



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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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: Buck Williams-President; Ronnie Eckert-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





LUTHER'S LETTER

Martin Luther Lutheran Church

March, 2019

LENT Lent LENT Lent

LENT STARTS with Ash Wednesday - March 6. Worship, starting at 7:30 p.m., includes Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes. The 2019 Wednesday Lent series this year is "The Lord's Prayer". We will be working with three other congregations/preachers to present various aspects of this prayer which our Lord Jesus taught us. Some of this will be based on Luther's Small Catechism, along with other resources. The service will be the simplified Evening Prayer service which we have used for Advent and Lent in recent years.

Here is the schedule:

Fellowship meal each week at 6:00 p.m. (No meal is served on Ash Wednesday).

Worship each week at 7:00 p.m. (except Ash Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.) The services will be divided between Waldeck and Carmine throughout the series.

March 13 at MLLC -

Pastor David Tinker

March 20 at Waldeck -

Pastor John David Nedbalek

March 27 at MLLC -

Pastor Lemae Higgs

April 3 at Waldeck - Deaconess Jennifer Tinker

April 10 at MLLC - Pastor David Tinker

At Waldeck - Meal in the annex; worship in the sanctuary

At MLLC - Meal and worship in the fellowship hall

Worship Committee and Men in Mission serve soup & sandwiches on March 13.

The Rebekah Group and Stewardship Committee serve on March 27.

LYO, Christian Ed Committee and Dayschool Board serve on April 10.

The special Lenten offering envelopes this year will go to the ELCA to help stop human trafficking.

About the Lenten Envelope Appeal: Human Trafficking Awareness Day was emphasized at MLLC at the beginning of service on January 6. The United States Senate designated January 11 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day in 2007. At the 2014 and 2017 Triennial National Women of the ELCA Conventions, the delegates voted to bring awareness to and end human trafficking. More

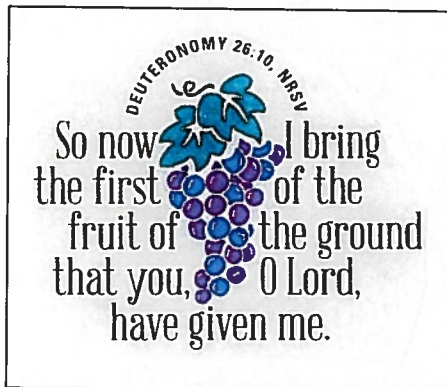
than 12 million people worldwide are trafficked for forced labor or sexual exploitation. Last fall, at Prairie Hill Lutheran Church, the Brazos Cluster Women hosted a very informative program on human trafficking in our area and where most activity occurs. A house for transition of trafficking escapees is in Washington County.

The Stewardship Committee of MLLC recognized the monetary needs of this ELCA campaign

and has designated the Lenten Offering Envelope contributions for the ELCA fight against human trafficking.

For more information, please see the green insert - "Justice for Women" - in this newsletter.

Prayer for Justice: Look with mercy, gracious God, upon people everywhere who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Rouse us from our complacency and help us eliminate cruelty wherever it is found. Strengthen those who seek equality for all. Grant that everyone may enjoy a fair portion of abundance of their earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





Looking ahead to Easter Sunday, April 21: There will be an Easter reception on Easter Sunday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the parlor, and sponsored by the Worship and Outreach Committees. All are invited! (See the Easter Lily form on the bottom of this page.)



First Holy Communion Class begins this month.

By Pastor David Tinker
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 979-278-3388

The First Holy Communion class will be offered March 31, April 7 and 14 on Sunday mornings, starting at about 11:15 a.m. in the Mission & Ministry Building.

First Holy Communion at MLLC is most often offered to elementary-age students, in 5th grade and younger. Our goal is to make sure youths who are part of MLLC have begun communing by the end of 5th grade. The 5th grade tradition does not prevent younger students from attending the class and receiving Holy Communion. Each year for the past several years we have had youths in younger grades participating in the class. It is likely that most all the youths participating in the class will be younger.

Students are encouraged to bring a Bible for use in class, as well as paper/pen for any notes they might want to write. If students don't have access to a Bible, we have one for their use. Note that each student will be presented with a Bible on First

Communion Thursday – April 18/Maundy Thursday – for his or her personal study and for use in Sunday School, Confirmation and Worship. Parents/Grandparents are welcome and encouraged to be present at this class time. We will meet in the Mission & Ministry Building, but will also move to other places in the building for parts of the lessons.

