

OCTOBER, 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.**

Carmine Martin Luther Lutheran Church presents

## 2021 Harvest Festival

Sunday, October 17th - 9:30  
Carmine Hall - 300 N Hauptstrasse St.  
Chicken-Fried Pork Steak - Dine In or Carry Out  
\$12 per plate with sides -Serving 11:00- 12:30

Enjoy a Country Western Church Service at the Hall  
with Confirmation Reconciliation starting at 9:30  
Church raffle at 12:30 For tickets call - 979-278-3388  
Delicious Desserts available for free-will donation  
Thank you for your continued support!  
Additional details can be found in this newsletter.

*Come & Enjoy a Wonderful Family Event!*

# Following the Ways of our Heavenly Father

Adapted by Pastor David Tinker  
from an article in LC-MS Stewardship

Why do we give? Is it simply because God commands us to? Or is there more to it? To be sure, the Word and instruction of God in the Bible says we should give, and this is sufficient to encourage us to give (Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal. 6:6). But there's more to it than just obligation. We're not just trying to fulfill a work of the law. We are bearing fruits of the Spirit given to us by our Father in heaven through his Son our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we're not just doing what our Father said, we're also doing what he did.

Children emulate their parents. When they grow up, they often carry many of the same mannerisms and characteristics as their parents. But there is more to it than that. Children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, and how they do and say most everything. Then children try to copy it.

We are the children of God – by grace through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what he declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan, "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins. In exchange, he gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit – by which we cry out, "Abba, Father."

We are born again – born from above, born of water and the Spirit – to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ through Baptism. Since we are sons, we are heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace, mercy, and generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity. This is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. We want to be like our heavenly Father. We want to emulate his generosity by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven.

More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As Luther's Small Catechism teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

Give us today our daily bread

What is this? In fact, God gives daily bread without our prayer, even to all evil people, but we ask in this prayer that God cause us to recognize what our daily bread is and to receive it with thanksgiving.

What then does "daily bread" mean? Everything included in the necessities and nourishment for our bodies, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, farm, fields, livestock, money, property, an upright spouse, upright children, upright members of the household, upright and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, decency, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

In other words, He gives us everything that we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds.

Therefore, we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week and set aside a generous portion of God's daily bread for his work in the church. This is not done because he has commanded us so to do but rather because we, as God's children by grace, want to emulate his generosity in our own lives. God is our Father; we are his children. And children want to be like their parents.

# OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

The 2022 Time & Talent sheets are included in this newsletter. Please fill these out and return to the box in the Narthex by the end of October, so that the 2022 All Servers List may be completed in early November.

*As a reminder*, volunteers of all ages are encouraged to add their names to help as moved to do so. There is an exceptional need for additional volunteers in the area of Assisting Minister. Usher teams will remain the same unless you ask to be removed. Some Teams could use additional volunteers as well.

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

## **Church Council Highlights from September 21, 2021**

Members Present: RaChelle Kuecker, Pastor Tinker, Brick Peele, Anita Drydale, Danielle Nelson, Karen Roemer, Susie Markwardt, Shayne Kirts, and Blake Dooley  
Members Absent: Todd Dooley, Jessica Weidemann.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by RaChelle.  
The devotion and prayer were led by Danielle.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Pastor's Report:** Recent Funerals- Edwin Eargle August 9, Jesse McDaniel September 3, Barbara Menn September 5; Recent Weddings-Cindy Hinze and Tony Dooley--August 7--at MLLC; Tye Siptak and Brittany Fietsam--September 18--at St. Mary's Catholic in Praha/Flatonia- Shared leadership with Fr. Brian Phillips of Sacred Heart in La Grange  
Upcoming Weddings-Claire Mayer and Justin Zapalac--October 2--hosted at Bethlehem Lutheran in Round Top. Member change -- Matthew Colpetzer has asked to have his name removed from the membership roster due to personal reasons. Estimated Confirmation Day 2022 for those who have completed the two-year course is Sunday, May 15, 2022. We have moved confirmation Sunday away from the 1st Sunday in May due to the MS150 Bike Ride moving to that date. The ride is most likely going through the middle of Carmine during the time we would be gathering for worship on May 1.  
**Christian Education Committee:** Sunday workday was successful. Discussed possibility of a 2nd workday. Working on disposal of remaining equip and supplies  
**Outreach Committee:** Teacher Appreciation Breakfast planning.  
**Property Committee:** Installed handrail to FH. Insurance policies recommended have been put in place.  
**Stewardship Committee:** Discussion of Harvestfest -- Raffle tickets. Will need additional volunteers. Dessert table volunteers.  
**Worship Committee:** No report.  
**Treasurer Report:** Presented, reviewed and approved.

