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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**

*a monthly publication of*

**Martin Luther Lutheran Church**

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

#### **Worship schedule:**

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

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month – Worship  
w/Holy Communion 6:00 p.m.**

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

*Thank you,  
Lord!*





# Luther's Letter

Martin Luther Lutheran Church

November, 2018

## Giving Thanks for Daily Bread By Pastor David Tinker



PASTOR'S  
THANKSGIVING  
MESSAGE

As we gather this Autumn for our various Thanksgiving celebrations, we are reminded again that our Lord has been abundantly generous in his great provision for us. Since my youth I have frequently looked to Psalm 100 as part of my guidance for giving thanks. Here is that short psalm: 100:1 *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.* 2 *Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.* 3 *Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.* 4 *Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.* 5 *For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

In revisiting our faith during this or any time of year we get to start with giving thanks to God. In my faith life everything begins and

ends with this opportunity to connect with God. Central to my giving thanks is this truth as expressed in verse 5 of the psalm above: *"For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."* It is also expressed in this way in other scriptures, such as Psalm 145:8, where we read: *"8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."*

At Thanksgiving we especially give thanks for our daily bread. Here is what Martin Luther notes about what our daily bread is. We read from his small catechism, The Lord's Prayer, 4<sup>th</sup> Petition: *"What then does 'daily bread' mean? Everything included in the necessities and nourishment for our bodies, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, farm, fields, livestock, money, property, an upright spouse, upright children, upright members of the*

household, upright and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, decency, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like."

In short, we believe that God is the provider of everything. This also includes our talents and abilities to innovate, to work, to design, and to manage God's good provision. God continues to be very good to his created people.

As you gather at various times on and around our national day of Thanksgiving, remember all that God has done and provided. Remember to pause for prayers of thanksgiving on and around Thanksgiving Day. Remember that we offer the Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Waldeck Evangelical Lutheran Church. This is a Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministry, Four-Church event.



**ALL SAINTS DAY – Thursday, November 1, with All Saints Sunday being on November 4.**

Those who have passed away since the last All Saints Day--Clarence Jaster, Dwayne Garlin, Gladys Koether, Carol Sommerfeld, Thomas Lee Kmiec, Melissa Wickel, Herman Schoenemann, Jr., and Angelene Zwernemann will be remembered in prayer during worship. *From Isaiah 25:8a – "Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces...."*

## REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS -- All

Veterans will be remembered and honored at the annual Turkey & Dressing meal on November 11 in our fellowship hall. We remember those who gave of themselves, and may we continue to pray for our men and women currently serving in the military. (See page 2 WELCA NEWS for more about the November 11 Thankoffering and dinner. Please note: There will be a Veterans Program at RT-C High School on Thursday, November 8, starting at 2:00 p.m. Veterans are asked to arrive at 1:30 p.m. in the school library. All are welcome.



## WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS



**The Thankoffering service and annual turkey dinner** is set for Sunday, November 11, after worship, with the message: **Veterans Day, God and Country**. The ladies will decorate on Saturday, November 10, at 2:00 p.m., and the ladies will take part in the worship service that day. Jolene Wickel & Julie Wantland will present the program. Tickets are \$10 and available in the church office until about November 4.

**Meeting: The Rebekah Group** meets on Thursday, November 8, at 2:00 p.m. with the theme: Repentance, Session 3 – 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?* (From interchange Magazine.)

Dianne Sager leads the Bible study; Carol Carmean offers the offering meditation; and Colette Wunderlich and Susan Ray serve as hostesses.

**Quilting:** The Fleece Blanket Tying Day is Saturday, November 10, for everyone--from 10:00-1:00 in the M&M building. The regular quilting day is Monday, November 12, at 9:00 a.m.

**Please note the following:**

- The new yearbooks should be ready for pick-up by the end of November.
- “*Living Lutheran*” magazine subscription renewals are now due. For those receiving the magazine, or for those who would like to begin receiving it, the cost is \$19.95. Please make your payment by November 11.
- Used postage stamps are still being collected by WELCA; however, used greetings cards are no longer collected.

