



Martin Luther Lutheran Church  
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**MLLC'S Mission Statement:**

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

**Luther's Letter**

*a monthly publication of*

**Martin Luther Lutheran Church**

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*office hours: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Monday-Friday*  
*Nancy Eilers, Carol Carmean, & Nancy Rosenbaum, secretaries*

**Worship schedule:**

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

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

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

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



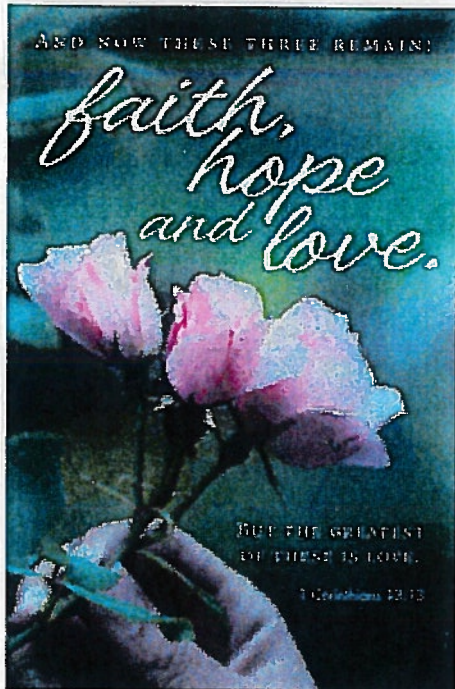
**FEBRUARY**



# LUTHER'S LETTER

Martin Luther Lutheran Church

February, 2019



*Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a).*

**FOUR-CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE** (Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Carmine; Waldeck Lutheran Church; Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Round Top, and St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shelby) - February 3, at Lutherhill, Carby Chapel - (There will be no worship services on that Sunday at any of the four churches. We are worshipping together at Lutherhill.) Please offer a ride to friends or relatives who would like to attend, but are unable to drive.

The service will be a Praise Service and follow the same order as last year's service in April, 2018, and starts at 9:30 a.m. The entire service (including hymns) will be printed in the bulletin for the day. Regular offerings will be given to the specified church and the loose offering will be divided four ways.



Each church should provide one usher, one communion server, one reader/lector, one cross bearer, and an acolyte to help take up offering and light the candles, and each church brings a cross. In addition, helpers will be needed beforehand to set up communion. MLLC and Waldeck are asked to bring a candle lighter, offering plates, communion wafers and grape juice.

After worship, Matt Kindsvatter will give a Temple Talk about Lutherhill's capital campaign building projects. There are envelopes available in our narthex for the project, which may either be taken to the service that day or mailed. There will also be a Children's Learning Activity and refreshments following worship. Hope to see you there!

## **Souper Bowl of Caring Collection Dates: February 9 and 10**

The Souper Bowl of Caring is an Annual Fundraiser for the local food pantries. All proceeds will directly and exclusively support our local Fayette County food pantry: the A.M.E.N. Pantry. The Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) of Martin Luther Lutheran Church has led this effort for many years.

### **How to Participate:**

\*Look for the LYO members holding the large soup pots after worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of February.

\*Bring in monetary gifts for A.M.E.N.. Place these in the "Soup Pots" at the sanctuary entrances. For gifts placed in the Soup Pots, Cash or check accepted. Make checks payable to: MLLC LYO; memo line: *Souper Bowl*. No amount is too small or too large.

\*You may give using a designation on your regular offering envelope - note: Souper Bowl.

\*All gifts will be processed by the LYO and forwarded to the recipient.

\*If you will not be able to attend worship on the designated dates, or you simply forget to bring something to give on those dates, feel free to mail your Souper Bowl of Caring gifts to the church office by February 25.

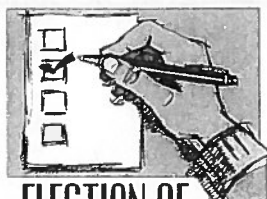
The LYO has Big Plans to help our neighbors in need:  
 \*Our goal is to collect at least \$500 for our local food pantry.  
 \*We have been generous here at Martin Luther over the years.  
 Let's work together to make 2019 our best year ever as we serve our neighbors in need.

\*This is a nationwide effort. In recent years about \$8-10 million was generated by 8,000-10,000 groups across the USA each year.  
 \*The official website is:  
[www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org).



**REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING - January 20, with 52 members in attendance.**

The continuation of the Shared Ministry with Waldeck was approved.



**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following Council members were elected: Cindy Weidemann-Treasurer; Shelby Vaughn-Christian Education; Jessica Weidemann-Worship Committee (to fill out the second year of term); and Brick Peele-Property Committee.

