

M L L C in CARMINE PRESENTS:

The HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 21, 2018

Carmine Hall @ 300 N. Hauptstrasse

9:30 - Ol' Time GOSPEL SERVICE

& Confirmand Reunion

11:00 Kettle FRIED CHICKEN Meal for \$10

LIVE AUCTION begins at 11:30 - SILENT AUCTION

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

Luther's Letter

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Worship 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





Luther's Letter

Martin Luther Lutheran Church

October, 2018

Stewardship News



OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH: Time and talent sheets are included in this newsletter. Any additions or changes are bolded. Please fill these out and return to the box in the narthex by the end of October, so that the All-Servers Lists for 2019 may be compiled in early November. Thank you to all faithful volunteers! (See Pastor's article on page 5 "Defining Stewardship".)

****Usher Teams will remain the same, unless you specifically asked to be removed. Team Captains are asked to let the church office know if any changes need to be made on their teams for 2019.****



OCTOBER SCHEDULE:

* Confirmation classes--October 3, 10, 17;
November 7, 4:15-6:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

--Stroke Screening--Wednesday, October 3, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. to provide life-saving, wellness ultrasound screenings. Registration will be in the parlor and scanning in classrooms.

It is important to perform preventive maintenance for ourselves yearly. Do you have high blood pressure or high cholesterol, diabetes, or a family history of heart disease, stroke, abdominal aneurysm, or internal cancers? If so, do not miss this opportunity for early detection of a possibly serious disease. These screenings are typically NOT performed at your annual check-up, and insurance companies may not pay for them unless you are symptomatic. Diagnosis versions of these screenings cost thousands of dollars in a hospital. Stroke Scan Plus will be offering them to you for \$139 for all seven combined ultrasound screenings (Stroke, AAA, AFIB, & organs). Insurance is NOT necessary and appointments are limited.

* **Weddings at our church**--Saturday, October 6 - Emily Meinholdt and Justin Vincent (members of Waldeck Lutheran Church), and Saturday, October 20 - Cari Meinke and Britt Harper, (also members of Waldeck Lutheran Church).

* **Choir Practice**--October 7 at 9:30 a.m., will sing "When Love Is Found".

* **Communion Services in La Grange, October 9**--Care Inn at 2:30 p.m.; Jefferson Place at 3:30 p.m.; and 4:00 p.m. at Monument Hill Nursing Center.



Sunday, October 21

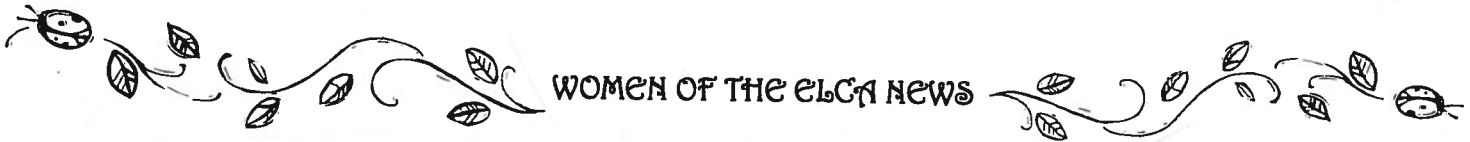
Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. at carmine Hall. Confirmation classes from years ending in 3 and 8 will be recognized at the beginning of the service. Gospel music songs will be led by our Praise Team. Items for both the live and silent auctions are being accepted. Place your items in the parlor and fill out the form there. Tickets for the fried chicken meal at \$10.00 each are available in the church office.

The committee is asking for new items, along with gift certificates/cards, artistic items, and baked goods. The Stewardship Committee will make the determination of what items will be offered in each auction. Fried chicken meal tickets are \$10 per plate, served from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Congregation members are asked to provide desserts.

* **Reformation Sunday, October 28**--See Pastor's article on page 6 about Martin Luther's 95 Theses.

* **Tone Chimes practice**--October 28 at 8:30 a.m.

* **Looking Ahead**--Thanksgiving Eve Service, November 21, at Waldeck Lutheran Church, starts at 7:00 p.m.



Quilting: Regular quilting day is Monday, October 8, at 9:00 a.m., and Fleece Blanket Tying Day is Saturday, October 13, from 10:00-1:00 – both in the Mission & Ministry building.



