

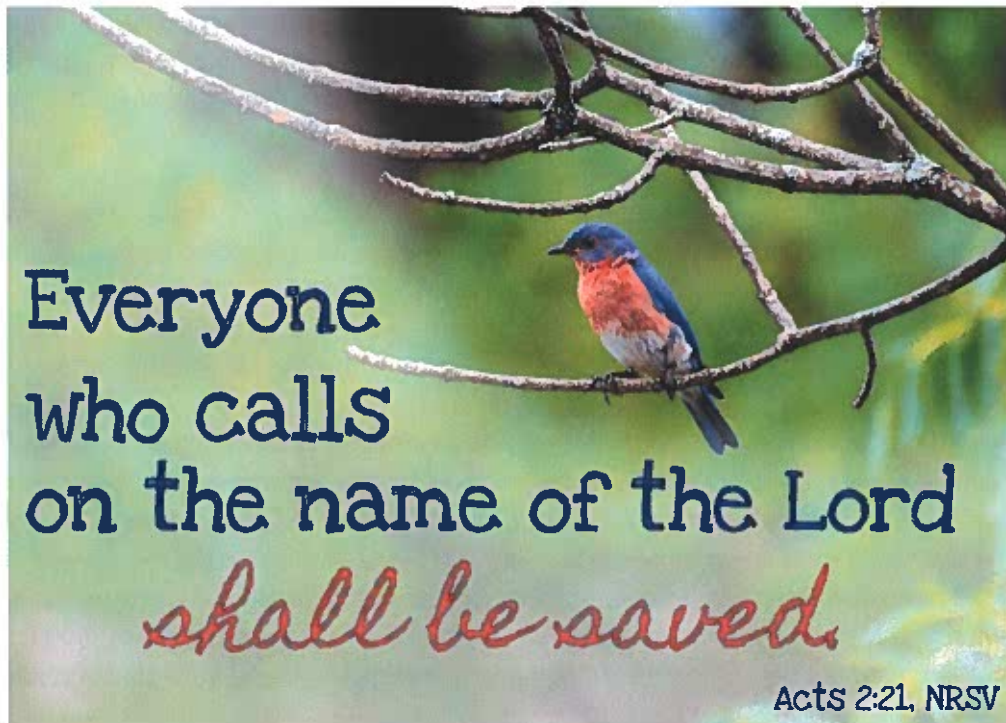
JUNE, 2021

LUTHER'S LETTER

Monthly publication of Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Carmine, Texas



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.





Summer 2021 COVID19 Pandemic Reopening By Pastor David Tinker

We have been open for in-person worship since June 2020. For the past year we have observed extra precautions for our in-person services. Conditions related to the COVID19 pandemic continue to improve in Texas and Fayette County. We are thankful for many fewer ill people and fewer deaths due to the illness. We are thankful for the vaccines and the work of everybody to improve conditions for everybody.

In consultation with the MLLC Church council, the Worship Committee has prepared a plan for moving toward more normal worship practices in our context. Throughout the summer months, starting in June, we will make these various transitions. These transitions will not happen all at once. Only some will be starting on June 6.

Here are the main points:

- *More ushers will be needed. Please plan on serving when your team is scheduled. In the past year we only needed about 2 per service, but we will need the full teams starting on June 6.
- *We will resume using the more typical liturgy songs. These include the Hymn of Praise, Gospel Acclamation, etc.
- *Using more songs and hymns in worship.
- *Resume offering communion with bread and wine. We will offer the Sacrament by continuous service. Individual cups will be social distanced within the trays. Bread will be served with tongs rather than by hand. We will also continue to make available the individual kits (such as we have used in the past several months) for those who prefer this form of reception.
- *We will refrain from the 1st Sunday style, "table groups," until a yet to be determined date. Communion will continue to be served at all Saturday and Sunday services.
- *We will continue to recommend social distancing and other safer practices in the worship space.
- *At some point, assuming conditions continue to improve, we will resume passing the offering plates. As we are resuming other songs and such, we will resume the presentation of the offerings as part of the service. This will happen even before we resume the passing of the plates.
- *Sharing of the peace will continue. Please respect the comfort level of your fellow worshippers. Not all will wish to have physical contact/handshakes with others, due to personal COVID precautions. Please do not be rude or offended if another person refrains from shaking hands.