Remaining Council members are: Buck Williams-President; Anita Drydale-Secretary; Tina Mikeska-Outreach Committee; and Karen Roemer-Stewardship Committee. A President-elect is still needed.

Vickie Schroeder was re-elected to serve on the Endowment Committee. Other members are Linda Mattocks, Darlene

Etzel, Diane Tovey, and Shelley Scheffer.

Karen Roemer was re-elected to the Financial Review Committee. Others remaining are Connie Peters and Marlene Waak.

It was approved to continue a plan for the prospective after-school program for 2019-20. Council was given approval to use discretion to dispose of dayschool equipment.

**Thanks to outgoing Council members:** Tim Sanders, President, and Dana Smith-Christian Education Committee.



*"Beautiful music...is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us." Martin Luther*

**REPORT ON 11<sup>TH</sup> NIGHT CONCERT at MLLC - January 6.** Approximately 40 people attended the concert. It was a wonderful hour of beautiful Christmas music renditions of voices - duets, trio, and congregational singing! There were

piano solos, organ solo, and trumpet music as well. Pastor Marcia Kifer of Shared Lutheran Ministries introduced the musicians. MLLC's Care Committee provided cookies and punch following the concert.

**REMINDERS:**

- ☛ Next **Tone Chimes** practice is scheduled for February 24 at 8:30 a.m.
- ☛ Next **choir practice** will probably be the first Sunday of March - the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Check Sunday bulletins for date and time.
- ☛ **Lent** starts with Ash Wednesday, March 6. The Lenten offerings for this year will go to the ELCA to help stop human trafficking.

☛ **Official Act in January:**  
 The Celebration of the

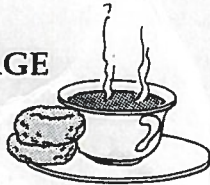


**Funeral**

Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the Funeral for **Mamie Irene Pietsch Roemer** was conducted by Pastor David Tinker at MLLC on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, with committal service at the Carmine Cemetery. Mrs. Roemer passed away on Sunday, January 13, 2019, at the age of 84.



## WOMEN'S PAGE


**MLLC WELCA General Planning Meeting of January 7, 2019**

The General Planning Meeting of the MLLC Women of the ELCA was held on Monday, January 7, 2019 in the church parlor with the following attending: *Colette Wunderlich, Sedalia Ullrich, Diana Wunderlich, Nancy Eilers, Leonita Sanders, Dianna Gerland, and Joys Baird*. Light refreshments were served.

Colette welcomed the group and all recited the purpose and mission statements. The opening devotion on giving of our time, energy, and talents was shared by Colette from the

Thrivent in Action packet. Minutes of previous meeting were approved as given as well as the treasurer's report.

It was decided to give \$300 to the LYO's Souper Bowl of Caring. Highlights of activities since July 2018 included nursing home party at Care Inn, Genesis Oakland Manor, and Kruse Village, communion visits to LaGrange nursing homes, AMEN ingathering in August and November, quilting and fleece blanket tying each month, synod convention in Houston, Brazos Cluster Fall Happening at Phillipsburg, Thankoffering service and meal, and quilts given for auctions at Harvest Festival, Lutherhill, and synod convention. Projects and activities for the 2019 were planned as follows: AMEN ingatherings, quilting (LWR/Camp for All/Krause

Center), fleece blanket tying, collecting for Lutheran World Relief (shipping date April 22, 2019 at Zionsville) Baby Care Kits (January), Fabric Kits (May), School Kits (July), & Personal Care Kits (October), Bold Women's Day in February, World Day of Prayer in March, Mother's Day reception & Upbring Krause Center offering, MLLC WELCA Banquet in June, General Meeting in June with election of president, TX LA Gulf Coast Synod convention/retreat at Lutherhill in August, Thank-offering service with Hill Top Ramblers and turkey meal in November, and plan with Brazos Cluster officers for the Brazos Cluster Spring Happening on April 27<sup>th</sup> at MLLC.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

**Please mark your calendars:**

✂ There will be no Fleece Blanket Tying on Saturday, February 9. Stay tuned for an alternate date.

✂ Next Quilting Day is Monday, February 11, starting at 9:00 a.m. in the M&M building.

✂ Next Regular Meeting - Thursday, February 14, 2:00 p.m. Bible study theme: The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus; Session 2: By night and day: Coming in faith in Jesus

Edith Flinn leads the Bible study; Leonita Sanders gives the offering meditation; and Dianna Gerland and Avalda Pohl serve as hostesses.

