



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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Martin Luther Lutheran Church

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Worship schedule:

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

Sunday worship w/Holy Communion – 10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month – Worship

w/Holy Communion 6:00 p.m.

Church Council: 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



CARBY CHAPEL

From Matthew 18:20--"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 29, THERE WILL BE A COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M. AT LUTHERHILL.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE FROM 8:15-9:15 A.M. in the basement of the chapel. (There is an elevator for those having difficulty climbing stairs.)

Refreshments will be served by Lutherhill after worship.



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May, 2018

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS MAY 6. Miles Tinker and Janette Weidemann will affirm their baptisms during this special service starting at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Tinker will conduct the service. Families should arrive early for pictures to be taken at 9:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. David Wickel will be here to take pictures. From a Confirmation Prayer: *"We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life."* ELW page 236



IT'S A BOY! Congratulations to Pastor, Jennifer, and Miles Tinker! James Edwin Tinker was born Saturday, April 21, 2018, at 8:17 p.m. at Scott & White Hospital in College Station, weighing 8 lbs., 12 oz., and measuring 20-1/4" in length. Mother and baby are home.



✿ **Ascension Day - May 10.** From the hymn, "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!" (ELW-#393) - verse 4: *"You see him now, ascending high up to the portals of the sky. Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

✿ **Mother's Day** is May 13 with a reception following worship honoring all mothers

and mother-figures. We will collect for abused and neglected children who have not known a loving mother. This money will be sent to Krause Center in Katy, which is part of Upbring (formerly Lutheran Social Services of the South).

✿ **May 19th** marks MLLC's 116th anniversary. Thanks be to God!

✿ **The Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod Assembly** is set for May 17-19 at the Hilton Hotel North in Houston.

✿ **The Day of Pentecost - May 20.** From Psalm 104:33: *"I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being."*

✿ **Cemetery decorations:** Carmine service - May 20, 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Tinker leading. La Bahia services - May 27, 3:00 p.m.

✿ **The Holy Trinity - May 27.** From Isaiah 6:3: *"Holy, holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory."*

✿ **Memorial Day** is Monday, May 28. Let us take time to make the pilgrimage to various cemeteries and pause long enough to say, *"Thank you, Father, for these special lives, for sacrifices made and for friendships we have shared."* Names of deceased veterans will be listed in the May 27 bulletin.



ATTENTION, ALL GRADUATES!

We want to honor you for your hard work in studying and wish you the best as you move on to the next step of your lives!

Please notify the church office by May 15 of anyone graduating this month or in August or December, 2017, giving us the names of schools and degrees. The list of graduates will be included in the June newsletter. This includes high school and college. *A reception to honor all graduates is set for May 20 after worship.*



(Envelope attached to page 1. Those who receive their newsletter by e-mail may pick up their mission envelopes in the narthex.)

In 2007, a small Bible study group in Austin, Texas, wanted to help address the global water crisis. The members of the group decided to raise \$5,000—enough money for one clean water well in Ethiopia. When they finished their fundraiser, they had collected enough money for twelve wells.

Dick Moeller, a member of the group, was inspired by the success of that first campaign. He realized that if one church group could raise enough money for 12 wells, others could do even more. Motivated by the desire to bring clean water to those who so desperately need it, Dick founded **Water to Thrive**.

Water to Thrive is a faith-based non-profit, headquartered in Austin, that is dedicated to spreading awareness of the global water crisis while raising the funds needed to construct water wells for those who desperately need them in rural Africa.

Since its founding in April, 2008, Water to Thrive has funded more than 500 water projects in Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Uganda. With the caring hearts of our donors and supporters, they are transforming more than 250,000 with the blessing of clean, safe water.

MORE REMINDERS:

🎵 The choir's next rehearsal
- Sunday, May 6, 9:30 a.m.

🎵 Next Tone Chimes practice
- Sunday, May 20, 8:30 a.m.

☺ **Vacation Bible School** registration form is included in this newsletter. Dates are Sunday, June 10, to Thursday, June 14, with closing on Sunday, June 17, during worship, and a reception to follow in the fellowship hall. This year's program is "Shipwrecked - Rescued by Jesus". Dana Smith directs and Amy Dooley leads the set design. Volunteers are needed and welcome!

☺ **About Day Care:** 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. See the church's website for more details.

☺ **Camping News: July 8-13** Confirmation Camp at Lutherhill. All MLLC youths in the confirmation class are attending from our five church groups: *Janette Weidemann, Miles Tinker, Rylan Stork, Kennedy and McKinley Jasinski, and Peyton Franklin.* Pastor Tinker will be attending with the group.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS:

**Communion Services
Schedule at Nursing Home
and Assisted Living in La
Grange - May 8:**

2:30 p.m. - Care Inn
3:30 p.m. - Jefferson Place
4:00 p.m. - Monument Hill

Members are welcome to go along to visit with residents and assist Pastor Tinker.

