



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

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Martin Luther Lutheran Church

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Worship w/Communion:

Sundays - 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Church Council: Shaye Kirts-President; Blake Dooley-President-elect; Kayla Peters-Secretary; Samantha Ullrich-Treasurer; Jessica Weidemann-Worship Committee; Cindy Weidemann-Stewardship Committee; Dana Smith-Christian Education Committee; Cheryl Etzel-Outreach/Care Committee; Ronnie Siptak-Property Committee

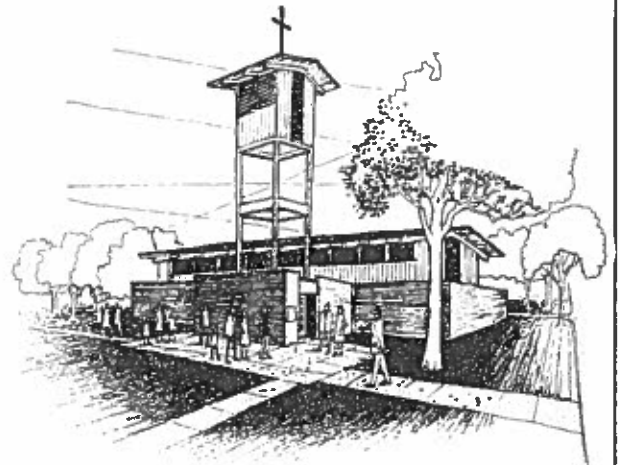
Below is a picture of the bulletin cover for the Dedication Services (*for the current sanctuary*) on November 6, 1966. The Reverend August M. Hannemann was pastor. (See page 1 of the newsletter for more.)

Dedication Services

NOVEMBER 6, 1966

MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Carmine, Texas





Luther's Letter

Martin Luther Lutheran Church

November, 2016

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven...” Matthew 5:12

SPECIAL DAYS IN NOVEMBER

† All Saints Day is Sunday, November 6. Mrs. LeVerne Hinze and Ralph Barrick are being remembered in prayer on that day.

† The 50th Anniversary of the dedication of the current sanctuary will be observed on Sunday, November 6, as well. On the front of the bulletin cover for that special day was printed the following verse:

“In sincere and grateful remembrance of all who have loved and served this church; and with tender memories of those who ‘passed from death to life’ in the Lord’s arms, WE DEDICATE THIS CHURCH TO THE TRIUNE GOD, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”

† November 10 is the 533rd anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther in the year 1483.

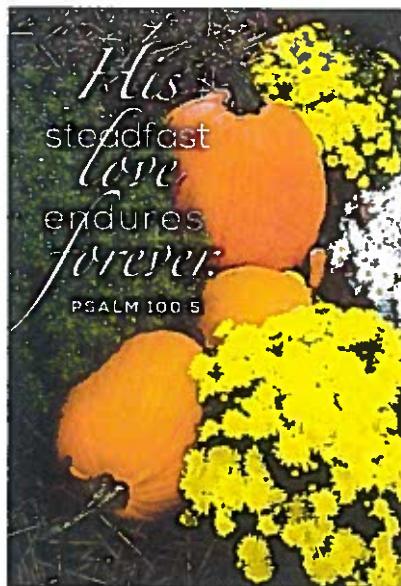
★ Veterans Recognition and Remembrance is observed each year on November 11 as a holiday to honor American veterans for their patriotism and willingness to serve and sacrifice for our nation’s common good.

RT-C High School is having a Veterans Day program on November 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the high school gym in Carmine. All veterans are invited and encouraged to attend, and to please arrive about 12:30 p.m. to the cafeteria for snacks. They will then be escorted to the gym. Everyone is invited to attend.

We will remember and honor our veterans at MLLC on Sunday, November 13.

★ The Women’s Thankoffering and Annual Turkey Dinner is set for Sunday, November 13.

WELCA ladies will take part in the worship service, and serving of the annual turkey dinner from 11:00-12:30 in the fellowship hall. (See more on page 2 under Women’s News). Ladies are asked to bring a dessert.



† Christ the King Sunday is observed on November 20. “The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.” Psalm 46:7.

† Thanksgiving Eve service with Holy Communion will be at Waldeck Lutheran Church this year, starting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2.

† November 27 is the first Sunday in Advent. Advent Vespers services and meals begin on Wednesday, November 30, (both in the fellowship hall). The meal is served starting at 6:00 p.m. and worship service starts at 7:00 p.m.

There is a sign-up sheet in the office for groups willing to serve meals. Care Committee serves chicken enchiladas on December 14. November 30 and December 7 are open.

★ Also on Sunday, November 27, the congregation is invited to help set up and decorate the chrismon tree in the sanctuary after worship. Mary Group serves light refreshments following.

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO MADE THIS YEAR’S HARVEST FESTIVAL A BIG SUCCESS! See the December newsletter for a complete rundown of the day’s activities.

TIME & TALENT SHEETS: You still have a little time to return these to the box in the narthex (by November 4). Please remember, the usher teams will remain the same unless you notify the church office of any changes.

ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS:

Check the sign-up form in this newsletter to have your child/children participate in the program on Sunday, December 11.

OTHER REMINDERS:

✓ Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 6. Remember to move your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday evening.

