



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*

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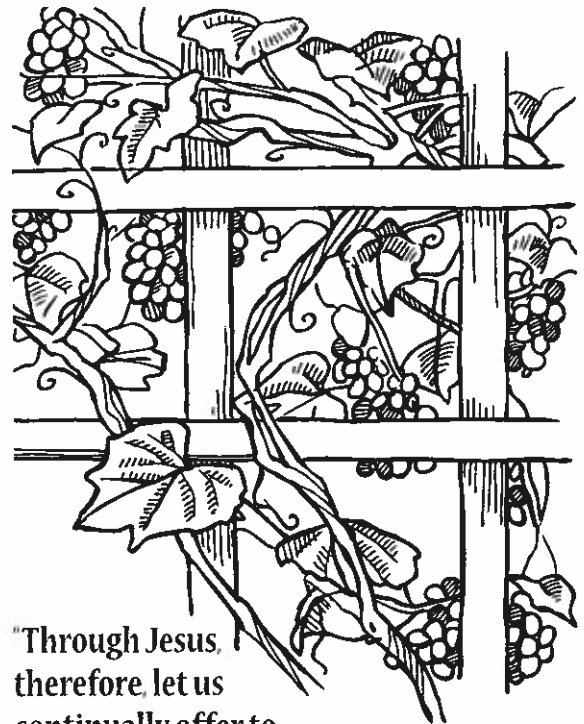
**Worship schedule:**

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



"Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise — the fruit of lips that confess his name."



# LUTHER'S LETTER

Martin Luther Lutheran Church

SEPTEMBER, 2019



⇒ **LABOR DAY SUNDAY – September 1.** The casual service and potluck meal that day will be in the fellowship hall. Wade Weigelt will provide barbecue 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. There will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Study this Sunday only. A bounce house and other games will be provided for children after church. *(The church office will be closed on Monday, September 2).*

⇒ **CHOIR PRACTICE – Sunday, September 1,** in the fellowship hall at 9:30 a.m. We will sing "Have Thine Own Way, Lord".

⇒ **YOGA CLASSES** will begin Tuesday, September 3, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please bring a yoga mat or heavy bath/beach towel. The type of class will be gentle, restorative, Hatha

Yoga, and will be led by Betty Porter.

⇒ **LUTHERHILL S'MORES & CHAMPAGNE GALA** is set for September 7 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott, 1601 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77380. Please RSVP by August 28. MLLC Women of the ELCA are donating a quilt for their auction, which

was presented to Matt Kindsvatter when he led worship here at MLLC on Sunday, August 18.

⇒ **CONFIRMATION CLASSES** begin on Wednesday, September 4, from 4:15 to 6:15 p.m. in the Mission & Ministry building. Next classes are September 11 & 18, and October 9, 16, & 23. *(Confirmation Day is set for the first Sunday of May, 2020).*

⇒ **GRANDPARENTS DAY** is Sunday, September 8. Outreach-Care Committee sponsors a reception for all grandparents and those who serve in this capacity in the parlor after worship on that day.

⇒ **TONE CHIMES** practice is Sunday, September 22, at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. New members and those who have played before are welcome. If you have any questions, contact Jessica Weidemann at 979-540-7761.



⇒ **STROKE SCAN PLUS** will be at MLLC's fellowship hall on Thursday, September 26, to provide life-saving, wellness ultrasound screenings. It is important to perform preventive maintenance for ourselves yearly. If you have high blood pressure or high cholesterol, diabetes, or a family history of heart disease, stroke, abdominal aneurysm or internal cancers, do not miss the opportunity for early detection of a possible serious disease. These screenings are typically not performed at your annual check-up, and insurance companies may not pay for them unless you are symptomatic. Diagnostic versions of these screenings cost thousands of dollars in a hospital. **Stroke Scan Plus offers them to you for \$139 for all seven combined ultrasound screenings (Stroke, AAA, AFIB, and organs).** Insurance is not necessary and appointments are limited. Stroke Scan Plus will be available at the church for you to register on Saturday & Sunday, September 21 & 22, or please call 832437-7355 or toll free at 1-866-935-7226 to schedule an appointment.

To learn more, [www.strokescan.com](http://www.strokescan.com).



