



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

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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: Ronnie Eckert-President; RaChelle Kuecker-
President-elect; Anita Drydale-Secretary; Cindy Weidemann-
Treasurer; Jessica Weidemann-Worship Committee; Karen
Roemer-Stewardship Committee; Shelby Vaughn-Christian
Education Committee; _____Outreach/Care Committee;
Brick Peele-Property Committee**



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Martin Luther Lutheran Church

APRIL, 2020



Please take note of the following changes to our worship schedules. The MLLC Church Council has decided to discontinue worship services until further notice.

The MLLC church office staff will be on site only as needed. Call before coming by – 278-3388.

From Bishop Mike Rinehart: Prayer for time of conflict, crisis or disaster. (ELW, pg. 7):
O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

From Pastor David Tinker:

Our Situation in April 2020

The COVID-19 virus has turned our daily lives upside down. There is almost no part of our economy or society that has not been affected by the virus and its spread. While we have not panicked at Martin Luther Lutheran Church, we continue to consult the Texas Health and Human Services, and the Centers for Disease Control for the best information on how to keep our congregation and community safe. With the latest developments, with the recommendation of the President, the CDC, the World Health Organization, state and local officials, and our synodical bishop, the church council has decided to continue our current plan.

Here is the Current Plan:

- All worship services are suspended until conditions change, and government authorities authorize meetings in larger groups.

- All classes, events, and committee meetings are suspended as well.
- The church office staff will be on site only as needed, but generally Monday-Friday. Call before coming by. The office answering machine will be checked regularly. For emergencies, please contact Pastor David Tinker on his cell phone: 713-461-8007.



Devotional and Worship

Daily devotions will continue on the church website: mlccarmine.com. You can receive notification of these by e-mail. To begin receiving these, send a message requesting that your

address be added.

mluther@industryinet.com. We will begin offering a Sunday devotion through our Facebook page on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. It will be viewable later as desired. You do not need a Facebook account to view the service. Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/mlccarmine/> to view the church page. We will also be sending a bulletin and Sunday devotion to our older members (75+), nursing home residents and shut-in individuals. This will be by e-mail (if used by the person) or by postal delivery. The same bulletin will be available on the website each week.

Senior Citizens and AA

If you are involved with outside groups which meet at church facilities, such as Combined Community Action/Senior Citizens, AA, etc., please consult the leadership of those groups to determine any changes in those program

Daily Bible Readings for April 5-30

These are from "The St. James Daily Devotional Guide for the Christian Year". This is the set of daily readings used by Pastor David Tinker for his scripture reading plan. Let's read these each day as an act of faith and unity in our congregation.