The class will include instruction, discussion, videos, mini-field trips in the church building. Etc.

Due to the late date of Resurrection Sunday/Easter Sunday this year (April 21), there should be little or no problem with Spring Break from school for the students.

Also, one of the classes will include bread baking by the students. This bread will be used at their First Communion service.

Here is the schedule:
 Sundays, March 31, April 7 and 14.
 11:15 a.m.-about 12:30 p.m.
 If one or more of these dates is/are not workable for your family, I am very glad to work out make-up lessons for your student. That way, he or she will not miss out of the

learning and special service this year.

Thursday, April 18 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service, First Holy Communion Day

Presentation of Bible to students during worship – Church gives to Parent/Grandparent, then the parent/grandparent presents Bible to student. We will go over this before that Thursday so all are ready.

Students, please arrive by 7:00 p.m. to make sure all our plans are in order for what we will be doing at worship. Also, families may wish to take photos before worship, for this is the best time to do this. The altar area will be bare of all decorations, candles, banners, etc. after worship due to the "Stripping of the Altar".

I look forward to exploring this wondering sacrament with your child. This is a very exciting time of growth for these young people and for their families. If you have any questions or special needs, please feel free to contact me.

(See the article, "How do I know my child is ready to attend Communion Class?" later in this newsletter.)



EASTER LILY ORDERING FORM:

The Nesting Company Florist in Burton is offering 6" potted lilies with gold pot covers for \$14.00 each. Please order your lily/lilies through the church office by March 31. Make checks payable to MLLC and please fill in the following information:

_____ will be placing ___ lily/lilies in honor/memory

of: _____

Notes From the Office

✓ **Acolyte training** will be held following worship on Sunday, March 3.

✓ **Blood drive report:** (January 27). There were 14 donors, 5 doubles = credit for 19 donations. Thank you to all who took your time and gave the "Gift of Life" to make our blood drive a success!

✓ **Starting in May there will be a Saturday evening service at MLLC each Saturday, starting at 6:00 p.m.**

✓ **Price Increase:** At the annual meeting of the Carmine Cemetery Association, it was voted to increase all prices of cemetery grave sites, and the one-time payment of long-term maintenance. The new price is \$250.00 per grave site and \$50.00

long-term care instead of dues. If interested, write to Carmine Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 281, Carmine, TX 78932 or call William Marth at 979-278-3175 or talk to any director.

✓ **Next choir practice** will be on the first Sunday of March – the 3rd, at 9:30 a.m.

✓ **Daylight Savings Time** starts on Sunday, March 10, at 2:00 a.m. Please remember to put your clocks ahead one hour before retiring Saturday evening.

✓ **First day of Spring** is March 20.

✓ **Next Tone Chimes** practice is scheduled for March 24 at 8:30 a.m.

✓ **Spring Break for RT-C schools** is March 11-15.

REPORT ON THE 4-CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE AT CARBY CHAPEL, FEBRUARY 3, by Pastor Tinker.

The four congregations of Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministry gathered for a combined service on Sunday, February 3, at Lutherhill. The service took place at the Carby Chapel at the camp. Around 125 people from the four congregations were able to attend this special event. The weather was wet, cold and quite foggy, and this prevented several people from participating. We can't control the weather, but we look forward to more favorable conditions for our next Crossroads Four-Church service. No date has been set, but the committee is looking into doing this again in 2020.

Part of the vision for this service was that we would involve people and resources from all four congregations. There were readers, servers, acolytes and ushers. An acolyte from each congregation

carried in the processional cross from each congregation at the beginning of worship. Each congregation provides some of the various needed supplies for the service.

As part of the event, we heard about the plans for improvements and expansions for facilities at Lutherhill. Matt Kindsvatter, Executive Director of Lutherhill Ministries, presented the plans and showed the group what the new buildings will look like. Many gave financial donations to Lutherhill at the camp or by mail following the presentation.

After worship, several children gathered on the first floor of Carby Chapel for a Sunday School lesson related to the readings for the day. This was led by Lutherhill staff.

Thank you to all who put in so much time and effort to make this special event happen this year.



Women of the ELCA NEWS:**March 1: World Day of Prayer**

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. It is carried out in more than 170 countries and regions. Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and have immeasurable influence in the world.