**Old Business:** Continue with discussions regarding the committee that was formed to research separation from the ELCA.  
Reviewed and secured recommended insurance policies for the church.

**New Business:** Discussed policy and procedure manual and reimbursement policy.  
Communion for members not able to attend services will be discussed at next worship committee. Chest freezer sold. Discussed deep cleaning of facilities by 3rd party. Harvest Festival -- organize volunteers and dessert table. Awards and recognition of retiring staff.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:52 pm. Shayne will give the devotion at next month's meeting on September 21st at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Drydale, MLLC Council Secretary

At its October meeting the church council and appointed committee members will hear from a guest speaker. This speaker is from a neighboring congregation and will inform us on why and how their church decided to leave the ELCA. Please feel free to call, text, or email RaChelle Kuecker (979-203-0181 / rachelle.kuecker@gmail.com), council president, with any questions you may have.

# MLLC Financial Information

## August Expense Highlights

### August 2021 Monthly

Total Income	\$23,388.98
Total Expenses	\$21,640.32
<b>Net Income(Loss):</b>	<b>(\$1,748.66)</b>

Salaries and Benefits	\$12,696.33
Property Insurance	\$ 1,143.00
Utilities	\$ 1,215.83
Cleaning/ Pest Control	\$ 386.99
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 876.97
Worship Supplies/ Music	\$ 1,496.98
Printing/ Office Supplies	\$ 862.50
Sunday School/ LYO	\$ 1,648.56
Benevolences	\$ 1,313.16

### August 2021 Year to Date

Total Income	\$176,569.06
Total Expenses	\$196,598.93
<b>Net Income(Loss):</b>	<b>(\$20,029.87)</b>

## Attendance & Contributions

DATE	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL	ONLINE	BUILDING
07/24	16	\$ 915.00	\$222.39	\$ 90.00
07/25	47	\$1,625.00		\$ 25.00
07/31	21	\$ 955.00	\$245.54	\$ 20.00
08/01	33	\$5,078.00	\$ 57.90	\$250.00
08/07	19	\$ 415.00		
08/08	44	\$2,243.00		\$305.00
08/14	12	\$ 360.00		
08/15	43	\$4,291.04	\$147.42	\$ 20.00
08/21	23	\$ 375.00		
08/22	73	\$1,745.00		
08/28	21	\$ 450.00	\$295.54	\$ 50.00
08/29	38	\$3,356.00		

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA

**Rebekah Group** will meet on Thursday, October 14th at 2:00 pm. The Bible Study theme is You are a Leader Too! Part 2  
The meeting will be hosted by Jocie Braun and Carol Carmean  
Bible Study will be a group study  
Nancy Eilers will present the Offering Meditation.

There will be discussion in regard to the 2022 Yearbook, Brazos Cluster Fall happening and the Thankoffering service.

**Quilting** is scheduled for Monday, October 11th at 9:00 am in the M & M Bldg.

Items for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief will be collected during the month of October.

One light to medium weight bath size towel, 52 x 27 or smaller

Two bath size bars of soap

One adult toothbrush

One sturdy comb

One metal nail clipper (with or without attached file)

All items should be wrapped in the towel and secured with yarn.

## WELCA General Meeting September 9, 2021

The WELCA Unit of Martin Luther Lutheran Church met September 9 at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with 8 members present – Joys Baird, Carol Carmean, Dianna Gerland, Barbara Jacob, Susan Ray, Leonita Sanders, Sedalia Ullrich, and Diana Wunderlich. The group recited the Purpose and Mission Statements.

