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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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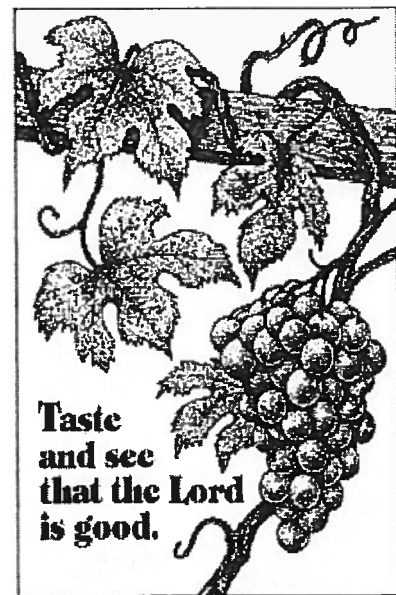
#### **Worship schedule:**

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

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

**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



**Psalm 34:8**



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August, 2018

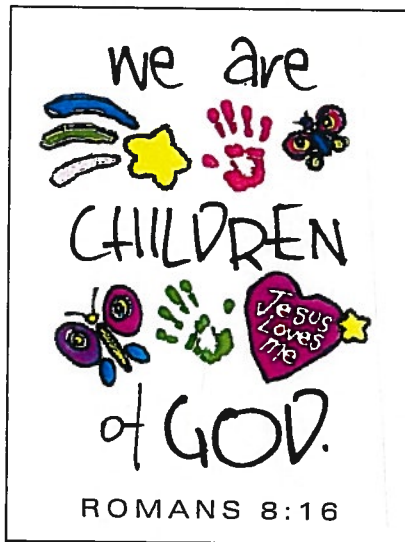


**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP--August 19 - Led by Lutherhill staff.** Matt Kindsvatter will be the guest preacher that day.

**SUNDAY, August 26 - RALLY DAY.** On that day teachers will be installed, awards presented, and school backpacks will be blessed during worship.

**BACK TO SCHOOL: RT-C Teacher/Staff Appreciation Breakfast - August 23, 8:00 a.m.** in our fellowship hall. Welcome back, teachers!

The first day of school for RT-C Schools is Monday, August 27.



### ELCA National Youth Gathering Report:

Two members of MLLC attended the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston, June 27-July 1. Miles Tinker and his mother, Jennifer Tinker, joined the group from Emmanuel Lutheran church in Greenvine to

travel and lodge as a unified group for this special event. They joined about 30,000 other youths and adults from around the nation for a time of learning, service, fun, fellowship and worship. (See the picture on page 2.)

They lodged in a downtown Houston hotel, and traveled by train each day to the NRG Stadium and NRG park for the various activities. There were various service/learning projects for the youths to do. Some included hurricane, cleanup, packing and sorting food for food banks, and packing school backpacks to help students who could not afford school supplies.

One of the side benefits of the event were reunions and new connections with Christian friends from around Texas and the nation. Miles and Jennifer enjoyed seeing friends from other congregations as well as meeting new friends.

The next ELCA National Youth Gathering will be in 2021 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Miles will still be eligible to attend, and he plans to be there in three years. He appreciates the prayers and support of the people and youths of MLLC during his participation in the gathering.



**Blood Drive - Sunday, August 26, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in our fellowship hall, in conjunction with Bethlehem Lutheran-Round Top. Please consider giving the 'Gift of Life'. Thank you!**

Theme  
of the  
Gathering ▼



**Pictured L-R:**  
Shayle Woods  
Troy Weidemann  
Nikki Woods  
Rowdy Weidemann  
Miles Tinker  
Jennifer Tinker



- The choir's next rehearsal – Sunday, August 5, 9:30 a.m.
- The next Shared Ministry Four Church meeting – Saturday, August 11, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at MLLC.
- Labor Day Weekend Worship and Picnic – We will celebrate God's Love and Labor Day weekend on Sunday, September 2, with Sunday School 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, pre-retirement, 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 Church Picnic after Worship, about 11:15 a.m. We continue our time together with a time of food, fellowship, and games. Worship Committee provides grilled hamburgers, buns, condiments, and drinks. The congregation is asked to bring side items such as chips, desserts, slaw, beans, veggie trays, or salad to share.

→ **Saturday & Sunday, September 8 & 9** – The Bethlehem Christian Family will be at MLLC again. The Olive Wood Carvings will be on display and for sale, before and after worship. This will be a special opportunity to view products and creations in wood created by the hands of Christian artisans in and around the Holy Land region. The Rishmawi Family has been designated as the representative for these artisans and has been authorized to show their olive wood carvings. The proceeds support the struggling Christian families in the Holy Land.

→ **Tone Chimes** will begin practicing in September. New members are always welcome!