Come - Everything is Ready! is this year's theme for World Day of Prayer based on Luke 14:15-24. The Bible tells many stories of shared meals, banquets, and celebrations.



In this parable from Luke, all the invited guests had excuses and could not come to the feast, so the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, the homeless, the beggars, the street children, and more were invited until the house was filled. All ate together.

God invites us to His feast. Our mission lies in inviting others to feast on God's Word.

I encourage everyone to set their cell phone alarm for 12 noon on March 1 and join together in prayer:

God, source of our strength, we thank you. You transform the seed into fruit. You feed and sustain us. You are with us on easy and difficult paths. You enable us to walk with one another. We ask you, help us to trust your strength that cares for what is small and that can create something marvelous from timid beginnings, be near us, guide and move us. As the grains from many fields become bread, so make out of us one community sign of hope in this world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

(From Colette Wunderlich, WELCA Unit Coordinator).

Fleece Blanket Tying is set for Saturday, March 9, from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

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

For LWR, 50-55 quilts have been made; 20-25 quilts for Camp For All in March. Krause Center will be next. All quilts will be blessed on Palm Sunday and packed the following Wednesday.



On Wednesday, February 20, twenty-five baby care kits were assembled by *Dianne Sager, Susan Ray, Joys Baird, Sedalia Ullrich, Diana Wunderlich, and Nancy Eilers.*



Next Regular Meeting - Thursday, March 14, 2:00 p.m. Bible study theme: The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus; Session 3: Friends for life in Christ

Joys Baird leads the Bible study; Diana Wunderlich gives the offering meditation; and Leonita Sanders and Susan Ray serve as hostesses.

* Upcoming birthday parties:
At Oakland Manor in Giddings - 3:00 p.m., 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. The theme is "New Beginnings" and the guest speaker is Melinda Vanostrand of New Beginnings (non-profit) in Brenham that offers services to women and couples for unplanned pregnancies, loss and healing, and parenting skills. A meeting has been called following worship on March 17 to plan this gathering.

* **LOOKING AHEAD - SAVE THE DATES!** The WELCA banquet is set for Wednesday, June 5, with the theme, "In the Garden" Friday, August 16 - Sunday, August 18 - The 2019 WELCA SYNOD Convention /Retreat is set at Lutherhill with the theme, "Come and See".



Current Member Prayer

Concerns:

Orville & LaVerne Kunkel (health concerns);
Brenda Callahan (for strength);
Jack Flinn (health concerns);
Elvera Limmer, Jack Weidemann (back home);
Vickie Neutzler (hospitalized in Austin, health concerns);
Dorothy Rothermel (head injury from fall, moved to nursing home); **Ashley Weiss** (breast cancer); **Valerie Moore** (recovering at home); **Linda Kovar** (health concerns).

Current Friends and Family Prayer Concerns:

Natalie Broadway (friend of Susan & Daryl Ray, breast cancer); **Kaitlyn Nienstedt** (friend of Becky Jasinski, health concerns); **Edna Krause** (friend Susan Michael's mother, cancer); **Fred Kessel** (Karen Roemer's uncle, health concerns); **Eugenia Furhman** (niece of Ruby Renck, health concerns); **Lloyd Pieper** (friend of Eldon & Tina Mikeska, stroke); **Sheri Harper** (friend from the community, health concerns); **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 in Giddings); **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: **Fritz Mueller** (friend from Burton area); **Jim Mattocks** (husband of Linda Mattocks); **R. J. Marth** (brother of Sonny Marth and Jo Littlejohn, brother-in-law of Helen Georges); **Travis Rosenbaum** (plumber from Burton and Raymond Rosenbaum's cousin); **Tommy Brewster** (former member Megan Runge Brewster's father-in-law); **Lynn Lehmann** (Robyn Jacobs' father); **Jim Bob Dube** (Robyn Jacob's brother); and **Johnnie Gurka** (Donna Mueller's stepfather).

