



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

Luther's Letter

a monthly publication of
Martin Luther Lutheran Church
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Worship schedule:

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

Sunday worship w/Holy Communion - 10:00 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;
Karen Roemer-Stewardship Committee; Dana Smith-
Christian Education Committee; Cheryl Etzel-Outreach/Care
Committee; Brick Peele-Property Committee



See what love the
Father has given us,
that we should be
called children of God.

1 John 3:1, NRSV





Luther's Letter

Martin Luther Lutheran Church

November, 2017



Your reward is great in heaven. *Matthew 5:12*

SPECIAL DAYS IN NOVEMBER:

- ◆ **All Saints Sunday - November 5**
Lloyd Zwernemann, James "J.W." Schoenberg, Lynda Kominczak, Bernice Pratt, and Alan Wayne Juergens will be remembered in prayer on that day.
- ◆ **November 10 - the 534th anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther in the year 1483.**
- ◆ **November 12 - Thankoffering Sunday, Turkey & dressing meal** will be served from 11:00-12:30 in the fellowship hall. Speaker is Denna Hardin. (See page 2, WELCA NEWS for ticket information, etc.)
- ◆ **November 12 - Veterans recognition during worship.** On Veterans Day, we honor men & women who have served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services. Veterans Day highlights our country's quest for peace, justice & freedom throughout the world.

There will be a special program for Veterans at RT-C High School on Thursday, November 9, at 2:00 p.m. Veterans are asked to meet in the library at 1:30 p.m. and be escorted into the gym. All are welcome!

◆ **November 22 - Thanksgiving Eve worship service, 7:00 p.m., at MLLC this year.** *O, give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good."*

◆ **November 26 - Christ the King Sunday**
From Psalm 95:6 - *"O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!"*



REMINDER! TIME & TALENT SHEETS:
You still have a little time to return them to the church office. Ushers will remain the same, unless you notify the office otherwise. Return no later than November 5. Thanks to all faithful volunteers!

LOOKING AHEAD -



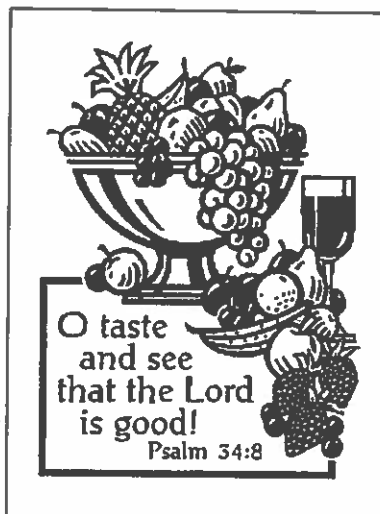
➤ **Sunday School Christmas program form** is in this newsletter for parents to sign. Rehearsals will start on November 12. The program will be presented on Sunday, December 10, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. This year's theme is *"The Big, Big, Story"*.

➤ **Chrismon tree set up and decorating is Sunday, November 26**, after worship. Please join in! (A *light lunch will not be served this year.*)

➤ **4-H poinsettias:** Brody Dooley and other 4-H members are selling poinsettias. They have red, pink, white available for \$10 each. These will be sold through this Monday, October 30, and will be delivered to the church on Dec. 8. Please contact Amy Dooley at 979/203-4343, or e-mail: amy.dooley@bluebell.com.

(See the MLLC poinsettia order form at the bottom of page 2.)

➤ **December 3 is the first Sunday in Advent.** Wednesday evening Advent Worship Services will be held at Waldeck Lutheran Church this year.




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ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL ENVELOPES



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!

Thanks FOR PITCHING IN!

♦ THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO MADE THIS YEAR'S 8TH ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL A SUCCESS! Income was \$17,198.33; expenses were \$4,141.10. Watch for a report in the December newsletter of the day's activities.

♦ Next Choir Practice is set for Sunday,  November 12, at 9:30 a.m.

♦ Tone Chimes practice will be on Sunday, November 19, at 8:30 a.m. and play during worship on that day.



