



Martin Luther Lutheran Church  
211 Luther LN  
P. O. Box 362  
Carmine, TX 78932

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

### Luther's Letter

*a monthly publication of*

**Martin Luther Lutheran Church**

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*office hours: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Monday-Friday*

*Nancy Eilers, Carol Carmean, & Nancy Rosenbaum, secretaries*

#### **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:** Tim Sanders-President; Buck Williams-  
President-elect; Anita Drydale-Secretary; Cindy Weidemann-  
Treasurer; Shelby Vaughn-Worship Committee; Karen Roemer-  
Stewardship Committee; Dana Smith-Christian Education  
Committee; Tina Mikeska-Outreach/Care Committee;  
Brick Peele-Property Committee



John 14:27



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March, 2018

## Lenten SCHEDULE



Lenten services: February 28 and March 14 worship are at Waldeck in their sanctuary starting at 6:30 p.m. with meal following. February 28 theme - "I am the vine, you are the branches", John 15:1-17, 1 John 4:7-21  
March 14 theme - "When the Spirit of Trust comes", John 14:15-31, 15:26-16:24, 1 John 4:16

March 7 and 21 services are at MLLC in the fellowship hall starting at 6:30 p.m., with meal following.  
March 7 theme - "If the world hates you", John 15:18-25, 16:25-33  
March 21 theme - "Father, the hour has come", John 17:1-26; 1 John 5:1-5

Lenten meals: February 28 - Worship Committee and Men in Mission serve soup & sandwiches.  
March 7 - LYO & Christian Ed. Committee serve breakfast-type food.  
March 21 - Outreach & Stewardship Committees serve.



### Holy Week schedule:

March 25 - Palm Sunday Worship with Procession of Palms  
March 29-- Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion, 7:30 p.m. at MLLC; 5:45 pm at Waldeck  
March 30--Good Friday Worship is at 7:00 p.m. at MLLC  
The Saturday Easter Vigil service at MLLC on March 31 starts at 7:00 p.m. at MLLC

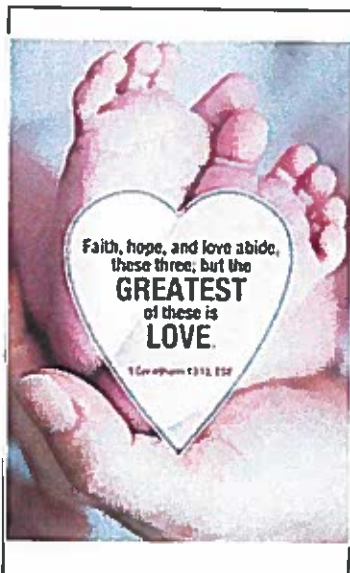
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Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday, April 1, begins with the Sunrise Service at Carmine Cemetery starting at 6:45 a.m.; Waldeck Celebration service at 8:00 a.m. followed by brunch at 9:00 a.m. and Easter Egg Hunt from 9:20-9:30 a.m.; MLLC Sunday School starts at 9:00 a.m., with Festival Worship at 10:00 a.m. with Egg Hunt following worship.

If you wish to provide Easter lilies on Easter Sunday, see the ordering form at the bottom of Page 3.

Lenten envelopes have been placed in the pews. These donations are designated for Lutheran Disaster Response. The Lenten envelopes you receive in the mail will go to the general fund.



An Easter egg hunt is being held at Carmine City Park on Saturday, March 31, from 11:00-11:45 a.m. Various community organizations and individuals have volunteered to help with the event. If you wish to donate in any way, please contact Lion Susan Bathe or Lion Lila Garlin. Treat bags will be assembled at the Carmine VFD Annex on Friday, March 30, at 1:00 p.m.



**BABY SHOWER-** All are invited to a baby shower honoring Pastor and Jennifer Tinker on Saturday, March 3, from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the MLLC fellowship hall. A brunch potluck meal will be served by members of Waldeck and MLLC congregations. Jennifer is registered at Babies R Us.

If you plan to attend and/or would like to help host the shower, please contact Amy Dooley at 979-203-4343, Michelle Malak at 979-966-8872, or Margaret Bernshausen at 979-966-2097 at your earliest convenience, along with what dish you may have in mind to bring for the brunch. So far, a couple of MLLC members have offered to bring a chicken salad with rolls/crackers, as well as a fruit salad. As for WLC, one member is providing the punch; another a quiche dish.



**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ▶ **Blood drive report** (January 28, 2018): There were 20 donors - 13 singles, 7 doubles, and credit was given for a total of 27 units
- ▶ The choir will not sing in March.
- ▶ The **Noisy Offering** this year will go to *Lutheran World Relief*.
- ▶ **Daylight Savings time** starts at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 11
- ▶ **Spring Break for RT-C school** is March 12-16.
- ▶ **St. Patrick's Day** is March 17
- ▶ **Next Tone Chimes practice** - March 18
- ▶ **The first day of Spring** - March 20
- ▶ **The Sacred Harp Sing** is scheduled for Saturday, March 31, in our fellowship hall from 10:00-3:00. A potluck meal will be served at noon. All are invited to sing along or just come to listen. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> year of this event in Carmine.
- ▶ **Confirmation Class** meets for the next time on April 4, with Confirmation Day set for Sunday, May 6.

call the church office at 979/278-3388 or committee member at 979/451-1507.