The Rebekah Group meets on Thursday, May 10, at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The Bible Study Theme: Intergenerational Devotional

Pastor Tinker leads the Bible study, with offering meditation by *Jocie Braun. Edith Flinn & Carol Carmean* are hostesses.

Quilting: ✕ Fleece Blanket Tying Day is Saturday, May 12, from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., and the next regular quilting day is Monday, May 14, at 9:00 a.m., both in the Mission & Ministry building.

Fabric kits for LWR are collected in May. The following items are needed:
--Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester); fabric should have no stains or holes and be cut into pieces measuring:
2-1/4 yards of 60"-wide fabric, or 3 yards of 44" wide fabric, or 4 yards of 36" fabric.
Two spools of neutral-colored, general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each

Fold thread and one piece of fabric inside second piece and tie with yarn, sturdy string, ribbon, or strip of fabric.

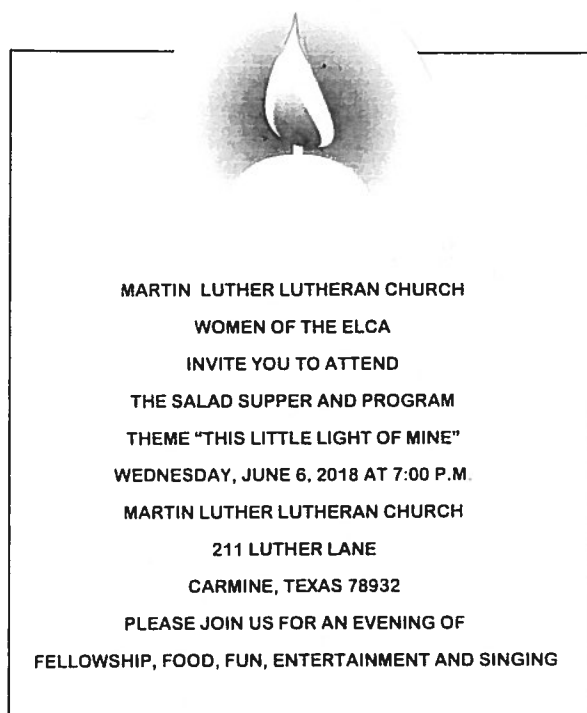
→ **Mother's Day is May 13.** See page 1 about the **Upbring project.**

→ **About the A.M.E.N**
Ingathering: Envelopes and bags will be handed out May 13 & 20 for monetary and non-perishable food for the food pantry in La Grange.

Especially needed are *cereal, oatmeal, soup, juice, peanut butter, chili without beans, canned chicken, spices, salt, pepper, ketchup, mustard, plastic jars of jelly, and hot sauce.*

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WELCA NEWS continued--



Ladies are asked to bring salads of meat, vegetable, or dessert, and bring a friend!!



A request: We will have a small choir of area women for the program and would like to borrow choir robes (or graduation gowns) for this special part of the banquet.

Practice times for the choir: May 23 and 30, 6:30 p.m. in our fellowship hall. For those wanting to sing or provide robes, please contact Joys Baird.



The Brazos Cluster Women of the ELCA Spring Happening was held at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, College Station, on Saturday, April 21, with the theme, "Threads for the Heart", and the theme Bible verse was Matthew 19:14, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

Lori Ross, coordinator of Our Saviour's WELCA, welcomed the group, and the opening hymn, *Children of the Heaven Father*, was sung. Pastor Pat McLaughlin of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, presented the devotion based on the Bible verse. He spoke of the role of women in the church, how

women influence people of all ages and their lives, how important strong and faithful women are, and you are never too old! *This is My Father's World* was then sung.

The program, "Threads for the Heart", was given by Kelly Kovacs who was initially one of the women who started the idea and organization of Chrissy's Closet for the College Station ISD Education Foundation. It is a "store" which is located at College View High School and is for students and employees to shop for clothing, shoes, toiletries, underwear, and socks. They also hold clothing drives each fall, spring, and summer and have the giving "angel tree" at Christmas. Donations are always accepted for this very worthwhile project. The offering given was designated to Chrissy's closet. Physical offering of shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and toothpaste brought by the WELCA's was given to Chrissy's Closet.