**STEWARDSHIP TIME:** The 2020 Time & Talent sheets will be included in the October newsletter. If committees know of any changes to the sheets, please contact the church office by September 13.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL AND HOMECOMING** will be held Sunday, October 20, at the Carmine Hall. Worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the Confirmation classes from the years ending in 4 and 9 recognized at the beginning of the service. Praise Team will lead

songs to German-Polka music. Items for both the live auction and silent auction are being accepted. They are asking for new items, along with gift certificates/ cards, artistic items, and baked goods. The Stewardship Committee will make the determination of what items will be offered in each auction. Tickets for the meal will soon be available for \$10. Congregation members are asked to provide desserts.

**ABOUT THE COLLECTION FOR SEAFARERS:** Men in Mission will be collecting items (*list was included in the August newsletter and will be included in the October newsletter*) until November 25. MLLC's goal this year is 100+ boxes. Items may be placed in the room across from the main church office. Packing Day is Monday, November 25, at 6:00 p.m. The work will take place in the parlor. All are invited to participate.

The Ministry to the Port of Houston sent a letter recently about the **Christmas Gift Box Program 2019**, expressing their great appreciation and sincere gratitude for our continued support to their gifting program to seafarers in the Port of Houston Ship Channel.



The following nineteen youths from MLLC attended camp in July and August at Lutherhill: *Kennedy Flinn, Abby Wunderlich, Emma Baird, Bailey Wunderlich, Carter Wunderlich, Summer Dooley, Brenner Bishop, Morgan Williams, Seth Kelley, Janette Wunderlich, Miles Tinker and Kandyce Hughes.*

**REPORT OF SHARED MINISTRY MEETING:**

The Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministry Committee met on Saturday, August 10, at Waldeck Evangelical Lutheran Church. Approximately 14 representatives from the combined four congregations were present.

Items discussed were Advent Services, the Road to Wonder Campaign (Lutherhill), and the Four Church services in 2020 at Lutherhill:

- Advent Services will continue to be at MLLC.
- At the time of the meeting the Road to Wonder Campaign had collected just over \$14,000 for Lutherhill road repair. The total has since jumped to \$20,755, which exceeds our goal of \$20,000 from the combined giving of people from the four churches.
- The Committee affirmed the desire of the churches to continue the annual Four Church service at Lutherhill. A date has not yet been finalized, but the plan is to look to having it in the springtime after Easter Sunday.


The next Shared Ministry meeting will be on Saturday, February 8, 2020, 10:30 a.m., at MLLC.



# Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA

**Next regular Rebekah Group meeting: Thursday, September 12, 2:00 p.m.**

Bible Study is led by Barbara Jacob; Offering Meditation by Dianna Gerland, and hostesses are Joys Baird and Leonita Sanders.

 The regular Quilting Day is Monday, September 9, starting at 9:00 a.m. and Fleece Blanket Tying Day is Saturday, September 14, 10:00 a.m. until noon, both in the Mission & Ministry Building.



## **WOMEN'S RETREAT & CONVENTION REPORT: August 16-18, Lutherhill.**

The theme was "Come and See", based on Psalm 66:5 and sixty persons attended. The session opened with registration and a wine and cheese welcome from the Board on Friday evening at Carby Chapel. The opening devotion was led by Katharine Cameron, Program Director of Lutherhill followed by Campfire 'n' S'mores at the Hillside Chapel.



Saturday and Sunday mornings began with either labyrinth meditation on our own or sunrise yoga led by Gretchen Gegg and Kristie Comley, both of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of College Station. Faith Time led by Lutherhill was presented Saturday morning by Katharine for an inspirational, self-reflecting, and sharing time of the miracles and wonders that God performs for all.

The business meeting with reports and election of Board members followed. Elected for the next two years were Jane

(Janie) Mehrens of St. Paul's-Brenham as President; Cindy Weidemann of MLLC, Carmine, at Treasurer; and Casey Spratlin of Salem-Houston and Dana Hamilton of Faith-Dickinson as Board members.

The Nominating Committee members elected were: Colette Wunderlich, MLLC, Carolyn Muske, St. Paul's-Brenham, and Milisa Gaertner, St. John's-Rutersville-Shared Ministry. Milissa Holland, Memorial Lutheran of Texas City, and Colette Wunderlich will serve as Triennial Voting Members for the churchwide women's convention in Phoenix, AZ, next July, 2020. The Rev. Tracey Braeshears-Schultz, special guest, brought greetings from the Synod office and Bishop Mike Rinehart, had information on a number of on-call churches and candidates for ministry, and other activities as a staff member. Special guest, Kandy Pflaster, Churchwide Representative of Cozad, Nebraska, gave information on churchwide activities and the upcoming Triennial Convention.