Leonita Sanders opened the meeting with a devotion on spending time with God, based on Luke 5:16.

The minutes of the March 11, 2021 meeting were accepted as read.

The treasurer's report by Theresa Garlin showed a balance of \$2,588.52. Susan Ray made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Carol Carmean, and the motion passed. Quarterly offerings were sent to the synod.

Carol Carmean nominated Leonita Sanders to again serve as president. Joys Baird made the second and the motion passed. (Leonita's term ends 2021 finishing Colette Wunderlich's term, who resigned). Nancy and Theresa serve through 2022.

MISSION COMMUNITY: There were no nursing home parties or holy communion visits due to COVID.

MISSION ACTION: Quilting continues monthly for LWR. There are some ready for Camp For All. Two quilts were given to the Lutherhill Gala. Krause Children's Center has closed, per a letter from Upbring, but other places across Texas will continue to serve children. The group might possibly investigate doing something for New Life Children's Center in Canyon Lake, which serves girls ages 11-17, who are recovering from trauma.

Ingatherings for A.M.E.N. were in May, August, and November.

Currently, we have 65 personal care kits, 10 baby kits, and 22 school kits which need to be assembled and packed for Lutheran World Relief. Thrivent Action Team money was and will be used for backpacks, personal care kits, and quilt batting.

Collection of postage stamps continues.

MISSION GROWTH: Salad supper was cancelled due to COVID.

For the Thankoffering Service on November 14, Colette is working on the program and will review with Pastor Tinker. As always, ladies will be needed to volunteer for parts in the service.

Mantey Catering has been booked for to-go only plates for the Turkey and Dressing meal. Tickets will be \$12 and no desserts this year.

Plans are to serve from the Mission and Ministry Building.

Nancy Eilers and Joys Baird will work on the WELCA yearbooks.

Funeral Serving Groups began providing lunch after funerals in June. There was discussion about serving for funerals for non-members.

Cindy Weidemann is leader of the Lydia Group. Boo Goolsby is in charge of the wall of crosses in the fellowship hall.

The offering collected on Mother's Day was \$49, which was sent to Upbring

Colette Wunderlich participated virtually as a delegate to the Triennial Convention August 5-8. She sent a report.

The Brazos Cluster meetings and TX LA Gulf Coast Synod WELCA convention were not held.

Thank you notes were read from the families of Garry Sanders and Barbara Menn for serving at those funerals.

Susan Ray made a motion with a 2nd by Sedalia Ullrich to adjourn. Motion passed.

The Rebekah Group meeting followed.



### **MLLC Property Committee**

Ronnie Eckert has completed the insurance review and has finalized a new policy through Germania Insurance effective 9.21.21. A new 7 ft. hand rail has been installed at the ramp going into the Fellowship Hall. Kenjura Tile from Brenham recommended Chem Dry to clean the grout in the ladies restroom in the Fellowship Hall. Sprinkler system zone 7 has defective sprinkler head along sidewalk by F/H; Contacted Lucas Stroech (Washington Cty. Landscape, 979.353.0955) for servicing head w/o 9/20/21, zone 7 deactivated in interim. Sanctuary left hand front door inoperable resulting from foundation repair last Spring. Sherwin Sigmund (Giddings) visited to inspect door and will provide quote to address issue. Quote includes bracing, removal of door, trimming door, re-hanging door and applying fresh coat of paint of Sanctuary and double doors at southwest of Sanctuary. Still waiting on repair of the light fixture in the bell tower. Replaced two flappers in toilets in the ladies restroom in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Men-in-Mission**

Men in Mission will meet on Monday, October 25th at 6:00 pm for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. This will be the Family Night dinner and will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Lutherhill Campership for 2021**

Did you or a youth in your family attend summer camp at Lutherhill in Summer 2021? If so, your camper is eligible to receive a campership reimbursement from the church and from Men in Mission. The combined amount is \$100 per youth. Contact Pastor David Tinker or the church office to let us know. Since Confirmation Camp is funded differently, those who attended that program will not receive this \$100 reimbursement.