Maxine Schwarze opened the business meeting, followed by the attendance report of 25-30 attending. The minutes were presented by Judy Matula, communicator, and the financial report by Leonita Sanders. The Lutheran World Relief detailed report from the ingathering at Zionsville on April 2nd was included in the packet with twenty-three churches in the Brazos Valley area bringing items. Joyce Schaefer, Mission Action, reported that LWR shipment date for 2019 is on April 22nd at Zionsville. Highlights of the business meeting was the election of coordinator, Barbara McIntyre, of St. Peter's-Gay Hill, Brenham, and financial secretary, Cindy Weidemann of MLLC-Carmine. Barbara Jacob of MLLC, Carmine, presented these candidates; she and Gail Timm of Salem, Brenham, served on the nomination committee. (Ladies are asked to add these new names to your yearbook).

Beverly Curtice, co-chair for the Synod's Women of the ELCA convention, and Elizabeth Curtice, Synod board secretary, invited all to the annual synod convention to be held at their church, Houston of Prayer in Houston, on September 14th and 15th. Information was given on the program and workshops as well as the registration procedure being offered online as well as manually with forms given to the various churches in attendance. Other synod information, given by Leonita Sanders, Synod board member, included the following: A Facebook page has been created to begin to do more things and reach more people. Lutherhill is asking for volunteers to assemble a drawstring backpack with materials and instructions being provided. The Unwind Retreat for the Women of the ELCA was a success and to make it an annual event.

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WELCA NEWS continued--

The Synod Women of the ELCA will be a vendor at the Synod Assembly on May 17th and 18th and at the National Youth Gathering on June 26th through July 1st to educate the youths on Human Trafficking Prevention.

We all need to encourage and invite other women to become involved with Women of the ELCA; together, we can be POWERFUL!

The Spring Gathering closed with The Lord's Prayer and the singing of the *Doxology*.

Thanks was given to the Our Saviour's Lutheran Church women for being our hosts and providing the delicious refreshments during the registration, break, and at lunch.

**Sewing Backpacks for LUTHERHILL!**

Lutherhill is asking for volunteers, who like to sew, to assemble a drawstring backpack. They have a project this summer for campers which will involve assembling a drawstring backpack which needs to be sewn. Lutherhill has the material already cut and the pattern. If interested, please contact Leonita Sanders, 979-278-3668/979-820-1360, or Cason Miller at Lutherhill, 979-249-3232. They need to have more than 2,000 backpacks ready to go for the summer.

Synod WELCA Convention

All women are invited to the annual Synod WELCA Convention on September 15th at House of Prayer Lutheran Church, Houston. Registration is being offered online as well as manually. Registration forms are available on the church office bulletin board. More information on the program for the day and the workshops will be coming.

**Current Member Prayer**

Concerns: Nikki Pohl (recent surgery); Lindsey Eckert (wife of Josh, recent surgery); Pastor Bill Derrick (at Bec's Blessing near Ledbetter); and Dora Miller (at Brenham Nursing & Rehab, for rehab).

Current Friends and Family Prayer Concerns:

Kathy Gray (friend of Paula Barrick, cancer); Kevin Taylor (Debby Peel's sister, stage 1 cancer); Sharon Rhome (cousin of Susan Ray & Wade Eilers, and niece of Joyce Eilers, recent surgery again); Kristen Ray (Susan & Daryl Ray's daughter-in-law, complications from surgery); Larry Wolff (cousin of Susan Bathe & Patti Hart, and nephew of Jenell Jaster, recent surgery, back home); Beverly Devillier (sister of Linda Mattocks, bone cancer); Jesse McDaniel (regular visitor, health concerns); Debbie Jacob (Jocie Jacob Braun's daughter-in-law, recent surgery); Kaitlyn Pieper (friend and RT-C student, health concerns); Tim Mikolas (Ruby Renck's nephew, kidney

surgery); 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; Louis Kartous; and Lisa Mayer.

Ongoing Friends and Family Prayer Concerns:

Mikayla Peschke, 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); Dora Miller, Elvera Limmer, Verline Schulte, Joyce Eilers, (Brenham Nursing & Rehab); Elvira Dallmeyer (Argent Court-Brenham); and

Angeline Zwernemann (Jefferson Place Assisted Living, La Grange).

Homebound Members:

Nevilee Marburger (in Houston); Mamie Roemer, Judith Yarborough, Peetsy Fischer, Elvera Rudloff (in Houston), and Shirley Mueller (at home at their Bed & Breakfast in Brenham).

Military Personnel:

MLLC members: Joseph Vogel and Bryan Miller.

Family & Friends: Tyler Malinak, Rowdy Chaddock, Michael Martin, Jonathan Noak, Justyn Bearden, Wade Friedrich, James Dunham, Kyle Slaughter, and all those who serve, known and unknown, in harm's way.

✠ Our Christian Sympathy to the families and friends of: Judy Kieke Krebs (daughter of former florist, Dora Kieke, killed in auto accident); Gladys Koether; Everett Maas (friend from Round Top); James Zorn (friend from Burton); Floyd Plueckhahn (confirmed at MLLC in 1946; Clara Handrick (Scott Pratt's grandmother); Edward Strangmeyer (friend from Brenham); and Edward Scheffer (Brian & Shelley Scheffer's grandfather).