Self-care sessions were available on Saturday afternoon which included and informational Spiritual Direction program by

Pastor Sue Beall of College Station; massages; meditation on the Carby Chapel deck; relaxation at the Outcamp; the Slingshot Range!, Slingshots; swimming, or Lutherhill's service project.

The silent auction with items being brought by churches and individual in the quilts raffle (donated by members of House of Prayer, Houston, and Covenant, Houston) were two successful fundraisers for the Women of the ELCA Synodical Scholarship and Education Fund on Saturday. The love offering given was designated as 50% to WELCA Churchwide and 50% to Lutherhill Ministries. A Sunset Wine and Appetizers fellowship and the inspirational candlelight devotion by Milisa Gaertner closed the day for Saturday.

The Sunday morning Sending Worship with Holy Communion was led by Lutherhill and special guest, Rev. Tracey Braeshears-Schultz, Bishop's Associate for Leadership, TX-LA Gulf Coast Synod, who presented the inspirational sermon to "Come and See" each and every day of our lives; this message was truly the climax of the convention.

WELCA NEWS, continued---

**More from the Women's Retreat & Convention:**

Delicious meals and wonderful fellowship was enjoyed by the women from the various synod churches. Attending from Martin Luther, Carmine, were Barbara Jacob as delegate, Leonita Sanders, Cindy Weidemann, Colette Wunderlich, and Diana Wunderlich.



Women of the ELCA home office in Chicago sent the following thank you for the MLLC congregation's

\$750 gift of support in the efforts of WELCA in helping those affected by human trafficking. *(This was money collected from the Lenten offering from the congregation.)*

The letter reads, in part: *"You are all part of a long line of faith-filled people who meld their faith and finances into one, giving back to God the gifts entrusted to them. We will*



Do not neglect to **do good** and to **share** what you have, for such **sacrifices** are **pleasing** to God.

HEBREWS 13:16 NRSV

*be applying the gift from your congregation toward our efforts at the WELCA Gathering (July 16-19, 2020, in Phoenix), as part of in-kind gifts that we give to local organizations supporting victims of human trafficking. One of the recipients will be The Dream Center, a Phoenix-based community supporting victims of human trafficking and at-risk youths."* The letter is signed by Linda Post Bushkofsky, Executive Director of Women of the ELCA.

**LOOKING AHEAD---**

**🌹 The Brazos Cluster Fall Gathering** is set for Saturday, October 5, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 305 W. Third, in Brenham, with the theme, "Love Over Hate" from Hebrews 13:16 – "Do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased". Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with program starting at 9:00 a.m. (See the flyer in the church office and the October newsletter for more information).



**Current Member Prayer Concerns:** Jack Weidemann (recently hospitalized, back home); David Krause (at St. Joseph in Bryan, health issues); Bobbie Weidemann (health issues); Bernice Mueller (at rehab at Brenham Nursing & Rehab after recent falls); Louis Kartous (at Brenham Nursing & Rehab for rehab); Sedalia Ullrich (recent shoulder surgery); Johnny Dunham (health concerns); Sara Eilers (recent surgery); Ruby Renck (health concerns); and Robert Vaughn (Shelby's husband, now at Oakland Manor in Giddings).

**Current Friends and Family Prayer Concerns:** Linda Richardson (friend of Daryl & Susan Ray; for strength and courage--her husband diagnosed with cancer); Carl Richardson (friend of Daryl & Susan Ray, kidney surgery); Bill Clarke (friend of Daryl & Susan Ray, declining health); Mark Riffin (cousin of Daryl Ray, recent heart attack); Edna Mae Krivacka (friend of Carol Carmean & Ed Eargle);

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**Current Friends and Family Prayer Concerns:**

**Bruce Muske** (Carol Hall's son-in-law, health issues); **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:** 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, 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 Bec's Blessing in Giddings); Dora Miller, Elvera Limmer, Verline Schulte, and Bernice Mueller (Brenham Nursing & Rehab); and Elvera Rudloff is at a small assisted living facility in Houston.

**Military Personnel:**

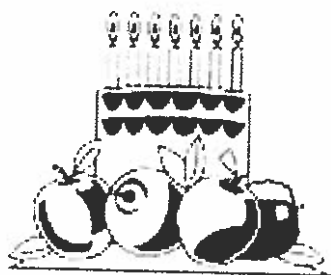
MLLC member: **Joseph Vogel**  
Family & Friends: **Michael Martin, Jonathon Noak, Justyn Bearden, Kyle Slaughter**, and all those who serve, known and unknown, in harm's way.