ELCA YOUTH GATHERING will be held June 27-July 1, 2018, at NRG Park in Houston. Youth participants in grades 8-12 are encouraged to register. Cost is \$350 until November 15, and then the price goes up. A deposit of \$150.00 is needed.

This is a special event with Lutheran youth, along with some adult sponsors, from across the United States. This year it is in our state, just about 90 miles from Carmine.

At this point, questions and registration information can be directed to Pastor David Tinker
Email: pastordjt@industryinet.com
Office phone: 979-278-3388

† CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:
November 1, November 8, No class during Thanksgiving, Advent, or Christmas time. In 2018-
January 10, 24; February 7 - No class February 14,
March 31, Lent or Holy Week:
Next classes will start April 4, 18, 25.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS:

New Yearbooks will be printed the middle of November.

Next meeting date: November 9

Bible Study: The Apostles' Creed, Session 3

Ladies Aid & Mary Group meet jointly at 2:00 p.m., with Bible Study led by Pastor Tinker. Opening Devotion by Diana Wunderlich, Bible study by Edith Flinn, Offering Meditation by Sedalia Ullrich. Servers are Carol Carmean, Nelda Muehlbrad, and Jocie Braun.



--The Annual Thankoffering service is set for Sunday, November 12. The WELCA ladies will take part in the worship service, and serving of the turkey & dressing meal is from 11:00-12:30 in the fellowship hall. Tickets are available in the church office, from Leonita Sanders, and at Carmine State Bank for \$10 each (*advance tickets only*). Desserts will be available. (*Decorating for the service will be on Saturday, November 11, starting at 2:00 p.m.*)

QUILTING NEWS -

Next Regular Quilting day: Monday, November 13, at 9:00 a.m.

Blanket Tying Project: The second Saturday of each month has been set as Blanket Tying Day, from 10:00 a.m. till about 1:00 p.m. for this new WELCA project for Lutheran World Relief. WELCA is asking for donations of fleece fabric or monetary donations for purchase of fleece fabric. If you are purchasing fleece, 80" lengths are needed. Donations may be given to Dianna Gerland or Nancy Eilers. Colette Wunderlich & Dorothy Rothermel have applied for Thrivent Action Team money to help provide the fleece.

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ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS THROUGH THE CHURCH OFFICE:

The Nesting Co. in Burton is offering red, 6" poinsettias, covered with a gold pot cover, for \$13.00 each. Make your check payable to MLLC. Please fill out this form and return it to the church office by December 10. There will be a complementary delivery of the plants.



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

_____ will be placing _____ poinsettia(s)

in honor/memory of: _____

WELCA News continued-----**Brazos Cluster Fall Happening report:**

The Brazos Cluster Women of the ELCA Fall Happening was held on Saturday, October 21, 2017, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wiedeville, near Brenham with the theme, "Spreading God's Word" and thirty-two women attending. Nadine Rau welcomed the group and the opening hymn, *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*, was sung.



Pastor Charles Parnell of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church gave the opening devotion, based on 1 Peter, verses 24 and 25, emphasizing that we should put our trust in the Word of God. The hymn, *I, the Lord of Sea & Sky*, was then sung.

Leonita Sanders introduced the guest speaker, Marilyn Snell, an active member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, College Station, and the Texas Representative for (SRM) Spirit Renewal Ministries/Bibles for Africa. She spoke on the need to broaden the support base of Bibles for Africa by supplying Bibles for the missionary work in Eastern Africa, Uganda, and Burundi and that God is calling us to open our hearts and spread the Gospel. The offering taken was given to purchase Bibles and to provide Biblical training and counseling on a long-term basis to pastors.