FIRST QUARTER, 2018, MEMORIAL REPORT:*Memorials***General fund - \$235.00**

Nettie Markwardt
Mabel Wiecker
Pauline Hannemann
Willie Wickel
Waldine Kraemer Cason
Una May Kruse Haney

Designated - \$130.00

Dwayne Garlin

Men in Mission - \$20.00

Nettie Markwardt
Genell Rhode



Dear Friends in Christ,

Summer Vacation time will be here soon. School will be out. The weather will be warmer. Worship of God is more joyful. It is a great time of year to be alive. New things are happening. As we enter this bright and joyful time of year, we also know that our day-to-day schedules are often different. Many of us travel more and take more time with recreation, boating, fishing, sports, vacation, etc. During this different and delightful time of year we are reminded to be faithful to God and regular worship participation all the more. Because God is so good to us, we are invited to offer praise and thanks to him on a regular basis and as often as possible.

Here are some Summer Faithfulness Tips for these joyful months coming up: May, June, July, and August.

- 1) Plan your weekend around making sure you get to worship at either of our two congregations in our Shared Ministry: Waldeck and Martin Luther in Carmine. Remember we have worship in Carmine at 6 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month (May 12 & 26; June 9 & 23; July 14 & 28; August 11 & 25). We gather each Sunday at Waldeck at 8 a.m. and at Carmine at 10:00 a.m. As you plan ahead for your weekend, consider how you can make sure you get to worship at one of these three opportunities. For example, if you have an activity, reunion, or something else on Sunday, plan on worship on Saturday. If Saturday is busy, make sure you attend worship on Sunday. It is totally acceptable to attend a different church service than you are accustomed to attend-

ing. Most important is that you give praise to God with your fellow believers.

- 2) If you will be traveling on a weekend or for a week or more, plan ahead to find a church to attend while away. Check out the Lutheran website, and click on the "Find a Congregation" link in the upper righthand corner: www.elca.org to find a church where you are going ahead of time. Or, if you do not have web access, contact the church office for more help. You can also look in the local phone book in your vacation destination to find a place of worship. Most important is that you give praise to God with your fellow believers.
- 3) Give thanks to God by keeping consistent with your weekly offerings. If away either mail in your offerings or send them with a friend or make up your missed offerings before and/or after you travel. You can also make a one-time gift, or plan ongoing offerings through our website: <http://mlccarmine.com>.
- 4) Listen to Bible recordings in your vehicle as you travel. There are Apple and Android/Google Play apps for your smart phones which enable you to play a reading of your selected book or passage. The one I use for this is "Holy Bible" from Life.Church. Search for "holy bible" and this will be one of the first apps to show up in the results. I usually use the ESV translation which is available on that app. Another option is to have a passenger read scripture as part of your travel time.
- 5) Pray before and after events or travel.
- 6) Make wise and faithful choices about summer commitments so that you put God first in all your decisions. All too often we forget God and Church when making selections of activities, and this leads to getting out of good faith disciplines.
- 7) Pray for your church as you are away. The ministries, activities, and expenses of the church continue throughout the summer even if you are away for a while.
- 8) Begin each day praying the Lord's Prayer so as to remember daily that our God is good and loves us very much.

I look forward to seeing you this summer at worship.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor David Tinker

Planning
for the
Summer



OFFICIAL ACT IN APRIL:

The Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the Funeral Service for Gladys Koether was conducted at MLLC by Pastor John David Nedbalek on Saturday, April 21, 2018, with committal at Carmine Cemetery. Gladys passed away on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, in Giddings at the age of 85. Gladys was a lifelong member of MLLC and was the first woman to serve on the church council.

CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY

**Martin Luther Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
Monday, April 16, 2018**

Members present: Tim Sanders, Brick Peele, Dana Smith, Cindy Weidemann, Tina Mikeska, Karen Roemer, Shelby Vaughn, Anita Drydale, and Pastor David Tinker. Absent: Buck Williams

The meeting was called to order by Tim, Council president. The devotion was presented by Tina. The minutes from the March Council meeting and treasurer's report were approved as presented.

Pastor's report

A new member in March - Carsyn Pratt, by Baptism. Upcoming wedding - October 20 - Cari Meinke and Britt Harper. (Cari is a member at Waldeck).
Note: This is on the same weekend as our Harvest Festival. In checking with the Carmine Hall, MLLC has reserved the hall for all of

Saturday and Sunday that weekend.