**Homebound Members:**

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



**Our Christian Sympathy to the families & friends of: Gerald (Lumpy) Weigelt** (brother of Tim Weigelt confirmed at MLLC in 1968); and **Mildred Otto** (confirmed at MLLC in 1939).



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Anita Drydale	03	Kerry Lehmann	20
Kim Lewis	03	Presley Lange	21
Maggie Hinze	04	Drayton Oakes	21
Cindy Hinze	06	Kennedy Flinn	22
Charles Mueller, Sr.	06	Jacquelyn Ray	22
Cheryl Etzel	10	Roy Finke, Jr.	23
Kooper Kirts	10	Charlene Mueller	24
Troy Carmean	11	Kyle Pawlak	24
Ronnie Hinze	11	Joyce Stainer	24
Jed Leppard	11	Presley Richard	25
Berrie Etzel	13	Jake Smith	25
Amy Huebner	13	Dawn Gerland	27
Darlene Etzel	14	Kelly Warburton	27
Monty Mayer	16	Diane Tovey	28
Cohen Miller	17	Gene Goolsby	30
Jordan Weidemann	17	Shayne Kirts	30
Eddie Marburger	18		



☀️ Mrs. Bernice Mueller appreciates all the cards, prayers, and visits while she is recovering at Brenham Nursing & Rehab Center. The address is: 400 E. Sayles St., Brenham, 77833.

☀️ Thanks goes out to everyone who sent a card, visited, called or prayed for me while recovering from an accident. Blessings to you, Sara Eilers

☀️ Dear Martin Luther Congregation, Thank you so much for the delicious breakfast on Friday! I absolutely love how involved the community is with our school. Coming from a larger district, I was not expecting that, but was very pleasantly surprised! I truly appreciate that you fed us and prayed for us. It means so much!



Sincerely, Anaika Matus, Chemistry, Physics,  
Biology Career Rep., RT-C High School  
P.S. I am still dreaming of those kolaches! 😊

☀️ Thanks to the Office Helpers for August: Tina Mikeska placed supplies in pews; Betty Porter folded bulletins; Carol Carmean sent bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors; and Betty Porter & Carol Hall assembled the September newsletter. Your help is always appreciated!

☀️ The A.M.E.N. Food Pantry in La Grange sends a thank you for our generous donation of 202.5 lbs.

of assorted groceries received on June 13, 2019, and support in providing emergency assistance for the needy brothers and sisters in our area. Also, the monetary donation of \$165.00 they received on July 3, 2019, is much appreciated. Signed Carolyn Rotter, for A.M.E.N. Board of Directors.

☀️ MOSAIC, this year's Mission Appeal designee (the ELCA-affiliated organization that provides a life of possibilities for people with intellectual disabilities), sends a thank you dated August 13, 2019, for our donation of \$401.00, which was from our Lutheran Mission Appeal offering. Pastor David deFreese, Vice President of Church Relations, signed the letter and wrote: "Thank you for your generous partnership in transforming lives. We are most grateful!"

☀️ TEXAS LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY, SEGUIN, sends a thank you dated August 7, 2019, for our gift of \$500.00 processed on 8-2-19, supporting the Lutheran Advantage Scholarship allowing TLU to provide the financial aid needed in order to directly impact their students, and bring forth possibilities for TLU students to be successful in going after their dreams. (To keep up with exciting changes happening on campus, you may visit [www.tlu.edu](http://www.tlu.edu) or find them on Facebook(Texas Lutheran University), Twitter (@txlutheran), or at [www.tlu.edu/church](http://www.tlu.edu/church).) The letter is signed by Taylor C. Carleton '97, Executive Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Engagement.



Congratulations to Jon & Beverly Wunderlich on the birth of their granddaughter, **Andie Dae Del Bosque**, born August 5, 2019, in San Antonio. Great-grandparents from MLLC for the first time are Reuben & Diana Wunderlich. Andie is the daughter of Kirby and André Del Bosque of Boerne.

... and to Renè Runge on the birth of her granddaughter, **Evelynn Grace Brewster**, born on August 10, 2019, weighing 8 lbs., 3 oz., and measuring 20-1/2 inches. Parents are Chris & Megan Brewster of Brenham, and her siblings are Christopher, Braeden, and Gunner.

