



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:

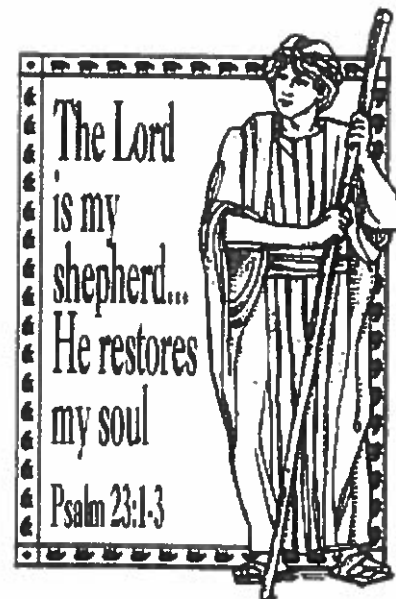
Sunday School for all -Sundays 9:00 a.m.

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

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;  
Pat McCanlies-Stewardship Committee; Dana Smith-  
Christian Education Committee; Cheryl Etzel-Outreach/Care  
Committee; Brick Peele-Property Committee





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Martin Luther Lutheran Church

May, 2017

Jesus said, "I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved...I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." John 10:9-10



**SUNDAY - May 7 - the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, is also Good Shepherd Sunday**

*"The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." John 10:3*

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**MOTHER'S DAY AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION- May 14**

All mothers (and mother-figures) will be honored at a reception following worship on that day. We will collect for abused and neglected children who have not known a loving mother. This money will be sent to Krause Center in Katy, which is part of *Upbring, formerly Lutheran Social Services of the South.*

♥ We will celebrate Mrs. Bernice Pratt on her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday after worship on May 14 as well, with a cake & punch reception in the parlor. All are invited!

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**MAY 18-20 - SYNOD ASSEMBLY IN HOUSTON**

*Mike & Terry McIntosh, Pastor and Jennifer Tinker* will attend. Mike, Terry and Jennifer will serve as delegates. Please pray for these individuals as they serve our congregation in this way.

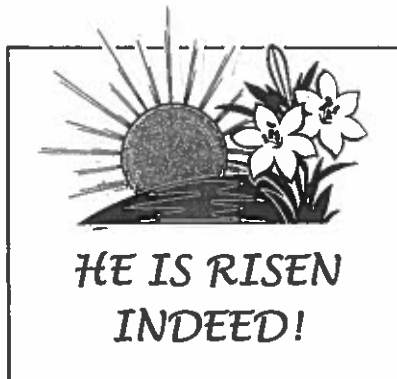
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**MAY 19 - MLLC'S 115<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!**

On May 19, 1902, Rev. Harder and 17 members of the Carmine Church met to organize the new

congregation. They adopted the constitution proposed and so became a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas.

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**ASCENSION DAY - May 25**

From Acts 1:11 - *"This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."*



**† WE REMEMBER!**

Sunday, May 21 - Carmine Cemetery, 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 28 - La Bahia Cemetery, 3:00 p.m. Pastor Tinker will lead the service.

And...Memorial Day, May 29 Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day is a time when we remember and honor those military veterans who gave their lives for our country—to protect the freedoms we enjoy.

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**ATTENTION, GRADUATES!**

Please notify the church office by May 14 of anyone graduating this month or in August or December, 2016, giving us the names of schools and degrees. The list of graduates will be included in the June newsletter.

This includes high school and college. A reception is planned for Sunday, June 4, to honor all graduates after worship. RT-C Baccalaureate is scheduled for Sunday, May 21, in our sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.



MISSION APPEAL ENVELOPES attached to Page 1 of this newsletter are

designated this year for the "Water to Thrive" project.

Those who receive their newsletter by e-mail may pick up your mission envelopes in the narthex.



This summer's Vacation Bible School is drawing closer...and we want all children age 3 through completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and any family members who wish to participate with their children, to join in the fun!

This year's program will run from Sunday, June 11 - Thursday, June 15, with the closing program to be held during regular worship on Sunday, June 18. Activities each evening last from 5:30 to 7:45 p.m., with supper provided for all participants.

*Rome: Paul and the Underground Church* is this year's theme, and participants will be transported back to Bible times, through songs, games, visits to market tents, crafts, lessons, and lively discussion, to a busy city as the church was just beginning. In addition, all participants will receive a free theme t-shirt, and each family will receive a CD of all the songs from this VBS.

