



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

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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: Todd Dooley-President; Shayne Kirts-President-elect; Dennis Smith, Secretary; Samantha Ullrich-Treasurer; Jessica Weidemann-Worship Committee; Vickie Neutzler-Stewardship Committee; Amber Dooley-Christian Education Committee; Cheryl Etzel-Outreach/Care Committee; Ronnie Siptak-Property Committee



Let the little children
come to me



Luther's Letter

Martin Luther Lutheran Church

September, 2015

"Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear!'" Isaiah 35:4a



This Sunday, August 30, is Rally Day & Water Fun Day for Sunday School. Teachers will be installed and awards presented. Students will be promoted to new classes, and the day will include fun-filled activities for them!

LABOR DAY SUNDAY - September 6.

Worship starting time will change to 10:15 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:00 a.m., with both worship and Sunday School in the fellowship hall. A potluck meal follows the service. Pulled pork sandwiches, buns, onions, pickles, sauce and drinks will be provided. Others are asked to bring side dishes of beans, vegetables, salad, desserts, chips, etc. Members are encouraged to wear their work clothes [uniforms, if you wear them to work]. Door prizes will be awarded.

LABOR DAY, September 7.
Church office and
MLLS closed on this
day.



(See Pastor's Article
about Labor Day Weekend
Worship on Page 7.)

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

➤ **First day of MLLS new school year** is Tuesday, September 1, and the year will begin with a Blessing of the Students and Staff by Pastor Tinker at 9:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall. (See the MLLS September Report on page 6.)

➤ **New Confirmation Class** starts September 2, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. MLLC and Bethlehem, Round Top, are combining classes. The first class will be in the parlor, and all remaining classes will be in the new Mission & Ministry Building.

Special MEETING

➤ **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is being called for Sunday, September 13, immediately following worship to discuss and approve expenditures to replace two new air conditioner/heating units in the sanctuary.

➤ **God's Work. Our Hands Day - September 13.** MLLC participates in this project.

(From ELCA): *This dedicated day of service builds on the work ELCA congregations do every day, serving the communities in which we live. Whether we clean up outdoor spaces, fill backpacks with*

much-needed school supplies or write letters to soldiers and veterans, "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday celebrates who we are as the ELCA—one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbors. (See page 2-WELCA NEWS-for more information).



➤ **Pictorial Directory--September 16-19.** (See the flyer in this newsletter).

To sign up to have your photo taken, you can do this three ways:

- 1...by visiting the sign-up table in the narthex/lobby before and after worship on Saturday or Sunday.
- 2...by calling or stopping by the church office during office hours M-F, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 3...by visiting the church website:

<http://mlccarmine.com>
and then clicking on the link to the sign-up website for our photography days.

All individual pictures are to be taken in the fellowship hall.

➤ **GRANDPARENTS' DAY** is Sunday, September 13. Outreach Committee serves refreshments after the called meeting, honoring all grandparents for the good examples you have given your grandchildren, and to others who are 'like grandchildren' to you.



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You are invited to Capture Memories for a lifetime

Be a part of our new family directory program—we need YOU to make our new family directory complete!

Let's connect names with faces. We will partner with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our families and tell our story.

Convenient

Lifetouch will photograph at our location.

In your one-hour session you will:

- Check-in
- Be professionally photographed
- Immediately view your portraits
- Have an opportunity to purchase additional portraits

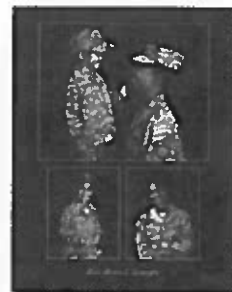
When was the last time you had a professional portrait taken?

Portraits are valued family keepsakes. Watch for more information coming soon about the opportunity to schedule your portrait session.

We look forward to connecting with you!



Each family will receive a **complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory** for participating



Exclusive products turn your portraits into cherished memories

Products may vary

➔ **TONE CHIMES**starts rehearsals on **Sunday, September 20.**

Starting date is the third Sunday; however, we will return to rehearsals on the second Sunday in October, and thereafter. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those who would like to participate.