REVISITING THE  
RESOURCES FOR  
DISCIPLESHIP

By Pastor David Tinker

Core to our faith is revisiting various foundation stones of our life and growth as children of God. By the power of God the Holy spirit each of us is called and enlivened to be disciples of Jesus Christ. A centerpiece of this calling is noted at the end of Matthew's Gospel book. Our Lord Jesus gave us the Great Commission to his Disciples as he was about to ascend to the Father. We read this account in Matthew 28:18-20: "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"

This passage is very rich, for it is God's Call or "Marching Orders" for his followers.

The part I want to highlight right now is the part about Discipleship. Jesus calls us to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." To make disciples we are called to be disciples. Too often we think of being a disciple as just being one of the original twelve followers of Jesus, but that is too limiting. A disciple is a person who is learning to follow Jesus, and who is striving to live out the life which God the Son calls us to live.

There are ways of investing in growth as a disciple which the Christian Church has discovered and taught throughout the centuries. These are very normal Christian ways of doing things. Yet when, in response to God's Grace and Love, we work on these principles of discipleship we grow to know God and his ways, and we grow to live more faithfully and joyfully as God's children.

These principles of Discipleship are often called "the Six Marks of Discipleship". Each of these are foundational ways of living in response to God's

goodness in our lives. Each of these lead us to a closer relationship with God and a more faithful walk in the way of Jesus. In my time among you I have noted these in one way or another. Over the months ahead I will be sharing more about each of these.

So for now, here are the Six Marks of Discipleship: In response to God's Grace I will strive to...

- 1) Pray daily
- 2) Worship weekly
- 3) Read the Bible daily
- 4) Serve at and beyond Martin Luther Lutheran Church
- 5) Be in Relationship with others to encourage spiritual growth
- 6) Give of my time, talents and resources in a generous manner and to the glory of God.

I look forward to seeing you at worship in the weeks ahead as we all grow closer to God, closer to one another, and live faithfully as Jesus' disciples in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

"AMAZING GRACE"

The text for this beloved hymn was written by John Newton, who lived from 1725-1807. He reportedly wrote hundreds of hymns. This one is based on 1 Chronicles 17:16-17, (...from the book, "Then Sings My Soul" by Robert J. Morgan.)

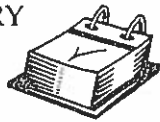
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**COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY**

Monday,  
August 19, 2019

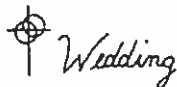


Members present: Ronnie Eckert, Tina Mikeska, Pastor David Tinker, Jessica Weidemann, Anita Drydale, Buck Williams, Brick Peele, Cindy Weidemann and Karen Roemer. Absent was Shelby Vaughn.

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 p.m. by Buck, and he presented the devotion. The minutes and treasurer's report from the July Council meeting were approved.

Pastor's Report

Special note: Our "Road to Wonder Campaign" to fix the roads at Lutherhill has met and exceeded our goal. As of August 19, 2019, \$20,775 has been given from the combined four churches—Round Top, Shelby, Waldeck and Carmine.



Upcoming wedding – Bridget Holloway and Codie Lange, Saturday, September 14, 2019.

The new Confirmation Class year begins in September. Classes on September 4, 11 and 18, October 9, 16 and 23 at 4:15-6:15 p.m. This is the Bible Year. We will continue our partnership with Round Top, Shelby, Waldeck and Greenvine.

Upcoming events:

September 1 – Labor Day service and fellowship meal

September 26 – Stroke Scan at MLLC

October 20 – Harvest Festival and Homecoming

October 27 – Bethlehem Christian Families Olive Wood Carving display and sale

May 22-23, 2020 – Gulf Coast Synod Assembly in New Orleans

Committee Reports:

Christian Education Committee –

The blessing of backpacks was held on August 11. August 25 is Rally Sunday. The committee will sponsor a bounce house for the kiddos for Labor Day Sunday, September 1. Classes will resume on the Sunday after Labor Day, September 8.



Worship Committee – Will discuss Yoga classes at the next meeting. Tone Chimes is starting September 22. The potluck meal for Labor Day Sunday was discussed. The blood drive is set for August 25.

Outreach Committee – The Teacher Appreciation breakfast had a total of 47 teachers attending. Grandparents Day will be recognized after worship on Sunday, September 8. We appreciate the help and support of our congregational members contributing toward these times of fellowship, and the sharing of well wishes with our brothers and sisters from the community.

Property committee –

Tree trimming company (Victor's Tree Service, Brenham) walked the property and provided a quote of \$2,500 on August 13, 2019, for trimming live oaks, post oaks, pecan trees and crape myrtle trees on church, parsonage and M&M building grounds. All approved.



