



Martin Luther Lutheran Church
211 Luther LN
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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:

Saturday Worship w/Holy Communion 6:00 p.m.
Sunday School for all – Sundays 9:00 a.m.
Sunday worship w/Holy Communion – 10:00 a.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

JULY, 2019

This Is My Father's World, Oh, Let Me Ne'er Forget - - A Prayer for the 4th!



Loving God, we thank you—the true Father of our country—for the blessings of this land and the gifts of cultures around the world. Prompt us to strive for justice for all, at home and abroad. Remind us, in the words of the hymn, that "... this is our Father's world" and that your goodness prevails. On Independence Day and every day, "O let us ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet." Amen. (See the hymn #824 in the red hymnal.)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

was held at MLLC from Sunday, June 9, to Thursday, June 13, with closing following worship on Sunday, June 16. There were 67 children registered, with average attendance of 60 per evening, with 28 leaders.

Thanks to everyone for a Wonderful job and a successful week! Thanks to those who

helped cook and serve our delicious dinners and those who brought cookies. We also greatly appreciate those who gave donations. Many thanks to the Rebekah Group for their support. The kids (and adults!) all had an awesome time praising and learning about God at Roar Sing & Play, Wildlife Laughs, Imagination Station, Wild Bible Adventures, Stampede

Sports, Hungry Herd Café and Safari Celebration.

We know that when life is unfair, scary, changes, sad or good...GOD IS GOOD!





VBS at Waldeck Lutheran, designed for children pre-school through just-finishing grade 4, is set for July 22-26, (Monday through Friday) from 8:30-11:30 a.m. The closing program is on Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the church. This year's theme is Miraculous Mission. Call 979-966-3862 to register. Waldeck Evangelical Lutheran Church is located at 6915 Waldeck Church Road, Ledbetter, TX 78946. This is at the corner of FM 2145 and FM 1291, about six miles south of Ledbetter.

NEWS FOR EVERYONE!



→ **Re: CAMPING:** The special camping envelope was included in the June newsletter, and contributions are still welcome! Confirmation Camp at Lutherhill is July 21-28, and elementary-age children will attend summer camp August 4-9 at Lutherhill.

→ **BELATED CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING GRADUATES!**
 These names were missed last month)

From RT-C 6th to 7th grade - Joshua Aranzolo
 From RT-C Pre-K to Kinder – Emily Ortiz
 From RT-C Elementary Kindergarten – Kooper Kirts

→ **CHOIR PRACTICE** – is set for Sunday, July 7, at 9:30 a.m. The song is "My Country Tis of Thee."

→ **TONE CHIMES** is taking vacation during July & August.

→ **Monday, July 22 is MEN IN MISSION'S FAMILY NIGHT AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL.**

→ **NEXT WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING** is Tuesday, July 23, 4:30 p.m.

→ **NOISY OFFERING REPORT** – \$410.77 was collected so far this year, and 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.



AND---LOOKING AHEAD:

→ **Saturday, August 10** – next Shared Ministry 4-Church meeting at Waldeck from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

→ **RT-C Teacher Appreciation Breakfast** is set for Friday, August 16, in our fellowship hall starting at 8:30 a.m. (*Please note the change in days this year*).

→ **Sunday, August 18** – **Lutherhill Sunday at MLLC.** Sunday School with Lutherhill staff starts at 9:00 a.m. Executive Director Matt Kindsvatter will be the guest preacher that day at worship at 10:00 a.m.

→ **Rally Sunday is August 25**, the beginning of the New Sunday School year at MLLC.



→ **Sunday, September 1** – **Labor Day casual service and potluck meal in the fellowship hall.** Wade Weigelt will provide barbecue brisket/pork for sliders. Congregation is asked to bring sides and desserts. You're encouraged to wear your work clothes from your current, former, or hoped-for vocation on that day.