✓ The ELCA World Hunger white envelope is found in your box of offering envelopes to contribute during November. Please write "ELCA World Hunger Appeal" on the memo line of your check. The pew envelopes may be used as well by writing "World Hunger" on the envelope. And, thanks for all contributions!

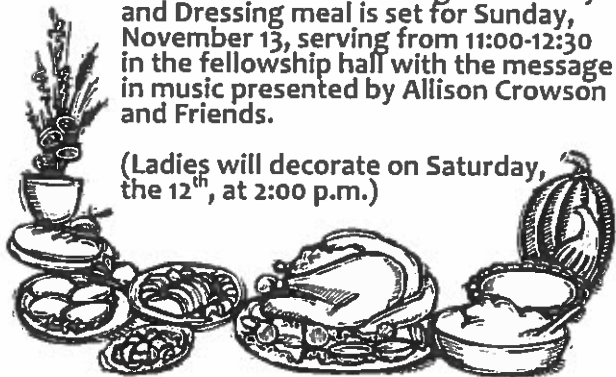
✓ Confirmation classes meet on Wednesdays, November 2 & 9 at 4:15-6:45 p.m. in the Mission & Ministry building.

✓ New choir practice and singing is November 6 at 9:15 a.m. in the rear of the sanctuary. The group will sing "Shall We Gather at the River".

WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS

The Annual Thankoffering and Turkey and Dressing meal is set for Sunday, November 13, serving from 11:00-12:30 in the fellowship hall with the message in music presented by Allison Crowson and Friends.

(Ladies will decorate on Saturday, the 12th, at 2:00 p.m.)



POINSETTIA ORDERING FORM:

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY DECEMBER 11. Please place your order through the church office and make your check payable to MLLC.

The Nesting Company Florist in Burton will have red six-inch potted poinsettias with gold pot covers for \$13.00 each. There will be a complimentary delivery for the orders.

If you wish to place your poinsettia in honor/memory of someone, please indicate below:

_____ will be placing _____ poinsettia(s)

in honor/memory of: _____

Next regular meeting date:
Thursday, November 10

Bible study theme: *When God's not fair-Coming to terms with a merciful God*
Session 3: *Paul and the power of failure: when God chooses the unlikely*

Ladies Aid meets at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The Bible study is led by Joys Baird, and servers are Ora Lee Levien and Nancy Eilers.

Mary Group meets the same day at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor. Opening devotion is given by Barbara Jacob, Bible study by Joys Baird, offering meditation by Sedalia Ullrich. Hostess is Colette Wunderlich.

Mary Group notes:

In the past few months, Mary Group members, along with Ladies Aid members, have been working on several projects:

- made 26 quilts for Krause Center, which Sedalia and Joys delivered
- Camp For all quilts are currently under construction
- made one quilt for auction at the Fall Festival
- collected for and contributed to AMEN
- collected needed items for MLL School and Day Care
- completed new yearbooks
- currently planning Thankoffering service and turkey & dressing dinner

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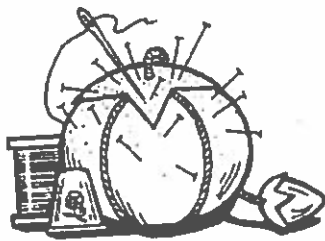


Mary Group notes - continued

It was noted more fabrics are needed for quilting, especially kid-themed fabrics. Monetary donations for fabric as well as fabric are welcomed.

Barbara Jacob, Colette Wunderlich, and Cindy Weidemann, Synod Women of the ELCA secretary, attended the Gulf Coast Synod Women's Convention at Texas City.

Mary Group donated \$500 toward Bible School expenses, \$2,000 to Lutherhill to help with the dining hall bathroom renovation project, \$100 to Water to Thrive, \$120 to help with LYO's mission trip expenses, and \$1,000 to help with food expenses at the Harvest Festival. Our next monetary contributions will be for Christmas gift projects around the county.



HELP MAKE QUILTS! (By Joys Baird)

The ladies who quilt for MLLC made and donated 26 quilts to the Krause Children's Center in Katy. Thanks to *Beverly Cucuzza, Nancy Eilers, Dianna Gerland, Jenell Jaster, Loydine Mays, Terry McIntosh, Dorothy Rothermel, Dianne Sager, Bobbie Weidemann, Colette Wunderlich, and Diana Wunderlich*, because they meet the second Monday of each month to quilt for this Center, Camp For All in Burton, and Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to everyone who donates quilting material and money for this project. If not for you, these quilters and these donors, this would not be possible.

Sedalia Ullrich & Joys Baird traveled to Katy on Thursday, October 6, and delivered the 26 quilts to Lydia Danvet and Rina John at the Center.

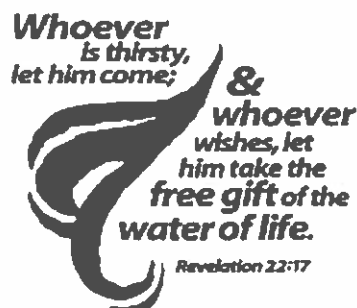
The quilts and personal hygiene products are given to new residents of the Center. Sixty girls between the ages to 12 and 17 reside at the Center.

