring

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

March 1 - Ash Wednesday:

Worship at 5:30 p.m. at Shelby,

and at 7:00 p.m. at Round Top

No meals

Wednesday Lenten Services at Round Top and Shelby

Meal at 6:00 p.m.; worship at 7:00 p.m.

March 8 – Shelby

March 15 – Round Top

March 22 – Shelby

March 29 – Round Top

April 5 - Shelby

Maundy Thursday –

Worship at 5:30 p.m. at Round Top

and at 7:00 p.m. at Shelby

Good Friday – 7:00 p.m. at Round Top only.

St. Paul Lutheran Church – Shelby

6814 Skull Creek Road

Fayetteville TX 78940

Located just a few blocks east of FM 1457

(979)836-8972

www.stpaulshelby.org

Find us on Facebook

Regular Sunday Service time – 8:00 AM

– Sunday School @ 9:45 AM

Pastor John David Nedbalek – cell 210-422-7599

President: Verlyne Aschenbeck 979-250-1442

Quilting – 3rd Wednesday each month

Noisy Offering – 3rd Sunday each month

Game Day – First Wednesday of each month

beginning on February 1, 2017 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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BOLD GATHERING,

2017 Lutheran Mens' Gathering for TX-LA Gulf Coast, is Saturday, March 25, 9:00 am-2:00 p.m., Messiah Lutheran, Cypress, TX, 11522 Telge Road, (just north of Hwy. 290).

- . Connecting men ages 16-106 across the Synod!
- . Directing men to faithful living.
- . Challenging men as disciples of Christ
- . Supporting pastors to build up congregations.

Register by March 21, \$20 per person (includes lunch) at godworks247365@gmail.com.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Lee Odis Lang (friend, for healing); Izzy Depaz (10-year-old niece and granddaughter of workers at JW's, leukemia); Shirley Mueller (recent hospitalization); Jim Lightner (relative of Brick & Debby Peele, serious health issues); Raymond Rosenbaum (recent knee surgery); Johnny Dunham (recent surgery); Michiko Peters (mother-in-law of Connie Peters, recent surgery for broken wrist from fall); Mamie Roemer (injuries from fall, back home from hospital); René Runge (back injury from fall); Vincentia Dippel Roberts (cousin of Dorothy Rothermel, for surgery); El Gene Schulle (friend from Brenham, health concerns); Paula Barrick (recent surgery); Gladys Roemer (recovering at home); Julie Davidson (friend of Pastor Tinker, cancer); Gene Pawlak (Dale Pawlak's uncle, health concerns); Barbara Urban Schultz (Susan Bathe's friend, health concerns); Dorothy Sommerfeld (member of Salem Lutheran Church-Brenham, cancer); Jennifer Schulze Baker (friend from Burton); Dale Walker (friend of Susan Bathe, health concerns); Paula Watkins (Carmine resident, RV park owner, cancer); Marilyn Wagner (sister of Leonita Sanders, recent knee replacement surgery); Kaitlyn Fritz (teenage friend of Bill Derrick from Brenham, rare disease); Erwin Thiel (Andy Eckert's father-in-law, cancer); Jimmy Alvarado (friend Missy Weidemann's grandfather, in hospital with pneumonia); Perry Crow (friend of Cherrie Wines, recovering from liver and kidney transplant soon); Russell Zickler (former band director and friend of the Weidemanns,

cancer); and Josephine Canik (Carol Hall's sister-in-law, cancer).

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Kalisa Pomykal (former member, for strength and peace); Kenneth Bishop (Carmine City Council member Ginger Psencik's, son-in-law, cancer); Dave Barney (Paula Barrick's daughter, Bobbie Hughes' boyfriend, treatment for cancer); Bobbie Hughes (Paula Barrick's daughter, for strength in difficult times); Steven Pratt (Bernice Pratt's son, cancer); 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 (15-year-old friend of Wade & Nancy Eilers, cancer); Amanda Sebastian (friend from Blue Bell Creameries and Randall Kohring's cousin, brain tumor); Lisa Mayer (health concerns); and Delores Oppermann (niece of Joyce Eilers, cancer).

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

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

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

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



† Our Christian Sympathy to the friends & families of: Marvin Makowsky (Carmine resident) and Paul Viertel, Paul Miller (Carmine resident); Vernel Wegner Walters (1957 RT-C graduate); and Ray Coufal (1994 RT-C graduate).