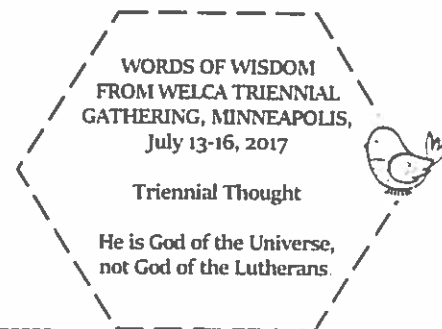
Maxine Schwarze, president, called the business meeting to order. The communicator, Judy Matula, presented the roll call and the minutes of the previous spring gathering. Leonita Sanders gave the financial report and handed out the unit financial requests for 2018. The mission action and community officer, Joyce Schaefer, presented information on Lutheran World Relief, with the collection day being on April 2, 2018, at Zion Lutheran Church, Brenham. The women were encouraged to apply for the Thrivent Choice dollars to help with purchasing items for Lutheran World Relief and fundraisers. The nomination committee to seek women for the offices of president and treasurer, to be elected at the Spring Gathering, are the WELCA units of Elizabeth Lutheran, Caldwell; Martin Luther Lutheran, Carmine; and Salem Evangelical Lutheran, Brenham. The synodical report followed with Mary Markowich, Synod representative, sharing information from the last board meeting and emphasized the availability of the synod scholarship fund with sheets being given out for this purpose. The 2018 synodical convention will be held on September 15th at House of Prayer Lutheran Church in Houston. The new synod president, MiLisa Gaertner, of LaGrange, was introduced, and she is looking forward to serving the next two years.

She encouraged the women to join the Facebook page, Women of the ELCA, to receive up-to-date happenings and told of the automatic giving program, Faithful Friends.

The Fall Happening closed with The Lord's Prayer and the hymn, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*. The physical offering of non-perishable food items was given to Bread Partners of Washington County.

The Immanuel Lutheran Women of the ELCA served a delicious brunch during registration as well as a sandwich buffet lunch. A big thank you was given to them for hosting the event that was thoroughly enjoyed by those in attendance.

Barbara Jacob and Leonita Sanders attended from the Martin Luther Lutheran WELCA.



Deaconess Jennifer Tinker on her first day at Immanuel, Greenvine, Sunday, September 10, 2017. Congratulations & Best Wishes!



2017 Martin Luther Lutheran Church Christmas Program

Martin Luther Lutheran Church Sunday School will be having their annual Christmas Program on Sunday, December 10th during the 10:00 am worship service. The Program is titled "The Big, Big Story."

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 9:45 am on the following Sundays:

November 12th
November 19th
November 26th
December 3th

Dress Rehearsal will be Saturday, December 9th 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 2017 MLLC Sunday School Christmas Program.

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date



ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION REPORT:

date	attendance	general	school	building
09-23	26	930.00	-0-	-0-
09-24	120	2,786.97	50.00	25.00
10-01	58	7,197.50	-0-	-0-
10-08	64	2,599.00	-0-	205.00
10-14	63	503.00	-0-	-0-
10-15	7:00 am-26	17,197.35 (auctions, etc.)	-0-	-0-
10-15	9:30 am-224	3,452.00 (offerings)	-0-	-0-
10-22	61	2,622.35	-0-	30.00

**Christmas Boxes for Port of Houston Seafarers
By Pastor David Tinker**



The Packing Day for the Christmas Boxes for the Seafarers is Monday, November 27, at 7:00 p.m. We will prepare the boxes in the Parlor, near the church office. All are invited to participate in this event sponsored by the Men in Mission of MLLC.

We are looking forward to another generous and joyful year of preparing and sending the Christmas Boxes for the Seafarers at the Port of Houston. A few years ago we revived this ministry and it has gone quite well. The Men in Mission organization of MLLC organizes this each year. They are thankful for the congregational partnership in this caring ministry. Here is a bit of history of our preparation and sending of boxes:

In 2014 there were 34 boxes assembled.

In 2015 there were 50 boxes assembled.

In 2016 there were 49 boxes assembled.

The Port of Houston Chaplains are our ambassadors to these seafarers. They visit the ships and bring the boxes to the crews. On their web site the chaplains tell us: "Crew sizes vary between 8 and 30, with an average number of 22 seafarers to gift per ship. In 2015, we placed 12,278 gifts on board 538 ships which had seafarers from 65 different countries! These gifts had been donated to the seafarers by 246 churches and organizations! The Christmas boxes are personally carried to each ship by your staff of Port Chaplains."