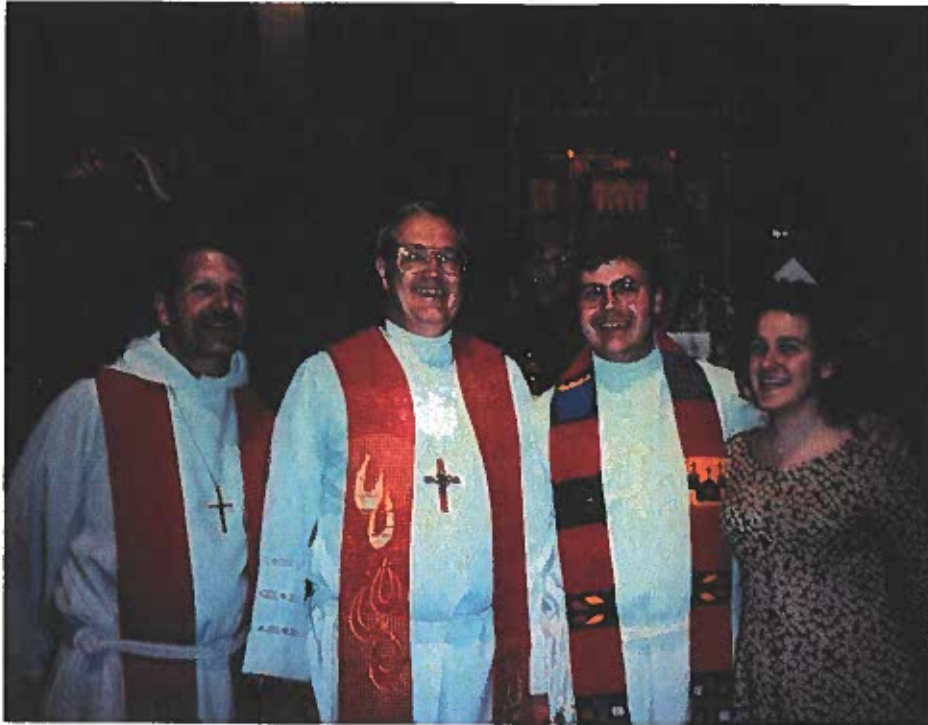
YOGA CLASSES:

Would you be interested in attending Yoga classes?

Classes would be held in the MLLC fellowship hall and class days and time are to be determined. It's been suggested to hold classes on Monday or Tuesday, and begin at 5:00 p.m. The length of the class is about an hour, and the type would be gentle, restorative, Hatha Yoga.

If interested, please contact the church office (278-3388), Susan Bathe (278-3070), or Jessica Weidemann, (979-540-7761.)

PASTOR DAVID TINKER CELEBRATES HIS 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION



On Sunday, June 9, Pastor David Tinker celebrated the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination as a Lutheran Pastor. A reception was held after worship at both Waldeck and Martin Luther Lutheran Churches. He wore the stole which was presented to him on June 9, 1994, at his ordination.

The photo at left includes, L-R: Pastor Ric Barnes, Ordination Sponsor; Bishop Ralph Kempksi, ordaining Bishop; Pastor David Tinker, Jennifer Clark, later married To Pastor David Tinker.



About Pastor David Tinker's Ordination:

He was ordained at Trinity English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana, at the 1994 Synod Assembly. He was the first student in his class to receive a call to serve in a special congregation. He was ordained with a fellow, seminary classmate on June 9, 1994.

He was ordained by Bishop Ralph Kempksi, of the Indiana-Kentucky synod. His ordination sponsor was Pastor Ric Barnes. The Sponsor is the person, typically a fellow pastor, who presents the candidate to the bishop, and then later places the stole over the shoulders of the candidate. Several of his seminary professors also participated in the service.

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**Pastor Tinker's 25th Ordination Celebration,
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A highlight was when these professors joined Bishop Kempfski and Pastor Barnes in the biblical action of "laying on of hands" as the bishop prayed for the Holy spirit in the candidate's life and ministry.

The stole which he wore was the same stole used at his ordination. The wooden cross he wore at the services on June 8-9 was given him by the people of his first congregation following the ordination ceremony.

**Schools: Year of Graduation
from each institution**

- 1984 – Spring Woods High School – Houston, Texas
- 1989 – The University of Texas – Austin, Texas; B.S. in Radio-TV-Film
- 1994 – Trinity Lutheran Seminary – Columbus, Ohio; M.Div.

**Churches where he has served as pastor:
Includes calendar years of service.**

- Congregations in the Indiana-Kentucky synod, ELCA
- 1994-1998 – Faith Lutheran Church – Otterbein, Indiana
- 1998-2005 - St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church – North Liberty, Indiana

Congregation in the Florida-Bahamas Synod, ELCA
2005-2006 – Grace Lutheran Church – Miami Springs, Florida

Congregation in the Northwestern Ohio Synod, ELCA
2006-2012 – St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church – Oak Harbor, Ohio



Congregations in the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, ELCA
2012-present – Martin Luther Lutheran Church – Carmine, Texas
2016-present – Waldeck Evangelical Lutheran Church – Ledbetter, Texas

As of April 30, 2019, Pastor David Tinker has served at Martin Luther Lutheran Church as pastor for more time than he has served at any previous congregation.