OFFICIAL ACTS IN FEBRUARY:



Baptisms: Sawyer Ray O'Malley, daughter of Jackson & Lauren O'Malley, was baptized at MLLC on Sunday, February 12, 2017. Her sponsors are Erin O'Malley and Ryan Hinze. Sawyer was born December 13, 2016, and has a big sister, Reese.

Welcome to the Lord's Family!

Luke Timothy Kelley, son of Matt and Christy Eilers Kelley, will be baptized this Sunday, February 26, 2017, at MLLC. Luke was born October 10, 2016, and has a brother, Seth. His sponsors are Clint & Stacy Eilers, Kevin Kelley, and Michelle Kelley.

Welcome to the Lord's Family!

† Funeral: The funeral service for **Paul Viertel** was conducted by Pastor Tinker at Memorial Oaks Chapel, Brenham, on Monday, February 20, 2017, with committal at Carmine Cemetery. Mr. Viertel passed away February 17, 2017, at Brenham Nursing & Rehab, at the age of 84 years. Our Christian Sympathy to his family and friends.

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION REPORT:

date	attendance	general	school	building
01-28	23	860.00	-0-	-0-
01-29	68	1,507.00	54.00	-0-
02-05	86	4,658.00	-0-	25.00
02-11	22	3,771.00	-0-	-0-
02-12	144	6,291.00	20.00	180.00
02-19	74	2,398.25	-0-	25.00

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:



Palm Sunday, April 9, regular starting times at both churches: Waldeck Lutheran, 8:00 a.m. and MLLC, 9:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 13, worship with Holy Communion starts at 5:45 p.m. at Waldeck and 7:30 p.m. at MLLC.

Good Friday, April 14, worship for *both congregations* will be at MLLC, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 15, at *MLLC only*, is at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Services: April 16, starting with the Sunrise Service at Carmine Cemetery, at 6:45 a.m. The Sunrise Service at Waldeck Church begins at 8:00 a.m.

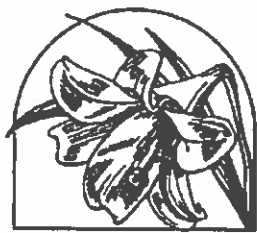
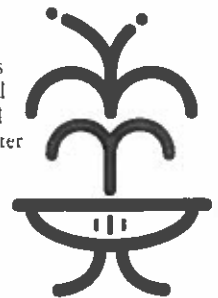
Breakfast at MLLC fellowship hall, starting at 8:00 a.m.

Easter Festival Worship for *both congregations* at MLLC, starting at 9:45 a.m.

+ Christian Symbols +

Fountain

A fountain, or well, symbolizes Jesus, our living water. Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well that everyone who drinks the water he gives will never thirst again. It "will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life," Jesus said (see John 4:14, NRSV).



EASTER LILY ORDER FORM:

The Nesting Company Florist in Burton will have 6" potted lilies with gold pot Cover for \$13.50 each. Please order your lily/lilies through the church office by April 9. Make checks payable to MLLC and please fill in the following information:

_____ will be placing ___ lily/lilies

in honor/memory of: _____

THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS!

Thanks to the office helpers for February: *Ann O'Hara* folded bulletins; *Carol Carmean* sent bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors; *Barbara & Jerry Jacob* compiled the March newsletter; and *Jocie Jacob-Braun* put supplies in pews. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Congratulations to Josh & Lindsey Eckert on the birth of their daughter, *Gracie Lee Eckert*, born February 9, 2017, at Baylor Scott & White Hospital in Brenham. Gracie weighed seven lbs., 8 oz., and measured 20 inches in length. From MLLC, grandparents are Ronnie & Debbie Eckert, and great-grandparents are J.C. & Avalda Pohl.

Congratulations to Shelby & Robert Vaughn on the birth of their daughter, *Emery Michelle Vaughn*, born February 20, 2017. Emery weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz., and measured 20 inches in length. From MLLC, grandparents are Stuart & Susie Markwardt.

First Holy Communion Class begins this month

By Pastor David Tinker
pastordjt@industryinet.com
979-278-3388



The First Holy Communion Class will be held over three Sundays in late March and early April. Each class will be held in the Mission & Ministry Building (New Building behind Parsonage).
March 26, April 2 and 9 – after worship – about 11:00 a.m.