➔ First Day of Fall is September 23.

➔ On Sunday, October 4, the Synod is sending Peggy Hahn to speak here. She is an Associate in Ministry (AIM), and will preach at worship and bring greetings from our synod office. Peggy is the director of LEAD, our synod's leadership and training ministry. Pastor Tinker will preside at worship and welcome Peggy to MLLC on that day.



➔ October 18th is the date for our 6th annual Harvest Festival and Homecoming. Confirmation classes to be honored this year are those with years ending in 0 and 5. There will be a raffle fundraiser this year instead of an auction. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$10 each, or 3 for \$25. At this price, we need **BIG** items, for example: *TV's, Visa gift cards, guns, outdoor furniture, quilts, etc.* Donations may be given to anyone on the Stewardship Committee by the middle of September. If anyone has any questions, please contact Vickie Neutzler (Stewardship Committee Chair) or Pastor Tinker.

➔ **BLOOD DRIVE REPORT:**

On Sunday, August 23, twenty-five persons came to donate, two were deferred, and four double units were donated—for a total of 27 units. Thanks to everyone for the good turn-out and successful drive!

WELCA NEWS:

New Yearbook is ready for pickup! *All confirmed women are included in the yearbook. Funeral serving lists have changed. Also, new members and high school graduates have been added.*



**CIRCLE MEETINGS:
Take note of meeting date changes:**

Mary Group meets on September 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the church parlor. Leonita Sanders leads the opening devotion; Bible study by Pastor Tinker; offering meditation by Colette Wunderlich, and hostess is Joys Baird.

Ladies Aid meets on September 17, at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor, (due to pictures being taken in the fellowship hall.) Pastor Tinker leads the Bible study, and servers are Dorothy Rothermel and Dianne Sager.

Bible Study theme: Slow Faith
Session 1: Sabbath Keeping

Items needed for MLL School:
Construction paper
Washable finger paints
Washable poster/tempera paints
Washable crayons
Baby Wipes and paper towels

**SEPTEMBER 13 -
"God's Work, Our Hands"**

This year MLLC will begin packing items for Lutheran World Relief. We have approximately 120 school kits and 50 personal care kits to assemble and pack. We are asking for your help with sorting and packing the kits. We know we can do this...in about one hour, well, maybe two. **Preparation** for the kit

assembly will be on Wednesday, September 9, at 2:00 p.m. in the Mission & Ministry Building. Items will be taken out of the packages, and rubber bands placed around the pencils and pens to hold them together. Anyone who would like to help is welcome.

We will **pack** these items in the Mission & Ministry Building at 2:30 p.m. on September 13.

Nancy Eilers and Dianne Sager applied to be **Action Teams** sponsored by Thrivent Financial. Each team was given a \$250.00 credit card to buy items for these kits. The focus this year is on school kits for LWR, and at last count, we have items for about 120. To compare, in 2014, MLLC sent to LWR 71 school kits and 21 personal care kits.



MORE ABOUT THE WELCA CONVENTION, SEPTEMBER 18 & 19-ST. PAUL LUTHERAN, LA GRANGE:

Tuesday, September 1, is the deadline for registration.

There is a wine & refreshment reception at Carby Chapel at Lutherhill starting at 7.00 p.m. on Friday, September 18. *(There will be art projects to work on, games to play, or you may visit with old and new friends).*

Saturday's events start with registration in the church foyer at 7.30 a.m., with breakfast to follow. At 8:45, the opening starts in the sanctuary; business meeting at 10:45 a.m., workshops, displays, auctions, work on LWR kits at 11:00 a.m. and continues after lunch.....

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(Convention report continued...)

Lunch is at 12:15 p.m.; business session continues at 1:15 p.m.. The convention closes at 3:30 p.m. in their fellowship hall, with installation of officers.

St. Paul Lutheran has a Saturday evening worship starting at 5:00 p.m. for everyone to join in. (See the church office for a list of presenters for the day).