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for the wonderful reception and celebration for the 25th Anniversary of my ordination as a Lutheran Pastor. Thank you also for the beautiful, commemorative plaque, which I will cherish as a memory of this special day. Thank you also for the cards, personal gifts, and individual greetings for this occasion. I am ever thankful for the 7+ years we have already had together, and I am thankful for the 25 years of service as a pastor in God's church.

Pastor David Tinker



ROBERT VAUGHN FUNDRAISER: In April of this year Robert Vaughn, husband of Shelby Markwardt Vaughn, was in a single-vehicle accident. He sustained significant injuries, including brain injuries. He still has months of recovery to go, yet we are thankful for the good progress he has been able to make.

With such a traumatic set of injuries, the care needs are significant. Out of love for Robert and his family the MLLC Council has organized a fundraiser to offset some of the costs which Robert's family has for his care. Here are the details: Meal: Fried chicken, buttered noodles, green beans.

Sunday, August 18, with serving at the Carmine Hall from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. You can also choose to buy a ticket for pickup in Brenham for that same day. Tickets are "Free Will Offering", and pre-purchase is encouraged. Only a few tickets will be available on the day of the event. Please give generously to help Robert and his family.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare for this event, and to serve on the day of the event. Contact the church office to volunteer. More information will be available in the church office, the church website, in bulletins, and in the August newsletter.



Women's Ministry

WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS:

June 5 Salad Supper report:



The MLLC Women of the ELCA and guests enjoyed the annual Salad Supper and Program with the theme, "*In the Garden*", on Wednesday, June 5, in the fellowship hall. Sixty-seven members and guests attended and enjoyed the delicious salads, casseroles, and desserts. The tables were centered with colorful tissue vases surrounded by various garden hand tools that were given to those attending.

Colette Wunderlich, president, welcomed the group and led the purpose statement and the singing of the Table Prayer. The introduction of the program was given by Joys Baird and opened with the singing of "*In the Garden*".

Dianne Sager then led some interesting Bible trivia. This was followed by the Children's Chorus of Ida Blackwell, Kandyce Hughes, Morgan Williams, Reagan Williams, and Bowen Williams singing *Jesus Loves Me* and *Jesus Loves the Little Children*.

A garden reading was given by Dianna Gerland. The Choir, consisting of *La Verne Albers, Anita Drydale, Cathy Gau, Carlyn Hall, Jeanette Shepherd, Diane Tovey, Susan Weyand, Jolene Wickel, Lanette Williams, and Mia Williams* (Praise Team members from Bethlehem Lutheran, Round Top, and Martin Luther-Carmine, and Choir members from St. Paul Lutheran,

Shelby) rendered the following beautiful songs: *I Have Decided, I Want to Stroll Over Heaven with You, Chain Breaker, One Day At a Time, Just a Little Talk with Jesus, Whispering Hope, Step Into the Water, Hee Haw Goodbye/I'll Fly Away*. Guest vocalist was Jerry Wickel and solos performed by Mia Williams and Susan Weyand. Instrumentalists were Nancy Eilers on the piano, Sarah Makowsky, Conway Waak, Jolene Wickel, and Lanette Williams, all with guitars.

The program closed with everyone singing "Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers" with the closing prayer and benediction by Pastor David Tinker.

MLLC WELCA General Meeting report:



The WELCA General meeting was held on Sunday, June 9, after worship to review and plan activities and to elect the unit president and elect a treasurer to fill out the unexpired term. Those in attendance were Colette Wunderlich, Dianna Gerland, Sedalia Ullrich, Leonita Sanders, Joys Baird, and Diana Wunderlich. Colette welcomed the group and the Purpose and Mission Statements were recited. The opening devotion was given by Colette on baptism and ended with her mother's motto, "*There's some good in everybody*".

Colette called the meeting to order. The minutes were approved and the treasurer's report given. Highlights of the meeting included the following: Bold Women's Day held in February; next birthday party on June 21st at Brenham Nursing and Rehab Center, need more participation of our women, and send personal invite to families when their family member is celebrating; Pastor Tinker and Colette, nursing home communion day in May; WELCA Salad Supper on June 5th; Hilltop Ramblers for Thankoffering service on November 10th; Lutheran World Relief report and activities; Mother's Day reception with offering going to Krause Center; quilting on 2nd Monday; fleece blanket tying on 2nd Saturday; 26 quilts were taken to Camp For All by Nancy Eilers and Dianna Gerland; (continued on next page)

WELCA General Meeting highlights, continued--

A.M.E.N. ingatherings continue in August and November; \$300 was given to LYO for Souper Bowl of Caring; quilts will be given for Lutherhill's Gala in September and MLLC Harvest Fest Auction in October; Dorothy Rothermel memorials will be used for quilting and kitchen, two projects that were dear to her heart; Colette was elected as president and Leonita will fill the unexpired term of treasurer.