Pastor taught First Holy Communion Class with three youths participating: Matthew Roemer, Jake Smith, and Makayla Smith. Pastor wishes to thank Esther Kelley for her help with the class.

Upcoming events:
April 29 - joint four-church service at Lutherhill at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School from 8:15-9:15 a.m. in the Carby Chapel basement.
May 6 - Confirmation Sunday for Miles Tinker and Janette Weidemann.

**Committee Reports:**

--Christian Education: The committee met on March 25, and the Sunday School students and staff participated in the palm processional during worship on Sunday, March 25. On Easter, the students each created a small Resurrection Garden to take home and enjoyed breakfast treats during the regular Sunday School time. Approximately 20-25 children participated in our annual Easter egg hunt. Planning for VBS is in full swing. The theme is "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus". VBS is scheduled for 5:30-7:45 p.m. each evening from Sunday, June 10, through Thursday, June 14. Closing will be during worship on Sunday, June 17 (Father's Day). Registration sheets are available in the office and would be available in the May newsletter. The different stations of VBS will use the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and approximately three of the larger former Daycare rooms. Offering for Group/World Vision's Operation Kid-to-Kid to benefit food production in Haiti will be collected from

participants during VBS as part of the overall program. Volunteers are needed and welcome!

--Worship Committee: Fees for weddings and special events were discussed, and whether or not Waldeck members would be charged for use of our facilities. Further discussion is pending.

April 29 - Joint Worship was discussed. Shelby is to coordinate Sunday School for all four churches.

--Outreach Committee: Outreach and Stewardship served the Lenten meal on March 21. Donations collected were designated for Treehouse Ministries. Worship Committee extended an opportunity to contribute with them for the reception in the church parlor at 9:00 a.m. on Easter morning. The Outreach Committee was asked to help. Cake and punch will be served on Mother's Day after worship. The Father's Day reception on June 17 will be held in conjunction with VBS closing in the fellowship hall.

--Property Committee: The AED (defibrillator) unit with cabinet was received and mounted on the wall in the parlor. Formal training of interested church members is pending. The water heater in the sacristy is not working. Budget for purchase and installation is \$300. Motion was made and carried to purchase and install a new water heater. Changing tables was suggested for the men's restrooms (sanctuary, fellowship hall); the women's restroom in the fellowship hall and one of those in the M&M building. Existing tables were discussed and priced new ones at \$164.19 each - best pricing. Motion was tabled pending research.

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April 16, 2018 Council summary, continued--

MLLC's sign post at the corner of Augsburg and Centennial Streets was discussed. A competitive bid of \$91.25 each was received on March 13 by Hughes Mfg. in Giddings. The proof was received on March 13, and Council approved the proof.

A quote was received from Ambrose Furniture in Bryan to recover ten parlor chairs at \$2,357.66, excluding freight. Competitive bids are being sought from Church Lane Upholstery of Ledbetter. The fellowship hall stained glass windows were discussed. Six panes are cracked and need to be repaired/replaced. Options addressing the issue will be reviewed for presentation to the Council. Repair of stucco on southwest corner of the fellowship hall was discussed. Council is looking for a secondary source/bid. As to the installation of 40-ft. antenna at the parsonage,

concrete will be required (approx.. \$165.00 + tax). Council approved this November 20, 2017. The roof leak in the storage closet was discussed. Tempo patch eliminated leaks during minor events; more severe rain events will display some leakage. The removal of the water well equipment/buildings on the church property is pending committee coordination. A discussion was had about the cleaning checklist for church janitorial services, and maintenance of the church grounds is ongoing.

--Stewardship Committee: The Committee met on March 23 with three members present along with Treasurer, Cindy Weidemann and Pastor Tinker. The Committee helped with the March 21 Lenten meal. It was decided that the May Mission Appeal will be designated to the same group as last year -- Water to Thrive. The June camping fund was discussed. Last year's collection was \$249. This fund

is set up to reimburse any MLLC youth up to \$50 for a summer camping trip to Lutherhill. This amount can be used for confirmation camp as well. Men in Mission match the \$50. Envelopes will be placed in the June newsletter.

--Dayschool Committee: Church Council will vote when the term limits are established. Ads will be placed in three newspapers. Three resumés have been received. More information is pending from further updates from Buck.

Old Business: The fees for sanctuary use is tabled until Worship Committee's next meeting.

