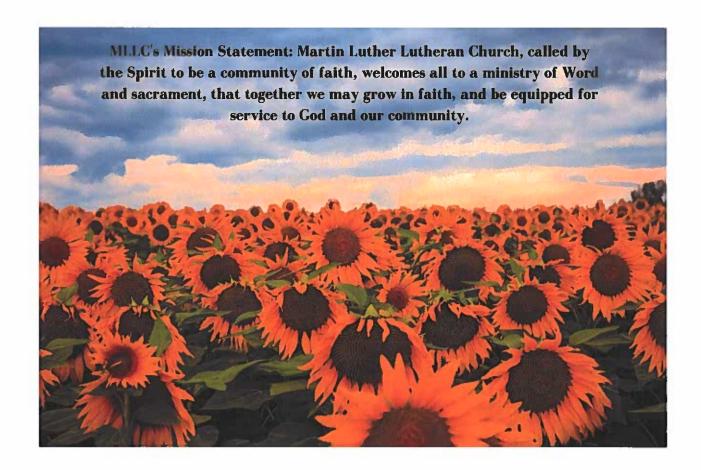
LUTHER'S LETTER

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Worship on Labor Day Weekend - September 5

By Pastor David Tinker

Mark your calendars now. Sunday, September 5. Labor Day Sunday worship and meal. Worship on Sunday at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Potluck meal to follow. Main dish, chicken spaghetti, and drinks provided. You are invited to bring a side, bread, salad or dessert to share. Come to enjoy the fellowship on this special, holiday weekend. Also note, we will have our regular Saturday worship service in the sanctuary at 6 p.m. on September 4.

To celebrate this blessing of vocation we will be taking the Sunday of Labor Day weekend to give thanks for the blessings of daily bread, of work, of school, of family, etc. To enhance our time together you are invited to wear the clothes or uniform of your current or pre-retirement vocation. Younger folks are encouraged to dress in the manner of those in your aspired for vocation. No matter what, know that we will be giving thanks for and honoring all that God has called each of us to do as part of his greater work in the world. Know that who each of us is and what God has called and equipped each of us to do is important. On this special Sunday we will take time to give thanks for all which God calls and equips us to do.

Sunday, September 5 (Labor Day Weekend), is a Holy Day of sorts for all of us. We know that Labor Day is a civic holiday to celebrate the opportunity for work and the contribution of the Labor movement to life in our nation. As Lutheran Christians we go deeper with this and view all work as part of God's calling and his provision of our daily bread. All Christians are doing the work of God, regardless of where or what they do in their honorable vocation in life.

Several years ago, I discovered a concise statement written by a fellow Lutheran pastor regarding the Lutheran Christian understanding of vocation. Here is an excerpt of what Pastor Samuel Schuldheisz, now of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church (LC-MS) of Milton, WA, writes, "... our earthly vocations or "stations in life" as Luther called them are fruits of our heavenly calling as God's children in baptism. The purpose of vocation is to love and serve the neighbor in the particular stations in life that God has called us to whether we are a husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter, teacher, student, etc. We don't live life hidden in a corner. This was the danger of many priests and monks in the Reformation era. Many taught that the highest form of Christian living was to become a monk and live in a monastery. Luther wrote extensively against this false teaching as he re-discovered the doctrine of vocation and began to teach and preach about its necessity in the Christian life. Luther taught that on one level, there is no difference between monk and magistrate or priest and plumber. Each Christian is called according to God's Word and Spirit, regardless of what their status in society is. This means that God's calling of a Roadkill Collector is just as holy as God's calling to be a pastor.

The difference is the office and duties that are unique to each vocation. For example, the pastoral office is not the office of schoolteacher, just as the office of father is not the same as the office of mother. Each vocation, or calling from God, has particular and unique duties attached to it. This is how God works in, with, and under the ordinary means of this life to accomplish His good and gracious will, physically and spiritually."



Church Council Highlights from July 20, 2021

Members Present: RaChelle Kuecker, Pastor, Todd Dooley, Brick Peele, Anita Drydale (arrived at 6:49 pm), Danielle Nelson, and Jessica Weidemann, Karen Roemer and Susie Markwardt.

Members Absent: Shayne Kirts and Blake Dooley

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by RaChelle.

The devotion and prayer were led by Jessica.

Committee Reports:

Pastor's Report

Items of Special Note: *Vacation Update: July 12-18 taken. Upcoming Weddings: Cindy Hinze and Tony Dooley - Aug. 7 at MLLC; Claire mayer and Justin Zapalac - October 2 - off site; one additional wedding pending. Details TBD.

