



Martin Luther Lutheran Church
211 Luther LN
P. O. Box 362
Carmine, TX 78932

MLLC'S Mission Statement:

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

Luther's Letter

a monthly publication of

Martin Luther Lutheran Church

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Worship schedule:

Saturday Worship w/Holy Communion 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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





LUTHER'S LETTER

Martin Luther Lutheran Church

NOVEMBER, 2019

O, GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD! Psalm 107:1

SPECIAL DAYS IN NOVEMBER:

☞ All Saints Sunday is November 3.

Those who have passed to their heavenly home since the 2018 All Saints Day:

*Elvira Dallmeyer, Joyce Eilers,
Karen Dooley, Mamie Roemer,
Dorothy Rothermel, Orville Kunkel,
and Patsy Blackburn Simpson.*

These saints will be remembered in prayer on Sunday, November 3.

☞ Martin Luther was born November 10 in the year 1483.

He once said, "Many things I have tried to grasp and have lost. That which I have placed in God's hands, I still have".



Enter
his gates
with
thanksgiving...

Psalm 100:4

☞ WELCA Thankoffering and Annual Turkey Dinner – November 10.

(See page 3, WELCA News, for more information).

☞ Veterans Day, Monday, November 11, is a holiday to honor America's veterans for their patriotism and willingness to serve and sacrifice for our nation's common good.

☞ Christ the King Sunday, November 24. From Psalm 46:1 – "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble."

☞ Thanksgiving Eve Worship, November 27, at 7:00 p.m. at MLLC.

HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING DAY TO ALL! –
November 28 – church office will be closed.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

⇒ OCTOBER WAS STEWARDSHIP MONTH: The 2020 Time & Talent sheets were included in the October newsletter. You still have a little time to fill those out and return to the box in the narthex by the end of October, so that the 2020 All-Servers Lists may be compiled in early November. Thank you to all who volunteer!

⇒ NEXT CHOIR PRACTICE is set for November 3. The group will sing "The Sweet By and By".
(There will be no choir practice in December.)

⇒ CONFIRMATION CLASSES will not meet in November or December, and the Winter 2020 schedule has not yet been completed. (Confirmation Day is set for the first Sunday of May, 2020).

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⇒ **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2:00 a.m.**
 Please remember to set your clocks back one hour before retiring Saturday night.

SET YOUR CLOCKS
 BACK!



⇒ **THE ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL** white envelopes to the ELCA World Hunger appeal can be found in your box of offering envelopes to contribute during November. Please write "ELCA World Hunger Appeal" on the memo line of your check. The pew envelopes may be used as well by writing "World Hunger" on the envelope. And, thanks to all who contribute to this cause".

WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS:



**Thankoffering
 Service and
 Annual Turkey
 Dinner**

This special service and dinner is set for Sunday, November 10. Hill Top Ramblers will present the program. Tickets are available for the dinner for \$10 (*advance tickets only*). Serving will be from 11:30-12:30. For tickets, call the church office 278-3388, Leonita Sanders, 278-3668/979-820-1360, or Carmine State Bank, 278-3244. Ladies are asked to bring desserts. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for service and serving food.

- ❁ **The ladies will decorate** the church for Thankoffering on Saturday, November 9, at 2:00 p.m. Thanks to all the ladies for their continued service in worship and at the dinner on Thankoffering Sunday, and all projects during the year!
- ❁ **Fleece Blanket Tying Day** is Saturday, November 9, From 10:00 a.m. until noon, and **Quilting Day** is Monday, November 11, at 9:00 a.m., both in the Mission & Ministry building.
- ❁ **Rebekah Group** meets on Thursday, November 14, at 2:00 p.m. Dianne Sager leads the Bible study; Offering meditation is by Carol Carmean; and Hostesses are Colette Wunderlich and Susan Ray.
- ❁ **For the 2020 yearbooks, please notify the office about any changes as soon as possible.**