Karen will present the devotion at the May 21 meeting. The Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Drydale, MLLC Council Secretary



ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION REPORT:

Date	Attendance	General	School	Building
03-21	42	448.00	-0-	-0-
03-24	22	706.00	-0-	-0-
03-25	89	2,381.29	-0-	-0-
03-29	54	1,228.00	-0-	-0-
03-30	27	443.00	-0-	-0-
03-31	22	295.00	-0-	-0-
04-01	27	502.00	-0-	-0-
Sunrise				
04-01	167	9,122.75	-0-	125.00
Festival				
04-08	70	1,681.50	-0-	150.00
04-14	29	1,220.00	-0-	-0-
04-15	61	8,315.00	50.00	25.00
04-22	65	1,983.09	-0-	30.00



FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH

MLLC Financial Information

March 2018 Year to Date	
Total Income	\$56,587.41
Total Expenses	63,246.05
Net Loss:	\$ 6,558.64
March 2018 Month	
Total Income	\$21,214.84
Total Expenses	20,873.10
Net Income:	\$ 341.74

Year to Date Expenses Highlights:

Salaries and Benefits	\$38,743.57
Benevolences	6,865.99
Utilities	4,734.20
Property Insurance	3,295.50
Printing	2,059.78
Supplies & Forms	1,411.08
MLLC Camping Ministry	2,250.00
Reimbursements	678.31
Bulletins & Envelopes	755.71
Postage & Handling	334.00
Equipment & Tools	1,674.09
Miscellaneous	84.30
Pest Control	123.41
Maintenance & Repair	136.11



Dana Kelley	01	Christy Kelley	18
Kaitlyn Pawlak	02	Bradley Eilers	19
Robbie Stork	02	Whitney Hinze	20
Brooke Eckert	03	Amanda Leppard	20
Kay Schmidt	04	Marlene Waak	20
Carah Weiss	05	Jenell Jaster	22
Floyd Etzel	06	Edith Flinn	24
Reese O'Malley	06	Roger Sommerfeld	24
Judy Yarborough	06	Becky Jasinski	25
Brittany Jacob	08	Nikki Pohl	25
Beverly Cucuzza	15	Karen Springer	26
RaChelle Kuecker	15	Bill Derrick	28
Dora Miller	15	Donna Mueller	28
Sierra Richard	16	Jared Pohl	28
Mary Zajicek	16	Hope Wunderlich	29
Emily Kelley	17	Bryan Miller	31



Sevenfold Flame – Tongues of fire are a common symbol of the Holy Spirit, based on the Pentecost events of Acts 2. However, when seven flames are depicted together, they also represent the seven gifts of the Spirit as named in Isaiah 11:2-3: wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, fear of the Lord and delight in the fear of the Lord (sometimes paraphrased "joy in the Lord's presence").

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

Announcing

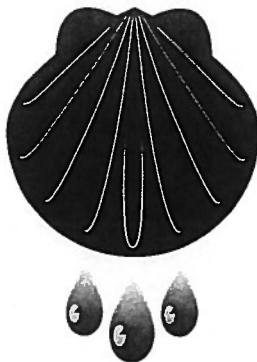


Congratulations to Haley & Colt Kokel on the birth of their son, **Darren Wade Kokel**, born April 6, 2018, in Overland Park, Kansas. Darren weighed 7 lbs., and measured 20-1/4" in length, and is welcomed by his sister, Bridget. From MLLC, grandmother is Gwen Woelfel.



May 6 - Bethlehem Lutheran-Round Top 60th Annual Chicken Fry at the Round Top Rifle Hall from 10:45-12:30, celebrating 152 years of faith and fellowship. The worship service starts at 9:30 a.m. and will feature Brass Band Polka Music. Meals of fried chicken, noodles, green beans are available for dine-in, to-go, or whole chickens at the pit. There will be a sweets table as well. Free-will donations will be accepted for the food. All proceeds benefit the historic Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

May 20 - Waldeck's Picnic, hamburger meal fundraiser, is at Ledbetter Community Center and Fire Station from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00. There will be a live auction at noon, children's games, and country store. For tickets or questions, call 979-249-6551 or 979-966-3477. All are invited!



Shell – A scallop shell, pointing downward with three drops of water falling from it, is often used to symbolize baptism and the washing away of sin. The three water droplets stand for the Trinity: Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

{Please return this form to the church office or Dana Smith by June 1.}



Martin Luther Lutheran Church -- Carmine

Shipwrecked: Rescued By Jesus

VBS Registration Form

Sunday, June 10 – Thursday, June 14, 2018

5:30-7:45pm each evening

Participant Name:	Age/Grade Completed:	T-shirt Size**:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Parent(s) Name: _____

_____ Check here if you are willing to volunteer at VBS...and we'll contact you!

Home Address: _____

Best Contact Phone #(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact (other than parent)/Relationship: _____

Best Contact Phone #: _____

Allergies: Y _____ N _____ List: _____

Medical Concerns: Y _____ N _____ Explain: _____

Home Church/Affiliation: _____

_____ [Please initial.] I hereby grant the VBS staff volunteers permission to photograph/film the minor(s) designated above for any lawful purpose associated with this VBS program.