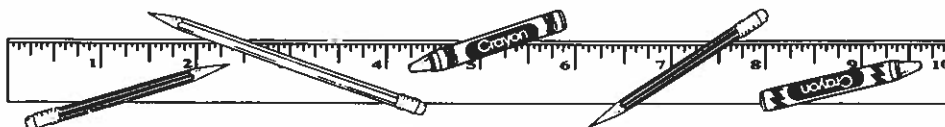


Next regular Rebekah Group meeting: Thursday, July 11, 2:00 p.m.

Dianna Gerland leads the Bible study; Colette Wunderlich gives the offering meditation, and Sedalia Ullrich and Nancy Eilers are hostesses.

--Quilting day is Monday, July 8, 9:00 a.m. in the Mission & Ministry building.

--The Fleece Blanket Tying Day is Saturday, July 13, from 10:00 a.m. until noon in the M&M building.



Items needed for the Lutheran World Relief School kits are:

- Four 70-count spiral notebooks of ruled paper
- One blunt pair scissors
- One 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler With centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- Five new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- One eraser 2-1/2" long
- One box of 16-24 crayons
- One sturdy backpack-style cloth bag – 14x7" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

(Pack all items in the bag, fold handles over, secure with yarn.)

🎂 June 21 Nursing Home Birthday

Party report: The Women of Martin Luther Lutheran Church hosted a Birthday Party on Friday, June 21, at 3:00 p.m. at Brenham Nursing and Rehab in Brenham. Members of MLLC celebrating birthdays were Elvera Limmer, who was 93 on June 18th, and Verline Schulte who was 90 on June 18th also.

Approximately 40 residents were served sandwiches made by Joys Baird, Colette Wunderlich, and Diana Wunderlich; cheese puffs were provided by Jocie Jacob-Braun, and punch was donated by Barbara Jacob. The WELCA ladies provided a beautifully-decorated pastel birthday cake, and gifts to six birthday celebrants.

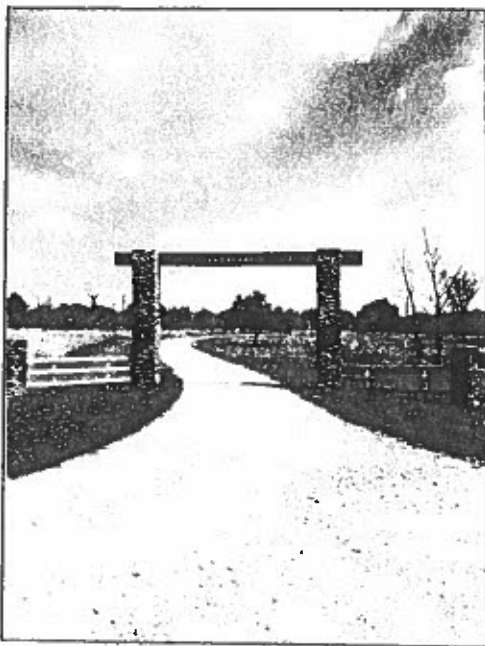
Attending and leading the sing-along with the residents and helping to serve were Joys Baird, Barbara Jacob, Susan Ray, Leonita Sanders, and Colette Wunderlich.

These nursing home parties are so appreciated and enjoyed by the residents and as a WELCA group, we really need your help furnishing food and your participation to make these parties successful. This is one of the worth projects the Women of Martin Luther Lutheran Church provides to our aging members and residents in nursing homes. Thank you for your help!!!

Looking ahead---▼▼▼

Women of the ELCA 2019 Synod Retreat/Convention (August 16-18) will be at Lutherhill with the theme, "Come and See", from Psalm 66:5. SIGN UP TODAY! Registration is being offered online as well as manually. Plan for a Great Weekend with your Women of the ELCA Sisters. Cost: Option A – Price is \$120 which covers all the days of Retreat/Convention; Option B – Price is \$50 which is for Saturday Retreat/Convention only; and Option C – Price is \$40 additional cost if interested in a massage on Saturday. All ladies are invited!

Please contact the church office or Leonita Sanders at 979-820-1360 for registration forms or more information.



The Road to Wonder Campaign (road repairs at Lutherhill) follow-up:

This campaign (introduced in the June newsletter) has been approved by the church councils of each of the four churches of our Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries. It is an opportunity to deepen our partnership with each other in our broader shared ministry, and with our dear friends in Lutherhill Ministries.

The dirt road leading to Lutherhill is in need of repairs. Bethlehem, Round Top/

Martin Luther, Carmine/ St. Paul, Shelby/Waldeck congregations joined forces with a goal to raise \$20,000 during the month of June.