**** Happy Birthday to Ted Sager, whose birthday falls on February 29.**



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| Wendy Flinn | 01 | Glenda Oakes | 13 |
| Kash Lewis | 01 | Miles Tinker | 18 |
| Brock Marburger | 01 | Rodney Lange | 19 |
| Dorothy Marth | 02 | Linda Mattocks | 19 |
| Robyn Jacob | 03 | Adam Mayer | 20 |
| Kyle Sanders | 03 | Andrew Sanders | 20 |
| Brenda Callahan | 04 | Bree Dooley | 22 |
| Ed Eargle | 05 | Ronnie Eckert | 22 |
| Jeff Flinn | 05 | Louis Kartous | 26 |
| Samantha Medack | 06 | Melissa Smith | 26 |
| James Roemer | 08 | Barbara Jacob | 27 |
| Terry Pohl | 09 | Stacy Eilers | 28 |
| Mia Williams | 09 | Cassius Oakes | 28 |
| Daryl Ray | 10 | Ray Ullrich | 29 |
| Chester Gebhard | 13 | Diana Wunderlich | 31 |

How do I know my child is ready to attend First Communion Class?



He/She may...

- *have expressed interest in participating in Holy Communion during worship, perhaps copying your movements at the altar.
- *have begun to ask questions about why we take Holy Communion
- *have begun to reach for the Holy Communion elements which are offered to you
- *have a foundation in Christ through attendance in Christian education or worship, or through family conversations, devotions or prayer
- *be able to speak about God (Father, Son and Holy Ghost) as loving and trustworthy
- *pray the Lord's Prayer and be able to say other simple prayers (such as at bedtime and at meals)

The following questions can help you determine the readiness of your child to receive her or his first Holy Communion.

The most important question is about God's gift of Grace for your child:

*****Has your child been baptized?

If your child is not yet baptized, please speak with a pastor to set a date for your child to receive this Sacrament. It is understood that Holy Communion is for the baptized children of God.

Other questions to consider: These are not meant to create a reason to prevent your child's

participation. These simply list common ways in which youths express interest in Holy Communion.

- *Is your child comfortable in various locations around the church, like the altar?
- *Does your child have a basic, age-appropriate awareness that God loves him or her?
- *Does your child understand the idea of "right" and "wrong", and can grasp the basic notion of "forgiveness"?
- *Will your child extend his or her hands when asked to do so?
- *Will your child be able to understand the basic concept that Holy Communion is a gift from God to each person?
- *Does your child seem to have a basic trust that they are a child of God?
- *Does your child seem interested in what goes on in church during Communion?
- *Does your child interact enough with others to receive the bread and wine?
- *Is your child aware enough of others in the congregation and their needs to show respect for the communion experience?
- *Are you prepared to help make the process positive?
- *Are you prepared to continue to fulfill the promises you made at your child's baptism to bring him or her regularly to the Lord's Table?

Only the first question (Has your child been baptized?) requires a "Yes" before your child can be considered ready to receive his or her first communion. Use the others to generate discussion and to plan, in consultation with Pastor David Tinker, for your child's preparation to begin receiving the sacrament and the gifts it brings. Contact Pastor David Tinker if you have any questions about Holy Communion. He would be happy to help answer your questions.



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.

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION REPORT:

| Date | Attendance | General | School | Building |
|---------------------------|------------|----------|--------|----------|
| 01-26 | 38 | 1,079.00 | -0- | -0- |
| 01-27 | 88 | 3,651.00 | -0- | -0- |
| 02-03 At Lutherhill | 125 total | 2,606.00 | -0- | -0- |
| 02-09 | 26 | 780.00 | -0- | -0- |
| 02-10 | 79 | 5,173.00 | -0- | 105.00 |
| 02-17 | 71 | 3,075.25 | -0- | -0- |

MLLC FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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| January 2019 | |
| Total Income | \$22,719.64 |
| Total Expenses | 28,709.59 |
| Net Loss: | \$ 5,989.95 |

Year to Date Expenses Highlights:

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|-----------------------|-------------|
| Salaries and Benefits | \$17,301.63 |
| Property Insurance | 3,538.00 |
| Benevolences | 3,042.66 |
| Utilities | 1,633.06 |
| Printing | 945.88 |
| Reimbursements | 624.40 |
| Harvest Festival | 500.00 |
| Bulletins & Envelopes | 393.07 |
| Maintenance & Repair | 293.08 |
| Postage & Handling | 164.00 |
| Supplies & Forms | 140.83 |
| Miscellaneous | 87.65 |
| Equipment & Tools | 45.33 |

**And my God will meet
all your needs according
to his glorious riches in
Christ Jesus.**



Philippians 4:19

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

Church Council Meeting,
Monday, February 18, 2019

Members Present: Ronnie Eckert, Tina Mikeska, Brick Peele, Shelby Vaughn, Pastor David Tinker, Karen Roemer, Cindy Weidemann, Jessica Weidemann & Anita Drydale. Member Absent was Buck Williams.

