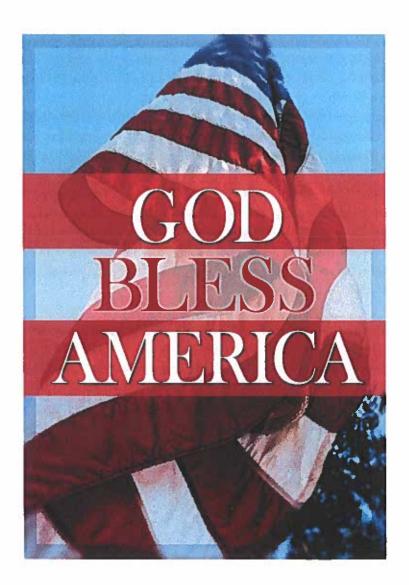
LUTHER'S LETTER

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.





Worship on Independence Day Weekend, July 3rd & July 4th By Pastor David Tinker

We will observe our normal weekend worship schedule on the first weekend of July. Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

The Waldeck church will also offer their regular 8:00 a.m. Sunday worship service.

I encourage you to think ahead about this complicated weekend. Consider how you can schedule your activities for the holiday while still participating in worship among God's people.

I know that many make a point of participating in the Independence Day Parade in Round Top. It is an important part of our local culture and a positive celebration of our nation. Please do participate, if that is important to you. Also, if at all possible, plan ahead to be at worship on Saturday night at 6:00 p.m. Some may find that the 8:00 a.m. service at Waldeck will be their preferred option.

I also know that not every person in our community will be at the parade. Each person makes choices which suit his or her situation. For those who will not be at the parade or other holiday activity on Sunday, plan now to be at worship on Sunday, or Saturday if that is your preference.

Worship of our God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is central to our life together. It is a foundational part of how we fulfill the greatest commandment of Jesus to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Weekly worship participation is also one of the Six Marks of Discipleship about which I have taught so frequently. Worship is an investment in your faith life and in your relationships with your fellow Christians. No matter what date it is, weekly worship is a good and central part of life as a follower of Jesus.

July 4th is not the only Sunday when you might have multiple commitments on the calendar. As you work through plans for weekend trips, summer vacations, etc., prayerfully look into how you can get together with fellow Christians for worship. Some of those weekends will be workable to be at worship in Carmine. Some weekends will lead you to other communities across the state, nation or world. I have made the point to find a place of worship where I am going to be. It is good to be at your home church, and it is also good to experience something different from time to time. Even in touristy places like Hawaii there are churches where you can keep your weekly discipline of worship. If you need help planning where to worship, I am glad to help you. If you are comfortable using the internet, there is plenty of information available to help you.

Church Council Highlights from June 22, 2021

Members Present: RaChelle Kuecker, Blake Dooley, Pastor, Todd Dooley, Brick Peele, Anita

Drydale, Danielle Nelson, and Jessica Weidemann.

Members Absent: Karen Roemer, Shayne Kirts, and Susie Markwardt

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by RaChelle.

The devotion and prayer were led by Blake.

Committee Reports:

Pastor's Report

Items of Special Note: *Vacation Update: no 2021 time has been used. Working on plans for some summer vacation time – Hopefully July 12-18

Member Transfers in 2020-2021 – Dennis, Dana, Ryan and Megan Smith to First UMC of Johnson City, TX, February 2, 2020. Berrie and Darlene Etzel to Abiding Word Lutheran (NALC/LCMC) of Brenham, TX, January 19, 2021. Ted and Diane Sager to Christ Lutheran (ELCA) of Georgetown, TX, March 17, 2021. All approved.

<u>Christian Education Committee:</u> 59 kids attended VBS with 32 adult volunteers. Good turn out for the week and the closing.

Outreach Committee: Teachers' Appreciation Reception – Thurs. August 19th.