✂ A.M.E.N. Ingathering is in February.

✂ Upcoming birthday parties:

At Oakland Manor in Giddings - Friday, March 15;  
at Bec's Blessing in Giddings - Tuesday, May 14.

✂ The Brazos Cluster Spring Gathering will be held at MLLC on Saturday, April 27.

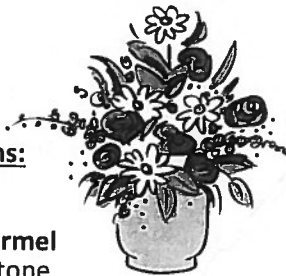


◀ **About Rebekah:**  
The Rebekah Principle, From Genesis 24:17-19, speaks of her giving water from her jar to a servant and for the camels.

▶ **About Lydia:**  
Her story is told in the Book of Acts. Lydia, a worshiper of God, and dealer of purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.



**ON THE PRAYER LIST:**



**Current Member Prayer Concerns:**

Jack Weidemann (stroke); Vickie Neutzler (hospitalized in Austin, health concerns); Dorothy Rothermel (head injury from fall, at Cornerstone at Clear Lake in Clear Lake City); Ashley Weiss (breast cancer); Valerie Moore (recovering at home); Linda Kovar (health concerns).

**Current Friends and Family Prayer Concerns:** Eugenia Fuchman (niece of Ruby Renck, health concerns); Lloyd Pieper (friend of Eldon & Tina Mikeska, health concerns); Sheri Harper (friend from the community, health concerns); Ed Krivacka (friend & neighbor of Ed Eargle & Carol Carmean, heart attack); Debbie Walsh (friend of Ed & Carol, cancer); C. J. Lehmann (deputy injured in La Grange shooting); Harris Kubos, Jr. (friend of David & Sara Eilers, health concerns); Sam Reeves (friend of Susan & Daryl Ray, Lou Gehrig's disease); Tom Brinkmeyer (friend of David & Sara Eilers, health concerns),

**Ongoing Member Prayer Concerns:** Ilo Dean Ullrich, Nick Colpetzer, Pastor Bill Derrick, Bobbie Weidemann, Louis Kartous, 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, 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 (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.

Family & Friends: 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 families and friends of: Stuart Oslund (uncle of Pastor David Tinker); Mamie Roemer, Leslie Frenzel (Dianna Gerland's cousin); and Jo Ann Dippel Wagner (Vilette Finke's aunt).

**TEN PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP FROM SECOND CORINTHIANS**

Adapted by Pastor David Tinker from various sources



1. Stewardship means the gift of yourself: It is an attitude. The Macedonians gave to their poorer brethren. St. Paul says, "they gave themselves first to the Lord." (2 Corinthians 8:5) Nothing - and no amount of money - is pleasing to the Lord until we give ourselves to Him.
2. Stewardship is proportionate to income. St. Paul reminded the Corinthians that the Macedonians "they voluntarily gave according to their means." (2 Corinthians 8:3) Stewardship is not giving to

budgets or any other external goal designated to elicit contributions. God asks us to look at our income and give proportionately.

3. Stewardship is the proof of the genuineness of our love. The manner in which we "put our money where our mouth is" is tangible demonstration of what is really in our hearts. St. Paul pointed out to the Corinthians that their participation in the offering was the way they would prove that their love was "genuine" (2 Corinthians 8:8).

4. Stewardship is self-sacrificing and is based on the self-sacrifice of Christ. Though our Lord Jesus Christ shared the eternal glory of the Godhead with the Father, "yet for our sakes He became poor." He gave all that up to make us "rich" toward God through His

cross and resurrection (2 Corinthians 8:9).

5. Stewardship takes people who are ready - "Prepared" - for stewardship. The Holy Spirit makes stewards out of people through their faith. Men and Women must be prepared for stewardship through the Word. "For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a man has.." (2 Corinthians 8:12).

6. Stewardship is a joint venture within the Body of Christ. Our common participation in financial stewardship is the business of the people of God. Stewardship involves me, my brothers and sisters in the body of Christ and Christ himself.

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We share with one another our mutual commitment to God and Church. It is sharing within the Body of Christ, as St. Paul pointed out to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 8:14).

7. Stewardship is honest and honorable among Christians and needs no "Gimmicks." Many people are extremely nervous when it comes to "talking about money, in the church. Stewardship is more than "money", but it is also "money. More often than not, there is a direct connection between a person's wallet and the heart. St. Paul reminded the Corinthians, "We aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of men." (2 Corinthians

8:21). We do not need all sorts of high pressure tactics and "gimmicks" to make Christian stewardship work. We do not need the Gospel as the motivation.