Communion services will be held on Tuesday, October 9. (See page 1 for times and places).

Regular meeting of the Rebekah Group is Thursday, October 11, at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

The October Bible Study Theme is: Repentance, Session 2 – 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?



Jesus Visits Zacchaeus

Bible study is by Pastor Tinker; offering meditation by Nancy Eilers; Jocie Braun and Carol Carmean are hostesses.

-----UPCOMING PROJECTS-----

✓ Items for Personal Care Kits for---
---are being collected.



Needed are: One light-to-medium weight bath size towel, 52x27 or smaller
Two bath-size bars of soap
One adult toothbrush
One sturdy comb
One metal nail clippers (with or without attached file)

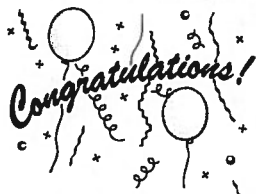
Wrap all items in a towel and secure with yarn. Please bring items by October 21. Items will be assembled and packed on October 23 at 2:00 p.m. in Mission & Ministry building.

✓ The 2019 Yearbook planning will be at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 17.

✓ The birthday party on October 19 at Genesis Oakland Manor in Giddings starts at 3:00 p.m.

✓ **Brazos Cluster Fall Gathering** – Saturday, October 20, St. Paul-Phillipsburg (outside of Brenham). Hostesses are from St. Paul and St. James Lutheran-New Wehdem. The theme is "You are Valued by God" based on Matthew 10:28-31. The program speaker is Sherri Clement, Executive Director of Hope Rising Ministries which is a Christ-centered non-profit child placement agency providing aftercare to girls rescued from sex trafficking. Registration for the Fall Gathering begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by the program at 9:00 a.m. Refreshments and light lunch will be provided. The offering is designated for Hope Rising Ministries, and physical offering is non-perishable food items for Bread Partners of Washington County.

✓ **Thankoffering and Annual Turkey & Dressing dinner** is scheduled for November 11 (Veterans Day). Our Praise Team is planning patriotic songs.



...to Tiffany Carmean and Jarrod Jamail who were married on Saturday, September 8, 2018, near Winedale. May God Bless your marriage!

...and to Casey & Shelbi Lange on the birth of their twins, a boy and girl, born July 12, 2018, at St. David's North Austin Medical Center. **Cooper Milo** weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz., and **Colbie Jo** weighed 5 lbs., 6 oz. They are welcomed home by big sister, Presley Louise. Grandparents are Rodney & Joan Lange of Waldeck, Teresa Cantwell of Elgin, and David & Sheila Cantwell of Bastrop.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:

Current Member Prayer Concerns:

Ashley Weiss (breast cancer); Dorothy Marth (health concerns); Valerie Moore (recent surgery); Linda Kovar (health concerns); Ilo Dean Ullrich (recovering from shoulder surgery); Nick Colpetzer (health concerns); and Johnny Dunham (health concerns).

Current Friends and Family Prayer Concerns:

Jerry Wickel (Praise Team member, health concerns); Gary Goebel (caterer from Carmine, recent surgery); Ann Thames (friend from Carmine area, health concerns); Tom Brinkmeyer (friend of David & Sara Eilers, health concerns); Fritz Schoenst (friend from Round Top, health concerns); Charles Rudy Weigelt (brother-in-law of JoLynn Schoenberg, Kay Schmidt, and Darrel & Vickie Neutzler, 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); Frank Menix (Bobbie Weidemann's brother, quadruple bypass surgery); Andy & Haley Goebel Glueck and daughter Frances (baby health concerns, cousin of Stacy Eilers).

Ongoing Member Prayer Concerns:

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

Ongoing Friends and Family Prayer Concerns:

Sharon Johnson; Hunter Pomykal; Kay Griffin; Kathy Gray; Kevin Taylor; Kaitlyn Pieper, Berkley Fincher, Mikayla Peschke, Lucas Smith, Izzy Depaz, El Gene Schulle, Dale Walker, Paula Watkins, Kaitlyn Fritz, Jimmy Alvarado, Perry Crow, Russell Zickley,

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: Joyce Lehmann (at Beck's Blessing in Giddings); Bill Derrick (at Bec's Blessing near Ledbetter); Dora Miller, Elvera Limmer, Verline Schulte, Joyce Eilers, Elvira Dallmeyer and Angeline Zwernemann (Brenham Nursing & Rehab).