This includes girls who have been removed from their homes, orphaned, or in foster placement for a variety of reasons, most due to histories of severe abuse or neglect. They receive on-site medical and nursing care, on-campus education, preparation for adult living, community outings, yoga, gardening, art, and spiritual care including chapel services and Bible study. Girls often discover their special interests and talent in this healthy and safe setting.

So, those who quilt, donate materials, quilting supplies, and give money to support this project are doing God's Work With Your Hands and Heart. THANK YOU!

The next quilting day is Monday, November 14, at 9:00 a.m. in the Mission & Ministry Building.

Report on TX/LA Gulf Coast Synod of Women of the ELCA September. 16-18, 2016, Memorial Lutheran Church, Texas City, Texas, with the theme, "A Coastal Affair" (Total attendance of 88.)



*I thank MLLC Unit for electing and supporting (\$\$) me as the delegate of the Unit.
---Barbara Jacob.*

The Friday evening convention opened with guest speaker, Rev. Bro. Christopher Markert from the ELCA Synod office. He spoke on The Order of the Franciscan Monks, (a completely new concept to me) with a casual get-acquainted reception following.

On Saturday morning, attendees registered and Churchwide Representative, Ely Smith, Executive Board Treasurer of Fircrest, Washington, opened the session.

The Business Session for delegates and other voting members was held while other participants enjoyed displays/vendors/and workshops. All officer reports, minutes, treasurer's report, and incidentals were reviewed.

Officers/Committee Members elected (2-year term) are: *Carolyn Muske (Vice President); Angela Bell (Secretary);* Board members (2-year term) *MiLisa Gaertner, Mary Markowich, and Andi Wiltse.*

Board member for 1-year term was *Pam Naranjo;* Nominating Committee members: *Katy Gau, Beverly Tomsic and Colette Wunderlich.*

Triennial voting members: *MiLisa Gaertner, Rissi Snelgrove, and Angela Bell.* Alternates are *Barbara Sue Beall, Beverly Jean Tomsic, and Pamela Naranjo.*

Offerings collected: Love offering (½ to CWO and ½ to SWO) - \$2,351; Silent auction - \$1,259.00; Quilt raffle - \$636.00. (*Colette won the baby quilt*).

The Water Project (physical offering to Water to Thrive) brought in \$5,665.95. (*One well/water system costs \$5,000*). One well provides safe, clean water to more than 250 people for 20 years.

The WELCA Synod gave \$18,000 to the project in 2015. Katie's Fund (endowment, established in 1997) total in 2014 was \$1,000,000, and \$1.2 million in 2015.

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2016 Martin Luther Lutheran Church Christmas Program

Martin Luther Lutheran Church Sunday School will be having their annual Christmas Program on Sunday, December 11th during the 9:45 am worship service. The Program is titled "Simply Christmas."

The practice schedules for the Christmas Program is listed below and the children involved are encouraged to be at each one. If your child may miss a practice or two that is fine as we understand everyone has busy schedules, we would still encourage them to participate in the program. Each practice will open with a devotion and short lesson. The children will be learning new Christmas songs this year and every child Kindergarten and above will have a speaking part if they choose to.

The practices will be during Sunday school from 8:30 am to 9:30 am on the following Sundays:

November 13th
November 20nd
November 27th
December 4th.

Dress Rehearsal will be Saturday, December 10th from 9:30 am – 11:00 am.

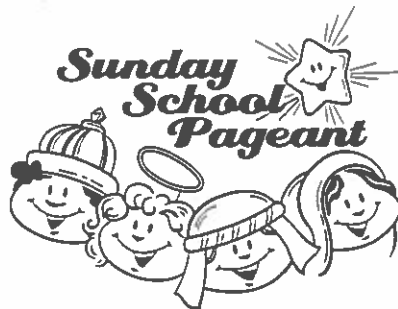
Since many of the children will have a speaking part, we need to know who will be participating as soon as possible so that the parts can be divided between the children in advance of the first practice.

Please sign the form below and have your child bring it to Sunday school or email Amy Dooley at amy.dooley@bluebell.com or call her 979-203-4343.

My child _____ will be participating in the 2016 MLLC Sunday School Christmas Program.

_____ Parent or Guardian's Signature

_____ Date



WELCA SYNOD REPORT -
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The Bible study, "Did you call a plumber?" was based on John 4:1-30 (Jesus/Samaritan woman at the well). It included information on the water project in rural Africa for which the physical offering was dedicated. The project is called "Water to Thrive" and was presented by Susanne Wilson.

Workshops: 1) 500 Years Since the Reformation; 2) Do you think your church is Welcoming to All?; 3) United Against Human Trafficking, and 4) Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Author, René Palmer, spoke on her book, "Wings and a Ring—Letters of War and Love from a WWII Pilot". Very interesting!

Dinner, of fried catfish, cheesy scalloped potatoes, cabbage slaw, iced tea, on Saturday evening was prepared and served by the ladies and their husbands.

Special Musical Guests: "The Steel Magnolias" entertained and inspired the group. They are a Christian Southern Gospel singing group from San Marcos/Lockhart. These ladies stayed over and were part of the Sunday morning worship service.