**Ongoing Member Prayer Concerns:** Marvin Marburger, Jack Flinn, Jimmy Flinn, Bruce Noak, Pauline Fischer, Linda Kovar, Vickie Neutzler, Ashley Weiss, Bruce Noak, Bobbie Weidemann.

**Friends and Family Prayer Concerns:** Dinah Akin (friend of Vickie & Darrel Neutzler), Nellie Wolff (sister of Jenell Jaster) health concerns; 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, 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 Bernice Mueller, Barbara Menn, wife of Tom Menn (baptized at MLLC), Cristela Frankie (friend of Buck & Mia Williams), Rudy Mayer, Isidra Ortega (Aunt of Angie Colpetzer). Robert Sanders, David Dodd (nephew of Beth Carmean)



## Daily Bible Readings for October 1 – October 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.

October 1 Psalm 26 Job 4:1-21 Romans 8:1-11	October 10 Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31	October 19 Psalm 75 Job 41:1-11 Hebrews 6:13-20	October 28 Psalm 146 Ruth 1:18-22 Hebrews 9:1-12
October 2 Psalm 26 Job 7:1-21 Luke 16:14-18	October 11 Psalm 39 Job 26:1-14 Revelation 7:9-17	October 20 Psalm 75 Job 41:12-34 John 13:1-17	October 29 Psalm 146 Ruth 2:1-9 Romans 3:21-31
October 3 Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Psalm 26 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16	October 12 Psalm 39 Job 28:12—29:10 Revelation 8:1-5	October 21 Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22] 2 Kings 20:12-19 Hebrews 7:1-10	October 30 Psalm 146 Ruth 2:10-14 Luke 10:25-37
October 4 Psalm 55:1-15 Job 8:1-22 1 Corinthians 7:1-9	October 13 Psalm 39 Job 32:1-22 Luke 16:19-31	October 22 Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22] Nehemiah 1:1-11 Hebrews 7:11-22	October 31 Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34
October 5 Psalm 55:1-15 Job 11:1-20 1 Corinthians 7:10-16	October 14 Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b Job 36:1-16 Romans 15:7-13	October 23 Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22] Job 42:7-9 Mark 8:22-26	
October 6 Psalm 55:1-15 Job 15:1-35 Matthew 5:27-36	October 15 Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b Job 37:1-24 Revelation 17:1-18	October 24 Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22] Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52	
October 7 Psalm 22:1-15 Job 17:1-16 Hebrews 3:7-19	October 16 Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b Job 39:1-30 Luke 22:24-30	October 25 Psalm 28 Isaiah 59:9-19 1 Peter 2:1-10	
October 8 Psalm 22:1-15 Job 18:1-21 Hebrews 4:1-11	October 17 Job 38:1-7 [34-41] Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45	October 26 Psalm 28 Ezekiel 18:1-32 Acts 9:32-35	
October 9 Psalm 22:1-15 Job 20:1-29 Matthew 15:1-9	October 18 Psalm 75 Job 40:1-24 Hebrews 6:1-12	October 27 Psalm 28 Ezekiel 14:12-23 Matthew 20:29-34	

Get the Daily Devotional Book

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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/01 Heather Wright

10/03 Drake Waak

10/06 Theresa Garlin

09/10 Cheryl Etzel

10/07 kandyce Hughes

10/09 Jonathan Dunham

10/10 Luke Kelley

10/11 Danielle Nelson

10/14 Nancy Eilers

10/15 Ripkyn Kuecker

10/16 Jennifer Marburger

10/16 Stephanie Sanders

10/17 Liam Diehl

10/17 Kalli Pohl

10/19 Vickie Schroeder

10/20 Jack Flinn

10/20 Stuart Markwardt

10/21 Pat Bruchey

10/24 Patti Hart

10/26 Jaycie Pohl

10/28 Michelle Marburger

10/31 Casey Lange

10/02 Chance Waak

10/03 Nolan Waak

10/06 Larry Pohl

10/08 Aaron Moore

10/09 Scott Pratt

10/09 Chance Schoenst

10/11 Susan Bathe

10/14 Andy Eckert

10/15 Tanner Jacob

10/15 Allyne McGilvra

10/16 Gary Mueller

10/17 Bailey Conway

10/17 Cody Marburger

10/19 Jimmy Flinn

10/19 Reuben Wunderlich

10/20 Kollyns Kirts

10/20 Clarissa Wright

10/23 Bowen Williams

10/25 Otto Fuchs, Jr.