✝ OFFICIAL ACT:



**Baptism:** Andrew Philip Sanders, son of Tim & Stephanie Sanders, was baptized at MLLC on Sunday, June 24, 2018. His sponsors are Paulette Welch, Annette Wittneben, Dika Sanders, and Jason Schroeder. Andrew was born March 20, 2018, and has a big brother, Kyle. Welcome to the Lord's Family!

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS:**

The Rebekah Group meets for its regular meeting on Thursday, August 9, at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

**Bible Study: Prayer – Session 3 – The Products of Prayer**  
(Romans 8:26-28).



Thelma Hinze leads the Bible study and offering meditation by Sedalia Ullrich. Barbara Jacob and Susan Ray are hostesses.



**(From Interchange)—Repentance is theme of Gather's fall Bible study**

Repentance is one of the most powerful acts of a person or a church, making possible not only forgiveness but also reconciliation. This fall, Gather magazine ([www.gathermagazine.org](http://www.gathermagazine.org)) will explore what repentance means for Lutheran Christians in a three-part Bible study. Written by the Rev. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, this Bible study focuses on the role of repentance in our faith, our relationships and the church. Here's a preview:

**September**  
**Time after time: Turning to God**

*"Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love."* With these words, the prophet Joel reminds us that repentance is nothing to be afraid of—for when we turn to God, we find grace. What does it mean to (re)turn to God with all our hearts, and how do we do it?

**October**

**If I could turn back time: Turning to others**  
When Zacchaeus met Jesus, he was moved to give half of his wealth to the poor and to make amends with those he had defrauded. Why? In the Gospels, Jesus' call to repentance is a call to turn back to the ways of God's reign on earth: justice, peace, and mercy for the neighbor and the community. What does repentance look like in our relationships?

**November**

**Turning points: Turning as the church to the world**

The word repentance often refers to an invitation that brings people into the church. But what happens when the church turns outward to the world? When the church has been complicit in abuse, racism, anti-Semitism and other attitudes and practices that lead away from God's reign, what happens when the church repents?

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**Quilting days:** The Fleece Blanket Tying Day is Saturday,

August 11, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., and the regular quilting day is Monday, August 13, starting at 9:00 a.m., both in the Mission & Ministry Building.

**Camp For All** has sent a thank you for the 30 quilts delivered to them on July 2.

**A.M.E.N Ingathering** continues for the entire month of August.

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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**COMING IN SEPTEMBER**



The TX-LA Gulf Coast Synod Women of the ELCA Convention will be Saturday, September 15, beginning at 8:00 a.m., at House of Prayer Lutheran Church, Houston. All MLLC women are invited, and registration is being offered online as well as manually with registration forms available in the church office. Transportation will be provided by Cherrie Wines for those interested in going, and please let Leonita Sanders know if you are interested. Colette Wunderlich will be our voting delegate, and our women are providing a fleece quilt for the silent auction. Offering envelopes will be handed out on August 26<sup>th</sup> and September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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WELCA NEWS, continued---

Highlights of the convention include the following:  
**Theme:** Grace Changes Everything  
**Theme Verse:** Ephesians 2:6-10



**Bible Study/Keynote Speaker:** Pastor Janelle Rozek Hooper, program director for ELCA Ministry with Children. Her role is to advocate for children's ministry and support leaders working in children's ministry; campus pastor at the University of Houston and Rice University; author of "Heaven on Earth: Studies in Matthew", "The Gift of Years: Growing Old Gracefully",

**Other Speakers:** Linda Post Bushkofsky and Kealy Simoes, both with Churchwide Women of the ELCA.

**Workshops:** Family Promise of Clear Creek, Book Discussion of "The Gift of Years: Growing Old Gracefully", Lutheran Restoring Creation, and others with details being worked out.

**Displays:** Upbring (LSS), Acts of Wisdom, Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest, Oaks Indian Mission, Zion and Lutherhill Ministries, Family Promise of Clear Lake.

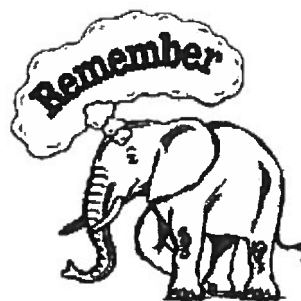
**Business Meeting:** MiLisa Gaertner, presiding

**Quilt Raffle:** Proceeds to Current for Curran, Liberia

**Silent Auction:** Proceeds to Synodical Women's Education Fund

**Physical Offering:** To Benefit Family Promise of Clear Lake with items as follows: Lysol Wipes, Socks (children and adults), Gasoline Cards, Facia Tissue, Toilet Tissue for septic tanks, Paper Towel Cleaning Supplies (409), Simple Green All Purpos Cleaner, Glad Air Freshener Refills, Liquid Moisturizing Hand Soap Refills, Water Bottles

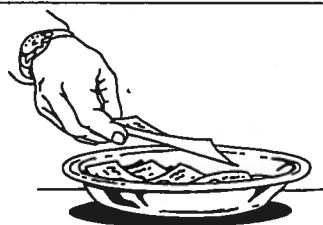
**Food:** Breakfast Items Available and Noon Meal Provided



--PASTOR TINKER'S NEW CELL PHONE NO. -- 713-461-8007. The other number (979-530-6091) is no longer in service.

