



# Luther's Letter

Martin Luther Lutheran Church

September, 2017

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Matt. 16:24



**Sunday School Rally Day.** Teachers will be installed, awards presented, and there will be a Blessing of Backpacks. We look forward to seeing all teachers, students, and their friends and families, at worship this Sunday.

**The Blood Drive** which was scheduled for this Sunday has been postponed. It may possibly be re-scheduled for next Sunday, September 3, but it's only tentative. Watch for further announcements as they become available. Anyone donating or attempting to donate will receive a **gift certificate for a free pint of Blue Bell Ice Cream**. Please consider giving the 'gift of life'.

## SEPTEMBER DATES & More:

✦ **Next Choir Practice** date will be Sunday, September 3, at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall (since worship will be there that Sunday only.)

✦ **SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – September 10, after worship, regarding the continuation of the Shared Ministry Contract with Waldeck Lutheran Church. See more about this important meeting on Page 5 of this newsletter. Waldeck Lutheran Church will also vote on that day.

✦ **Tone Chimes** will be starting up Sunday, September 10. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex. New members are always welcome!

✦ **Praise Team Sunday** returns to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month—which is September 10.

✦ **GRANDPARENTS' DAY** – September 10. The Care/Outreach Committee sponsors a reception for all grandparents and those who serve as grandparent-figures after worship.

✦ On Sunday, September 17, we will welcome the **Rev. Chris Markert, Assistant to the Bishop – Mission Catalyst**. Pastor Markert will be our preacher for the day, and he will bring greetings from our bishop and synod leadership.



Here is a brief biography of Pastor Markert:

*A native Houstonian, Chris graduated from Concordia University in Austin and went to seminary in Berkeley. His first call was in Philadelphia. In 2003, he moved to New Orleans to serve as Mission Redeveloper for House of Prayer in Harvey. Following Hurricane Katrina, Chris relocated to Houston where he was called as Mission Developer and founding pastor of Celebration in Cypress, where he served for over seven years. Chris is a member of the Order of Lutheran Franciscans. He enjoys traveling and joining friends for trivia at local venues.*

## LABOR DAY SUNDAY



We will celebrate God's Love and Labor Day weekend on Sunday, September 3.

Sunday School will be at 9:00 a.m., as usual.

Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

You are encouraged to wear what you would for your current, preretirement, or planned for future work/vocation. It is always fun and fascinating to see the various uniforms, work logos, and the like at this worship service each year. We will end worship with a commissioning for our Christian Vocation.

The service will also include a special preacher, our own Deaconess Jennifer Tinker. She will be beginning her service as the Synodically Authorized Minister at Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church the next Sunday. Deaconess Jennifer will move toward entering the TEEM program (*Theological Education for Emerging Ministries*), which is a special seminary program with an alternative route to ordination as an ELCA Lutheran Pastor.

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**Labor Day Weekend Worship & Picnic, cont'd.**

Church Picnic – after Worship/about 11:30 a.m.  
We continue our time together with a time of food, fellowship, and games.

The Worship Committee will provide sloppy joe hot sandwiches, buns, onions, pickles, mustard, & tea.

The people of the congregation are invited to bring a side, such as chips, beans, cole slaw, veggie tray, etc.

Our fun and fellowship will include outdoor games, such as water balloon toss, relay races, bean bag toss, and other traditional church picnic games, for children and adults. You might want to bring a swimsuit or something that can get wet.

We will also have cards and dominoes inside for those who prefer that. The goal is to offer a good time in the spirit of church picnics from over the years. Volunteers are needed to help with face painting, balloon art, and to be in charge of other outside games.



**CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE, Fall, 2017**

*(Any changes to this schedule will be announced as they become available). All these dates are Wednesdays from 4:15-6:45 p.m.)*

- September 6
- September 20
- October 11
- October 18
- November 1
- November 8

*(No class during Thanksgiving, Advent, or Christmas time)*

- January 10, 2018
- January 24
- February 7

*(No class on February 14, March 31, Lent and Holy Week)*

- April 4
- April 17
- April 25

**TRANSPORTATION NEEDED!**



There is a need for persons to provide transportation for Edward Chovanec, a Carmine resident, for doctors' appointments and/or cancer treatments in Bastrop or Smithville. If you can volunteer to drive, please contact the church office.