First Holy Communion at MLLC is most often offered to students in 5th grade. There are numerous cases in which there are exceptions to this.

If you and your student, who is not yet in 5th grade, wish to participate in this class please speak with me to make arrangements. The 5th grade tradition does not prevent younger students from attending the class and receiving Holy Communion.

Students are encouraged to bring a Bible for use in class, as well as paper/pen for any notes they might want to write. If students don't have access to a Bible we have one

for their use. Note that each student will be presented with a Bible on First Communion Thursday – April 13 – for his or her personal study and for use in Sunday School, Confirmation and Worship. Parents/Grandparents are welcome and encouraged to be present at this class time. We will meet at a table in the Mission and Ministry Building.

The class will include instruction, discussion, videos, mini-field trips in the building, bread baking, crafts, etc. The bread will be used at their First Communion service.

All sessions are after Spring Break. Please consult with me if you have special needs about family schedules, vacations, parental custody issues, etc. which could conflict with the posted schedule.

Thursday, April 13 7:30 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service,
First Holy Communion Day
Presentation of Bible to students during worship – Church gives to Parent/Grandparent, and then the parent/grandparent presents Bible to student. We will go over this before Thursday so all are ready.

Students please arrive by 7:00 p.m. to make sure all our plans are in order for what we will be doing at worship. Also, families may wish to take photos before worship, and this is the best time to do this. The altar area will be bare of all decorations, candles, banners, etc. after worship due to the "Stripping of the Altar".

How do I know my child is ready to attend First Communion Class?

See the web page article for more information. The link is:

<https://mlccarmine.com/2017/02/23/first-holy-communion-class-2017/>

MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES February 20, 2017

The Church Council of Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Carmine, Texas, met for its monthly

meeting in the church parlor on Monday, February 20, 2017, at 6:15 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Council President Blake Dooley.

Cheryl Etzel provided the devotion and opening prayer.

The Treasurer's Report, presented by Cindy Weidemann, and the minutes for the January 16, 2017, Council meeting, presented by Anita Drydale, were approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor attended the Annual Tri-Synodical Professional Leaders Conference in Austin. The topic was the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. The guest speakers were the ELCA Presiding Bishop along with the General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation. The music for worship included songs used in Lutheran congregations and contexts around the world.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education Committee

1. Nothing additional to report since last month.

Worship Committee

1. Working on the Lent schedule.
2. Organ volume was fixed.

Property Committee

1. Several property issues addressed (fellowship hall repairs and maintenance, parsonage repairs, M&M building and kitchen repairs, school hall repairs, propane tank behind the sanctuary, vacuum cleaner repairs.
2. Check request form generated for submittal and reimbursement purposes.
3. Employee issues at Lutherhill. Review MLLC insurance coverage for \$5,000.
4. Discussed outstanding maintenance and repair issues remaining in church and buildings.

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(Feb. 20, 2017 Council meeting continued—)

5. Received quote for new lighting in church hallways. Quote is under consideration and will be tabled until next month.

OLD BUSINESS

1. MLLS food items. Donate canned goods to food pantry in Giddings.

2. Dayschool committee report.

a. Purpose was to discuss steps established by the Church Council in order to prepare for a preliminary investigation for re-opening the MLLS Day School.

b. Inventory of each of the MLLS classrooms was conducted.

c. Several local area day schools were contacted and visits were made. A significant amount of information was secured.

d. With the coordination of Melissa Smith, Seidel Schroeder donated 10 computer CPU and monitors along with cables. Units were serviced by Computer Helpers and have been stored in the MLLS director's office.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Joint meeting with Waldeck Council was on February 13th at 6:15PM.

a. Purpose of meeting was to discuss how shared ministry was working. There was discussion over mileage and extension of contract as well as Easter and Lenten Services.

2. Special congregational meeting is scheduled for March 5th following worship to determine the future of our shared ministry with Waldeck Lutheran. Change in worship times to be voted on.

3. Lenten Services times and location decided.

4. Easter Services decided.

Cemetery (*Note: it was changed to 6:45 AM. See below*), 8AM Waldeck, 9:45AM Carmine.

