



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
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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





OCT. 15, SUNDAY **MLLC HARVEST** **FESTIVAL**

**Delicious Kettle-Fried Chicken Meal
for \$10**

SERVING BEGINS AT 11:00

Come and enjoy the season!

Worship and dine with the family at:

CARMINE HALL – 300 N. HAUPTSTROUSSE ST.



Festivities Include:

**Country Western
Worship Service for
everyone @ 10:00**

**Confirmand Reunion
@ 9:30**

Live Auction @ 12:00

Silent Auction

**Children's Activities
50/50 Visa Card Game
Apple Bobbing
Apple Cider**

PROCEEDS GO TO

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LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Luther's Letter

Martin Luther Lutheran Church

October, 2017

"Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times". Martin Luther

OCTOBER 31, 2017, marks the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation



The ELCA churches of the Brazos Valley have united to host a celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

–Workshops on the Reformation and Justice, Saturday, October 28, 9 a.m. – Noon

Come learn more about how the Reformation connects with matters of justice in our world today, and how we as Christians are called to stand for God's justice. These are hosted at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brenham.

See our website for more about this event:

mlcarmine.com/2017/09/21/reformat-ion-500-festival-in-brenham/

–Reformation Worship at the Brenham High School Auditorium Sunday, October 29, 10:30 a.m. Several ELCA churches in the Brenham area are gathering for one huge, Spirit-filled worship. Lunch to follow at 12 noon in the BHS cafeteria, \$10 tickets can be purchased at any participating ELCA church. (MLLC will have its regularly-scheduled services that weekend).

The 8th Annual Harvest Festival & Homecoming is set for Sunday, October 15.



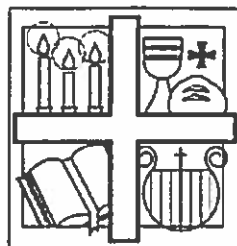
Confirmation classes from the years ending in 2 and 7 are being recognized this year.

(There will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Study that Sunday only. See the flyer on page 1 for more details.)

The Praise Team will lead songs to country & western tunes. Tickets for the kettle-fried chicken meal are available for \$10.00 each after worship and in the church office. Congregation members will be asked to bring desserts.

Items for both the live and silent auctions are being accepted. New items are asked for, along with gift certificates/cards, artistic items, and baked goods. The Stewardship Committee will make the determination of what items will be offered in each auction. Forms should be filled out for each item including the value.

There will be apple bobbing, 50/50 Visa Card games, kids' activities, and apple cider.



OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

The 2018 Time & Talent sheets are included in this newsletter. **New items are bolded**. Please fill these out and return to the box in the narthex by the end of October, so that the All-Servers lists for 2018 may be compiled in early November.

From 1 Peter 4:10, "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

➤ **The Choir** will sing on Sunday, October 1, at 9:30 a.m. **Tone Chimes** will practice at 8:30 a.m. and play at worship on Sunday, October 22.

➤ **Stroke Scan Screening** at MLLC on Monday, October 2, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Some appointments were made on Sunday, September 24th; however, you can still call their office through 7:00 p. m. on Friday, September 29, at 832/437-7355, to make an appointment.

➤ **Praise Team** is not playing at another Sunday in October. Their next time will be on Sunday, November 12.

➤ **Online and automated giving** are now ready for use. The System is on our church website with the information you need. Also, see the article in the September newsletter. The program is through *Vanco Payment Solutions*. You may sign up online or use a printed form that is available in the church office.



The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

By Pastor David Tinker

October 2017 marks the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The Reformation of the Church actually took decades, but this month marks the major spark of this movement. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the Castle Church Door in Wittenberg, Germany. These were 95 points of debate regarding issues which Luther decided needed discussion, and possible change. Wittenberg is a university town, and debates of this sort were common. The posting on the door had two reasons. One is that it was a common posting spot for announcements. And two, that church was the location of a Festival of Relics which would begin on November 1, 1517, All Saints Day. The “tickets” for this festival were the purchase of Indulgences (official notices of relief from time in Purgatory). The more one purchased, the more time relieved from purgatory, and the more Relics one would get to see.