<u>Property Committee:</u> A/C unit housed in secretary office closet (for cooling parlor) repaired. Purchased new Audio Technical mic for Praise Team. Ceiling fans and some electrical outlets in FH kitchen inoperable. Possible rewiring. Quote will be secured. Purchased 20-in portable floor fan for use in FH kitchen for VBS volunteers. Bell tower flood light inoperable; repair pending Stewardship Committee: None.

<u>Worship Committee:</u> No report. To discuss transition to getting service back to normal and restoring music. Will meet in July to evaluate progress.

Treasurer Report: Presented, reviewed and approved.

Old Business: The new rental agreement is completed and will begin using immediately. Rental rates are as follows: Fellowship Hall - Rental Fee \$50 w/cleaning deposit of \$50; M&M Building - Rental Fee \$50 w/cleaning deposit of \$50; Sanctuary - Rental Fee \$350 w/cleaning deposit of \$150. Rental fees include 6 hours of use with additional time available at \$25 per hour.

Old Business: Consolidate rental agreements to one form with adjustment to fees. Motion by Blake to accept revisions with second by Jessica. All approved.

 $\underline{\text{New Business:}} \ \text{Discussed beginning Spiritual Direction at MLLC by Deaconess Jennifer Tinker.}$

Outreach opportunity to the congregation and others in the community with interest.

Search to begin for new church custodian. Office to switch from QuickBooks to ICON. ICON is already part of the church's software package and the finance committee is agreeable to utilize as it is no extra cost to the church.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Jessica 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

May Expense Highlights

May 2021 Monthly Total Income Total Expenses Net Income(Loss):	\$32,662.94 \$23,292.56 \$9,370.38	Salaries and Benefits Utilities Cleaning/ Pest Control	\$14,021.41 \$ 546.18 \$ 650.00
May 2021 Year to Date Total Income Total Expenses	Date \$117,450.50 \$127,605.92	Maintenance & Repair Worship Supplies/ Music Printing/ Office Supplies Sunday School/ LYO Benevolences	\$ 4,056.92 \$ 1,065.00 \$ 816.95 \$ 1,109.00 \$ 924.16
Net Income(Loss):		Blood Drive/ Receptions	\$ 102.94

Attendance & Contributions

DATE	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL	ONLINE	BUILDING
05/29	13	\$ 610.00	\$ 232.37	\$ 50.00
05/30	24	\$1,270.00		
06/05	17	\$ 745.00		
06/06	43	\$6,285.00		\$150.00
06/12	15	\$300.00		
06/13	68	\$1,879.00		\$65.00
06/19	18	\$425.00		
06/20	151	\$3,177.00		\$40.00
06/26				
06/27				

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Rebekah Group will meet on Thursday, July 8th at 2:00 pm. The Bible Study theme is Just Love Part 2.

The meeting will be hosted by Sedalia Ullrich and Nancy Eilers Bible Study will be led by Dianna Gerland Colette Wunderlich will present the Offering Meditation.

Items needed for Lutheran World Relief School Kits:

- · 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.

Quilting is scheduled for Monday, July 12th at 9:00 am in the M & M Bldg.

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 secretary office closet (for cooling parlor) repaired by Air Technics. Subject unit required replacement of coil and recharging with coolant. IPurchased new Audio Technica microphone for Praise Team (per Mike Brinkmeyer of Sound Solutions in Brenham). Ceiling fans in Fellowship Hall kitchen inoperable. Electrician checked circuit panel and reostat (dimmer) switch and determined to defective electrical circuit to reaching fans. Also issue of inoperable electrical outlets in F/H may require rewiring Fellowship Hall. Budgetary quotation for rewiring will be secured.

IPurchased 20-inch portable floor fan for use in Fellowship Hall kitchen for VBS volunteers.

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).

Fayetteville Propane replaced regulators on (3) church propane tanks in accordance with with safety regulations 6.8.1.7 and 6.7.2.4 (per Texas Railroad Commission Fuels Safety Report citation dated 8/18/20). Fayetteville Propane will submit documentation to RR Commission confirming that subject modifications have been completed @ MLLC.