Using a supply pastor for the services at the cemetery was discussed. Dana Smith moved that we do not pay a supply pastor with a second by Tim Sanders. The motion passed. If there is an issue with Pastor Tinker making it to Waldeck on time for the 8AM service, move the cemetery service to 6:45AM.

5. Proposal for an increase in cleaning fees of \$100 a month was presented. The increase is due to additional cleaning. Motion by Tim Sanders to accept the proposal and second by Cheryl Etzel. The motion passed.

6. Annual congregational reports submitted by church office to Synod.

7. Delinquent payments from old Dayschool. Send another letter to set up payment plan. Attempt to make a good faith effort to collect.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Letter from synod received regarding giving to synod and asking for feedback in next year's giving from MLLC.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Council meeting was set for Monday March 20, 2017, at 6:15 p.m. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Anita Drydale
MLLC Council Secretary*

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Wendy Flinn	01
Kash Lewis	01
Brock Marburger	01
Dorothy Marth	02
Robyn Jacob	03
Kyle Sanders	03
Joyce Schiwart	03
Brenda Callahan	04
Ed Eargle	05
Jeff Flinn	05
Angeline Zwernemann	05
Samantha Medack	06
James Roemer	08
Terry Pohl	09
Mia Williams	09
Lynda Kominczak	10
Daryl Ray	10
Chester Gebhard	13
Glenda Oakes	13
Samantha Ullrich	16
Miles Tinker	18
Rodney Lange	19
Linda Mattocks	19
Adam Mayer	20
Bree Dooley	22
Ronnie Eckert	22
Louis Kartous	26
Melissa Smith	26
Kendra Hinze	27
Barbara Jacob	27
Stacy Eilers	28
Cassius Oakes	28
Mamie Roemer	31
Diana Wunderlich	31



Assisting Ministers: Dana Smith (03-01-Ash Wed., 03-19);
Jessica Weidemann (03-05, 03-25); Susan Bathe (03-11, 03-26);
Dianna Gerland (03-12)
Prepare Communion for shut-ins: Dean & Joyce Ullrich
Send Bulletins to Shut-ins & Cards to Visitors: Thelma Hinze
Acolyte organizers: Parents of March Acolytes
April newsletter assemblers: Boo & Gene Goolsby (*the weekend of March 24 or 25*)











Put supplies in pews: Tony Dooley
Offering Counters: Jeff Flinn,
Karen Roemer, Karen Dooley
Bulletin Folders: Betty Porter,
(night bulletins-Melissa Wickel)

PLEASE NOTE: USHER TEAMS #18 AND #2 WILL NOT SERVE THIS TIME. MARCH 15 & MARCH 29 SERVICES ARE AT WALDECK.

date	acolytes	ushers	readers	flowers	communion assistants	communion set-up
03-01 Ash Wednesday	Miles	Team #14-Ronnie Eckert, capt., Avalda Pohl, greeter; Brooke Eckert, Debbie Eckert, Connie Peters, Jordan Peters	Susan Ray		Shelley Scheffer	Karen D. (black paraments)
03-05	Ryan	Team #15-Tony Dooley, capt., Karen Dooley, Amy & Todd Dooley, Amber & Blake Dooley	Vickie Schroeder	W. T. & Dorothy Marth		Connie (purple paraments)
03-08 Lent	Janette	Team #16-Dennis Gerland, capt., Boo Goolsby, greeter; Jennifer Mohr, Brick & Debby Peele, Carol Carmean	Jessica Weidemann			
03-11 Saturday		Volunteers				Jessica
03-12	Drayton	Team #17-Dean Ullrich, capt. & greeter, Joyce Ullrich, greeter; Dianne & Ted Sager, greeters; Tori Brooks, Robbie & Dianne Tovey	Blake Dooley	Susan Bathe	Karen Roemer	Jessica
03-15 Lenten		SERVICE AT WALDECK LUTHERAN				
03-19	Kennedy	Team #19-Monty Mayer, capt., Ronnie Siptak, Colter Siptak, Shayne Kirts, Kevin Woelfel	Leonita Sanders	Todd & Amy Dooley	Bobbie Weidemann	Susie M.
03-22 Lenten	Rylan	Team #20-Floyd Etzel, capt. & greeter; Cheryl Etzel, RaChelle Kuecker, Scott & Amie Pratt, Casey Lange, Codie Lange	Amy Dooley			
03-25 Saturday		Volunteers				Jadon
03-26	Miles	Team #1-Wade Eilers, capt., David Eilers, greeter; Christy Kelley, Daryl Ray, Melba Zingelmann, Patti Hart	Bobbie Weidemann	Stuart & Susie Markwardt	Cheryl Etzel	Jadon
03-29 Lenten		SERVICE AT WALDECK LUTHERAN				