Luther’s 95 Theses addressed three major themes.

In his biography of Luther (Here I Stand), Roland Bainton noted three major themes. These are: 1) Objection to the Avowed Object of the Expenditure – Opposition to the financing of the building of Saint Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican.

2) Denial of the Powers of the Pope over Purgatory.

3) A consideration of the Welfare of the Sinner – It is better for the Christian to give money to help a person in need than to pay for a false sense of security.

Copies of the 95 Theses are available at the church. These are also available on the MLLC web site: <https://mlccarmine.com/martin-luthers-95-theses/>

Another, and more significant, document of the Reformation is the Augsburg Confession. This was the announcement and presentation of the Lutheran and Reformation Faith to the leadership of the Holy Roman Empire, including the Emperor and Electors. The Augsburg Confession is the core statement of faith for the Lutheran movement. Two notable points are articles IV and VI. These sections are about Justification and the New Obedience.

Here is the text of Article IV – Concerning Justification

Furthermore, it is taught that we cannot obtain forgiveness of sin and righteousness before God through our merit, work, or satisfactions, but that we receive forgiveness of sin and become

righteous before God out of grace for Christ’s sake through faith when we believe that Christ has suffered for us and that for his sake our sin is forgiven and righteousness and eternal life are given to us. For God will regard and reckon this faith as righteousness in his sight, as St. Paul

says in Romans 3[:21–26] and 4[:5].

Here is the text of Article VI – Concerning the New Obedience

It is also taught that such faith should yield good fruit and good works and that a person must do

such good works as God has commanded for God’s sake but not place trust in them as if thereby to earn grace before God.. For we receive forgiveness of sin and righteousness through faith in Christ, as Christ himself says [Luke 17:10]: “When you have done all [things] ... say, ‘We are worthless slaves.’”

The (Early Church) Fathers also teach the same thing. For Ambrose says: “It is determined by God that whoever believes in Christ shall be saved and have forgiveness of sins, not through works but through faith alone, without merit.”

The center of our faith and thinking about God is expressed in these two sections. First, God has done great things for us because he loves us beyond measure. Secondly, he enables us to respond to his goodness through faithfulness expressed in good fruit and good works.

God loves, God gives us life and salvation, and we respond with love for God and neighbor.

So, as we celebrate this 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, let’s remember to look to the core of the Good News of Jesus Christ and how he enables us to respond to him in faithfulness, goodness and love.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, October 28, at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 29, at 10 a.m. as we give thanks for the Reformation.



REPORT ON SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10 – It was unanimously voted to continue with Waldeck Lutheran Church.

The contract was extended through **February 28, 2018**. The next vote will be at the annual meeting in January, 2018, and will be for an annual contract.



HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF

Monetary gifts are the fastest way for people to get the relief they need for their specific problems following the hurricane. There are three main funds which are related to our church which we can forward funds toward to help with long- and short-term solutions. There is information and links about each of these on our website: mlccarmine.com/hurricane-harvey-relief

These special funds are:

➤ **Lutheran Disaster Response** – our ELCA national program. This agency works with various cases long term to help people who have suffered due to the hurricane. You can gift through MLLC, or you can send your gifts directly to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, P. O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009. *Make checks payable to "Hurricane Response – United States"*.

➤ **Gulf Coast Synod Hurricane Harvey Fund** – our synod is working with local churches around our synod to help people who need help in recovering from the storm. You can give through MLLC or send your gift to the synod office: Make checks payable to: Disaster Fund, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, 12941 I-45 North Freeway, Suite 210, Houston, TX 77060. *Note: "Harvey" in the memo line.*

➤ **La Grange Area Ministers Fund** – the local pastors and churches in La Grange have set up a fund to give direct help to local families. You can give through MLLC, or directly to this fund: Good Shepherd Fund Disaster Relief for Fayette County, Prosperity Bank, 202 W. Colorado St., P. O. Box B, La Grange, TX 78945.