**Report from the
 Fall Gathering at
 St. Paul's-Brenham**



The Brazos Cluster Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering was held on Saturday, October 5th, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Brenham, with the theme, "Love Over Hate" based on Hebrews 13:16: *"Do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."*

Barbara McIntyre, coordinator of the Brazos Cluster WELCA, opened the gathering with Linda Blum, president of the St. Paul's General WELCA, giving the welcome. The Rise and Shine Wake-Up was led by Benita Schramme, PIYO instructor of Brenham. The opening hymn, "O God of Mercy, God of Light" followed accompanied by the pianist, Barbara McIntyre. Rev. Pat Dietrich of St. Paul's gave the opening devotion using the hymn, "Will You Come and

Follow Me" and that with Jesus, it's always about love. Janie Mehrens introduced the guest speakers, volunteer, Mary "Puddin" Barnes, and co-founder, Rachel Blankenburg, with Bluebonnet Haven in Brenham which is a state licensed residential treatment center for girls, ages 12-17 years old who may have been subjected to abuse, neglect, or sex trafficking.

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WELCA NEWS (Fall Gathering Report), continued

Bluebonnet Haven provides the young women "voice and choice" with focusing on their future and skills needed in the real world. The program was informative with much insight as to what is done for these young women.

Volunteers are needed in their program called WINR (Women in Nurturing Roles). St Paul's, Brenham, partners with Bluebonnet Haven and the quilters at St. Paul's provides, makes, and gives quilts to the young women there.



Offering was given; the hymn, "Goodness is Stronger than Evil", was sung; and Janie Mehrens gave the offertory prayer. The offering will be used to purchase teen Bibles for the young women at Bluebonnet Haven. Several of the teen Bibles were on display. The physical offering of arts and crafts supplies and games, brought by the WELCA units attending, was also given to the center.

The business meeting followed and was called to order by Barbara McIntyre; Judy Matula, communicator, presented the previous minutes; and Cindy Weidemann, financial secretary, gave the treasurer's report. The Lutheran World Relief project was reviewed and the Synodical Women's Convention Report held at Lutherhill in August was provided by Leonita Sanders, synod liaison for the Brazos Cluster. Carol Naegeli, vice-communicator, presented the nominations for vacancies on the board and Doris Koehne of Christ Lutheran, Brenham, was elected financial secretary.

There is still a vacancy for Mission Action, Growth, and Community officer on the Brazos Cluster board. Any unit interested in hosting the Spring Happening, please let Barbara know.

A thank you was given to the St. Paul's WELCA for hosting the Fall Happening and providing the delicious brunch. The gathering closed with The Lord's Prayer and singing of the hymn, "We Praise You, O God".

LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER:



✦ THE ADVENT SEASON starts on Sunday, December 1.

▲ 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.



* Poinsettias are being sold by the RT-C 4-H Club, for \$10 each. There are three color choices—red, pink, and white. Caden Tovey and other RT-C 4-H members are taking orders until October 30. Poinsettias will be delivered to MLLC on December 7.



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: _____

☆☆ ALSO IN DECEMBER, the Sunday School Christmas program is set for Saturday, December 14, during the 6:00 p.m. worship service. (See the form in this newsletter concerning practice dates and times).

CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR PORT OF HOUSTON SEAFARERS

The Packing Day for the boxes is 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.

Chaplains at the Center are our ambassadors to these seafarers. They visit the ships and bring the boxes to the crews. With our work together at MLLC, we can help reach even more with the love of Jesus Christ.



For this year, 2019, please gather items for the men on the ships – you can buy things throughout the year and drop these off at any time. There is a large blue storage bin for this purpose in the room directly across from the church office.

The Men in Mission Group does not need boxes this year. These were provided by Home Depot in Brenham. The list of requested items is in the narthex, and was included in the October newsletter.



PLEASE
PRAY
FOR:

Current Member

Prayer Concerns:

Dean Ullrich (shoulder surgery); Daniel Kieke (surgery); Allyne McGilvra (back home); Jack & Bobbie Weidemann (health concerns); Louis Kartous (health issues); Sedalia Ullrich (recent shoulder surgery); Johnny Dunham (health concerns); and Ruby Renck (health concerns).