### REPORTS FROM RECENT EVENTS:

#### TX-LA WELCA Synod Convention Report – September 15, 2018

This event was held at House of Prayer Lutheran Church in Houston with over 100 attending. The theme, “Grace Changes Everything”, was based on Ephesians 2:6-10. The keynote speaker was Pastor Janell Rozek Hooper of Houston, part-time campus pastor for Sanctuary (Houston Lutheran Campus Ministry) and author of “Heaven on Earth: Studies in Matthew”. Other speakers included Rev. Michael Rinehart, Bishop; Linda Post Bushkofsky, Executive Director of Women of the ELCA; and Keala Simoes, Churchwide Representative & Executive Board Member of Women of the ELCA. Rev. Nancy Simpson of Baytown served as Chaplain and

presented the Friday night devotion.

The Space City Sound Chorus and the Pearland High School Choir Booster Club presented entertainment on Friday night. Fellowship, food, and a card-making workshop were enjoyed on Friday evening as well.

Various workshops were held throughout the day on Saturday that included a book discussion of “The Gift of Years: Growing Old Gracefully” with Nina Zoch; Family Promise of Clear Creek, Gayle Nelson; Women of the ELCA in Hawaii by Keala Simoes; Women and Justice: A Social Statement with Linda Post Bushkofsky; The Grace of Earth by Lisa Brenskelle; Domestic Violence Houston Area Women’s Center with Sheryl Johnson; and United Against Human Trafficking, Misa Nguyen. Informative displays included

Acts of Wisdom, Brad Otto; Family Promise; Hand of Faith, Lisa Rose; Indian Oaks Mission, Susan Humphrey; Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest; Lutherhill Ministries; Upbring, Dan Zieschang; Water to Thrive; United Against Human Trafficking, Nate Arneson; and Mosaic, Stacy Halley.



During the business session with MiLisa Gaertner presiding, new officers elected are as follows: Vice President, Beverly Curtice, House of Prayer Lutheran Church, Houston; Secretary, Elida Lopez, St. John Lutheran, Angleton; Board members, Carolyn Green, Covenant Lutheran, Houston; and Anita Kramer, St. Paul Lutheran-Phillipsburg, Brenham.

WELCA NEWS, continued---



(September 15, 2018 Report)

Nominating committee members elected are Deana Fuchs and JoAnn Fuchs, both of St. John Lutheran, Angleton; and Colette Wunderlich of MLLC, Carmine.

The love offering received during the convention was designated as follows: Women of the ELCA Churchwide, 50%; Sanctuary (Houston Lutheran Campus Ministry, 25%; and Synodical Disaster Recovery Fund, 25%. Current for Curran are to receive the silent auction proceeds with the Synodical Women's Organization Education Fund receiving the proceeds from the quilt raffle. The convention closed with Worship and Holy Communion.

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**Birthday party report – October 19 – Giddings:** Approximately 25 residents at Oakland Manor Nursing Home in Giddings enjoyed the birthday party hosted by WELCA. Joys Baird, Sedalia Ullrich, Dianne Sager, Colette Wunderlich, and Nancy Eilers assisted. The group enjoyed singing songs and were served sandwiches, cheese puffs, cake and punch. Those celebrating birthdays in October were: *Ruth Marquardt, Ruthie Rogers, Charles Burrier, Billy Machen, and Peggy McAdams. Joyce Bernhardt Spiess, who was confirmed at MLLC, in 1943, was in attendance.*

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**Brazos Cluster WELCA Fall Gathering – Saturday, October 20:** This event was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg near Brenham, with the units of St. Paul Lutheran Church-Phillipsburg and St. James Lutheran-New Wehdem as the co-hosts. The theme for the day was "You Are Valued by God" based on Matthew 10:28-31.

