

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: 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

JUNE, 2020



### SPECIAL REMINDERS FOR JUNE:

THE HOLY TRINITY, JUNE 7. From Genesis 1:21—"So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good".

FATHER'S DAY, is Sunday, JUNE 21. From Psalm 103:13 – "As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him."

UPDATE ON CONFIRMATION: The date of Confirmation will be announced later.

OUTREACH/CARE COMMITTEE: A person is needed to serve on the Church Council for the Outreach/Care Committee position. You would only need to attend meetings and serve as a liaison, as someone has volunteered to serve as the chairman. Please consider serving in this role.

### Our Situation in June 2020

In observing the situation, the Church Council has decided to phase in the "in-person" worship and activities.

### Here is the Plan for June:

We will gather for worship at our usual times: Saturday at 6:00 p.m.;
 Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Masks will be optional.

 There is no pressure to attend the in-person services. This is a time of transition.

 We ask that the Saturday service be reserved, as much as possible, for our senior, adult worship attendees. A companion or family member can attend

with the senior as is helpful.

 We ask that the Sunday service be reserved, as much as possible, for the younger than senior individuals and families.

• In consideration of state guidance, the limit in our sanctuary for worship services will be 50, plus worship leaders. We will have overflow into the Parlor, with audio available. Every other row will be blocked off. Different individuals/couples/households/families are asked to sit away from each other throughout the sanctuary.

• The services will be simpler than usual, much like what has been offered in the Facebook Live services. No communion yet, as this greatly increases the physical contact and proximity between individuals. Yes, we know this is difficult, as the Sacrament is so central to our life with Christ.

• An offering plate will be placed at the rear of the sanctuary for your offerings, or you may mail them to the church office, or you may give online: http://mllccarmine/online-giving/

Group meetings and class meetings will phase in at various times in the summer.

 The church office staff will be onsite only as needed, but generally Monday-Friday. Call before coming by, just to make sure. 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: mllccarmine.com. The link for these is being e-mailed to the newsletter list, and the links are provided on the church Facebook page. To begin receiving these notifications, send a message requesting that your address be added: mluther@industryinet.com

We will offer 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: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/mllccarmine/">https://www.facebook.com/mllccarmine/</a> to view the church page. Links to the YouTube version

will be on the church web page.

We will continue to send 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.



### LIST OF SERVERS FOR JUNE:

--Usher teams: Team #18, capt., Monty Mayer-June 7; Team #1, capt., Floyd Etzel-June 14; Team #2, capt., Wade Eilers, June 21;

Team #3, capt., Reuben Wunderlich-June 28

--For Communion set-up, paraments will need to be changed to white (Debbie) for June 6 & 7; to green (Jadon) for June 13; and the ML Banner (Connie) to be placed for June 27.

--Assisting Ministers: Susan Bathe (06-06, 06-21); Dianna Gerland (06-07-Holy Trinity); Shelby Vaughn (06-13, 06-27); Robbie Tovey (06-20); Jessica Weidemann (06-28)

--Acolytes: Josh & Avery-Holy Trinity, 06-07; Kalli, 06-14; Drayton, 06-21; Kennedy 06-28

--Readers: Robbie Tovey (06-07); Tony Dooley (06-14); Blake Dooley (06-21); Susan Ray (06-28)

--Flowers: Floyd & Cheryl Etzel (06-07); Bobbie Weidemann (06-14); Jason & Vickie Schröeder (06-27); Dean & Joyce Ullrich (06-28)

--Offering Counters: Amy Dooley (deposit); Jessica Weidemann, Shelby Vaughn

-- Acolyte Organizers: Parents of June acolytes

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

--July newsletter assemblers: Berrie & Darlene Etzel—the weekend of June 26 or 27.



THE CAMPING ENVELOPE ON PAGE ONE: The contributions are set aside for

future support of our youths going to Lutherhill.

OFFERING ENVELOPES may be mailed to the church at P.O. Box 362, Carmine, TX 78932.

You may also give online. Check the MLLC website for more information. Thanks to all who have continued to make contributions during this unprecedented time with COVID-19.

THE LUTHERAN MISSION APPEAL envelopes, designated for Lutheran Disaster Response of the ELCA, may be returned at any time. You may send contributions in the mail, or bring it by the office, with the check made out to MLLC and in the memo line, write "Lutheran Disaster Response". You may also go to the website to donate: mllccarmine/online-giving/disaster relief-lutherandisasterresponse.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!**

(RT-C Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for June 5 outdoors at Festival Hill in Round Top at 7:00 p.m.) Check RT-C ISD website in case of inclement weather).

✓ Carson Flinn – RT-C High School as an Honor Graduate.