Upcoming Events: Sept. 5th Labor Day Weekend Worship w/meal; October 17th - Harvest Festival and Homecoming

Continued work on mllccaremine.com website and some aspects of the Facebook page.

Christian Education Committee: no report

<u>Dayschool Committee</u>: no report

Outreach Committee: Grandparents Day reception - Sept. 12th

<u>Property Committee:</u> A/C in M & M building needed relay replacement. Discussed refrigerators and chest freezers in Christian Ed wing. Need to inventory and discuss disposition - sale/accept bids. <u>Stewardship Committee:</u> May-Mission appeal envelopes. June - Camping envelopes. Discussion of Harvestfest - change in meal, tickets, posters, service and auction.

<u>Worship Committee:</u> Met July 7th. Acolyte training - all but 1 or 2. Labor Day Service - singing from hymnals, service back to normal. Chicken spaghetti meal with congregation to provide sides, salads and desserts. Looking at communion apparel set; to bring price to council. Harvestfest - Praise Team to provide music. August 3rd - next meeting. Communion setup and training refresher. <u>Treasurer Report:</u> Presented, reviewed and approved.

Old Business: Disposition of various checks found in office not cashed.

<u>New Business:</u> Discussed notification of Confirmation Camp, which is the last week or so of the summer. Need to assign someone to send out notice to confirmation age kids at the appropriate time of the year. Reviewed 2 applications for Custodian position. Both applicants will be contacted for interview. cleaning of Christian Ed Wing - schedule a workday to inventory items in classroom.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Karen will give the devotion at next month's meeting on July 20 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Drydale, MLLC Council Secretary

MLLC Financial Information

June Expense Highlights

June 2021 Monthly	¢47.704.27	Salaries and Benefits	\$13,894.03
Total Income	\$17,781.37	Utilities	\$ 1,250.66
Total Expenses Net Income(Loss):	\$20,280.36 (\$2,498.99)	Cleaning/ Pest Control	\$ 738.64
Net income(Loss).		Maintenance & Repair	\$ 29.99
June 2021 Year to Date		Worship Supplies/ Music	\$ 1,502.55
Total Income	\$135,231.87	Printing/ Office Supplies	\$ 722.82
Total Expenses	\$147,886.28	Sunday School/ LYO	\$ 1,433.35
Net Income(Loss):	(\$12.654.41)	Benevolences	\$ 708.32

Attendance & Contributions

DATE	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL	ONLINE	BUILDING
06/26	12	\$ 745.00	\$147.90	\$ 50.00
06/27	32	\$1,915.00	\$482.37	
07/03	25	\$ 870.00	\$ 88.17	
07/04	23	\$4,266.49	\$107.42	\$170.00
07/10	26	\$ 935.00		
07/11	42	\$1,545.00		
07/17	34	\$1,185.00		
07/18	25	\$1,200.00		\$ 30.00
07/24				
07/25				

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee would like to let everyone know they are working toward returning to the use of hymnals beginning on Sunday, September 5, 2021. They will continue to monitor the status of the Covid 19 virus and ensure the pandemic concerns have continued to improve.

QUARTERLY MEMORIAL REPORTS

2021 1st Quarter Report

Building \$365.00

Fritz Schoenst

Joyce Lehmann

General Fund \$360.00

Barbara Jaeger

Fritz Schoenst

Liz Klump

Hilmer Krause

Elvera Rudloff

Submitted by Karen Roemer

2021 2nd Quarter Report

<u>Building \$30.00</u>

Johnny Dunham

General Fund \$1,870.00

Johnny Dunham

Submitted by Karen Roemer

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Rebekah Group will meet on Thursday, August 12th at 2:00 pm. The Bible Study theme is Just Love, Part 2.

The meeting will be hosted by Barbara Jacob and Jocie Braun Bible Study will be led by Joys Baird Sedalia Ullrich will present the Offering Meditation.

Amen Ingathering

Quilting is scheduled for Monday, August 9th at 9:00 am in the M & M Bldg. Set date to pack school supplies
WELCA TX-LA Gulf Coast Synod Convention

Triennial Women of the ELCA Gathering, August 3-5, 2021 in Phoenix, AZ (rescheduled from 2020)

Items needed for Lutheran World Relief School Kits: (collected during July & August)

- ·Four 70-count Spiral notebooks of ruled paper
- ·One blunt pair scissors
- ·One 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ·One pencil sharpener
- ·Five new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- ·Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- ·One eraser 2 1/2" long
- One box of 16-24 crayons
- ·One sturdy backpack-style cloth bag 14 X 17 inches with shoulder straps (no standard
- ·backpacks)

Pack all items in the bag, fold handles over, secure with yarn.