**Available T-shirt sizes include: Child XS (2-4); Child S (6-8); Child M (10-12); Child L (14-16); Adult S; Adult M; Adult L; Adult XL; Adult 2XL; Adult 3XL

Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries

May 2018 Happenings

Waldeck Evangelical 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 1st Sunday at 8:30 a.m.
Noisy Offering on 1st Sunday monthly
Pastor John David Nedbalek

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

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

60th Annual Chicken Fry
Sunday, May 6th
10:45 am - 12:30 pm
Round Top Rifle Hall
710 FM 1457

Come to the Hall at 9:30 am
for a rousing service
featuring Brass Band
polka music!



All proceeds benefit
Historic Bethlehem
Lutheran Church,
celebrating
152 years of
faith and fellowship.

Eat-in or To-Go Plates
Whole chickens at Pit
All food is offered for a
Free Will Donation

Please join us at the Round Top Rifle Hall for a rousing service featuring Brass Band Polka Music at 9:30 AM. There will be no worship service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on May 6th

St. Paul Lutheran Church – Shelby

6814 Skull Creek Road
Fayetteville TX 78940
Located just a few blocks east of FM 1457
(979)836-8972
www.stpaulshelby.org

Find us on Facebook
Regular Sunday Service time – 8:00 AM
– Sunday School @ 9:45 AM
Pastor John David Nedbalek – cell 210-422-7599
President: Verlyne Aschenbeck 979-250-1442

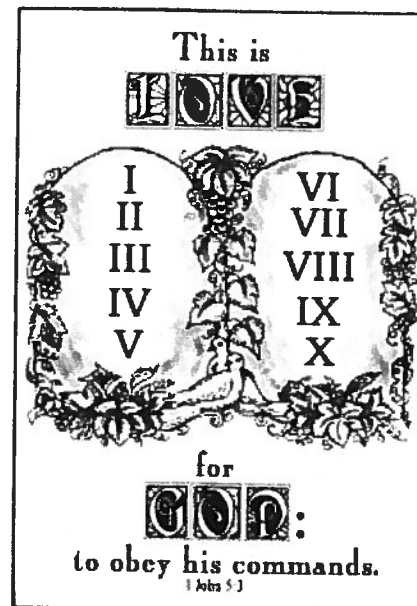
Quilting – 3rd Wednesday each month

Noisy Offering – 3rd Sunday each month

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

Four Church – Crossroads – Meeting

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



Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries
May 2018 Happenings
Waldeck Evangelical Lutheran Church – St. Paul Lutheran Church – Shelby
Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Round Top – Martin Luther Lutheran Church - Carmine

Martin Luther Lutheran Church – Carmine

211 Luther Lane; P O Box 362
Carmine, TX 78932 979-278-3388
Located at the corner of
Luther Ln & Augsburg Ave,
just a block south of US 290.
<http://mlccarmine.com>
Find us on Facebook
Worship on Sunday – 10:00 a.m.
Worship on 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month –
6:00 p.m.
Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.
Pastor David Tinker
Cell 979-530-6091/home 979-278-3384
President: Tim Sanders 713-502-3075

Women's Bible Study – 2nd Thursday at 2:00 p.m.
Men's Fellowship and Study Group – 4th 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.

Confirmation Sunday. May 6. Worship at 10:00
a.m.

Vacation Bible School. Sunday, June 10 –
Thursday, June 14, 2018 5:30-7:45 pm each
evening. Theme: Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus.
Register by calling the church – 979-278-3388 or by
getting a form from the mlccarmine.com web site.
Classes for 3 year olds through 6th grade. A meal
will be served each evening as part of the program.

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on Saturday, May 12, 9-11 a.m. at Waldeck
Lutheran Church.

Waldeck Evangelical Lutheran Church

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, May 23, 10:30 a.m. New
participants are always welcome. You are invited
to bring a pot-luck lunch item to share.

Church Picnic, Hamburger Meal Fundraiser:
All are invited for this time of fun and fellowship!
Sunday, May 20, at the Ledbetter Community
Center and Fire Station. All invited. Tickets are
\$8.00/plate. Auction, Country Store, fellowship,
kids activities, etc.
For tickets or information, contact: 979-249-6551
or 979-966-3477

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May 2018

...April Showers Bring May Flowers...