**And, Mark Your
 Calendars for**

Another Special Event--The Brazos Cluster Fall Gathering is at Ebenezer Lutheran of Berlin, Brenham, on Saturday, October 10, starting at 8:30 a.m.

**Birthday Party
 Report.**

Argent Court, Brenham, was the site of a 2:30 p.m. birthday party on July 22, 2015, for residents observing a July birthday.

A MLLC Unit member, Elvira Dallmeyer, had a July 20 birthday. Together with Brenham Rehab and Argent Court, MLLC Unit hosted the party. MLLC Unit supplied sandwiches (homemade cheese, chicken salad, ham salad), and cheese puffs. Brenham Rehab provided the birthday cake, and Argent Court provided the punch and paper goods for 27 persons attending, including nine total birthday celebrants.

With pianist, Nancy Eilers, MLLC Unit members Dianna Gerland, Diana Wunderlich, Sara Eilers, Sedalia Ullrich, Barbara Jacob led group singing of old favorite songs. Supplying food were Susan Bathe, Diana W., Sara E., and Nelda Muehlbrad. *The next birthday party will be Friday, December 11, 2015, at Brenham Nursing & Rehab.*



PRAYER REQUESTS



Most recently, Billy & Joy Dell Grimm (cousins of Dianne Sager, health concerns); **Dorothy Marth** (at Brenham Nursing & Rehab for rehab); **Cindy Weidemann** (recent surgery); **Leonard Addicks** (friend, health concerns); **Regina Hutton** (friend of Pastor David & Jennifer Tinker); **Jack Weidemann** (health issues); **Robert Preuss** (friend of Gene & Nelda Muehlbrad, head injury); **Paul Viertal** (declining health); **Jill Carni** (friend of Ann O'Hara, recovering from surgery); **Don Steinbach** (former member, treatment for leukemia); **Grace Marie O'Quinn** (friend of Bill Derrick, newborn with health concerns); **Charles "Chuck" Fougerson** (friend of Bill Derrick, cancer); **Mark Weintraub** and his mother, **Saline**, (friends of Susan Ray, health concerns); **Rosa Lee Krebs** (friend from Shelby, health concerns); **Nelson Neutzler** (friend of Alvis Mueller, health concerns); **Fritz Schoenst** (friend from Round Top, surgery); **Josh Dow** (13-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); **Delores Oppermann** (niece of Joyce Eilers, cancer); **Ralph Barrick** (Peetsy Fischer's son-in-law, cancer); **Marie Nelius** (friend from Round Top, lymphoma); and **Sheila Hanke** (friend, melanoma treatment).

Ongoing Prayer Concerns. **Tim Coleman** (friend of Alvis Mueller, cancer and recent foot amputation); **Michael "Butch" Schulz** (Barbara Schulz's husband; health concerns); **Milton Poehls** (Pauline Peetsy Fischer's brother, cancer and heart

trouble); **Larry Glenz** (friend from Brenham, cancer); **Jimmy Flinn** (eye problems and stroke); **Herman (Ham) Kovar** (Rick Kovar's father, back problems); and **Mary Edwards** (Linda Kovar's sister, battling lupus).

Members in Care and Assisted Living Facilities. **Verline Schulte** (Brenham Rest Home); **Elvera Limmer, LeVerne Hinze** and **Shirley Mueller** (Brenham Nursing & Rehab); **Lynda Kominczak** (Mission Nursing & Rehab in Cuero); (**Kruse Village**); **Elvira Dallmeyer** and **Joyce Eilers** (Argent Court-Brenham).

Homebound Members. **Joyce Lehmann, 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, Scott Busby, James Dunham,** and all who serve, known and unknown, in harm's way.

We Remember...

† **Christian Sympathy** to the families and friends of **Nolan Noak** (Bruce Noak's brother); **Verna May Struck Reuter** (confirmed at MLLC in 1949); **Henry Steinfeld** (friend of Sara & David Eilers); **Mark Jacob** (Jocie Jacob Braun's son, brother of Cindy Hinze, Tina Mikeska, and Jane Marek, and Karen Roemer's uncle); **Christine Behrend Fuchs** (former RT-C school teacher); **Pastor Marlin Pace** (friend of Bill Derrick), **Kenneth Gersch** (friend from Giddings, owner of Jake's AC Services); **Grady Stueber** (friend from Giddings); and **Peggy Els Simmang** (baptized at MLLC).