Also, two volunteers are needed to serve on the School Board for the newly-approved MLLC After-School Program. The School Board will oversee the program in its entirety and members will be asked to serve a minimum of one year. Please contact Pastor Tinker at 979/278-3388 or Buck Williams at 979/492-9074 if you are interested in serving.

**Proverbs 22:6** - "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS:**



**Bold Women's Day** is observed this Sunday, February 25, during worship—

All Lutheran women who have or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ will be celebrated. Think about women you consider bold. We ask you to offer their name and why you see them as bold. Forms for that information are in the narthex, and may be placed in the red bag on the counter. A list of names of Bold Women will be read.



**The Rebekah Group** meets on Thursday, March 8, at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

The Bible Study Theme: Multiple meanings:

Learning from other interpretations

Session 3: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37)



The Bible Study is led by *Joys Baird*, with offering meditation by *Diana Wunderlich*. *Leonita Sanders* and *Susan Ray* are hostesses.

**World Day of Prayer** is observed on Friday, March 2. This year's theme is "All God's Creation is Very Good". This year's service will be held at noon on Friday, March 2, at the Second Baptist Church of La Grange, 910 Von Minden Road. Lunch will be served by the women of First Baptist, and the program will be presented by the women of Sacred Heart. Non-perishable food will also be collected for the local A.M.E.N. Food Pantry.

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First Communion classes will be held at 11:15 a.m. in the M&M Bldg. on Sundays, March 11, 18, and 25.

First Communion Day is scheduled for the Maundy Thursday, March 29. (See Pastor's article for more information).

**ABOUT THE MLLC AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM:**



There are two positions to be filled by August, 2018, working with children of kindergarten-age through eighth grade. Part-time workers are needed for a Certified Director and a Child-Care Worker. The February newsletter gave more details, or you may

**WELCA Report, continued--**

**Quilting:** Fleece Blanket Tying Day is Saturday, March 10, from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., and the next regular quilting day is Monday, March 12, at 9:00 a.m., and both in the Mission & Ministry building. The deadline and Dedication of Quilts is set for Sunday, March 25, during worship. The assembling and packing of donated LWR items is set for Wednesday, March 28, starting at 2:00 p.m.

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**LOOKING AHEAD:**

- LWR items will be shipped on April 2
- The Earth Day campaign is April 22
- Mother's Day Upbring project is May 13
- Birthday parties scheduled:
  - Genesis Oakland Manor-Giddings, October 19, 3:00 p.m.
  - Kruse Village-Brenham, December 11 at 2:30 p.m.
- Pastor Tinker's Holy Communion services will be in La Grange, May 8 and October 9.
- The June 6 Salad Supper theme is "This Little Light of Mine". Jolene Wickel and Julie Wantland will present the program for the November 11 Thankoffering, with a patriotic theme.

Words of Wisdom  
from WELCA Triennial Gathering  
Minneapolis, July 13-16, 2017



**Triennial Thought:** A joint mission is more likely to make it for the long haul.

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS** deadline is March 31, for you to call to direct your 2017 Choice Dollars. Call 1-800-847-4836 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. central time. Say "Thrivent Choice" and have your member ID ready. Martin Luther Lutheran Church is a choice. Last year \$2,139.00 was designated for MLLC. In 2016, the total was \$6,217. You may also go online to direct your Choice Dollars. If you need help, contact Nancy Eilers.

**ON THE PRAYER LIST:**

**Current Member Prayer Concerns:** Dennis Gerland (recent knee replacement surgery); Pastor Bill Derrick (hospitalized at St. Joseph, Bryan); Dianne Sager (back surgery); and Dora Miller (at Brenham Nursing & Rehab, for rehab).

**Current Friends and Family Prayer Concerns:** Kaitlyn Pieper (friend and RT-C student, health concerns); Tim Mikolas (Ruby Renck's nephew, kidney surgery); Jake Lillard (Ruby Renck's great-grandson, pneumonia); Mary Stanhope (friend from Warrenton, health concerns); Berkley Fincher (3-year-old in pool accident near Round Top, friend of Brenner and Kellen Bishop);

**Ongoing Member Prayer Concerns:** Bobbie Weidemann; Jimmy Flinn; Jenell Jaster; Louis Kartous; and Lisa Mayer.

**Ongoing Friends and Family Prayer Concerns:** Mikayla Peschke, Kathy Gray, Lucas Smith, Izzy Depaz, El Gene Schulle, Dale Walker, Paula Watkins, Kaitlyn Fritz, Jimmy Alvarado, Perry Crow, Russell Zickler, Kalisa Pomykal, Kenneth Bishop, Dave Barney, Bobbie Hughes, Steven Pratt, Joey Pomykal, Bertha Reuther, Don Steinbach, Michael (Butch) Schulz, Herman (Ham) Kovar, Mary Edwards, Josh Dow, and Amanda Sebastian.