**Meeting date: September 14**  
**(Both Groups will meet jointly in September).**

**Bible Study: The Apostles' Creed, Session 1**

**LADIES AID & MARY GROUP – 2:00 p.m.**  
Leonita Sanders has the opening devotion; Pastor Tinker leads the Bible study; Colette Wunderlich gives the Offering Medication; and Joys Baird, Dorothy Rothermel & Dianne Sager serve as hostesses.

**Quilting day:** Monday, September 11, 9:00 a.m.  
Lydia Group ladies will quilt on Saturday, September 9. From 11:00-1:00 in the Mission & Ministry Building.

The Mary Group and Ladies Aid met jointly on August 10, 2017. After much discussion, the decision was made by each group to dissolve the Mary Group and Ladies Aid and form a new group. It will be called the **Rebekah Group**, effective January 1, 2018.

Meetings will be held the second Thursday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The funds will be combined. A tentative slate of officers was voted upon.,

A special meeting of the unit was called to order on August 10, 2017. Colette Wunderlich was elected president to serve a two-year term. Leonita Sanders was elected secretary to finish Colette's remaining term.

**The Brazos Cluster Fall Gathering is set for October 21, at Immanuel Lutheran in Wiedeville.**

**About the Yearbooks:**

This year the yearbooks will be compiled in October and distributed in November. Please contact the church office of any address/phone number changes.

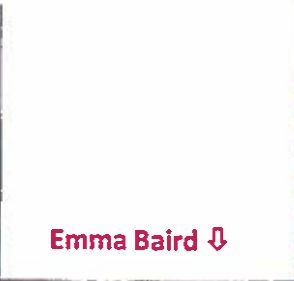
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08-12	31	1,610.00	-0-	30.00
08-13	78	3,176.00	-0-	25.00
08-20	79	2,298.00	-0-	150.00

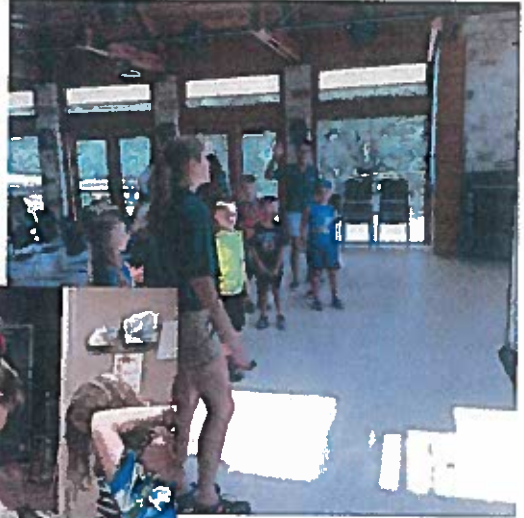
### ELEMENTARY CAMP: August 6-11, 2017



Bree Dooley (3<sup>rd</sup> from left)  
Carter Wunderlich (3<sup>rd</sup> from right)



Emma Baird ↓



Brayden Scheffer (in green shirt)  
Bailey Wunderlich (far right)

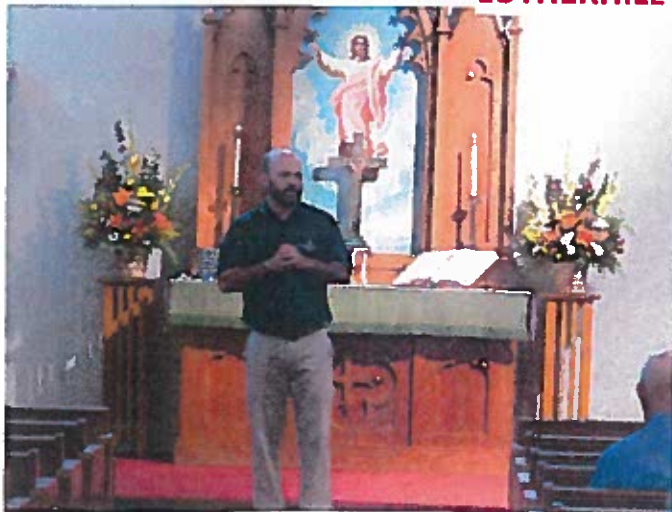


Pastor Tinker, Cody Wunderlich



Abby Wunderlich, Kennedy Flinn

### LUTHERHILL SUNDAY, August 13, 2017



Matt Kindsvatter preaching



Sunday School, led by Lutherhill staff

**NEW DOOR LOCKS!**



New locks have been placed on all the doors in the educational building and also on the fellowship hall closet and A/C closets. Keys are in the office, if you need to use one. There is also a key on the bulletin board in the kitchen.