Dear Congregation of Martin Luther Lutheran Church,

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the many thoughts, prayers, cards and condolences during Mark's illness and recent passing. Our hearts are filled with such comfort in knowing how much Mark and our families are loved.

We thank all of you who brought food to our home and the desserts in making the meal complete after his funeral Mass and Christian Burial. Having everyone remember us in their own special way is a reminder that those we love don't go away. He will walk beside us every day unseen, unheard but always near, forever loved, sadly missed and very dear!

God's Blessings,
The Mark Jacob Family

Nettie Markwardt and family would like to thank all who shared in her 95th Birthday Celebration [on July 26th]. Awesome & Amazing! God's Blessings & Peace!

Barbara Smith

Thanks to the **Office Helpers** for August: *Melissa Wickel* folded bulletins; *Thelma Hinze* sent bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors; *Gene Goolsby* placed supplies in pews; and *Berrie & Darlene Etzel* assembled the September newsletter.

I want to thank everyone who showed concern and kindness by sending cards, flowers, food and who came to visit during my surgery and recovery. A special thanks to Pastor Tinker for being there during my surgery.

May God bless each of you,
it meant a lot to me.

Your Christian Friend!
Avalda

CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY:

The Church Council of Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Carmine, Texas, met for its monthly meeting in the church parlor on Monday, August 17, 2015, at 6:15 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Council President Todd Dooley. Pastor David Tinker and nine Council members were present. Amber Dooley provided the devotion.



The minutes for the July 20, 2015 Council meeting were presented. A motion passed to accept the minutes. The Treasurer's Report was presented. Year-to-date expenses ending July 31, 2015, for MLLC (not including MLLS) were \$246,630.99 of which \$93,864.26 were for the parsonage renovations. Total income year-to-date was \$150,067.01. For the month of July, 2015, MLLC expenses were \$34,904.82 and income was \$27,268.58. For the MLLS, total year-to-date expenses ending July 31, 2015, were \$105,313.67. Total year-to-date income for MLLS was \$97,968.82. For the month of July, 2015, MLLS expenses were \$14,125.84 and income was \$11,454.04. As of the end of July, 2015, the General Fund checking account balance was \$11,182.38. A motion passed to accept the report as presented.

Pastor David Tinker made the following report. He requested that the Council and the congregation think about what we enjoy about our life together at MLLC. He would like us to share 1-3 items of note and share with him. These items will help us reflect on the good things we have at MLLC and will be a part of our looking to the future of the congregation in the coming years.

There will be a free Wills Service provided by Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home for church members. There will be a brief presentation during an upcoming Sunday service. Global Mission Committee of the Synod would like to speak with Council to share information on Mission connections for congregations. Lizabeth Johnson of Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest would like to speak to Council about a presentation to the congregation.

Release of memberships: Wendy Turner, along with sons, Dylan and Dusti Marburger & Tammy Fischer. "Brick" and Debby Peele are seeking transfer of their membership into MLLC.

Dates for photos for the upcoming photo directory will be September 16-19th. Sign up has begun. Pastor offered early Holy Communion at the Carmine Firemen's Feast.

He continues to lead the adult Sunday School class and Chapel with the MLLS students. He visited Lutherhill camp and attended several committee meetings in July. Upcoming special dates: August 22 & 23 - Lutherhill Director, Matt Kindsvatter, to preach at both services and will provide the Sunday School lesson; August 30th - Rally Sunday and Water Fun Day; September 6th - Labor Day Sunday (Sunday School at 9 am and Worship at 10:15 am); October 4th - synod staff visitor, Peggy Hahn, to preach at Sunday service; October 18th - Harvest Fest at Carmine Hall; & November 8th - WELCA Thankoffering Service.

MLLS Day School reported enrollment numbers for July, 2015, were 35 full-time students and seven drop-in students. One part-time and two full-time babies were enrolled to begin in August. The new school year begins on September 1. This means new teachers and classrooms for students.