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 friends and families of: Beverly Devillier (sister of Linda Mattocks); Herman Schoenemann, Jr.; and Frances Bockhorn, (friend Bruce Bockhorn's mother).



Prayers of Thanks

From the Bethlehem Christian Families, To the Staff and Parishioners of Martin Luther Lutheran Church.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for inviting us to your church and allowing us to display the hand-carved Olive wood carvings from the Holy Land. We really enjoyed being there and hope you and your members enjoyed having us. Again we want to thank you and your people for your kind hospitality and continued support. Thank you for being such wonderful hosts (September 8 & 9).

Mr. Rida Rishmawi and Tony Abuaita

In response to the August 23 RT-C Teacher/Staff breakfast, the following were received:

--Thank you so much for our district breakfast. It is always a joy to get together and visit with you all as we prepare for a new school year! Breakfast was delicious!
(Signed by 13 teachers and staff).

--MLLC, thank you so much for hosting our back-to-school breakfast. It was delicious (as always!). It's such a nice tradition that I look forward to every year!
Thanks again! Kathy Warburton

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--Texas Lutheran University sends the following letter dated September 10, 2018:

Dear Friends: At Texas Lutheran University our achievements are only possible through your support. Thank you for your gift of \$500.00 in support of the Lutheran Advantage Scholarship (formerly Congregational Aid Program). Your commitment makes it possible for TLU to maintain its commitment to student success, faculty excellence, and strong academic programs. Scholarships, like this one, allow our students to explore and learn in ways they might not be able to otherwise. Gifts like yours are making a difference in the lives of students at TLU every day.

To see more about the exciting happenings on campus, don't forget to visit www.tlu.edu or connect with us on Facebook (TLU Alumni) or Twitter (@tlu alumni). You can learn more about the Lutheran Advantage Scholarship at tlu.edu/church. Thank you for your support! Taylor C. Carleton '97, Executive Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Engagement. tcarleton@tlu.edu.

--THANKS to our office helpers for September: Bobbie Weidemann placed supplies in pews; Dianna Gerland folded bulletins; Carol Carmean sent bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors: and 2 Nancys-Eilers & Rosenbaum compiled the October newsletter.

October

BIRTHDAYS



Heather Wright	10-01	Bailey Conway	10-17
Chance Waak	10-02	Liam Diehl	10-17
Nolan Waak	10-03	Cody Marburger	10-17
Drake Waak	10-03	Kalli Wellmann	10-17
Theresa Garlin	10-06	Jimmy Flinn	10-19
Larry Pohl	10-06	Vickie Schroeder	10-19
Kevin Hinze	10-07	Reuben Wunderlich	10-19
Aaron Moore	10-08	Jack Flinn	10-20
Jonathan Dunham	10-09	Stuart Markwardt	10-20
Scott Pratt	10-09	Clarissa Wright	10-20
Chance Schoenst	10-09	Patricia Bruchey	10-21
Luke Kelley	10-10	Bowen Williams	10-23
Susan Bathe	10-11	Patti Hart	10-24
Danielle Nelson	10-11	Otto Fuchs, Jr.	10-25
Ryan Smith	10-13	Jaycie Pohl	10-26
Andy Eckert	10-14	Glenn Treude	10-26
Nancy Eilers	10-14	Michelle Marburger	10-28
Tanner Jacob	10-15	Lauren O'Malley	10-29
Allyne McGilvra	10-15	Casey Lange	10-31
Jennifer Marburger	10-16	Matthew Roemer	10-31
Gary Mueller	10-16		

MLLC Financial Information

August 2018 Year to Date

Total Income	\$178,245.18
Total Expenses:	163,724.48
Net Income:	\$ 14,520.70

August 2018 Month:

Total Income	\$ 19,593.33
Total Expenses	18,569.78
Net Income	\$ 1,023.55

Year to Date Expenses Highlights:

Salaries & benefits	\$102,135.58
Benevolences	16,503.38
Utilities	10,302.08
Property Insurance	9,886.50
Printing	5,517.27
Supplies & forms	2,970.84
Equipment & tools	2,700.33
MLLC Camping Ministry	2,700.00
Reimbursements	2,596.06
Bulletins & envelopes	1,897.07
Computer & software	1,768.46
Maintenance & repair	1,548.57