--GIVING OPTIONS: In addition to cash or check donations during worship, you may also give through our secure, mobile-device-friendly website. Our giving site accepts credit cards, debit cards, and direct bank draft contributions. Simply go to: <http://mlccarmine.com/online-giving>.

--About the After-School Program: It was announced at the July 16, 2018 Council meeting that the Dayschool Committee has not found a director, and that the program will be shelved for Fall, 2018, with a possibility of looking at it Spring, 2019. The School Board will continue to meet and continue to search for a director. The possibility of selling infant equipment (cribs, etc.) was discussed. A list of items will be compiled by the December council meeting.



**ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION REPORT:**

| Date                                     | Attendance | General  | School | Building |
|--|------------|----------|--------|----------|
| 06-23                                    | 24         | 345.00   | -0-    | -0-      |
| 06-24                                    | 99         | 2,215.00 | -0-    | -0-      |
| 07-01                                    | 56         | 6,909.00 | -0-    | 85.00    |
| 07-08                                    | 92         | 2,347.00 | -0-    | 205.00   |
| 07-14                                    | 33         | 1,009.00 | -0-    | -0-      |
| 07-15<br>7:00 a.m.<br>Firemen's<br>Feast | 39         | 5,342.00 | -0-    | -0-      |
| 07-15<br>10:00 a.m.                      | 50         |          |        |          |
| 07-22                                    | 72         | 2,830.00 | -0-    | -0-      |



ON THE PRAYER LIST:

Almighty and merciful God, you are the only source of health and healing; you alone can bring calmness and peace. Grant to us, your children, an awareness of your presence and a strong confidence in you. In our pain, our weariness, and our anxiety, surround us with your care, protect us by your loving might, and permit us once more to enjoy health and strength and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. *(from ELW red hymnal, pg. 85)*

Current Member Prayer Concerns:

Nick Colpetzer (health concerns); Jimmy Flinn (recent surgery); Johnny Dunham (health concerns).

Current Friends and Family Prayer Concerns:

Charles Rudy Weigelt (health concerns); Billy Joe Jasinski (injuries from car accident, Becky Jasinski's brother-in-law, friend of the Roemer family, and his wife works at Carmine Feed & Fertilizer); Dottie Schoeneberg (formerly of Burton, heart surgery); Jerry Wickel (recent heart cath. surgery); Frank Menix (Bobbie Weidemann's brother, quadruple bypass surgery); Andy & Haley Goebel Glueck and baby daughter, Frances (cousin of Stacy Eilers, baby health concerns); Michael Flinn (Jack & Edith Flinn's son, recent heart surgery); Sharon Johnson (mother of Lista Morris, friend of Buck & Mia Williams, heart attack); Hunter Pomykal (grandson of Pauline Fischer and nephew of Paula Barrick, health concerns); Beverly Devillier (sister of Linda Mattocks, on hospice, cancer); Tom Pfeiffer (Carmine resident and Autumn Lehmann's father, health concerns); Kay Griffin (Debby Peele's aunt, serious health issues); Kathy Gray (friend of Paula Barrick, cancer); Kevin Taylor (Debby Peele's sister, cancer).

Ongoing Member Prayer Concerns:

Pastor Bill Derrick; Bobbie Weidemann; Louis Kartous; and Lisa Mayer.

Ongoing Friends and Family Prayer Concerns:

Kaitlyn Pieper, Berkley Fincher; 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 Barnev, 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: 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); Angeline Zwernemann is currently at Brenham Nursing & Rehab for rehab, and Elvira Dallmeyer (Argent Court-Brenham).



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: Mamie Richter (killed in house fire, Waldeck member); James D. Rothermel (Dorothy Rothermel's brother-in-law); Kelby Jasinski (killed in car accident; nephew of Becky Jasinski, friend of the Roemer family, and his mother works at Carmine Feed & Fertilizer); Milton Schmidt (friend of Dennis Gerland); Tim Mikolas (Ruby Renck's nephew); Hugh Pitts, Jr. (friend of Conway & Marlene Waak and others); and Patricia Rinehart (Bishop Mike Rinehart's mother), and Milroy Krebs (friend from Willow Springs/Shelby).