For me, a personal high note of this year's convention was being reacquainted with two ladies whom I had not seen in 20 years, and still recognizing each other was very rewarding.

The 2017 SWO convention is set for August 25-27, 2017, at St. Paul's Lutheran, Brenham. Being near MLLC, the Unit may be asked to help with arrangements.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Erwin Thiel (Andy Eckert's father-in-law, cancer); **Boo Goolsby** (recovering from knee replacement surgery); **Dianne Sager** (upcoming surgery); **Ken Weiss** (pastor at Ebenezer Lutheran of Berlin, recent hospitalization); **Nettilu Kmiec** (Karen Roemer's mother, recent knee replacement surgery); **Jimmy Alvarado** (friend Missy Weidemann's grandfather, in hospital with pneumonia);

Perry Crow (friend of Cherrie Wines, needs liver and kidney transplant soon); **Ron Koehl** (former member Mark Koehl's father, health concerns); **Russell Zickler** (former band director and friend of the Weidemanns, cancer); **Marie Nelius** (friend from Round Top, returning cancer); **Randall Kohring** (hip replacement surgery); **Kenneth Bishop** (Carmine City Council member Ginger Psencik's, son-in-law, cancer); **Jody Pohl** (upcoming surgery); **Paula Barrick** (for strength and peace); **Justin Benson** (friend of Bill Derrick, health concerns); **Josephine Canik** (Carol Hall's sister-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); **Marilyn Wagner** (sister of Leonita Sanders, foot surgery); **Steven Pratt** (Bernice Pratt's son, cancer); and **Joey Pomykal** (Paula Barrick's step-nephew, medical concerns).

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Arlin Naegeli (friend Carol Naegeli's husband and Bill Derrick's cousin, back home recovering); **Vanita Cain Hodge** (Susan Leppard's sister, burns from flash fire); **Bertha Ruether** (Esther Kelley's mother); **Pauline Fischer** (health concerns); **Eugene Muehlbrad** (health concerns); **Ed Cain** (Susan Leppard's father, in rehab, health concerns); **Vera Clepper** (Eugene Muehlbrad's sister; stroke); **Marie Nelius** (chemo for returning cancer); **Janie Lange** (former member Valerie Meinke's mother, health concerns); **Robert Preuss** (friend of Gene & Nelda Muehlbrad, head injury); **Paul Viertel** (declining health); **Don Steinbach** (former member, stem cell transplant); **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:**

Nelda Muesse (aunt of Colette Wunderlich, Gwen Woelfel, & Monty Mayer); **Elvis Albers** (Dianna Gerland's uncle); **Gilbert Eilers** (Joyce Eilers' brother-in-law); **Ruth Huse Menix** (Bobbie Weidemann's stepmother); **Ralph Hartmann** (son of former member, Ora Mae Ebner Hartmann); **Diane Langley** (friend from Carmine area); **Ruby Lowrey** (friend from Ledbetter).

MLLC THIRD QUARTER 2016 MEMORIAL REPORT

MLLC Day School Fund Memorials:

LeVerne Hinze
Gordon Kemp
In honor of Kelli Meinholdt

Total \$85.00

General Fund Memorials:

Ira Mae Hinze
Ardell Muske
In Honor of Susan & Dary
Ray's 50th wedding ann.

Total 80.00

Designated Memorials - Tone Chimes

Joan Weidemann Els
LeVerne Hinze

Total 80.00

Total Memorials \$245.00

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION REPORT:

date	attendance	general	school	building
9-24	26	675.00	70.00	-0-
9-25	65	2,237.00	1,025.20	175.00
10-01	N/A	490.00	1,427.00	-0-
10-02	87	4,215.00	50.00	75.00
10-08	21	267.00	-0-	-0-
10-09	88	2,996.00	4,070.00	150.00
10-09	N/A	10,000.00		
10-16 (Harvest Fest)	170 at hall at 9:30 14 inside workers 27 workers outside at 7:15	3,992.00	3,303.00	20.00
10-22	72	2,076.00	-0-	-0-
10-23	44	1,255.00	1,425.00	-0-

GREETING CARDS FOR SALE:

Check out the LYO's selection of greeting cards, for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and many other occasions, on the shelf in the parlor. Prices are on the boxes and money may be placed in the can on the top shelf. Thank you!



OFFICIAL ACT in October: Baptism

Bridget Rynn Kokel, daughter of Colt & Haley Woelfel Kokel was baptized at MLLC on Saturday, October 22, 2016. Her sponsors are Nathan & Heather Wright, Kyle Kokel, and Kevin Kokel, and Kevin Woelfel. Bridget was born June 24, 2016. *Welcome to the Lord's Family!*

Baptism Remembrance Days—Saturday & Sunday, October 22 & 23, 2016:

The following were remembered: *Nevilee Marburger, Verline Schulte, Daniel Kieke, Hermann Schoenemann, Jr., Hubert Stiewert, Elvera Rudloff, Jerry Jacob, J. C. Pohl, Charles Mueller, Sr., Charlene Mueller, Ronnie Zwernemann, Becky Dunham, Rickey Roemer, Darlene Etzel, Roy Finke, Jr., Debbie Eckert, Ricky Wickel, Marvin Marburger, Allyne McGilvra, Connie Peters, Neil Weigelt, Valerie Moore, Troy Carmean, Cindy Weidemann, Clint Eilers, Kevin Woelfel, Blake Dooley, Bryan Miller, Ashley Weiss, Sarah Leppard, Claire Mayer, Dillon Marburger, Aaron Kohring, Megan Smith, Emma Baird, Leighton Abell, Jace Carmean, Dylan Mueller, Nicole Wright, and Hope Wunderlich.*

(The next Remembrance days are set for November 26 & 27.)