8. Stewardship requires commitment. Our god has given us his full commitment, and we are called to make high commitments to God and his Church. St. Paul talked to the Corinthians about their pledges, their commitment, or their "estimate of giving", when he talked to them about "this gift you have promised." (2 Corinthians 9:11).

9. Stewardship is a challenge of our faith in the promises of God. That is the answer to the motivation of Christian

stewardship. We look to the promises St. Paul held out: "God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance." (2 Corinthians 9:8), and "God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7) "You will be enriched (2 Corinthians 8:11).

10. Stewardship is our way of acknowledging and showing our faith in the Gospel. Living Stewardship is a tangible way to show that we believe the promises that God has given us in Christ. "Under the test of this service, you will glorify God by your obedience in acknowledging the Gospel of Christ" (2 Corinthians 9:13). Stewardship is the acid test of where our faith and our hearts are.

**ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION REPORT:**

Date	Attendance	General	School	Building
12-24	192	1,655.00	-0-	100.00
12-25	40	1,985.00	-0-	100.00
12-30	70	4,933.00	-0-	-0-
01-06	74	3,823.00	-0-	25.00
01-12	20	702.00	-0-	-0-
01-13	77	4,244.00	-0-	290.00
01-20	91	6,592.00	-0-	-0-

**ABOUT THE NOISY OFFERINGS:** With the 2018 Noisy Offering proceeds, a number of items were selected for Lutheran World Relief from their gift order form. Included were a Half-a-Herd of Animals; Medical Supplies; two Emergency Water Filtration Systems; a Rickshaw; 11 Smokeless Cookstoves; and Toys for two playgrounds. The proceeds were \$1,413.18 and an extra \$12.82 was added for a total of \$1,426.00 that was sent. Thanks to all who contributed!

The 2019 Noisy Offering is designated for the Gulf Coast Synod Military Chaplains' Scholarship Fund, which supports Lutheran pastoral candidates who have discerned a call to serve as military chaplains.

**MLLC Financial Information**

**December 2018 Year to Date**  
 Total Income \$320,608.91  
 Total Expenses 244,661.18  
**Net Income: \$ 75,947.73**

**December 2018 Month**  
 Total Income \$ 51,022.65  
 Total Expenses 18,975.77  
**Net Income: \$ 32,046.88**

**Year to Date Expenses Highlights:**  
 Salaries and Benefits \$152,398.18  
 Benevolences 23,421.70  
 Utilities 16,174.87  
 Property Insurance 15,161.50  
 Printing 8,039.29  
 Supplies & Forms 4,766.25  
 Reimbursements 3,723.01  
 Harvest Fest Expenses 3,447.90  
 Equipment & Tools 2,963.11  
 MLLC Camping Ministry 2,750.00  
 Maintenance & Repair 2,715.09  
 Bulletins & Envelopes 2,666.22  
 Computer & Software 1,768.46  
 Postage & Handling 1,744.00



**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:** Now is a good time for members to call Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to direct your 2018 Choice Dollars. Call 1-800-847-4836 between 7:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. central time and say "Thrivent Choice". Have your member ID ready. Martin Luther Lutheran Church is a choice. You may also go online to direct the Choice Dollars. If you do not give them your choice, they will designate your money where they think best. If you need help, contact Nancy Eilers. The deadline is March 31, 2019.



**CHURCH COUNCIL  
MEETING SUMMARY  
Monday, January 21, 2019**



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

The meeting was called to order by Buck, and he presented the devotion.

**Pastor's Report:**

Recent new members: ----  
--New member by transfer: Sheryl Pratt, from MLLC in Giddings. She had previously been a member of MLLC Carmine.

--Baptism: December 2 - Spence Schroeder

--Confirmation Class 2018-19 will run through February, 2019.  
--Confirmation Sunday at MLLC is scheduled for May 5. We have four students preparing to be confirmed on that Sunday--Peyton Franklin, Kennedy Jasinski, McKinley Jasinski, and Rylan Stork.  
--Confirmation Camp at Lutherhill for our 5-church class group is July 21-16.