To register, simply fill out the form included in this newsletter, and return it to the church office or Dana Smith by Thursday, June 1. (Although later

registrations and walk-ins will be accepted, registering by the deadline will aide in everyone receiving a t-shirt.) Additional registration forms are available from the church office.

Volunteers are needed to help during the week. All scripts and materials will be provided to you, and training will be held prior to VBS.

We are looking for:

- ✓ **Family leaders** - Each leads a small group of mixed-age participants through the evening's activities.
- ✓ **Assistant family leaders** - Each helps within their small group and can still participate in doing all the activities. This is a great opportunity for a junior high or younger high school student to get involved!
- ✓ **Tent/Shopkeepers** - Each mans a tent for the whole week, teaching small groups of participants a craft or activity related to their assigned trade as the kids stop in to visit.
- ✓ **Christians of the Underground Church** - Each acts out a nightly part to help teach participants about the secret gatherings of the early Church.
- ✓ **People to provide a meal and/or cookies for one of the nights.**

We are looking for the following items to borrow for the week or as donations: (Please, contact Amy Dooley at: [amy.dooley@bluebell.com](mailto:amy.dooley@bluebell.com) or 979/203-4343 concerning these items.)

- Pop-up tents (like for a booth or tailgating)
- Sheets
- Sturdy blankets or rugs
- Baskets
- Large decorative urns or pottery
- Artificial trees or decorative greenery
- Plastic wading/kiddy pools

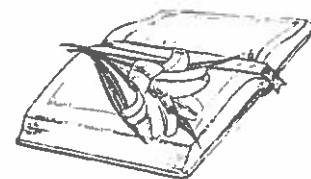
If you have any questions, wish to volunteer, or wish to give a monetary donation, please contact Dana Smith at:

[dennisanddana@yahoo.com](mailto:dennisanddana@yahoo.com) or 979/966-8866.



Next choir practice is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 7, in the back of the sanctuary. The group will sing "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us".

Tone Chimes will rehearse on Sunday, May 14, at 9:00 a.m.



#### WELCA NEWS:

**Regular meeting:**  
Thursday, May 11

**Bible Study Theme:**  
*Intergenerational Bible Study  
Bringing Generations Together*

**Ladies Aid** meets at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Bible study by *Susan Ray*. Servers are *Carol Carmean and Bernice Mueller*.

**Mary Group** meets at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor. Opening devotion is by *Colette Wunderlich*, Bible study by *Barbara Jacob*, and Offering meditation by *Jocie Braun*. Hostess is *Edith Flinn*.

#### Upcoming events:

\* **Quilting day** is May 8 at 9:00 a.m.

\* **Mother's Day** - May 14 (See page one about collection for Uprising.)

(WELCA News continues on page 3)

**MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

**INVITE YOU TO ATTEND**

**THE SALAD SUPPER AND PROGRAM**

**THEME "FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT"**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017**

**7:00 P.M.**

**MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**211 LUTHER LANE**

**CARMINE, TEXAS 78932**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF**

**FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, FUN, ENTERTAINMENT, AND SINGING**



Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries  
May 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>

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Worship on Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – *New Time*

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

**Mothers Day Reception**

Sunday, May 14, after worship

**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. – generally 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – you are  
invited to bring a lunch item to share.

**Confirmation Sunday – May 7 – Worship at 8:00  
a.m.**

**Waldeck Church Picnic – A Community Event**

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

Ledbetter Community Center

Tickets available for the Burger & Fries meal - \$8  
Serving 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For tickets or questions, call:

979-249-6551 or 979-966-3477

Live Auction at noon

Also offering: children's games and Country Store



**TOGETHER IN MISSION**

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

Matthew 28:19-20a NRSV

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**Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Round Top**

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

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

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

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

May 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicken Fry, 10:45 AM-12:30 PM  
Round Top Rifle Hall  
Worship Service at 9:30 AM at Hall  
Featuring Country Western Music!  
Eat-in or To-Go. Free Will Donation  
Silent Auction

May 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday worship at 9:30 am to honor BLC graduate.

**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.

**NEWS**  
*From Our Parish*

WELCA News continued----

\* June 7 Banquet - theme, "Fruits of the Spirit" using fruits in bowls for decorations. (See the flyer in this newsletter). Ladies are asked to bring salads of meat, vegetables, or dessert.

**Report on Brazos Cluster WELCA Spring Happening**



This gathering was held on Saturday, March 25, at Elizabeth Lutheran Church, Caldwell, with the theme, "God is Good", with 39 in attendance. (Leonita Sanders and Dianne Sager attended from MLLC). Pastor Richard Brunk gave the opening devotion on the theme verse, Mark 10:19: God is good at all times.