There are special envelopes in the narthex to make gifts to Lutherhill. **Make checks payable to Lutherhill, with the memo line: Roads.** You may either mail them or leave them in the church office, or in the basket in the narthex. You can also give through our website: mlccarmine.com/online-giving/. On the secure giving website, there is a section to make gifts to Lutherhill.

PRAYER LIST:



Current Member Prayer

Concerns:

Melvin Schoenst (recent procedure, recovering at home); Louis Kartous (hospitalized); Jocie Braun (surgery); Sedalia Ullrich (recent shoulder surgery); Johnny Dunham (health concerns); Sara Eilers (at Brenham Nursing & Rehab for rehab); Ruby Renck (health concerns); and Robert Vaughn (Shelby's husband, now at Texas Neurorehab Center in Austin).

Current Friends and Family

Prayer Concerns: Tom Drummond (friend from Carmine area, health issues); Shirley Neumann (friend from Round Top, health concerns); Charles Marburger (friend from Warrenton, strokes); Branch Neutzler (brother of

JoLynn Schoenberg, Kay Schmidt, and Darrel & Vickie Neutzler, health concerns); and Annie Pietsch (relative of Susan Bathe and Patti Hart, health concerns).

Ongoing Member Prayer

Concerns: Bobbie Weidemann, Louis Kartous, Lisa Mayer, Linda Kovar, Jack Flinn, Jack Weidemann, Vickie Neutzler, and Ashley Weiss.

Ongoing Friends and Family

Prayer Concerns: Frances Glueck & family, Pastor Bill Derrick, Sharon Johnson, Hunter Pomykal, Kay Griffin, Kathy Gray, Kevin Taylor, Berkley Fincher, Mikayla Peschke, Lucas Smith, El Gene Schulle, Dale Walker, Kaitlyn Fritz, Jimmy Alvarado, Russell

Zickley, Kenneth Bishop, Steven Pratt, Joey Pomykal, Bertha Reuther, Don Steinbach, Michael (Butch) Schulz, Mary Edwards, Josh Dow, Amanda Sebastian, Doris Fay Georges, Welma Koether Belle, Natalie Broadway, Kaitlyn Nienstedt, Edna Krause, Fred Kessel, Eugenia Fuhman, Lloyd Pieper, Debbie Walsh, C. J. Lehmann, Harris Kubos, Jr., and Sam Reeves.

Members in Care and Assisted

Living facilities: Joyce Lehmann and LaVerne Kunkel (at Bee'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.

PRAYER LIST, continued

Homebound Members:

Nevilee Marburger (in Houston); Judith Yarborough; Peetsy Fischer, and Shirley Mueller (at home at their Bed & Breakfast in Brenham).

Military Personnel:

MLLC member: Joseph Vogel

Family & Friends: Michael Martin, Jonathon 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 & friends of: Jack Wilson (Daryl Ray's uncle); Nola Goehring (friend from Round Top); and Maria Ortiz (grandmother of Emily Ortiz and Josh Aranzolo).

MLLC FINANCIAL INFORMATION

May 2019 Year to Date
 Total Income \$126,013.85
 Total Expenses 107,171.71
 Net Income: \$ 18,842.13

May 2019 Month
 Total Income \$15,126.37
 Total Expenses 18,505.89
 Net Loss: \$ 2,379.52

Year to Date Expenses Highlights:
 Salaries and Benefits \$70,496.43
 Benevolences 9,337.65
 Property Insurance 7,076.00
 Utilities 5,938.17
 Printing 3,623.98
 Supplies & Forms 2,700.13
 Confirmation Ministry 1,567.52
 Maintenance & Repair 1,293.57
 Bulletins & Envelopes 1,081.46
 Reimbursements 1,033.39
 Convention Expenses 999.28
 Postage & Handling 636.48
 Equipment & Tools 520.38
 2018 Harvest Festival 500.00
 Miscellaneous 367.28



ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTIONS:

Date	Attendance	General	School	Building
05-25 Saturday	34	1,019.00	-0-	-0-
05-26 Sunday	65	2,493.41	-0-	10.00
06-01- Saturday	20	520.00	-0-	-0-
06-02 Sunday	54	2,449.00	-0-	-0-
06-08 Saturday	23	1,030.00	-0-	-0-
06-09 Sunday	89	3,902.99	-0-	25.00
06-15 Saturday	13	130.00	-0-	-0-
06-16 Sunday	160+	4,975.00	-0-	30.00
06-22 Saturday	31	730.00	-0-	-0-
06-23 Sunday	60	1,916.00	-0-	-0-