✓ Amanda Leppard – Graduated in December, 2019, from Texas A&MUniversity in College Station with a Master of Science degree In Economics, Financial Economics

✓ Kennedy Flinn, Jace Carmean, Abby Wunderlich, and Kalli Pohl – RT-C 8th grade Promotion

(If we have inadvertently missed someone, please let the church office know.)



# Daily Bible Readings for 5/31-6/30

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

May 31

Acts 2:1-21 Psalms 48, 145 Joel 2 John 7:37-39

June 1

Acts 2:22-36 Joel 3 John 17:11-19 Psalm 78

June 2

Acts 2:37-47 I Samuel 1 John 17:20-26 Psalm 80

June 3

Ephesians 6:1-9 I Samuel 2 John 18:1-11 Psalm 81, 83

June 4

Ephesians 6:10-24 I Samuel 3 John 18:12-27 Psalms 84, 85

June 5

Acts 3:1-10 1 Samuel 4 John 18:28-40 **Psalms 86-88** 

June 6

Acts 3:11-26 1 Samuel 5 John 19:1-13 Psalm 89

June 7

1 Samuel 6 Matthew 3:13-17; 28:16-20 Psalms 90-91

June 8

Acts 4:1-12 1 Samuel 7 John 19:14-24 Psalm 92-94

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1 Samuel 8

1 John 5:1-13

John 19:25-37

**Psalms 95-98** 

June 10

Acts 4:13-22 1 Samuel 9 Psalms 99-102 John 19:38-42

Acts 4:32-27; 9:26-31; 11:19-26 Psalms 103-104 1 Samuel 10 Mark 1:1-18

June 11

Acts 4:23-31 Mark 1:9-15 June 12

Samuel 11 Psalm 105 June 13

Samuel 12 Acts 5:1-11 Mark 1:16-20 Psalm 106

Acts 5:12-21 1 Samuel 13 Mark 1:21-28 Psalm 107 June 14

Acts 5:22-32 Mark 1:29-34 June 15

Psalms 108-110 1 Samuel 14 June 16

Acts 5:33-42 Psalms 111-114 1 Samuel 15 Mark 1:35-45 June 17

Psalms 115-117 i Samuel 16 Acts 6:1-15 Mark 2:1-12

Psalm 119:1-48 1 Samuel 17 Acts 7:1-10 Mark 2:13-17 June 18

Mark 2:18-22 Acts 7:11-19 Psalm 119:49-88 1 Samuel 18 June 19

June 20

1 Samuel 19 Acts 7:20-34 Psalm 119:89-104 Mark 3:1-12

June 21

Psalm 119:129-176 1 Samuel 20 Acts 7:35-43 Mark 3:13-19

Mark 2:23-28 June 22

1 Samuel 21 Psalm 118, 120, 121

Acts 7:44-53

June 23

1 Samuel 22 Acts 7:54 - 8:3 Psalms 52, 122-126 Mark 3:20-30

June 24

Psalms 127-131 1 Samuel 23 Luke 1:5-25, 57-80

June 25

Psalms 54, 57, 134, 135 | Samuel 24 Acts 8:4-13 Mark 3:31-35

June 26

Acts 8:14-25 Psalms 136-138 1 Samuel 25 Mark 4:1-12

June 27

Psalms 139, 141, 142 1 Samuel 26 Mark 4:13-20 Acts 8:26-40

June 28

Psalms 140, 143 1 Samuel 27 Mark 4:21-29 Acts 9:1-9

June 29

Acts 9:10-22 Psalms 144-145 1 Samuel 28 Matthew 16:13-20

June 30

Acts 9:23-31 1 Samuel 29 Psalm 146-147 Mark 4:30-34



2020 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL with the theme, "All Aboard the Rocky Railway Where Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through" has been re-scheduled for August 2-6, with closing on August 9. Registration is open, and the deadline is June 30.

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 code, and the Volunteer Code, use the camera on your Smartphone and it will Bring up the link to the Google Form to fill out for registration, or go to the church website: <a href="https://mllccarmine.com/vacation-bible-school-2020/">https://mllccarmine.com/vacation-bible-school-2020/</a>

### **VOLUNTEER CODE:**



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PLEASE NOTE ALSO: VBS at Bethlehem-Round Top has been postponed indefinitely, and may be cancelled entirely depending on how things go this summer. For more information, contact Stacy Eilers at 979-639-1897. If you wish to register, there are forms in the narthex and church office.

### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS:**

The June banquet has been postponed, possibly until June of 2021.

The WELCA Unit General Meeting will be on Thursday, June 11, at 1:00 p.m. Rebekah Group will meet on Thursday, June 11, at 2:00 p.m. Face masks are optional, and safe distancing will be observed. The Bible Study is by Diana Wunderlieb: Offering Medita

observed. The Bible Study is by Diana Wunderlich; Offering Meditation by Barbara Jacob, and Colette Wunderlich and Dianna Gerland serve as hostesses.