The guest speaker was Tracy Sebesta, advocate for CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocate), who gave an informative talk about CASA and what they do for abused children. She also spoke on how important advocates are for the system and how badly they are needed.

The offering given was designated for CASA, and physical offering of canned goods was brought for the Food Pantry of Elizabeth Lutheran.

During the business meeting, Dianne Sager, for Mission Action, gave a report on Lutheran World Relief with collection being on April 17 at Zionsville. She reported that \$.86 of every dollar donated to the LWR goes to help in the field. Carolyn Muske, synod representative, reported on the quantity of LWR items (quilts, blankets, school kits, personal care

kits, fabric kits, baby care kits, and soap), that was shipped to 16 countries, and that 534,144 people received benefit from these shipments in 2016.

Maxine Schwarze will remain the Coordinator for one more year; Carol Naegeli will take the position of Vice-Coordinator; Judy Matula accepted the position of Communicator; Leonita Sanders as the Financial Secretary; and Joyce Schaefer accepted the position of Mission Reports.

The Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod WELCA will have the synod convention on Saturday, August 26, 2017, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Brenham. The Triennial Convention will be in Minneapolis on July13-16, 2017.

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF REPORT:** Thirty-eight boxes were taken to Zionsville on April 17, and from there, they were transported to Houston where they were loaded onto an 18-wheeler and taken to Maryland. Included were: 37 quilts, 145 school kits, 98 personal care kits, 25 baby care kits, and 13 fabric kits. Thanks to all who donated and helped. Thanks also to Brick Peele for taking the boxes, and to Ted & Dianne Sager for helping load.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:**

Bernice Pratt  
Argent Court Assisted Living  
2815 Victory Lane, #218  
Brenham, TX 77833

**NOISY OFFERING REPORT**

So far this year, the following amounts have been given:

January -	\$129.88
February -	202.22
March -	41.54
<u>April -</u>	<u>108.11</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$481.75</b>

This year's recipient is the *Fayette County Habitat for Humanity*.



Dana Kelley	01
Kaitlyn Pawlak	02
Robbie Stork	02
Brooke Eckert	03
Kay Schmidt	04
Carah Weiss	05
Floyd Etzel	06
Reese O'Malley	06
Judy Yarborough	06
Bernice Pratt	07
Brittany Jacob	08
Beverly Cucuzza	15
RaChelle Kuecker	15
Dora Miller	15
Sierra Richard	16
Mary Warburton	16
Emily Kelley	17
Christy Kelley	18
Bradley Eilers	19
Whitney Hinze	20
Amanda Leppard	20
Marlene Waak	20
Jenell Jaster	22
Edith Flinn	24
Roger Sommerfeld	24
Becky Jasinski	25
Nikki Pohl	25
Karen Springer	26
Dwayne Garlin	27
Bill Derrick	28
Donna Mueller	28
Jared Pohl	28
Hope Wunderlich	29
Bryan Miller	31

**MLLC Financial Information**

**March, 2017, Year-to-Date**

Total Income	\$59,930.86
Total Expenses	59,784.15
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>\$ 146.71</b>

**March, 2017, Month**

Total Income	\$18,373.94
Total Expenses	17,819.39
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>\$ 554.55</b>

**Year-to-Date Expenses Highlights:**

Salaries and Benefits	\$41,249.14
Benevolences	3,121.99
Utilities	3,973.46
Property Insurance	3,064.98
Printing	2,038.76



**Bruce Muske** (Carol Hall's son-in-law, cancer); **Mike Michalka** (from Sealy, relative of Dorothy Rothermel, leukemia); **Linda Pitts** (friend, health concerns); **Linda Mattocks** (recent cancer surgery); **Ed Eargle** (health concerns, back home); **Linda Mattocks** (recent cancer surgery, back home); **Alan Juergens** (Ruby Renck's son, health concerns); **Barbara Urban Schultz** (friend of Susan Bathe, cancer); **Susan Ray** (recent foot surgery); **Saline Weintraub** (friend of Susan Ray for continuing courage and strength); **Lee Odis Lang** (friend, for healing); **Izzy Depaz** (10-year-old niece and granddaughter of workers at JW's, leukemia); **Jim Lightner** (relative of Brick & Debby Peele, serious health issues); and **René Runge** (back injury from fall).

