



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

**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

DECEMBER, 2019



**THE ADVENT SEASON** starts on Sunday, December 1. From Matthew 24:36 & 37: *"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man."*

## PREPARING FOR THE LORD'S COMING!

★ **The Chrismon Tree** will be set up on Sunday, December 1, at approx.. 5:00 p.m., with decorating to be completed on Monday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m. All ages are encouraged to come help with the decorating. Volunteers are needed for both.



★ **Weekly Advent Services** start on Wednesday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m. with meal at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall at MLLC. These are joint worship services with Waldeck, Shelby and Round Top and co-led by Pastor David Tinker and Pastor John David Nedbalek. The theme this year is *"Advent and Christmas According to St. Luke"*, and led by Pastor Tinker and Pastor Nedbalek of Bethlehem-Round Top. All are welcome! (On December 4, Worship and Care Committees are serving barbecue sliders, chili, etc. The Rebekah Group will serve soup and sandwiches on December 11. A group is needed to serve on the 18<sup>th</sup>).

★ **The Sunday School Christmas program** is set for Saturday, December 14, during the 6:00 p.m. worship service. Practices continue on November 24, December 1 & 8 at 8:30 a.m. and will last until 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. The dress rehearsal will be Saturday morning of the 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. If your child is participating, please e-mail Amy Dooley at [amydooley8880@gmail.com](mailto:amydooley8880@gmail.com) or text 979-203-4343 soon.



*The Christian Education Committee is hosting Jesus' Birthday Party supper as a potluck meal following the program. Committee members will provide soups of various kinds and a birthday cake for Jesus, and members of the congregation are asked to bring sandwiches, other sides, or desserts. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the Christmas Program and Birthday Party!*

★ **Waldeck Lutheran Church Youths and Sunday School** will present their annual **Live Nativity** on Sunday, December 15, starting at 6:30 p.m. A reception with cookies, coffee, hot chocolate follows. Everyone is invited!

★ **The Carol Service of singing and scripture** is set for Sunday, December 22, during the worship hour. Tone Chimes will play. If anyone is interested in doing special music, please contact Jessica Weidemann or Nancy Eilers.

★ **Christmas Eve Candlelight service** is at 6:00 p.m. on December 24, led by the MLLC LYO youths. *(The Christmas Eve service at Waldeck Lutheran Church starts at 11:00 p.m.)*

★ **Christmas Day worship** at MLLC starts at 10:00 a.m.





♦ The 2020 Flower Chart has been placed in the narthex.

♦ Used Christmas trees, lighted or unlighted, are needed for the 2020 VBS week. Please place them on the porch of the Mission & Ministry Building. If you have any questions, contact Shelby Vaughn at 979-230-3408.

♦ The 2020 All-Servers lists are included in this newsletter. Please check to see when it is your turn to serve, and if you need to switch days with someone, please notify the church office. Thanks to all faithful volunteers!

♦ Christmas Boxes for Port of Houston Seafarers: The Packing Day for the boxes is this Monday, November 25, at 6:00 p.m. The work will take place in the parlor, and all are

invited to participate. The goal for this year is 100+ boxes. Items may be placed in the room across from the main church office. *(Please keep in mind that there are very few women and children onboard the ships, so gift boxes are primarily asked for male seafarers. Please avoid any items that will melt or break).* All are invited to help with this worthwhile project!!

♦ Tone Chimes will practice on Sunday, December 22, at 8:30 a.m. and play during the Carol Service that day. *(There is no choir practice in December).*

♦ The 2020 Offering Envelopes will be received in the mail every other month.

♦ The Annual 11<sup>th</sup> Night Epiphany Concert is set for Sunday, January 5, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus! Mark your calendars for this concert which features the music of our Colorado River Conference churches. Musicians, choirs, pastors, members are asked to 'brush up' one of their Advent/Christmas songs and present it at the concert. Admission is free.

This year our offering is designated for the local Via de Cristo for scholarships to their retreats, which is a Lutheran ministry to renew and strengthen Christian faith. More information will be given at the concert.

WELL DONE,  
—GOOD—  
AND  
faithful  
SERVANT.

Gracious God, as you have called workers to various tasks in the world and in your church, so you have called these servants to this ministry. Grant them joy and a spirit of bold trust, that their work may stir up each of us to a life of fruitful service; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
(ELW pg. 74 "The Church")

♦ Confirmation Classes will resume in January. Check Sunday bulletins and the January newsletter for the new schedule.

♦ The Annual Congregation Meeting is set for Sunday, January 9, after worship.



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

The Nesting Co. Florist in Burton is offering red, 6" poinsettias in a gold pot cover for \$14.50 each. Make your check payable to MLLC. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by December 15. Delivery of the plants is complimentary. If you wish to place your poinsettia in honor/memory of someone, please indicate below:

\_\_\_\_\_ will be placing \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s)  
in honor/memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

P. S. If you bring your own poinsettias, please give your name to the church office and let us know if it is in honor/memory of someone.

The  
REASON  
for the  
SEASON



### Keeping "Christ" and "Mas" in Christmas By Pastor David Tinker

Jesus is the Reason for the Season. Every year I hear people mention something along these lines: "We need to keep Christ in Christmas". I am 100% for keeping Christ in Christmas. Christmas, for Christmas, is about Jesus Christ. It is about the birth of the Messiah, known to us as the Christ. For Christians, the connection between Jesus and the Christmas celebration is central.

Many others in our culture have no connection with Jesus. Christmas, for these folks, is not about the birth of Jesus, regardless of the name of the day. For many, it is about warm feelings, gifts, decorations, and the like. Some don't know the connection to the Savior of the world. Others do know the connection, but choose to put that aside. It is not our job to force people who don't care about Jesus to "keep Christ in Christmas". Rather, it is our job to regularly revisit the truth of the Good News that God has come among us in the baby Jesus to bring life, light, hope and forgiveness to the human race. We then follow the way of Jesus as we announce the good news and bring God's goodness into the lives of others.

One of the essential ways to keep Christ in Christmas is this: We need to keep both "Christ" and "Mas" in Christmas. The term "Christmas" is a combination of the two ideas which, together, designate one thing. Let's look at these words.

1 – Christ. This is the title for the role which Jesus has. He is the "Anointed one" of Israel. He is the Messiah, the special and ultimate king set apart by God the Father to fulfill his greater purposes for the world. Anointed One=Ultimate King in the family line of David=Messiah=Christ.

2 – Mas. This is a shortened form of the word "mass". This is connected with the dismissal of God's people from the gathering for Holy Communion. Through time the word 'missa' became 'mass'. Luther and the reformers used the term "mass" to refer to worship with Holy Communion.

The Holy communion mass remembering the Nativity or Birth of Jesus the Christ is on December 25 each year. It is the "Christ-mass" when we celebrate the Christ. These words are pushed together, and we have "Christmas".