**Members in Care and Assisted Living Facilities:** Gladys Koether (at Oakland Manor in Giddings); Joyce Lehmann (at Bec's Blessing in Giddings); Bill Derrick (at Bec's Blessing near Ledbetter); Elvera Limmer, Verline Schulte, Joyce Eilers, (Brenham Nursing & Rehab); Elvira Dallmeyer (Argent Court-Brenham); Angeline Zwernemann (Jefferson Place Assisted Living, La Grange); and Shirley Mueller (Kruse Village-Brenham).

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

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**EASTER LILY ORDERING FORM:**

The Nesting Company Florist in Burton will have 6" potted lilies with gold pot cover for \$13.50 each. Please order your lily/lilies through the church office by March 25. Make checks payable to MLLC and please fill in the following information:

\_\_\_\_\_ will be placing \_\_\_\_\_ lily/lilies in honor/memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

## Prayer List continued—

**Military Personnel:**

MLLC members: **Joseph Vogel and Bryan Miller.** Family & Friends: **Tyler Malinak, 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: **Willie Wickel** (son of Jerry & Jolene Wickel, Praise Team members); **Pauline Hanneman** (former MLLC Pastor, August M. Hannemann's wife); **Gerald Strelitz** (Pastor Tinker's uncle); **Patti Schultz** (friend from Burton, former florist); **Sanford Schmid** (Thrivent representative Ryan Aschenbeck's grandfather); **Royce Meiners** (friend from Waldeck); and **Genell Rohde** (Ora Lee Levien's sister-in-law and cousin of David Eilers).



**Pauline Gindorf Hannemann** passed away February 16, 2018, in San Antonio. Her funeral Service was held on February 20 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Elgin, with interment at Greenwood Cemetery in Fredericksburg. Mrs. Hannemann served alongside her husband, Rev. August M. Hannemann here at Martin Luther from January, 1957, until August, 1967.

**First Holy Communion Class begins this month**  
By Pastor David Tinker  
[pastordjt@industrynet.com](mailto:pastordjt@industrynet.com)  
979-278-3388



The First Holy Communion class will be offered March 11, 18, and 25, on Sunday mornings, starting at about 11:15 a.m. in the Mission & Ministry Building.

First Holy Communion at MLLC is most often offered to elementary age students, in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger. Our goal is to make sure youths who are part of MLLC have begun communing by the end of 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade tradition does not prevent younger students from attending the class and receiving Holy Communion. Each year for the past several years we have had youths in younger grades participating in the class. It is likely that most all the youths participating in the class will be younger.

Students are encouraged to bring a Bible for use in class, as well as paper/pen for any notes they might want to write. If students don't have access to a Bible, we have one for their use. Note that

each student will be presented with a Bible on First Communion Thursday - March 29/Maundy Thursday - for his or her personal study and for use in Sunday School, Confirmation and Worship. Parents/Grandparents are welcome and encouraged to be present at this class time. We will meet in the Mission & Ministry Building, but will also move to other places in the building for parts of the lessons.

The class will include instruction, discussion, videos, mini-field trips in the church building. Etc.

There is flexibility in this schedule due to Spring Break (Mid-March - for most local schools). We can make this class work with two longer sessions if students will be out of town during the break. Please consult with me if you have special needs about family schedules, vacations, parental custody issues, etc. I want this opportunity to work for your student.

Also, one of the classes will include bread baking by the students. This bread will be used at their First Communion service.

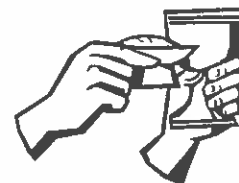


Here is the tentative schedule:  
Sundays, March 11, 18, and 25  
11:15 a.m. - about 12:30 p.m. (longer if we go with just two sessions)

Thursday, March 29, 7:30 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service, First Holy Communion Day  
Presentation of Bible to students during worship - Church gives to Parent/Grandparent, then the parent/grandparent presents Bible to student. We will go over this before Thursday so all are ready.

Students, please arrive by 7:00 p.m. to make sure all our plans are in order for what we will be doing at worship. Also, families may wish to take photos before worship, and this is the best time to do this. The altar area will be bare of all decorations, candles, banners, etc. after worship due to the "Stripping of the Altar".

I look forward to exploring this wonderful sacrament with your child. This is a very exciting time of growth for these young people and for their families. If you have any questions or special needs, please feel free to contact me.



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**How do I know my child is ready to attend First Communion Class?**



First Communion

He/She may...