Upcoming events:  
--February 3 - Four-church Shared Ministry Sunday at Lutherhill.  
--March 6 - Ash Wednesday. Worship at MLLC at 7:30 p.m.  
--March 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10 - Wednesday Lenten services.  
--April 14 - Palm Sunday

--April 18 - Maundy Thursday - Worship at MLLC at 7:30 p.m.  
--April 19 - Good Friday - Worship at MLLC at 7:00 p.m.  
--April 20 - The Vigil of Easter - Worship at MLLC at 7:00 p.m.  
--April 21 - The Resurrection of our Lord - Sunrise service at Carmine Cemetery at 6:45 a.m. Sunday School at 9:00 a.m., Festival Worship at 10:00 a.m., Egg hunt at 11:10 a.m.

**Committee Reports:**

**Christian Education Committee:**  
--New Sunday School Superintendent will be needed effective February.  
--Discussed turning one of the rooms into the Sunday School opening room; homier environment. It will give more of an opportunity to have Sunday School out of the fellowship hall leaving the fellowship hall for other events.

**Worship Committee:**

--The Synod Military Chaplains' Scholarship Fund has been chosen for the noisy offering for the 2019 year.  
--Discussed Shared Service at Lutherhill on February 3. Lutherhill will offer a children's Sunday School after service.

**Outreach Committee:**

--Reception after the 11<sup>th</sup> Night Concert had a good turnout. Plans ongoing for new member reception.  
--Souper Bowl Sunday discussed. Announcement to be made this Sunday and in the newsletter, and to have it on February 9 and 10.  
--Possible committees to host Lenten meal:

3/13 - Worship committee and Men in Mission  
3/27 - Rebekah Group (tentative) and Stewardship Committee.  
4/10 - LYO, Dayschool Board and Christian Education Committee.

**Property Committee:**

--Water heater in Sacristy has an odor. Anode rod removed; eliminates sour gas odor of hot water.  
--Sidewalks uneven; highlighted w/orange paint. 1/22 meeting with sales engineer to address. Will also discuss crack in narthex.  
--Replaced battery in riding mower.  
--Quote to recover ten (10) parlor chairs with vinyl fabric received from Ambrose Furniture in Bryan--\$2,357.66; quote from Church Lane Upholstery/Ledbetter; Brenda Dunlap is pending.  
--Ongoing: replacement of defective fluorescent lamps in parlor, main hallway, and church offices; replacement of A/C filters; sheetrock repair and misc. painting, connect/repair flex ducting in attic over fellowship hall; bull rock placement to address erosion rear of school building.  
--Maintenance of church grounds.



**Stewardship Committee:**

--Four members present along with Treasurer Cindy Weidemann and Pastor Tinker - 1/8.  
--Folded year-end financial statements.  
--Finalized dates for meetings: 3/11, 5/6, 7/8, 9/9, 10/7 (Harvest Festival meeting); 11/11.  
--Discussed Lenten envelopes - envelopes have been ordered.

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Stewardship Committee,  
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--2019 Financial Review Committee – Marlene Waak (2<sup>nd</sup> term), Connie Peters (3<sup>rd</sup> term), Karen Roemer (1<sup>st</sup> term).  
--Committee is willing to assist with any committee that needs help with preparation of Lenten meal.  
--2019 Harvest Festival discussion. Buck will get list from Tim for last year's duties.

Dayschool Committee:

--Correction to discussion at annual meeting; registration fee stayed the same. Monthly tuition fee increased. No meeting last month; will meet this month. Discussion over searching for director ongoing.



**4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER, 2018 MEMORIAL REPORT**

<u>General Fund</u>	\$6,840.00
Herman Schoenemann, Jr. Angelene Zwernemann Elvira Dallmeyer Joyce Eilers Karen Dooley Melvin Meineke Telitha Gebhard Bev "Beverly" Devillier Edna Meinkowsky Cheryl Dianne Hodges	
<u>Building Fund</u>	\$ 90.00
Herman Schoenemann, Jr. Elvira Dallmeyer Joyce Eilers Karen Dooley	
<u>Day School Fund</u>	\$ 20.00
Joyce Eilers	
<u>Sunday School Fund</u>	\$ 215.00
Karen Dooley	
<u>WELCA</u>	\$ 10.00
Karen Dooley	
<u>Tone Chimes</u>	\$ 20.00
Elvira Dallmeyer	

Old Business:

--Disposition of dayschool toddler inside equipment and infant supplies/ furniture; donate cribs and any salvageable toddler toys. Sell strollers and toddlers' table. Keep the highchairs for fellowship hall and M&M building. Motion was made by Shelby with a second by Jessica to proceed with disposition with the school board to negotiate prices. Motion passed.

New Business:

--Carmine Chamber of Commerce membership will be continued.  
--Need a President-Elect. Discussion with several congregation members.  
--New Christmas tree lights are needed. We had six 100-ft. lights. Motion

by Pastor to buy eight strands of LED lights with a second by Shelby. Motion passed. Pastor to order; cost will be covered by Property Committee; \$262.57.