So, this Christmas, reflect on God's grace. Then do your best to keep both the "Christ" and the "Mas" in Christmas. Celebrate Jesus in your personal celebrations. Gather with his people for Holy Communion and worship on Christmas Day. Then go out, show love for your neighbor, and show love for one another. While doing this, share the greatest news of all: that Jesus Christ is born for us.

Both "Christ" and "mass" are important. I invite you to attend the "Christ-Mass" on Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. at Martin Luther Lutheran Church. It will entail committing time on this special holiday to celebrate the Reason for the Season.



Thank you to Jim & Davy Denison for donating kitchen paper goods to the MLLC kitchen in memory of their daughter, Amy Denison, who used to lead the annual Sacred Harp Sing at MLLC. A note from her mother reads: *"Thank you for caring and letting Sacred Harp use your facilities. Davy Denison."*

Thank you to the office helpers for November: Nancy Eilers and Carol Hall assembled the December newsletter; Carol also placed supplies in pews; Carol Carmean sent bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors; and Cherrie Wines folded bulletins.



## WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS:

The Rebekah Group will meet for their Devotional for Christmas on December 12, at noon, for a potluck meal in the fellowship hall. The Bible Study will be led by Nancy Eilers and Susan Ray, and Cheryl Etzel gives the offering meditation. (*The Fleece Blanket Tying group will not meet in December*). Quilters meet on December 9 at 9:00 am.

The 2020 Yearbooks will be ready some time in December.

The Christmas Party at Bec's Blessing in Giddings is scheduled for Monday, December 16, at 2:00 p.m.

### **WELCA Turkey & Dressing Dinner Report:**

The ladies served a total of 357 plates. Mantey Catering charged \$7 per plate. Donations for desserts totaled \$345.00, and we thank all for the delicious desserts that were given.

We want to especially thank the young women who helped serve as well as all the other women. Praise the Lord for all the willing workers; we appreciate you!



The Fall table decorations in the fellowship hall were beautiful as well as the Thank-offering table in the church. We appreciate those who spent their time in setting these up.

In regard to the Thankoffering, the November 10<sup>th</sup> offering totaled \$709.38, and we continue to take Thankoffering until the end of the year. Blue envelopes are in the pews, and donations may be given until the end of the year.

From Leonita: "I attended the Synod board meeting last Saturday in Houston. Plans are being made for the next Synod Convention in August, 2020. We have three new people on the Board with new ideas and so willing to serve. Blessings, Leonita"



### Current Member Prayer

#### Concerns:

Jocie Jacob-Braun (recent surgery at Scott & White in College Station); Pauline Fischer (back home, upcoming surgery); David Eilers (knee surgery at St. Joseph Hospital in College Station); Daniel Kieke (surgery); Jack & Bobbie Weidemann (health concerns); Sedalia Ullrich (recent shoulder surgery);

and Johnny Dunham (health concerns);

#### Current Friends and Family

##### Prayer Concerns: Pastor

Willie Rotter (former pastor at Waldeck, broken hip); Wayne Brown (nephew of Ruby Renck, eye surgery); Ivan Cordes (brother-in-law of Ruby Renck, heart procedure); Fritz Schoenst (friend from area, foot amputated); Jeanette Schoenst (health concerns); Carrie Bozarth (friend of Sedalia Ullrich, cancer); Nina Kelley (Christy Kelley's sister-in-law, health concerns); Paul Banks (friend of Shelby & Robert Vaughn,

strokes); Jason Weidemann (Jack & Bobbie's son, non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, chemo treatment); Terry Davis (acquaintance of Susan Bathe, recent heart surgery); Debbie Walch (friend of Ed Eargle & Carol Carmean, continued treatment for health problems); Stephanie Hamrell (neighbor of Susan Bathe, health concerns); Edna Mae Krivacka (friend of Ed Eargle and Carol Carmean, at Care Inn, after back surgery);

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## PRAYER LIST, continued---

Ongoing Member Prayer

Concerns: Louis Kartous, Ruby Renck, Sara Eilers, Lisa Mayer, Linda Kovar, Jack Flinn, Vickie Neutzler, and Ashley Weiss.

Ongoing Friends and Family

Prayer Concerns: Carl & Linda Richardson, Bill Clarke, Mark Riggan, Bruce Muske, Shirley Neumann, Robert Vaughn, Annie Pietsch, Branch Neutzler, Charles Marburger, Shirley Neumann, Frances Glueck & family, Pastor Bill Derrick, Sharon Johnson, Hunter Pomykal, Kay Griffin, Kevin Taylor, Berkley Fincher, Mikayla Peschke, Lucas Smith, El Gene Schulle, Dale Walker, Kaitlyn Fritz, Jimmy David Garcia (friend from Burton).

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 Kessell, Eugenia Fuhman, Lloyd Pieper, C. J. Lehmann, Harris Kubos, Jr., and Sam Reeves.

Members in Care and Assisted Living facilities:

Joyce Lehmann and La Verne Kunkel (at Bec's Blessing in Giddings); Bernice Mueller (at Argent Court, Brenham); Dora Miller, Elvera Limmer, Verline Schulte, Allyne

McGilvra, and Marge Morris (Brenham Nursing & Rehab); and Elvera Rudloff (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.



✠ Our Christian Sympathy to the families and friends of: Gordon Tinker (Pastor Tinker's father); Cynthia Chandler (former member Devin Gerland's mother-in-law); Leon Michalek (friend from Giddings); and



The Memorial Service for Pastor Tinker's father, Gordon Tinker, is set for Monday, December 30, at 3:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 7901 Westview Dr., Houston, TX 77055-6729; Phone 713-686-8253. A visitation is also planned for Sunday, December 29, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the church.

## OFFICIAL ACT IN NOVEMBER: Baptism

Raelynn Leigh Nelson, daughter of Daron & Danielle Marek Nelson was baptized at MLLC on Sunday, November 24, 2019. Her sponsors are Angela Marek and Dusty Hoot. Raelynn was born September 23, 2019. Welcome to the Lord's family!



## CONGRATULATIONS..



..to Kristen Graeter (our Saturday organist) and Brent Hollub who were united in marriage on October 26, 2019, at St. John Lutheran Church of Ruttersville.



..and to Floyd & Jocie Jacob-Braun on the birth of their great-grandson, Patton Mark Jacob, born October 17, 2019, to Chase and Christy Jacob. He is welcomed by his siblings, Porter & Presley, twins.

# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



|                   |       |                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| Wyatt Waak        | 12-01 | Rhyder Woodruff   | 12-10 |
| Kate Eilers       | 12-02 | Jordan Peters     | 12-12 |
| Lisa Mayer        | 12-02 | Sawyer O'Malley   | 12-13 |
| Cliff Mueller     | 12-02 | Bernice Mueller   | 12-15 |
| David Eilers      | 12-03 | Shirley Mueller   | 12-16 |
| Jo Littlejohn     | 12-03 | Kristi Wunderlich | 12-16 |
| Betty Porter      | 12-03 | Paula Barrick     | 12-17 |
| Boo Goolsby       | 12-04 | LouAnn Stokes     | 12-17 |
| Randy Kominczak   | 12-04 | Raylon Zwernemann | 12-18 |
| Ryan Hinze        | 12-05 | Jack Weidemann    | 12-20 |
| Jocie Jacob-Braun | 12-06 | Melvin Schoenst   | 12-23 |
| Austen Marth      | 12-06 | Gwened Woelfel    | 12-23 |
| Jadon Weidemann   | 12-07 | Joys Baird        | 12-26 |
| Dana Smith        | 12-08 | Kolbie Tappe      | 12-27 |
| Cody Wunderlich   | 12-08 | Kyler Jacob       | 12-28 |
| Wilbert Loewe     | 12-10 | Tim Weigelt       | 12-28 |
| Bruce Noak        | 12-10 |                   |       |



## Finance

### MLLC Financial Information

#### October 2019 Year to Date

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Total Income       | \$286,356.43        |
| Total Expenses     | 248,840.33          |
| <b>Net Income:</b> | <b>\$ 37,516.10</b> |

#### October 2019 Month

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Total Income       | \$ 45,418.27        |
| Total Expenses     | 22,583.55           |
| <b>Net Income:</b> | <b>\$ 22,834.72</b> |

#### Year to Date Expenses Highlights:

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Salaries and Benefits | \$134,372.93 |
| Vaughn Fundraiser     | 28,327.00    |
| Benevolences          | 10,123.30    |
| Property Insurance    | 16,389.50    |
| Utilities             | 13,094.78    |
| Printing              | 7,043.29     |
| Maintenance & Repair  | 6,947.26     |
| Supplies & Forms      | 4,821.56     |
| Reimbursements        | 4,690.85     |
| 2019 Harvest Festival | 3,436.67     |
| Bulletins & Envelopes | 1,853.53     |
| Confirmation Ministry | 1,816.29     |
| Postage & Handling    | 1,471.48     |
| Convention Expenses   | 999.28       |
| Camping Ministry      | 850.00       |
| Miscellaneous         | 783.79       |
| Pest Control          | 653.17       |
| Equipment & Tools     | 667.65       |
| 2018 Harvest Festival | 500.00       |



#### Harvest Festival: Income

|               |             |             |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Auctions      | \$11,698.00 | \$25,722.00 |
| Meals         | 6,701.00    |             |
| Donor Program | 5,640.00    |             |
| Games         | 1,050.00    |             |
| Desserts      | 633.00      |             |

#### Expenses

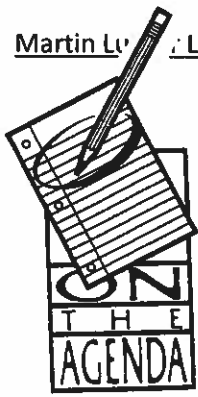
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|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Food             | \$ 2,760.38 | \$ 3,436.67 |
| Special Projects | 500.00      |             |
| Advertising      | 176.29      |             |

#### Net Income:

**\$22,285.33**  
 (More income has come in since this was reported.  
 A final total will be presented at the annual meeting in January).

### ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTIONS:

| Date  | Attendance | General  | School | Building |
|-------|------------|----------|--------|----------|
| 10-26 | 24         | 300.00   | -0-    | -0-      |
| 10-27 | 66         | 7,265.56 | -0-    | -0-      |
| 11-02 | 32         | 1,262.00 | -0-    | -0-      |
| 11-03 | 68         | 2,649.00 | -0-    | -0-      |
| 11-09 | 11         | 100.00   | -0-    | -0-      |
| 11-10 | 120        | 8,387.00 | -0-    | 225.00   |
| 11-16 | 31         | 615.00   | -0-    | -0-      |
| 11-17 | 48         | 1,305.26 | -0-    | 50.00    |



**Martin Luther Lutheran Church  
Church Council Meeting  
Monday, November 18, 2019**

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



The meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m. and the devotion was presented by Buck. The minutes from the October Council meeting were approved with a minor correction. The treasurer's report was approved.

Pastor's report:



*Item of special note: I have very much appreciated the prayers, love, patience and support of me and my family during the time leading up to and since my father's death. Grief is an intense and complicated reality. The kindness of so many is a powerful provision of God in these hard times.*

--Funeral – Patsy Simpson, aunt of Cherrie Wines – October 23  
--Meetings in October, 2019: Church Council, Men in Mission, Worship, Stewardship, ELCA Concerns task force, Lutherhill – Road to Wonder follow up.

--Confirmation Class will resume after the new year.  
--Continued work on mlccarmine.com website and some aspects of the Facebook page.

Christmas Education Committee: 1) Practicing for Christmas program, scheduled for Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup>.  
2) Soup will be served following the program in fellowship hall. 3) Need Christmas trees for VBS.

Worship Committee: 1) Committee is planning to serve December 4 Advent meal with Outreach Committee. 2) Carol Service planned for December 22. 3) December 18 Advent meal needs a meal sponsor.

Outreach Committee: Committee will serve with Worship Committee one of the Advent meals.

Property Committee: 1) Insurance coverage discussion – property insurance possibility of increasing deductible to save on monthly premium. 2) Brick to prepare quote for technology grant possibly available from Charitable Campaign Committee with Colorado Valley Telephone. 3) Entec Pest Control secured for church facilities, spraying includes quarterly treatment of perimeter of parsonage and Mission & Ministry building. 4) Ongoing – maintenance of church grounds, replacement of fluorescent lamps, plumbing repairs, sheetrock repair, leveling of propane tank.

Stewardship Committee: Met on Monday, November 11, with four present.

1) Yearly offering envelopes were discussed and agreed to continue as is.  
2) Planned meetings for 2020: 1/6, 3/2, 5/4, 7/7, 9/14, 10/5, 11/2.  
3) Discussed Harvest Festival results – new change for live auction was great; 4) changes to live auction.  
5) Possibility of having dedicated laptop and printer for next year. 6) Thanked Colette Wunderlich for her membership as she is stepping down. 7) Looking for new members for the committee. 8) Looking for two more people for the counting team – would count one month a quarter.

Dayschool Committee: Continuing transition from afterschool to daycare with hours to be discussed.