**ON THE PRAYER LIST:**

**Louis Kartous** (stroke, at rehab in Katy); **Delores Oppermann** (niece of Joyce Eilers, declining health); **Thelma Hinze** (recent heart procedure); **Gladys Koether** (recently hospitalized); **Darlene Bramblett** (friend from La Grange, health concerns); **Ruby Renck** (broken ribs from fall); **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); **Barbara Urban Schultz** (friend of Susan Bathe, cancer); **Izzy Depaz** (10-year-old niece and granddaughter of workers at JW's, leukemia); **Dora Kieke** (friend from Burton on hospice, cancer); **Saline Weintraub, 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 the Weidemans, 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);

**Steve Pratt** (Bernice Pratt, Valerie Moore's brother, cancer); **Joey Pomykal** (Paula Barrick's step-nephew, medical concerns); **Bertha Ruether** (Esther Kelley's mother); **Don Steinbach** (former member, stem cell transplant); **Michael (Butch) Schulz** (Barbara Schulz's husband, health concerns); **Milton Poehls** (Pauline (Peetsy) Fischer's brother, cancer and heart trouble); **Jimmy Fliin** (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); **Lisa Mayer** (health concerns); and **Delores Oppermann** (niece of Joyce Eilers, cancer).

**Members in Care and Assisted Living Facilities:**

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

**Homebound Members:** **Nevilee Marburger** (in Houston); **Mamie Roemer, Judith Yarborough, Peetsy Fischer, and Elvera Rudloff** (in Houston).

**Military Personnel:**

MLLC members: **Joseph Vogel and Bryan Miller.**

Family and Friends: **Rowdy Chaddock, Michael Martin, Wacey Lanier, Jonathan Noak, Justyn Bearden, Wade Friedrich, James Dunham,** and all those who serve, known and unknown, in harm's way.

✝ **OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY... to the families and friends of: Alan Juergens** (Ruby Renck's son); **Pete Belle** (father of Bev Cucuzza); and **Glenver Eilers** (cousin of David Eilers).

**LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER!**

➤ **October is Stewardship Month!** The 2018 Time & Talent sheets will be included in the October newsletter. If committees know of any changes to the sheets, please contact the church office before September 15.



**The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Festival & Homecoming** is set for Sunday, October 15. Confirmation classes from the years ending in 2 and 7 are being honored this year.

The Praise Team will lead songs to country & western tunes. Tickets for the meal will be available soon for \$10.00 each. Items for both the live auction and silent auctions will be accepted. Congregation members will be asked to bring desserts.

**IMPORTANT!!**

**SHARED MINISTRY NEWS –  
Special Meeting: Official Notice**

A Special Congregational Meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, September 10. This will be for the Purpose of voting to continue the Shared Ministry Contract with Waldeck Lutheran Church for Pastor David Tinker. The proposed contract will be for the period of October 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018.

Assuming we vote to continue for this period, we will then present an annual contract at the January Annual Congregational Meeting for the period of March 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019. The goal is to include this contract at the January Annual Congregational meeting each year. This would avoid the need to call special congregational meetings in the future for renewing the contract. The March 1<sup>st</sup> start date for the annual contract is set up to allow for arrangements and adjustments to be made in the event that the contract is cancelled by any party. This would allow about six weeks for such adjustments.

**Shared Ministry Coordination Meeting:** The four-Church Shared Ministry meeting was held at MLLC on Saturday, August 12. Representatives from MLLC, Waldeck, Bethlehem-Round Top, and St. Paul-Shelby, met to coordinate ministry and to share how our work together is going. The group discussed the shared Confirmation Ministry, various upcoming events, and the National Youth Gathering in 2018. We would like to bring a group from among the four churches to this special ELCA event.