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(Council Summary continued—)

Jennifer Vaclavik and Kelli Meinholdt are doing the housekeeping and staff relief. Summer activities are in progress and vary from water day, outdoor games, etc.

The Christian Education Committee reported Lutherhill staff will be visiting August 23rd to lead a skit during worship and will lead Sunday School classes. Rally Sunday is August 30th with fun activities for students.

Sunday School classes have been set: Amy Dooley and Gwen Stork - Preschool; Amber Dooley and Melissa Wickel - Kinder. & 1st grade; Mia Williams and Michelle Kohring - 2nd & 3rd grades; Susan Ray - 4th-6th grades; and Esther Kelley - 7th grade and up.

Worship Committee reported that the additional microphones and equipment have been ordered but the shipment date is unknown at this time. We are prepared and ready for Lutherhill services on August 22nd & 23rd. Labor Day Sunday potluck meal will be pork roast. They have been purchased and a set-up day has been scheduled for September 5th at 2:00 pm. Announcements are in the bulletin and were also placed in the newsletter. A "Cowboy" theme has been requested for the Harvest Festival this year. Homecoming presentations begin at 9:30 immediately followed by worship. The meal will be from 11 am-1pm.

The Outreach Committee will organize, serve, and host a breakfast for the RT-C and MLLS teachers and staff on August 20th at 8:30 am in the fellowship hall. The congregation is asked to help by providing food and drinks as well as serving. The Property Committee reported work at the parsonage continues. All sub-contractor rough-in work is completed and inspected. Insulation has been installed. Sheetwork work is finished and interior painting has started.

The Stewardship Committee reported that the Harvest Festival is being planned for October 18th. The Committee has decided to have a raffle instead of an auction. Donations of "large ticket" items and donations of money for gift cards are requested. The Committee is hoping to offer 10-20 quality items for raffle.

These items are needed prior to September 19th in order to print and sell raffle tickets in a timely manner prior to the date of the Harvest Festival. Contact any member of the Stewardship Committee or church office to make donations.

A special called congregational meeting has been set for Sunday, September 13th, immediately following the worship service in the church sanctuary. This meeting is being called to discuss and approve expenditures to replace two air conditioning/heating units in the sanctuary.

The next regular Council meeting was set for Monday, September 21, 2015, at 6:15 p.m. Shayne Kirts volunteered to provide the devotion. A motion passed to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. *Respectfully Submitted, Dennis Smith,*
MLLC Council Secretary

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION REPORT:

date	attendance	general	school	building
07-25	27	584.00	-0-	-0-
07-26	71	2,256.00	1,610.00	-0-
08-02	55	2,240.00	1,315.00	-0-
08-08	38	1,525.00	-0-	-0-
08-09	84	4,099.10	5,673.00	30.00
08-16	91	2,105.00	3,553.00	150.00
08-22	34	1,085.00	2,183.00	-0-
08-23	114	1,869.02	2,183.00	-0-

LOCAL AND T.L.U. NEWS:

→ **New Pastor at Greenvine:** Emmanuel Lutheran of Greenvine welcomed their new pastor and wife, Pastor Mark and Jean Moore, with an installation service on Sunday, July 12. Both pastor and his wife are from "old Texas families"—having both lived on or near a farm all their lives. Pastor Mark grew up in Little Elm near Frisco and his wife in Garland. The couple have been married 42 years this August, and they have two grown children and two grandchildren.

→ **Garrison Keillor** will be at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin on Wednesday, October 21, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the TLU Jackson Auditorium. The humorist has hosted the "Prairie Home Companion" on PBS since its inception in 1974. It is a weekly radio program on Saturday evenings filled with music, humor, radio plays and stories. This radio show is distributed by American Public Radio on various public radio stations across the U.S.A. You can listen to the show on the public radio stations out of Bryan/College Station, Houston, and Austin, 5:00-7:00 p.m. each Saturday. (Tickets for the event will be available beginning September 8, online at the TLU website. All tickets are general admission, \$15.00 per person.)