|                         |    |                    |    |                    |    |
|-------------------------|----|--------------------|----|--------------------|----|
| Brenner Bishop          | 01 | Doris Jean Gebhard | 14 | Paula Noak         | 21 |
| Wade Eilers             | 02 | Tye Siptak         | 14 | Dillon Marburger   | 22 |
| Sadie Stephens          | 02 | Linda Kovar        | 15 | Amie Pratt         | 22 |
| Greg Warburton          | 02 | Connie Peters      | 15 | Taylor Jacob       | 24 |
| Jeff Wunderlich         | 02 | Megan Smith        | 15 | Rickey Roemer      | 24 |
| Matt Colpetzer          | 04 | Jace Carmean       | 16 | Kevin Woelfel      | 24 |
| Bailey Wunderlich       | 06 | Tabatha Diehl      | 16 | Gladys Roemer      | 25 |
| Amy Dooley              | 08 | Johnny Dunham      | 18 | Hubert Stiewert    | 25 |
| Marvin Marburger        | 08 | Jeffrey Knebel     | 18 | Carol Hall         | 26 |
| Justin Roemer           | 08 | Claire Mayer       | 18 | Shana Muske        | 27 |
| Bobbie Weidemann        | 08 | Nelda Muehlbrad    | 18 | Lyndell Woodruff   | 28 |
| Nicholas Roemer         | 09 | Christian Pratt    | 18 | Cindy Weidemann    | 29 |
| Joe Cucuzza             | 11 | Aaron Kohring      | 19 | René Runge         | 30 |
| Nicholas Lehmann        | 11 | Melba Zingelmann   | 19 | Neil Weigelt       | 30 |
| Herman Schoenemann, Jr. | 12 | Avery Franklin     | 20 | Bradley Wunderlich | 30 |
| Joann Ullrich           | 12 | Chelsea Lozano     | 20 | Dean Ullrich       | 31 |
| Conway Waak, Jr.        | 13 |                    |    |                    |    |



Congratulations to Dawn Miller and Jacob Hentschel on the birth of their son, **Wesley James Hentschel**, born July 4, 2018, at Baylor Scott & White Hospital in Brenham. Wesley weighed 7 lbs., 8.6 oz., and measured 19.25 inches. From MLLC, grandmother is Leatha Miller and great-grandmother is Dora Miller.



**MLLC FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**June 2018 Year to Date**

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Total Income       | \$136,094.55        |
| Total Expenses     | 123,042.02          |
| <b>Net Income:</b> | <b>\$ 13,052.53</b> |

**June 2018 Month**

|                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| Total Income     | \$ 17,252.96         |
| Total Expenses   | 19,403.83            |
| <b>Net Loss:</b> | <b>(\$ 2,150.87)</b> |

**Year to Date Expenses Highlights:**

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Salaries and Benefits | \$ 76,551.33 |
| Benevolences          | 13,461.72    |
| Utilities             | 7,174.78     |
| Property Insurance    | 6,591.00     |
| Printing              | 3,821.41     |
| Supplies & Forms      | 2,396.73     |
| MLLC Camping Ministry | 2,250.00     |
| Equipment & Tools     | 2,226.14     |
| Computer & Software   | 1,768.46     |
| Bulletins & Envelopes | 1,715.58     |
| Reimbursements        | 1,306.36     |
| Maintenance & Repair  | 1,088.59     |
| Postage & Handling    | 818.00       |
| Convention Expenses   | 780.20       |
| Special Services      | 500.00       |
| Pest Control          | 246.82       |
| Road Signs            | 182.50       |
| Miscellaneous         | 162.40       |

**2018 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER MEMORIAL REPORT:**



|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| <u>General Fund</u>        | \$4,090.00 |
| Gladys Koether             |            |
| Carol Sommerfeld           |            |
| Melissa Wickel             |            |
| Jeanette Schoenberg Renken |            |
| Judy Krebs                 |            |
| Willie Wickel              |            |
| Ralph Hackemack            |            |
| <u>School</u>              | \$1,835.00 |
| Carol Sommerfeld           |            |
| <u>Building</u>            | \$ 55.00   |
| <u>Sunday School - VBS</u> | \$ 730.00  |
| Thomas Kmiec               |            |

## PASTOR'S ARTICLE

### Automated and Online Giving



By Pastor David Tinker

The Online Giving system at our church web site [mlccarmine.com](http://mlccarmine.com) has been up and running for several months now. 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 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.

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

\*The system is set up to receive gifts for general fund, memorials, 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 funds 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.



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“ NO ONE  
can see the  
*kingdom of God*  
without being  
*born from above.*”

John 3:3, NRSV





**MARTIN LUTHER  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CHURCH COUNCIL  
MEETING  
Monday, July 16, 2018**



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

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m. by Tim, Council president. The devotion was presented by the Pastor. The minutes from the June Council meeting and Treasurer's Report were approved as presented.

Pastor's Report

New member - Andrew Philip Sanders, by baptism

Upcoming weddings:

September 8 - Tiffany Carmean and Jarrod Jamail - At a rural lakefront, not at MLLC

October 6 - Emily Meinholdt and Justin Vincent - Wedding at MLLC - Emily is a member at Waldeck.

October 20 - Cari Meinke and Britt Harper - Wedding at MLLC - Cari is a member at Waldeck.

Pastor led a funeral service for a St. John, New Ulm member on June 3, for the pastor was out of town. It is an example of how our ELCA congregations support one another when needs arise.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education Committee:

--VBS was again a fun, amazing, successful week! A total of 53 students attended at least one night with the average nightly attendance being about 50.