- \*have expressed interest in participating in Holy Communion during worship, perhaps copying your movements at the altar.
- \*have begun to ask questions about why we take Holy Communion
- \*have begun to reach for the Holy Communion elements which are offered to you
- \*have a foundation in Christ through attendance in Christian education or worship, or through family conversations, devotions or prayer
- \*be able to speak about God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) as loving and trustworthy
- \*pray the Lord's Prayer and be able to say other simple prayers (such as at bedtime and meals)

The following questions can help you determine the readiness of your child to receive her or his first Holy Communion.

The most important question is about God's gift of Grace for your child:

- \*\*\*\*\*Has your child been baptized?
- If your child is not yet baptized, please speak with a pastor to set a date for your child to receive this Sacrament. It is understood that Holy Communion is for the baptized children of God.

Other questions to consider:

- \*Is your child comfortable in various locations around the church, like the altar?

- \*Does your child have a basic, age-appropriate awareness that God loves him or her?
- \*Does your child understand the idea of "right" and "wrong", and can grasp the basic notion of "forgiveness"?
- \*Will your child extend his or her hands when asked to do so?
- \*Will your child be able to understand the basic concept that Holy Communion is a gift from God to each person?
- \*Does your child seem to have a basic trust that they are a child of God?
- \*Does your child seem interested in what goes on in church during Communion?
- \*Does your child interact enough with others to receive the bread and wine?
- \*Is your child aware enough of others in the congregation and their needs to show respect for the communion experience?
- \*Are you prepared to help make the process positive? (continued on next page)
- \*Are you prepared to continue to fulfill the promises you made at your child's baptism to bring him or her regularly to the Lord's Table?

Only the first question (Has your child been baptized?) requires a "Yes" before your child can be considered ready to receive his or her first communion. Use the others to generate discussion and to plan, in consultation with Pastor David Tinker, for your child's preparation to begin receiving the sacrament and the gifts it brings.

Contact Pastor David Tinker if you have any questions about Holy Communion. He would be happy to help answer your questions.



**MLLC FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

<b>January, 2018</b>	
Total Income	\$18,210.55
Total Expenses	20,781.64
Net Loss:	\$ 2,571.09

**Year-to-Date Expenses**

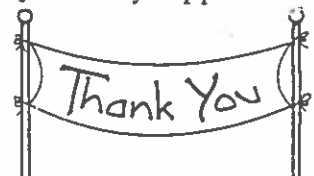
<b>Highlights:</b>	
Salaries and Benefits	\$12,439.35
Property Insurance	3,295.50
Benevolences	2,094.33
Utilities	1,442.29
Printing	556.33
Bulletins & Envelopes	326.06
Supplies & Forms	236.22
Equipment & Tools	176.15
Pest Control	123.41
Postage & Handling	92.00

**THANK YOU!**

--Lutherhill Ministries sends a thank you to MLLC for the January 22, 2018, gift in the amount of \$1,000.00. The note describes the gift as an Annual Fund Donation. Matt Kindsvatter wrote in: *"Thanks for y'all's amazing love and support of Lutherhill"*.

--Texas Lutheran University sends a 2017 Annual Giving Statement to MLLC postmarked 1-31-18 for an 8-10-17 gift of \$500.00. The letter states: *"Thank you for your generous gift to TLU. If you have any questions regarding their statement, or if you would like additional information, please call the Development Office at 830/372-8030. Best wishes for a wonderful and blessed 2018!"*

--Thanks to the office helpers for February: Morgan Mikeska placed supplies in pews, Carol Hall and Betty Porter assembled the March newsletter, Betty also folded bulletins, and Carol Carmean sent bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors. Your help is always appreciated!





**New Members:** On Sunday, February 4, 2018, **Ray & Joann Ullrich** were accepted by transfer from Triumphant Love Lutheran Church of Austin; **LouAnn Stokes** was reinstated as an active member; and **Robbie & Diane Tovey**, and son, **Caden**, transferred to MLLC from First Presbyterian Church in Giddings. A reception was held in the parlor to welcome the new members.



## Council Notes

### COUNCIL SUMMARY: February 19, 2018

**Members Present:** Tim Sanders, Brick Peele, Dana Smith, Cindy Weidemann, Karen Roemer, Tina Mikeska, Shelby Vaughn, Anita Drydale, and Pastor David Tinker.  
**Absent:** Buck Williams. The meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m. by Tim Sanders, council president. The devotion was presented by Tim Sanders.

Previous Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's report were reviewed and approved.

#### Pastor Report

**Special Items:** Paternity Leave – Presented by Pastor and Council President, approved as recommended by the Synod.  
**Confirmation Approval:** Miles Tinker and Janette Weidemann to be confirmed.

#### Committee Reports

--Outreach committee: The committee retained all its members and will welcome

anyone who wishes to join and serve the congregation of MLLC. A New Member Reception was hosted on Feb. 4 after church and was well attended. The honorees expressed their gratitude.

Upcoming events include the following:  
Serving the main course at the Lenten meal at MLLC on March 21. This will be in conjunction with the Stewardship Committee providing desserts. Serving cake and punch after worship to honor all mothers and women of the congregation on Mother's Day, May 13.