April 5 – Palm Sunday

John 12:12-26
Psalm 118
Matthew 20:29-21:17
Lamentations 3

April 6

Matthew 21:18-22
Psalm 86, 87, 88
John 12:37-41
Lamentations 4

April 7

Matthew 25:1-13
Psalm 89
John 12:42-50
Lamentations 5

April 8

Matthew 26:1-16
Psalms 90, 91
Luke 20:9-19
Habakkuk 1

April 9

John 13:1-30
Psalms 41, 142, 143
Matthew 26:17-56
Habakkuk 2

April 10

John 19:17-37
Psalms 40, 102
Matthew 26:57-27:61
Habakkuk 3

April 11

John 19:38-42
Psalms 16, 17
Matthew 26:62-66
Ezekiel 1

April 12

Matthew 28:1-15
Ezekiel 2
Psalms 118, 110, 111

April 13

Mark 16:1-20
Psalm 105
Ezekiel 3

April 14

Luke 24:1-49
Ezekiel 4
Psalm 106

April 15

John 20:1-10
Psalm 107
1 Corinthians 5:1-8
Ezekiel 5

April 16

John 20:11-18
Psalm 108, 110, 109
1 Peter 1:1-12
Ezekiel 6

April 17

John 21:1-14
Psalms 111, 112, 113, 114
1 Peter 1:13-25
Ezekiel 7

April 18

John 21:15-25
Psalm 115, 116, 117
Matthew 28:16-20
Ezekiel 8

April 19

John 20:19-29
Psalm 119:1-48
1 Peter 2:1-12
Ezekiel 9

April 20

John 2:13-25
Psalm 119:49-88
1 Peter 2:13-25
Ezekiel 10

April 21

John 3:1-21
Psalm 119:89-128
1 Peter 3:1-12
Ezekiel 11

April 22

John 3:22-36
Psalm 119:129-176
1 Peter 3:13-22
Ezekiel 12

April 23

John 4:1-14
Psalms 118, 120, 121
1 Peter 4:1-11
Ezekiel 13

April 24

John 4:12-19
Psalms 122, 123, 124, 125, 126
1 Peter 4:12-19
Ezekiel 14

April 25

John 4:27-45
Psalms 127, 128, 129, 130, 131
1 Peter 5:1-14
Ezekiel 15

April 26

John 4:46-54
Psalm 132, 133, 134, 135
2 John 1-13
Ezekiel 16

April 27

John 5:1-15
Psalm 136, 137, 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Ezekiel 17

April 28

John 5:16-23
Psalms 139, 141, 142
1 Corinthians 15:12-19
Ezekiel 18

April 29

John 5:24-35
Psalms 140, 143
1 Corinthians 15:20-28
Ezekiel 19

April 30

John 5:36-47
Psalm 144, 145
1 Corinthians 15:29-34
Ezekiel 20

**COVID-19 Pandemic
Things we can do now to
make the best of the situation**

What to do now

Here are some things you can be doing at this time to keep connected, to express your faith, to support your church, and to love your neighbor.

* We will have devotional materials available at the church and on the website—mlccarmine.com.

* Keep in contact with your fellow church members and friends. Phone calls, letters, e-mail, and social media can all be used to keep connected. You are especially encouraged to keep in contact with individuals who are more isolated due to age, health, or other circumstances.

* Pray for one another, the church (*both local and around the nation and world*), for those who are sick, for medical and emergency personnel, for the lonely, for those who have lost income due to this health crisis.

* Join in the daily Bible Reading program noted

elsewhere in this newsletter and on the website.

* Remember your regular offerings to God through the church. The church expenses will continue during this time. Additionally, these are an important aspect of your faith expression. You are encouraged to resolve to keep faithful to your giving at this challenging time.

Here are ways you can keep up your offerings during this time away:

- Send your offering by mail to the church office.
- Set aside your regular offerings each week, and then bring these to church when you can be at worship again.
- Give offerings through the church website: mlccarmine.com/online-giving/. This page has a link to our secure giving page. Offerings can be made by bank draft, debit card, or credit card through this special website. The

church council is looking into additional online services to provide more choices for your giving. That information will be announced when available.

- Get plenty of rest, eat properly, wash your hands regularly, and pay attention to special notices by government medical authorities regarding this pandemic situation. If you are having health issues, seek medical attention.

Holy Week

See the special in-home devotional guide for Holy Week. This is a way to observe Palm Sunday, The Three Holy Days (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil), and The Resurrection of our Lord, in your home. This is different, but our circumstances are different.



PLEASE NOTE: THE DAY OF CONFIRMATION HAS BEEN CHANGED TO SUNDAY, MAY 17, since the MS150 Bike Ride was originally scheduled to come through Carmine on that day, (*although it's now cancelled*), the May 17 date stands.

And--since the date has changed, altar flowers are needed for Sunday, May 3.



Plans are still in place for David Wickel to take confirmation pictures at 9:00 a.m. on Confirmation Sunday, May 17.

Pastor will contact the parents regarding class schedule.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

→ A person is still needed to serve as church council member representing the Outreach/Care Committee. We would appreciate a volunteer. Please consider serving in this role.

→ **New Address:**
Dianne & Ted Sager
222 Tradinghouse Creek
Georgetown, TX 78633



Best Wishes to the Sagers!

2020 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2020 VBS – Sunday, June 14 – Thursday, June 18. **Note: This date may be changing to later in the summer. REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN, AND THE DEADLINE IS MAY 10.

For all five days, there are rock-solid Bible truths to keep kids on track—Stories about Ananias helping Saul; Paul encouraging others in a storm and shipwreck; Peter and John teach about Jesus; Jesus' death and resurrection, and Jesus' power helps them be good friends (the church united).