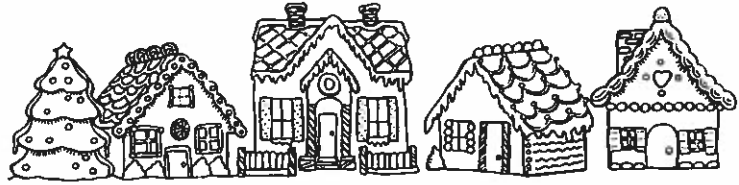
**Old Business:**

--Budget 2020 discussion.  
-- Gift of \$250 to Holy Cross Lutheran Church in memory of Pastor's father.  
--Motion by Karen to move next council meeting to Tuesday, December 17, at 6:15 p.m., with a second by Cindy. All approved.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer. Brick will give the devotion at next month's meeting, December 17, at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Drydale  
MLLC Council Secretary



**IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD:**

**December 1** - Bethlehem Lutheran-Round Top and St. Paul Lutheran-Shelby will have a Joint Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran. *(There will not be a church service at Shelby on that day).*

**December 1** – The “Polar Express” Christmas Fest, the Carmine Chamber of Commerce’s 35<sup>th</sup> annual event, will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Carmine Hall. Santa will be available for videos and pictures with your camera from 11:30 until 2:00. Bring your children to really “RIDE” the POLAR EXPRESS. From 11:00 until 2:00 there will be kettle-cooked beef stew and old-fashioned hamburgers with chips. Both meals with drink is \$10. Shop for unique and exciting Christmas gifts at the many special booths, and bid at the Silent Auction. Entertainment includes Festive Christmas Singers and the Winedale German Singers. Meal tickets will be sold at the door; to get a booth, or to place an order for stew ahead of time (is recommended), call or text 979-451-1507 or 979-278-3965, or e-mail [jane@pecangroveinn.com](mailto:jane@pecangroveinn.com) or [mwaak@industryinet.com](mailto:mwaak@industryinet.com). Bring your own container.



**The Ledbetter Volunteer Fire Department’s Christmas Lane of Lights** is set for the following dates: November 29 & 30, December 6 & 7, 13 & 14, 20 & 21, at FM 1291 & Hwy. 290 in downtown Ledbetter. Enjoy a hayride through a lighted path of Christmas reflections. There will be live music entertainment, and Santa will be there each night! Cost is \$10 per person; children two years and under are free! All proceeds benefit the Ledbetter Volunteer Fire Department. For additional information, or for large groups, contact Gwen at 979-540-0105, or Lana at 979-966-3477.

Lutherhill is scheduling an **Advent Mini Retreat** for campers in 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade **December 6-7, 2019**. Advent marks a time of anticipation, preparation, and boundless hope. Campers will gather for an action-packed 24 hours at the Hill! Join the fun as you enter the nativity story with Godly Play, craft your own Advent wreath to take home, swing on the giant swing, or test out the slingshots and so much more. Cost is \$60 per person.

**The Heritage Committee of the Carmine Chamber of Commerce** will meet **Friday, December 6**, at 10:00 a.m. at the museum. The group will take a mini-tour of the oldest business sites in town. Three of these were built in the late 1880’s and remain in use today. Others were established in the early 1900’s. All persons, interested in the history of the area, are welcome.



I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet the words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come,  
The belfries of all Christ-en-dom  
Had roll’d along th’unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
“God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good will to men.” (In the public domain).

## Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries

December 2019 Happenings

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

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Worship on Sunday – 10:00 a.m.

Worship on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month – 6:00  
p.m.

Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.

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President: Buck Williams

### \*Monthly Study/Fellowship Groups

**Quilting** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 9:00 a.m. in the Mission &  
Ministry Building.

**\*Rebecca Group** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the  
fellowship hall.

**\*Men in Mission** – 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the  
parlor – by church offices. No December meeting.

### \*Advent Wednesday Services

At Carmine – see next column

### \*Children's Christmas Program

Saturday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m. at the regular  
Saturday evening worship service.

### \*Carol Service

Sunday, December 22, at 10:00 a.m.

Music, choirs, chimes, soloists, etc. will present music of  
the Advent and Christmas Seasons.

**\*Christmas Eve** Worship at 6:00 p.m. led by the  
youth. Candlelight Service.

**\*Christmas Day** Worship at 10:00 a.m. with  
Holy Communion.

### Waldeck Lutheran Church – Waldeck

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Worship on Sunday – 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

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President: Sue Schoenst 979-250-1783

### Advent Wednesday Services

December 4, 11, and 18

Meal at 6:00 p.m. Worship at 7:00 p.m.

All services will be held at the Fellowship Hall of  
Martin Luther in Carmine. All are welcome.

Theme: Advent & Christmas According to St. Luke  
Led by Pastor David Tinker and Pastor John David  
Nedbalek.

### Living Nativity

Sunday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Presented by the Sunday School and Youth of  
Waldeck Lutheran Church

**Christmas Eve** Worship at 11:00 p.m.

Holy Communion

**Ledbetter VFD Lane of Lights** 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Fridays and Saturdays, Nov 29 – Dec 21

Cost: \$10/person; children 2 & under enter for free  
Starts in Downtown Ledbetter, at the intersection of  
FM 1291 and US 290, south side of highway.

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# December

**Assisting Ministers:** Leonita Sanders (12-01); Shelby Vaughn (12-07);  
Debby Peele (12-08); Susan Bathe (12-14, 12-25);  
Jessica Weidemann (12-15, 12-18); Shelby Vaughn (12-21);  
Dianna Gerland (12-22, 12-29)

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

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

**Acolyte organizers:** Parents of December acolytes

**Bulletin folders:** Floyd & Cheryl Etzel

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

**January newsletter assemblers:** Ted & Dianne Sager  
(the weekend of December 27 or 28)

| Date                   | Acolytes | Ushers  | Readers           | Flowers                  | Bread provider    | Bread & wine presenters | Cross bearer  | Communion assistants | Communion set-up                                  |
|------------------------|----------|---|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---|
| 12-01                  | Kalli    | Team #16-Dennis Gerland, capt., Boo Goolsby, greeter, Brick Peele, greeter; Debby Peele, Jennifer Mohr, Carol Carmean | Susan Ray         | Jesse & Wendy McDaniel   |                   |                         |               |                      | (AND Nov. 30)<br>Susan Markwardt (blue paraments) |
| 12-04<br>Advent        | Avery    | Team #17-Ted Sager, capt., Dianne Sager, Tori Lewis, Robbie & Diane Tovey   | Kayla Peters      |                          |                   |                         |               |                      | Cheryl Etzel                                      |
| 12-07<br>Saturday      |          | <b>Volunteers</b>   |                   |                          |                   |                         |               |                      |   |
| 12-08                  | Jace     | Team #18-Garry Sanders, capt., Leonita Sanders, greeter; Jason Schroeder, Theresa Garlin, Cole Garlin                 | Vickie Schroeder  | Jessica Weidemann        |                   |                         |               | Vickie Schroeder     | Cheryl Etzel                                      |
| 12-11<br>Advent        | Drayton  | Team #19-Monty Mayer, capt., LouAnn Stokes, greeter; Lisa Mayer, Claire Mayer, Gwen Woelfel, Kevin Woelfel            | Amy Dooley        |                          |                   |                         |               |                      |   |
| 12-14<br>Saturday      |          | <b>Volunteers</b>   |                   |                          |                   |                         |               |                      | Joann Ullrich                                     |
| 12-15                  | Peyton   | Team #1-Floyd Etzel, capt. & greeter; Cheryl Etzel, RaChelle Kuecker, Scott & Amy Pratt, Casey Lange, Codie Lange     | Jessica Weidemann | Bryan & Shayne Kirts     |                   |                         |               | Ted Sager            | Joann Ullrich                                     |
| 12-18<br>Advent        | Kennedy  | Team #2-Wade Eilers, capt., Christy Kelley, Daryl Ray, Melba Zingelmann, Patti Hart                                   | Bobbie Weidemann  |                          |                   |                         |               |                      |   |
| 12-21<br>Saturday      |          | <b>Volunteers</b>   |                   |                          |                   |                         |               |                      |   |
| 12-22                  | Makayla  | Team #3-Reuben Wunderlich, capt., Ronda Kunkel, greeter, Marlene Waak, greeter, Robbie Stork, Faith Stork             | Tony Dooley       | Brick & Debby Peele      |                   |                         |               | Cindy Hinze          | Jadon Weidemann                                   |
| 12-24<br>Christmas Eve | LYO      | <b>LYO</b>  | LYO               |                          |                   |                         |               |                      |   |
| 12-25<br>Christmas Day | Matt     | Team #4-Barbara Jacob, capt. & greeter; Jerry Jacob, Diana Wunderlich, Sedalia Ullrich, Jessica Weidemann             | Susan Bathe       | Daryl & Susan Ray        | Jessica Weidemann | Todd & Amy Dooley       | Josh Aranzolo | Connie Peters        | Debbie Eckert (white paraments)                   |
| 12-28<br>Saturday      |          | <b>Volunteers</b>   |                   |                          |                   |                         |               |                      | Connie Peters                                     |
| 12-29                  | Brody    | Team #5-Gene Goolsby, capt. & greeter, Cindy Hinze, greeter, Conway Waak, greeter; Morgan Mikeska, Kayla Peters       | Carol Carmean     | Clint & RaChelle Kuecker |                   |                         |               | Darlene Etzel        | Connie Peters                                     |