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m. by Ronnie. The devotion was presented by Jessica.

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

Pastor's Report
January Funeral – Mamie Roemer

Two Items needing council approval:
1: Confirmation Students for Council Approval: Peyton Franklin, Kennedy Jasinski, McKinley Jasinski, and Rylan Stork. Vote by Council and approved.

2: Synod Assembly Voting Members: Berrie and Darlene Etzel. Vote by Council and approved.

Upcoming events:



- April 14 Palm Sunday – Sunday School Processional with Palm Branches
- 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 6:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Festival Worship 10:00 a.m.
Egg Hunt 11:10 a.m.
May 5 Confirmation Sunday

Committee Reports:



Christian Education Committee:
VBS June 9th through 13th (5:30 to 7:45) with closing on the 16th. Theme: Roar. Life is Wild; God is Good. Loose offering for December was around \$800. Superintendent for Sunday School will not be named. Duties will be divided between the teachers. Lutherhill is coming Sunday 8/18 tentatively. T shirts for VBS, looking at different options.

Worship Committee:
Met 2/10 with 4 members present.
Lenten meals to be assigned as follows:
3/13 WC and Men in Mission
3/27 Rebekah Group and Stewardship
4/10 Christian Ed/LYO/School Board
The Lenten Services will be on "The Lord's Prayer" round-robin fashion with Greenvine, Waldeck/MLLC, Round Top/Shelby, Swiss Alp.
List of Lay Assistant prospects has been assembled and Susan will address asking the individuals if interested and we will re-assemble the Lay Assistant schedule in the future.

(Feb. 18, 2019 Council Summary, continued---)

Acolyte Training has been scheduled for 3/3 following the service. We have six new acolytes.

The shut-in communion list has been reviewed and updated. Lenten coins have been ordered. Proposal for new portable communion sets presented. Old sets cannot be cleaned and are showing wear. Natural Wood Set (Walnut) proposed. Five @ \$134/box will use general memorial funds for purchase.

Easter reception will be before church with light refreshments.

Outreach committee:
Pending new member reception. Looking for new members for committee.

Property Committee:
--Concrete Raising & Repair (Austin) – quotation to repair uneven sidewalks and FH steps received.
--Pressure washing of MLLC facilities by J&L Enterprises (Giddings) – quote pending.

--Repair of NW corner of church foundation – quote from Rhino Foundation (Brenham) pending.

--Roof leak in storage closet patched by J&A Roofing (Brenham) Long term repair under consideration.

--Focusing on Families and Casa expressed interest in any items available from dayschool.

--Tree trimming of trees on church grounds – tree services to be contacted for quotes.



--Landscaping & mulch in front of Sanctuary & M&M building pending.

--MLLC parking lots require striping – pending.

--Cleaning checklist including M&M Building and 3 Sunday School rooms being followed.

--Replacement of defective ceiling fan in FH kitchen pending.

Xerox Southwest to offer changes in printing/machine contract for printing along with new machine. Will help in reducing expenses for printing.

Stewardship Committee and Day School Committee:
No meetings. No Updates.

Old Business: None.

New Business:
\$5,000 check received. Motion by Jessica to put in CD with second by Pastor. All approved.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Brick will give the devotion at next month's meeting.

The next Church Council meeting will be on Monday, March 18th at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Anita Drydale, MLLC Council Secretary

*****(REMINDER: Anita will not be able to attend the March meeting. Someone will need to take the minutes in her absence).**



I want to THANK all those who sent "Get Well" prayers, cards, phone calls, flowers and visits to me while I was in the hospital in Austin. I feel very blessed to have the kind support that was shown.

Thanks again,
Valerie Pratt Moore

A LETTER FROM LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (about MLLC's gift from our Noisy Offering collection in 2018.) A portion of the letter reads as follows:

Dear Friends, Warm greetings from Lutheran

World Relief! With LWR Gifts, you have indeed helped a person living in poverty unwrap a better life. On behalf of LWR, our partners and those we serve, thank you for this life-changing gift. God bless you. Warm regards, Daniel V. Speckhard, President and CEO.

See the February newsletter for a full report of what items were selected from their gift order form. The proceeds were a total of \$1,426.00 that was sent. (See the church office to read the entire letter from LWR.)