Thank-you Notes and Announcements:

Thank-you notes for Christmas bonuses received from Nancy R., Kristen Graeter, Jolene Wickel, Bobbie Weidemann, and Jessica Weidemann.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Jessica will give the devotion at next month's meeting – Monday, February 18, at 6:15 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Drydale, MLLC  
Council Secretary

**FEBRUARY 14 IS VALENTINE'S**



♥ This is possibly the best-known children's hymn in the world, and can be found on page 595 of the red hymnal. The text was written by Anna B. Warner who lived from 1820-1915, and the music was written by William B. Bradbury who lived from 1816 to 1868. *(The hymn is in the public domain – so can be copied for use if desired.)*

♥ **The Bingo Party** is scheduled for Sunday, February 10, in our fellowship hall, sponsored by the RT-C 4-H Club, starting at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited!

♥ **The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sweetheart Car Classic Show** – is set for Saturday, February 16, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Cars will line up along the south frontage road to U.S. 290 in downtown Carmine. For more information, call Bob Springer at 713-898-7667, or email him at: [texasbkb@swb.net](mailto:texasbkb@swb.net). Bring your classic car or come and see them!





Tiffani Brooks	02-01	Renè Zwernemann	02-12
LaRissa Higgs	02-02	Vickie Neutzler	02-13
Leonita Sanders	02-02	Tiffany Jamail	02-16
Jonathan Wunderlich	02-03	Ora Lee Levien	02-17
David Krause	02-04	Tori Lewis	02-17
Jesse McDaniel	02-04	Brick Peele	02-17
Ruth Schoenemann	02-04	Joshua Aranzolo	02-18
Randy Zingelmann	02-05	Sara Eilers	02-18
Gracie Eckert	02-09	Randall Kohring	02-18
Lane Jacob	02-09	Roger Schoenst	02-19
Aden Diehl	02-10	Caden Medack	02-20
Yvonne Jackson	02-10	Dianne Sager	02-21
Breanna Leonhardt	02-10	JoLynn Schoenberg	02-22
Marge Morris	02-10	Ila Nell Kieke	02-24
Emery Vaughn	02-10	Emma Baird	02-25
Tana Brooks	02-11	Kyle Roemer	02-25
Brody Dooley	02-11	David Key	02-26

Thank you to the Office Helpers for January:

Carol Hall placed supplies in pews; Carol Carmean sent bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors; Gene & Boo Goolsby folded bulletins, and LouAnn Stokes, Cherrie Wines and Marlene Waak assembled the February newsletter.

Brenham Mission Society sends the following: Thank you for your donation of \$1,006.00 to the Brenham Mission Society for the year 2018. We appreciate your contributions. No goods or services were provided to you in return for your contributions. If you have any questions, contact us at 979-289-4648. Signed, Winston and Tanya Rosenbaum, Treasurers for the Brenham Mission Society.



✦ An Account has been set up at Round Top State Bank to help the Andy & Haley (Goebel) Glueck Family defray expenses created by the care of their infant daughter, Frances. She has undergone a tracheotomy and gastronomy and will continue to need extensive medical attention in the future to address these issues as well as heart concerns.

✦ THE CARMINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VISITOR CENTER at the restored Train Depot is open on the second and fourth Fridays and Saturdays of the month from 10:00-2:00.

✦ THE RT-C EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNUAL FUNDRAISER - February 2, Round Top Rifle Association Hall. The day begins with a Fun Run/Walk at 10:30 a.m. and 5K Run at 11:00 a.m. Dinner begins at 5:00 pm. Table sponsorships are available for \$250, \$500, and \$750 for eight people. There will be games, an auction, and dancing. Meal tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children ages 12 and under. For more information, to go [www.rteducationfoundation.org](http://www.rteducationfoundation.org). Donations may be sent to P. O. Box 85, Round Top, TX 78954.

✦ THE 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AUSTIN & CENTRAL TEXAS SENIOR FEST, held in Austin on Saturday, February 2, is an event that consists of workshops designed to benefit senior citizens. Times are

8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 3501 Red River St., Austin. Our Bishop, Mike Rinehart, will be the keynote speaker. (See the brochure in the narthex which includes a map to the church).

✦ THE TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION OFFICE OF FAYETTE COUNTY announces a program called "A Matter of Balance" (AMoB), starting Tuesday, February 5, at the City of La Grange Randolph Recreation Center (Building B), 653 E. Pearl St.. This series will be conducted for four weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays, free to the public.