THANKSGIVING TOGETHER

By Pastor David Tinker



We are just in the first few months of our time of shared ministry with Waldeck Ev. Lutheran Church. This special arrangement between the two congregations leads to all parties seeking ways to be both loving and creative. Every week and every month has its new things for both congregations. November brings Thanksgiving.

This special time of year is one which brings people together for fellowship and for giving thanks to our loving God. As part of our Thanksgiving this year we will be sharing our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service with the people of Waldeck Ev. Lutheran Church.

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PASTOR'S ARTICLE - continued

This is because both of the congregations have a tradition of offering a 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service. Since we have one pastor serving the two congregations, we have chosen to have just one worship service shared by both congregations. The long term pattern for this has not been finalized, but it will likely be alternated each year between Waldeck and MLLC.

So, here is the schedule for Thanksgiving Eve for Waldeck and MLLC:

Wednesday, November 23, 2106
7:00 p.m.

Worship at Waldeck Ev.
Lutheran Church
6915 Waldeck Church Ln.
Ledbetter, TX 78946

The Church building is located at the intersection of FM 1291 and FM 2145, about 7 miles south of Ledbetter.

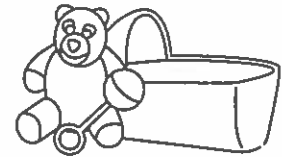
The worship service will be very much like we have offered at MLLC for several years now. My invitation to you is that you plan now to participate in this Shared Ministry event for our two congregations. Yes, it will be somewhat different, and it will not be in Carmine. Even so, it will be a special opportunity for the people of God from both congregations to give thanks to the Lord for he is good. I look forward to seeing you at Waldeck Ev. Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 23, at 7:00 pm.

A Special Note about our Shared Ministry:
Advent Wednesday Services will be at MLLC on November 30, December 7 and 14. Fellowship Meal at 6:00 p.m. Worship at 7:00 p.m. All events will be in the Fellowship Hall. Our friends at Waldeck are invited to gather with the people of MLLC for these special services in this Holy Season.



Kamryn Hinze	01
Faith Meinholdt	05
Candice Noak	05
Joyce Lehmann	06
Levi Carmean	07
Darrell Kelley	07
Tina Mikeska	07
Jessica Weidemann	07
Buck Williams	07
Randall Zwernemann	07
Stuart Bruchey	08
Shelby Vaughn	08
Mark Kunkel	09
Kayla Peters	09
Darrell Marek	10
Kellen Bishop	12
Lawrence Kunkel	12
Joey Pohl	12
Dale Pawlak	13
Jane Marek	14
Trina Siptak	14
Melissa Wickel	15
Quinly Scheffer	17
Seth Kelley	18
Avalda Pohl	18
Kathy Warburton	18
Susan Markwardt	20
Jack Littlejohn	21
Darrel Neutzler	21
Joan Lange	22
Steve Leppard	22
Tim Sanders	22
Jason Schroeder	22
Rhonda Roemer	23
Brenda Mueller	25
Janette Weidemann	25
Colette Wunderlich	25
Corey Knebel	26
Braylie Tappe	26
Hannah Roemer	27
Kasia Chovanec	29
Jody Pohl	30

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
TO
ALL!!**



CONGRATULATIONS...to Matt & Christy Kelley on the birth of their son, Luke Timothy Kelley, born October 10, 2016, at Tomball Regional Medical Center. Luke weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz., and measured 19-1/2". He is welcomed by his brother, Seth. From MLLC, grandparents are Wade & Nancy Eilers and great-grandmother is Joyce Eilers.

...and, to Randall & Kate Zwernemann on the birth of their daughter, Lyla Kate Zwernemann, both October 15, 2016. Lyla weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz., and measured 21". From MLLC, grandparents are Ronnie & René Zwernemann and great-grandparents are Lloyd & Angeline Zwernemann.



SEAFARERS' COLLECTION

(A project of the Men in Mission)

A list of items needed for the Christmas gift boxes may be picked up in the narthex, and found on the church website. Items may be placed in the room directly across from the secretary's office. We'll collect items until the week of Thanksgiving, November 24th.



**BROTHERS
AND SISTERS,
DO NOT BE WEARY
IN DOING WHAT
IS RIGHT.**

2 Thessalonians 3:13, NRSV

CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARIES (2 meetings):

September 19, 2016, Meeting

The Church Council of Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Carmine met on Monday, September 19, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Shayne Kirts.

The Devotion was given by Pastor Tinker about the Holy Cross. Jessica Weidemann will have the devotion for October.

Motion carried to accept the minutes from the August meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Discussion was had about requiring a purchase order to be filled out and reviewed prior to anyone using the credit card. This idea was tabled.