Current Friends and Family

Prayer Concerns: Cynthia Chandler (former member Devin Gerland's mother-in-law, health concerns); 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); Angie Colpetzer (mother of Josh Aranzolo and Emily Ortiz, recent surgery); 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); Gordon Tinker (Pastor Tinker's father, health concerns); Carl & Linda Richardson (friends of Susan & Daryl Ray, Carl for healing of colon cancer and Linda for strength and courage); Bill Clarke (friend of Daryl Ray, declining health); Mark Riggan

(cousin of Daryl Ray, heart attack); Edna Mae Krivacka (friend of Ed Eargle and Carol Carmean, back surgery); Bruce Muske (Carol Hall's son-in-law, health issues); Shirley Neumann (health concerns), and Robert Vaughn (Shelby's husband, at Oakland Manor in Giddings).

Ongoing Member Prayer

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

Ongoing Friends and Family

Prayer Concerns: Annie Pietsch, Branch Neutzler, Charles Marburger, Shirley Neumann, Frances Glueck & family, Pastor Bill Derrick, Sharon Johnson, Hunter Pomykal, Kay Griffin.....

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PRAYER LIST, continued

.....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 Kessell, Eugenia Furchman, 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 and Verline Schulte, Allyne McGilvra (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: Pearlie Tumis (aunt of Darlene Etzel, Delores Pohl, and Carol Carmean), Dr. Vernon Brau (former member, Becca Mayer's father and former dentist in Round Top), and Patsy Blackburn Simpson (aunt of Cherrie Wines, sister-in-law of Louis Kartous, and she was confirmed at MLLC in 1946.



The Six Marks of Discipleship: Pray Daily
By Pastor David Tinker
During the next several months I will be sharing some reflections and ideas for action for our faith. These will be centered in the Six Marks of Discipleship. Marks of Discipleship are standard ways of living out our faith in response to the grace, mercy and forgiveness of our loving Savior. God acts for us, and, by the Holy Spirit, we are stirred to live out of faith. Here are those 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

For November we will take a brief look at the first of these six:

1) Pray daily

We are called in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 to

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances..." Prayer is our opportunity to connect with God and to seek the benefit of others throughout our days. Prayer is foremost an opportunity to connect with God on a personal basis. The requests and other aspect of prayer are outgrowths of our deepening relationship with the Lord.

If you are not praying daily, then plan a time each day to offer some form of prayer. It could be at morning, mealtime, bedtime or

some other time. It may just start with offering the Lord's Prayer. It may be a listing of things for which you are thankful. What matters is that you pray.

Here are some basic resources for daily prayer. I will gladly discuss with you more formats and avenues for daily prayer as needed. Feel free to contact me for an appointment.

Resources:
Martin Luther's Small Catechism Two items.
First – the section on the Lord's Prayer. Read through this as you prepare for any time of prayer. It helps us re-center our prayer on God who invites us to pray. It reminds us to forgive, and to give thanks for all that God has provided.
Second – At the end of this core Lutheran teaching document are two sections about daily prayer.

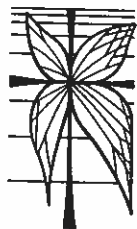
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These are "Morning and Evening Blessings," and "Blessings at Meals." These can be a starting point for improving your prayer life.

ACTS

This is a simple format for prayer. It uses the acronym ACTS, Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication. Adoration is worship. Confession gives us an opportunity to recognize our sinfulness and our need for God's forgiveness. Thanksgiving invites us to look over what God has provided each day. Supplication is to request things from God. The ACTS format helps to guide our direction for prayer and to keep us focused first on the Lord.

These are simple starting points. Again, I will gladly meet with you to help you guide and improve your prayer life.