**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); **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); **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** (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**, and **Joyce Eilers** (Brenham Nursing & Rehab); **Lynda Kominczak** (Mission Nursing & Rehab in Cuero); **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: **First Baptist Church of New Braunfels members** (who were killed in a tragic accident); **Darlene Fuchs Fischer** (confirmed at MLLC in 1943); **Verlie Hinze Wegner** (aunt of Karen Dooley, and confirmed at MLLC in 1943); **Dodd Lowery** (brother of Diane Tovey); and **Hugh Pitts** (friend).



## AUTOMATED AND ONLINE OFFERINGS

By Pastor David Tinker

In May, we will be rolling out our new program for automated and online offerings. Through a cooperative agreement with Thrivent Financial and Vanco Services, we will be able to provide a number of connection points for both ongoing and one-time giving to God and his ministries through MLLC. Note that these are purely *voluntary* and no one will be required to use these services. Also, this service is not intended to be the limit of how you make your offerings to God through MLLC. Many people have made the choice to use automated and online payments for a wide variety of charities, business and services. It makes sense that those individuals would like to do the same with their offerings to the Lord.

Here are some of the opportunities you have to use this service:

- \*The program will enable you to set up transfers from your bank account to the MLLC bank account.
- \*These transfers can be made from your bank account, debit card or credit card.
- \*These scheduled giving times can be weekly, twice monthly, monthly, etc.
- \*This will provide you with the ability to keep up with your offerings even when you can't be at worship due to travel, work, health, etc.
- \*You can set a standard amount for these regular times.
- \*You can set up any number of special schedules for regular giving.

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(Pastor's Article - continued-)

\*A link to the online giving will soon be available through our website: [mlccarmine.com](http://mlccarmine.com).  
 \*There will be a mobile-friendly version so you can use your mobile device to make offerings.

\*One-time gifts will always be an option through the website.  
 \*All offerings will be credited to your name, just as when you use your offering envelope or write a check.

Look for further announcements regarding the expansion of this program in weekly bulletins, upcoming newsletters, the [mlccarmine.com](http://mlccarmine.com) website, and our Facebook page.

You can sign up for the regular giving through paper forms at the church office or on the [mlccarmine.com](http://mlccarmine.com) website. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

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**† OFFICIAL ACTS IN MARCH:**  
 (Baptism, Memorial Service, First Communion)

Ronan Jaxon Diehl, son of Michael & Tabatha Lehmann Diehl, was baptized at MLLC on Saturday, April 22, 2017. He was born January 25, 2017. Welcome to the Lord's Family!

The Memorial Service for James Schoenberg was held at MLLC on March 25, 2017. Mr. Schoenberg passed away March 20, 2017, at the age of 79 years.

And on Maundy Thursday evening, April 13, the following young people received First Communion: Brody Dooley, son of Todd & Amy Dooley; Abby Wunderlich and Cody Wunderlich, children of Jeff & Kristi Wunderlich, Jace Carmean, son of Chris & Stacia Carmean; Kalli Wellmann, daughter of Nikki & Joey Pohl, and Austen Marth, son of Samantha & Christopher Medack. Drayton Oakes, son of Cassius & Glenda Oakes, has had first Holy Communion in the past, and is also participating with this group.

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**CONFIRMATION CAMP** this year is June 18-23

Three young people are going from MLLC: Janette Weidemann, Miles Tinker, and Tyler Marth. Please pray for them as they prepare for a fun experience.

**ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION REPORT:**

date	attendance	general	school	building
03-15 at Waldeck		90.00	-0-	-0-
03-19 Sunday	62	3,407.00	50.00	-0-
03-22 Lent	47	257.00	-0-	-0-
03-25 Saturday	24	350.00	-0-	-0-
03-26 Sunday	55	1,261.00	-0-	20.00
<b>**03-29</b> at Waldeck				
04-02 Sunday	72	6,510.56	50.00	-0-
04-05 Lent	50	570.00	-0-	-0-
04-08 Saturday	17	1,784.00	-0-	10.00
04-09 Sunday	103	2,683.00	-0-	205.00
04-13 Maundy Thursday	106	1,596.00	-0-	40.00
04-14 Good Friday	25	417.00	-0-	-0-
04-15 Vigil	27	150.00	-0-	-0-
04-16 Sunrise	41	911.50	-0-	-0-
04-16 Easter	164	3,324.00	-0-	-0-
04-22 Saturday	32	668.00	-0-	-0-
04-23 Sunday	73	1,892.0	-0-	-0-

\*\* 3-29 at Waldeck, money was counted with the 4-8-17 offering.