--Christian Education (met on Jan. 28):  
We are partnering with the LYO to serve breakfast foods for the March 7 Lenten meal.

We will participate in the palm processional during worship on Palm Sunday, March 25. Easter plans include whole-group Sunday School during the regular time with a lesson/activity, games and snack. The Easter egg hunt for all children in attendance will follow worship.



VBS is scheduled for evenings from Sunday, June 10 - Thursday, June 14. Closing during worship on Sun. June 17 (Father's Day), with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Program will be "Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus." Dana Smith is again directing, with Amy Dooley leading the set design. Volunteers are needed and welcome!

Next meeting will be Sunday, April 15 following worship.

--Worship Committee (met on Jan. 24):  
Discussed Lenten meals. It was decided that on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> that Worship Committee and Men in Mission would serve

soups and sandwiches, March 7<sup>th</sup> would be LYO Christian Ed serving breakfast, and March 21<sup>st</sup> will be served by Outreach and Stewardship Committees.

A uniform bread recipe for the Altar Guild to follow was decided on; so that the bread will always taste the same.



Discussed setting guidelines for photographers and videographers for weddings so that they are not disruptive during the service.

Approval has been asked of the council for the purchasing of new candle lighters and gloves for the acolytes. Also there was discussion for new cylinders/sconces for the pew candles. The purchase of new mic clips for the pastor and the assistant to wear.

--Property Committee:  
Replacement of fluorescent ceiling lights in parlor with LED bulbs completed as first phase of update of church lighting. Second phase includes main hall, offices, and bathrooms approved pending installation; third phase will be Fellowship Hall, followed by MLLS wing. Next phase of LED lights approved and to commence.

Fellowship Hall stained glass windows which are cracked are being evaluated. Partial cost of repair possibly from memorial fund. Need exact dimensions of glass. Motion detection lights installed.



Memorial plaque at playground refurbished.

Pending striping of the parking lot when the weather is favorable.

--Stewardship Committee:  
No update.

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**Council Summary continued—**

--Dayschool Committee:  
Pending creation of dayschool board. Applications being accepted for Dayschool positions.

Old Business:

AED machine types and costs researched by Dana. Estimate is \$1,200. Package deal identified for use on infants, children and adults. Council approved to purchase a machine and to include child's pad package, if necessary.

Fees for sanctuary use tabled for next meeting.

New computer for church office; current computer (Windows XP) is ten years old. Quote received from Fayette Communications including new version QuickBooks and new version of Microsoft Office. This was approved.

Motion by Cindy to accept proposal from Fayette Communications for purchase with a second by Dana. All approved.

New Business:

Approved to add Shelby to bank signature card.

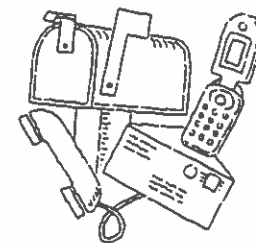
A joint service was discussed for 4 churches last Sunday in April at Lutherhill (MLLC, RTL, Shelby, and Waldeck). Discussed further at the Shared Services meeting. Each church will nominate a representative to plan services. Cost to use Lutherhill is \$300. Churches will split the cost. Jessica Weidemann will be the MLLC representative.

Thank you received from Carol Carmean for the Christmas bonus and the salary increase for 2018.

Shelby will present the devotion at the next meeting, which will be on Monday, March 19, at 6:15 p.m.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anita Drydale  
MLLC Council Secretary



**ADDRESS AND PHONE NO. CHANGES:**

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Daniel Kieke 979/277-4050

Shirley Mueller  
612 S. Park  
Brenham, TX 77833

**ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION REPORT:**

Date	Attendance	General	School	Building
01-27	79	716.00	-0-	-0-
01-28	79	4,155.00	-0-	-0-
02-04	69	6,315.00	-0-	-0-
2-10	22	675.00	-0-	-0-
2-11	65	2,319.00	50.00	180.00
2-14	51	1,060.00	-0-	-0-
2-18	52	2,653.00	-0-	45.00
2-21				

• "We live and die; Christ died and lived!"

—John Stott



Wendy Flinn	03-01	Glenda Oakes	03-13
Lewis Kash	03-01	Miles Tinker	03-18
Brock Marburger	03-01	Rodney Lange	03-19
Dorothy Marth	03-02	Linda Mattocks	03-19
Robyn Jacob	03-03	Adam Mayer	03-20
Kyle Sanders	03-03	Bree Dooley	03-22
Brenda Callahan	03-04	Ronnie Eckert	03-22
Ed Eargle	03-05	Louis Kartous	03-26
Jeff Flinn	03-05	Melissa Smith	03-26
Angeline Zwernemann	03-05	Kendra Hinze	03-27
Samantha Medack	03-06	Barbara Jacob	03-27
James Roemer	03-08	Stacy Eilers	03-28
Terry Pohl	03-09	Cassius Oakes	03-28
Mia Williams	03-09	Ray Ullrich	03-29
Daryl Ray	03-10	Mamie Roemer	03-31
Chester Gebhard	03-13	Diana Wunderlich	03-31





## IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD:

**A Meet and Greet Mixer – Texas Style!**, sponsored by the Carmine Chamber of Commerce, is set for Friday, March 2, at 6:00 p.m. (in honor of Texas Independence Day), at JW's Steakhouse event room. Come socialize with neighbors and make new friends. There will be food for all, door prizes, cash bar, and fun raffle. Any questions, call 979/451-1507.