Our goal is a blend of mutual care and a desire to return to normalcy. If conditions deteriorate notably in the summer, we will need to alter this plan. The Worship Committee and church council will keep watch of public health recommendations, and alter this plan as needed. You are encouraged to do what is best for your situation.

Vacation Bible School Rocky Railway Express



Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

All Aboard the Rocky Railway!! Punch your child's ticket today and register them for 2021 VBS at Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Carmine!

✂ Mark your calendars VBS will be June 13th-17th from 5:30-7:45pm

👤 👤 Ages 3 years old to completed 5th grade

🍔 Super will be served to all kids involved with VBS

🆓 And BEST of all!! It's FREE!!

🚧 The tracks are being laid! Sign your kids up today for the ride of a lifetime! Where they will learn how "Jesus' power pulls us through"!!

The registration forms are at the church and on the church web site: mlccarmine.com Look on the main page for the section about "Sign up now for VBS 2021"

See the office Facebook page about VBS 2021. Search for: "MLLC Carmine VBS 2021 - Rocky Railway"

Daily Themes for Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School

In preparation for your student's participation in VBS 2021, you are encouraged to take time to share some or all of these theme notes with him or her. Choose which items for each day would be age appropriate.

Day 1

Bible Point: Jesus' power helps us do hard things.

Key Bible Verse: "For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

Bible Story: Ananias Helps Saul. Acts 9:1-19

Day 2

Bible Point: Jesus' power gives us hope.

Key Bible Verse: "So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the Lord!" Psalm 31:24

Bible Story: Paul encourages others in a storm and shipwreck. Acts 27

Day 3

Bible Point: Jesus' power helps us be bold.

Key Bible Verse: "He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless." Isaiah 40:29

Bible Story: Peter and John teach about Jesus. Acts 3:1—4:31

Day 4

Bible Point: Jesus' power lets us live forever.

Key Bible Verse: "The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you." Romans 8:11

Bible Story: Jesus' death and resurrection. Matthew 26:17—28:10

Day 5

Bible Point: Jesus' power helps us be good friends.

Key Bible Verse: "Love each other in the same way I have loved you." John 15:12

Bible Story: The Church in united. Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35

We look forward to seeing you at Rocky Railway VBS at MLLC June 13-17, 2021

MLLC Financial Information

April Expense Highlights:

April 2021 Monthly

Total Income \$ 34,748.85
 Total Expenses \$ 39,643.29
 Net Income(Loss): (\$4,894.44)

April 2021 Year to Date

Total Income \$ 84,789.11
 Total Expenses \$104,573.97
 Net Income/(Loss): (\$19,784.86)

Salaries and Benefits	\$ 12,615.86
Utilities	\$ 779.52
Printing/Office Supplies	\$ 1,599.31
Cleaning/Pest Control	\$ 600.00
Worship Supplies/Music	\$ 1,949.73
Miscellaneous	\$ 401.05
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 15,150.46
Property Insurance	\$ 4,199.25
Sunday School/LYO	\$ 1,254.00
Benevolences	\$ 1,495.16

Attendance & Contributions

DATE	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL	ONLINE	BUILDING
04/24	24	\$ 395.75	\$286.07	
04/25	45	\$2,092.98		\$25.00
05/01	11	130.00		
05/02	35	\$10,903.17		\$200.00
05/08	23	\$1,025.00	\$245.54	
05/09	68	\$4,533.98		\$200.00
05/15	18	\$525.00	\$107.90	\$50.00
05/16	96	\$1,195.00		\$20.00
05/22	13	\$195.00		\$40.00
05/23	83	\$5,742.00		
05/29				
05/30				

Church Council Highlights from May 18, 2021

Members Present: Blake Dooley, Pastor Tinker, Susie Markwardt, Todd Dooley, Brick Peele, Anita Drydale, and Danielle Nelson.