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

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|-------------------|----|----------------------|----|
| Debby Peele | 01 | Jason Carmean | 17 |
| Susan Ray | 02 | Cody Muske | 17 |
| Kennedy Jasinski | 04 | Ronda Kunkel | 18 |
| McKinley Jasinski | 04 | Loydine Mays | 19 |
| Debbie Eckert | 05 | Eldon Mikeska, Jr. | 19 |
| Susan Leppard | 05 | Jerry Moore | 21 |
| Joseph Vogel | 06 | Sarah Leppard | 22 |
| Floyd Braun | 07 | Kathy Schoenst | 22 |
| Lori Weigelt | 07 | Judd Dunham | 23 |
| Emily Ortiz | 08 | J. C. Pohl | 23 |
| Clint Eilers | 09 | Charles Mueller, Jr. | 24 |
| Shelley Scheffer | 09 | Jessica Warburton | 24 |
| Joyce Ullrich | 09 | Carter Wunderlich | 25 |
| Robbie Tovey | 11 | Becky Dunham | 27 |
| Carson Flinn | 12 | Kaci Mueller | 27 |
| Colbie Lange | 12 | Barbara Schulz | 28 |
| Cooper Lange | 12 | Peyton Franklin | 29 |
| Tripp Dunham | 13 | Toby Brooks | 31 |
| John Hart, II | 13 | Blaine Nelson | 31 |
| Karen Roemer | 14 | Ricky Wickel | 31 |



A MODEL FOR DAILY DEVOTION

By Pastor David Tinker

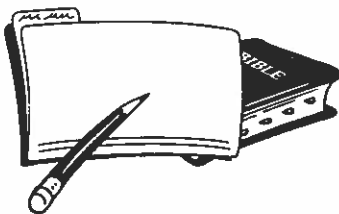
In my sermon on June 23, I shared a model for daily devotion. This is based on and adapted from the teachings of Martin Luther regarding our daily life of prayer. Here is what I shared on that day.

A technique which is suggested for daily putting off the old self and putting on the clothing of Christ is a spiritual self-examination.

- 1) Start with making the sign of the cross and invoking God's name: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
- 2) Then pray the Lord's Prayer
- 3) Then spend some time prayerfully reflecting on one or more of the Ten Commandments. Consider how God's command convicts your sinful actions. Ask for God's forgiveness, and then pray for God's strength to strive to live according to God's way.
- 4) Then consider Jesus' call to love God, to love your neighbor, and to love one another in the community of faith. Consider where you have strayed from these commands. Ask for God's forgiveness, and pray for God's strength to strive to live God's way.
- 5) Keep a small bowl of water nearby in your place of devotion. Dip a couple fingers in this bowl at the end of this exercise and make the sign of the cross on your forehead or across your chest in remembrance of your baptism.
- 6) Spend your day striving to live God's most excellent way. Return to this exercise daily to seek God's forgiveness and strength for your life.



Use this individual prayer guide to help you take your faith seriously. Why? Because God takes our faith seriously and wants us to grow in union with him. The daily struggle within us to put off sin and put on Christ assures us that we are taking Jesus seriously, and that our faith is alive in him. I pray that the Holy Spirit will help all of us to strive daily to take our faith seriously and to see the positive implications of our lives being united with Jesus Christ.



MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2019

Members present: Ronnie Eckert, Tina Mikeska, Brick Peele, Karen Roemer, Cindy Weidemann, Jessica Weidemann, Anita Drydale, Buck Williams, and Shelby Vaughn. Absent was Pastor David Tinker (*on vacation*).

The meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m. by Buck.

The devotion was presented by Ronnie. The minutes of the May Council meeting and the

Treasurer's Report were approved as presented.

Pastor's Report – There was none this month.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education Committee: Vacation Bible School was successful with 67 children signed up, and an average of 62 attending. The closing went well. Loose offering went to defray the cost of VBS with leftover to Christian Ed Committee. The theme for next year to be determined.



Worship Committee: There was no update. The committee will meet next month.

Outreach Committee: On May 12th, Mother's Day was celebrated with a donuts and

punch reception in the parlor after church.

May 26th – Graduates were honored with punch, cupcakes and other sweets after church.

June 9th – Pastor Tinker celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination as we hosted cake and punch, along with the Worship Committee presenting him with a plaque to commemorate the special day.

The VBS closing and Father's Day reception are tradition-ally combined. This year both fell on June 16th with a punch and cookie reception provided to all those staying after the closing program held during the church service.

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June 17, 2019, Council Summary, continued---

Our annual Teacher Appreciation Breakfast is planned for Friday, August 16, in the fellowship hall. We want to welcome anyone willing to help that morning as we honor the 2019-2020 staff of RT-C. Grandparents in the MLLC congregation will be recognized and celebrated on Sunday, September 8.