Code (left) and the Volunteer Code (right), use the camera on your Smartphone and it will bring up the link to the Google Form to fill out for registration. Any questions about VBS or problems with scanning the code, email Shelby or text her at 979-203-3408.

ABOUT THE CODES BELOW: For the Participant



VOLUNTEER CODE



FROM LUTHERHILL:

Due to the COVID-19 alert and in the best interest of their campers, retreat guests and staff, all retreat operations are suspended in La Grange and Zion Retreat Center in Galveston until further notice. This includes retreats for

rental groups and program retreats (Explore and Spring Family Retreat). They remain optimistic that summer camps at Lutherhill and Zion may continue. For more information, go to matt@lutherhill.org or call him at 979-249-3232.

*****The Joint Service of Churches (Carmine, Waldeck, Round Top and Shelby) originally scheduled for April 26 at Lutherhill has been postponed until a later date.*****

WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS:

PARTY CANCELLATIONS: The birthday party at Brenham Nursing & Rehab originally scheduled for March 20, and the party at Argent Court, Brenham, for March 23, were canceled. Both places are on lockdown due to the coronavirus alerts.

The Rebekah Group will not meet in April.



COMMUNION AT LA GRANGE NURSING HOMES REPORT:

Pastor David Tinker, along with Jackie Carrico and Helen Wagner from the Waldeck Lutheran Church, and Sedalia Ullrich and Joys Baird from MLLC, visited nursing homes in La Grange on Tuesday, March 10. Pastor Tinker's devotion included Lenten

thoughts and prayers for these Forty Days in preparation of our Lord's resurrection. The group went to Care Inn where ten residents joined in communion, including Lollie Dittmar, Flora Jahnz, Jeanette Keilers, and Vernell Noak.

The second visit was to Jefferson Place with eight residents taking communion, including Wanda Borgstedte, Delores Hennig, Junice Walther, and Josephine White.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES FOR USE AT HOME 2020

Palm Sunday – April 5

In the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Palm Procession Reading:

Matthew 21:1-11

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 27:11-54

Hymn:

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1 You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.
Refrain

2 The company of angels are praising you on high; creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. *Refrain*

3 The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went; our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. *Refrain*

4 To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise. To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*

5 Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.
Refrain

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

End with the Lord's Prayer

Mundy Thursday – April 9

In the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Where Charity and Love prevail, there is God. Amen

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Foot Washing

If living with others, consider a simple washing of feet as a sign of mutual service, following the way of Jesus. Water in wash basin, large bowl, or dish washing tub, along with a simple towel, can be used for this symbolic action.

Hymn:

Go to Dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r; your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour; turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned; oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained! Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet, mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete. "It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

4 Early hasten to the tomb, where they laid his breathless clay; all is solitude and gloom. Who has taken him away? Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

End with the Lord's Prayer

Good Friday – April 10

In the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Reading: John 18:1 – 19:42

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The Seven Last Words of

Christ: Read and ponder each one.

- 1: Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.
- 2: Today you will be with me in paradise.
- 3: Woman, behold your son.
- Son, behold your mother.
- 4: I thirst.
- 5: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
- 6: It is finished.
- 7: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

End with the Lord's Prayer

Vigil of Easter – April 11

In the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

If you have a candle, light this and say: The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Readings:

Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a
Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21
Isaiah 55:1-11
Daniel 3:1-29
Gospel: John 20:1-18

Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the creator of the world, the liberator of your people, and the wisdom of the earth. By the resurrection of your Son free us from our fears, restore us in your image, and ignite us with your light, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

End with the Lord's Prayer

The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday April 12

In the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Readings:

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'in today,
Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day,
Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross,
Alleluia!
suffer to redcem our loss.
Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,
Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king,
Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave,
Alleluia!
sinners to redcem and save.
Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which he endured,
Alleluia!
our salvation have procured;
Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king,
Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing.
Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above,
Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love;
Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host,
Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

End with the Lord's Prayer

WELCA NEWS, continued...

The third stop was Monument Hill. The administration was



Current Member Prayer

Concerns: J. C. Pohl (health issues); Carol Carmean (recent thyroid surgery); Johnny Dunham (health concerns); and Robert Vaughn (at Texas Neurology, thankful for extended stay for rehab).