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Marie Loewe

Dennis Gerland

**Joyce Fuchs** 



| CEH             |    | Douglas Ullrich, Sr. | 11         | Delbert Stiewert | 21 |
|-----------------|----|----------------------|------------|------------------|----|
|                 |    | Ronnie Siptak        | 12         | Jerry Jacob      | 24 |
| Delores Pohl    | 01 | Faith Stork          | 12         | Bridget Kokel    | 24 |
| Abby Wunderlich | 01 | Alvis Mueller        | 15         | Rick Kovar       | 25 |
| Hayden Garlin   | 02 | Elvera Rudloff       | 15         | Josie Drydale    | 27 |
| Garry Sanders   | 03 | Daniel Kieke         | 17         | Morgan Mikeska   | 27 |
| Vilette Finke   | 04 | Mason Mikeska        | 1 <b>7</b> | Codie Lange      | 28 |
| Cole Garlin     | 05 | Elvera Limmer        | 18         | Gwen Stork       | 28 |
| Haley Kokel     | 06 | Ruby Renck           | 18         | Rylan Stork      | 28 |
| Randy Sanders   | 06 | Verline Schulte      | 18         | Leatha Miller    | 29 |
| David Tinker    | 06 | Amber Dooley         | 19         | Dylan Mueller    | 30 |

Joy Treude

Tucker Jacob

Sedalia Ullrich



Current Member
Prayer Concerns:
Susan Ray (recent knee replacement surgery); Brad & Patti (Hart) Eilers (both quarantined with COVID-19); Megan Hart Burch (daughter of Patti & Brad, cancer and chemotherapy); Ruby Renck (recent surgery); and Johnny Dunham (health concerns).

**Current Friends and** Family Prayer Concerns: Angie Colpetzer (recent surgery); Robert Vaughn (at Texas Neurology, thankful for extended stay for rehab); Carol Mertz Leitzel, Janet Schnell Beckworth (both friends of Praise Team leader Jolene Wickel, health concerns and in hospitals); Ricky Eckert (brother of Ronnie Eckert, health concerns); Kalisa Pomykal (Paula Barrick's sister, medical concerns); Kenny Lorenz (former member, Robert Hinze's relative, severe burns and numerous concerns); Nancy Pietsch (former RT-C teacher, health concerns); Joyce Kelley (friend, health concerns); Jack Walsh (friend of Wade Eilers. chemotherapy); and Edna Mae Krivacka (friend of Ed Eargle and Carol

Carmean, back home, health concerns).

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 Riggin, Bruce Muske, Shirley Neumann, Annie Pietsch, Charles Marburger, 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, Lloyd Pieper, C. J. Lehmann, Harris Kubos, Jr., and Sam Reeves.

<u>Homebound Members:</u> 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); 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.

With Sympathy

... to the families and friends of: Bill Clarke (friend of Daryl & Susan Ray); Sylvia Braun Hughey (Floyd Braun's sister); Carrie Bozarth (friend of Sedalia Ullrich); Ruth Hueske (friend from Brenham); Nelson Neutzler (friend from Burton); and Verlene Citzler (aunt of Leonita Sanders).



Martin Luther Lutheran Church Church Council Meeting Tuesday, May 19, 2020

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Ronnie. The devotion and prayer were presented by Shelby. The minutes from the April Council Meeting and Treasurer's Report were reviewed and approved as presented.

Committee Reports: Christian Education Committee moved VBS to August 2-6, 2020, with reevaluation if needed. There will be no Sunday School at present, but possibly on Facebook Live.

Worship, Outreach, and Dayschool Committees had no reports at this time.

Property Committee projects: --Toilet in Sunday School wing repaired.

Stewardship Committee will place camping envelopes in the June newsletter.

### Old Business:

--Venmo and Cash App Giving – more offering choices. Research is continuing. Motion approved to go forward with offering both options.

--There was discussion of church services/activities during COVID-19 crisis. It was recommended to begin services again on Saturday evening, June 6, at 6:00 p.m. for persons 65+ and companion. It was recommended that all other persons attend on Sunday, June 7, at 10:00 a.m. with

capacity up to 50% (abiding by Synod recommendation). Motion approved to proceed with this plan.

--Services on Facebook will continue.

### **New Business:**

--Carol Carmean requests retiring/cutting back hours for church secretary position. There were recommendations for her replacement, possibility of redistribution of duties, and/or close office on Fridays.