Barbara McIntyre, president, opened the gathering with prayer, and Anita Kramer with St. Paul-Phillipsburg welcomed the 38 women who attended. Barbara then introduced Benita Schramme, Piyo work-out instructor, "Rise & Shine Wake-Up Leader". Benita led all in light Piyo stretches/exercises. The opening hymn, "On Eagle's Wings", was sung, accompanied by Phyllis Weiss of St. James-New Wehdem, pianist.

Joan Buenger of St. James, introduced the guest speaker, Susan Blanchard, who gave an informative program of the Hope Rising Ministries in Washington County. She was assisted in her presentation by Ashley Hinds. Hope Rising Ministries was founded in 2012 by Sherri Clement, Executive Director, who was not able to attend. Hope Rising is a non-profit Christian-based organization providing care for girls (or boys) rescued from sex trafficking, ages 0-18 years. Currently their facility has the capacity for nineteen children. A question-and-answer session followed. Offering was given to the Hope Rising Ministries.

The business meeting followed with the roll call, previous minutes, and the financial report. Mission report was given by Joyce Schaefer on Lutheran World Relief, who will be forwarding information to all the WELCA units. Collection day will be on April 22, 2019, at Zion Lutheran Church-Zionsville. Leonita Sanders gave a report of the following: the recent Synodical WELCA Convention held at House of Prayer Lutheran Church, Houston, and the new officers elected; of the Scroll to be sent out shortly after the Synod Board meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> and encouraged women to sign up for this publication; of the next SWO Convention to be determined at next Board meeting; of the Eleventh Triennial Convention of WELCA on July 14-16, 2020 in Phoenix, Arizona; and to remember to visit the churchwide website for tons of recourses ([www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org)). Anna Breddin gave a report of the Central African Republic, their needs and projects, and had a display for viewing with much information. The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer and the hymn, "Go, My Children, With My Blessing".

Physical offering was given to Bread Partners of Washington County. Door prizes were given to several ladies. A big THANK YOU was given to the hosts, St. Paul's and St. James's WELCA units for hosting this event and the wonderful refreshments at registration and break, and the noon lunch of barbecue on the bun with many delicious desserts. Those attending from MLLC—were *Cindy Weidemann, Barbara Jacob, Dianne Sager, and Leonita Sanders.*



**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

--SEE THE POINSETTIA ORDERING FORM on the bottom of this page.

--ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL - The white envelopes to the ELCA World Hunger appeal can be found in your box of offering envelopes to contribute during November. Please write "ELCA World Hunger Appeal" on the memo line of your check. The pew envelopes may be used as well by writing "World Hunger" on the envelope. And, thanks to all who contribute to this cause!

TIME & TALENT SHEETS may still be returned to the church office by November 2. The 2019 All-Servers lists will be compiled on November 7.

--CHOIR PRACTICE - Sunday, November 4, at 9:30 a.m., and the group will sing "Saved by Grace".

--DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON Sunday, November 4, at 2:00 a.m. Please set your clocks back one hour before retiring Saturday night.

--Confirmation classes--November 7, 4:15-6:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This is the last class for 2018. The class will resume after Christmas.

--SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10 - SHARED MINISTRY MEETING AT SHELBY.

--MARTIN LUTHER WAS BORN November 10 in the year 1483.

--THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSALS will start on Sunday, November 11, at 8:30 a.m. and continue on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour. The program is set for Sunday, December 9, during worship.

--NEXT WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING will be on Wednesday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m.

---BLOOD DRIVE REPORT - August 26: Thank you to all who volunteered to make the drive a success! Twenty persons came to donate blood or attempted to donate; six were deferred; 12 single donors and two double donors were reported. In all, sixteen united were credited.



--THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION this year will be at Waldeck Lutheran Church, starting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21.

--TONE CHIMES, 8:30 A.M. - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

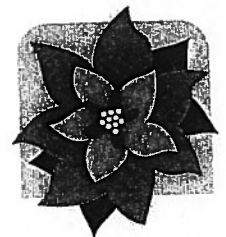
--The congregation sets up and decorates the CHRISMON TREE on Sunday, November 25, after worship.