Members Absent: Rachelle Kuecker, Karen Roemer, Shayne Kirts, and Jessica Weidemann.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Blake.

The devotion and prayer were led by Pastor Tinker.

Committee Reports:

Pastor's Report: Synod Assembly for 2021 will be held online with Jennifer Tinker, Marlene Waak and Conway Waal representing MLLC along with the Pastor. All participants were approved by Council. Currently working on 2021 vacation schedule. Saturday May 15th was used as 1 of 5 potential extra Saturdays. There will be two upcoming wedding: Cindy Hinze and Tony Dooley - August 7th at MLLC and Claire Mayer and Justin Zapalac - October 2 off site.

Christian Education Committee: 100 youth are expected for VBS. June 1st is the close of registration. There is a need for volunteers and meal volunteers.

Outreach Committee: Father's Day Receptions is being planned.

Property Committee: Foundation work completed. Furnace in FH was replaced. Fayette Propane has replaced regulators on 3 propane tanks and a report will be submitted to the RR Commission. Bell tower flood light is inoperable pending replacement with new LED light fixture.

Stewardship Committee: None.

Worship Committee: None. To discuss getting service back to normal and restoring music.

Treasurer Report: Presented, reviewed and approved. Approved to transfer funds from Bldg. Fund to General Fund for foundation repair.

Old Business: Consolidate rental agreements to one form with adjustment to fees.

New Business: None.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Blake will give the devotion at next month's meeting on Tuesday, May 18th at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Drydale, MLLC Council Secretary



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Delores Pohl 6/1
Garry Sanders 6/3

Haley Kokel 6/6
Joy Treude 6/6

Douglas Ullrich, Sr. 6/11
Faith Stork 6/12

Mason Mikeska 6/17
Verline Schulte 6/18

Joyce Fuchs 6/20
Jerry Jacob 6/24

Josephine Drydale 6/27
Gwen Stork 6/28

Dylan Mueller 6/30

Abby Wunderlich 6/1
Vilette Finke 6/4

Randy Sanders 6/6
Tucker Jacob 6/11

Caroline Lange 6/12
Alvis Mueller 6/15

Elvera Limmer 6/18
Amber Dooley 6/19

Dennis Gerland 6/20
Bridget Kokel 6/24

Morgan Daehnke 6/27
Rylan Stork 6/28

Hayden Garlin 6/2
Cole Garlin 6/5

David Tinker 6/6
Sedalia Ullrich 6/11

Ronnie Siptak 6/12
Daniel Kieke 6/17

Ruby Renck 6/18
Marie Loewe 6/19

Delbert Stiewert 6/21
Rick Kovar 6/25

Codie Lange 6/28
Leatha Miller 6/29



Father's Day & VBS Closing

There will be a reception in the parlor on Sunday, June 20th in honor of all fathers. This will be in conjunction with VBS closing. The table will be set for those of you that wish to arrive early and enjoy a brunch type treat. The treats will also be available after the service. Please come enjoy the food and the fellowship.





CONGRATULATIONS to Gaylon Mueller (grandfather) and Bernice Mueller (great-grandmother) on the birth of twin granddaughters and great-granddaughters born May 12, 2021 in Houston. Bexley Lynn weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. and Brinley Kate weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. Parents are Brandon and Sarah Mueller of Brenham. They were welcomed home by big brother Braxton.



The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center held a blood drive on Sunday, May 23rd in the MLLC Fellowship Hall. The blood drive resulted in 19 units being donated. A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in giving the gift of life!



The St. John's United Church of Christ invites you to their 23rd Annual Gospel Jubilee and Sing-a-Long on Monday, June 21st at 7 pm in their Family Life Center.



JUNE MISSION APPEAL

The June Mission Appeal Envelopes are included in this newsletter and are also available in the narthex. The proceeds will be directed to the Camping Fund.



Ongoing Member Prayer Concerns: David Eilers, Pauline Fischer, Linda Kovar, Vickie Neutzler, Ashley Weiss, Bruce Noak, Bobbie Weidemann.