The next Four-Church Shared Ministry meeting will be on Saturday, November 11, 9:00-11:00 a.m., at St. Paul-Shelby. Thank you to Cheryl Etzel and the Care/Outreach Committee for providing the refreshments at this event.



☼ Barbara Jacob sends thanks for the prayers and says that her health issue has been blessedly and successfully resolved. It was Stage I melanoma on her arm. No further treatment is needed, just annual check-ups.

☼ Men in Mission has donated \$550.00 to MLLC youth going to Lutherhill for the youth camp. The money came entirely from the sale of aluminum cans donated by MLLC members to the Men in Mission program.

Thank you to everyone who donated cans to our program dedicated to helping MLLC youths. Please continue to bring the aluminum can to the carport on the north side of the fellowship hall. **THANK YOU.**

☼ Thanks to the office helpers for August: *Barbara & Jerry Jacob* folded bulletins; *Cherrie Wines* sent bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors; *Carol Hall* put supplies in pews; and *Nancy Rosenbaum* assembled the September newsletter.

**PASTOR'S ARTICLE**

**Online and Automated Giving is Up and Running**  
By Pastor David Tinker



The Online Giving system at our church web site [mlccarmine.com](http://mlccarmine.com) is now up and running. This is a supplement to our longstanding system of giving offerings through the offering plate at worship each weekend.

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

The main page for using the online giving is:  
**[mlccarmine.com/online-giving](http://mlccarmine.com/online-giving)**

This will provide a link to the special MLLC giving page with Vanco Payment Solutions. You will have an option of setting up a user name and account while at this site.

If you prefer to use a printed form these are available at the church office or on the web site. Simply fill it out and bring the form to the church office. The office staff will take care of entering your information into the secure web site so your ongoing or one-time gift can happen.

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**Pastor's Article continued...**

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

- \*The system is set up to receive gifts for general fund, synod benevolences, building, AMEN Food Pantry, Lutheran Youth Organization, Vacation Bible School, Christian Education, ELCA World Hunger, Brenham Mission Society, Treehouse Lutheran Campus Ministry, Noisy Offering, and other fund can be added as we have need.
- \*The program will enable you to set up transfers to the MLLC bank account. These transfers can be made from your bank account (checking or savings), debit card or credit card. Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express are all accepted in this system. There is an option on the web site for you to include an extra gift to cover the cost of accepting a credit card.

\*These scheduled giving times can be a single gift, or weekly, twice monthly, monthly, etc.

\*This will provide you with the ability to keep up with your offerings even when you can't be at worship due to travel, work, health, etc.

\*You can set a standard amount for these regular times.

\*You can set up any number of special schedules for regular giving.

\*There will be a mobile friendly version of the web site so you can use your mobile device to make offering.

\*One time gifts will always be an option through the web site.

\*All offerings will be credited to your name, just as when you use your offering envelope or write a check.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

**MLLC FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

**July 2017 Year to Date**

Total Income	\$141,627.61
Total Expenses	137,663.62
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>\$ 3,963.99</b>

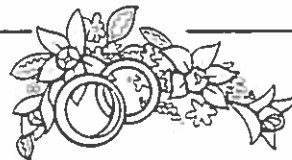
**July 2017 Month**

Total Income	\$17,689.81
Total Expenses	22,100.70
<b>Net Loss:</b>	<b>\$ 4,410.89</b>

**Year to Date Expenses**

**Highlights:**

Salaries	\$ 90,401.15
Benevolences	11,827.43
Property Insurance	9,194.92
Utilities	7,882.77
Printing	3,796.89
Supplies & Forms	2,506.52
Maintenance & Repair	1,601.66
Bulletins & Envelopes	1,576.86
Postage & Handling	1,234.51
Convention Expenses	1,180.00
Equipment & Tools	802.84
Camping Ministry	762.00



**OFFICIAL ACTS IN AUGUST:**

**Wedding:** Breanna Marburger and Zakary Leonhardt were united in marriage at MLLC on Saturday, August 5, 2017. May God bless your marriage!

**NOISY OFFERING REPORT**

**For January-June, 2017:**

**\$693.82**

**Thank You!!**



**"Forgive your brother or sister from your heart."**

MATTHEW 18:35, NRSV



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

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

**MARTIN LUTHER  
LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
CHURCH COUNCIL  
MEETING – August 21, 2017**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Blake, Council president. The devotion was presented by Pastor Tinker.