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☘ **CHECK OUT THE GRADUATION & MOTHER'S DAY CARDS ON THE SHELVES IN THE PARLOR!!!** ☘



## THANKS OVERFLOWING!

♥ Thanks to the office helpers for April: **Cherrie Wines** sent bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors; **Tina Mikeska** put supplies in pews; **Ruby Renck, Kay Schmidt, and Melissa Wickel** folded bulletins; **Carol Hall & Betty Porter** compiled the May newsletter.

♥ Thanks to those who donated Easter lilies in honor/memory of loved ones.

♥ Thanks to those who provided special music on Easter Sunday: **Nancy Eilers**, organist; **Jadon Weidemann**, trumpet; and duet by **Bobbie & Jessica Weidemann**.

♥ Thanks to all those who served meals at Wednesday evening Lenten meals at MLLC, and to those who served meals at Waldeck.

♥ A.M.E.N. Food Pantry, La Grange, sends two thank yous:

...for the \$65.00 received March 2, 2017, and for the \$85.00 received by them on April 3, 2017.

Carolyn Rotter, for the A.M.E.N. Board of Directors, thanks MLLC for the *“general support in providing emergency assistance for our needy brothers and sisters in our area. We sincerely appreciate your participation in serving the needy of our community. May God bless you.”*

♥ Thanks to **Brick Peele, Reuben Wunderlich, and Mike McIntosh** for all the work they have done,

both inside and outside of our church.

♥ The Family of **James Schoenberg** would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, food and memorial donations, called us with a kind word, sent a card or was just there to help us with anything that needed to be done. Especially, thank you to **Pastor Tinker** for his kind words, the organist, the ladies who and, the ladies who prepared and served the lunch, the ushers who assisted during the service, the Carmine VFD and the First Responders for everything they did for our family, and to the ladies who handled the memorials. The sudden loss of James was made a little easier with the love and support we received from our family and friends. Your expression of sympathy were greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten. *Always, JoLynn Schoenberg and Jacquelyn Schoenberg Mercado*



## MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES April 17, 2017

The Church Council of Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Carmine, Texas met for its monthly meeting in the church parlor on Monday, April 17, 2017 at 6:15 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Council President **Blake Dooley**.

Pastor provided the devotion and opening prayer.

The minutes for the March 20, 2017 Council meeting were presented by

**Anita Drydale**. **Tim Sanders** made a motion to accept the minutes with a second by **Cheryl Etzel**. The motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by **Cindy Weidemann**. **Jessica Weidemann** made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with a second by **Brick Peele**. The motion passed.

Pastor reported the following: Special Item: Appointment of Synod Assembly Voting Members – voted on **Mike and Terry McIntosh**. **Dana Smith** made a motion to accept with a second by **Cheryl Etzel**. The motion passed. There is space for 1 more person, lay male or female.

Upcoming weddings:  
**Breanna Marburger and Zakary Leonhardt**: August 5, 2017.  
**Megan Duckworth and Jeff Hinze**: January 6, 2018

Recent funeral: **James Schoenberg**: March 25

Pastor attended committee meetings: Church Council  
Special Congregational Meeting – March 5<sup>th</sup>  
4 Sunday Worship services, 2 Saturday Worship services, 5 Wednesday Services

Confirmation classes did not meet in March. We have 2 students participating: **Miles Tinker** and **Janette Weidemann** and both are registered for Confirmation Camp 2017. A third student will be joining the class: **Tyler Marth**.

Pastor continues to work on the web page.

He taught First Holy Communion Class, 7 youth participated. **Austen Marth, Kalli Wellman, Brody Dooley, Jace Carmean, Abby Wunderlich, Cody Wunderlich, and Drayton Oakes**.

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## Council Minutes continued---

Thanks to Esther Kelly for her support and partnership with the Chalice craft and bread baking class.

Upcoming dates of note:

May 13 – Saturday – 9-11am. – Shared Ministry meeting with the 4 churches.

May 18 – 20 – Thursday – Saturday – Synod Assembly in Houston.

Christian Education Committee met on Sunday, April 9 (presented by Dana Smith):

Our Annual Easter celebration on April 16 included a whole-group Sunday School time. The Easter egg hunt was held after worship with 21 kids participating.

Summer Sunday School schedule will run from June 4 – August 13. We will learn about the Fruit of the Spirit.

VBS is scheduled for June 11-15, 2017 and will be held Sunday through Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7:45pm. This year's theme is Rome: Paul and the Underground Church. We are actively searching for volunteers.

On August 20, Lutherhill will lead Sunday school.

On August 27, we will celebrate Rally Sunday and the start of our New Year.