† OFFICIAL ACT IN OCTOBER

Graveside service: The funeral service for Patsy Blackburn Simpson, aunt of Cherrie Wines, and sister-in-law of Louis Kartous, was conducted by Pastor Tinker on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, at Carmine Cemetery. Ms. Simpson passed away in Oklahoma on October 18, 2019. She was confirmed at MLLC in 1946.

2019 Martin Luther Lutheran Church Christmas Program

Martin Luther Lutheran Church Sunday School will be having their annual Christmas Program on Saturday, December 14th during the 6:00 pm worship service.

The practice schedule for the Christmas Program is listed below and the children involved are encouraged to be at each one. If your child may miss a practice or two that is fine as we understand everyone has busy schedules, we would still encourage them to participate in the program. Each practice will open with a devotion and short lesson. The children will be learning new Christmas songs this year and every child Kindergarten and above will have a speaking part if they choose to.

The practices will be during Sunday school from 8:30 am to 9:45 am on the following Sundays:

November 17th
 November 24th
 December 1st
 December 8th

Dress Rehearsal will be Saturday, December 14th from 9:30 am – 11:00 am.

If your child is participating please email amydooley8880@gmail.com or text her at 979-203-4343 as soon as possible.

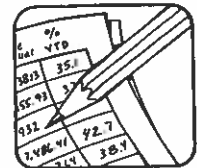




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| Candice Gorden | 11-05 | Quinly Scheffer | 11-17 |
| Joyce Lehmann | 11-06 | Seth Kelley | 11-18 |
| Levi Carmean | 11-07 | Avalda Pohl | 11-18 |
| Darrell Kelley | 11-07 | Kathy Warburton | 11-18 |
| Tina Mikeska | 11-07 | Susan Markwardt | 11-20 |
| Jessica Weidemann | 11-07 | Jack Littlejohn | 11-21 |
| Buck Williams | 11-07 | Darrel Neutzler | 11-21 |
| Randall Zwernemann | 11-07 | Joan Lange | 11-22 |
| Stuart Bruchey | 11-08 | Steve Leppard | 11-22 |
| Shelby Vaughn | 11-08 | Tim Sanders | 11-22 |
| Mark Kunkel | 11-09 | Jason Schroeder | 11-22 |
| Kayla Peters | 11-09 | Rhonda Roemer | 11-23 |
| Darrell Marek | 11-10 | Brenda Mueller | 11-25 |
| Kellen Bishop | 11-12 | Janette Weidemann | 11-25 |
| Lawrence Kunkel | 11-12 | Colette Wunderlich | 11-25 |
| Joey Pohl | 11-12 | Corey Knebel | 11-26 |
| Dale Pawlak | 11-13 | Braylie Tappe | 11-26 |
| Jane Marek | 11-14 | Hannah Roemer | 11-27 |
| Trina Siptak | 11-14 | Jody Pohl | 11-30 |

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTIONS:

| Date | Attendance | General | School | Building |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|--------|----------|
| 09-28 | 26 | 1,085.00 | -0- | -0- |
| 09-29 | 59 | 1,813.00 | -0- | 100.00 |
| 10-05 | 32 | 599.00 | -0- | -0- |
| 10-06 | 46 | 5,409.00 | -0- | 70.00 |
| 10-12 | 21 | 751.00 | -0- | -0- |
| 10-13 | 72 | 2,350.00 | -0- | 215.00 |
| 10-19 | 16 | 1,032.00 | -0- | 25.00 |
| 10-20 7 a.m. | 22 | | | |
| 10-20 9:30 a.m. | 133 | 26,622.00 | -0- | -0- |



MLLC Financial Information

September 2019 Year to Date

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| Total Income | \$240,938.16 |
| Total Expenses | \$226,256.78 |
| Net Income: | \$14,681.38 |

September 2019 Month

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| Total Income | \$20,743.38 |
| Total Expenses | \$45,312.20 |
| Net Loss: | \$24,568.82 |

Without Vaughn Fundraiser Donations & Expenses:

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|------------------|-----------------|
| Net Loss: | \$230.07 |
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Year to Date Expenses Highlights:

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| Salaries and Benefits | \$124,848.85 |
| Vaughn Fundraiser | \$28,327.00 |
| Benevolences | \$17,894.97 |
| Property Insurance | \$12,453.00 |
| Utilities | \$11,362.63 |
| Maintenance & Repair | \$6,902.91 |
| Printing | \$6,479.29 |
| Supplies & Forms | \$4,420.99 |
| Reimbursements | \$4,373.61 |
| Bulletins & Envelopes | \$1,802.81 |
| Confirmation Ministry | \$1,567.52 |
| Postage & Handling | \$1,276.48 |
| Convention Expenses | \$999.28 |
| Camping Ministry | \$850.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$764.59 |
| Pest Control | \$653.17 |
| Equipment & Tools | \$611.21 |
| 2018 Harvest Festival | \$500.00 |
| 2019 Harvest Festival | \$168.47 |



**THIRD QUARTER, 2019,
MEMORIAL REPORT**

Building Fund - \$30.00
Welma Koether Belle

General Fund - \$120.00
Welma Koether Belle
David Ruley





NEW ADDRESSES:

Bernice Mueller
Argent Court
2815 Victory Ln., #103
Brenham, TX 77833

Marge Morris
Brenham Nursing & Rehab
400 E. Sayles St.
Brenham, TX 77833

NEW BABIES:

Congratulations... to Daron & Danielle Nelson on the birth of their daughter, **Raelynn Leigh Nelson**, born September 23, 2019, weighing 7 lbs., 5 oz., and measuring 19-1/2 inches. She is welcomed by big brothers, Caden and Blaine. From MLLC, grandparents are Darrell & Jane Marek and great-grandparents are Floyd & Jocie Braun---

Life Is a Gift



---AND TO Jack and Edith Flinn on the birth of their great-grandson, **Jackson Rocky Luetge**, born October 11, 2019, to parents, Lucas and Lacie Luetge. He is welcomed by older siblings, Eva and Gavin;---

---AND TO Bryan and Shayne Kirts on the birth of their daughter, **Kollyns Diane Kirts**, born October 20, 2019, at 8:26 a.m., weighing 6 lbs. Kollyns is welcomed by big brother, Kooper. From MLLC, grandparents are Stuart & Susie Markwardt.



I would like to thank all who sent cards and all the prayers for me during my surgery. Also, for Pastor's prayers and

visits. God bless all of you.
Thanks, Dean Ullrich

Thank you to the Office Helpers for October: Gene & Boo Goolsby assembled the November newsletter, LouAnn Stokes folded bulletins and placed supplies in pews, and

Carol Carmean sent bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors.

--Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make the 10th Annual Harvest Festival and Homecoming on October 20 at success! (*See the Council Minutes in this newsletter for figures*).

IN THE AREA AND COMMUNITY

◆ **Bethany Christian Church** in Burton is asking for help for one of its members, David Garcis, who is gravely ill. The Garcia Fund has been set up at Burton State Bank to help him and his wife. Any help is appreciated!



◆ **Old Christmas trees**, lighted or unlighted, will be needed for the 2020 VBS at MLLC. Please place them on the porch of the Mission & Ministry building. If you have questions, contact Shelby Vaughn at 979-203-3408, and thank you!

◆ **Brazos Valley Brewery**, 206 S. Jackson, Brenham, is sponsoring their 6th annual Beer and Hymn Fest on Sunday, November 3, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Admission is \$20, which includes a souvenir glass and two beer tokens. Music will be by Robert Zientek and On Zion's Hill. There will be a silent auction, and brats & wine will be available for a freewill donation. All proceeds benefit Lutherhill Ministries.

AREA NEWS continued---

◆ **Lutherhill** presents a Junior High Gathering November 8-10, and Advent (Elementary Retreat) December 6 & 7. Lutherhill.org has received an upgrade to their website to check out these retreats.