Postage & handling	1,060.00
Convention expense	780.20
Special services	500.00
Pest control	375.64
Miscellaneous	300.00
Road signs	182.50

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION REPORT:

Date	Attendance	General	School	Building
08-25	27	522.50	-0-	-0-
08-26	73	4,418.00	-0-	150.00
09-02	59	7,058.00	-0-	25.00
09-08	37	788.00	-0-	5.00
09-09	70	2,130.00	-0-	150.00
09-16	64	2,478.00	-0-	30.00
09-22	48	606.00	-0-	-0-
09-23	89	1,487.00	-0-	10.00

PASTOR'S ARTICLE: Defining Stewardship - Living Stewardship

Adapted by Pr. David Tinker

Our Lutheran brothers and sisters in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod offer the following definition of Christian Stewardship:

"Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes."

Here are some things to consider in order to understand how this definition meets us in our own lives. The above definition of Christian Stewardship has been used in the Lutheran Church-Missouri synod for a few decades. It contains only 29 words, but what a mouthful when you consider the application of the various parts of this definition.

"Free and joyous." Many people do not think of stewardship as being free and joyous but it really can be when we have the calm assurance that our God richly provides all that we need for the support and wants of our body and life.

"See what love the Father has given us,



that we should be called children of God."

1 John 3:1

"Child of God." What a beautiful title for God's people! The opening verses of 1 John 3 speak of the

lavish love of God resulting in making us His very own children. We read, "*See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.*" What great good news and what a powerful reminder of the proper motivation for our stewardship activity—love to our God who first loved us.

"God's family, the church." This phrase reminds us that our stewardship is not a solo performance but is done within the Christian community to honor God and benefit others.

"In managing all of life and life's resources." Part of our stewardship struggle is that we think we "own" all those things that surround us when, in truth, we are managers. Another part of our struggle is that we may think that Stewardship is just about money, time and talents. Christian stewardship is about those things and more; Christian stewardship involves our whole life—everything that God has entrusted to us to manage as faithful stewards.

"For God's purposes." Maturing stewards do the right things for the right reasons. All we do as Christian stewards is to be done to the glory of God and for the welfare of others as well as ourselves. Stewardship is a joyful way to be connected to God's action through us for the sake of the world God loves.

OFFICIAL ACTS IN SEPTEMBER:



Joshua Aranzola, son of Angelica Silva Colpetzer and Jesus Martinez Aranzolo, and **Emily Ortiz**, daughter of Angelica Silva Colpetzer and Jose Luis Garcia Ortiz, were baptized September 9, 2018, at MLLC. Their sponsors are Kris Colpetzer, Matt Colpetzer, Nick Colpetzer, and Jeannie Johnson. Joshua was born February 18, 2007, and Emily was born July 8, 2014. Welcome to the Lord's Family!

Ava Ann Kelley, daughter of Christy (Eilers) and Matt Kelley, was baptized at MLLC on Saturday, September 22, 2018. Her sponsors are Clint & Stacey Eilers, Kevin Kelley, and Michelle Uvodich.

Ava was born May 10, 2018, and has two brothers, Seth and Luke. Grandparents from MLLC are Wade & Nancy Eilers, and great-grandmother is Joyce Eilers. Welcome to the Lord's Family!



Funeral: The funeral service for **Herman Schoenemann, Jr.** was held at MLLC on Sunday, September 23, 2018, with Pastor David Tinker presiding. Burial was at the Loewe Cemetery in the Sandtown community. Mr. Schoenemann passed away September 20, 2018, at his home at the age of 88. Christian sympathy to his family & friends.

★ EXTRA! EXTRA! ★
Men's News

ABOUT THE ONE YEAR TO LIVE MEN'S RETREAT, October 26-28, 2018, at Camp Chrysalis: This retreat is sponsored by ELCA's Men in Mission for men all across the nation. This gives men an opportunity to spend time away together and come closer in their walk with Christ. 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: www.lutheranmeninmission.org.