Current Friends and Family

Prayer Concerns: Ruby Ivey (Nikki Pohl's mother, health concerns); Angelica Colpetzer (upcoming surgery); Ricky Eckert (health concerns); Jeannie Johnson (grandmother of Josh Aranzolo, Emily Ortiz, and Matthew & Nick Colpetzer, chronic pain); Kalisa Pomykal (Paula Barrick's sister, medical concerns); Jacquelyn Mercado (JoLynn Schoenberg's daughter, severe broken wrist); Kenny Lorenz (former member, Robert Hinze's relative, severe burns); Nancy Pietsch (former RT-C teacher, health concerns); LaVerne Krumrey (friend from Brenham, cancer); Joyce Kelley (friend, health concerns); Jack Walsh (friend of Wade Eilers, recurring melanoma); Bill Clarke (friend of Daryl & Susan Ray, stage 4 cancer); Carrie Bozarth (friend of Sedalia Ullrich, cancer); and Edna Mae Krivacka (friend of Ed Eargle and Carol Carmean, at Care Inn, after back surgery).

not allowing extra nursing home visits due to the flu and virus contamination. The group honored and respected their decision.

Pastor Tinker shares a nursing home visitation and communion rotation with three other Lutheran pastors in Fayette County.

Ongoing Member Prayer

Concerns: David Eilers, Pauline Fischer, Ruby Renck, Linda Kovar, Jack Flinn, Vickie Neutzler, and Ashley Weiss.

Ongoing Friends and Family

Prayer Concerns: Jason Weidemann, Paul Banks, Fritz Schoenst, Sam Doerr, Burnie & Nellie Wolff, Nina Kelley, Annie Pless, Stephany Hamrell, Pastor Willie Rotter, Carl & Linda Richardson, Mark Riggan, Bruce Muske, Shirley Neumann, Annie Pietsch, Charles Marburger, Shirley Neumann, Frances Glueck & family, Pastor Bill Derrick, Sharon Johnson, Hunter Pomykal, Kay Griffin, Kevin Taylor, Berkley Fincher, Mikayla Peschke, Lucas Smith, 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, Kaitlyn Nienstedt, Fred Kessell, Eugenia Fuhman, Lloyd Pieper, C. J. Lehmann, Harris Kubos, Jr., and Sam Reeves.

Homebound Members:

Nevilee Marburger (in Houston); Judy Yarborough, Peetsy Fischer, and Shirley

Mueller (at home at their Bed & Breakfast in Brenham).

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, 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.

✠ IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY...

to the families and friends of: Elizabeth McDaniel (mother of R.W. Crawford, friend of Alvis Mueller); Rev. August M. Hannemann (former MLLC pastor); Eugene Muehlbrad, Genie Fuhrman (Ruby Renck's niece); Edna Krause (mother of former organist, Susan Michael); Charles Rudy Weigelt (brother-in-law of Kay Schmidt, JoLynn Schoenberg, and Darrel & Vickie Neutzler); Ricky Ebner (friend from Ledbetter); Israel Castor (uncle of Josh Aranzolo, Emily Ortiz, and Matthew & Nick Colpetzer); Carlos Martinez (great-uncle of Josh Aranzolo and Emily Ortiz); and Mr. Rene Nevarette (friend of Angie Colpetzer).

In Memoriam

✠ The graveside service for Eugene Muehlbrad was conducted at La Bahia Cemetery on Saturday, March 21. Mr. Muehlbrad passed away at his home on March 19, 2020. He had served as treasurer of the La Bahia Verein Hall in Burton for 22 years, and had served on the MLLC Church Council. Memorials are requested to Hospice Brazos alley. Christian Sympathy to his family and friends.

✠ Pastor August M. Hannemann, who served MLLC from 1957-1967, passed away at his home in San Antonio, Texas, on March 17, 2020. His obituary states that he was the eighth of nine children in his family, born in Fredericksburg on April 15,

1927. He and his wife, Pauline, were married for 65 years before her death in 2018. This past fall the Pastor was honored by the Southwest Texas Synod for his 65th Anniversary of Ordination in Lutheran ministry. He leaves four children and nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. His funeral was conducted in Fredericksburg on Saturday, March 21, 2020. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Zion Lutheran Church, P. O. Box 1571, Fredericksburg, TX 78624, Meals on Wheels, or charity of choice.