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“A Matter of Balance”,  
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The series emphasizes practical strategies to reduce fear of falling and increase activity levels for participants, who will learn to view falls and fear of falling as controllable, set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and exercise to increase strength and balance.

The classes are offered from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and limited to 12 participants, so those wishing to participate must pre-register by calling 979-968-5831. (See the flyers in the narthex).

Additionally, a free-to-the-public nine-week series called “Stress-Busting for Family

Caregivers” will be offered every Wednesday starting February 6, and will continue through April 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Fayette County Agricultural Building, Room 104, 255 Svoboda Lane. This series is for caregivers and emphasizes stress management and coping techniques. Participants will learn to take time for themselves, how to deal with chronic conditions, positive thinking and choosing a path to wellness. A light lunch will be offered.

With questions, call Sally Garrett at the number above, or go to: [s-garrett@tamu.edu](mailto:s-garrett@tamu.edu).

✦ SENIOR CITIZEN GAMING PARTY is set for Sunday, February 24, at the Round Top Family Library,

206 W. Mill St. in Round Top from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Come enjoy the fellowship and win a prize! For questions, call 979-249-2700 or go to [www.ilovetoread.org](http://www.ilovetoread.org).

✦ THE CARMINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE “TEXAS STYLE MIXER” is set for Friday, March 1, 6:00 p.m., at JW’s Steakhouse with meal and background music by Robbie Wooten. There will be door prizes and a raffle. This year awards will be presented to those who have been selected Business of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and Citizen of the Year. Any organization in the area may give awards. There is no charge to attend; admission is included with your membership dues! Any questions, contact the Chamber at 979-451-1507.

**LUTHERHILL RETREATS, 2019**

**Worship, Lead, Serve** – February 8-10, 2019  
A gathering for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youths to practice discipleship.

**Unwind** – March 1-3, 2019  
Renew your body and spirit with your favorite ladies.

**Explore** – March 22-24, 2019  
A gathering of 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade youths to discover camp.

**Create** – April 5-7, 2019  
Seek inspiration and carve out space to create something new. And...bring the kiddos along for the Kid Create!

**Spring Family Retreat** – May 3-5, 2019  
Invest in your family, create new friendships and revel in God’s creation.

For more information, go to [www.lutherhill.org](http://www.lutherhill.org) or call 1-888-266-4613.



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On Valentine’s Day, we remember that God is the source of all love in the world. His perfect love for us has made all human love possible.

For God so loVed the world  
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iN Him should not perish  
but havE everlasting life.  
(John 3:16, NKJV)

Shared Lutheran Ministries  
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Waldeck Lutheran Church – St. Paul Lutheran Church – Shelby  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Round Top – Martin Luther Lutheran Church – Carmine

## Crossroads Shared Ministry Worship Service

Sunday, February 3

Carby Chapel at Lutherhill

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

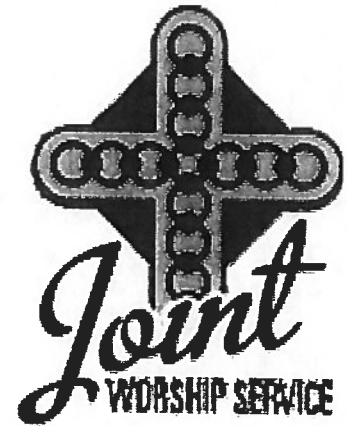
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### **Martin Luther Lutheran Church – Carmine**

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 [pastordjt@industryinet.com](mailto:pastordjt@industryinet.com)

Cell 713-461-8007/home 979-278-3384

President: Buck Williams

### **Ash Wednesday. March 6**

Worship at MLLC at 7:30 p.m.

### **Worship Schedule Change – May 2019**

**Additional Services every month.**

MLLC in Carmine will begin offering worship on  
every Saturday at 6:00 p.m. starting on the first  
Sunday in May.

### **Waldeck Lutheran Church – Waldeck**

6915 Waldeck Church Ln

Ledbetter, TX 78946

Located at the intersection of  
FM 1291 and FM 2145

(979) 249-3802

Find us on Facebook

Worship on Sunday – 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.