With our work together at MLLC we can help reach even more with the love of Jesus Christ.

For this year (2017), please gather items such as these for the men on the ships - you can buy things throughout the year and drop these off at any time. There is a large blue storage bin for this purpose in the room directly across from the church office:

Empty shoe boxes or purchased plastic shoe boxes to pack the items.

- Address books
- Band-aids (fabric)
- Baseball caps
- 2018 Calendars
- Comb
- Dental Floss
- Antiperspirant/deodorant
- Disposable razors
- Flashlight and batteries
- Kleenex – small packs
- Lip balm
- Lotion
- Nail clippers
- Gold Bond cream
- Gold Bond powder
- Hot Chocolate (individual serving size)
- Needles and thread
- Q-tips
- Shaving cream
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Gum and hard candy
- Key chains
- Pocket-sized notebooks
- Mechanical pencils
- Pens
- Playing cards
- Microwave popcorn (individual packages)
- Socks
- Sudoku books
- Texas souvenirs
- T-shirts
- USB flash drives
- Word search books





PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Jimmy Flinn (health concerns); **Kirby & Velorie Dippel** (relatives of Dorothy Rothermel, health concerns and recent Houston flooding); **Shayne Kirts** (recent gall bladder surgery); **Ted Sager** (health concerns); **Pastor Bill Derrick** (at Kruse Village for rehab); **Mikayla Peschke** (classmate of Jadon Weidemann, heart problems); **Bobby Wagner** (friend from Round Top, tractor accident); **Louis Kartous** (stroke, at rehab in Katy); **Darlene Bramblett** (friend from La Grange, health concerns); **Kathy Gray** (friend of Paula Barrick, health concerns); **Clarence & Jenell Jaster** (ongoing health issues); and **Linda Mattocks** (cancer treatment).

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Martha Leonhardt (Ronnie Hinze's aunt, health concerns); **Lucas Smith** (Cole Garlin's baseball friend from Columbus, Hodgkins-Lymphoma); **Izzy Depaz** (10-year-old niece and granddaughter of workers at JW's, leukemia);

El Gene Schulle (friend from Brenham, health concerns); **Gene Pawlak** (Dale Pawlak's uncle, health concerns); **Dale Walker** (friend of Susan Bathe, health concerns); **Paula Watkins** (Carmine resident, RV park owner, cancer);

Kaitlyn Fritz (teenage friend of Bill Derrick from Brenham, rare disease); **Jimmy Alvarado** (friend Missy Weidemann's grandfather, health concerns); **Perry Crow** (friend of Cherrie Wines, health concerns); **Russell Zickler** (former band director and friend of the Weidemanns, cancer); **Kalisa Pomykal** (former member, for strength and peace);

Kenneth Bishop (Carmine City Council member Ginger Psencek'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** (Valerie Moore's brother, cancer); **Joey Pomykal** (Paula Barrick's step-nephew, medical concerns);

Bertha Reuther (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);

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

Members in Care and Assisted Living Facilities:

Gladys Koether (at Oakland Manor in Giddings); **Joyce Lehmann** (at private care facility in Giddings); **Elvera Limmer, Verline Schulte, and Joyce Eilers**, (Brenham Nursing & Rehab); **Elvira Dallmeyer** (Argent Court, Brenham); **Angeline Zwernemann** (Jefferson Place Assisted Living, La Grange), and **Shirley Mueller** (Kruse Village).

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 families and friends of: **Ronnie Stork** (Robbie Stork's brother); **Pastor John De Young** (retired ALC and ELCA Missionary from Sugar Land); **Dora Kieke** (friend from Burton); **Barbara Urban Schultz** (friend of Susan Bathe); **Pastor Greg Felder** (Pastor at Frieden's UCC in Washington, TX, friend from Burton, and relative of Gene Muehlbrad); **Burdella Lange Mertz** (friend from Waldeck);

OFFICIAL ACTS: Baptisms



September 24, 2017 – Blaine Lee Nelson, son of Daron & Danielle Marek Nelson, was baptized at MLLC. His sponsors are Lyndell Woodruff and Cody Andrejczak. Blaine was born July 31, 2017, and has a brother Caden.