The M&M Building has two broken windows; quote from Mill Creek Glass pending. Several electric outlets reported dead in the fellowship hall. Eldon Mikeska checked circuit panels and concluded he would have to check wiring in crawl space to determine if pests chewed on wiring.



Cub Daycare (Fayetteville, Texas) owners visited MLLC on August 13, 2019, and expressed interest in various items.

Entec Pest Control (Brenham) has been secured for church facilities; spraying includes quarterly treatment of perimeter of parsonage and M&M Building,

Stewardship Committee had no meeting.

Dayschool Committee – The decision was made to revisit daycare without infants accepting 2-5-year-olds. Full-time might be a better option as there is not enough in part-time for the director/ teachers. The budget would need to be reworked, for the school year 2020-21. All was approved.



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COUNCIL MINUTES, continued----

Old Business: The fundraiser for Robert Vaughn was a success. Volunteers will have a wrap-up meeting this week.

The Shared Ministry meeting of August 10 was attended by Brick Peele and Anita Drydale. Discussion was had about how things were working with the shared services; no issues were brought up. The next Shared meeting is set for six months from now. Waldeck turkey stew and raffle is set for November. Advent services will continue to be held at MLLC.

New Business: Other ways to assist members of the congregation in need were discussed. The subject was tabled until a future meeting.

The Synod meeting report will be given to the congregation by Berrie Etzel.

Harvest Festival posters are to be designed by Marlene. Ticket prices set (\$10.00) and music type (German-Polka) set. Stewardship Committee is in charge of the auction. Possible volunteer is needed to take meals to Brenham. Buck will follow up on the kitchen committee.



Time and talent sheets will be included in the October

newsletter. Council and committees should make changes by September 13.

A thank you was received from Lutherhill for Road to Wonder campaign, and a thank you was received from Texas Lutheran University for the monetary donation they received.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer. Anita will give the devotion at next months' meeting - Monday, September 16, at 6:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Drydale, MLLC  
Council Secretary*

**ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTIONS:**

Date	Attendance	General	School	Building
07-27	29	965.00	-0-	2,500.00
07-28	76	12,028.00	-0-	125.00
08-03	19	1,000.00	-0-	-0-
08-04	68	2,134.00	-0-	-0-
08-10	22	544.00	-0-	-0-
08-11	72	3,552.00	-0-	55.00
08-17	26	695.00	-0-	-0-
08-18 (7:15 am)	31			
08-18 (10:00 am)	37	1,135.00	-0-	150.00



**MLLC Financial Information**

**July 2019 Year to Date**

Total Income	\$176,131.10
Total Expenses	155,153.86
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>\$ 20,977.24</b>

**July 2019 Month**

Total Income	\$ 29,261.45
Total Expenses	28,116.65
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>\$ 1,144.80</b>

**Year to Date Expenses Highlights:**

Salaries	\$ 98,722.34
Benevolences	15,211.31
Property Insurance	10,614.00
Utilities	8,163.87
Printing	4,803.27
Maintenance & Repair	3,883.95
Supplies & Forms	3,558.91
Reimbursements	3,296.79
Confirmation Ministry	1,567.52
Bulletins & Envelopes	1,423.44
Postage & Handling	1,081.48
Convention Expenses	999.28
Equipment & Tools	601.02
2018 Harvest Festival	500.00
Pest Control	403.17
Miscellaneous	323.51

**LOCAL AND AREA NEWS:**

A Fried Chicken Meal sponsored by the Cedar Creek Schuetzen Verein is set for Sunday, September 15, with pick up from 11:00-1:00 at the Carmine Hall. Tickets for the to-go-only meal are \$10 and may be purchased from any hall member.

Two upcoming services at Waldeck Lutheran: **Service of the Word for Healing** on Sunday, September 22, and **Blessing of Animals** is set for Sunday, September 29. Worship on the 29<sup>th</sup> is at the outdoor pavilion. Bring your pets, livestock, and/or plush animal friend to receive a special blessing. The church will receive donations of dog and cat food items for the animal shelter in La Grange. Food items for puppies and kittens are always encouraged.

**The Joint Worship Service** for Bethlehem-Lutheran, Round Top and St. Paul-Shelby will be held at St. Paul-Shelby on Sunday, September



**SEPTEMBER 11**



**Something @ Everyone**

29, at 8:00 a.m. Bethlehem Lutheran's Praise Team along with members of St. Paul's choir will lead worship that day.