*Oh Holy Night*

## 2020 ALL-SERVERS LISTS

An "USHER TO DO" LIST is posted on the narthex bulletin board. Call the church office, 278-3388, if you have any questions or need training.

**FOR ALL SERVERS:** If you cannot serve on your assigned day, please switch with someone and notify the church office in plenty of time. THANKS TO ALL FAITHFUL VOLUNTEERS!

**\*\*All ushers should be seated in the back of the sanctuary soon after the service begins and join in worship.**

**Team #6-LYO-Jan. 5, April 9 (Maundy Thurs.), July 19, Nov. 29**

**Team #7-Jan. 12, April 10 (Good Friday), July 26, Dec. 2 (Advent)**  
 Jeff Flinn, capt. 277-2370  
 Wendy Flinn 277-2370  
 Kennedy Flinn 277-2370  
 Susan Leppard, 203-0800  
 Emma Leppard 203-0800  
 Carson Flinn 277-2370

**Team #8-Jan. 19, April 11 (Vigil), Aug. 2, Dec. 6**

Tim Weigelt, capt., 278-3732  
 Jadon Weidemann, greeter, 278-3141  
 Lori Weigelt 278-3732  
 Justin Roemer 884-3301  
 Hannah Roemer 277-8941

**Team #9-Jan. 26, April 12 (Sunrise), Aug. 9, Dec. 9 (Advent)**

Eldon Mikeska, Jr., capt. 836-4721  
 Mason Mikeska 836-4721  
 Stuart Markwardt 278-3298  
 Jimmy Loewe 278-3633  
 Randall Zwernemann 249-5452  
 Renè Zwernemann 249-5452

**Team #10-Feb. 2, April 12 (Festival), Aug. 16, Dec. 13**

Glenn Treude, capt. 249-7571  
 Melvin Schoenst 540-8800  
 Glenda Oakes, 832-541-1640  
 Renè Runge 836-7381

**Team #11-Feb. 9, April 19, Aug. 23, Dec. 16 (Advent)**

Tim Sanders, capt. 278-3075  
 Alvis Mueller, greeter, 203-6447  
 Steve Leppard 203-0800  
 Amanda Leppard 203-0800  
 Shayne Kirts 249-3908  
 Jed Leppard 203-0800

**Team #12-Feb. 16, April 26, Aug. 30, Dec. 20**

Berrie Etzel, capt., 830-7119,  
 Shelley Scheffer 249-4159, greeter;  
 Darlene Etzel 830-7119;  
 Tana Brooks 203-7012;  
 Shelby Vaughn 203-3408  
 Connie Peters 278-3622  
 Jordan Peters 278-3622

**December 24 (Christmas Eve) - LYO**

**Team #13-Feb. 23, May 3 (Confirmation), Sept. 6 (Labor Day), Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)**

Ronnie Eckert, capt. 278-3713  
 Avalda Pohl, greeter 278-3348  
 Brooke Eckert 277-4745  
 Debbie Eckert, 278-3713  
 Josh Eckert, 277-5626  
 Peyton Franklin, 277-5626

**Team #14-Feb. 26 (Ash Wed.), May 10, Sept. 13, Dec. 27**

Tony Dooley, capt., 278-3389  
 Amy Dooley 203-4343  
 Todd Dooley 203-4343  
 Blake Dooley 832/474-4698  
 Amber Dooley 832/474-4698

**Team #15-March 1, May 17, Sept. 20**

Dennis Gerland, capt. 278-3707  
 Boo Goolsby, greeter, 278-3105,  
 Brick Peele, greeter;  
 Debby Peele 278-3778  
 Jennifer Mohr 278-3394

**Team #16-March 4 (Lent), May 24, Sept. 27**

Ted Sager, capt., 278-3909  
 Dianne Sager, 278-3909  
 Karen Roemer 277-5737  
 Esther Kelley 249-3934  
 Robbie & Dianne Tovey, 278-3688  
 Mia & Buck Williams, 979-571-5052

**Team #17-March 8, May 31 (Pentecost), Oct. 4**

Garry Sanders, capt., 278-3668  
 Leonita Sanders, greeter, 278-3668  
 Jason Schroeder 512/237-2674  
 Theresa Garlin 249-3496  
 Cole Garlin 249-3496



**Team 18-March 15, June 7 (Holy Trinity), Oct. 11**  
 Monty Mayer, capt. 542-7988  
 LouAnn Stokes, greeter 281/799-5113  
 Lisa Mayer 966-3686  
 Claire Mayer 966-3686  
 Gwen Woelfel 249-3729  
 Kevin Woelfel 820-7558

**Team #1-Mar. 18 (Lent), June 14, Oct. 18 (Harvest Fest.)**

Floyd Etzel, capt. & greeter, 203-0182  
 Cheryl Etzel 278-3346  
 RaChelle Kuecker 203-0181  
 Scott Pratt & Amie Pratt 530-6173  
 Casey Lange 966-2353  
 Codie Lange 249-5632

**Team #2-March 22, June 21, Oct. 25 (Reformation)**

Wade Eilers, capt. 278-3645  
 Daryl Ray 278-3641  
 Melba Zingelmann 278-3777  
 Patti Hart 836-7109