October 14, 2017 – Libby Perry Robertson, daughter of Chad & Laura Bernshausen Robertson (who are members at Waldeck), was baptized at MLLC. Her sponsors are Dusty & Jennifer Bernshausen, Jessica Bernshausen, Sheila Bage, and Keven Ahrendt. Libby was born July 10, 2017.

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S FAMILY!

☉ **PLEASE NOTE:**

Daylight Savings time ends - November 5. Please remember to move your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday evening.

Martin Luther Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Monday, October 16, 2017

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

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

The devotion was presented by Pastor Tinker.

The minutes from the September Church Council meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was approved.

Harvest Festival –Council moved to pay Carmine Hall \$500 for use of hall w/ \$150 for cleaning.

Pastor's Report:

--Funeral – Alan Juergens – Sept 2 – family member of MLLC Member Ruby Renck.

--Wedding – September 9 – at family home – on behalf of Bethlehem, Round Top.

--Confirmation class is underway for the year. We are hosting at MLLC again. There are now youth from five different congregations in the class – MLLC, Waldeck, Bethlehem – Round Top, St. Paul – Shelby and Greenvine.

--January 6, Jeff Hinze/Megan Duckworth wedding

--January 14, Congregational Meeting after worship.

Committee Reports:

--Outreach committee: No Update.

--Christian Education: The Rally Sunday "New Year's" celebration was held on Sept. 3, 2017 (after being postponed from Aug. 27).

Six students receiving attendance

awards for the 2016-17 Sunday School year were recognized during worship on Sept. 10, 2017.

Sunday School is again divided into 4 classes for the 2017-18 year, with 2 teachers co-teaching each group except the 8th/High School class.

New teachers include Shayne Kirts and Shelby Vaughn, replacing Gwen Stork and Melissa Wickel.

Children's activities at the Harvest Fest include cookie walk and bounce house. Christian Ed will not charge for cookie walk but is asking for the church to pay for bounce house.

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be during worship on Dec. 10, 2017.

Practices will begin on Sunday, Nov. 12, and due to a need for extra time to have each practice, the Sunday School start time will be adjusted to 9AM. The sanctuary will not be opened until 9:45 due to practice-

Worship Committee:

--Met briefly and organized everything to take to the hall for the Harvest Festival.

Property Committee:

--Handles in Fellowship Hall ladies bathroom stall purchased and installed.

LED lighting being completed in phases.

--Re-fasten/repair loose pews in sanctuary, sourcing anchoring hardware.

--New shelving unit installed in the M&M building for church history books.

--Stucco repair approved with proceeding. Repair schedule pending availability of construction foreman.

Stewardship Committee: No update.

Dayschool Committee:

--Have requested the committee not present anything to Council until November meeting so that we can see where finances are after Harvest Festival. No further update.

Old Business:

--AED needed for the church. Will research what is recommended. To discuss further at November meeting after research.

New Business:

--Thank you letter received from Rev. Daniel Rift, Director of ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal for \$500.00 gift.

--Letter received from Crosstrails Ministry requesting donations for summer camps – (Camp Crystalis and Ebert Ranch Camp). Will table until next year's budget is presented.

--Pension plan and major medical for Pastor – renewal of both with no changes.

Jessica will present the devotion at the next meeting.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next Church Council meeting will be on Monday, November 20, at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anita Drydale, MLLC Council Secretary

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Encourage one another and build up each other....

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

(Belated Happy Birthday to Danielle Nelson on her birthday, October 11.)

Kamryn Hinze	01
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
Larry 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

NEW BABIES!



CONGRATULATIONS TO....

Alan & Sierra Kunkel Richard on the birth of their daughter, **Presley Dawn Richard**, born September 25, 2017, in College Station. Presley weighed 6 lbs., 10 oz., and measured 21 inches in length. From MLLC, Grandparents are Mark & Ronda Kunkel and great-

grandparents are Dean & Joyce Ullrich.