→ **The Combined Community Action** meets in the Mission and Ministry Building every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, starting with domino games at 9:00 a.m. Come to play or just come to eat at 11:30 a.m. More persons are needed to eat there to keep the program going. Contact Linda Mattocks for more information at 278-3277.

MLLS SEPTEMBER REPORT:



It's the beginning of a new school year at MLLS! Our first day of school is Tuesday, September 1, and we will begin the year with a Blessing of the Students and Staff at 9:15 a.m. in the MLLC fellowship hall by Pastor Tinker.



Picture Day is Friday, September 11,

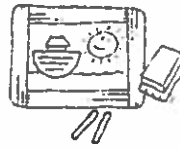
beginning at 8:00 a.m. Only individual student pictures will be taken at this time. You will receive a flyer to choose portrait backgrounds and more information.

In our classrooms during the month of September, we will be exploring the theme, *"I am Special"*. We will learn about friendship, Grandparents' Day, Johnny Appleseed, first day of Autumn, and our five senses. We will discover the circle shape, the color blue, numbers 0 and 1, opposites, Go/Stop, and Letters, Aa, Bb, and Cc. We will be learning about these topics through Bible activities, songs, stories, cooking activities, science experiments, and art projects.

During Chapel services, we will be studying various Bible topics through use of Bible storybooks. 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.

Chapel services are led by Pastor David Tinker.

We visit our Activity/ Art Room on Tuesday mornings where we explore painting at the easel, block play, and arts and crafts with Mrs. Ann and Mrs. Susan as our volunteers. Thank you to these ladies!



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 Fargle, Rebecca Mayer, Marie Loewe, and Carol Carmean for reading to the children. They enjoy it very much!

Thank you to Pastor Bill and Jennifer Tinker for coming to sing with us occasionally!

Thank you, MLLC members and MLLS parents, who have generously donated food, supplies, and monetary donations for our Day School ministry! 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.

Thank you to those of you who have donated supplies for our new MLLS Activity and Art Room!



Please see our school wish list in the school lobby. We would like to purchase sets of wooden unit blocks for our classrooms and we also need other items. If you would be interested in making a donation toward this, please do so by leaving

your donation in an envelope labeled *"MLLS Wish List donation"*. Thank you for your support!

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

Kelli Meinholdt, Amber Baker, Jennifer Burrow, Jessica King, Kaci Neumann, Ashley Santos, Brenda Townsley, and Jennifer Vaclavik

CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR SEAFARERS:



The Lutheran Men in Mission of MLLC will again prepare the Christmas Boxes of Port of Houston Seafarers. This is a ministry which brings cheer, God's love, and practical gifts to people from around the world who must be away from family at Christmas. Between now and Thanksgiving weekend we invite you to collect items for the Men in Mission to pack for the seafarers. A collection station for these items will be set up during Sept-ember. Last year there were 34 boxes assembled. Here is the address to our web page article about last year's efforts: <http://mlccarmine.com/2014/12/07/christmas-boxes-for-houston-seafarers/>

The men on the ships truly appreciate the love and hospitality offered by these Christmas Boxes. Think about your life. Most of us get to be home every night with family and/or near friendly neighbors. Those who work in shipping are away from home for months at a time. They are thankful for the work, but they miss their families, friends and home communities.

The Port of Houston Chaplains are our ambassadors to these seafarers. They visit the ships and bring the boxes to the crews.

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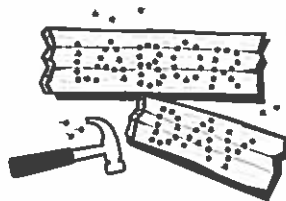
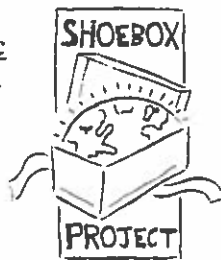
On their web site the chaplains tell us: "Crew sizes vary between 8 and 30, with an average number of 22 seafarers to gift per ship. In 2014, we placed 11,392 gifts on board 512 ships which had seafarers from 69 different countries! These gifts had been donated to the seafarers by 223 churches and organizations! The Christmas boxes are personally carried to each ship by your staff of Port Chaplains." Their web site is: http://www.venturecd.net/SeafarersCenter.org/Home_Page.htm