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, July 26th at 7:00 pm for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting.



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, Robert Mooney (nephew-in-law of Sheryl Pratt, recent surgery and rehab), 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 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 Keadron Nelson Ellis (former member of MLLC).

Daily Bible Readings for July 1 - August 1

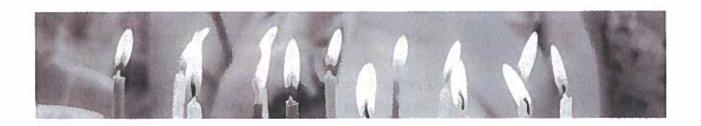
These are from "The St. James Daily Devotional Guide for the Christian Year". This is the set of daily readings used by Pastor David Tinker for his scripture reading plan. Let's read these each day as an act of faith and unity in our congregation.

July 1 Psalm 48 2 Samuel 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 4:8-13	July 11 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24 Ephesians 1:3-14. Mark 6:14-29	July 20 Psalm 61 2 Samuel 8:1-18 Acts 20:17-38	July 29 Psalm 51:1-12 Exodus 32:19- 26a 1 Corinthians 11:17-22
July 2 Psalm 48 2 Samuel 3:1-12 2 Corinthians 10:7-11	July 12 Psalm 68:24-35 2 Samuel 6:6-12a Acts 21:27-39	July 21 Psalm 61 2 Samuel 9;1-13 Luke 15:1-7	
July 3 Psalm 48 2 Samuel 3:31-38 Matthew 8:18-22	July 13 Psalm 68:24-35 2 Samuel 3:12-16 Acts 23:12-35	July 22 Psalm 14 2 Samuel 10:1-5 Colossians 1:9-14	
July 4 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13	July 14 Psalm 68:24-35 2 Samuel 6:16-23 Luke 7:31-35	July 23 Psalm 14 2 Samuel 10:6-1 Colossians 3:12-17	2 August 1 2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a Psalm 51:1-12
July 5 Psalm 21 2 Samuel 5:1-10 2 Corinthians 11:16-33	July 15 Psalm 89:20-37 1 Chronicles 11:15-19 Colossians 1:15-23	July 24 Psalm 14 2 Samuel 10:13- 19 John 4:31-38	Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35
July 6 Psalm 21 2 Samuel 5:11-16 James 5:7-12	July 16 Psalm 89:20-37 1 Chronicles 14:1-2 Acts 17:16-31	July 25 2 Samuel 11:1-15	
July 7 Psalm 21 2 Samuel 5:17-25 John 7:1-9	July 17 Psalm 89:20-37 1 Chronicles 15:1-2, 16:4-13	21 July 26 Psalm 37:12-22	
July 8 Psalm 24 Exodus 25:10-22 Colossians 2:1-5	Luke 18:35-43 July 18	2 Samuel 11:14-21 Philippians 4:10-20	
July 9 Psalm 24 Exodus 37:1-16 Colossians 4:2-18	2 Samuel 7:1-14a Psalm 89:20-37 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	July 27 Psalm 37:12-22 2 Samuel 11:22-27 Romans 15:22-33	
July 10 Psalm 24 Numbers 10:11-36 Luke 1:57-80	July 19 Psalm 61 2 Samuel 7:18-29 Hebrews 13:17-25	July 28 Psalm 37:12-22 2 Chronicles 9:29-31 Mark 6:35- 44	

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

07/01 Debby Peele 07/02 Susan Ray 07/04 Wesley Hentschel 07/04 Kennedy Jasinski 07/04 McKinley Jasinski 07/05 Debbie Eckert 07/05 Susan Leppard 07/06 Joseph Vogel 07/07 Floyd Braun 07/07 Lori Weigelt 07/08 Emily Ortiz 07/09 Clint Eilers 07/09 Shelley Scheffer 07/11 Robbie Tovey 07/12 Carson Flinn 07/12 Colbie Lange 07/12 Cooper Lange 07/13 Tripp Dunham 07/13 John Hart II 07/14 Karen Roemer