Worship Committee met on Tuesday, April 3 with 5 members present (presented by Jessica Weidemann):

Holy Week Services were planned with 6 students taking first communion on Maundy Thursday and a plethora of events throughout the week. Lots of music planned for Easter Sunday Service.

The Baptismal Sheep Banner has been requested to be mounted as the Veteran's Memorial Banner. Ushering guidelines to be revised and reposted for team leaders and usher teams.

The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, at 6pm.

Outreach Committee (presented by Cheryl Etzel):

Mother's Day reception – May 14. Discussion regarding having it in place before, during and after Sunday School and church service. Birthday celebration planned for Mrs. Bernice Pratt in conjunction with Mother's Day. Cake and punch reception with simple finger foods. Graduation reception for High School graduates. Date is pending (end of May or early June).

Property Committee met on April 9 after church services with 5 members present (presented by Brick Peele):

Property committee visited the church sacristy to view a surface mounted LED ceiling light fixture installed as a replacement for an existing ceiling light. Also noted lighted wall toggle switches installed in sacristy.

Discussed roof leak in school wing storage closet. Secured preliminary evaluation of roof condition by Marlin Construction. Received quote for patch and will secure quote for entire roof.

Discussed repair of stucco on southwest corner of Fellowship Hall. Will table until next month. Discussed A/C unit for parlor. Motion for a/c repairs from general memorial fund by Dana Smith with second by Tim Sanders. Motion passed.

Discussed removal of water well equipment/buildings on church property. Task pending committee coordination.

Initial phase of fluorescent bulb replacement with LED bulbs in parlor approved by Church Council at March 20 meeting. Repairs to be started this month.

Stewardship Committee did not meet this month:

Pat McCanlies has resigned her position. We need to find someone to fill that spot for the next 8

months. Possibly a current member of the Stewardship committee. Not a chairperson, but a representative to come to council meetings.

Dayschool Committee met on March 29 (presented by Brick Peele):

Discussed summer sampler program (dates tentative) before initiating afterschool program. Action items before proceeding: pass it by the council for approval, submitting approval for submittal of application fees. Council has asked for more details before approving. Details to be emailed to Blake and distributed to council for vote. Table for further information. Not voting on licensing at this time. No charge for the summer sampler program. There will be minimal expenses.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Discuss interim step that could lead to a day school program. In view of time restraints, the proposal for one week summer sampler program was discussed with goal of an afterschool program.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Library box for the church (to be built by Mike McIntosh) and placed outside of the fellowship hall; built to look like the Fellowship Hall. Motion made by Pastor to approve with second by Cindy Weidemann. The motion passed. Delivered 39 boxes to Zion Lutheran for World Relief (reported by Brick Peele).

Tim Sanders to give devotion for next meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anita Drydale  
MLLC Council Secretary

## MLLC FIRST QUARTER, 2017 MEMORIAL REPORT

### General Fund Memorials:

Vernon Karstedt

James Schoenberg

Paul Viertel

Lloyd Zwernemann

*In honor of Jerry & Barbara*

*Jacob's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary*

**Total: \$2,905.00**

### Building Fund Memorials

Roy Koehl

Marvin Makowsky

James Schoenberg

Lloyd Zwernemann

*In honor of Rev. August*

*Hannemann's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

**Total: \$ 110.00**

**Total Memorials \$3,015.00**

## UPCOMING AREA EVENTS:

☞ **THRIVENT FINANCIAL** is sponsoring four upcoming workshops at the Thrivent office of Philip Oestreich, 1903 Janssen Ln., La Grange. All workshops are from 12 noon until 1:00 p.m.  
 May 1 - Social Security: Strategize to Maximize  
 May 8 - Income Taxes and Retirement  
 May 15 - Preparing for Long-Term Care: A Gift your Family Deserves  
 May 22 - Social Security: Strategize to Maximize  
 RSVP to Philip Oestreich at 979/968-3738.

The workshops are hosted by Mr. Oestreich and Sydney Spano. Lunch will be provided.

☞ **BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN** 59<sup>th</sup> Annual CHICKEN FRY, Sunday, May 7, at the Round Top Rifle Hall from 10:45-12:30. Their worship service, featuring country-western music, starts at 9:30 a.m. at the Hall.

The eat-in or to-go plates will be available, whole chickens at the pit. All food is offered for a free-will donation. All proceeds benefit Historic Bethlehem Lutheran Church, celebrating 151 years of faith and fellowship.