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

Please gather items such as these for the men on the ships:

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

- Address books
- Band-aids (fabric)
- Baseball caps
- 2016 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
- Socks
- Sudoku books
- Texas souvenirs
- T-shirts
- USB flash drives
- Word search books



LABOR DAY WEEKEND WORSHIP , By Pastor David Tinker

The beginning of September brings a Holy Day of sorts for all of us. Labor Day is a civic holiday to celebrate the opportunity for work. As Lutheran Christians we go deeper with this and view all work as part of God's calling and his provision of our daily bread. All Christians are doing the work of God, regardless of where or what they do in their honorable vocation in life.

Some time ago I discovered a concise statement written by a fellow Lutheran pastor regarding the Lutheran Christian understanding of vocation. Here is an excerpt of what Pastor Samuel Schuldheisz, Redeemer Lutheran Church (LC-MS) of Huntington Beach, CA, writes, "... our earthly vocations or 'stations in life' as Luther called them, are fruits of our heavenly calling as God's children in baptism. The purpose of vocation is to love and serve the neighbor in the particular stations in life that God has called us to whether we are a husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter, teacher, student, etc. We don't live life hidden in a corner. This was the danger of many priests and monks in the Reformation era. Many taught that the highest form of Christian living was to become a monk and live in a monastery. Luther wrote extensively against this false teaching as he re-discovered the doctrine of vocation and began to teach and preach about its necessity in the Christian life.

Luther taught that on one level, there is no difference between monk and magistrate or priest and plumber. Each Christian is called according to God's Word and Spirit, regardless of what their status in society is. This means that God's calling of a Roadkill Collector is just as holy as God's calling to be a pastor.

The difference is the office and duties that are unique to each vocation. For example, the pastoral office is not the office of school teacher, just as the office of father is not the same as the office of mother. Each vocation, or calling from God, has particular and unique duties attached to it. This is how God works in, with, and under the ordinary means of this life to accomplish His good and gracious will, physically and spiritually."

To celebrate this blessing of vocation, we will be taking the Sunday of Labor Day

weekend to give thanks for the blessings of daily bread, of work, of school, of family, etc. To enhance our time together you are invited to wear the clothes or uniform of your current or pre-retirement vocation. No matter what, know that we will be giving thanks for and honoring all that God has called each of us to do as part of his greater work in the world. Know that who each of us is and what God has called and equipped each of us to do is important. On Sunday, September 6, we will take time to give thanks for all which God calls and equips us to do. As part of this we will have a potluck lunch following worship. Bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.

We look forward to seeing you September 6 and on other Sundays in the weeks

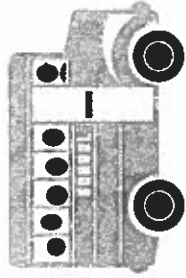
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYCELEBRANTS!

Anita Drydale	03
Kim Lewis	03
Maggie Hinze	04
Cindy Hinze	06
Charles Mueller, Sr.	06
Ally Harper	09
Cheryl Etzel	10
Cooper Kirts	10
Troy Carmean	11
Ronnie Hinze	11
Jed Leppard	11
Berrie Etzel	13
Amy Huebner	13
Darlene Etzel	14
Ann O'Hara	15
Monty Mayer	16
Cohen Miller	17
Jordan Weidemann	17
Eddie Marburger	18
Kerry Lehmann	20
Presley Lange	21
Kennedy Flinn	22
Jacquelyn Ray	22
Roy Finke, Jr.	23
Charlene Mueller	24
Kyle Pawlak	24
Joyce Stainer	24
Jake Smith	25
Kelly Warburton	27
Dawn Warner	27
Gene Goolsby	30
Shayne Kirts	30
Ricky Meinholdt	30

SERVERS for:

September

Lay Assistants. Dianna Gerland (09-06--Labor Day Sunday);
 Susan Bathe (09-12); Jessica Weidemann (09-13, 09-26);
 Dana Smith (09-20); Leonita Sanders (09-27)
 Send cards to visitors & bulletins to shut-ins, Jessica Weidemann
 Offering Counters. Shelley Scheffer, Karen Dooley, Jessica Weidemann
 Prepare Communion for shut-ins, Dean & Joyce Ullrich



Put supplies in pews, Linda Kovar
 Acolyte organizers, Parents of September acolytes
 Bulletin folders, W. T. & Dorothy Marth
October newsletter assemblers, Jerry & Barbara Jacob
 (the weekend of September 25 or 26)

date	acolytes	ushers	readers	flowers	communion assistants	communion set-up
09-06 Labor Day Sunday)	Miles	Team #21 - Tim Weigelt, capt., Ann O'Hara, greeter; Lori Weigelt, Justin Roemer, Claire Mayer, Hannah Roemer	Amy Dooley	Cindy Hinze		Ann
09-12 Saturday		Volunteers				Vickie N.
09-13	Dana	Team #22 - Barbara Jacob, capt. & greeter; Jerry Jacob, Yvonne Moore, Tucker Jacob, Sedalia Ullrich	Bobbie Weidemann	Darrell & Esther Kelley	Shelley Scheffer	Vickie N.
09-20	Faith	Team #1 - Reuben Wunderlich, capt., Ronda Kunkel & Marlene Waak, greeters; Jack Flinn, Sierra Richard, Robbie Stork	Dana Smith	Pastor & Jennifer Tinker	Ted Sager	Jocie
09-26 Saturday		Volunteers				
09-27	Jed	Team #2 - Gene Goolsby, capt. & greeter, Cindy Hinze, greeter; Travis Schiwart, Whitney Hinze, Morgan Mikeska, Conway Waak	Kayla Peters	Ted & Dianne Sager	Dana Smith	Susan B.

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<p>6 15th Sunday after Pentecost LABOR DAY SUNDAY 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 am-Worship w/Holy Communion in fellowship hall Poduck meal after worship 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p>7 Labor Day (MILLS and church office closed)</p>	<p>1 FIRST DAY OF PRESCHOOL 6:00 pm-Worship Committee</p>	<p>2 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime</p>	<p>3 6:30 pm-Mary Group</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 2:00 pm-Setup for Sunday worship in fellowship hall</p>
<p>13 16th Sunday after Pentecost Grandparents' Day/ God's Work. Our Hands Day 9:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion led by Praise Team/Noisy Offering collected/CALLED CONGREG. MEETING/Grandparents Reception 10:10 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:10 am-Property Committee 11:10 am-Christian Ed Committee 2:30 pm-LWR kits assembled 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p>	<p>14 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel 9:00 am-Quilting 6:00 pm-Stewardship meeting</p>	<p>8 Council agenda deadline</p>	<p>9 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime 2:00 pm-LWR kits prepared for assembly</p>	<p>10 2:00 pm-Ladies Aid</p>	<p>11 Newsletter deadline</p>	<p>12 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion REMEMBER TO COLLECT YOUR LOOSE CHANGE FOR THE NOISY OFFERING-SUNDAY</p>
<p>20 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion 10:10 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study/Tone Climes release 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>15 Council agenda deadline</p>	<p>16 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime 2:00-8:10 pm today PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PICTURES TAKEN</p>	<p>17 2:00 pm-8:10 pm today PICTURES TAKEN</p>	<p>18 12:30-6:40 pm today PICTURES TAKEN 7:00 pm-WELCA Synod reception at Carby Chapel-Lutherhall</p>	<p>19 WELCA Synod Annual Convention at St. Paul-La Grange 9:30 am-4:10 pm today-PICTURES TAKEN</p>
<p>27 18th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 am-Hymn Sing 9:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion 10:10 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 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>22 9:00 am-Day Care Chapel 1:30 pm-Sr. Citizens Domino Party 6:15 pm-Church Council</p>	<p>23 First Day of Fall! 9:00 am-Day Care Storytime</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion</p>

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