Pastor David Tinker [pastordjt@industryinet.com](mailto:pastordjt@industryinet.com)

Cell 713-461-8007/home 979-278-3384

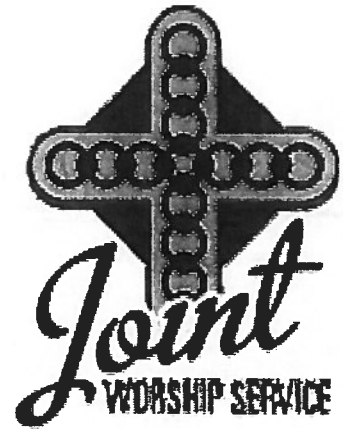
President: Sue Schoenst 979-250-1783

### **Ash Wednesday. March 6**

Worship at Waldeck at 5:45 p.m.

**Ash**   
**Wednesday**

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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 pstrjd@cvctx.com  
Cell – 210-422-7599

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

### **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 pstrjd@cvctx.com  
– 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



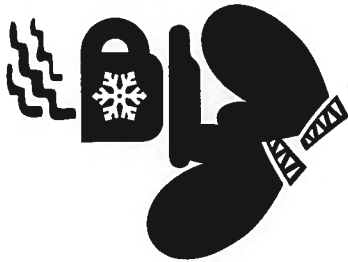


# FEBRUARY 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany SERVICE AT LUTHERHILL 9:30 am-Worship with Holy Communion/  Children's Time, refreshments & fellowship after worship/HOME COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION 5:00 pm-AA meeting	<b>4</b> ⓞ 6:00 pm-Worship Committee meeting	<b>5</b> ⓞ 6:00 pm-Worship Committee meeting	<b>6</b> 4:15-6:15 pm-Confirmation class	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Saturday--- M&M Bldg. reserved morning to mid-afternoon Saturday--- LYO's Souper Bowl of Caring collection	<b>9</b> † 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion Please remember to collect your loose ☒ change for noisy offering Sunday
<b>10</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 am-  Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study/LYO's Souper Bowl of Caring collection 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion led by Praise Team/ ☒ Noisy offering collected Property Committee after worship 11:00 am-Christian Ed. Committee 2:00 pm-RT-C 4-H Club Bingo Party in fellowship hall 5:00 pm-AA meeting	<b>11</b> ✂ 9:00 am-Quilting	<b>12</b> 📁 Council agenda deadline	<b>13</b> 4:15-6:15 pm-Confirmation class	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day 2:00 pm-Rebekah Group meets	<b>15</b> 📧 Newsletter deadline	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 am-  Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion LYO meeting after worship 5:00 pm-AA meeting	<b>18</b> 1:30 pm-Sr. Citizens' Domino Party 6:15 pm-Church Council meeting <i>Martin Luther died on this day in 1546.</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 4:15-6:15 pm-Confirmation class	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> † 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion/ Baptism Remembrance
<b>24</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 8:30 am-Tone Chimes practice 9:00 am-  Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study 9:45 am-Hymn Sing 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/Baptism Remembrance 5:00 pm-AA meeting	<b>25</b> 7:00 pm-Men in Mission	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	January 2019 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 31	March 2019 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 31

# Servers for: FEBRUARY



**Assisting Ministers:** Susan Bathe (02-09, 02-24); Dianna Gerland (02-10);  
Jessica Weidemann (02-17, 02-23)

**Acolyte organizers:** Parents of February acolytes

**Put supplies in pews:** Jocie Jacob-Braun

**Send bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors:** Cherrie Wines

**Bulletin folder:** Betty Porter

**Offering Counters:** Deposit-Cindy Weidemann, Todd Dooley, Louann Stokes

**March newsletter assemblers:** Betty Porter & Carol Hall

(the weekend of February 22 or 23)

Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Readers	Flowers	Communion assistants	Communion set-up
02-03	Kennedy (at Lutherhill)	<b>At Lutherhill</b> (One usher will be needed at Lutherhill)	Dana Smith	(at Lutherhill)		Jessica Weidemann
02-09		<b>Volunteers</b>				Cheryl Etzel
02-10	Rylan	<b>Team #4-</b> Barbara Jacob, capt. & greeter, Jerry Jacob, greeter; Diana Wunderlich, Sedalia Ullrich, Jessica Weidemann	Carol Carmean	Todd & Amy Dooley	Amber Dooley	Cheryl Etzel
02-17	McKinley	<b>Team #5-</b> Gene Goolsby, capt. & greeter, Cindy Hinze, greeter, Conway Waak, greeter; Morgan Mikeska, Kayla Peters	Tony Dooley	Douglas & Sedalia Ullrich	Floyd Etzel	Susan Markwardt (ML banner)
02-23		<b>Volunteers</b>				Joann Ullrich
02-24	Jace	<b>Team #6-LYO</b>	Susan Ray	The Dooley family	Shelley Scheffer	Joann Ullrich

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