All Seniors are invited to the Austin County Fair for **Senior Citizens Day** on Wednesday, October 9, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for lunch served from 11:30-1:00 in the Expo Building at the Fairgrounds. A \$3.00 special admission price, barbecue from Prasek's Hillje Smokehouse Sealy will be served for the dine-in free lunch consisting of barbecue sandwich, chips, drink and dessert. Music will be provided by Trailboss Troy of KTEX 106.1, and door prizes will be given.

The Austin County Fair Association wants to show in this small way that seniors are appreciated. For questions, call Carolyn at 969-251-4745; Anita at 979-885-8639, or Mary at 713-876-7102, Senior Citizen Day Co-Chairmen.

Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries

September 2019 Happenings

Waldeck Evangelical Lutheran Church – St. Paul Lutheran Church – Shelby  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Round Top – Martin Luther Lutheran Church - Carmine

**Martin Luther Lutheran Church – Carmine**

211 Luther Lane; P O Box 362  
Carmine, TX 78932 979-278-3388

Located at the corner of  
Luther Ln & Augsburg Ave,  
just a block south of US 290.

<http://mlccarmine.com>

Find us on Facebook

Worship on 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](mailto:pastordjt@industryinet.com)

President: Buck Williams

Women's Bible Study – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 2:00 p.m.  
Men's Fellowship and Study Group – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at  
7:00 p.m. in Parlor. The October meeting will be at  
6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall – Family Night  
meal.

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.

**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.

Children's activities during and after the 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](mailto:pastordjt@industryinet.com)

President: Sue Schoenst 979-250-1783

**Special Sundays in September**

**September 1 – Food Pantry Sunday (always the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sunday of Each Month)**

Bring your non-perishable food items for the  
A.M.E.N. Food Pantry on this day. Place these in  
the red cart/basket at the church.

**September 22 – Service of the Word for Healing**

**September 29 – Blessing of Animals**

Worship at the outdoor pavilion

Bring your pets, livestock, and/or plush animal  
friend to receive a special blessing.

The church will receive donations of dog and cat  
food items for the animal shelter in La Grange.

Food items for puppies and kittens are always  
encouraged.

The ministry of St. Francis of Assisi will be  
remembered, for he had a special care for animals.  
The feast day for St. Francis of Assisi is October 4,  
which occurs later this same week.

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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



Pastor John David and BLC ladies will be having their Nursing Home Devotions on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join in this fellowship, please meet at the Church at 2:00 p.m.



We will be having a Joint Worship at St. Paul Lutheran Church Shelby on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. There will not be any service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on that date.

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**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 @ 9:15 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

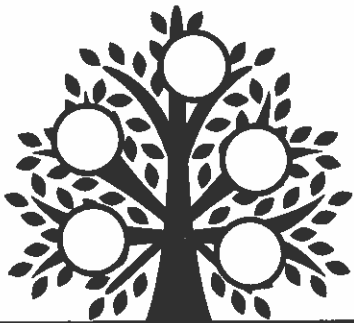
**Game Day** – Note additional day per month

*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.

**Joint Worship Service**

Bethlehem Lutheran, Round Top, & St Paul Lutheran, Shelby will worship jointly in one service at St Paul, Shelby on September 29, 2019 @ 8 AM Bethlehem Lutheran's Praise Team along with members of St Paul's choir will lead worship that day.





## GROWING generations

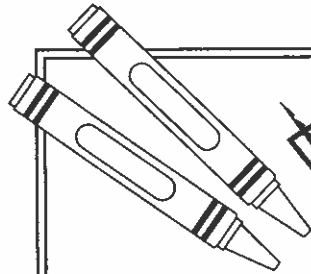
Honor your grandparents with a gift that all generations can enjoy.

### What you need:

- Cups (various sizes)
- Pencil
- Family photos
- Scissors
- Colored paper
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Clothespins
- A small potted tree or bush

### What you do:

1. Use a cup to trace a circle around faces in the photos. Cut out the circles.
2. Cut larger circles out of paper. Glue each photo onto a paper circle.
3. Glue a clothespin to the back of each photo. Clip photos to the branches.
4. Present the gift to your grandparents, and tell them you're glad to be in their family tree.