--LYO still has a nice selection of Thanksgiving and Christmas cards for sale in the parlor. Check them out, and place your money in the can on the top shelf. Thanks from the LYO.\*\*

--PRELIMINARY REPORT ON HARVEST FESTIVAL: It is reported that approximately 740 plates were sold. Karen Dooley and Floyd Etsel would like to thank the cooking crew and servers for their hard work, and Leonita Sanders for her cole slaw. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Festival a success! (Look for another report in the December newsletter).

**ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS THROUGH THE CHURCH OFFICE:**

The Nesting Co. Florist in Burton is offering red, 6" poinsettias in a gold pot cover for \$13 each. Make your check payable to MLLC. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by Sunday, December 9. Delivery of the plants is complementary.



If you wish to place your poinsettia in honor/memory of someone, please indicate below:

\_\_\_\_\_ will be placing \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s)

In honor/memory of: \_\_\_\_\_.



*In Our Prayers*

Current Member Prayer

Concerns:

**Dorothy Rothermel** (head injury from fall); **Gladys Roemer** (health concerns); **Ashley Miller Weiss** (breast cancer); **Valerie Moore** (recent surgery); **Linda Kovar** (health concerns); **Ilo Dean Ullrich** (recovering from shoulder surgery); and **Nick Colpetzer** (health concerns).

Current Friends and Family Prayer Concerns:

**Arline Bray** (former member, now at assisted living in Katy after a fall); **Sam Reeves** (friend of Susan & Daryl Ray, Lou Gehrig's disease); **Jerry Wickel** (Praise Team member, recent pacemaker implant); **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); and **Frank Menix**

(Bobbie Weidemann's brother, quadruple bypass surgery).

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, and Elvira Dallmeyer** (Brenham Nursing & Rehab) and **Elvera Rudloff** is at a small assisted living facility in Houston.

Homebound Members:

**Nevilee Marburger** (in Houston); **Mamie Roemer, Judith Yarborough, Peetsy Fischer, 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, Kyle Slaughter,** and all those who serve, known and unknown, in harm's way.

Our Christian sympathy to the friends and families of: **Angelene Zwernemann, Lynda Trahan** (Carmine resident); **Telitha Gebhard** (Chester Gebhard's mother); **Dorothy Mae Kessler Tockhorn** (confirmed at MLLC in 1941); and **Malcolm Koepnick** (Elvera Rudloff's brother-in-law);

OFFICIAL ACTS in October:

**Weddings:** On October 6 **Emily Meinholdt and Justin Vincent** were married at MLLC, and on October 20 **Cari Meinke and Britt Harper** were married at MLLC. Both Emily and Cari are members of Waldeck Lutheran Church.

**Funeral:** **Angelene Zwernemann's** graveside service was conducted on October 25 at Carmine Cemetery.

**November 26 - Christmas Boxes for Port of Houston Seafarers**  
By Pastor David Tinker



The Packing Day for the Boxes for Seafarers is Monday, November 26, at 6:00 p.m. The work will take place in the parlor. All are invited to participate.

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.

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(Seafarers' report, continued---)

The items will be collected throughout November, up to Monday, November 26, at MLLC. After that date, these wrapped boxes will be delivered to the Port of Houston Seafarers Center. The Port of Houston Chaplains at the Center 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. Our goal in 2018 is to pack and deliver 80 boxes. *(The Men in Mission Group does not need boxes this year. These were provided by a store in Brenham. See the rest of this list for requested items:)*

*Address books, comb, flashlight w/batteries, nail clippers, Q-tips, popcorn (kettle), T-shirts, Band-aids (fabric), Gold Bond powder, Gold Bond cream, needles/thread, toothpaste, mechanical pencils, socks, USB flash drives, baseball caps, deodorant, Lip Balm, shaving cream, gum & hard candy, Sudoku puzzle books, Wordsearch books, 2019 calendars, disposable razors, lotion, hot chocolate, bar soap & shampoo, key chains, playing cards, Texas souvenirs, pocket tissues.*



**The MEN IN MISSION report the following:**

--With the money Men in Mission received from the sale of aluminum cans donated to the MIM Mission program by members of MLLC, Men in Mission have donated \$400.00 to the summer camp program at Lutherhill. The money helped eight youths attend this year. Thank you, members of MLLC.