Jennifer Tinker to be interim pastor at Greenvine, will begin path to be ordained minister for Greenvine (9/10); to be recognized at MLLC on September 2.

The minutes from the July meeting and the Treasurer's Report were approved.

Pastor's Report

Transfers to other congregations: Ricky, Kelli, Faith and Emily Meinholdt – back to Waldeck Lutheran Church.  
Travis and Joyce Schiwart – to Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church (LC-MS) La Grange.  
Samantha Ullrich – to Bethlehem Lutheran Church (LC-MS)  
William Penn.

Upcoming weddings:

Megan Duckworth and Jeff Hinze, January 6, 2018  
Automated giving being put in place through website (categorized with default to be general fund).

Pastor led early worship services at the firehouse for the Firemen's Feast cooks. He conducted five Sunday worship services, two Saturday worship services at MLLC.

Confirmation class update: Classes will be held on the following dates this fall: September 6, 20; October 11, 18; November 1, 8.

He spent a day with the LYO as they went to San Antonio for fun and fellowship – July 1.

Outreach Committee (upcoming dates:

August 24 – Breakfast for RT-C teachers and staff  
September 10 – Grandparents' Day reception  
September 17 – Visit from Pastor Chris Markert – furnish refreshments before and after church service

Christian Education

No update.

Worship Committee:

Labor Day potluck on schedule for 9/3 at 9 a.m. and service at 10 a.m. with meal to follow.  
Games and prizes to follow meal.  
Usher Team checklist has been reviewed and revised and will be finalized at the next meeting.  
Tone Chimes will begin rehearsing the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September with new music ordered.  
Carry totes are being purchased for baptisms.  
Communion linens are being archived in the cabinets in the narthex and this Committee pending decision on how to handle other communion linens so that the Altar Guild has two complete sets of linens for communion.

Property Committee

MLLC school classrooms door locks were installed. Keys distributed with a set in the office.  
A/C unit for M&M building stopped operating on Saturday afternoon (8/5). Unit repaired 8/11. Fire extinguishers due for annual inspection.  
Replacement acrylic name board for church announcement board rec'd and installed.  
Replacement of fluorescent bulbs in parlor with LED bulbs completed. Budgetary estimate to replace fluorescent bulbs at Waldeck facility in view of aging fixture and ballasts secured and to

be considered by Waldeck Council.

Pressure washing of north end of fellowship hall to remove mildew completed.

Scrap metal hauled to Lee County Recycle facility generated \$10.40. Repair of stucco on southwest corner of fellowship hall, reviewed and evaluated. Bid is very reasonable; Council approved with motion by Cheryl and second by Tim.

Removal of water well equipment/buildings on church property discussed with committee; task pending committee coordination. Roof leak in school wing storage closet – temporary patch eliminated leaks during minor rain events; more severe rain events will display some leakage.

Stewardship Committee

No update.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Stroke Scan and Health Screening to be scheduled. Pastor to check on whether this is a cost to church or just a cost to individual. Check on their schedule.

Harvest Festival booked for Carmine Hall for October 15. We can gain access on the 14<sup>th</sup> for decorating. Need to start selling tickets as soon as possible--\$10.00 per ticket. Dessert table – sign up in narthex.

Tickets to say meal and live auction. Live auction to start at noon. Meal served from 11:00-1:00, dine-in or to-go. Article to be sent to *Fayette County Record*.

We received a thank-you letter from Lutherhill for \$1,000 donation,

We received a thank-you letter from TLU for \$500 donation.

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**August 21, 2017 Council minutes continued---**

Renewal for liability and workers compensation insurance due.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer. The next Council meeting will be on Monday, September 18, at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Drydale  
MLLC Council Secretary



**LOCAL AND AREA NEWS!**

📍 **Round Top Family Library Senior Citizens Gaming Day** is set for this Sunday, August 27, at 2:00 p.m. at the Library.

📍 **THRIVENT FINANCIAL WORKSHOPS** are being held at the Thrivent office of Philip Oestreich, 1903 Janssen Ln., La Grange. Please RSVP to Mr. Oestreich at 979/968-3738, if you wish to attend any of the following workshops. And---if you prefer to have printed materials of these workshops sent to you, please provide your mailing address and quantity requested, and they will be promptly mailed via U.S. postal service. Questions, please call Melissa Ullrich at 979/968-3738; Toll free-1-800-844-3930; or fax: 979/968-3029.