☞ "MAMA WON'T FLY", a comedy, will be presented May 12 & 13, at 7:00 p.m., and May 14, at 3:00 p.m. Our Saturday organist, Kristen Graeter, will play the part of Mama. The show is at the Historic Casino Hall, 254 N. Jefferson, St., La Grange. General admission is \$10 and students are \$5. For more information, call 979/968-3017 or go to: [www.fayettecountycommunitytheatre.com](http://www.fayettecountycommunitytheatre.com).

☞ **LUTHERHILL SERVE DAY**, Saturday, May 13, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. All volunteers are welcome! Cost: Free!

*"We need help to get camp ready for over 1,000 campers this summer!"* If you wish to come on Friday night, please check in and stay the evening in one of Lutherhill's cabins. At 8:30 pm., there will be campfire & s'mores.

There will be a wide range of projects on Saturday—*cleaning of worship sites, trimming trees, powerwashing porches and decks, staining benches, and trail maintenance.*

Supplies needed to complete projects: *chainsaws (for those willing to operate one); flatbed trailer for hauling brush; power washers; clippers; paint brushes; gloves.*

Saturday morning, the 13<sup>th</sup>, starts with breakfast in the dining hall at 8:00 a.m., with work projects starting at 9:00 a.m. Lunch is at 12:30 pm., and then at 2:30 p.m., work projects will be wrapped up and the pool will open!

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

☞ **UNITED EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SWISS ALP**, 2038 FM 3171, Schulenburg, invites everyone to their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, May 14. Celebratory worship starts at 9:15 a.m., with fellowship and activities following. A fried chicken lunch will be served at 11:00 a.m. Meal tickets are \$9 each. Please call 979/966-9184 for tickets, or email: [nancy.tielsch@yahoo.com](mailto:nancy.tielsch@yahoo.com) to reserve meal tickets.

☞ **WALDECK LUTHERAN CHURCH PICNIC** is set for Sunday, May 21, at the Ledbetter Community Center. Burgers and fries and all the fixin's will be served from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for \$8. There will be a live auction at noon, children's games, and country store. For tickets or questions, call 979/249-6551 or 979/966-3477.

☞ **ROUND TOP FAMILY LIBRARY** invites seniors to the "Senior Gaming" on Sunday, May 28, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the library. Bring a friend, win a prize, and join the fellowship.

☞ **BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**, ROUND TOP, is set for June 28-30 (Wednesday-Friday), from 5:30-8:00 p.m., with the closing program on Sunday, July 2, at 9:30 a.m. Contact Stacy Eilers at [eilerss@lgisd.net](mailto:eilerss@lgisd.net), or her cell at 979/639-1897 to register. Ages three up to confirmation-age children are invited!

☞ **TEXAS LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC**, in celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, has created the Texas All-State Lutheran Music Camp July 6-8, 2017. The camp is open to all high school students who participate in the life of a Lutheran church and are active in their school's band. Students who register by June 16 will only have to pay \$100. After June 16, the cost is \$200. Visit [www.tlu.edu/lutheran-all-state](http://www.tlu.edu/lutheran-all-state) to register.

{Please return this form to the church office or Dana Smith by June 1.}

Martin Luther Lutheran Church -- Carmine  
***Rome: Paul and the Underground Church***

**VBS Registration Form**

Sunday, June 11 – Thursday, June 15, 2017

5:30-7:45pm each evening

Participant Name:	Age/Grade Completed:	**T-shirt Size:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(All family members, not just children, are welcome to participate in VBS. If you wish to join in the fun as a family, simply include yourself as a participant or participants above!)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact Phone #(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (other than parent)/Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ List: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Concerns: Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ [Please initial.] I hereby grant the VBS staff volunteers permission to photograph/film the minor(s) designated above for any lawful purpose associated with this VBS program.

\*\*Available T-shirt sizes include: Child XS (2-4); Child S (6-8); Child M (10-12); Child L (14-16); Adult S; Adult M; Adult L; Adult XL; Adult 2XL; Adult 3XL



Make this craft to display a bit of springtime year-round!

**What you need:**

- An old shirt
- Tempura paint (brown, dark pink, light pink and white)
- Paintbrush
- Light blue or white construction paper
- A paper plate
- Q-tips
- Paper towels



**What you do:**

1. Roll up one sleeve and paint your arm and the palm of your hand brown.
2. Lengthwise on the paper, carefully place your painted arm and hand, with fingers spread apart. (This is the tree trunk and branches.)
3. Place the other paint colors on the plate.
4. Using Q-tips, place dots of paint (blossoms!) all over the branches.
5. When dry, display your tree – or give it as a Mother’s Day gift.