07/17 Chris Carmean 07/17 Cody Muske 07/18 Ronda Kunkel 07/19 Loydine Mays 07/19 Eldon Mikeska, Jr. 07/21 Jerry Moore 07/22 Sarah Morey 07/22 Kathy Schoenst 07/23 Judd Dunham 07/23 J. C. Pohl 07/24 Charles Mueller, Jr. 07/24 Jessica Warburton 07/25 Carter Wunderlich 07/27 Becky Dunham 07/27 Kaci Mueller 07/28 Barbara Schulz 07/29 Peyton Franklin 07/31 Toby Brooks 07/31 Blaine Nelson 07/31 Ricky Wickel

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Thank you to everyone who called/texted, provided meals, sent flowers, gifted memorials, or held us in prayer during this difficult time. Thank you, too, to those who helped in various capacities before and after the service. Your friendship and support have meant so much to us. We are so blessed to have each and every one of you in our lives. Also, a special thank you to Pastor Tinker for all of the spiritual support and comfort you offered throughout this journey. We will always remember your kindness during our time of grief. —The Dunham Family



CONGRATULATIONS to Tucker and Caitlin Jacob on the birth of their son born on May 27th in Brenham, Tx. Jett Lane weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. He is welcomed by Grandparents, Lane & Robyn Jacob, Uncle, Aunt and Cousins Tanner & Brittany Jacob, Kannon, Kyler & Kane; Aunt & Uncle Taylor & Shane Hanchey; Great Grandparents Jerry & Barbara Jacob and Bobby & Bonnie Dube; Great Aunt & Uncle Jocie & Floyd Braun.



CONGRATULATIONS to Vonda and Salbador Castaneda on the birth of their daughter born on April 15th. Violet Aurora weighed 7 lbs 4.4 oz and was 19 in. long. She is welcomed by Big Sister, Valyn and Grandparents Roy & Vilette Finke.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the following recent Graduates:



Kate Eilers, RT-C Graduate - Kate will be attending Blinn Jr. College in Brenham in the fall.

Kevin Polasek, RT-C Graduate - Kevin will be attending TSTC in Waco in the fall.

Jordan Peters, Blinn Jr. College Graduate - Jordan received her Associate of Applied Science as a Paralegal and is currently employed by the Ryan & Dawson Law Firm in Schulenburg, Tx.

AREA NEWS



Waldeck Lutheran Church will be conducting Vacation Bible School July 19th - 23rd from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. The theme is Discovery On Adventure Island. For registration and other information contact Dana Polasek at 979-966-3862.

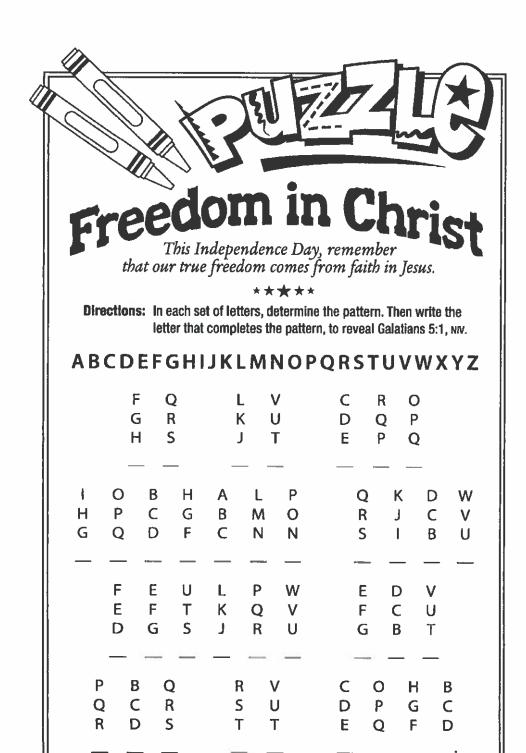
Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Round Top and St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shelby

will be having a Joint Worship Service at St. Paul in Shelby on July 3rd at 6:00 pm. There will not be services on July 4th at either Bethlehem Lutheran-Round Top or St. Paul-Shelby



Custodial applications are now being accepted in the church office through Friday, July 16. The custodian provides the cleaning and upkeep of all areas at MLLC. A broad list of requirements and duties are included below.