--Summer Sunday School continues through August 26 with the whole group as one class led by one teacher each Sunday. August 19 - Lutherhill staff will lead Sunday School.

August 26 - Promotion/Rally Sunday with recognition of students' attendance awards and staff installation during worship.

September 2 - In conjunction with the Labor Day activities already planned, TENTATIVELY planning to cancel regular Sunday School at 9 a.m. and do water fun after the meal.

We are in the process of:  
Finding teachers for the 2018-19 Sunday School year.  
Organizing class rosters for the 2018-19 Sunday School year.  
Planning activities for kids at the Harvest Festival.

Worship Committee (met June 7):

- Planning Labor day meal.
- New list of fees for use of church facilities typed up. Discussed transitioning wedding coordination to one of the other ladies on the committee.
- Gloves, candle lighters and acrylic cylinder purchased - \$600 total amount. The items will be funded through the General Memorial Fund.

Outreach Committee:

- The Committee assisted with the VBS/Father's Day reception on June 17.
- The Teacher Appreciation Breakfast is planned for August 23 in the fellowship hall, and we plan to ask the Waldeck and the Round Top churches if their Outreach Committees wish to partici-

pate along with us. We will use money from our budget allowance to supplement for this meal since it has been well attended in recent years.

Property Committee:

- Installation of two "Loading Zone-No Parking" signs at fellowship hall carport installed to discourage parking and allow unloading for others.
- Installed plywood under cushions of sofa and loveseat in parlor to improve seating support.
- Ordered urinal screens w/blocks and urinal floor mats for men's restrooms in sanctuary, office hallway, and fellowship hall.
- Replacement of fluorescence with LED bulbs of main office and counting room pending to complete 2<sup>nd</sup> phase lighting upgrade.
- Photocells on MLLC church announcement board and other external spotlights are inoperative-repair pending.
- Fellowship hall stained glass windows. Six stained glass window panes are cracked and need to be repaired/replaced. Options for addressing issue underway with Diane Tovey for presentation to Church Council.
- Cleaning checklist formalized to include M&M Building and three Sunday School rooms.
- Quote to recover ten parlor chairs with dark vinyl-type fabric received from Ambrose Furniture in Bryan--\$2,357.66; quote from Church Lane Upholstery/Ledbetter; Brenda Dunlap pending.
- Keybox at fellowship modified with webbing to avoid dropping; small hook also added to store door key in box; same modification made to new key box at carport doors.
- Erection of 40-ft. antenna tower parsonage pending.

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Concrete will require (35) – 80# bags and one bag Portland cement (approx.. \$165+tax). Council board approved 11-20-17. W. Eilers to coordinate subject project.

Stewardship Committee:  
--Thank-you letter received from Water To Thrive for \$207 donation.  
--Folded midyear financial reports for distribution.  
--Music planning for Harvest Festival.  
--Activities for Harvest Festival – silent and live auction planned.

Dayschool Committee:  
(See page 4 of this newsletter for a report).

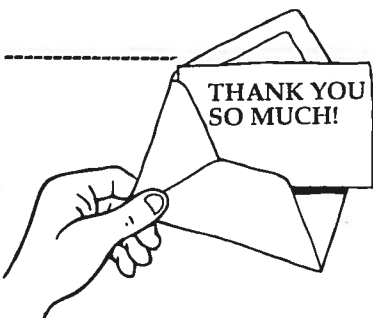
Old Business: None.

New Business:  
Harvest Festival planning.  
--Stewardship Committee – auction and anything bringing income.  
--Property Committee – cleaning the hall.  
--Outreach Committee – dessert table.  
--Worship Committee – decorations and setting up worship space.  
--Christian Ed. Committee – kids' activities.

Announcement/Letter:  
A letter was received from A.M.E.N. Food Pantry thanking MLLC for donation of \$823.00.

Shelby will present the devotion at the next meeting. The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer. The next Church Council meeting will be on Monday, August 20, at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Drydale  
MLLC Council Secretary



--Thank you to the office helpers for July: *Ted & Dianne Sager* compiled the August newsletter; *LouAnn Stokes* placed supplies in pews, and sent bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors; and *Susan Ray* folded bulletins. Your help is always appreciated!