...to Mark & Ronda Kunkel and Dean & Joyce Ullrich on the birth of their granddaughter and great-granddaughter, **Chayse Alma Kunkel**, born October 20, 2017, in College Station. Chayse weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz., and measured 20 inches in length. Parents are Spencer & Courtney Kunkel.

...and to Gaylon and Bernice Mueller on the birth of their grandson and great-grandson, **Braxton Wayne Mueller**, born October 5, 2017. Braxton weighed 8 lbs., 14 oz., and measured 21.5 inches in length. Parents are Brandon & Sarah Mueller of Cypress.

LOCAL AND AREA NEWS!

☞ The play, "**Steel Magnolias**", will be presented by the Fayette County Community Theatre with three shows—Friday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m. General admission is \$10.00, students-\$3.00. For ticket information, call 979/968-3017.

☞ **Carmine Show Fund** is sponsoring a To-Go BBQ Pork Steak meal, with buttered potatoes, baked beans, and sauce, on Sunday, November 5 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Pick up at the Carmine Hall. \$10 per plate This Fund benefits RT-C Youth Livestock projects. Please contact Brody Dooley, Jed Leppard, or Faith or Rylan Stork for tickets.

☞ **Chicken Spaghetti Meal** benefiting *Christ Lutheran Day School* in Brenham is set for Thursday, November 9. Plates will be delivered to MLLC parking lot at 6:00 p.m., or may be picked up at Jackson Street Park in Brenham. Tickets are \$10 each. Contact Shelby Vaughn, Shelley Scheffer, or RaChelle Kuecker for more information, and thanks for your support!

☞ **Christmas Craft Show** – at the First United Methodist Church, 1215 N. Von Minden St., La Grange, is Saturday, November 18, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Over 26 booths filled with handcrafted items, including jewelry, quilting, knitting, wood crafts, painting, primitive arts, and baked goods. Lunch and dessert will be available to eat there or for plates to go. For information, contact FUMC at 979/968-8323.

☞ **Senior Citizens Gaming Party** – Sunday, November 26, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Round Top Family Library, 206 W. Mill St., Round Top. Come enjoy the fellowship and win a prize!! For more information, call 979/249-2700, or go to: www.ilovetoread.org.

☞ **Ledbetter Volunteer Fire Department's Christmas Lane of Lights** is set for November 24 & 25, December 1 & 2, and December 22 & 23, from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8 per person (children two and under are free). **Santa will be there each night!** For additional information, or for large groups, contact Gwen at 979/540-0105 or Lana at 979/966-3477.

MLLC Financial Information

September 2017 Year to Date
 Total Income \$175,369.75
 Total Expenses \$174,378.20
Net Income: \$991.55

September 2017 Month
 Total Income \$18,258.47
 Total Expenses \$17,891.05
Net Income: \$367.42

Year to Date Expenses Highlights:
 Salaries and Benefits \$113,665.75
 Benevolences \$14,849.09
 Utilities \$10,947.57
 Property Insurance \$10,883.92
 Printing \$5,063.74
 Supplies & Forms \$3,524.11
 Reimbursements \$2,977.63
 Maintenance & Repair \$1,868.67
 Bulletins & Envelopes \$1,788.46
 Postage & Handling \$1,524.36
 Camping Ministry \$1,312.00
 Equipment & Tools \$1,199.99
 Convention Expenses \$1,180.00

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Round Top

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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

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



On November 26th, we will be having a Joint Worship at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Shelby at 8:00 a.m. There WILL NOT be any worship service at Bethlehem Lutheran on that date.

 WELCA's Thankoffering service will be on November 19th. As in previous years, we are highlighting the AMEN food pantry in LaGrange and ask for your nonperishable food donations that day and throughout the fall season.



ADVENT

There will not be any mid-week Advent services at either Bethlehem Lutheran Church or St. Paul Lutheran Church in Shelby. Since Christmas Eve is on a Sunday, services at BLC and St. Paul are scheduled at their regular times and a Candlelight service will be at BLC at 11:00 pm. There will not be any Christmas Day services at either BLC or St. Paul.

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 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Open to the community. Everyone is welcome. Bring snack, board game, dominoes, etc.