--Thank-you notes were received from ELCA for MLLC gifts of \$500 and \$348 to Lutheran Disaster Response, and from Kristen Holub for continuing to pay

Saturday organist fees during

COVID-19 crisis.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Jessica will give the devotion at next month's meeting—Tuesday, June 16, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Drydale, MLLC Council Secretary

### **ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTIONS:**

| Date  | Attendance | General  | Online   | Building |
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| 04-26 | NO         | 2,085.00 | 145.00   | 85.00    |
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| 05-03 | NO         | 2,370.00 | 25.00    | 125.00   |
|       | SERVICE    |          |          |          |
| 05-10 | NO         | 5,410.00 | 290.00   | 280.00   |
|       | SERVICE    |          |          |          |
| 05-17 | NO         | 2,508.00 | 344.13   | 20.00    |
|       | SERVICE    |          | [        |          |
| 05-24 | NO         | 3,566.00 | 200.00   | 250.00   |
|       | SERVICE    |          |          |          |



### PRAYER FOR THE HOLY TRINITY:

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (ELW hymnal, page 37)

### **MLLC FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

| April 2020 Year to Date<br>Total Income<br>Total Expenses<br>Net Loss:   | e<br>\$77,383.39<br>85,405.15<br><b>\$ 8,021.76</b>   |
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| April 2020 Month<br>Total Income<br>Total Expenses   | \$16,602.04<br>27,792.70  |
| Net Loss:  | \$11,190.66   |
| Year to Date Expenses Salaries and Benefits Property Insurance Reimbursements Benevolences Utilities Supplies & Forms Printing Camping Ministry Bulletins & Envelopes Postage & Handling | \$53,690.78<br>7,873.00<br>5,789.69<br>4,428.33<br>4,369.84<br>3,268.52<br>2,256.00<br>965.00<br>911.48<br>814.00 |
| Maintenance & Repair   | 462.18  |
| Miscellaneous<br>Pest Control  | 276.45<br>250.00  |
| Equipment & Tools  | 49.88   |



### "SUMMER RAIN"

Oh, what is so pure as the glad summer rain,
That falls on the grass where the sunlight has lain?
And what is so fair as the flowers that lie
All bathed in the tears of the soft summer sky?

The blue of the heavens is dimmed by the rain
That wears away sorrow and washes out pain;
But we know that the flowers we cherish would die
Were it not for the tears of the cloud-laden sky.

The rose is the sweeter when kissed by the rain,
And hearts are the dearer where sorrow has lain;
The sky is the fairer that rain-clouds have swept,
And no eyes are so bright as the eyes that have wept.

-Fannie Sherrick

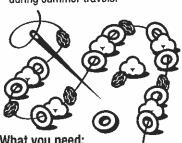
## -STAYING-CONNECTED

- ⇒ The Carmine Fire Department Fundraiser originally scheduled for July has been postponed possibly to a later date.
- ⇒ The Recycling Trailer is now back at the Carmine Hall on Thursdays from noon until 4:00 p.m. The trailer is at Ledbetter the same day from 8:30-11:00 a.m. behind the Ledbetter Hall.
- ⇒ The Heritage Committee of the Carmine Chamber of Commerce will not meet on June 4 as planned. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, at 10:00 a.m. The topic will be "Educational Memories" from the old school. Questions and discussions are welcome. Please invite others interested in the history of the area to join the session.

Lord, Hear Our Frayer

PRAYER FOR NATIONAL DISTRESS: Eternal God, amidst all the turmoil and changes of the world your love Is steadfast and your strength never fails. In this time of danger and trouble, be to us a sure guardian and rock of defense. Guide the leaders of our nation with your wisdom, comfort those in distress, and grant us courage and hope to face the future; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (ELW, p. 76).

Make this snack necklace to enjoy during summer travels.



### What you need:

- Dental floss
- Sewing needle
- · O-shaped cereal
- Raisins
- Popcorn



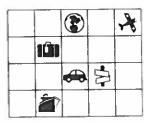
### What you do:

- 1. Carefully thread a yard of floss through the needle.
- 2. String a pattern of cereal, raisins and popcorn on the floss until only 4 inches remain on either end. Tie the two ends together.
- 3. Repeat to make necklaces for your whole family.
- 4. When you're ready to eat, simply bite off each "bead." Experiment with other non-perishable foods.



No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.





Start at the SHIP.

Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N

Start at the WORLD.

Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE

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Start at the SUITCASE.

Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E

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Start at the PLANE.

Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W

Start at the CAR.

Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW

Start at the SIGN.

Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW

The ORD will watch ove \_ your comi \_ g and go \_ ng both no\_ and for\_vermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, MIV Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over



| Tuesday                           |
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| Council agenda<br>deadline        |
| 16                                |
| 6:30 pm-Church Council<br>meeting |
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