**Team #3-March 29, June 28, Nov. 1 (All Saints)**

Reuben Wunderlich, capt. 278-3039  
 Ronda Kunkel, greeter 251-4545  
 Marlene Waak, greeter 278-3270  
 Robbie Stork 278-4010  
 Faith Stork 278-4010  
 Rylan Stork 278-4010

**USHERS, continued--**

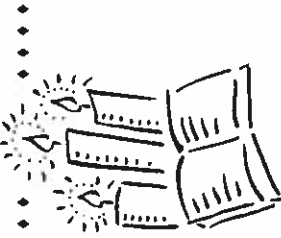
**NOVEMBER 8 – WELCA**

**Team #4-April 1 (Lent), July 5, Nov. 15**  
Barbara Jacob, capt. & greeter 278-3498

Jerry Jacob, greeter, 278-3498  
Diana Wunderlich 278-3039  
Sedalia Ullrich 278-3351  
Jessica Weidemann 278-3141

**Team #5-April 5 (Palm Sun.), July 12,**

**Nov. 22 (Christ the King)**  
Gene Goolsby, capt & greeter, 278-3105  
Cindy Hinze, greeter, 278-3358  
Conway Waak, greeter, 278-3270  
Morgan Mikeska 203-3864  
Kayla Peters 278-3622



15 – Shelby Vaughn  
16 – Susan Bathe  
22 – Robbie Tovey  
23 – Dianna Gerland  
26 (Ash Wed.) – Debby Peele  
29 – Tim Sanders

**MARCH**

01 – Robbie Tovey  
07 – Susan Bathe  
08 – Jessica Weidemann  
14 – Shelby Vaughn  
15 – Susan Bathe  
21 – Robbie Tovey  
22 – Dianna Gerland  
28 – Shelby Vaughn  
29 – Debby Peele

**APRIL**

04 – Susan Bathe  
05 – Robbie Tovey  
09 (Maundy Thurs.) – Jessica W.  
10 (Good Friday) – Susan Bathe  
11 (Vigil) – Debby Peele  
12 – (Festival) – Dianna Gerland  
18 – Shelby Vaughn  
19 – Susan Bathe  
25 – Robbie Tovey  
26 – Jessica Weidemann

**MAY**

02 – Susan Bathe  
03 (Confirmation) – Dianna Gerland  
09 – Shelby Vaughn  
10 – Debby Peele  
16 – Robbie Tovey  
17 – Susan Bathe  
23 – Shelby Vaughn  
24 – Jessica Weidemann  
30 – Tim Sanders  
31 (Pentecost) – Robby Tovey

**JUNE**

06 – Susan Bathe  
07 (Holy Trinity) – Dianna Gerland  
13 – Shelby Vaughn  
14 – Debby Peele  
20 – Robbie Tovey  
21 – Susan Bathe  
27 – Shelby Vaughn  
28 – Jessica Weidemann

**JULY**

04 – Susan Bathe  
05 – Dianna Gerland  
11 – Robbie Tovey  
12 – Debby Peele  
18 – Shelby Vaughn  
19 – Susan Bathe  
25 – Robbie Tovey  
26 – Jessica Weidemann

**AUGUST**

01 – Susan Bathe  
02 – Dianna Gerland  
08 – Robbie Tovey  
09 – Debby Peele  
15 – Shelby Vaughn  
16 – Susan Bathe  
22 – Robbie Tovey  
23 – Jessica Weidemann  
29 – Tim Sanders  
30 – Dianna Gerland

**SEPTEMBER**

05 – Susan Bathe  
06 (Labor Day) – Debby Peele  
12 – Shelby Vaughn  
13 – Jessica Weidemann  
19 – Robbie Tovey  
20 – Susan Bathe  
26 – Shelby Vaughn  
27 – Dianna Gerland

**OCTOBER**

03 – Susan Bathe  
04 – Debby Peele  
10 – Robbie Tovey  
11 – Jessica Weidemann  
17 – Shelby Vaughn  
18 (Harvest Festival) – Susan Bathe  
24 – Robbie Tovey  
25 – Dianna Gerland  
31 (Reformation & All Saints) – Tim Sanders

**NOVEMBER**

01 (All Saints) – Debby Peele  
07 – Susan Bathe  
08 (Thanksgiving) – Jessica W.  
14 – Shelby Vaughn  
15 – Susan Bathe  
21 – Robbie Tovey

22 – (Christ the King) – Dianna Gerland  
25 (Thanksgiving Eve – At Waldeck)  
28 – Shelby Vaughn  
29 – Debby Peele

**DECEMBER**

05 – Susan Bathe  
06 – Jessica Weidemann  
12 – Robbie Tovey  
13 – Dianna Gerland  
19 – Shelby Vaughn  
20 – Susan Bathe  
25 (Christmas day) – Debby Peele  
26 – Robbie Tovey  
27 – Jessica Weidemann



**JANUARY**

05 – Susan Ray  
12 – Blake Dooley  
19 – Leonita Sanders  
26 – Kayla Peters

**FEBRUARY**

02 – Amber Dooley  
09 – Vickie Schroeder  
16 – Jessica Weidemann  
23 – Amy Dooley  
26 (Ash Wed.) – Robbie Tovey

**MARCH**

01 – Tony Dooley  
04 – Susan Ray  
08 – Blake Dooley  
11 (Lent) – AT WALDECK  
15 – Leonita Sanders  
18 (Lent) – Amber Dooley  
22 – Kayla Peters  
25 (Lent) – AT WALDECK  
29 – Vickie Schroeder

**ASSISTING MINISTERS**

**(Leonita Sanders (Sunday Substitute) & Ronnie Eckert (Saturday Substitute))**

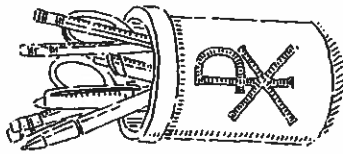
**JANUARY**

04 – Susan Bathe  
05 – Debby Peele  
11 – Shelby Vaughn  
12 – Jessica Weidemann  
18 – Robbie Tovey  
19 – Susan Bathe  
25 – Shelby Vaughn  
26 – Dianna Gerland

**FEBRUARY**

01 – Susan Bathe  
02 – Debby Peele  
08 – Robbie Tovey  
09 – Jessica Weidemann





**OFFICE HELPERS**

**Bulletin Folders**

(Sunday bulletins are usually ready for stapling & folding by 2:00 p.m. Thursdays for Sunday Morning.)

**(Ruby Renck & Kay Schmidt are Substitutes).**

- JANUARY** – Gene & Boo Goolsby
- FEBRUARY** – Betty Porter
- MARCH** – Carol Hall
- APRIL** – Floyd & Cheryl Etzel
- MAY** – Marlene Waak
- JUNE** – Joann Ullrich
- JULY** – Jerry & Barbara Jacob
- AUGUST** – Betty Porter
- SEPTEMBER** – Dianna Gerland
- OCTOBER** – LouAnn Stokes
- NOVEMBER** – Cherrie Wines
- DECEMBER** – Carol Hall

**Newsletter Assemblers**

(Months listed are the months you will fold for the following month. The office secretary will call when she begins to print newsletters. They will need to be folded, taped, labeled, and placed on the tables at the back of the sanctuary in alphabetical order ready for pick-up.)