Times are 12 noon-1:00 p.m. or 6:00-7:00 p.m. on all following dates, and all workshops are held at 1903 Janssen Ln., La Grange:

- Preparing for Long-Term Care: A Gift Your Family Deserves**  
Thursday, September 7
- Social Security**  
Thursday, September 14
- Your Employer-sponsored Retirement Savings Plan**  
Monday, September 18
- Estate Planning Basics**  
Monday, September 25

Lunch is served at noon, and snacks are served each evening. Everyone is welcome!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO...**Daron & Danielle Nelson on the birth of their son, **Blaine Lee Nelson**, born July 31, 2017, in Katy. Blaine weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz., and measured 21 inches in length. From MLLC, grandparents are Darrell & Jane Marek, and great-grandparents are Jocie & Floyd Braun. Blaine is welcomed by big brother, Caden.

---and to...Renè Runge on the birth of her grandson, **Gunner Paul Brewster**, born August 5, 2017. He weighed 9 lbs., 12 oz., and measured 21.75" in length. Parents are Megan & Chris Brewster. Gunner is welcomed by his siblings, Christopher and Braeden.

**IN HONOR OF GRANDPARENTS' DAY,  
SEPTEMBER 10**

**God's Left Hand**

A six-year-old and his grandmother went for a walk one autumn day.

"Look at the gorgeous leaves!", Grandma exclaimed.

"Just think, God planted each one of them just for us!"

"Yep", said her grandson, "and he did it left-handed."

Perplexed, Grandma asked, "Why do you think God used his left hand to create all this beauty?"

"Because," said the boy matter-of-factly, "We learned in Sunday School that Jesus sits on God's right one."





Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries  
September 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month –  
6:00 p.m.  
Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.  
Pastor David Tinker  
Cell 979-530-6091/home 979-278-3384  
President, Blake Dooley 832-260-2742

Quilting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 9:00 a.m. in the Mission  
& Ministry Building.

**Monthly Study/Fellowship Groups**

\*Ladies Aid and Mary Group – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays at  
2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.  
\*Men in Mission – 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the  
parlor – by church offices

**Labor Day Weekend Worship and Picnic**

Sunday, September 3  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Picnic.  
Meat, dessert and drinks provided.  
People are invited to bring a salad, side or vegetable  
to share. After the meal: traditional church picnic  
games both inside and outside. Fun for children and  
adults.

**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

**Parables Bible Study**

This is a Monthly Study Group – 10:30 a.m. –  
generally 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – you are invited to bring a  
lunch item to share.

Upcoming Dates: *September 27, 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.

**Synod Visitor: At Both Waldeck and Carmine**

Sunday, September 17  
8:00 a.m. in Waldeck; 10:00 a.m. in Carmine  
Chris Markert – Assistant to the Bishop – Mission  
Catalyst

**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.

**Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries**  
**September 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**

412 S White St  
Round Top, TX 78954  
(979) 249-3686  
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Worship on Sunday – 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 8:30 a.m.  
Noisy Offering on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday monthly  
Pastor John David Nedbalek

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

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



September 10, 2017 9:30 a.m.  
Chaos Worship at  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Round Top, Texas.

**Crossroads Confirmation Ministry**

Our class of students from Crossroads (our 4 churches) and Emmanuel Greenvine will begin 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: September 6 and 20  
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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month

Noisy Offering – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month

Game Day – First Wednesday of each month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Open to the community. Everyone is welcome. Bring snack, board game, dominoes, etc.

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.

# Happy Feet



This summer, put your best foot forward by brightening up a pair of flip-flops.

### What you need:

- Flip-flops in your size
- Metallic permanent markers
- Foam stickers
- Craft gemstones
- Plastic flowers
- Ribbon
- Hot glue gun (and adult help)

### What you do:

Use these ideas to decorate clean, dry flip-flops:

- Draw with markers on the soles.
- Decorate the sides and soles with stickers.
- Glue gemstones along the strap.
- Glue plastic flowers on the strap between your toes.
- Wrap ribbon around the strap and glue in place.