Friends and Family Prayer Concerns: Ivan Cordes (brother-in-law to Ruby Renck) health concerns; Dinah Akin (friend of Vickie & Darrel Neutzler), Nellie Wolff (sister of Jenell Jaster) health concerns; Megan Hart Burch (daughter of Patti & Brad Eilers, upcoming surgery); Diana Boehnemann, Robert Mooney (nephew-in-law of Sheryl Pratt, recent surgery and rehab), Clarence Giles (friend of Susan Bathe, health concerns), Tom Brinkmeyer, Jimmy Alverado, Paul Banks, Pastor Bill Derrick, Josh Dow, Ricky Eckert, Mary Edwards, Berkley Fincher, Kaitlyn Fritz, Frances Glueck & family, Kay Griffin, Sharon Johnson, Joyce Kelley, Nina Kelley, Harris Kubos, Jr., Kenny Lorenz, Bruce Muske, Shirley Neumann, Mikayla Peschke, Lloyd Pieper, Nancy Pietsch, Hunter Pomykal, Joey Pomykal, Carl & Linda Richardson, Michael (Butch) Schulz, Amanda Sebastian, Lucas Smith, Don Steinbach, Kevin Taylor, Robert Vaughn, Jack Walsh, Jason Weidemann, and Russell Zickley.

Members in Care and Assisted Living facilities: LaVerne Kunkel (at Bec's Blessing in Giddings), Bernice Mueller (at Argent Court, Brenham), Elvera Limmer, Verline Schulte and Marge Morris (Brenham Nursing & Rehab).

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

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

Sympathy to the family of Johnny Dunham.

Daily Bible Readings for May 30 – July 3

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.

May 30 Matthew 28:16-20 Galatians 4:1-7 Psalms 74, 77 Leviticus 6	June 9 Mark 1:21-28 Acts 5:33-42 Psalms 95-98 Leviticus 16	June 19 Mark 4:1-12 Acts 9:1-9 Psalm 119:49-88 Leviticus 26	June 29 Matthew 16:13-19 Galatians 1:11-24 Psalms 144-145 Numbers 9
May 31 John 18:1-14 Acts 3:1-10 Psalms 75, 76, 79, 83 Leviticus 7	June 10 Mark 1:29-34 Acts 6:1-15 Psalm 99-102 Leviticus 17	June 20 Mark 4:13-20 Acts 9:10-25 Psalm 119:89-128 Leviticus 27	June 30 Mark 6:45-52 Acts 12:20-25 Psalm 146-147 Numbers 10
June 1 John 18:15-27 Acts 3:11-26 Psalm 78:1-40 Leviticus 8	June 11 Mark 1:35-45 Acts 9:26-30 Acts 11:19-30 Psalms 103-104 Leviticus 18	June 21 Mark 4:21-29 Acts 9:31-43 Psalm 119:129-176 Numbers 1	July 1 Mark 6:53-56 Acts 13:1-15 Psalms 148-150 Numbers 11
June 2 John 18:28-40 Acts 4:1-12 Psalm 78:41-73 Psalm 80 Leviticus 9	June 12 Mark 2:1-12 Acts 7:1-16 Psalm 105 Leviticus 19	June 22 Mark 4:30-51 Acts 10:1-8 Psalms 118, 120-121 Numbers 2	July 2 Mark 7:1-13 Acts 13:16-41 Psalms 1-14 Numbers 12
June 3 John 19:1-16 Acts 4:13-22 Psalms 81, 83 Leviticus 10	June 13 Mark 2:13-17 Acts 7:17-36 Psalm 106 Leviticus 20	June 23 Mark 5:1-20 Acts 10:9-23 Psalm 122-126 Numbers 3	July 3 Mark 7:14-23 Acts 13:42-52 Psalms 5-7 Numbers 13
June 4 John 19:17-30 Acts 4:23-31 Psalms 2, 84-85 Leviticus 11	June 14 Mark 2:18-22 Acts 7:37-50 Psalm 107 Leviticus 21	June 24 Luke 1:5-25, 57-80 Psalms 127-131 Numbers 4	
June 5 John 19:31-42 Acts 4:32-37 Psalm 86-88 Leviticus 12	June 15 Mark 2:23-28 Acts 7:51-8:3 Psalms 108-110 Leviticus 22	June 25 Mark 5:21-43 Acts 10:24-33 Psalms 132-135 Numbers 5	
June 6 Mark 3:20-30 Acts 5:1-11 Psalm 89 Leviticus 13	June 16 Mark 3:1-16 Acts 8:4-13 Psalms 111-114 Leviticus 23	June 26 Mark 6:1-13 Acts 10:34-48 Psalms 136-138 Numbers 6	
June 7 Mark 1:1-11 Acts 5:12-21 Psalms 90-91 Leviticus 14	June 17 Mark 3:7-19 Acts 8:14-25 Psalms 115-117 Leviticus 24	June 27 Mark 6:14-29 Acts 11:1-18 Psalms 139, 141-142 Numbers 7	
June 8 Mark 1:12-20 Acts 5:22-32 Psalms 92-94 Leviticus 15	June 18 Mark 3:31-35 Acts 8:26-50 Psalm 119:1-48 Leviticus 25	June 28 Mark 6:30-44 Acts 12:1-19 Psalms 140, 143 Numbers 8	