IN APPRECIATION:

✠ Lutherhill Ministries sends the following letter to MLLC thanking us for the \$1,000.00 donation they received on March 5, 2020,

designated to their Annual Fund. Matt Kindsvatter, Executive Director, says:

"Your support and involvement has helped Lutherhill Ministris grow into the summer camp and retreat center it is today—with two locations and countless opportunities to provide faith transformation among holy spaces. Thank you again for your gift and for your willingness to partner with us in our mission. Y'all are Awesome! Thanks for y'all's amazing partnership in ministry."

✠ The A.M.E.N. Food Pantry sent the following letter dated March 7, 2020:
Dear Friends: On behalf of the A.M.E.N. Board of Directors, we thank you for your support for providing your generous donation of \$168.00 received from MLLC on February 26, 2020, for our needy brothers and sisters in our area. Your donation is much appreciated. Signed, Susan Pylant, for the A.M.E.N. Board of Directors.



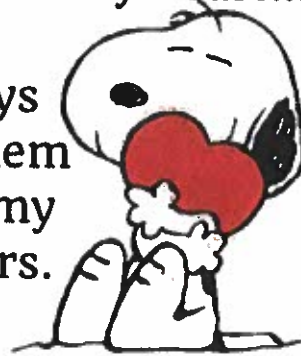
CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER---to Ricky Wickel and Brenda Dietz on their wedding at MLLC on February 20,

...and to Dawn Gerland and Eric O'Neal who were married February 22 in Georgetown.

We pray God's richest blessings on your marriages!

When my arms can't reach people who are close to my heart...

I always hug them with my prayers.



Martin Luther Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Members present: Ronnie Eckert, Pastor David Tinker, Anita Drydale, Brick Peele, Cindy Weidemann, Karen Roemer, RaChelle Kuecker, and Jessica Weidemann. Member absent: Shelby Vaughn

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Ronnie. The devotion and prayer were given by RaChelle. The minutes and treasurer's report from the February meeting were reviewed and approved.

Pastor's Report: Confirmation will be moved to May 17, 2020, even though the MS150 charitable bike ride has been cancelled, due to the coronavirus health concerns.

ELCA Committee: The member list was updated: *Anita Hudelson Drydale, Pastor David Tinker, Jadon Weidemann, Berrie Etzel, Jennifer Tinker, Kristi Wunderlich, Wade Eilers.*



Worship Committee discussed Lent and Holy week.

There were no reports from Christian Education, Outreach, Stewardship, or Dayschool Committees.

Property Committee:

--M&M Building toilet flapper seal replaced;
--parlor conference chair taken to Church Lane Upholstery/ Ledbetter; Brenda Dunlap verbally quoted \$150 per chair plus cost of vinyl fabric (approx. \$170 each). Al approved to proceed with recovering chairs.

--Inspection of crawl space necessary to determine specific re-wiring that may be necessary in the fellowship hall.

--Received quotes from Russell Faris, Rhino Foundation (Bellville), \$8,650/16 piers; and First Choice House Leveling (Brenham), \$8,100/21 piers; and about repair of northwest corner of church slab. Additional quote from Lifetime Foundation Restoration pending.

--Mission & Ministry Building has also had some settling.

--New TV in parlor will be professionally wall-mounted.

Old Business: April 26 -- Four-church service at Lutherhill planning progress.

In need of Council person for the Outreach Committee. ELCA Committee has not yet met. What is the expectation of the Committee, and what are the timelines to present to the Council?

New Business: Council approved to shut down church services/activities until April 3 during the COVID19 crisis. E-mail and letter to go out in the mail. Council will meet March 31 at 6:30 -p.m. to re-evaluate. Will continue to pay church staff during the shutdown.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Jessica will give the devotion at next month's meeting. The next regular Church Council meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Drydale, MLLC Council Secretary

EARTH DAY IS APRIL 22.

From Psalm 24:1—"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it....."