Next Shared Ministry Meeting.

Leaders from the 4 congregations of Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries will meet at St. Paul in Shelby on Saturday, November 11, 9-11 a.m.

Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries
November 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

211 Luther Lane; P O Box 362
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 – 10:00 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 and Mary Group – 2nd Thursdays at
2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.
*Men in Mission – 4th Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the
parlor – by church offices

Packing for Seafarers Boxes

Monday, November 27, at 7:00 p.m.
Sponsored by Men in Mission
All are welcome to participate.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 22, 7:00 p.m.
This is the Thanksgiving Eve service offered by
Waldeck and Martin Luther – Carmine. It will be
held at Martin Luther in Carmine. All are welcome
at this service.

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

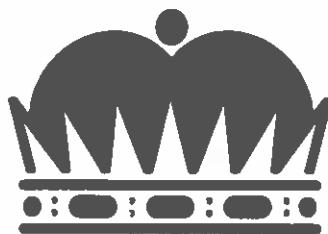
Advent Wednesday Services

December 6, 13, and 20
Worship at 6:30 p.m.
Meal after worship
These will be the services offered by both Waldeck
and Martin Luther – Carmine. All are welcome.

Parables Bible Study

This is a Monthly Study Group – 10:30 a.m. –
generally 4th Wednesday – you are invited to bring a
lunch item to share.
Upcoming Dates: Due to the Holidays these two
months will have a different date for the Bible
Study: *November 15 and December 13*
We will be using the Crossways International Bible
study course - the Parables of Jesus. All are invited.
The class uses dynamic graphics to help us visualize
and understand God's Word. The image shows the
book cover for the course - which depicts some of
the teaching graphics. We look forward to seeing
you at this new study group.
Contact Pastor David Tinker (979-249-3802 or 979-
278-3388) with questions.

Crown – A crown, of course, symbolizes royal authority. As a Christian symbol it represents both Christ as King of kings (Revelation 17:14, for example) and the eternal life promised to Christ's followers: "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10, ESV).



Holiday PLACE MATS



Add fall décor to your family's Thanksgiving table by making these festive place mats.

- What you need:**
- Large pieces of paper
 - Several large leaves
 - Crayons (fall colors)
 - Fine-tip permanent marker

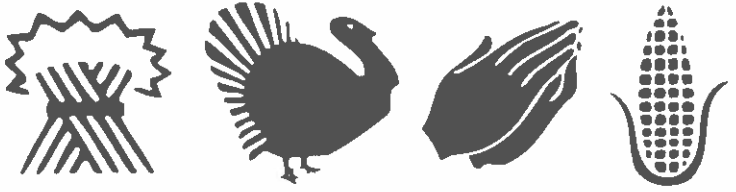
- What you do:**
1. Working on a flat surface, place the leaves underneath the paper.
 2. Peel the wrappers off the crayons. Rub crayons sideways over the paper so the details of the leaves become visible.
 3. Use other crayons to add additional details, if desired. With the marker, list what you're thankful for and add a Bible verse about thankfulness.
 4. Optional: Lamine the place mats so they're reusable.



GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God gives us many blessings every day. How can we thank him?

Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks



A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10,
 K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18,
 S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26.

" _____ will _____
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 _____ ' _____ name in _____
 7 15 4 19 19 15 14 7
 and _____ with
 7 12 15 18 9 6 25 8 9 13
 _____"
 20 8 1 14 11 19 7 9 22 9 14 7

Answer: "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30, NIV

Servers for:

Assisting Ministers: Dana Smith (11-05-All Saints; 11-26-Christ the King);

Susan Bathe (11-11; 11-22-Thanksgiving Eve);

Dianna Gerland (11-12-Thankoffering)

Jessica Weidemann (11-19, 11-25).