Get the Daily Devotional Book

There is so much more to the St. James Daily Devotional Guide for the Christian Year. Here is the link to the subscription page:

<https://www.fsj.org/>

Click the link to "Subscribe" about ¼ of the way down the page. The cost of the print subscription is \$19.95/year, and the cost of electronic subscription is \$9.95/year. Or call: 1-800-283-8333

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Rebekah Group will meet on Thursday, June 10th at 2:00 pm. The Bible Study theme is Just Love Part 2.

The meeting will be hosted by Colette Wunderlich and Dianna Gerland
Bible Study will be led by Diana Wunderlich
Barbara Jacob will present the Offering Meditation.

MLLC WELCA General Meeting scheduled for June 6th will be re-scheduled for a later date. In addition, The WELCA Banquet scheduled for June 2nd has been cancelled.

Quilting is scheduled for Monday, June 14th at 9:00 am in the M & M Bldg.

Men-in-Mission

Men in Mission will meet on Monday, June 28th at 7:00 pm for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

MLLC Property Committee

Foundation repairs began on the Mission in Ministry Bldg. and around the Sanctuary on Tuesday, April 13th. and has been completed.

The A/C unit in the Fellowship Hall was replaced by AirTechnics.

Bell tower flood light to be replaced with new LED light fixture with Rady Simmons, Electrician. Repair date is pending.

Fayetteville Propane replaced regulators on 3 propane tanks per Texas Railroad Commission. Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall grounds have been treated with weed killer and fertilizer.

MLLC - On-going Property Committee Activities/Issues:

- Maintenance of church grounds (grass, edging, trimming, mulching, landscaping) on-going.
- Cleaning checklist prepared includes M and M Building and three Sunday School rooms list posted.
- Replacement of defective fluorescent lamps church facilities on-going.
- Replacement of A/C system air return filters on-going.
- Plumbing repairs on-going as necessary.
- Pressure washing church property as necessary.

AREA NEWS





Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be conducting Vacation Bible School Monday, June 28th thru Thursday, July 1st, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Lutherhill.

The theme is BE BOLD. For registration information, contact 979-249-3686 or e-mail blc@cvctx.com.

Waldeck Lutheran Church will be conducting Vacation Bible School during the month of July. The theme, along with the dates and time will be published as soon as available.