--THANKS to our **office helpers for October:** Gene & Boo Goolsby compiled the November newsletter; Tony Dooley placed supplies in pews; LouAnn Stokes folded bulletins; and Carol Carmean sent bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors.

--TREEHOUSE (THE ELCA CAMPUS MINISTRY AT BLINN COLLEGE & TEXAS A&M) sends the following thank-you note: Dear Martin Luther Lutheran Church Family, Thank you for continuing

to support Treehouse and for being such a Faithful Partner in ministry. We are grateful for your generosity. The generosity you show to us, not only financially, but also with your prayers and other support, sustains this wonderful community that means so much to so many students. Thank you for loving us well and being such an important part of this ministry! Pastor Mindy Roll added: "We are so moved by your generosity to Treehouse, Martin Luther! What a gift to have partners like you in this exciting work of ministry. Peace!

--A.M.E.N. FOOD PANTRY sends a thank you for our donation of \$105.00 received October 1, 2018. Carolyn rotter, for the AMEN Board of Directors expresses their sincere appreciation for our participation in serving the needy of our community. May God Bless You!



# MAIL

**NEW ADDRESSES:** Hubert Stiewert is living with his son near Hallettsville, and his new address is: P. O. Box 193, Hallettsville, TX 77964-0193

Mrs. Arline Bray (former member of MLLC) has moved to an assisted living facility in Houston. For anyone wishing to send her a card, her new address is:

Mrs. Arline Bray  
c/o Colonial Oaks, #321  
21601 Provincial  
Katy, TX 77450



Monday, October 15, 2018

Members Present: Tim Sanders, Dana Smith, Tina Mikeska, Anita Drydale, Karen Roemer, Brick Peele & Pastor David Tinker.

Members Absent: Cindy Weidemann, Shelby Vaughn & Buck Williams.

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. by Tim. The devotion was presented by Tina.

The minutes and treasurer's report from the September Church Council meeting were approved.

Pastor Report

Special Item: Four-Church shared ministry Sunday service at Lutherhill. Sunday, February 3, 2019 was approved. This date was selected for various reasons, including:  
 - It is available at Lutherhill  
 - It is not during Lent or Holy Week  
 - It is not during May, which is when at least 2 of the 4 churches have Confirmation Sunday.

Pastor Blair Lundborg, Assistant to the Bishop, led the Sunday service on September 30.

Confirmation Class 2018-2019 met twice in September, and this continues through November. No class around Thanksgiving, into Advent and Christmas.

Bethlehem - Round Top and St. Paul - Shelby will participate in the Thanksgiving Eve service together with MLLC and Waldeck. Pastor 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.

Upcoming Events:  
 December 5, 12, and 19 - Advent Wednesdays at MLLC.  
 February 3, 2019 - Four-Church shared ministry Sunday at Lutherhill

Christian Education Committee report:

Christmas program scheduled for December 9th. Program practices will start on November 11th each Sunday in the sanctuary at 8:30 am. Practices will be in place of Sunday School.

Worship Committee report:  
 Discussed possibility of having Saturday service every week. Pending further discussion regarding budgeting at November meeting.

Outreach committee report:  
 Sign-up sheet placed in the narthex for anyone willing to help serve desserts at the Harvest Festival on Oct 21. Outreach will join with Stewardship to provide an advent meal.  
 New Member Reception to be held in the next coming months.