WELCA REPORT

Meeting date: October 12

Bible Study: The Apostles' Creed, Session 2

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.*

--**Yearbooks** will be worked on Tuesday, Oct. 24, starting at 2:00 p.m.

--**Thankoffering service** is set for Sunday, November 12, with Denna Hardin, guest speaker. Turkey & dressing meal tickets will go on sale October 15 at the Harvest Festival.

--**Ladies will go along to nursing homes in La Grange** when Pastor Tinker leads services there—October 10, 3:15 p.m. at Jefferson Place Assisted Living, and 4:00 p.m. at Monument Hill Nursing Home.

--**Officers of the Rebekah Group**, which begins January, 2018, are: *President, Susan Ray; Vice-President, Barbara Jacob; Secretary, Nancy Eilers; Treasurer, Dianna Gerland; Mission-Community, Sedalia Ullrich; Mission-Growth, Joys Baird; an Mission-Action, Dianne Sager & Carol Carmean.*



Please Note: The Brazos Cluster Fall Gathering is set for October 21, at Immanuel Lutheran of Wiedeville, 4529 Wiedeville Rd., Brenham, with registration starting at 8:30 a.m., and program at 9:00 a.m.

The theme is "Spreading God's Word"

Theme verse: *"But the word of the Lord endures forever. That word is the good news that was announced to you." 1 Peter 1:25*

There will be a presentation of Bibles for Africa.

Guest speaker is Marilyn Snell of College Station, Representative for Spirit Renewal Ministries/ Bibles for Africa.

Physical offering: Non-perishable food/canned goods for Bread Partners

Regular Offering: Bibles for Africa

QUILTING NEWS -



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

Blanket Tying Project to begin: The second Saturday of each month has been set as **Blanket Tying Day**. October 14 beginning at 10:00 a.m. till about 1:00 p.m. will be the first work day for this new WELCA project for Lutheran World Relief. If you aren't a quilter, blanket tying may be for you.

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. **All are invited to come give it a try!!**

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WELCA NEWS continued---

Report of WELCA Synod Convention:



The Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod Women of the ELCA held their 2017 convention on August 26, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Brenham, with the theme, "All are Welcome", and the theme verse, "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer Slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28). Deana Fuchs of West Columbia, presided over the convention and business meeting.

The opening devotion was given by Rev. Briana Merkle, Associate Pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Brenham. She spoke of the vision of "equality of Christ" and how it works, not just in our congregations but throughout the world; and the identity we have enslaved during our lives and the power it has over each of us.

The keynote speaker was Bren Hardt of Houston with her message of compassionate communication, a learnable set of thinking and communicating skills aimed at connecting to the human spirit through listening so other feel not only heard but understood (Empathy); speaking so others can truly hear what is authentic in us (Honesty); and connecting to ourselves with inner awareness and compassion (Self-Empathy).

Jackie Wilson of Hot Springs, Arkansas, Churchwide Representative, shared about her service with the Women of the ELCA as an opportunity to witness and share her faith and to encourage others for leadership roles, strengthen women's ministries, and learn more about working for justice and ecumenical and cross-cultural understanding.

During the business session, the minutes of the last synod convention were presented and approved as well as the treasurer's report and the 2018-2019 budget. The election of officers was held with the following officers being elected: MiLisa Gaertner of La Grange will serve as president; Elizabeth Curtice, Houston, as secretary; Leonita Sanders, Carmine, as treasurer; Carolyn Green, Cypress, Kim Holle, Baytown; and Rev. Kim Little-Brooks, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as board members. They will serve with Carolyn Muske, Brenham, vice-president; Mary Markowitz, College Station, board member; and Andy Wiltse, Texas City, board member. Deana Fuchs, West Columbia; Anita Kramer, Brenham; and Joyce Weiss, Brenham, were elected to the nomination committee.