Total Income for Church
\$162,927.24
Total Expenses \$198,064.42
Net Income (\$35,137.18)

Net Income for School (\$5,475.70)

Motion carried to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Pastor's Report:

Children from MLLS will sing a song at the Harvest Festival.

MLLS Update:

It was agreed to reimburse the teachers at MLLS for their expenses in giving Kelli a going-away party.

Discussion was had about the number of vacation and paid sick days interim director, Nikki Pohl, should have. Jessica Weidemann made a motion that Nikki Pohl should have 15 days of personal leave, with no more than five consecutive days off at a time. Pastor Tinker seconded the motion.

Christian Education Committee:

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be during worship on December 11. Practices will begin

on November 13, and due to the short amount of time allowed for regular Sunday School, the beginning time may have to be adjusted from 9:00 a.m.

Outreach Committee:

Cherly Etzel announced that a date still needs to be set for the new member reception.

Stewardship Committee:

It was decided that the following committees would be in charge of the below listed activities at the Harvest Festival:

Christian Ed – Children's Activities
Stewardship – Auctions
Outreach – Desserts
Council – Publicity/Advertising
Worship – Decorations and Set-Up
Property Committee – Clean Up
LYO – Pumpkin Contest

New Business:

It was agreed upon and approved by the members present to sponsor an Ad in the RTC Yearbook.

Pastor announced that visiting the home-bound was on schedule.

Emma Baird sent a Thank-You letter for sponsoring her trip to Lutherhill.

The Principal from the RTC elementary sent a Thank You for the back-to-school reception for the teachers.

Cindy Weidemann made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Cheryl Etzel.

October 17, 2016, Meeting

The Church Council of Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Carmine met on Monday, October 17, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Shayne Kirts.

The Devotion was given by Jessica Weidemann. It was entitled "What's

Your Motivation?" Dana Smith will have the devotion for November.

Motion carried to accept the minutes from the September meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Samantha Ullrich reported that the Harvest Festival raised approximately \$22,500. More specifically the following was raised:

Silent Auction - \$893
Live Auction - \$9,330
Cake Free Will Donation - \$811
Card Game - \$1,040
Food With Free Will Donations - \$7,223
Offering \$5,703
Total \$25,000
Minus Expenses of \$2,500
Net Income \$22,500

Council approved disbursement of the Harvest Festival funds.

The following Summary does not include monies from the Harvest Festival.

Total Income for Church
\$179,951.48
Total Expenses \$218,169.11
Net Income (\$41,217.63)

Net Income for School (\$7,578.90)

Cindy Weidemann made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, with a second by Blake Dooley.

Pastor's Report:

Upcoming Events:

November 6 – All Saints Sunday and New Member Reception
November 13 – WELCA Thankoffering Sunday
November 23 – Thanksgiving Eve Service with Communion in Waldeck at 7:00 p.m.
November 27 – Advent Begins
November 28 – Packing of gift boxes for Seafarers

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MLLS Update:

It was decided that Shayne Kirts and Blake Dooley would ask the MLLS School Board to get three bids for the Door Security System for the Day School.

Christian Education Committee:

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be during worship on December 11. Following the program, Jesus's Birthday will be celebrated. Soups and stews will be provided. The congregation is asked to bring sandwiches.

Worship Committee:

Jessica Weidemann announced that there was a sign up sheet in the office for Advent meals.

New Business:

Pastor Bill Derrick has created a Seminary Scholarship Fund for future ELCA Pastors. Samantha Ullrich made a Motion to approve the creation of this fund, with a second by Dana Smith.

A local resident of Carmine has decided to sell her property that is near the church. She recently asked the congregation to execute a right-of-way for this property. After some discussion, Dana Smith made a motion to not sign the right-of-way and to not sign an easement and Cindy Weidemann seconded the motion. All members voted to not sign any legal documents at this time.

A bill was received from Carmine Hall for clean-up expenses after the Harvest Festival. Blake Dooley made a motion to pay the bill with a second by Jessica Weidemann. Blake Dooley also made motion to donate \$500 to the Hall for allowing us to use it for the Harvest Festival. Dana Smith seconded this motion.

Pastor Tinker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Jessica Weidemann.



☞ Lutherhill says: "Thank you for your recent contribution to the 10th Annual S'mores & Champagne Gala, Saturday, September 10, 2016, in The Woodlands, Texas. Your contribution helped make this an incredibly successful Lutherhill Ministries Gala. In total, we raised \$115,000. A portion of your contribution may be considered a tax-deductible gift. We know that your continued support makes all the difference."

(In his own handwriting, Matt Kindsvatter wrote: "Thanks for y'all's lovely quilt donation to the Gala." --Matt--).

☞ Thanks to the *Office Helpers for October*: Thelma Hinze sent bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors, Cherrie Wines put supplies in pews, Dianna Gerland folded bulletins, and Carol Hall & Betty Porter assembled the November newsletter.

☞ And, from



Treehouse

(MLLC's 2015 Noisy Offering recipient) sends the following thank yous:

Dear Martin Luther Church, Thank you so much for your support for Treehouse. My name is *Samantha* and I am a sophomore at Texas A&M. I found Treehouse my freshman year, and it has had a tremendous impact on my faith through community and small group Bible studies. Thanks again for your love for this ministry!