HELP WANTED with OUTREACH COMMITTEE

For many years the Outreach Committee of our congregation has planned and served breakfast to the teachers and staff of Round Top Carmine ISD prior to the start of the school year. This year is no exception. The event for this year is planned for Thursday, August 19th and breakfast is served around 8:30 am in our Fellowship Building. We generally serve biscuits, gravy, sausage, egg bakes, pastries, fruit, juices, and coffee. We have a small budget to help purchase some items but we are looking for anyone that might be interested in helping out with this great event. We feed approximately 60 people. Please contact Susie Markwardt (979-451-3405) if interested in preparing something and/or serving. We would greatly appreciate your help.

MLLC Property Committee

A/C unit housed in Men-in-Mission was repaired by Air Technics.

IBell tower flood light inoperable; Rady Simmons {electrician, Ledbetter} contacted to replace with new LED light fixture when his schedule permits.

Round Top Bank debit gift card has existing balance of \$174.51 (as of, 6-22-21).

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.



Men-in-Mission

Men in Mission will meet on Monday, August 23rd at 7:00 pm for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

They will continue their study of the Parables of Jesus. New participants are always welcome.



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

Friends and Family Prayer Concerns: Garrett Kallus (member of Waldeck) work related injury; 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, Clarence Giles (friend of Susan Bathe, health concerns), 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 (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 families of Wilbert "Buddy" Meier; Marge Morris, Garry Sanders, and the family of Delores Hoermann Milczewski (confirmed at MLLC in 1944)

Daily Bible Readings for August 1 – August 31

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.

August 1	August 11	August 22 August 31
2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a	Psalm 57 John 6:35-40	1 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10-11] 22-30, 41- Psalm 144:9-15
Psalm 51:1-12	2 Samuel 19:1-18	43 Song of Solomon 5:2—6:3
Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35	2 Sallidei 15.1-10	
Ephiesians 4.1-10 30mm 0.24-55	August 12	Psalm 84 Ephesians 6:10-20 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 6:56-69
August 2	August 12 Psalm 111 1 Kings 1:1-30	Jonn 6:56-69
Psalm 50:16-23	-	Assessment 22
2 Samuel 12:15-25	Acts 6:8-15	August 23
Ephesians 4:17-24	A	Psalm 11 1 Kings 5:13-18
Ephesians 4.17-24	August 13	Ephesians 5:21—6:9
August 2	Psalm 111 1 Kings 1:28-48	A 0.4
August 3 Psalm 50:16-23	Romans 16:17-20	August 24
2 Samuel 13:1-19		Psalm 11 1 Kings 6:1-14
	August 14	Ephesians 6:21-24
1 Corinthians 12:27-31	Psalm 111 1 Kings 2:1-11	
Assessed 4	John 4:7-26	August 25
August 4		Psalm 11 1 Kings 6:15-38
Psalm 50:16-23 Mark 8:1-10	August 15	John 15:16-25
2 Samuel 13:20-36	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14	
•	Psalm 111 Ephesians 5:15-20	August 26
August 5	John 6:51-58	Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 James 1:1-8
Psalm 130 Romans 15:1-6		Song of Solomon 1:1-17
2 Samuel 13:37—14:24	August 16	
	Psalm 101 1 Kings 3:16-28	August 27
August 6	Acts 6:1-7	Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 James 1:9-16
Psalm 130 Galatians 6:1-10		Song of Solomon 2:1-7
2 Samuel 14:25-33	August 17	
_	Psalm 101 1 Kings 7:1-12	August 28
August 7	Acts 7:9-16	Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 Hosea 3:1-5
Psalm 130 Matthew 7:7-11		John 18:28-32
2 Samuel 15:1-13	August 18	
	Psalm 101 1 Kings 8:1-21	August 29
August 8	Mark 8:14-21	Song of Solomon 2:8-13
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33		Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
Psalm 130 Ephesians 4:25-5:2	August 19	James 1:17-27
John 6:35, 41-51	Psalm 84 1 Kings 4:20-28	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	
August 9		August 30
Psalm 57 Ephesians 5:1-14	August 20	Psalm 144:9-15
2 Samuel 15:13-31	Psalm 84 1 Kings 4:29-34	Song of Solomon 3:6-11
	Romans 13:11-14	1 Timothy 4:6-16
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August 10