Offering of the convention will be given to churchwide (1/2), Hope Rising (1/4), and Rainbow Room of Washington County (1/4). The attendance at the convention was 51; one hundred had registered but due to Hurricane Harvey, many could not attend. There were morning workshops of quilting for Lutheran World Relief, fleece throws and blankets for the Rainbow Room, and Communicating to Connect - Heart to Heart with Bren Hardt for anyone wanting to participate as well as displays by Lutherhill, Via De Christo - Texas Gulf Coast, Thrivent, and Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest. The convention closed with new officers being installed by Jackie Wilson, the closing prayer, and adjourned early due to the weather.

Colette Wunderlich and Leonita Sanders attended from MLLC Women of the ELCA, with Leonita serving as the delegate.



**WORDS OF WISDOM FROM WELCA
TRIENNIAL GATHERING, MINNEAPOLIS,**

July 13-16

Triennial Thought on the "All Anew" theme:

Our hearts are like soil. God uses the terrain of our hearts to be good soil. When the seed sprouts and takes root in our hearts, then it brings forth fruit.

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION REPORT:

date	attendance	general	school	building
08-27	Church cancelled due to Hurricane			
09-03	79	3,722.25	-0-	-0-
09-09	28	1,145.00	-0-	-0-
09-10	70	2,914.32	-0-	30.00
09-17	72	6,089.00	-0-	175.00



Pastor John David Nedbalek and **Melissa Nedbalek** (from Round Top, health concerns); **Saline Weintraub**, (friend of Susan Ray); **Mikayla Peschke** (classmate of Jadon Weidemann, heart problems); **Bobby Wagner** (friend from Round Top, tractor accident); **Barbara Urban Schultz** (friend of Susan Bathe, health concerns); **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-Lymphona); **Izzy Depaz** (10-year-old niece and granddaughter of workers at JW's, leukemia);

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

Kaitlyn Fritz (teenage friend of Bill Derrick from Brenham, rare disease); **Jimmy Alvarado** (friend Missy Weidemann's grandfather, health concerns);

Perry Crow (friend of Cherrie Wines, health concerns); **Russell Zickler** (former band director and friend of Weidemann, 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); **Jimmy Flinn** (eye problems and stroke);

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

Members in Care and Assisted Living Facilities: **Joyce Lehmann** (at private care facility in Giddings); **Elvera Limmer**, **Verline Schulte**, **Joyce Eilers**, and **Gladys Koether** (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:** **Gustav Arndt, Jr.** (Doris Gebhard's uncle); **Marian Lundborg** (wife of former Round Top pastor, Rev. Arnon Lundborg and mother of Rev. Blair Lundborg, Assistant to the Bishop, Gulf Coast Synod); **Delores Oppermann** (niece of Joyce Eilers); and **Arthur Siptak** (Ronnie Siptak's father).

MLLC Financial Information

August 2017 Year to Date
 Total Income \$157,111.28
 Total Expenses 156,487.15
 Net Income: \$ 624.13

August 2017 Month
 Total Income \$15,483.67
 Total Expenses 18,823.53
 Net Loss: \$ 3,339.86

Year to Date Expenses Highlights:

Salaries and Benefits	\$102,317.14
Benevolences	13,320.76
Property Insurance	9,740.92
Utilities	9,395.68
Printing	4,353.22
Supplies & Forms	3,262.29
Maintenance & Repair	1,722.81
Bulletins & Envelopes	1,576.86
Camping Ministry	1,312.00
Postage & Handling	1,276.51
Convention Expenses	1,180.00
Equipment & Tools	1,101.96



⊗ The family of Alan Juergens wishes to say thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, to all of you for the continuous prayers, concerns, beautiful cards, and calls. A special thank you to Pastor Tinker for the beautiful "Celebration of Life" service. To the ladies, Dianne, Sedalia, Joys, Kay, and JoLynn, for preparing and serving the food and drinks at the service. May life bring you a reflection of the kindness you have shown to my family as we heal and find closure. Please keep us in your prayers.