And—from *Pastor Mindy Roll*, their sponsor— Thank you so much, Martin Luther, for your love of this ministry and our students! You have been such a gift to Treehouse.

MLLS NOVEMBER REPORT: THANK YOU!



Thank you, MLLC members and MLLS parents, who have generously donated food, toys, supplies, and monetary donations for our Day School fundraisers! Thank you also goes to MLLC members who have directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to MLLS! We appreciate your thoughtfulness and support! These donations greatly help us with our expenses.



We made a quilt for the Harvest Festival with all the children's names and handprints which brought in \$1,010.00, which we are extremely proud of.

A HUGE thank you goes out to our Martin Luther Congregation and Council members for all of your generous support and donations. We could not do any of this without you all.

We also wanted to mention Jeff and Kristi Wunderlich, Daryl & Susan Ray, and Joyce Eilers for their donations toward a fabulous new water table for our children. This will be something all ages and classes will have so much fun and learning with.

For our October 28 pumpkin patch for the kids, a special thanks goes out to HEB in Brenham for donating the pumpkins and City Garage in Carmine for the hay. Also, thanks to the MLLS School Board for taking care of everything else and making this happen.



MLLS NOVEMBER REPORT - continued

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Our classroom parties will be on October 31, and we will also try and go to our annual Bank Trick or Treating on the same day.

Day Care will be closed November 23-25 for Thanksgiving holidays.

Our Christmas program is scheduled for Friday, December 9.

In our classrooms during the month of November, we will be exploring the alphabet, numbers, learning to write our names, and learning our colors. We will be learning about Creation through Bible activities, songs, stories, math worksheets, cooking activities, science experiments, and art projects. The children will also enjoy some extra activities such as new games and songs, and other outdoor games!



We have just started our outdoor garden and expect great learning adventures through this. Thanks goes to Ed Eargle and Carol Carmean for their donations of pots, soil, and plants for our garden. This will help the children learn responsibility and will teach them how to grow and care for the plants to feed one another.

We will be planting broccoli, radishes, carrots, mesclun mix (*a colorful, curly lettuce with different shapes*), and tomatoes.



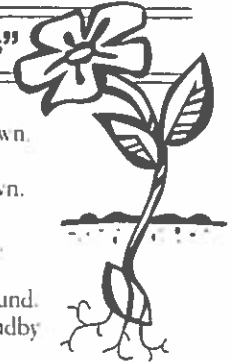
During Chapel services, we will be studying various Bible topics through use of Bible storybooks. Right now, we will be focusing on Creation. We will use *Genesis* as our main inspiration in this.

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

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

"Little seeds"

Raindrops tumble to the ground
'cause God directs them to come down.
Little seeds sprout from the ground
'cause God directs them up, not down.
Tender roots sink in the ground
'cause God directs them to go down.
Pretty flowers will be found
where raindrops tumbled to the ground.
—Mary Ann Sundby



Thank you to everyone for your support of our Day School Ministry!

Nikki Pohl, Savannah Chapman, Kaci Neumann, Ashley Pohl, Ashley Santos, Amie Pratt, Shelby Pharis, and Tori Brooks.


IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

◇ **BBQ chicken to-go-only fundraiser** sponsored by the Carmine Show Fund is Sunday, November 6, with pick up at the Carmine Hall from 11:00-12:00 noon. Meals include ½ BBQ chicken, buttered noodles, and green beans. Tickets are \$10 and available from Brody Dooley, Faith & Rylan Stork, Jed Leppard, and Tana Brooks.

◇ **Bethlehem Lutheran's final Anniversary service:** On November 20, the service will include BLC memories shared, BLC history moment, and prayer in German. The service starts at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 979/249-3686, or blc@cvctx.com.

◇ Lutherhill Retreats:

Junior High Retreat, 6th-8th grade, Nov. 11-13

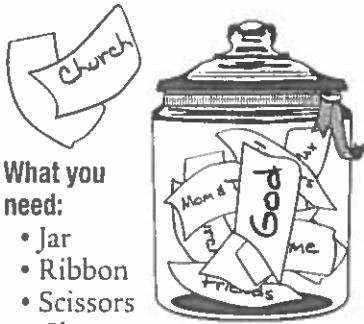
Advent Retreat, 1st-6th grade, Dec. 2-3

Advent Family Retreat, families, Dec. 9-11

To register or for more information, call 1-888-266-4613, or go to: www.lutherhill.org.

BLESSINGS JAR

Thanksgiving reminds us of our many gifts from God. Count your blessings all month long with this craft.



What you need:

- Jar
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Glue
- 3 sheets of paper (different colors)
- Marker or pen

What you do:

1. Measure and cut enough ribbon to wrap around the jar's neck, below the lid. Glue in place and let dry.
2. Fold each piece of paper in half three times, resulting in eight rectangles per sheet. Cut along the fold lines, and you'll have 24 rectangles.
3. Each day in November until Thanksgiving, write down one blessing from God. Then place that blessing in the jar.
4. On Thanksgiving, open the jar and read all your blessings to your family and friends.



Blessings from the Lord

Throughout the Bible, God blesses his chosen people. How can we receive these gifts?