◆ **Sunday, November 17, is Waldeck Lutheran Church's turkey stew.**

Bring your own container--\$25 for a gallon and \$15 for a half gallon. There will also be a raffle. Both tickets are available in the church office.

◆ **Carmine Chamber of Commerce Christmas Fest** is set for Sunday, December 1, with the theme, "Polar Express". There will be lots of fun activities for children. Vendors may book their booths for \$50. For an application, call 713-416-2188 or 979-451-1507.

◆ **The Ledbetter Volunteer Fire Department's Christmas Lane of Lights** is set for the following dates: November 29 & 30, December 6 & 7, December 13 & 14, and December 20 & 21, at FM 1291 and Hwy. 290 in downtown Ledbetter. Enjoy a hayride through a lighted path of Christmas reflections. There will be live musical 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.

**Martin Luther Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
Monday, October 21, 1019**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:24 p.m. by Buck. The devotion was presented by Pastor. The minutes from the September Council meeting were corrected and approved. The treasurer's report was approved. All budgeted contributions for 2019 have been completed.

Pastor's Report:

--There are no weddings currently scheduled at MLLC.

--The new confirmation class year began in September. Classes remaining this semester: October 23 and 30 (possible extra class in early November due to earlier cancellation).

--This is the Bible Year. We will continue our partnership with Round Top, Shelby, Waldeck and Greenvine.

Upcoming events:

--October 26 & 27 – Bethlehem Christian Families Olive Wood Carving display and sale.

--November 27- Thanksgiving Eve service at MLLC, jointly with Waldeck, 7:00 p.m.

--December 4, 11, 18 – Advent Wednesday services at MLLC, 6:00 p.m.; meal at 7:00 p.m.

(This is worship joint services with Waldeck, Shelby and Round Top churches; co-led by Pastor David Tinker and Pastor John David Nedbalek.)

--December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight service – 6:00 p.m.

--December 25 – Christmas Day service – 10:00 a.m.



October 21, 2019 Council meeting minutes, continued----

--February 26, 2020 – Ash Wednesday – Lent begins.

Worship schedule—5:45 p.m. at Waldeck; 7:30 p.m. at MLLC.

--March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1, 2020, Lent midweek services, time and location TBA.

--April 9 – Maundy Thursday service at Waldeck, 5:45 p.m., at MLLC 7:30 p.m.

--April 10 – Good Friday, 7:00 p.m. at MLLC.

April 11 – Holy Saturday/Great Vigil of Easter, 7:00 p.m. at MLLC.

April 12 – The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day; sunrise at Carmine Cemetery at 6:45 a.m.;

Easter activities TBA, 9:00 a.m.; Festival Worship, 10:00 a.m.; Egg hunt – traditionally offered

after worship.

--May 3 – Confirmation Sunday

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

--October 18 – Harvest Festival and Homecoming

(Discussed future Harvest Festival planning)

Committee reports:

Christian Education Committee: Harvest Festival bingo and pumpkin decorating were a success. The prizes for bingo were donated by the LYO. The Christmas program is planned for Saturday, December 14, with evening service at 6:00 p.m., and we are starting to plan 2020 VBS.

Worship Committee: No report.

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

Property Committee:

--Mission and Ministry Building's two broken windows were replaced by Quality Glass/Burton.

--Several electric outlets are dead in the fellowship hall. Eldon Mikeska checked circuit panels and concluded he would have to check wiring in crawl space to determine extent of re-wiring.

--Quotes were received for repair of northwest corner of church slab. Additional quote pending.

Stewardship Committee: Harvest Festival auctions: Live-\$11,715; Silent-\$488; Total-\$12,203.

43 bidders for the live auction; 24 silent auctions; 74 live auctions; no resales.

Special thanks for helping with auction: Dennis Gerland, Connie Peters, Jordan Peters.

Dayschool Committee: Continuing transition from afterschool to daycare. Working on budget.

Old Business:

--Reviewing church insurance coverage. Need to verify coverage, and determine if volunteers are covered.