ABOUT THE SEAFARERS COLLECTION: The items will be collected throughout September, October, and November at MLLC. The Men in Mission will gather at the end of November to assemble, wrap, and send the boxes. For 2018, please gather items 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. *The list of requested items is in the narthex.*

ABOUT THE REFORMATION DAY - October 31
What are Luther's 95 Theses about?
 By Pastor David Tinker

October marks the time when we remember the Reformation and the beginning of the Protestant movement. We remember the work of Martin Luther for the sake of the Church and the Gospel of Jesus. The event which sparked the Reformation was when Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses.

Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the Castle Church door on October 31, 1517, in Wittenberg, Germany. This action was meant to stir up discussion among those who read the 95 Theses. He posted these at the Castle Church door on this date because the local ruler, Frederick the Wise, was hosting a festival of relics starting November 1 (All Saints Day). *(Relics are objects associated with Jesus, the Apostles, or various Saints of the Church. These relics could include bones, bits of dried blood, pieces of wood or clothing, or a variety of things once belonging to the holy person).* The charge for admission to the festival of relics was the purchase of indulgences of various values. The selling of indulgences was, in part, to raise the large sum necessary to build Saint Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. An indulgence would grant the purchaser a reduction of his or her time in purgatory. The larger the sum paid, the more time removed from the person's time in purgatory.



Reformation Day

Luther's 95 Theses addressed three major themes.

Which Theses, associated with what Theme, is from Roland Bainton's biography of Martin Luther: Here I Stand? Some of the theses may apply to more than one of Bainton's points.

Bainton's Points:

- 1) Objection to the Avowed Object of the Expenditure - Opposition to the financing of the building of Saint Peter's Basilica at the Vatican
50, 51, 59, 66, 70, 86
- 2) Denial of the Powers of the Pope over Purgatory
1-40, 48, 49, 52-67, 69-71, 73-85, 87-93, 95
- 3) A consideration of the Welfare of the Sinner - It is better for the Christian to give money to help a person in need than to pay for a false sense of security
27-29, 31, 32, 35, 41-48, 66-68, 70-72, 84, 95

Copies of all 95 of Martin Luther's 95 Theses are available at the church office and in the narthex. These are in the form of a more modern translation from the original Latin.

I look forward to seeing you on the weekend of October 27-28 as we remember the Reformation. Worship on Saturday at 6:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:00 a.m.



**MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, September 17, 2018**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m. by Pastor. The devotion was presented by Karen. The minutes and treasurer's report from the August Council meeting were approved.

Pastor's report:

--Recent graveside funeral - Ralph Barrick, husband of Paula Fischer Barrick - at Houston Veterans Cemetery, August 23. Ralph died over two years ago. This was the graveside service for the interment of his cremation ashes at his final resting place.

--New member: Wendy and Jessie McDaniel

--He participated in the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, including welcoming/greeting, photography, and the table prayer. Thank you to the Outreach/Care Committee for hosting this event every year. It is greatly appreciated by the local school staff and leaders.

--He participated in the Confirmation Camp week at Lutherhill. Youths from MLLC, Waldeck, Bethlehem-Round Top, St. Paul-Shelby, and Emmanuel-Greenvine were in a group together. All the youths who attended Confirmation Camp with this same group this past school year attended as part of our group.

--Confirmation Class 2018-19 began on September 5, and this continues through the fall. The class will resume after Christmas as well. The five-church group meets at MLLC. With about 25 students in the group, we have discovered that the Mission & Ministry Building will not accommodate the group - especially with the noise level during small group discussions. We will use the fellowship hall for the remainder of the year.

--Bethlehem-Round Top and St. Paul-Shelby plan to participate in the Thanksgiving Eve service together with MLLC and Waldeck. He will work with representatives of those two churches to plan the service. This will be held on Wednesday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Waldeck.

Committee reports:

Christian Education Committee:

Christian Ed is requesting that the church pay for the two VBS charges on the previous credit card bill from our line-item in the annual budget. It was agreed.

The Rally Sunday "New Year's" celebration was held on August 26 in the M&M building. Three students receiving attendance awards and newly-enrolled students for the 2014-18 Sunday School year were recognized during worship on August 26.

Sunday School is now divided into only three classes for the 2018-19 year, with two teachers co-teaching each group. These classes are Nursery-Kindergarten, 1st-3rd, and 4th - 7th. No teachers are available for the class for 8th-12th. Regular Sunday School classes started on September 2.