Psalm 57 2 Peter 3:14-18 2 Samuel 18:19-33

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

08/01 Brenner Bishop 08/02 Wade Eilers

08/02 Chayselyn Hentschel

08/02 Spence Schroeder

08/02 Sadie Stephens

08/02 Greg Warburton

08/02 Jeff Wunderlich

08/04 Matthew Colpetzer

08/06 Bailey Wunderlich

08/08 Amy Dooley

08/08 Marvin Marburger

08/08 Justin Roemer

08/08 Bobbie Weidemann

08/09 Nicholas Roemer

08/11 Joe Cucuzza

08/11 Nicholas Lehmann

08/12 Joann Ullrich

08/13 Conway Waak

08/14 Doris Jean Gebhard

08/14 Wendy McDaniel

08/14 Tye Siptak

08/15 Linda Kovar

08/15 Connie Peters

08/16 Jace Carmean

08/16 Angie Colpetzer

08/16 Tabitha Diehl

08/18 Jeffrey Knebel

08/18 Claire Mayer

08/18 Nelda Muehlbrad

08/18 Christian Pratt

08/19 Aaron Kohring

08/19 Melba Zingelmann.

08/20 Avery Franklin

08/20 Chelsea Lozano

08/21 Paula Noak

08/22 Dillon Marburger

08/24 Taylor Hanchey

08/24 Rickey Roemer

08/24 Kevin Woelfel

08/25 Gladys Roemer

08/26 Carol Hall

08/27 Shana Muske

08/28 Lyndell Woodruff

08/29 Cindy Weidemann

08/30 Rene Runge

08/30 Neil Weigelt

08/30 Bradley Wunderlich



Axle Reed Woodruff, son of Al and Lyndell (Marek) Woodruff was baptized on May 23, 2021. His sponsors are Angela Marek and Matthew Sanchez.



Sympathy is extended to the family of Johnny Dunham, who passed away on May 18, 2021. His funeral service was held at MLLC on May 22nd with burial at the Carmine Cemetery.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Garry Sanders who passed away on June 26, 2021. His funeral service was held on July 1st with burial at at the Carmine Cemetery.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Marge Morris, who passed away on July 3, 2021. Her memorial service was held on July 24 at the Brenham Memorial Chapel.



BLESSING OF STUDENTS
AND BACKPACKS
will be Sunday, August 22.
Students of all ages, grades, and
types of schools are invited to
participate.

AREA NEWS





Lutherhill Weekend. The weekend of August 21-22 we will welcome Matt Kindsvatter, executive director of Lutherhill Ministries, as our guest preacher. This is an annual event for MLLC as we celebrate our continued partnership with Lutherhill. He will be at both our Saturday evening 6 p.m. service and our Sunday morning 10 a.m. service.



Registration is open for the 15th Annual Lutherhill S'mores & Champagne Gala on September 11th! Guests can attend in-person at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel, OR virtually from their own home! We cannot wait for this amazing night as we toast the ministry and come together to support Lutherhill! Interested in being an underwriter, sponsor or have items you'd like to donate? Contact Kristi@lutherhill.org



"PROST" CASINO NIGHT nonprofit fundraiser for the Carmine Chamber of Commerce will be held Saturday, August 14, at 6:00. \$30 all inclusive tickets or table for 8 are available at Carmine State Bank or call 979-451-1507 Chicken-Fried Steak meal, Drinks, German Alpine Band, 13 games. Presold tickets only. Limited tables available. Your support is needed for this nonprofit fundraiser, especially since it was canceled last year because of Covid.



GULF COAST REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER is scheduled for a blood drive on Sunday, August, 22nd. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. You can make an appointment by logging into your established Digital Donor account, or by contacting khardin@giveblood.org. There is an exceptional need for both whole blood and plasma, so please consider being a donor.



It is with great sadness that Krause Children's Center has announced it's closing and decided to close its doors after serving our most vulnerable and at-risk youth since the late 90s. It was not an easy decision but with the changing climate of our foster care system and the push to eliminate Residential Treatment Center's, it was decided that it would be best to close our doors and restructure. I don't have much information, but I wanted to give you the heads up that Krause has closed as of today.

The good news is that our major non-profit Upbring is still serving youth that has experienced abuse and neglect. We have a sister facility, New Life, that serves girls ages 11-17. They are located in Canyon Lake, Texas. I know that is a drive for some of you all, but they could use your support.