*Ruby Juergens Renck
Lonnie Juergens, Jr. & Rita
Seth & Ashley Juergens &
daughter
Lindsey & Noah Lillard & sons*

⊗ A Big Thank You to the Worship Committee for the cross you gave us. We really appreciate it. We will enjoy it on the wall. *Ilo Dean & Joyce*



(A decorative cross was presented to Ilo Dean and Joyce Ullrich at worship on Sunday, September 3. This was a thank-you gift to them on the occasion of the conclusion of many years of dedicated service of bringing communion to shut-in and nursing home resident of MLLC. They wanted to share this note with the congregation).

Thank you to the office helpers for September: Nancy Eilers and Leatha Miller assembled the October newsletter and Time & Talent sheets, Cherrie Wines folded bulletins, Carol Carmean sent bulletins & shut-ins and cards to visitors; and Betty Porter put supplies in pews.

Church Council Meeting

Monday, September 18, 2017

Members Present: , Brick Peele, Tim Sanders, Jessica Weidemann, Karen Roemer, Anita Drydale, Dana Smith, and Pastor David Tinker.

Absent: Blake Dooley, Cheryl Etzel, and Cindy Weidemann.

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Tim Sanders, council president-elect.

The devotion was presented by Pastor Tinker.

The Minutes and Treasurer's Report from the August Council meeting were approved.

Pastor Report

Special Items:

Stroke Testing day is tentatively set for Monday, Oct 2, 3-7PM pending confirmation due to the flooding of their office. This will be cross promoted at Waldeck Lutheran Church and will be at no cost to MLLC.

Visited with youth from MLLC and Waldeck at Lutherhill when we had several youth at the camp in August. Visited with the younger youth on 1 day, and older youth on another.

Confirmation class is being hosted at MLLC. Youth from 4 different congregations – MLLC, Waldeck, Bethlehem – Round Top, and Greenvine.

November 22 Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at Carmine this year.

December 6, 13, and 20 Wednesday Advent Services at Waldeck this year.

Committee Reports

No reports from Outreach, Christian Education, and Worship committees

Property Committee:

Defective fluorescent lamps in parlor, main hallway & church offices, on-going.

Sheetrock repair in Narthex ceiling pending.

Maintenance of church grounds (landscaping/grass cutting) on-going.

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

Propane tank behind playground – not level, Fayetteville Propane to lift, level and paint – pending.

Connect/repair flex ducting in attic over Fellowship Hall – pending follow up by S. Leppard

Bull rock placement to address erosion rear of school building – on-going.

Vent screens for Fellowship Hall crawl space openings – construction pending.

Resurface / seal / striping of parking lots – pending.

Check on ownership of desk that was in the community action building.

Shelving was requested for history books and school supplies and for quilting area.

Stewardship Committee:

Discussed Harvest Festival.

Dayschool Committee:

The committee is going to look into the cost of a license daycare with licensed administrator. Will come back to council Nov/Dec with their findings. Review as a council. In January it would go before the congregation. Two DS committee meetings scheduled before the November deadline to further discuss.

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CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT
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Old Business:

Finalized plans for Harvest Festival.

New Business: There was no new business.

Tim 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, October 16, at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Anita Drydale, MLLC Council Secretary

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NEW ADDRESSES:

Blake & Amber Dooley
2865 Leonhardt Rd.
Round Top, TX 78954-4909

Shirley Mueller
c/o Kruse Village
1700 E. Stone St.
Brenham, TX 77833

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ELCA YOUTH GATHERING
June 27 – July 1, 2018
Houston, Texas
NRG Park

This is a special event with Lutheran youth, along with some adult sponsors, from across the United States. About 30,000 people gather for worship, service, learning, and fun every three years for the ELCA National Youth Gathering. This year it is in our state, just about 90 miles from Carmine.

We are working to gather a group of Youth from MLLC and our partner congregations (Waldeck, Round Top, Shelby) to attend the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering. We already have some youth who plan to attend. Please let Pastor David Tinker know if you would like to attend.

Youth participants must be in grades 8-12 as of this school year. Adult volunteers must be at least 21 years of age. The gatherings typically happen every three years.