Property Committee report:  
 Repair of stucco on southwest corner of Fellowship Hall affected on 9/7; painting pending.  
 Fire extinguishers checked by AAA Services; add'l unit placed at bottom of balcony stairs.  
 Subject unit requires pressure check, technician contacted to follow up week of Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.  
 Pump house structure in south parking lot removed; removal of pump pending.  
 Air conditioning air filter for sanctuary replaced in Sacristy.  
 Quarterly replacement pending.

Additional shelving unit for quilters in M&M building, approved by Council 8/20 secured and erected in storage room. Quilters have requested additional shelving costing \$150. Moved by Tina to approve purchase with second by Pastor. All approved.  
 Loose pew in Sanctuary secured with concrete epoxy. Other loose pews pending repair.  
 Erection of 40 ft. antenna tower at Parsonage pending.  
 Concrete will require (35) -80 # bags & (1) bag Portland cement (approx. \$165+tax). Council board approved by 11/20/17.  
 W. Eilers to coordinate subject project. Fayetteville Propane to mark underground line.  
 Fayetteville Propane will be contacted to level propane tank behind sanctuary.  
 Roof Leak in storage closet. Will get an updated quote for more substantial repair.

Stewardship Committee report:  
 Quick meeting to discuss Harvest Fest.

Dayschool Committee: No update. No meeting this month.

Old Business:  
 Harvest Fest.

New Business:  
 Discuss Memorials given at funerals and where the memorials are designated to go. Will the church collect the memorials and forward to other organizations if not given to the church?





Church received gift for special projects in the amount of \$15,000. Motion made by Dana to place in new 12 month CD with a second by Tina. All approved.

Announcements/Letters:  
Letter from Cross Trails Ministry (Camp Chrysalis)

regarding day camp ministries. Asking for support = \$20 per month and/or a gift before the end of the year. We currently have no annual giving to them. Pending further discussion with budget.

Tim will present the devotion at the next meeting.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next Church Council meeting will be on Monday, November 19th at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anita Drydale  
MLLC Council Secretary

**ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION REPORT:**

Date	Attendance	General	School	Building
9-30	51	1,919.00	-0-	20.00
10-07	71	6,578.00	-0-	30.00
10-13	25	1,120.00	-0-	20.00
10-14	68	2,862.00	-0-	175.00
10-21 7:00 a.m.	28			
10-21 9:30 a.m.	172	3,603.44	-0-	-0-

**THIRD QUARTER, 2018 MEMORIAL REPORT:**

General Fund:  
Melissa Wickel \$165.00

Day School:  
Carol Sommerfeld 25.00

Loewe Family Cemetery:  
Herman Schoenemann 625.00



Candice Noak	11-05	Quinly Scheffer	11-17
Joyce Lehmann	11-06	Seth Kelley	11-18
Levi Carmean	11-07	Avalda Pohl	11-18
Darrell Kelley	11-07	Kathy Warburton	11-18
Tina Mikeska	11-07	Susan Markwardt	11-20
Jessica Weidemann	11-07	Jack Littlejohn	11-21
Buck Williams	11-07	Darrel Neutzler	11-21
Randall Zwernemann	11-07	Joan Lange	11-22
Stuart Bruchey	11-08	Steve Leppard	11-22
Shelby Vaughn	11-08	Tim Sanders	11-22
Mark Kunkel	11-09	Jason Schroeder	11-22
Kayla Peters	11-09	Rhonda Roemer	11-23
Darrell Marek	11-10	Brenda Mueller	11-25
Kellen Bishop	11-12	Janette Weidemann	11-25
Lawrence Kunkel	11-12	Colette Wunderlich	11-25
Joey Pohl	11-12	Corey Knebel	11-26
Dale Pawlak	11-13	Braylie Tappe	11-26
Jane Marek	11-14	Hannah Roemer	11-27
Trina Siptak	11-14	Jody Pohl	11-30

**MLLC FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

September 2018 Year to Date  
Total Income \$197,464.18  
Total Expenses 181,760.15  
Net Income: \$ 15,704.53

September 2018 Month  
Total Income 18,944.79  
Total Expenses 18,035.67  
Net Income: \$ 909.12