**Walk Across Texas** is a free eight-week program designed to help Texans establish the habit of regular physical exercise. Participants walk/exercise for eight weeks in teams of eight (or you can do it yourself). The program begins on March 12. For more information, contact Sally Garrett at [sgarrett@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:sgarrett@ag.tamu.edu) or Jenifer Boening at [jboening@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jboening@ag.tamu.edu) or call 979-968-5811.

**Bonjour!** Debbie Nelson-Campbell is presenting information on Paris, France, (NOT the Eiffel Tower, NOT the Arc de Triomphe, NOT the Champs-Elysees), but the Paris few people know, at the Round Top Family Library on Thursday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. This is a free event.

**Carmine Hall Antiques Show**, with free admission and parking, will be held Saturday, March 24 through Wednesday, March 28, from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., and again on Thursday, March 29, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Barbeque and desserts will be available.

**Music by Request, Springtime in Texas**, by Rob Landes, is set for Friday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's UCC Family Life Center in Burton. The freewill offering supports International Justice Mission, fighting human slavery worldwide.

## "Wind of God"

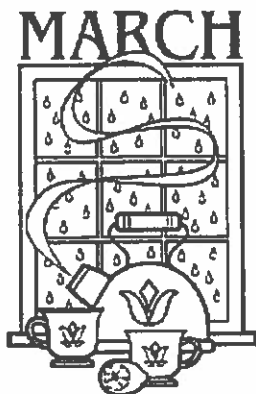
Tiny breeze or mighty wind,  
swirling round as God commands.  
Hats go flying. Branches bend.  
Little seeds spread through the lands.

God Almighty makes the wind;  
great big gusts can shape the sands.  
Awesome is the power of God,  
when even wind obeys his plans.

—MaryAnn Sundby



## SERVERS FOR:



**Assisting Ministers:** Dianna Gerland (03-04, 03-29 Maundy Thurs.); Susan Bathe (03-10, 03-18, 03-30 Good Friday); Jessica Weidemann (03-11, 03-24, 03-31 Vigil); Dana Smith (03-25 Palm Sunday)

*Please note: The 03-14 Lenten service is at Waldeck*

**Acolyte organizers:** Parents of March acolytes

**Send bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors:** LouAnn Stokes

**Offering Counters:** Shelley Scheffer, Boo Goolsby, Todd Dooley

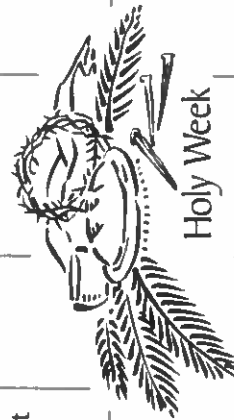
**Put supplies in pews:** Vickie Schroeder

**Bulletin folder:** Carol Hall

**April newsletter assemblers:** Barbara & Jerry Jacob (the weekend of March 23 or 24)

**PLEASE NOTE THE ORDER OF USHER TEAMS FOR MARCH 21:** It will be Team #12 – Berrie Etzel's team. Team #7 – Jeff Flinn's team will usher on April 1 (sunrise).

Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Readers	Flowers	Bread provider	Bread & wine presenters	Cross bearer	Communion assistants	Communion set-up
03-04	Abby	<b>Team #3-</b> Reuben Wunderlich, capt., Ronda Kunkel, greeter, Marlene Waak, greeter; Jack Flinn, Robbie Stork, Faith Stork	Kayla Peters	Jolynn Schoenberg					Jadon Weidemann
03-07 Lent	Ryan	<b>Team #4-</b> Barbara Jacob, capt. & greeter; Jerry Jacob, Diana Wunderlich, Sedalia Ullrich, Jessica Weidemann	Blake Dooley						Debbie Eckert
03-10		<b>Volunteers</b>							Debbie Eckert
03-11	Janette	<b>Team #5-</b> Gene Goolsby, capt. & greeter, Cindy Hinze, greeter, Conway Waak, greeter; Morgan Mikeska, Breanna Leonhardt, Kayla Peters	Leonita Sanders	Dorothy & W.T. Marth				Bobbie Weidemann	Debbie Eckert
03-14 Lent		<b>At Waldeck</b>							
03-18	Drayton	<b>Team #6-LYO</b>	Amy Dooley	Todd & Amy Dooley				Cheryl Etzel	Karen Dooley
03-21 Lent	Megan	<b>Team #12-</b> Berrie Etzel, capt., Shelley Scheffer, greeter; Darlene Etzel, Tana Brooks, Shelby Vaughn	Bobbie Weidemann						
03-24		<b>Volunteers</b>							Susan Bathe (red paraments)
03-25 Palm Sunday	Kennedy & Peyton	<b>Team #8-</b> Tim Weigelt, capt., Jadon Weidemann, greeter; Lori Weigelt, Justin Roemer, Hannah Roemer	Dana Smith	Cherrie Wines	Amber Dooley	Dennis & Dianna Gerland	Miles Tinker	Shelby Vaughn	Susan Bathe (red paraments)
03-29 Maundy Thursday	Rylan	<b>Team #9-</b> Eldon Mikeska, Jr., capt., Mason Mikeska, Stuart Markwardt, Jimmy Loewe, Randall Zwernemann, René Zwernemann	Susan Bathe	Susie Markwardt				Susan Ray	Connie Peters
03-30 Good Friday		<b>Team #10-</b> Glenn Treude, capt., Melissa Wickel, greeter; Melvin Schoenst, René Runge, Ed Eargle, Dana Smith	Stephanie Sanders						
03-31 Vigil	Miles	<b>Team #11-</b> Tim Sanders, capt., Alvis Mueller, greeter; Steve Leppard, Amanda Leppard, Shayne Kirts, Jed Leppard						Connie Peters	Cheryl Etzel (white paraments)



Shared Lutheran Ministries  
March 2018 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: Tim Sanders 713-502-3075

Women's Bible Study – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

Men's Fellowship and Study Group – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at  
7:00 p.m.

Senior Citizens Meals on Wheels and fellowship.

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

(excluding Federal holidays) 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

All seniors welcome. Small donation invited to  
cover cost of food. The group meets at 250  
Augsburg Ave, across from the church.

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**Lenten Schedule for Waldeck and Carmine**

These are the remaining Wednesdays in Lent.

March 7 - at Carmine

6:30 PM Worship

~ 7:10 Meal

March 14 - at Waldeck

6:30 PM Worship

~ 7:10 Meal

March 21 - at Carmine

6:30 PM Worship

~ 7:10 Meal

**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**, March 28, 10:30 a.m. New  
participants are always welcome.

**Church Picnic, Hamburger Meal Fundraiser:**

Sunday, May 20, at the Ledbetter Community  
Center and Fire Station. All invited.

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**Holy Week Services for Waldeck and Carmine**

***Maundy Thursday***

March 29            5:45 p.m. at Waldeck

7:30 p.m. at Carmine

***Good Friday***

March 30            7:00 p.m. at Carmine

***Vigil of Easter (Saturday)***

March 31            7:00 p.m. at Carmine

***The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter)***

6:45 a.m. – Sunrise Service at Carmine Cemetery

8:00 a.m. Waldeck Celebration Service

~9:00 a.m. – Waldeck Brunch

~9:20/9:30 a.m. – Waldeck Egg Hunt

10:00 a.m. Carmine Celebration Service

~11:10 a.m. Egg Hunt at Carmine

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**For all 4 churches –**

Sunday, April 29: Worship for all 4 churches will  
be at Lutherhill together.

The Next Shared Ministry 4 Church meeting will be on  
Saturday, May 12, 9-11 a.m. at Waldeck Lutheran Church.

Shared Lutheran Ministries  
March 2018 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  
Find us on Facebook

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

**Lent 2018 at Bethlehem Lutheran  
Church and St. Paul Lutheran Church -  
Shelby**

- 03/07/18 - @ St Paul, Shelby  
6:00 PM Light Meal  
7:00 PM Lenten Service
- 03/14/18 - @ Bethlehem, Round Top  
6:00 PM Light Meal  
7:00 PM Lenten Service
- 03/21/18 - @ St Paul, Shelby  
6:00 PM Light Meal  
7:00 PM Lenten Service
- 03-29-18 - Maundy Thursday  
5:30 PM @ St. Paul, Shelby  
7:00 PM @ Bethlehem, Round Top
- 03-30-18 - Good Friday  
7:00 PM @ Bethlehem, Round Top  
No Service at St. Paul, Shelby
- 04-01-18 - Easter Sunday  
6:45 AM @ Round Top (outdoors)  
8:30 AM @ Shelby

**Upcoming: Chicken Fry on Sunday, May 6.**

**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.

See Bethlehem Round Top schedule for Lenten,  
Holy Week and Easter Sunday Services.

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# FRUIT LADYBUGS

Get creative in the kitchen with this sweet springtime snack.

## What you need:

- Strawberries (washed)
- Knife
- Plate or wax paper
- ½ cup melted chocolate chips
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Blueberries (washed)
- Adult help



## What you do:

1. De-stem the strawberries. Cut in half and then cut a small V atop each half to make the ladybug body. Set them on a plate or wax paper.
2. Place the melted chocolate in a baggie and cut off the tip of a bottom corner.
3. Pipe a dividing line and "spots" on each strawberry. Also use the chocolate to attach a blueberry "head" by the V shape.
4. Pipe chocolate antennas and legs onto ladybugs.
5. Let harden. Enjoy!