La Bahia Cemetery Memorial Service
The Annual Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, May 30th at 2:00 pm at the cemetery. Seminary Intern, Cynthia Robles, from the Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church will lead the service.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 4:30 pm-Worship Committee	2	3	4	5 ⓧ 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion
6 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Sunday School 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 pm-AA meeting by Zoom	7 ✂ 9:00 am-Quilting	8 📅 Council agenda deadline	9	10 2:00 pm-Rebekah Group meets	11	12 ⓧ 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion
13 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Sunday School 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 pm-AA meeting by Zoom <i>Acolyte Training for youth</i> <i>And parents after worship</i> 	14 1:00 pm-Domino Party "EVERYONE IS WELCOME!" VBS	15 VBS	16	17 VBS 	18 <u>Newsletter deadline</u>	19 ⓧ 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion
20 4 th Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day 9:00 am-Sunday School 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 pm-AA meeting by Zoom Father's Day Reception & VBS Closing 1 st Day of Summer 😊	21	22 6:30 pm-Church Council	23	24	25 Presentation of Augsburg Confession	26 ⓧ 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion
27 5 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Sunday School 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 pm-AA meeting by Zoom	28 7:00 pm-Men in Mission	29	30			

SERVERS FOR June, 2021

Bulletin folder: Joann Ullrich

Offering Counters: Deposit – Shelby Vaughn, Jessica Weidemann

Send cards to shut-ins: Vickie Neutzler

June newsletter assemblers (completed the last week of the current month): Gene & Boo Goolsby

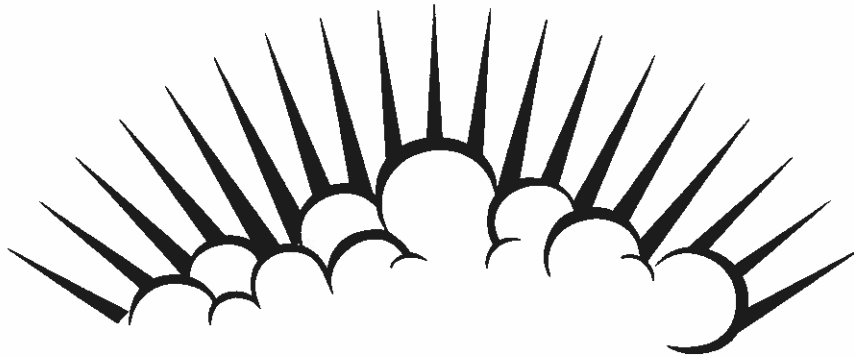
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Readers	Flowers	Assisting Minister	Communion set-up
06-05 Saturday		Volunteers			Robbie Tovey	Susie Markwardt (green paraments)
06-06	Avery Franklin	Team #9 -Eldon Mikeska, Jr., Mason Mikeska, Stuart Markwardt, Jimmy Loewe, Randall Zwernemann, Rene Zwernemann	Amy Dooley	Floyd & Cheryl Etzel	Debby Peele	Susie Markwardt
06-12 Saturday		Volunteers			Susan Bathe	Joann Ullrich
06-13	Makayla Smith	Team #10 -Glenn Freude, Melvin Schoenst, Glenda Oakes, Drayton Oakes, Rene Runge	Robbie Tovey	Open	Dianna Gerland	Joann Ullrich
06-19 Saturday		Volunteers			Jessica Weidemann	Debbie Eckert
06-20	Reagan Williams	Team #11 -Tim Sanders, Alvis Mueller, Steve Leppard, Amanda Leppard, Shayne Kirts, Jed Leppard	Tony Dooley	Vickie & Jason Schroeder	Debby Peele	Debbie Eckert
06-26 Saturday		Volunteers			Robbie Tovey	Shelby Vaughn (ML Banner)
06-27 Pentecost	Brody Dooley	Team #12 -Shelley Scheffer, Shelby Vaughn, Connie Peters, Jordan Peters	Susan Bathe	Ullrich Family	Dianna Gerland	Shelby Vaughn



Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.



"H_ w_ll c_ll _ _ t t_ m_ ,

'Y_ _ r_ m_ F_th_r, m_

G_d, th_ R_ck m_ S_v_ _r.'" "

Ps_lm 89:26, N_V

Answer: "He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.'" Psalm 89:26, NIV

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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: RaChelle Kuecker,-President; Blake Dooley-President-elect; Anita Drydale-Secretary;
Danielle Nelson-Treasurer; Jessica Weidemann-Worship Committee; Karen Roemer-Stewardship Committee;
Shayne Kirts-Christian Education Committee; Todd Dooley-Property Committee; Susie Markwardt, Care Outreach Committee

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