Christian Ed will offer "kids activities" at the Harvest Fest on a schedule from 11:00-noon. An additional fun area may be available during the auction. There will be no bounce house; we do not have the manpower to run it.

The Sunday School Christmas Program has been set for the 2nd Sunday in December since 2008 (and during morning worship since 2011); this year's will be December 9. Changing days with Praise Team will be discussed.

Worship Committee:

Wedding fees and rules (Non-MLLC members) have been established. Labor Day we made 60 hamburgers. It was a good turnout.

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COUNCIL SUMMARY, continued—

Outreach Committee:

The Committee hosted a Grandparents Day reception with donuts and punch after worship on Sunday, September 9th. "Me'mint'tos" were given to the honorees in attendance.

August 23rd was the Teacher/Staff Appreciation Breakfast in the fellowship hall. The event was well attended with approximately 67 served and everyone was appreciative.

The dessert table at the annual Harvest Festival will be set up by Outreach and a work list sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex for anyone wishing to volunteer their time. The committee will make plans to join with another group or committee to provide an Advent meal in December.

Property Committee:

Repair of stucco on southwest corner of fellowship hall affected on September 7; painting pending.

Fire extinguishers checked at AAA Services; additional unit placed at bottom of balcony stairs.

Vent screen for fellowship hall crawl space opening installed. Additional two vent screens will be fabricated and installed.

Electric power to pumphouse in south parking lot secured; removal of structure pending.

Air conditioning air filter for sanctuary replaced in sacristy.

Photocells on MLLC external spotlights on north side of fellowship hall repaired and halogen bulb replaced with LED spotlight by Eldon Mikeska.

Additional shelving unit for quilters in M&M building, approved by Council 8/20 secured and erected in storage room.

Key box at fellowship hall carport door modified with webbing to avoid dropping; small hook also added to store door key in box; same modification made to fellowship hall key box.

Church push lawn mower replaced per Council approval. New mower features mulching; side discharge, and bagging options.

Loose pew in sanctuary secured with concrete epoxy. Other loose pews pending repair.

Ongoing:

Replacement of defective fluorescent lamps. Sheetrock repair in ceiling and miscellaneous painting when possible. Maintenance of church grounds. Connect/repair flex ducting in attic over fellowship hall.

Bull rock placement to address erosion rear of school building - ongoing.

Stewardship Committee:

Three members present along with treasurer, Cindy Weidemann, and Pastor Tinker met September 10. Discussed Harvest Festival. Working on asking for donations from different businesses. Changed live auction time to 11:30 a.m. Will do either 50/50 game or Split the Deck for a gift card—\$10 a card. Will end the game at the end of the live auction. Years past a family from the congregation has donated the gift card, pending confirmation of that support this year. Will split the collection as an alternative. Silent auction will end a few minutes before the live auction.

Reviewed Time & Talent sheets - everything looks good.

Financial Review Committee:

Three members along with Carol Carmean and Cindy Weidemann met Sunday, August 26. Books were reviewed.

Regarding online giving, reports some lines of giving had an extra cost and some did not. It was determined that some are using credit cards and some were using checking account and debit cards. Credit cards have a fee. The congregation needs to know that these fees apply and that the church is charged this fee. Once more people use the service, the fee will be small compared to the income. The fees are being recorded as an expense. Carol did verify that the members are being credited the full amount of giving before the fees.

Dayschool Committee: No update. No meeting this month.

Old Business:

Harvest Fest. Meal preparation, preparing plates, etc. Development of master list for future guidance.

Advertising - pay for additional in the paper. Brenham and Fayette County Record (possibly Giddings)—for first two weeks of October. Cost in the budget.

New Business:

Health insurance for Pastor will stay with the current plan.

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COUNCIL SUMMARY, continued--Announcements/Letters:

Letter from Rev. Chris Markert, Assistant to the Bishop - Mission Catalyst thanking Pastor and Council for generosity through the mission support our congregation gives to sustain our joint work as Synod and the ELCA.