Thanks to the Office helpers for February: *Betty Porter & Carol Hall* assembled

the March newsletter; *Cherrie Wins* sent bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors; *Jocie Jacob-Braun* placed supplies in pews; and *Betty Porter* folded bulletins.

Fayette County Habitat for humanity sent the following thank-you recently.

Dear Members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church,
Thank you for contributing \$1,179.74 to Fayette County Habitat for humanity during 2018. Your generous support allows us to continue our mission of providing safe, affordable housing to our hardworking Fayette county neighbors.



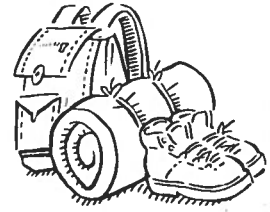
CONGRATULATIONS TO....

...to Joyce Fuchs on the birth of her great-granddaughter, **Adeline Amelia Teinert**, born January 16, 2019, in New Braunfels (on her father's birthday). Parents are Trent & Elizabeth Teinert of Seguin. Adeline weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz., and measured 21 inches. She is welcomed by her big sister, Ella Marie.

...and to Roy & Vilette Finke on the birth of their granddaughter, **Valyn Amelia Castaneda**, born to Vonda and Salvador Castaneda on Saturday, January 26, 2019. She weighed 6 lbs., 3 oz., and measured 19 inches.

ATTENTION, LUTHERHILL CAMPER PARENTS (grades 1st-6th)!!!

Children in grades 1-6 plan to attend Lutherhill as a group August 4-9. Those completing 1st grade will stay only Sunday-Wednesday. The group would like to register and have forms and payment on or before March 2. There is an early-bird discount, and it must be sent in and paid by March 15. (Check with the church office for more information).



TREEHOUSE, the ELCA Campus Ministry of the Brazos Valley (Blinn College and Texas A&M) will be sending representatives to speak at MLLC on Sunday, April 7.

AROUND TOWN AND IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

! Friday, March 1 - Carmine Chamber of Commerce "Texas Style Mixer"--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 the event; admission is included with your membership dues! Any questions, contact the Chamber at 979-451-1507.

! Worker Appreciation Meal: An appreciation hamburger meal will be served on Saturday, March 2, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the CVFD Firemen's Annex for workers who helped at the July Firemen's Feast and Fundraiser. The meal is dine-in or carry-out. RSVP to J.C. Pohl, Bubba Etzel, Daryl Ray, Dennis Gerland, or Mike McIntosh so they can get a count.

! All persons interested in the **history of the Carmine area** are invited to the next meeting of the Heritage Committee of the Carmine Chamber of Commerce on March 6 at 10:00 a.m. at the museum. A question & answer session related to the location of homes, businesses, schools, and roads from 1900-1950 is planned. Questions or perhaps answers for others, please try and attend.

! Walk Across Texas is a free 8-week program designed to help Texans establish the habit of regular physical exercise. Participants walk/exercise for eight weeks in team of eight (or you can do it by yourself). The program begins on Sunday, March 10. For more information, contact Jenifer Boening at jboening@ag.tamu.edu or 979-968-5831.

! Trip to Israel: The Round Top Travel Co. is planning a trip to Israel January 22-31, 2020. Contact Pam Schoenst at 979-249-3130 if you are interested. There is a brochure in the narthex to read about it. A slide show travel presentation will be held on Sunday, April 14, at 2:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall near Round Top.

Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries
March 2019 Happenings
Waldeck 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: Buck Williams

Women's Bible Study – 2nd Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

Men's Fellowship and Study Group – 4th Monday at
7:00 p.m.

Senior Citizens Meals on Wheels and fellowship.

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
(excluding Federal holidays) 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

All seniors welcome. Small donation invited to
cover cost of food. The group meets at 250

Augsburg Ave, across from the church.

Lent Schedule for Waldeck and Carmine:

Ash Wednesday – 5:45 p.m. at Waldeck, 7:30 p.m.
at Carmine

Lent Wednesdays

Fellowship meal each week at 6:00 p.m.

Worship each week at 7:00 p.m.

The services will be divided between Waldeck and
Carmine throughout the series.