Directions: In the word search, find all the words in the box. Then write the words in the correct order on the blanks below to complete the verse.

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" All _____ " _____ "

28:2, NIV

Answer: "All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God." Deuteronomy 28:2, NIV

Note: A completed puzzle is in a file called kid1116b_a on this month's CD and on the website, www.NewsletterNewsletter.com.

SERVERS for:



Assisting Ministers: Susan Bathe (11-06-All Saints),
11-12,11-27(1st Sun.-Advent);

Dianna Gerland (11-13-Thanksgiving);

Leonita Sanders (11-20-Christ the King);

Dana Smith (11-23-Thanksgiving Eve);

Jessica Weidemann (11-26)

Acolyte organizers: Parents of November acolytes

Offering Counters: Samantha Ullrich, Karen Roemer, Jeff Flinn
Put supplies in pews: Betty Porter

Send bulletins to shut-ins & cards to visitors: Cherrie Wines

Prepare Communion for shut-ins: Dean & Joyce Ullrich

Bulletin folder: Nancy Eilers

December newsletter assemblers: Ann O'Hara & Marlene Waak
(the weekend of November 25 or 26)

date	acolytes	ushers	readers	flowers	bread provider	bread & wine presenters	cross bearer	communion assistants	communion set-up
11-06 All Saints		Team #14-Ronnie Eckert, capt., Avalda Pohl, greeter; Debbie Eckert, Connie Peters, Jordan Peters	Mike McIntosh	Eldon & Tina Mikeska	Carol Carmean	Berrie & Darlene Etzel			Karen (white paraments & ML banner)
11-12		Volunteers							Debbie (green paraments; Thanksgiving & Veterans banners)
11-13 Thanksgiving	WELCA, Kennedy	WELCA	WELCA	WELCA				WELCA	Debbie
11-20 Christ the King	Rylan & Carson	Team #15-Tony Dooley, capt., Karen Dooley, Amy & Todd Dooley, Amber & Blake Dooley	Leonita Sanders	Michael & Connie Peters	Bobbie Weidemann	Jessica & Jadon Weidemann	Miles Tinker	Vickie Schroeder	Susan B. (white paraments)
11-23 Thanksgiving Eve at WALDECK									
11-26		Volunteers							Ann (blue paraments)
11-27	Miles	Team #17-Dean Ullrich, capt. & greeter, Joyce Ullrich, greeter, Ted Sager, greeter; Tori Brooks, Dianne & Robbie Tovey	Bobbie Weidemann	Brick & Debby Peele				Mike McIntosh	Ann
11-30 Advent	Faith	Team #18-Garry Sanders, capt., Leonita Sanders, greeter; Becky & Johnny Dunham, Jason Schroeder	Dana Smith						

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Enter his gates with Thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give Thanks to him and bless his name. Psalm 100:4

<p>6 † All Saints Sunday (50th Anniversary of Dedication of current sanctuary) 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 9:15 am-Choir rehearsal 9:45 am-Worship w/Holy Communion/All Saints Remembrance 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p>7 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel 6:30 pm-Stewardship Committee meeting</p>	<p>8 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel 6:30 pm-Stewardship Committee meeting</p>	<p>9 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime 4:15-6:45 pm - Confirmation class</p>	<p>10 2:00 pm-Ladies Aid 6:30 pm-Mary Group The 533rd anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther, 1483</p>	<p>11 Veterans' Day</p>	<p>12 6:00 pm- Worship w/Holy Communion</p>
<p>13 26th Sunday after Pentecost Veterans Remembrance *8:30 am-Sunday School practice 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 9:45 am-Worship w/Holy Communion/Message in Music by Allison Crowson & Friends/WELCA Thankoffering Property Committee, Time TBA 11:00-12:30 --Annual Turkey dinner in fellowship hall 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p>14 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel 9:00 am-Quilling</p>	<p>15 Council agenda deadline</p>	<p>16 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime</p>	<p>17 Give Thanks</p>	<p>18 Newsletter deadline</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 Christ the King Sunday/ Last Sunday after Pentecost *8:30 am-Sunday School practice 9:00 am-Adult Bible Study 9:45 am-Worship w/Holy Communion 10:10 am-Tone chimes practice 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p>21 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel 1:30 pm-Sr. Citizens Domino party 6:15 pm-Church Council</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Day Care closed 7:00 pm- Thanksgiving Eve service with Holy Communion at Waldeck</p>	<p>24 Day of Thanksgiving Day Care & Church office closed</p>	<p>25 Day Care closed</p>	<p>26 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion/Baptism Remembrance REMEMBER TO COLLECT YOUR LOOSE CHANGE FOR THE NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY</p>
<p>27 1st Sunday of Advent *8:30 am-Sunday School practice 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 9:30 am-Hymn Sing 9:45 am-Worship w/Holy Communion led by Praise Team/Baptism Remembrance/Noisy Offering taken 10:30 am-LYO meeting 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p>28 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel 7:00 pm-Men in Mission</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime 6:00 pm-Advent meal & 7:00 pm-Worship service (both in fellowship hall)</p>	<p>HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!</p>	<p>October 2016 S M T W T F S 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>December 2016 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>