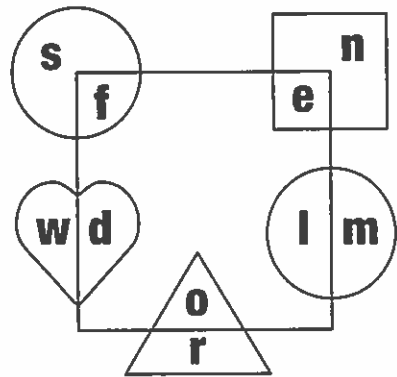


# GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs. What example does he give of God’s care for his creation?

**Directions:**

To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.



“Consider how the wild \_\_\_\_\_  
grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even \_\_\_\_\_  
in all his splendor was \_\_\_\_\_  
like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV

Answer: “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV

**SERVERS for:**

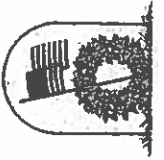


Assisting Ministers: Susan Bathe (05-07, 05-13); Dianna Gerland (05-14);  
 Jessica Weidemann (05-21, 05-27); Dana Smith (05-28)  
 Put supplies in pews: Vickie Schroeder  
 Bulletin Folder: Carol Hall  
 Offering Counters: Karen Roemer, Amy Dooley, Jeff Flinn  
 Prepare Communion for shut-ins: Dean & Joyce Ullrich  
 Send Bulletins to Shut-ins & Cards to Visitors: Nancy Eilers  
 Acolyte organizers: Parents of May Acolytes  
 June newsletter assemblers: Ann O'Hara & Marlene Waak  
 (the weekend of May 26 or 27)

date	acolytes	ushers	readers	flowers	communion assistants	communion set-up
05-07	Brody Dooley	Team #13-Karen Roemer, capt., & greeter; Dennis Smith, greeter; Darrell, Esther, & Emily Kelley, Jadon Weidemann	Kayla Peters	Clint & RaChelle Kuecker		Connie
05-13		Volunteers				Debbie
05-14	Abby Wunderlich	Team #14-Ronnie Eckert, capt., Avalda Pohl, greeter; Brooke Eckert, Debbie Eckert, Connie Peters, Jordan Peters	Leonita Sanders	Floyd & Cheryl Etzel	Vickie Schroeder	Debbie
05-21	Jace Carmean	Team #15-Tony Dooley, capt., Karen Dooley, Amy & Todd Dooley, Blake & Amber Dooley	Bobbie Weidemann	Brick & Debby Peele	Dana Smith	Karen
05-27		Volunteers				Jadon
05-28	Kennedy Flinn	Team #16-Dennis Gerland, capt., Boo Goolsby, greeter; Jennifer Mohr, Brick & Debby Peele, Carol Carmean	Amy Dooley	Weidemann's Anniversary	Amber Dooley	Jadon



# May 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Check out the Mother's Day &amp; Graduation cards on the shelves in the parlor!!!</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>6:00 pm-Worship Committee meeting</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/ Good Shepherd Sunday 9:00 am-Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study 9:30 am-Choir practice 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion (10:45-12:30-Bethlehem Lutheran chicken fry) 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>6:30 pm-Stewardship Committee Meeting</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Council agenda deadline</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>2:00 pm-Ladies Aid 6:30 pm-Mary Group</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion REMEMBER TO COLLECT YOUR LOOSE CHANGE FOR THE NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY 9:00-11:00-Shared Ministry meeting</p>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Happy Mother's Day 9:00 am-Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study/Tone Chimes practice 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion led by Praise Team/Noisy Offering collected/ Reception for Mothers &amp; Bernice Pratt Birthday reception after worship Property Committee meeting after worship 11:00 am-Christian Ed Committee 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>1:30 pm-Senior Citizens Domino Party 6:15 pm-Church Council</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Newsletter deadline MLLC's 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>
<p><b>21</b></p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion 2:00 pm-Carmine Cemetery Decoration (11:00-1:00, Waldeck picnic) 5:00 pm-AA meeting 7:00 pm-RT-C Baccalaureate in our sanctuary</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>7:00 pm-Men in Mission</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Ascension of Our Lord From Acts 1:11: "This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion/Baptism Remembrance M&amp;M Building reserved all day</p>
<p><b>28</b></p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 9:45 am-Hymn Sing 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/Baptism Remembrance LYO meeting after worship 3:00 pm-La Bahia Cemetery Decoration 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Memorial Day</p> 	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>APRIL</b></p> <p>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT</p> <p>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</p>	<p><b>JUNE</b></p> <p>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT</p> <p>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</p>	