Theme: The Lord's Prayer

March 13 at MLLC Pastor David Tinker

March 20 at Waldeck Pastor John David Nedbalek

March 27 at MLLC Pastor Lemae Higgs

April 3 at Waldeck Deaconess Jennifer Tinker

April 10 at MLLC Pastor David Tinker

At Waldeck – Meal in Annex; worship in sanctuary

At MLLC – Meal and worship in Fellowship Hall

Waldeck Lutheran Church – Waldeck

6915 Waldeck Church Ln

Ledbetter, TX 78946

Located at the intersection of

FM 1291 and FM 2145

(979) 249-3802

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Worship on Sunday – 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

Pastor David Tinker

Cell 979-530-6091/home 979-278-3384

President: Sue Schoenst 979-250-1783

Church Picnic, Meal Fundraiser:

Sunday, May 19, at the Ledbetter Community
Center and Fire Station. All invited. Tickets and
more information coming soon.

Holy Week Services for Waldeck and Carmine

Maundy Thursday

April 18 5:45 p.m. at Waldeck

7:30 p.m. at Carmine

Good Friday

April 19 7:00 p.m. at Carmine

Vigil of Easter (Saturday)

April 20 7:00 p.m. at Carmine

The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter) – April 21

6:45 a.m. – Sunrise Service at Carmine Cemetery

8:00 a.m. Waldeck Celebration Service

~9:00 a.m. – Waldeck Brunch

~9:20/9:30 a.m. – Waldeck Egg Hunt

10:00 a.m. Carmine Celebration Service

~11:10 a.m. Egg Hunt at Carmine

For all 4 churches –

The Next Shared Ministry 4 Church meeting will be
on Saturday, August 10, 9-11 a.m. at Waldeck
Lutheran Church.

Note that we will not have a May 2019 meeting.

Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries
March 2019 Happenings
Waldeck 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
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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

**Lent 2019 at Bethlehem Lutheran
Church and St. Paul Lutheran Church -
Shelby**

03/06/19 – Ash Wednesday
St. Paul, Shelby 5:30 PM
Bethlehem, Round Top 7:00 PM
No Meal

03/13/19 – @ St Paul, Shelby
6:00 PM Light meal
7:00 Lenten Service

03/20/19 - @ Bethlehem, Round Top
6:00 PM Light Meal
7:00 Lenten Service

03/27/19 - @ St Paul, Shelby
6:00 PM Light Meal
7:00 PM Lenten Service

The rest of Lent, along with the Holy Week
Schedule will be in the April newsletter.

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 – 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.


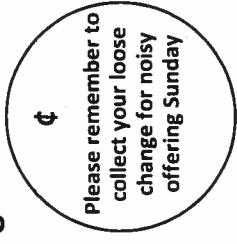







See Bethlehem Round Top schedule for Lenten
Services.

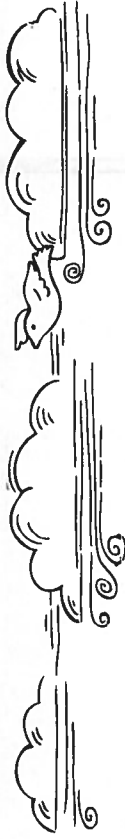
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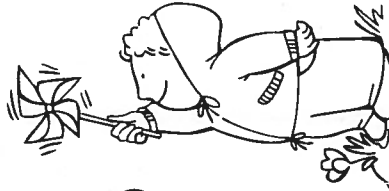
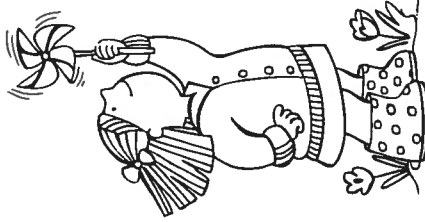
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MARCH 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | |  | | 1 | 2 World Day of Prayer (See newsletter) |
| 3 Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 9:30 am-Choir practice 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/Acolyte Training after worship/HOME COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION 5:00 pm-AA meeting | 4 6:00 pm-Worship Committee meeting | 5 6:00 pm-Worship Committee meeting | 6 Ash Wednesday 7:30 pm- <input type="checkbox"/> Lenten service with Holy Communion at MLLC | 7 | 8  Please remember to collect your loose change for noisy offering Sunday | 9 10:00-Noon-Blanket Tying for LWR 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion  Daylight savings time starts Sunday, 2 am |
| 10 1 st Sunday in Lent 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion led by Praise Team/Noisy offering collected Property Committee after worship 11:00 am-Christian Ed. Committee 5:00 pm-AA meeting | 11 9:00 am-  Quilting 6:30 pm-Stewardship Committee meeting | 12 Council agenda deadline | 13 6:00 pm-Lenten meal 7:00 pm- <input type="checkbox"/> Lenten service at MLLC | 14  2:00 pm-Rebekah Group meets | 15 3:00 pm-Birthday Party at Oakland Manor in Giddings | 16  |
| [Spring Break, March 11-15] | | | | | | |
| 17 2 nd Sunday in Lent 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion WELCA Unit meeting after worship 5:00 pm-AA meeting | 18 1:30 pm-Sr. Citizens' Domino Party 6:15 pm-Church Council meeting | 19 | 20 1 st Day of Spring 6:00 pm-Lenten meal 7:00 pm- <input type="checkbox"/> Lenten service at Waldeck | 21 | 22  Newsletter deadline | 23 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion/Baptism Remembrance |
| 24 3 rd Sunday in Lent 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/LYO meeting after worship 5:00 pm-AA meeting | 25  7:00 pm-Men in Mission | 26 | 27 6:00 pm-Lenten meal 7:00 pm- <input type="checkbox"/> Lenten service at MLLC | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 4 th Sunday in Lent 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 pm-AA meeting |  on Sunday 11:15 am-First Holy Communion class in the M&M building | | | | February 2019 S M T W T F S 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 | April 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 |