Property Committee:

--Sidewalk and fellowship hall steps: Legacy Concrete replaced and re-poured sidewalks and corrected riser dimension of bottom steps of fellowship hall.



--Terminix contract terminated; secured services of Entec Pest Control for church facilities including quarterly treatment of perimeter of parsonage and M&M building.

--Repair of northwest corner of church slab; received quotes from Russell Faris, Rhino Foundation (\$8,650/16 piers) and First Choice House Leveling (\$8,100/21 piers). Quote from Lifetime Foundation Restoration pending.

--Parlor air conditioner compressor not functioning; Steve Leppard advised

compressor grounded and required replacing. Replacement unit to be secured and installed when unit available.



--Sprinkler system repair list received from ATS Irrigation. Contact established with Lucas Stroech of Washington County Landscape for service of defective sprinkler head in the fellowship hall;

--Pressure washing of MLLC facilities by Guy Garder of Brenham; quote to be requested upon completion of sidewalk repairs.

--Fellowship hall doors do not close easily. Will adjust striker plate on door to correct.

Stewardship Committee:

Amount collected for Lenten meal of \$751 to go toward human trafficking prevention. For May, amount collected of \$375 to go towards Mosaic (this year's Mission Appeal designee). Next meeting is in July.

Dayschool Committee: No update. No interest shown for open positions.

Old business:

--DVD/Blu-ray player for the library has been purchased.

-- Two cribs from former MLLC nursery have been placed with CASA in Brenham, and three cribs remain. Infant items are available to give away.

--The air conditioning in the fellowship hall was discussed. Recommendation is for a unit that will cool the fellowship hall, possibly of Tower Fans in the interim.

--Fundraiser to help with Robert Vaughn's medical expenses was discussed. August 18th is a tentative date. Fried chicken, buttered noodles and green beans suggested, with dessert table. There would be a free will donation, and tickets would be presold through July, and limited for sale at the door. Times would be 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

New Business:

--Computer for projector in sanctuary was discussed, and tabled until later date.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Jessica will give the devotion at next month's meeting - Monday, July 15, at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Drydale, MLLC Council Secretary.

LOCAL AND AREA NEWS:

✿ St. Paul Lutheran Church and Shared Lutheran Ministries present Dinner and Dancing Under the Stars on Saturday, July 6, at the Sons of Hermann Hall in Ruttersville, 5830 St. Hwy. 159, La Grange, with serving of barbecue pork steak, sausage and trimmings (dine-in preferred) starting at 5:00 p.m. for a freewill offering. There will be a cake walk and live auction, and music provided by The Back Porch Boys at 7:00 p.m. B.Y.O.B. and lawn chairs. All proceeds benefitting Lutherhill Ministries.

🚒 Carmine Volunteer Fire Dept. Annual Feast & Fundraiser is set for Sunday, July 21, with a fried chicken meal served from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (dine-in or to-go). Donations will be accepted as payment for the meal. There will be a Bounce House and activities for the kids at 10:30 a.m. Live auction begins at noon. Barbecue sausage is available from 10:30 to 5. Donations are being accepted for the auction, and volunteer help for light duty for both Saturday afternoon and Sunday would be appreciated. To volunteer or donate auction items, call Dennis Gerland at 979-249-7554 or J. C. Pohl at 979-278-3348.

🎰 The Carmine Chamber of Commerce Casino Night! SAVE THE DATE. Carmine Chamber of Commerce annual Casino Night is August 10 at the Carmine Hall at 6:00 p.m. Exceptional entertainment by Krystin Harris & Western Swing will be provided. It is always a really good time for a really good cause (benefiting the Carmine Chamber of Commerce). Tables for eight (drinks, game chips) is \$400. Individual tickets are \$30. These tickets must be purchased in advance at either Carmine State Bank or by calling 979-451-1507.

Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries
July 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 Saturday – 6:00 p.m.
Worship on Sunday – 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.
Pastor David Tinker
Cell 713-461-8007/home 979-278-3384
pastordjt@industryinet.com
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. – In July – Ice Cream Social in
Fellowship Hall.

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.

Worship on Every Saturday

We have begun offering worship on every Saturday
evening at 6:00 p.m.

Lutherhill Sunday – August 18

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

Rally Sunday – August 25

Beginning of the New Sunday School year.

Labor Day Sunday – September 1

Come to worship dressed as you would for your
current, former, or hoped for vocation.
Worship in the Fellowship Hall
Followed by a fellowship meal.