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CONFIRMATION 6 th Sunday of Easter ✠ Confirmation Day 9:00 am-Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study 9:30 am-Choir rehearsal 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion Pastor conducts Home Communion (Fellowship Hall reserved) 5:00 pm-AA meeting	7 6:30 pm-Stewardship Committee Meeting	1 6:30 pm-Worship Committee meeting	2 6:30 pm-Practice songs for WELCA banquet in fellowship hall	3 2:00 pm-Rebekah Group meets	4 10:00-1:00 BLANKET TYING FOR LWR SATURDAY→	5 Noon-6 pm-Fellowship hall reserved
13 7 th Sunday of Easter ♥ Mother's Day 9:00 am-Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study/ 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion led by Praise Team/ ★ Noisy Offering collected/ ★ Reception for Mothers Day ★ (Offerings for Krause Center) ★ Property Committee meeting after worship ★ 11:00 am-Christian Ed Committee 5:00 pm-AA meeting	14 9:00 am-Quilting for Camp For All	15 Council agenda deadline	16 6:30 pm-Practice songs for WELCA banquet in fellowship hall	17 Ascension of Our Lord	18 Newsletter deadline	19 (9:00-11:00 am-Shared Ministry meeting at Waldeck) ✠ 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion REMEMBER TO COLLECT YOUR LOOSE CHANGE FOR THE NOISY OFFERING
20 The Day of Pentecost 8:30 am-Tone Chimes rehearsal 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion (11:00-1:00-Waldeck's church picnic at Ledbetter Community Center & Fire Station) 2:00 pm-Carmine Cemetery service 5:00 pm-AA meeting	21 1:30 pm-Senior Citizens Domino Party 6:15 pm-Church Council	22 Council agenda deadline	23 6:30 pm-Practice songs for WELCA banquet in fellowship hall	24 Ascension of Our Lord	25 Newsletter deadline	26 ✠ 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion/Baptism Remembrance
27 The Holy Trinity 9:45 am-Hymn Sing 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/Baptism Remembrance LYO meeting after worship 3:00 pm-La Bahia Cemetery service 5:00 pm-AA meeting	28 Memorial Day 7:00 pm-Men in Mission	29 Council agenda deadline	30 6:30 pm-Practice songs for WELCA banquet in fellowship hall	31 Ascension of Our Lord	31 Newsletter deadline	31 6:30 pm-Practice songs for WELCA banquet in fellowship hall

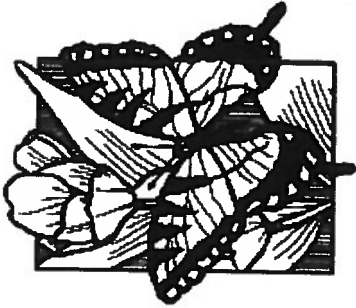
[Synod Assembly, May 17-19, Hilton Hotel North-Houston]



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Servers for: May, 2018



Assisting Ministers: Dianna Gerland (05-06, Confirmation); Susan Bathe, 05-12, 05-27 (Trinity);
 Jessica Weidemann (05-13, 05-26); Dana Smith (05-20, Pentecost)

Acolyte organizers: Parents of May acolytes

Put supplies in pews: Betty Porter

Bulletin folders: Ruby Renck & Kay Schmidt

Send bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors: Nancy Eilers

Offering Counters: Karen Roemer, Todd Dooley, Boo Goolsby

June newsletter assemblers: Cheryl Etzel, Joann Ullrich, & Cherrie Wines
 (the weekend of May 25 or 26)

Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Readers	Flowers	Bread provider	Bread & wine presenters	Cross bearer	Communion assistants	Communion set-up
05-06 Confirmation	Drayton & Megan	Team #18- Garry Sanders, capt., Leonita Sanders, greeter; Jason Schroeder, Theresa Garlin, Cole Garlin	Leonita Sanders	Confirmation class	LYO	Berrie & Darlene Etzel	Carson Flinn	Shelley Scheffer	Jadon Weidemann
05-12		Volunteers							Connie Peters
05-13	Kennedy	Team #19- Monty Mayer, capt., Lou Ann Stokes, greeter; Lisa Mayer, Claire Mayer, Gwen Woelfel, Kevin Woelfel	Amy Dooley	Debby & Brick Peele				Karen Roemer	Connie Peters
05-20 Pentecost	Peyton & Rylan	Team #1- Floyd Etzel, capt. & greeter; Cheryl Etzel, RaChelle Kuecker, Scott & Amie Pratt, Casey Lange, Codie Lange	Bobbie Weidemann	Betty Porter	Bobbie Weidemann	Floyd & Cheryl Etzel	Bailey Wunderlich	Bobbie Weidemann	Karen Dooley (red paraments)
05-26		Volunteers							Jadon Weidemann
05-27 Trinity	Jace & Brody	Team #2- Wade Eilers, capt., David Eilers, greeter; Christy Kelley, Daryl Ray, Melba Zingelmann, Patti Hart	Dana Smith	Jack & Bobbie Weidemann	Amber Dooley	Dennis & Dana Smith	Miles Tinker	Cheryl Etzel	Jadon Weidemann (white paraments)