Servers for MARCH



Assisting Ministers: Mike McIntosh (03-03); Leonita Sanders (03-06-Ash Wed.,)
Susan Bathe (03-09, 03-24); Dana Smith (03-10); Dianna Gerland (03-17)
Jessica Weidemann (03-23; 03-31)

Acolyte organizers: Parents of March acolytes
Put supplies in pews: Tina Mikeska

Bulletin folder: Carol Hall

Send bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors: Gene Goolsby
Offering Counters: Deposit-Amy D., Jessica W., Shelby Vaughn
April newsletter assemblers: Barbara & Jerry Jacob
(the weekend of March 29 or 30)

| Date | Acolytes | Ushers | Readers | Flowers | Communion assistants | Communion set-up |
|----------------------|----------|--|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 03-03 | Peyton | Team #7- Jeff Flinn, capt., Mia & Buck Williams, greeters; Susan Leppard, Emma Leppard, Carson Flinn | Mike McIntosh | Madonna Morris | | Susan Bathe (white paraments) |
| 03-06 Ash Wed. | Brody | Team #8- Tim Weigelt, capt., Jadon Weidemann, greeter; Lori Weigelt, Justin Roemer, Hannah Roemer | Blake Dooley | | Cheryl Etzel | Debbie Eckert (black paraments) |
| 03-09 | | Volunteers | | | | Jadon (purple paraments) |
| 03-10 | Ryan | Team #9- Eldon Mikeska, Jr., capt., Mason Mikeska, Stuart Markwardt, Jimmy Loewe, Randall Zwernemann, Renè Zwernemann | Vickie Schroeder | Mike & Terry McIntosh | Shelby Vaughn | Jadon |
| 03-13 Lent | Abby | Team #10- Glenn Treude, capt., Melvin Schoenst, Glenda Oakes, Renè Runge, Ed Eargle | Leonita Sanders | | | |
| 03-17 | Matt | Team #11- Tim Sanders, capt., Alvis Mueller, greeter; Steve Leppard, Amanda Leppard, Shayne Kirts, Jed Leppard | Kayla Peters | Stuart & Susie Markwardt | Susan Ray | Connie Peters |
| 03-20 Lent | | At Waldeck | At Waldeck | | | |
| 03-23 | | Volunteers | | | | |
| 03-24 | Avery | Team #12- Berrie Etzel, capt., Shelley Scheffer, greeter; Darlene Etzel, Tana Brooks, Shelby Vaughn, Connie Peters, Jordan Peters | Amy Dooley | Todd & Amy Dooley | Dianne Sager | Cheryl Etzel Cheryl Etzel |
| 03-27 Lent | Cody | Team #13- Karen Roemer, capt. & greeter, Dennis Smith, greeter; Darrell, Esther & Emily Kelley | Jessica Weidemann | | | |
| 03-31 | Drayton | Team #14- Ronnie Eckert, capt., Avalda Pohl, greeter; Brooke Eckert, Debbie Eckert, Josh Eckert, Peyton Franklin | Bobbie Weidemann | Kyle, Karen & Matt Roemer | Leonita Sanders | Susan Markwardt |