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
Cell 979-530-6091/home 979-278-3384
pastordjt@industryinet.com
President: Sue Schoenst 979-250-1783

Vacation Bible School

July 22-26 – Monday-Friday
8:30-11:30 a.m.

Closing Program: Friday at 6:30 p.m.

For more information and Registration Call: 979-
966-3862

We invite children in Pre-K through Grade 4 to
attend.

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.

*Worship
the
Father
in
spirit
and
truth*
John 4:23

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412 S White St. Round Top, TX 78954
(979) 249-3686 Find us on Facebook

Worship on Sunday – 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 1st Sunday at 8:30 a.m.
Noisy Offering on 1st Sunday monthly
Pastor John David Nedbalek pstrjd@cvctx.com
– cell 210-422-7599

First Thursday of each Month (NO JULY meeting)
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 – 3rd Wednesday each month

Noisy Offering – 3rd Sunday each month

Game Day – Note additional day per month

First and Third Wednesdays of each month

from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Open to the community.

Everyone is welcome. Bring snack, board game, dominoes, etc.

Annual Historic Church Service and Picnic

Our 8 a.m. service on June 30, 2019 will be held at the Historical Church across from the current Sanctuary.

Followed by the annual church picnic serving Hamburgers & Hot Dogs and Bingo. Members are invited to bring desserts and bingo prizes.

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.

PATRIOTIC PINWHEEL

Create this colorful July 4th craft.

What you need:

- Decorated card stock square (5" x 5")
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- 2 one-inch circles of card stock
- Glue
- Pipe cleaner (3 inches)
- Drinking straw



What you do:

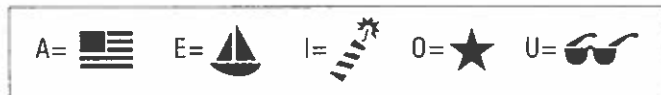
1. Fold the square corner to corner to form an X. Unfold.
2. To make spokes, cut the four creases until an inch from the center.
3. Punch a hole in the middle of the square, near the tips of each spoke, and in the middle of each circle.
4. Fold each spoke toward the center, lining up the holes. Glue in place.
5. Wrap one end of the pipe cleaner around the top of the straw. Thread a circle, the pinwheel, and the remaining circle onto the pipe cleaner.
6. Roll the pipe cleaner end into a ball. Then spin!



"IN DEPENDENCE" DAY!

Always live "in dependence" on God.

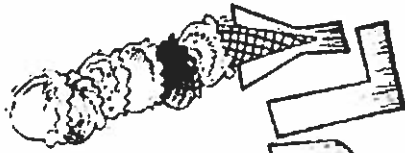
Directions: Use the vowel code to complete Psalm 16:8, NIV



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 r _ ght h _ nd,
 w _ ll n _ t b _ sh _ k _ n.
 Ps _ lm 16:8, N _ V

Answer: I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8, NIV

**SERVERS
FOR:**



Assisting Ministers: Jessica Weidemann (07-06, 07-21); Mike McIntosh (07-07); Shelby Vaughn (07-13); Susan Bathe (07-14, 07-28); Ronnie Eckert (07-20); Shayne Kirts (07-27).

Acolyte organizers: Parents of July acolytes

Put supplies in pews: Jocie Jacob-Braun

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

Bulletin folders: Jerry & Barbara Jacob

Offering Counters: Deposit-Karen Roemer, Bev Cucuzza, Boo Goolsby

August newsletter assemblers: Ted & Dianne Sager

(the weekend of July 26 or 27)

Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Readers	Flowers	Communion assistants	Communion set-up
07-06		Volunteers				
07-07	Cody	Team #14- Ronnie Eckert, capt., Avalda Pohl, greeter; Brooke Eckert, Debbie Eckert, Josh Eckert, Peyton Franklin	Mike McIntosh	Floyd & Jocie Braun		Joann Ullrich
07-13		Volunteers				Susan M.
07-14	Josh	Team #15- Tony Dooley, capt., Amy & Todd Dooley, Blake & Amber Dooley	Carol Carmean	Kyle & Matthew Roemer	Dianne Sager	Susan M.
07-20		Volunteers				
07-21	Kalli	Team #16- Dennis Gerland, capt., Boo Goolsby, greeter, Brick Peele, greeter; Debby Peele, Jennifer Mohr, Carol Carmean	Susan Bathe	Dean & Joyce Ullrich	Leonita Sanders	Connie Peters
07-27		Volunteers				Debbie Eckert
07-28	Avery	Team #17- Ted Sager, capt., Dianne Sager, Tori Lewis, Robbie & Diane Tovey	Tony Dooley	Shelby & Robert Vaughn	Connie Peters	Debbie Eckert



JULY 2019



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