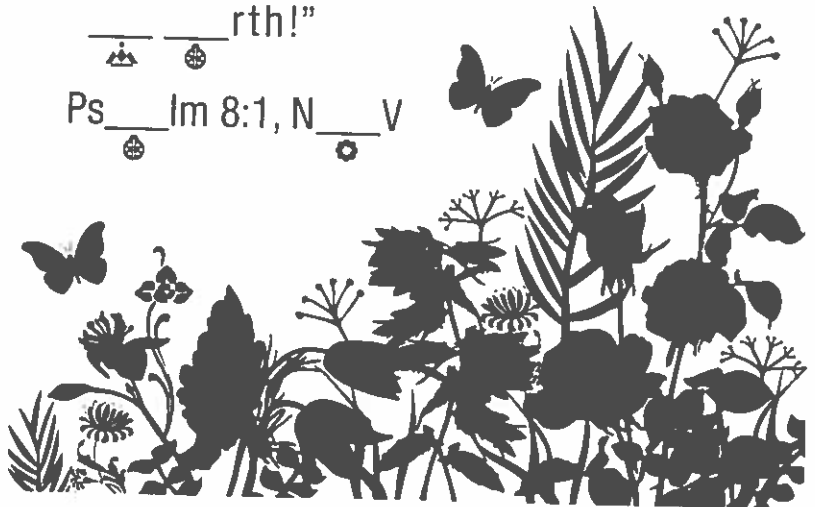
# Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

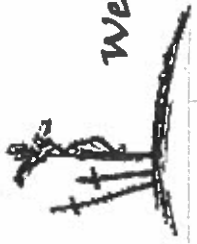
Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.

A = E = I = O = U =

"L\_\_RD, \_\_r L\_\_rd, h\_\_w  
 m\_\_j\_\_st\_\_c \_\_s y\_\_r  
 n\_\_m\_\_n \_\_ll th\_\_  
 \_\_rth!"  
 Ps\_\_lm 8:1, N\_\_V



Answer: "LORD, our Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"  
 Psalm 8:1, NIV



# Were you there..... March 2018 .....when they crucified my Lord?

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>† PASTOR TINKER TAKES HOME COMMUNION ON MARCH 4 ↓</b> 4 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/Baptism of Carsyn Addie Pratt (Fellowship hall reserved) 5:00 pm-AA meeting	5 First Communion Classes at 11:15 am in the M&M Bldg. (March 11,18,25)	February 2018 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	April 2018 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1 World Day of Prayer (Service at Second Baptist, La Grange)	2 World Day of Prayer (Service at Second Baptist, La Grange)	3 10:00 am-Noon Baby Shower for Jennifer Tinker in fellowship hall
4 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/Baptism of Carsyn Addie Pratt (Fellowship hall reserved) 5:00 pm-AA meeting	5 9:00 am-Quilting 6:30 pm-Stewardship Committee Meeting	6 6:30 pm-Worship Committee meeting	7 6:30 pm-Lenten service in the fellowship hall Meal follows	8 2:00 pm-Rebekah Group meets	9 10:00-1:00 BLANKET TYING FOR LWR SATURDAY → Women's Unwind Retreat at Lutherhill March 9-11	10 Daylight Savings time begins at 2:00 am-Sunday the 11 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion REMEMBER TO COLLECT YOUR LOOSE CHANGE FOR THE NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY
11 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion led by Praise Team/Noisy offering collected Property Committee meets after worship 11:15-First Communion Class- 5:00 pm-AA meeting	12 9:00 am-Quilting 6:30 pm-Stewardship Committee Meeting	13 Council agenda deadline	14 6:30 pm-Lenten service at Waldeck Meal follows	15 Newsletter deadline	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
[RT-C Spring Break March 12-16]						
18 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent 8:30 am-Tone Chimes 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion 11:15 am-First Communion Class 5:00 pm-AA meeting	19 1:30 pm-Senior Citizens Domino Party 6:15 pm-Church Council	20 First Day of Spring	21 6:30 pm-Lenten service in the fellowship hall Meal follows	22	23	24 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion/ Baptism Remembrance
25 Passion/Palm Sunday 9:45 am-Hymn Sing 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/Baptism Remembrance/Dedication of Quilts LVO meeting after worship 11:15 am-First Communion Class 5:00 pm-AA meeting	26 7:00 pm-Men in Mission	27	28 2:00 pm-Packing for LWR	29 Maundy Thursday First Communion Day 7:30 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion at MLLC (5:45 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion at Waldeck)	30 Good Friday	31 Easter Vigil 10:00-3:00-Sacred Harp Sing in the fellowship hall 7:00 pm- Easter Vigil worship service