Cost: \$350 (register by November 15, 2017), and the cost goes up after that date. Housing, travel and personal items will be additional cost. Thankfully, travel will be very inexpensive since we live so close to the gathering site.

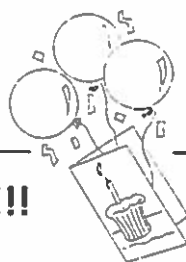
We need a deposit of \$150.00 to register a person. Please do not make cost prevent your participation. There are funds and people who will help with this for those who need it.

We will coordinate with the Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) of MLLC and other congregations to get this to happen for our youth.

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Heather Wright	01
Chance Waak	02
Drake Waak	03
Nolan Waak	03
Theresa Garlin	06
Larry Pohl	06
Kevin Hinze	07
Aaron Moore	08
Jonathan Dunham	09
Steven Scott Pratt	09
Chance Schoenst	09
Luke Kelley	10
Susan Bathe	11
Ryan Smith	13
Andrew Eckert	14
Nancy Eilers	14
Tanner Jacob	15
Allyne McGilvra	15
Jennifer Marburger	16
Gary Mueller	16
Bailey Conway	17
Liam Diehl	17
Cody Marburger	17
Kalli Wellmann	17
Jimmy Flinn	19
Vickie Schroeder	19
Reuben Wunderlich	19
Jack Flinn	20
Stuart Markwardt	20
Clarissa Wright	20
Patricia Bruchey	21
Bowen Williams	23
Patti Hart	24
Otto Fuchs, Jr.	25
Gladys Koether	26
Jaycie Pohl	26
Glenn Treude	26
Michelle Marburger	28
Carol Sommerfeld	28
Lauren O'Malley	29
Casey Lange	31
Matthew Roemer	31



Open house!!!

The Little City with a Big Heart  CARMINE, TEXAS

On **Tuesday, October 10**, 6:00-8:00 p.m., at 260 Luther Lane, The Carmine City Council invites you to come out and enjoy an evening of snacks and refreshments while you explore our newly-renovated City Hall!!!

Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries
October 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

Crossroads Confirmation Ministry

Our class of students from Crossroads (our 4 churches) and Emmanuel Greenvine continue their Bible Year of Confirmation Class in September. 4:15 – 6:45 p.m. at Martin Luther in Carmine in the Mission & Ministry Building – across the street, behind the Parsonage. The building has the address of 250 Augsburg Ave, Carmine, TX.

Class Dates:
October 11 and 18
November 1 and 8

No Class during Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas time.

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.

Annual Chicken Fry – \$10.00 a plate
When: October 20, 2017 @ 4:30 PM
Location: St Paul Education Building
Plates filled in carryout trays to dine in or carry out.
Delicious homemade desserts available for a free will donation.

Semi-annual Congregation Meeting
When: October 29, 2017 following the 8 AM Church service
To approve the 2018 Budget and elect two council members to three year terms beginning, January, 2018.

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
October 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

Harvest Festival and Homecoming

Sunday, October 15, at the Carmine Hall
Homecoming Recognitions: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 9:45 a.m. – Country & Western style
music, led by our Praise Team
11 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Chicken Dinner – ½ chicken,
green beans, potatoes, slaw – tickets \$10/each
Call church for tickets. Dine in or carry out.
12 noon – Live and Silent Auction in support of
MLLC.

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

Blessing of the Animals: October 8


St. Francis of Assisi Sunday (moved from 10/4)
Bring your pet, livestock, or plush animal friend to
worship for a special blessing.
Worship at 8:00 a.m. under the outside pavilion.
Invite your human friends as well.

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: *October 26*
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.