**(Ruby Renck & Kay Schmidt are Substitutes).**

- JANUARY** – LouAnn Stokes & Marlene Waak
- FEBRUARY** – Betty Porter & Carol Hall
- MARCH** – Barbara & Jerry Jacob
- APRIL** – Leatha Miller & Nancy Eilers
- MAY** – Floyd & Cheryl Etzel
- JUNE** – Berrie & Darlene Etzel
- JULY** – LouAnn Stokes & Marlene W.
- AUGUST** – Betty Porter & Carol Hall
- SEPTEMBER** – Leatha Miller & Nancy Eilers
- OCTOBER** – Floyd & Cheryl Etzel
- NOVEMBER** – Berrie & Darlene Etzel
- DECEMBER** – Gene & Boo Goolsby

**Send bulletins to shut-ins & cards to visitors**

(Pick up enough Sunday bulletins for shut-ins each week and mail by Tuesday. Church office has the supplies. For cards to visitors: Check the guest register bi-weekly and send post cards to visitors.)

- JANUARY** – Cherrie Wines
- FEBRUARY** – Carol Carmean
- MARCH** – Cherrie Wines
- APRIL** – Carol Carmean
- MAY** – Cherrie Wines
- JUNE** – Carol Carmean
- JULY** – Cherrie Wines
- AUGUST** – Carol Carmean
- SEPTEMBER** – Cherrie Wines
- OCTOBER** – Carol Carmean
- NOVEMBER** – Cherrie Wines
- DECEMBER** – Carol Carmean

**Put communion cards, pencils & envelopes in pews**

(Fill pew pockets with communion cards & offering envelopes bi-weekly, sharpen pencils and replace as needed. Place special offering envelopes in pew pockets as requested.)

- JANUARY** – Dean & Joyce Ullrich
- FEBRUARY** – Betty Porter
- MARCH** – Carol Hall
- APRIL** – Jocie Jacob-Braun
- MAY** – Karen Roemer
- JUNE** – Vickie Schroeder
- JULY** – Dean & Joyce Ullrich
- AUGUST** – Betty Porter
- SEPTEMBER** – Carol Hall
- OCTOBER** – Jocie Jacob-Braun
- NOVEMBER** – Karen Roemer
- DECEMBER** – Vickie Schroeder



"We do not live by bread alone."  
—Luke 4:4

**PREPARE COMMUNION FOR SHUT-INS:**

Susan Bathe will prepare communion kits to be taken to shut-ins on the first Sunday in even months (February, April, June, August, October, and December). Pastor Tinker will prepare and visit in odd months.

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

- JANUARY**
- 05 – Amber Dooley
- 12 – Floyd Etzel
- 19 – Susan Ray
- 26 – Cheryl Etzel

**FEBRUARY**

- 02 – Connie Peters
- 09 – Karen Roemer
- 16 – Vickie Schroeder
- 23 – Cindy Hinze
- 26 (Ash. Wed.) – Darlene Etzel

**MARCH**

- 01 – Amber Dooley
- 08 – Robbie Tovey

- 22 – Susan Ray
- 29 – Cheryl Etzel

**APRIL**

- 05 (Palm Sunday) – Leonita Sanders
- 09 (Maundy Thurs.) – Connie Peters
- 11 (Vigil) – Karen Roemer
- 12 (Festival) – Vickie Schroeder
- 19 – Cindy Hinze
- 26 – Darlene Etzel

**MAY**

- 03 (Confirmation) – Amber Dooley
- 10 – Robbie Tovey
- 17 – Floyd Etzel
- 24 – Susan Ray
- 31 (Pentecost) – Cheryl Etzel

**JUNE**

- 07 (Holy Trinity) – Leonita Sanders
- 14 – Connie Peters
- 21 – Karen Roemer
- 28 – Vickie Schroeder

**JULY**

- 05 – Darlene Etzel
- 12 – Amber Dooley
- 19 – Robbie Tovey
- 26 – Floyd Etzel

**AUGUST**

- 02 – Susan Ray
- 09 – Cheryl Etzel
- 16 – Leonita Sanders
- 23 – Connie Peters
- 30 – Karen Roemer

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**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

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**SEPTEMBER**

- 06 (Labor Day) Vickie Schroeder
- 13 – Cindy Hinze
- 20 – Darlene Etzel
- 27 – Amber Dooley

**OCTOBER**

- 04 – Robbie Tovey
- 11 – Floyd Etzel
- 18 (Harvest Fest) – Susan Ray
- 27 (Reformation) – Cheryl Etzel

**NOVEMBER**

- 01 (All Saints) – Leonita Sanders
- 08 (Thankoffering) – Connie Peters
- 15 – Karen Roemer
- 22 (Christ the King) – Vickie Schroeder
- 25 (Thanks. Eve) – AT WALDECK
- 29 – Cindy Hinze

**DECEMBER**

- 06 – Darlene Etzel
- 13 – Amber Dooley
- 20 – Robbie Tovey
- 25 (Christmas Day) – Floyd Etzel
- 27 – Susan Ray

**COMMUNION SET-UP**

(For Sundays marked with a color, change paraments to that color, and place the Martin Luther banner. At least one person is needed to help with communion behind the altar during the service.)

**JANUARY**

- 04 & 05 – Connie Peters
- 11 & 12 – Cheryl Etzel
- 18 & 19 – Jessica Weidemann (green paraments)
- 25 & 26 – Susie Markwardt

**FEBRUARY**

- 01 & 02 – Joann Ullrich (white paraments)
- 08 & 09 – Susan Bathe (green paraments)
- 15 & 16 – Debbie Eckert (ML banner)
- 22 & 23 – Shelby Vaughn (white paraments)
- 26 (Ash Wed.) – Jadon Weidemann (black paraments)

**MARCH**

- Feb. 29 & March 1 – Connie Peters (purple paraments)

- 07 & 08 – Cheryl Etzel
- 14 & 15 – Jessica Weidemann
- 21 & 22 – Susie Markwardt
- 28 & 29 – Joann Ullrich

**APRIL**

- 04 & 05 (Palm Sunday) – Debbie E. (red paraments)
- 09 (Maundy Thurs.) – Susan Bathe
- 11 (Vigil) & 12 (Festival) – Shelby V. (white paraments)
- 18 & 19 – Jadon Weidemann
- 25 & 26 – Connie Peters

**MAY**

- 02 & 03 (Confirmation) – Cheryl Etzel
- 09 & 10 – Jessica Weidemann
- 16 & 17 – Susie Markwardt
- 23 & 24 – Joann Ullrich
- 30 & 31 (Pentecost) – Susan Bathe (red paraments)

**JUNE**

- 06 & 07 (Holy Trinity) – Debbie Eckert (white paraments)
- 13 & 14 – Jadon Weidemann (green paraments)
- 20 & 21 – Shelby Vaughn
- 27 & 28 – Connie Peters (ML Banner)