**Year to Date Expenses Highlights:**

Salaries & Benefits	\$114,195.69
Benevolences	17,711.71
Utilities	11,857.65
Property Insurance	11,029.50
Printing	6,277.66
Supplies & Forms	3,429.15
Equipment & Tools	2,761.10
MLLC Camping Ministry	2,700.00
Reimbursements	2,354.21
Bulletins & Envelopes	2,161.07
Maintenance & Repair	2,005.86
Computer & Software	1,768.46
Postage & Handling	1,281.00
Convention Expenses	780.20
Special Services	500.00
Miscellaneous	388.75
Pest Control	375.64
Road Signs	182.50

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**LOCAL & AREA NEWS:**

--**BBQ Pork Steak Meal**, sponsored by the Carmine Show Fund is Sunday, November 4, with pick up at the Carmine Hall from 11:00-12:30. The to-go plates are \$10 and served with buttered potatoes and baked beans. Contact Brody & Bree Dooley, Jed Leppard, Faith Stork, and Rylan Stork for tickets.

--**Combined Community Action** has a new site manager – Marilyn Wagner. The group meets on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in the Mission & Ministry building. Come to play dominoes at 9:00 a.m. or just come to eat at 11:15 a.m. They are looking for more people to come.

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**Animal Blessing at Waldeck Lutheran church – Sunday, October 7**  
**By Pastor David Tinker**

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For many years our friends at Waldeck Evangelical Lutheran Church have offered a special service each October. This is the Animal and Pet Blessing Service. It is held each year on a Sunday near October 4. Why that date? Because October 4 is the day the church remembers the ministry of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis had a special ministry of care for animals of God's creation. To honor this ministry, many churches have set aside time each October to offer a special prayer of blessing for pets, livestock, and their human families and farmers.

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This year there were seven dogs, one cat, and one plush dog, one plush cat, and two plush otters at the Animal Blessing. In recent years there have been birds, goats, and other plush friends. Since not all families are in a situation to provide for a live pet, the Animal Blessing in Waldeck also includes plush friends.

An additional aspect of the celebration is that the people of Waldeck Evangelical Lutheran Church gather pet food items and monetary gifts for the Animal Shelter in La Grange.



Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries  
November 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.

**Thankoffering Service.** Sunday, November 11, at  
10:00 a.m. Sponsored by the Women of the ELCA  
of Martin Luther in Carmine.

**Turkey and Dressing Dinner.** Sunday, November  
11, serving from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Meal tickets are \$./plate. This is a fundraiser for the  
Women of the ELCA at Martin Luther – Carmine.

Tickets are presale only and are available at the  
church office.

**Thanksgiving Eve Service.** Wednesday,  
November 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Waldeck. This is  
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

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

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

Please make changes to your records – Pastor  
Tinker's new cell phone number is 713-461-8007.  
*The old cell number (979-530-6091) is no longer in  
service.* All other numbers continue to be the same.

**Four Church – Crossroads - Meeting**

The Next Shared Ministry 4 Church meeting will be  
on Saturday, November 10, 9-11 a.m. at St. Paul in  
Shelby.

Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries  
November 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 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



BLC WELCA LADIES will be having their WELCA Thankoffering service on November 18<sup>th</sup>. As in previous years, we are highlighting the AMEN food pantry in LaGrange and ask for your nonperishable food donations that day and throughout the fall season. The theme for this Thankoffering focuses on water and the scripture readings are all based on water. The blessing of the quilts will be included in the service.



**Worship on November 25**  
We will be having a Joint Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Round Top on November 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. There will not be any service at St. Paul Lutheran Church at Shelby on that date.

**Thanksgiving Eve Service.** Wednesday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Waldeck. This is a shared 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 – 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.

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



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**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 – 6:15 p.m. at Martin Luther in Carmine in the Fellowship Hall ( Class Dates remaining for the Fall Semester: **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.