--Treehouse, the ELCA Campus Ministry of the Brazos Valley, College Station, sent the following:

Dear Martin Luther Lutheran Church Family,  
Thank you so much for your continued support of Treehouse! We are so glad to be partners with you in ministry. Your support, prayers, and encouragement mean so much to us! We hope you enjoy the pictures and stories we share, knowing that you make them all possible. Thank you! Grace and peace,  
Mike Pickett



--Upbring-The New LSS (former Lutheran Social Services) sends a thank you for MLLC's generous gift of \$500.00 on 7-2-18 to help to break the 'cycle of child abuse for our Texas children'. Upbring has developed comprehensive and life-changing programs and services that make a profound difference at every stage of life and for each and every child who longs to see the world through a 'brighter lens'. Thank you for this wonderful blessing!  
Signed Daniel Zieschang, Vice President, Community & Church Relations

Thank you  
Love, Treehouse Ministries



## LOCAL AND AREA EVENTS:



⇒ **Wednesday, August 1 – Ice Cream Social at Bethlehem Lutheran-Round Top**, starting at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

⇒ **“Dirty Work at The Cross Roads”** is a play featuring our Saturday organist, Kristen Graeter, presented by the Fayette County Community Theatre on **August 10-12**. The play will be held in the Historic Casino Hall in La Grange. For tickets, go to [fayettecountycommunitytheatre.com](http://fayettecountycommunitytheatre.com) or call 979-968-3017.



⇒ **Carmine Chamber of Commerce presents The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Lucky 7 Casino Night** on Saturday, **August 11**, at 6:00 p.m., at the Carmine Hall. Gary's famous chicken-fried steak supper will be served. There will be a ventriloquist/magician and games, for \$325 per table for 8 which includes wine, dessert, gaming chips, and more. Individual meal tickets are \$15. Purchase tickets early at Carmine State Bank, or call/text 979-451-1507. The number of tables is limited – advance only.

⇒ **An iPhone Class** teaching beginner basics on how to use your smartphone, will be presented at the Round Top Family Library on Wednesday, **August 15**, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Instructor is Randy Melton. Please call the Library to sign up at 979-249-2700, or go to [www.ilovetoread.org](http://www.ilovetoread.org). This is a FREE class.

⇒ **Senior Citizen Gaming Party** is scheduled for Sunday, **August 26**, at the Round Top Family Library from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Come enjoy the fellowship and win a prize! For more information, call 979-249-2700 or go to [www.ilovetoread.org](http://www.ilovetoread.org).

⇒ **One Year to Live Men's Retreat in October**  
Register Early for the One Year to Live Retreat  
October 26-28, 2018, at Camp Chrysalis



*The ELCA's Lutheran Men in Mission sponsors One Year to Live Retreats for men all across the nation. This year the retreat will be at Camp Chrysalis (between Bandera and Kerrville), for men to have an opportunity to spend time away together and come closer in their walk with Christ. Early (discounted) registration is \$195 by Saturday, September 15. Regular registration is \$225, due October 8. There are sponsorships for men between the ages of 20-30, which would pay up to 90% of the registration fee. For more information, go to: [111.lutheranmeninmission.org](http://111.lutheranmeninmission.org).*

## CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR PORT OF HOUSTON SEAFARERS

By Pastor David Tinker



We are looking forward to another generous and joyful year of preparing and sending the Christmas Boxes for the Seafarers at the Port of Houston. A few years ago we revived this ministry and it has gone quite well. The Men in Mission organization of MLLC organizes this each year. They are thankful for the congregational partnership in this caring ministry.

The items will be collected throughout August, September, October, and November at MLLC. The Men in Mission will gather at the end of November to assemble, wrap and send the boxes. The Port of Houston Chaplains are our ambassadors to these seafarers. They visit the ships and bring the boxes to the crews. With our work together at MLLC, we can help reach even more with the love of Jesus Christ.

For this year (2018), please gather items such as these for the men on the ships – you can buy things throughout the year and drop these off at any time. There is a large blue storage bin for this purpose in the room directly across from the church office.

The Men in Mission Group does not need boxes this year. See the rest of this list for requested items:

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Address books, Band-aids (fabric), Baseball caps, 2019 Calendars, Comb, Dental floss, Antiperspirant/deodorant, Disposable razors, Flashlight and batteries, Kleenex – small packs, Lip balm, Lotion, Nail clippers, Gold Bond cream, Gold Bond powder, Hot chocolate (individual serving size), Needles and thread, Q-tips, Shaving cream, Soap, Shampoo, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Gum and hard candy, Key chains, Pocket-sized notebooks, Mechanical pencils, Pens, Playing cards, Microwave popcorn (individual packages), Socks, Sudoku books, Texas souvenirs, T-shirts, USB flash drives, Word search books

Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries  
August 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 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 713-461-8007/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, in the Mission & Ministry building,  
across the street from the church.

**Lutherhill Sunday – August 19**  
Sunday school with Lutherhill staff at 9:00 a.m.  
Worship at 10:00 a.m. with guest preacher Matt  
Kindsvatter, Executive Director of Lutherhill  
Ministries. All events at MLLC in Carmine.

**Rally Sunday – August 26**  
Beginning of the New Sunday School year.

**Labor Day Sunday – September 2**  
Come to worship dressed as you would for your  
current, former, or hoped for vocation.  
Worship in the Fellowship Hall  
Followed by a hamburger meal.  
You are invited to bring a salad, side, or dessert to  
share. Meat, buns, condiments and drinks provided  
by the Worship Committee.