Shelby will present the devotion at the next meeting - Monday, October 15, at 6:15 p.m. The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Drydale, MLLC Council Secretary

LOCAL & AREA EVENTS:

The Carmine City Park "Buy a Brick Project" is now underway. Don't miss this opportunity to support our beautiful little park while honoring someone we love or in memory of our loved ones. Brick pavers are available in small (4" x8") for \$75 and large (8" x8") for \$125. Forms with engraving/ordering information are available at the City Office or by calling Leonita Sanders at 979-278-3668. We thank you for supporting this project for purchasing park equipment.
Thank you! Leonita

The Museum in Carmine has had improvements made to the floors, and the large wooden table had minor repairs. The museum is ready for visitors and all are invited to stop by to see the progress the Chamber is making in our "Little city with a Big Heart".

National Night Out is Thursday, October 11, at the fire station, starting at 6:00 p.m. County officials and candidates for office are scheduled to speak. Come see the new fire truck! Free hot dogs, drinks and desserts will be available. There will be lots of door prizes for adults and children, and a bounce house for children.

Ledbetter Volunteer Fire Department's Fireman's Feast at Fireman's Community Center in Ledbetter is Saturday, October 6, in Ledbetter. The fried chicken dinner is served beginning at 5:00 p.m. dine in or carry out. The live auction starts at 6:30 p.m. Bingo is from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Hermann Sons, Round Top Lodge #151 collection for CASA may be dropped off at Round Top Real Estate (across from the town square in Round Top) until October 27. Children from birth to 18 years of age benefit in Fayette, Lee, and Bastrop counties. Items collected: any size clothing of any type (outerwear, underwear, socks, pajamas, shoes), diapers, baby wipes and gift cards (any denomination to stores such as HEB and Walmart. The cards are given to family members who may have committed to care for children placed with them to help with expenses or for older children to shop for a birthday gift for themselves. Call Lila Garlin at 281-705-4647 for more information.



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

Harvest Festival and Homecoming. Sunday,
October 21, at the Carmine Hall. Worship at 9:30
a.m. The music for worship will be Old Time

Gospel songs, led by the MLLC Praise Team.

All are invited to enjoy the Fried Chicken meal
(\$10/plate) serving from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Live and Silent Auctions beginning around

11:30/11:45 a.m. Kids activities after worship.

Contact the church office by October 14 to reserve
or purchase tickets.

Thanksgiving Eve Service. Wednesday,
November 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Waldeck. This is a
shared event with all 4 churches.



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

Blessing of Animals Service. Sunday, October 7.
Worship at 8:00 a.m. at the outdoor pavilion. Bring
your pet, livestock, or plush friend for a special
blessing.

All are invited to bring a donation of dog or cat
food, or a monetary donation, for the animal shelter
in La Grange. The shelter especially appreciates
puppy and kitten food.

This service is always scheduled on a Sunday near
October 4 – the commemoration of St. Francis of
Assisi. He had a special ministry of care for the
animals of God's creation.

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Four Church – Crossroads - Meeting

The Next Shared Ministry 4 Church meeting will be
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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 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

Crossroads Confirmation Ministry

Our class of students from Crossroads (our 4 churches) and Emmanuel Greenvine continue their Catechism learning year of Confirmation Class in October and November.

Classes are offered 4:15 – 6:45 p.m. at Martin Luther in Carmine in the Fellowship Hall (note this new location). This is the older, white building by the playground, on the north side of the MLLC Campus.

Class Dates remaining for the Fall Semester:

October 3, 10, and 17

November 7

No Class during Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas time.

Thanksgiving Eve Service. Wednesday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Waldeck. This is a shared event with all 4 churches.

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

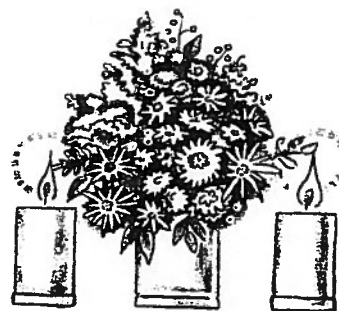
Find us on Facebook
Regular Sunday Service time – 8:00 AM
– Sunday School @ 9:45 AM
Pastor John David Nedbalek – cell 210-422-7599
President: Verlyne Aschenbeck 979-250-1442

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.