October 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study 9:30 am-🎵 Choir practices & sings 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/HOME COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION 5:00 pm-AA meeting	2 3:00-7:00 pm-Stroke Scan Screening in the fellowship hall	3 2:00 pm-Assemble & pack LWR school kits 6:00 pm-Worship -Committee meeting	4	5	6	7 REMEMBER TO COLLECT YOUR LOOSE CHANGE FOR THE NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY
8 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion Noisy offering collected Property Committee after worship 11:00 am-Christian Ed Committee 5:00 am-AA meeting	9 ✂ 9:00 am-Quilting	10 Council agenda deadline	11 4:15-6:45 – Confirmation class	12 ♀ 2:00 pm-Ladies Aid & Mary Group meet Jointly	13 10:00-1:00, fleece blanket tying for LWR Everyone welcome!!	14 ⚔ 6:00 pm- Worship w/Holy Communion/ Libby Robertson baptism
15 19th Sunday after Pentecost Harvest Festival & Homecoming at Carmine Hall 9:30 am-Confirmation class recognition 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion 11:00 am-Serving of meal 5:00 pm-AA meeting	16 1:30 pm-Senior Citizens Domino Party 6:15 pm-Church Council	17	18 4:15-6:45 – Confirmation class	19	20 Newsletter deadline	21 8:30 am-WELCA Fall Gathering at Immanuel, Wiedeville
22 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am-Tone Chimes practice & play 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 5:00 pm-AA meeting	23 6:00 pm-Men in Mission Family Night	24 2:00 pm-WELCA Yearbook planning	25	26	27 ??HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR TIME & TALENT SHEET TO THE OFFICE??	28 ⚔ 6:00 pm- Worship w/Holy Communion/ Baptism Remembrance
29 Reformation Sunday/ 21st Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion 5:00 pm-AA meeting	30	31 Reformation Day 500 TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION 			SEPTEMBER SUN MON TUE WED THU FR SAT 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	NOVEMBER SUN MON TUE WED THU FR 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



Servers for:

Assisting Ministers: Dana Smith (10-01); Jessica Weidemann (10-08, 10-28, 10-29);
 Susan Bathe (10-14, 10-22); Dianna Gerland (10-15 (Homecoming))
Offering Counters: Cindy Weidemann, Shelley Scheffer,
 Amy Dooley
Bulletin folder: Ann O'Hara
November newsletter assemblers: Berrrie & Darlene Etzel
 (the weekend of October 27 or 28)
Acolyte organizers: Parents of October acolytes
Put supplies in pews: Ann O'Hara
Send bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors: Carol Carmean
Prepare Communion for shut-ins: Susan Bathe

Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Readers	Flowers	Bread provider	Bread & wine presenters	Cross bearer	Communion assistants	Communion set-up
10-01	Brody	Team #14-Ronnie Eckert, capt., Avalda Pohl, greeter; Brooke Eckert, Debbie Eckert, Connie Peters, Jordan Peters	Tony Dooley	Shelley Scheffer					Susie M.
10-08	Rylan	Team #15-Tony Dooley, capt., Karen Dooley, Amy & Todd Dooley, Amber & Blake Dooley	Susan Ray	Danielle & Daron Nelson				Darlene Etzel	Karen
10-14		Volunteers							Debbie
10-15 Harvest Festival	Miles	TEAM #16 – Dennis Gerland, capt., Boo Goolsby, greeter; Jennifer Mohr, Brick Peele, Debby Peele, Carol Carmean	Vickie Schroeder	Jeff & Wendy Flinn				Amber Dooley	Debbie
10-22	Ryan	Team #17-Dean Ullrich, capt. & greeter, Joyce Ullrich, greeter, Dianne & Ted Sager, greeters; Tori Brooks, Robbie & Dianne Tovey	Blake Dooley	Blake & Amber Dooley				Floyd Etzel	Jessica
10-28		Volunteers							Connie
10-29 Reformation Sunday	Janette & Drayton	Team #18-Garry Sanders, capt., Leonita Sanders, greeter; Becky & Johnny Dunham, Jason Schroeder	Jessica Weidemann	Kyle & Karen Roemer	LYO	Amber Dooley & Jessica Weidemann	Josie Drydale	Ted Sager	Connie (red paraments & M.L. banner)