**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 713-461-8007/home 979-278-3384**  
President: Sue Schoenst 979-250-1783

**Vacation Bible School Closing Event.** Friday,  
July 27 at 6:30 p.m.

**New Phone Number for Pastor David Tinker.**

Please make changes to your records – Pastor  
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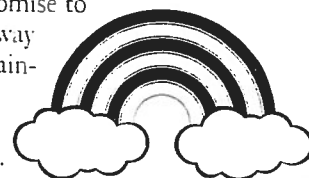
**Four Church – Crossroads - Meeting**

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Lutheran Church in Carmine.

**+ Christian Symbols +**

**Rainbow**

The Rainbow represents God's pardon and his prom-  
ises. It also symbolizes his reconciliation to faithful  
Christians. After the Flood, God placed a rainbow in  
the sky as a symbol of his promise to  
never destroy the earth that way  
again (Genesis 9:12-16). A rain-  
bow can also represent the  
throne of Christ, as well as  
his glory and final judgment.



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**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



**BETHLEHEM  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ROUND TOP, TEXAS  
WEDNESDAY –  
August 1, 2018**

**Ice cream will be served  
starting at 7:00 P.M.**

**EVERYONE  
WELCOME!!!**

Restoration Project at BLC will begin shortly  
and should take approximately two months.  
Beginning June 24<sup>th</sup>, worship services will be  
in the Educational Building until further notice.

**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.

**Church Picnic**

Sunday, July 29  
8:00 a.m. Worship at the Old Church, across from  
the main church.  
Games and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall  
following.  
Meal at ~11:00 a.m.

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# BUMBLE BEE BALLS


Make these yummy treats as a summer snack.

## What you need:

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1½ oz. instant oats
- ¼ cup honey
- ½ cup instant milk powder
- ½ cup dark chocolate chips
- 40 mini chocolate chips
- 20 slivered almonds
- 40 sliced almonds
- Adult help

## What you do:

1. In a bowl, mix peanut butter, oats, honey and instant milk powder into dough. If too dry, add more peanut butter or honey.
2. Roll dough into 20 long balls. Place them on a cookie sheet and refrigerate.
3. Melt the dark chocolate chips and place them in a zippered baggie. Cut a tiny bit off one corner.
4. Remove dough from refrigerator. Squeeze thin lines of chocolate as stripes onto the bee bodies.
5. Use two mini chocolate chips for eyes, a slivered almond for a stinger and two sliced almonds as wings. Enjoy!



# PUZZLE

## GOD'S amazzzing BEES

God created bees to pollinate flowers and make honey. Psalm 119:103 says God gives us something that's even sweeter than honey.

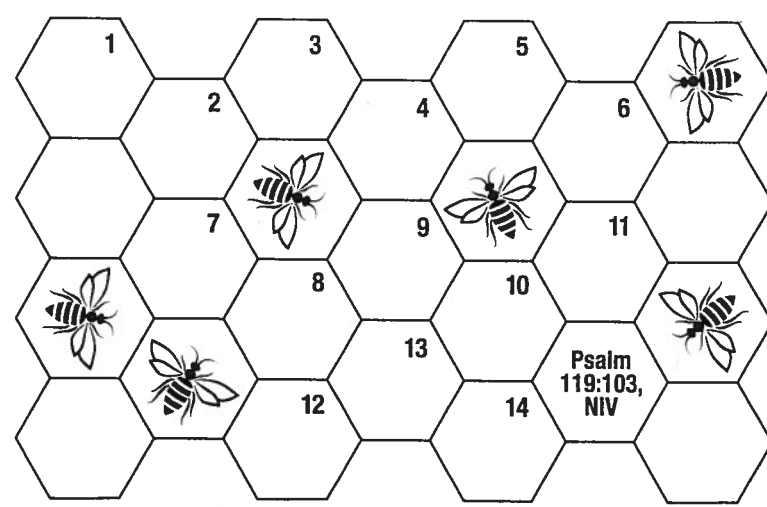
*Directions: Find the word that fits each clue. Then write the answers in the correct numbered honeycomb shape to complete Psalm 119:103, NIV.*

### CLUES

1. rhymes with cow
2. opposite of sour
3. pronounced "R"
4. rhymes with four
5. Letters create \_\_\_\_\_.
6. not too or two
7. rhymes with by
8. the tongue's job
9. more sweet
10. rhymes with pan
11. golden liquid
12. Pleased \_\_ meet you.
13. rhymes with fly
14. body part

### WORD BANK

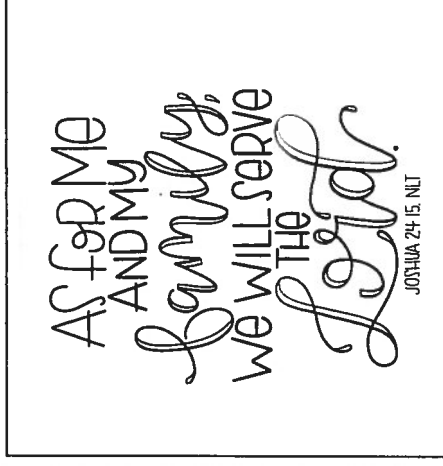
than your to are  
sweet sweeter How  
my honey mouth  
words to taste, my