# BE HAPPY IN THE LORD

Happiness and joy are frequent themes in the Old Testament book of Psalms.

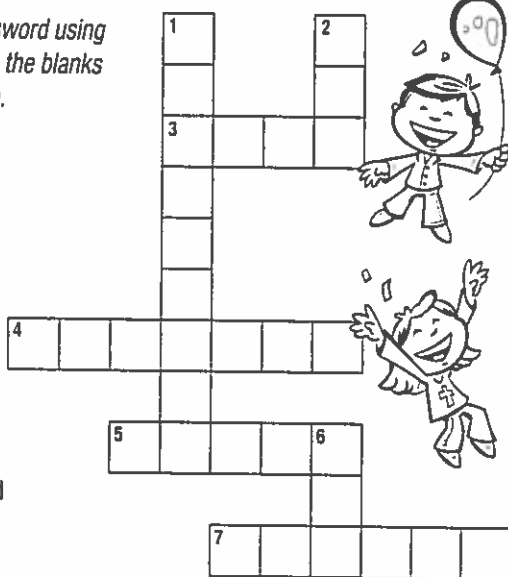
Directions: Solve the crossword using the clues below. Then fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse.

### ACROSS

3. A word for happy (rhymes with had)
4. What you do when you're very happy
5. A song written by David
7. Full of joy

### DOWN

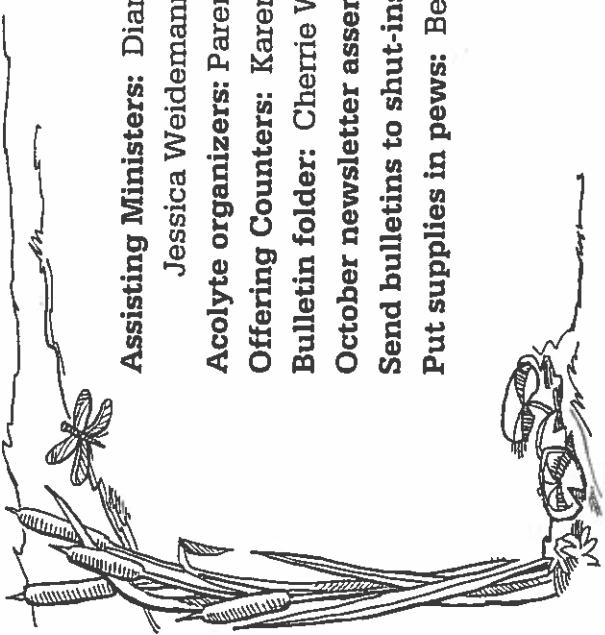
1. People who obey God
2. Our Creator
6. The month after April



"But may the 1. \_\_\_\_\_ be 3. \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 4. \_\_\_\_\_ before 2. \_\_\_\_\_; 6. \_\_\_\_\_ they  
 be happy and 7. \_\_\_\_\_." 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 68:3, NIV

Answers: (across) 3. glad, 4. rejoice, 5. psalm, 7. joyful; (down) 1. righteous, 2. God, 6. may  
 "But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful." Psalm 68:3, NIV

# SERVERS FOR: SEPTEMBER



**Assisting Ministers:** Dianna Gerland (09-03 Labor Sunday, 09-24); Susan Bathe (09-09, 09-17);  
 Jessica Weidemann (09-10, 09-23)

**Acolyte organizers:** Parents of September acolytes

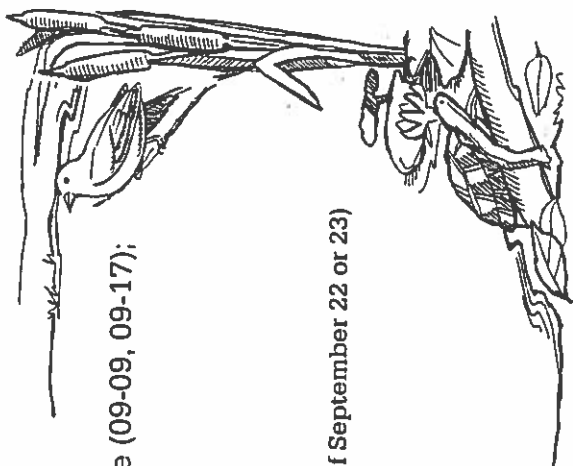
**Offering Counters:** Karen Dooley, Melissa Wickel, Jessica Weidemann