Whatever our age, God calls us to model holy living for others.

Directions: Match the animal young with its parent. Then write the letter answers in order below to complete 1 Timothy 4:12, NIV.

- 1. ___ bear 9. ___ monkey
- 2. ___ frog 10. ___ platypus
- 3. ____ owl 11. ____ alligator
- 4. ___ horse 12. ___ giraffe
- 5. ____ kangaroo 13. ____ goose 6. ___ deer 14. ___ swan
- 7. ___ goat 15. ___ dog
- 8. fish

- A. fry I. hatchling
- B. fawn K. foal
- C. gosling L. owlet
- D. cub M. puggle
- E. kid N. joey
- F. cygnet O. polliwog
- G. infant P. puppy
- H. calf

"__on't let any__ne __oo__ down o__ you __ecaus___
you __re youn__, but set an exa__ple for the bel__evers
in speec__, in __onduct, in love, in __aith and in __urity."

1 TIMOTHY 4:12, NIV

AUGUST 2021

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Saturday	7	WHOly Communion 4 pm Hinze-Dooley Wedding	14	(†) 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion	21	(† 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion	28	[†] 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion			
Friday	9		13		20	Newsletter deadline	27				
Thursday	5		12	2:00 pm-Rebekah Group meets	19	8:30 am-RT-C Teacher Appreciation Breakfast	26				
Wednesday	4		11		18		25				
Tuesday	3.20 pm Worthin	Committee	10	Council agenda	17	6:30 pm-Church Council meeting	24			31	
Monday	2		9 9:00 am-	& Quilting	16	1:00 pm-Domino Party ALL ARE WELCOME	23	7:00 pm-Men in	Mission	30	
Sunday	1 10th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00 am- 🌇 Sunday School 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 pm-AA meeting	8 11 TH Sunday after Pentecost	9:00 am- A Sunday School 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion led by Praise Team Property Comm. after worship After worship-Christian Ed. Comm.	15 12 TH Sunday after Pentecost	9:00 am- 🚰 Sunday School 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 pm-AA meeting by Zoom	22 13TH Sunday after Pentecost	9:30-2:00 – Blood Drive in fellowship hall	10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 pm-AA meeting by Zoom	29 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Sunday School/ 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion	5:00 pm-AA meeting by Zoom

SERVERS FOR August, 2021

Bulletin folder: Vickie Neutzler

Offering Counters: Deposit – Karen Roemer, Tina Mikeska & Theresa Garlin Send cards to shut-ins: Carol Carmean

July newsletter assemblers (completed the last week of the current month): Betty Porter & Carol Hall

Communion set-up	Cheryl Etzel	Cheryl Etzel	Jessica Weidemann	Jessica Weidemann	Susie Markwardt	Susie Markwardt	Joann Ullrich	Joann Ullrich	Debbie Eckert	Debbie Eckert
Assisting Minister	Tim Sanders	Debby Peele	Jessica Weidemann	Dianna Gerland	Robbie Tovey	Debby Peele	Susan Bathe	Dianna Gerland	Jessica Weidemann	Debby Peele
Flowers		Jesse & Wendy McDaniel		Jessica Weidemann		Conway & Marlene Waak		RaChelle Kuecker		Roy & Vilette Finke
Readers		Kayla Peters		Amber Dooley		Vickie Schneider		Jessica Weidemann		Amy Dooley
Ushers	Volunteers	Team #16-Karen Roemer, Esther Kelley, Robbie & Dianne Tovey, Mia & Buck Williams	Volunteers	Team #17-Leonita Sanders, Jason Schroeder, Theresa Garlin, Cole Garlin	Volunteers	Team #18-Monty Mayer, LouAnn Stokes, Lisa Mayer, Clair Mayer, Gwen Woelfel, Kevin Woelfel	Volunteers	Team #1-Floyd Etzel & Cheryl Etzel, RaChelle Kuecker, Scott Pratt, Casey Lange, Codie Lange	Volunteers	Team #2-Wade Eilers, Daryl Ray, Melba Zingelmann, Patti Hart
Acolytes		Matt Roemer		Cody Wunderlich		Abby Wunderlich		Joshua Aranzolo		Avery Franklin
Date	07-31 Saturday	08-01	08-07 Saturday	80-80	08-14 Saturday	08-15	08-21 Saturday	08-22	08-28. Saturday	08-29