Make a Snack to Share With a Friend

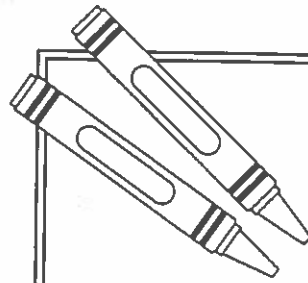
You will need:

-  large bowl
-  small bowl
-  spoon
-  fork
-  4 cups toasted oat cereal
-  1 can (6-1/2 oz.) peanuts*
-  1 cup raisins
-  1/4-cup margarine
-  1 package (6 oz.) semi-sweet chocolate chips
-  plastic sandwich bags

How to make the treats:

- Mix the cereal, peanuts* and raisins in the large bowl.
- Melt the margarine in the small bowl using a microwave oven. (*Please ask an adult to help with this step.*)
- Pour the margarine over the cereal mixture.
- Use the fork to lightly toss the mixture until it's coated with margarine.
- Sprinkle the chocolate chips into the mixture and toss again.
- Spoon the mixture into the bags and share them with friends for a snack.

**Caution: Some people are very allergic to nuts. You can leave the peanuts out if you need to.*

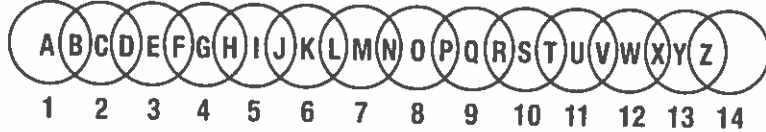


Just for KIDS

How to Treat Others

How does God want us to get along with other people? Ephesians 4:32 tells us. To find out what it says, use the code to fill in the blanks.

CODE:



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Answer: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."



March 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 1st Sunday in Lent 9:00 am-Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study 9:15 am-Choir practice 9:45 am-Worship with Holy Communion/LWR envelopes handed out SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING after worship 5:00 pm-AA		FEBRUARY SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT 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	1 Ash Wednesday 7:30 pm-Lenten service at MLLC (no meal)	2 2:00 pm-Ladies Aid and Mary Group <u>joint</u> meeting	3 World Day of Prayer MLLC sanctuary is open for prayer 7:00 am-7:00 pm	4
6 6:30 pm-Stewardship Committee Meeting		7 6:00 pm-Worship Committee meeting	8 6:30 pm-Lenten service at MLLC, with meal following	9	10	11 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS AT 2:00 A.M. <u>SUNDAY</u> 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion/Baptism of <u>Kyle Dane Jacob</u> REMEMBER TO COLLECT YOUR LOOSE CHANGE FOR THE NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY
12 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study/Tone Chimes practice 9:45 am-Worship with Holy Communion led by Praise Team/ LWR envelopes handed out Property Committee meets after worship 11:00 am-Christian Ed Committee 5:00 pm-AA meeting	13 9:00 am-Quilting 1:30 pm-Senior Citizens Domino Party	14 Council agenda deadline	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Newsletter deadline	18
19 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 9:45 am-Worship with Holy Communion/ 5:00 pm-AA meeting	20 1st Day of Spring 6:15 pm-Church Council	21	22 6:30 pm-Lenten service at MLLC, with meal following	23	24	25 8:30 am-Brazos Cluster WELCA Spring Happening at Elizabeth <u>Lutheran, Caldwell</u> 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion/ Baptism Remembrance
26 4th Sunday in Lent 9:30 am-Hymn Sing 9:00 am-Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study 9:45 am-Worship with Holy Communion/Baptism Remembrance 11:00 am-First Holy Communion Class LYO meeting 5:00 pm-AA meeting	27 7:00 pm-Men in Mission	28	29 6:30 pm-Lenten service at WALDECK LUTHERAN, with meal following	30	31	APRIL SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT 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