--The Carmine Hall is not charging a fee for use for Harvest Festival. It was approved to donate \$500 to the Hall.

--Informative Committee formed to gather information regarding decisions made at the ELCA Synod Gathering. Report to be prepared for November Council meeting for review before releasing to the congregation later in November.

--Additional research of new TV purchases to be made. Purchase can be voted for by e-mail.

New Business:

--Review insurance package for Pastor. No change.

--Men in Mission to complete 100 seafarer gift boxes this year; will be put together the Monday before Thanksgiving – November 25.

--The Chrismon tree needs to be put up later in the afternoon on December 1. Decorating the tree has been scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 2.

--Cross Trails Ministry (Lutheran Camp Chrysalis) sent letter requesting a gift of \$300. We will budget next year. Funds will be used for helping kids come to camp.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer. Buck will give the devotion at next month's meeting—Monday, November 18 at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Drydale
MLLC Council Secretary

Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries
November 2019 Happenings
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Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Round Top – Martin Luther Lutheran Church - Carmine

Martin Luther Lutheran Church – Carmine

211 Luther Lane; P O Box 362
Carmine, TX 78932 979-278-3388
Located at the corner of
Luther Ln & Augsburg Ave,
just a block south of US 290.
<http://mlccarmine.com>
Find us on Facebook
Worship on Sunday – 10:00 a.m.
Worship on Saturdays – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.
Pastor David Tinker
Cell 713-461-8007/home 979-278-3384
President: Buck Williams

Women's Bible Study – 2nd Thursday at 2:00 p.m.
Men's Fellowship and Study Group – 4th Monday
at 7:00 p.m. (6 p.m. in November – packing the
Seafarer's Boxes)

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, in the Mission & Ministry building,
across the street from the church.

Thankoffering Service and Turkey Dinner.
Sunday, November 10, worship at 10 a.m., followed
by the ticketed meal. Tickets available at the
church office. Call 979-278-3388
The Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church Hilltop
Ramblers will be the guest music presenters at the
worship service.

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Nedbalek.

Waldeck Evangelical Lutheran Church

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 713-461-8007/home 979-278-3384
President: Sue Schoenst 979-250-1783

Turkey Stew and Raffle. Sunday, November 17.
Presale tickets for Stew are \$25/gallon or \$15/half
gallon, please bring your own container. Raffle
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Living Nativity. Sunday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m.
Presented by the Sunday School and Youth of
Waldeck Lutheran Church

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.

Christmas Eve Worship at 11:00 p.m.
Holy Communion

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

First Thursday of each Month
9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle Visitors Welcome

Second Tuesday of each Month
9:00 a.m. Sewing Circle Visitors welcome



BLC WELCA LADIES will be having their WELCA Thankoffering service on November 24th. As in previous years, we are highlighting the AMEN food pantry in LaGrange and ask for your nonperishable food donations that day and throughout the fall season. The theme for this Thankoffering focuses on water and the scripture readings are all based on water. The blessing of the quilts will be included in the service.



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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 – 3rd Wednesday each month