Acolyte organizers: Parents of November acolytes

Send bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors: Thelma Hinze

Put supplies in pews: Bobbie Weidemann

Offering Counters: Jeff Flinn, Karen Roemer, Karen Dooley

Bulletin folder: Betty Porter

December newsletter assemblers: Boo & Gene Goolsby

(the weekend of November 24 or 25)




NOVEMBER

Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Readers	Flowers	Bread provider	Bread & wine presenters	Cross bearer	Communion assistants	Communion set-up
11-05 All Saints Sunday	Megan & Brody	Team #19- Monty Mayer, capt., Ronnie Siptak, Colter Siptak, Shayne Kirts, Kevin Woelfel	Kayla Peters	Mike & Connie Peters	Jessica Weidemann	Dennis & Dianna Gerland	Carson Flinn		Jadon (white params & ML banner)
11-11		Volunteers							Susie M. Green params; Thanksgiving & Veterans banners
11-12 Thankoffering Sunday	Abby	WELCA	WELCA	WELCA				Shelley Scheffer	Susie M.
11-19	Jace	Team #20- Floyd Etzel, capt. & greeter; Cheryl Etzel, RaChelle Kuecker, Scott and Amie Pratt, Casey Lange, Codie Lange	Leonita Sanders	W. T. & Dorothy Marth				Karen Roemer	Susan B.
11-22 Thanksgiving Eve	Kennedy & Rylan	Team #1- Wade Eilers, capt., David Eilers, greeter; Christy Kelley, Daryl Ray, Melba Zingelmann, Patti Hart	Bobbie Weidemann	Brick & Debby Peele	Amber Dooley	Bobbie & Jadon Weidemann	Josie Drydale	Cheryl Etzel	Karen
11-25		Volunteers							Jadon (white params)
11-26 Christ the King	Miles & Ryan	Team #2- Reuben Wunderlich, capt., Ronda Kunkel, greeter; Marlene Waak, greeter; Jack Flinn, Robbie Stork, Faith Stork	Amy Dooley	Kay Schmidt & Jolynn Schoenberg	Jadon Weidemann	Dennis & Dana Smith	Carson Flinn	Bobbie Weidemann	Jadon

November 2017

Count + your Blessings

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 † All Saints Sunday/ 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study 9:30 am-Croir practice † 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 pm-AA meeting	6 8:30 am-All-Servers Time & Talent lists for 2018 compiled	7 6:00 pm-Worship Committee meeting	1 All Saints Day 4:15-6:45 pm- Confirmation	2 2:00 pm-Ladies Aid & Mary Group meet jointly	3 10:00-1:00 SATURDAY ⇄⇄⇄ Fleece Blanket tying for LWR Today is the 534 th anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther	4 Daylight Savings Time ends ☺ Fellowship Hall used in the afternoon 11 2:00 pm-Ladies decorate for Thankoffering † 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion REMEMBER TO COLLECT YOUR LOOSE CHANGE FOR THE NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY Today is VETERANS DAY
12 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost/ WELCA Thankoffering Service 8:30-9:45 am-Sunday School Christmas Program practice/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion led by Praise Team/Veterans recognition/ Noisy offering collected Property Committee after worship 11:00-12:30 am-Turkey & dressing meal 11:00 am-Christian Ed Committee 5:00 pm-AA meeting	13 9:00 am-Quilting 6:30 pm-Stewardship Committee Meeting	14 Council agenda deadline	15 Attn. Youths! Today is the deadline to register at the lower rate for the 2018 Youth Gathering in Houston	16  Thanksgiving Day Church office closed	17 Newsletter deadline	18
19 24 th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am-Tone Chimes practice † 8:30-9:45 am-Sunday School Christmas Program practice/9:00 am-Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 pm-AA meeting	20 1:30 pm-Senior Citizens Domino Party 6:15 pm-Church Council	21	22 7:00 pm-Thanksgiving Eve Worship at MLLC	23 Thanksgiving Day Church office closed	24	25 † 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion/Baptism Remembrance
26 Christ the King Sunday 8:30-9:45 am-Sunday School Christmas Program practice /Adult Bible Study 9:45 am-Hymn Sing † 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/Baptism Remembrance LYO meeting and congregation sets up & decorates chrismon tree after worship 5:00 pm-AA meeting	27 7:00 pm-Men in Mission	28	29	30	31	DECEMBER 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 31