Answer: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103, NIV

# Servers for: August

**Assisting Ministers:** Dana Smith (08-05); Susan Bathe (08-11, 26);  
 Jessica Weidemann (08-12, 25); Dianna Gerland (08-19)  
**Offering Counters:** Amy Dooley, Jessica Weidemann, Boo Goolsby  
**Put supplies in pews:** Joann Ullrich  
**Bulletin folders:** Jerry & Barbara Jacob  
**Acolyte organizers:** Parents of August acolytes  
**Send bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors:** Cherrie Wines  
**September newsletter assemblers:** Betty Porter & Carol Hall  
 (the weekend of August 24 or 25)



| Date  | Acolytes | Ushers  | Readers          | Flowers                               | Communion assistants | Communion set-up |
|-------|----------|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 08-05 | McKinley | <b>Team #12-</b> Berrie Etzel, capt., Shelley Scheffer, greeter; Darlene Etzel, Tana Brooks, Shelby Vaughn              | Amy Dooley       | Jessica Weidemann                     |                      | Jadon Weidemann  |
| 08-11 |          | <b>Volunteers</b>   |                  |                                       |                      | Cheryl Etzel     |
| 08-12 | Jace     | <b>Team #13-</b> Karen Roemer, capt. & greeter; Dennis Smith, greeter; Darrell, Esther, and Emily Kelley                | Bobbie Weidemann | Conway & Marlene Waak                 | Floyd Etzel          | Cheryl Etzel     |
| 08-19 | Peyton   | <b>Team #14-</b> Ronnie Eckert, capt., Avalda Pohl, greeter; Brooke Eckert, Debbie Eckert, Connie Peters, Jordan Peters | Dana Smith       | Dean & Joyce Ullrich                  | Shelley Scheffer     | Susan Bathe      |
| 08-25 |          | <b>Volunteers</b>   |                  |                                       |                      | Susan Markwardt  |
| 08-26 | Brody    | <b>Team #15-</b> Tony Dooley, capt., Karen Dooley, Amy & Todd Dooley, Amber & Blake Dooley                              | Susan Bathe      | Tina Mikeska, Cindy Hinze, Jane Marek | Karen Roemer         | Susan Markwardt  |



# August 2018



| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY                                       | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
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| <b>**A.M.E.N INGATHERINGS ALL OF AUGUST**</b>  |   |   |           |  |  |   |
| <b>5</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br>9:00 am-Sunday School/<br>Adult Bible Study<br>9:30 am-Choir rehearsal<br>10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/ <b>HOME COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION</b><br>5:00 pm-AA meeting   | <b>6</b><br>6:30 pm-Worship Committee meeting                                       | <b>7</b><br>6:30 pm-Worship Committee meeting | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b><br>2:00 pm-Rebekah Group meets                                    | <b>10</b><br>10:00-1:00-BLANKET TYING FOR LWR <b>SATURDAY</b> →<br>Remember to collect your loose change for the Noisy Offering Sunday | <b>11</b><br>9:00-11:00-Shared Ministry meeting in the parlor<br>6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion |
| <b>12</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br>9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study<br>10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion led by Praise Team/Noisy offering collected<br>After worship-Property Committee<br>11:00 am-Christian Ed Committee<br>5:00 pm-AA meeting  | <b>13</b><br>9:00 am-Quilting   | <b>14</b><br>Council Agenda deadline          | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b><br>Newsletter deadline   | <b>18</b><br>8:00-3:00 - Fellowship hall used   |
| <b>19</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br>9:00 am-Sunday School led by Lutherhill staff/Adult Bible Study<br>10:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion<br>5:00 pm-AA meeting  | <b>20</b><br>1:30 pm-Senior Citizens Domino Party<br>6:15 pm-Church Council meeting | <b>21</b>                                     | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b><br><br>8:00 a.m.-RT-C Teacher/staff breakfast in fellowship hall | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b><br>6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion/<br><b>BAPTISM REMEMBRANCE</b>                      |
| <b>26</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br>Rally Day<br>9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study<br>(9:30 am-2:00 pm-Blood Drive in fellowship hall)<br>9:45 am-Hymn Sing<br>10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/ <b>BAPTISM REMEMBRANCE</b> /<br>Teachers installed, awards presented, backpacks blessed<br>(Envelopes handed out for WELCA Synod Convention)/After worship-LYO meeting<br>5:00 pm-AA meeting | <b>27</b><br><br>7:00 pm-Men in Mission   | <b>28</b>                                     | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b>  |   |

July 2018

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September 2018

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