MLLC FINANCIAL INFORMATION

February 2020 Year to Date

Total Income \$39,666.08
 Total Expenses 45,068.27
 Net Loss: \$ 5,402.19

February 2020 Month

Total Income \$19,480.32
 Total Expenses 18,649.45
 Net Income \$ 830.87

Year to Date Expenses Highlights:

Salaries and Benefits \$27,262.68
 Reimbursements 4,848.69
 Property Insurance 3,936.50
 Utilities 2,446.43
 Benevolences 2,270.33
 Printing 1,128.00
 Supplies & Forms 916.85
 Postage & Handling 594.00
 Camping Ministry 445.00
 Bulletins & Envelopes 426.03
 Maintenance & Repair 360.98
 Pest Control 250.00
 Miscellaneous 159.00
 Equipment & Tools 23.78

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTIONS:

Date	Attendance	General	Online	Building
02-22	31	701.00	-0-	-0-
02-23	58	2,994.00	-0-	20.00
02-26 Ash Wed.	64	540.31	-0-	50.00
02-29	24	461.00	-0-	-0-
03-01	48	5,135.00	-0-	20.00
03-04	49	825.00	-0-	-0-
03-07	29	1,095.00	-0-	-0-
03-08	70	1,913.75	450.00	225.00
03-11	At Waldeck	75.00	-0-	-0-
03-14	18	455.00	-0-	-0-
03-15	45	5,151.00	40.00	40.00
03-18	NO SERVICES			
03-21	NO SERVICES			
03-22	NO SERVICES	2,110.00	40.00	-0-
3-29	NO SERVICES	1,968.00	40.00	50.00

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Leighton Abell 01
 Raymond Rosenbaum 03
 Summer Dooley 05
 Morgan Williams 05
 Darren Kokel 06
 Carol Carmean 08
 Tyler Marth 10
 Tracy Pawlak 11
 Kannon Jacob 14
 Nicole Wright 14
 Tinley Woodruff 16
 Sarah Moore 20
 Bradley Muske 20

Carly Weiss 20
 Blake Dooley 21
 Trey Lewis 21
 James Tinker 21
 Ronnie Zwernemann 22
 Emma Leppard 23
 Karen Rosenbaum 23
 Nickolas Colpetzer 24
 Josh Eckert 25
 Tony Dooley 26
 Pauline Fischer 26
 Nevilee Marburger 26
 Emily Noak 28

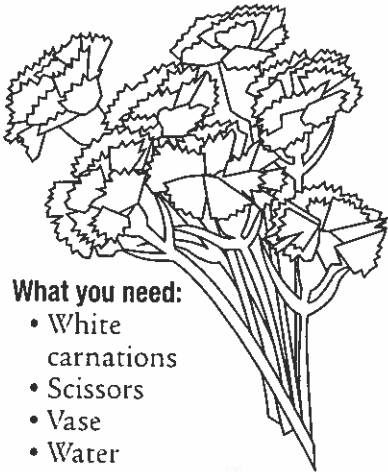


THERE WILL BE NO SHARED MINISTRY NEWSLETTER THIS MONTH.

CAROL CARMEAN WILL SEND BULLETINS TO SHUT-INS AND CARDS TO VISITORS FOR APRIL.

Scripture AND NATURE

Conduct a simple experiment to illustrate Easter's meaning.



What you need:

- White carnations
- Scissors
- Vase
- Water
- Red food coloring
- Bible

What you do:

1. Cut the carnation stems (at an angle) to about 8 inches long.
2. Fill the vase halfway with water. Add 10 drops of food coloring. (More may be needed to darken the water.)
3. Add the cut flowers and observe what happens to the petals over time.
4. Discuss how this is like Jesus' work on the cross. Read 1 Peter 2:22-24 (NIV) and reflect on what his death means for us.
5. To learn more about this experiment, research capillary action.



Picturing the Lord's Supper

Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples as a symbol of the new covenant.



Directions: Use the picture clues to fill in key words from Luke 22:19-20, NIV.

And he took _____, gave _____ and _____ it, and gave
 it to them, saying, "This is my _____ given for you; do this in
 _____ of me." In the same way, after the supper he
 took the cup, saying, "This _____ is the new _____ in my
 blood, which is _____ out for you."

LUKE 22:19-20, NIV

Answer: bread, thanks, broke, body, remembrance, cup, covenant, poured