Noisy Offering – 3rd Sunday each month

Game Day – Note additional day per month
First and Third Wednesdays of each month
from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Open to the community.
Everyone is welcome. Bring snack, board game,
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| <p>3 All Saints Sunday/21st Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 9:30 am-Choir practice 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/HOME COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>5</p> <p>4:30 pm-Worship Committee meeting 5:30 pm-Yoga class in fellowship hall</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8</p> | <p>9</p> <p>10:00-1:00-Blanket Tying for LWR  2:00 pm-WELCA (decorates) 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>10 22nd Sunday after Pentecost WELCA Thankoffering 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/Annual Turkey Dinner following worship Property Committee after worship After worship, Christian Ed. Committee 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p> | <p>11 Veterans Day </p> <p>9:00 am-Quilting  6:30 pm-Stewardship Committee meeting</p> | <p>12</p> <p>5:30 pm-Yoga class in fellowship hall  Council agenda deadline</p> | <p>13</p> <p> Allen Organ dedicated on this day in 1994.</p> | <p>14</p> <p>2:00 pm-Rebekah Group meets</p> | <p>15</p> <p><u>Newsletter deadline</u> Please remember to collect your loose change for noisy offering Sunday</p> | <p>16</p> <p>6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>17 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion led by Praise Team/Noisy offering collected 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p> | <p>18</p> <p>1:30 pm-Sr. Citizens' Domino Party 6:15 pm-Church Council meeting</p> | <p>19</p> <p>5:30 pm-Yoga class in fellowship hall</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> | <p>23</p> <p>6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion/Baptism Remembrance</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>24 Christ the King Sunday 8:30 am-Tone Chimes 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 9:45 am-Hymn Sing 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/Baptism Remembrance 5:00 pm-AA meeting</p> | <p>25</p> <p>6:00 pm-Men in Mission Pack Seafarers' Boxes</p> | <p>26</p> <p>5:30 pm-Yoga class in fellowship hall</p> | <p>27</p> <p>7:00 pm-Thanksgiving Eve worship at MLLC </p> | <p>28 Thanksgiving Day Church office closed</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> <p>6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Servers for:

November



Assisting Ministers: Shelby Vaughn (11-02); Leonita Sanders (11-03-All Saints);
 Susan Bathe (11-09, 11-27-Thanksgiving Eve);
 Dianna Gerland (11-10-Thanksgiving, 11-24-Christ the King);
 Ronnie Eckert (11-16); Jessica Weidemann (11-17, 11-23);
 Tim Sanders (11-30)
Offering Counters: Deposit-Cindy, Todd Dooley, LouAnn Stokes

Put supplies in pews: Carol Hall
Acolyte organizers: Parents of November acolytes
Bulletin folder: Cherrie Wines
Send bulletins to shut-ins and cards to visitors: Carol Carmean
December newsletter assemblers: Sara & David Eilers
 (the weekend of November 22 or 23)

| Date | Acolytes | Ushers | Readers | Flowers | Bread provider | Bread & wine presenters | Cross bearer | Communion assistants | Communion set-up |
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| 11-02 | | Volunteers | | | | | | | Jadon |
| 11-03 All Saints | Kennedy & Peyton | Team #12- Berrie Etzel, capt., Shelley Scheffer, greeter; Darlene Etzel, Tana Brooks, Shelby Vaughn, Connie Peters, Jordan Peters | Amy Dooley | Mike & Connie Peters | Jessica Weidemann | Todd & Amy Dooley | Cody Wunderlich | | Jadon Weidemann (white paraments) |
| 11-09 | | Volunteers | | | | | | | Connie Peters (green paraments, ML banner) |
| 11-10 Thanksgiving | Makayla | WELCA | WELCA | WELCA | | | | Dianne Sager | Connie Peters |
| 11-16 | | Volunteers | | | | | | | Susie |
| 11-17 | Brody | Team #13- Karen Roemer, capt. & greeter; Darrell Kelley, Esther Kelley, Emily Kelley | Susan Ray | Siptaks | | | | Leonita Sanders | Susie Markwardt |
| 11-23 | | Volunteers | | | | | | | Debbie Eckert (white paraments) |
| 11-24 Christ the King | Abby & Matt | Team #14- Ronnie Eckert, capt., Avalda Pohl, greeter; Brooke Eckert, Debbie Eckert, Josh Eckert, Peyton Franklin | Blake Dooley | Brick & Debbie Peele | LYO | Jadon & Jessica Weidemann | Carson Flinn | Connie Peters | Debbie Eckert |
| 11-27 Thanksgiving Eve | Cody & Josh | Team #15- Tony Dooley, capt., Amy & Todd Dooley, Blake & Amber Dooley | Leonita Sanders | Garry & Leonita Sanders | Amber Dooley | Berrie & Darlene Etzel | Abby Wunderlich | Karen Roemer | Jessica Weidemann |

Thanksgiving