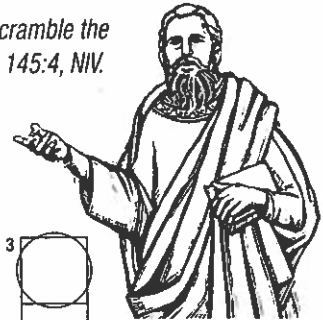
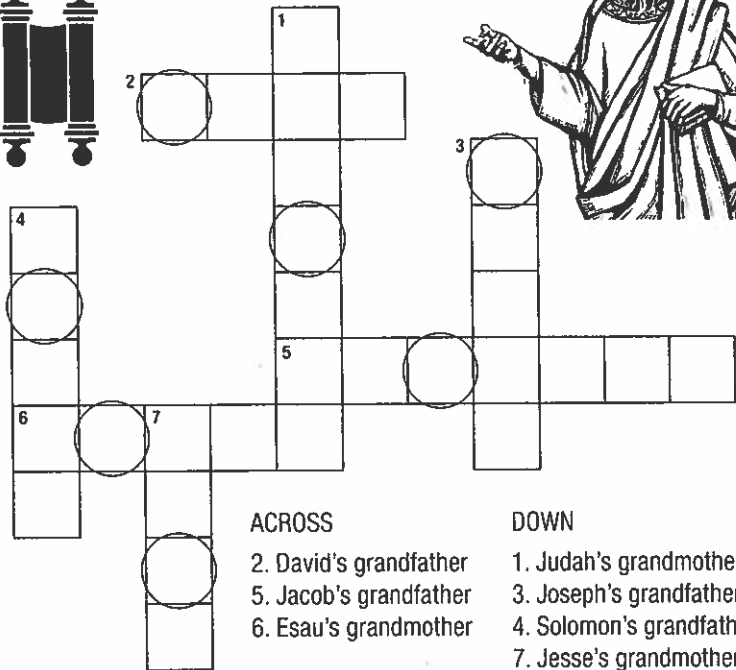


# PUZZLE

## Grandparents of the Old Testament

Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

*Directions: After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV.*



### ACROSS

2. David's grandfather
5. Jacob's grandfather
6. Esau's grandmother

### DOWN

1. Judah's grandmother
3. Joseph's grandfather
4. Solomon's grandfather
7. Jesse's grandmother

One G \_ N \_ \_ \_ \_ N commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV

Answers: ACROSS 2. Obad, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah; DOWN: 1. Rebekah, 3. Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth. Generation

**SERVERS  
FOR:**



**September 2019**

**Assisting Ministers:** Debby Peele (01-Labor Day Sunday); Susan Bathe (09-07);

Jessica Weidemann (09-08, 09-15, 09-28); Ronnie Eckert (09-14); Shayne Kirts (09-21, 09-29);  
Dianna Gerland (09-22)

**Offering Counters:** Deposit-Amy Dooley, Jessica Weidemann, Shelby Vaughn

**Put supplies in pews:** Vickie Schroeder

**Acolyte organizers: Parents of September acolytes**

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

**Bulletin folder:** Dianna Gerland







**October newsletter assemblers:** Leatha Miller & Nancy Eilers

(the weekend of September 27 or 29)

Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Readers	Flowers	Communion assistants	Communion set-up
09-01 (Labor Day Sunday)	Brody	<b>Team #3-</b> Reuben Wunderlich, capt., Ronda Kunkel-greeter, Marlene Waak-greeter; Robbie Stork, Faith Stork	Leonita Sanders	Betty Porter	Cindy Hinze	Jadon Weidemann
09-07		<b>Volunteers</b>				Susie M.
09-08	Makayla	<b>Team #4-</b> Barbara Jacob, capt. & greeter, Jerry Jacob, greeter; Diana Wunderlich, Sedalia Ullrich, Jessica Weidemann	Kayla Peters	Berrie & Darlene Etzel	Leonita Sanders	Susan Markwardt
09-14		<b>Volunteers</b>				Connie Peters
09-15	Abby	<b>Team #5-</b> Gene Goolsby, capt. & greeter, Cindy Hinze, greeter, Conway Waak, greeter; Morgan Mikeska, Kayla Peters	Amy Dooley	Darrell & Esther Kelley	Darlene Etzel	Connie Peters
09-21		<b>Volunteers</b>				Susan Bathe
09-22	Matt	<b>Team #6-</b> LYO	Jessica Weidemann	Ted & Dianne Sager	Amber Dooley	Susan Bathe
09-28		<b>Volunteers</b>				Debbie Eckert
09-29	Cody	<b>Team #6-</b> Jeff Flinn, capt., Mia & Buck Williams, greeters; Susan Leppard, Emma Leppard, Carson Flinn	Bobbie Weidemann	Jessica Weidemann	Floyd Etzel	Debbie Eckert (white paraments)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																																
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