- The Custodian must be flexible and willing to complete weekly, monthly, and quarterly tasks that are assigned.
- Must be flexible in other duties as assigned by the Property Committee and/or Church Council.
- Cleaning and maintaining carpets and hard surface floors by vacuuming, sweeping, and mopping.
- Dusting furniture, pictures, ventilation, lights, and blinds, emptying wastebaskets, cleaning windows, restrooms, and other typical cleaning and maintenance duties.



Answers: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. (Galatians 5:1, NIV)

JULY 2021

Saturday	3	(†) 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion	10	(† 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion	17	w/Holy Communion		24	+ 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion	31 = 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion
Friday	2		6		16	Newsletter deadline		23		30
Thursday	1		8	\$2:00 pm-Rebekah Group meets	15			22		29
Wednesday			7	4:30 pm-Worship Committee meeting	14		Through Sunday	21		28
Tuesday			9		13	Council agenda deadline	1	20	6:30 pm-Church Council meeting	27
Monday			£.		12	9:00 am-Quilting	Pastor on vacation	19	1:00 pm-Domino Party	7:00 pm-Men in Mission
Sunday			4 6th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00 am-Sunday School 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 pm-AA meeting by Zoom Independence Day	11 7th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00 am-Sunday School 10:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion led by Praise Team	5:00 pm-AA meeting by Zoom	18 8th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00 am-Sunday School 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 pm-AA meeting by Zoom	25 9th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Sunday School 10:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 pm-AA meeting by Zoom

SERVERS FOR July, 2021

Bulletin folder: Jerry & Barbara Jacob Offering Counters: Deposit – Karen Roemer, Tony Dooley Send cards to shut-ins: Cherrie Wines

July newsletter assemblers (completed the last week of the current month): LouAnn Stokes & Marlene Waak

Communion set-up	Karen Roemer	Karen Roemer	Kristi Wunderlich	Kristi Wunderlich	Jadon Weidemann	Jadon Weidemann	Connie Peters	Connie Peters	Cheryl Etzel
Assisting Minister	Susan Bathe	Dianna Gerland	Jessica Weidemann	Dianna Gerland	Robbie Tovey	Dianna Gerland	Susan Bathe	Debby Peele	Tim Sanders
Flowers		Daryl & Susan Ray		Kyle & Matthew Roemer					
Readers		Stephanie Sanders		Susan Ray		Blake Dooley		Leonita Sanders	
Ushers	Volunteers	Team #18-Monty Mayer, Lisa Mayer, Claire Mayer, Gwen Woelfel, Kevin Woelfel, LouAnn Stokes	Volunteers	Team #13-Ronnie Eckert, Avalda Pohl, Brooke Eckert, Debbie Eckert, Josh Eckert, Peyton Franklin	Volunteers	Team #14-Tony Dooley, Amy Dooley, Todd Dooley, Blake Dooley, Amber Dooley	Volunteers	Team #15-Dennis Gerland, Boo Goolsby, Brick Peele, Debby Peele, Jennifer Mohr	Volunteers
Acolytes		Kandyce Hughes		Bree Dooley		Caden Tovey		Brayden Scheffer	
Date	07-03 Saturday	07-04	07-10 Saturday	07-11	07-17 Saturday	07-18	07-24 Saturday	07-25	07-31 Saturday

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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 Weldemann-Worship Committee; Karen Roemer-Stewardship Committee;

Shayne Kirts-Christian Education Committee; Todd Dooley-Property Committee; Susie Markwardt, Care Outreach Committee

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