**JULY**

- 04 & 05 – Cheryl Etzel
- 11 & 12 – Jessica Weidemann
- 18 & 19 – Susie Markwardt
- 25 & 26 – Joann Ullrich

**AUGUST**

- 01 & 02 – Debbie Eckert
- 08 & 09 – Susan Bathe
- 15 & 16 – Jadon Weidemann
- 22 & 23 – Shelby Vaughn
- 29 & 30 – Connie Peters

**SEPTEMBER**

- 05 & 06 (Labor Day) – Cheryl Etzel
- 12 & 13 – Susie Markwardt
- 19 & 20 – Jessica Weidemann
- 26 & 27 – Joann Ullrich

**OCTOBER**

- 03 & 04 – Debbie Eckert
- 10 & 11 – Susan Bathe
- 17 & 18 (Harvest Festival) – Jadon W.
- 24 & 25 (Reformation) – Shelby Vaughn (red paraments & ML banner)
- 31 & Nov. 1 (All Saints) – Connie P. (white paraments)



**NOVEMBER**

- Oct. 31 & Nov. 1 (All Saints) – Connie Peters (white paraments)
- 07 & 08 (Thankoffering) – Cheryl E. (green paraments)
- 14 & 15 – Susie Markwardt (ML Banner)
- 21 & 22 (Christ the King) – Joann Ullrich (white paraments)
- 25 (Thanksgiving eve) – AT WALDECK
- 28 & 29 – Debbie Eckert (blue paraments)



**FESTIVALS 2020**

- Palm Sunday, April 15**
- Easter, April 12**
- Confirmation, May 3**
- Pentecost, May 31**
- Holy Trinity, June 7**
- Reformation, October 25**
- All Saints, November 1**
- Christ the King, November 22**
- Thanksgiving Eve, November 25**
- Christmas, December 25**

**Bread Providers**

- Amber Dooley
- Jessica Weidemann
- LYO
- Marlene Waak
- Robbie Tovey
- Amber Dooley
- Jessica Weidemann
- LYO
- Marlene Waak

**Bread & Wine Presenters**

- Cheryl & Floyd Etzel
- Darlene & Berrrie Etzel
- Amy & Todd Dooley
- Dianna & Dennis Gerland
- Robbie, Diane, & Caden Tovey
- Jessica & Jadon Weidemann
- Cheryl & Floyd Etzel
- Amy & Todd Dooley
- AT WALDECK
- Jessica & Jadon Weidemann

**Cross Bearers**

- Kennedy
- Josh
- Peyton
- Carson
- Cody
- Abby
- Kennedy
- Josh
- AT WALDECK
- Abby



# Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries

December 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  
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



There will not be any mid-week Advent services at either Bethlehem Lutheran Church or St. Paul Lutheran Church in Shelby. All are invited to attend the Wednesday Services at Carmine. December 4, 11, and 18  
Meal at 6:00 p.m.  
Worship at 7:00 p.m.  
In the Fellowship Hall



The Christmas Program at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Round Top is Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30.

### Christmas Eve Service schedule



- St. Paul Lutheran - Shelby – 6:00 p.m. with Holy Communion and Candle lighting ceremony
- Bethlehem Lutheran – Round Top – 11:00 p.m. with Holy Communion and Candle lighting ceremony

There **will not be** any Christmas Day services at either BLC or St. Paul.

## St. Paul Lutheran Church – Shelby

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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

**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.



We will be having a Joint Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Round Top on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m. There will not be any service at St. Paul Lutheran Church at Shelby on that date.

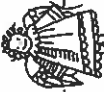



**Thanksgiving Eve Service.** Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00 p.m. at Martin Luther in Carmine. This is a shared with all 4 churches.

### Advent Wednesday Services

December 4, 11, and 18  
Meal at 6:00 p.m. Worship at 7:00 p.m.  
All services will be held at the Fellowship Hall of Martin Luther in Carmine. All are welcome.  
Theme: Advent & Christmas According to St. Luke  
Led by Pastor David Tinker and Pastor John David Nedbalek.

# DECEMBER 2019



| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
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| <b>1</b><br>1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent<br>8:30-9:45 am-Sunday School Christmas program practice/Adult Bible Study/10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion<br>5:00 pm-Christmas tree set up<br>5:00 pm-AA meeting   | <b>2</b><br>6:00 pm-Christmas tree decorated  | <b>3</b><br>5:30 pm-Yoga class in fellowship hall<br>6:00 pm-Worship Committee meeting                 | <b>4</b><br>6:00 pm meal in fellowship hall<br>7:00 pm-Advent service at MLLC       | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b><br>Please remember to collect your loose change for noisy offering Sunday  | <b>7</b><br>6:00 pm-Worship with Holy Communion<br>               |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| <b>8</b><br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent<br>8:30-9:45 am--Sunday School Christmas program practice/Adult Bible Study<br>10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion led by Praise Team/Noisy offering collected<br>Property Committee after worship<br>After worship-Christian Ed. Committee<br>5:00 pm-AA meeting | <b>9</b><br>9:00 am-Quilting  | <b>10</b><br>5:30 pm-Yoga class in fellowship hall<br>Council agenda deadline                          | <b>11</b><br>6:00 pm meal in fellowship hall<br>7:00 pm-Advent service at MLLC      | <b>12</b><br><br>Noon-Rebekah Group meets for Christmas Devotional followed by potluck meal | <b>13</b>   | <b>14</b><br>9:30 am-11:00 am-SS Dress Rehearsal<br>6:00 pm-Worship with/Holy Communion and Sunday School Christmas program/Potluck meal to follow |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| <b>15</b><br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent<br>9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study<br>10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion<br>5:00 pm-AA meeting<br>(🗓️) Deadline to order poinsettias through the church office)   | <b>16</b><br>1:30 pm-Sr. Citizens' Domino Party<br>2:00 pm-Christmas Party at Bec's Blessing in Giddings<br> | <b>17</b><br>5:30 pm-Yoga class in fellowship hall<br>6:15 pm-Church Council meeting<br>+ + *<br>+ + * | <b>18</b><br>6:00 pm meal in fellowship hall<br>7:00 pm-Advent service at MLLC      | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b><br>Newsletter deadline  | <b>21</b><br>1 <sup>st</sup> day of Winter ❄️<br>6:00 pm-Worship with Holy Communion   |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| <b>22</b><br>4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent<br>8:30 am-Tone Chimes practice/9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study<br>9:45 am-Hymn Sing<br>10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion and CAROL SERVICE/Baptism<br>Remembrance/☪️Baptism of Kollyns Kirts<br>5:00 pm-AA meeting                                    | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b> Christmas Eve<br>6:00 pm-Candlelight service   | <b>25</b> Christmas Day<br>10:00 am-Worship w/Holy Communion                        | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b>   | <b>28</b><br>6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion/☪️Baptism Remembrance  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
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