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Thanksgiving Service

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October

Servers for:

Assisting Ministers: Dianna Gerland (10-07); Susan Bathe (10-13, 10-28 (Reformation)); Jessica Weidemann (10-14, 10-27); Dana Smith (10-21-Harvest Festival);

Bulletin folder: LouAnn Stokes

Acolyte organizers: Parents of October acolytes

Put supplies in pews: Tony Dooley

Send bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors: Carol Carmean

Offering Counters: Cindy Weidemann, Karen Dooley, Jessica Weidemann

November newsletter assemblers: Gene & Boo Goolsby (the weekend of Oct. 26 or 27)



Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Readers	Flowers	Bread provider	Bread & wine presenters	Cross bearer	Communion assistants	Communion set-up
10-07	Megan	Team #2-Wade Eilers, capt., David Eilers, greeter; Christy Kelley, Daryl Ray, Melba Zingelmann, Patti Hart	Kayla Peters	Joys Baird					Karen Dooley
10-13		Volunteers							Joann Ullrich
10-14	Kennedy	Team #3-Reuben Wunderlich, capt., Ronda Kunkel & Marlene Waak, greeters; Jack Flinn, Robbie Stork, Faith Stork	Blake Dooley	Kyle & Karen Roemer				Dana Smith	Joann Ullrich
10-21 Harvest Festival	Rylan	Team #4-Barbara Jacob, capt. & greeter; Jerry Jacob, Diana Wunderlich, Sedalia Ullrich, Jessica Weidemann	Leonita Sanders	Susan Bathe				Darlene Etzel	Debbie Eckert
10-27		Volunteers							
10-28 Reformation Sunday	McKinley & Jace	Team #5-Gene Goolsby, capt. & greeter; Cindy Hinze & Conway Waak, greeters; Morgan Mikeska, Breanna Leonhardt, Kayla Peters	Amy Dooley	Blake & Amber Dooley	Jessica Weidemann	Todd & Amy Dooley	Carter Wunderlich	Amber Dooley	Cheryl Etzel (red paraments & ML banner)



October 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:30 pm- Stewardship Committee meeting	2 6:00 pm-Worship Committee meeting	3 3:00-6:00 pm- Stroke Screening in <u>Classrooms/Registration in parlor</u> 4:15-6:45 pm-confirmation in fellowship hall	4	5 Wedding rehearsal	6 wedding of Emily Meinholdt & Justin Vincent
7 20 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study 9:30 am-Choir rehearsal 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/HOME COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION 5:00 pm-AA meeting	8 ✂ 9:00 am-Quilting	9 Communion Services in La Grange: 2:30 pm- Care Inn; 3:30 pm- Jefferson Place; 4:00 pm-Monument Hill Council Agenda deadline	10 4:15-6:45 pm- confirmation class in fellowship hall	11 2:00 pm-Rebekah Group meets 6:00 pm-Carmine Night Out at fire station	12 10:00-1:00 BLANKET TYING FOR LWR SATURDAY→	13 † 6:00 pm- Worship w/Holy Communion REMEMBER TO COLLECT YOUR LOOSE CHANGE FOR THE NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY
14 21 st Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/Noisy offering collected Property Committee after worship 11:00 am-Christian Ed Committee 5:00 pm-AA meeting	15 1:30 pm-Senior Citizens Domino Party 6:15 pm-Church Council	16	17 9:00 am-Women's Yearbook <u>planning</u> 4:15-6:45 pm- confirmation class in fellowship hall	18	19 📧 Newsletter <u>deadline</u> 3:00 pm-Birthday party at Genesis- Oakland Manor in <u>Giddings</u> Wedding rehearsal	20 WELCA Brazos Cluster Fall Gathering at St. Paul-Phillipsburg Wedding of Cari Meinke & Britt Harper
21 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost Harvest Festival 9:30 am- Worship with Holy Communion at Carmine Hall led by Praise Team/Confirmands recognized 11:00 am-1:00 pm-fried chicken meal 11:30 am-live auction 5:00 pm-AA meeting	22 6:00 pm-Men in Mission Family Night	23 2:00 pm-personal care kits assembled & packed	24	25	26 HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR TIME & TALENT SHEET TO THE OFFICE??	27 † 6:00 pm- Worship w/Holy Communion/ Baptism Remembrance
28 Reformation Sunday/ 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am-Tone Chimes/9:45-Hymn Sing 9:00 Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion/Baptism Remembrance/LYO meeting 5:00 pm-AA meeting	29	30	31 Reformation Day			November 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