**Bulletin folder:** Cherrie Wines

**October newsletter assemblers:** Nancy Eilers & Leatha Miller (the weekend of September 22 or 23)

**Send bulletins to shut-ins & cards to visitors:** Nancy Eilers


**Put supplies in pews:** Betty Porter



Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Readers	Flowers	Communion assistants	Communion set-up
09-03 Labor Sunday	Megan	<b>Team #10-</b> Glenn Treude, capt., Melissa Wickel, greeter; Melvin Schoenst, René Runge, Ed Eargle, Dana Smith	Dana Smith	Mike & Terry McIntosh	Dianne Sager	Debbie
09-09		<b>Volunteers</b>				Jessica
09-10	Brody	<b>Team #11-</b> Tim Sanders, capt., Alvis Mueller, greeter; Steve Leppard, Amanda Leppard, Theresa Garlin, Jed Leppard	Stephanie Sanders	Cindy Hinze	Susan Ray	Jessica
09-17	Abby	<b>Team #12-</b> Berrie Etzel, capt., Shelley Scheffer, greeter; Darlene Etzel, Tana Brooks, Shelby Vaughn	Susan Bathe	Darrell & Esther Kelley	Vickie Schroeder	Connie
09-23		<b>Volunteers</b>				Jadon
09-24	Jace	<b>Team #13-</b> Karen Roemer, capt. & greeter, Dennis Smith, greeter; Darrell, Esther, & Emily Kelley, Jadon Weidemann	Carol Carmean	Ted & Dianne Sager	Dana Smith	Jadon

# September 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>3</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ✠ Labor Day Sunday 9:00 am-Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study 9:30 am-Choir practice 10:00 am- <i>Informal Worship with Holy Communion in fellowship hall</i> (Old-fashioned games ☺ & Potluck meal after worship) 5:00 pm-AA meeting	<b>4</b> Labor Day Church office closed	<b>5</b> 6:00 pm-Worship Committee meeting	<b>6</b> 4:15-6:45 pm-Confirmation class	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Saturday, →→→ 10:00-1:00 – Lydia Group will quilt in the M&M Building	<b>9</b> ✠ 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion REMEMBER TO COLLECT YOUR LOOSE CHANGE FOR THE NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY
<b>10</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Grandparents' Day 9:00 am-Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study/Prayer Chimes practice 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion led by Praise Team/Noisy offering collected (1) SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP/♥ Grandparents' Day reception in parlor After worship-Property Committee 11:00 am-Christian Ed Committee 5:00 pm-AA meeting	<b>11</b> 9:00 am-Quilting 6:30 pm-Stewardship Committee Meeting	<b>12</b> Council agenda deadline	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 2:00 pm-Joint Meeting of Ladies Aid & Mary Group	<b>15</b> Newsletter deadline	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/ Visit from Pastor Chris Markert, Assistant to the Bishop 5:00 pm-AA meeting	<b>18</b> 1:30 pm-Senior Citizens Domino Party 6:15 pm-Church Council	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 4:15-6:45 pm-Confirmation class	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> First Day of Fall 	<b>23</b> ✠ 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion/Baptism Remembrance
<b>24</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 9:45 am-Hymn Sing 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/Baptism Remembrance/ ✠ Baptism of Blaine Lee Nelson After worship-LYO meeting 5:00 pm-AA meeting	<b>25</b> 7:00 pm-Men in Mission	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> ✠ 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion/Baptism Remembrance

AUGUST						
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Sacrament, that together we may  
grow in faith, and be equipped for  
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### Worship schedule:

Sunday School for all -Sundays 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday worship w/Holy Communion - 10:00 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month - Worship w/Holy  
Communion 6:00 p.m.

Church Council: Blake Dooley-President; Tim Sanders-  
President-elect; Anita Drydale-Secretary; Cindy Weidemann-  
Treasurer; Jessica Weidemann-Worship Committee;  
Karen Roemer-Stewardship Committee; Dana Smith-  
Christian Education Committee; Cheryl Etzel-Outreach/Care  
Committee; Brick Peele-Property Committee