# November 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>4</b> All Saints Sunday/24 <sup>th</sup> 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	<b>5</b> 6:30 pm-Stewardship meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 4:15-6:45 pm-Confirmation class in fellowship hall	<b>8</b> 2:00 pm-Rebekah Group meets	<b>9</b> 10:00 am-1:00 pm-BLANKET TYING FOR LWR <b>SATURDAY</b> → 2:00 pm-Ladies decorate for Thankoffering	<b>10</b> 6:00 pm WORSHIP w/HOLY Communion REMEMBER TO COLLECT YOUR LOOSE CHANGE FOR THE NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY <i>The 535<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther</i>
<b>11</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/ Veterans Day 8:30 am-Sunday School Christmas program practice 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Thankoffering Worship with Holy Communion led by Praise Team/Noisy offering collected Turkey dinner following worship Property Committee after worship 11:00 am-Christian Ed Committee 5:00 pm-AA meeting	<b>12</b> 9:00 am-Quilting	<b>13</b> Council agenda deadline	<b>14</b> (No confirmation) 6:30 pm-Worship Committee meeting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Newsletter deadline	<b>17</b> Fellowship hall reserved morning until early afternoon
<b>18</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am-Sunday School Christmas program practice 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 pm-AA meeting	<b>19</b> 1:30 pm-Senior Citizens Domino Party 6:15 pm-Church Council	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00 pm-Thanksgiving Eve Worship w/Holy Communion at Waideck	<b>22</b> Thanksgiving Day MLLC office closed	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion/Baptism Remembrance
<b>25</b> Christ the King Sunday Congregation sets up & decorates Chrismon tree after worship 8:30 am-Tone Chimes/Sunday School Christmas Program practice 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 9:45 am-Hymn Sing 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/Baptism Remembrance LYO meeting after worship 5:00 pm-AA meeting	<b>26</b> 6:00 pm-Men in Mission (Pack Seafarers boxes)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> (No confirmation)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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## Servers for: November

**Assisting Ministers:** Dianna Gerland (11-04-All Saints); Susan Bathe (11-10, 11-25-Christ the King); Dana Smith (11-11-Thanksgiving); Jessica Weidemann (11-18, 11-24);  
(11-21-Thanksgiving Eve-At Waldeck)

**Bulletin folder:** Dianna Gerland  
**Acolyte organizers:** Parents of November acolytes  
**Put supplies in pews:** Morgan Mikeska  
**Send bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors:** LouAnn Stokes  
**Offering Counters:** Shelley Scheffer, Boo Goolsby, Todd Dooley  
**December newsletter assemblers:** Sara & David Eilers (the weekend of November 23 or 24)

Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Readers	Flowers	Bread provider	Bread & wine presenters	Cross bearer	Communion assistants	Communion set-up
11-04 (All Saints)	Peyton & Brody	Team #6 - LYO	Bobbie Weidemann	Mike & Connie Peters	LYO	Dennis & Dianna Gerland	Carson Flinn		Jessica W. (white paraments)
11-10		Volunteers							
11-11 (Thanksgiving)	Abby	WELCA	WELCA	WELCA				Shelley S.	Connie Peters (green paraments, M. Luther banner)
11-18	Ryan	Team #7-Jeff Flinn, capt., Mia & Buck Williams, greeters; Susan Leppard, Emma Leppard, Carson Flinn	Dana Smith	Weidemanns				Floyd Etzel	Karen Dooley
11-21 (Thanksgiving Eve)	(At Waldeck)	(Service at Waldeck)	(At Waldeck)						
11-24		Volunteers							Susan M. (white paraments)
11-25 (Christ the King)	Carter & Drayton	Team #8-Tim Weigelt, capt., Jadon Weidemann, greeter; Lori Weigelt, Justin Roemer, Hannah Roemer	Susan Bathe	Debby & Brick Peele	Bobbie Weidemann	Berrie & Darlene Etzel	Bailey Wunderlich	Karen R.	Susan M.