10/26 Glenn Treude

10/29 Lauren O'Malley

10/31 Matthew Roemer

## **Confirmation Class Update – October 2021**

The Fall Semester of Confirmation Class began in September. Here are the scheduled dates for the remainder of the Fall Semester:

October 6, 13, 20

Classes will be held at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Carmine on Wednesdays, 4:15 – 6:15 p.m. Students gather in the Mission & Ministry Building. This is the newer, tan building, located across the street from the main church building in Carmine. The building address is 250 Augsburg Ave, Carmine, TX.

This is a two-year program with alternating topics per year. One year of Bible and one year of the Small Catechism and other Lutheran faith items. The 21-22 school year is the Bible Year. Students enter the program in either year. The classes run with this repeated sequence.

We hope to have a group attend confirmation camp at Lutherhill in Summer 2022. The date and registration materials become available later in the fall of 2021. MLLC students have one year of Confirmation Camp at Lutherhill paid for by the church. The student family pays the initial, \$75, and the congregation pays the remainder. If financial concerns make the \$75 difficult, please contact the pastor. We do not want youth to miss out on this opportunity.

### **Animal Blessing Sunday – October 3 at Waldeck**

You and your animals are invited to worship at our partner church in Waldeck on a special date. Worship will be at their normal time, 8:00 a.m. The goal is to hold the service outside in the covered pavilion. You are encouraged to bring your pet, animal, plush friend, etc. for the special prayers of blessing.

For many years our they have offered this special service each October. It is held each year on a Sunday near October 4. Why that date? Because October 4 is the day Christians remember the ministry of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis had a special ministry of care for animals of God's creation. To honor this ministry many churches have set aside time each October to offer a special prayer of blessing for pets, livestock, and their human families and farmers.

In recent years there have been birds, goats, and even plush friends. Since not all families are in a situation to provide for a live pet, the Animal Blessing in Waldeck also includes plush friends.

Whether or not you bring an animal for the blessing, you are invited to bring a donation of pet food items and monetary gifts for the Animal Shelter in La Grange. In the past the Gardenia Janssen Animal Shelter noted a special need for puppy and kitten food for the younger animals in the shelter.

We look forward to seeing you, and maybe even a special animal in your life, on October 3 at 8:00 a.m. Worship will be held at MLLC at our normal times of Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m., but the animal blessing service will only be at Waldeck.



**Sympathy is extended to the family of Jesse McDaniel, who passed away on August 28, 2021. His funeral service was held at MLLC on September 3rd. His burial will was a private ceremony at the Carmine City Cemetery.**

**Sympathy is extended to the family of Barbara Menn, who passed away on September 1, 2021. Her funeral service was held at MLLC on September 5th, followed by burial at the Mayer Family Cemetery.**



**Congratulations to Lauren and Jackson O'Malley on the birth of their daughter on August 17th in San Antonio, TX. Brooklyn Nicole weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and is 20" long. She is welcomed by Big Sisters, Reese & Sawyer, along with Grandmother, Cindy Hinze Dooley & Great Grandparents, Floyd & Jocie Jacob Braun along with many Aunts, Uncles and Cousins.**



**Marlee Marie Leonhardt, daughter of Breanna (Marburger) and Zakary Leonhardt was baptized on September 25, 2021. Her sponsors are Rodney Leonhardt, Jr., Jeremy Leonhardt and Brock Marburger.**

# **Christmas Boxes for Port of Houston Seafarers**

By Pastor David Tinker

You are invited to participate in this continued ministry of MLLC. Each year for several years the Men in Mission of MLLC have organized the caring work of Christmas Boxes for Port of Houston Seafarers. We have heard that the Seafarers Christmas Boxes are needed more now than ever. The men on the ships are more isolated than usual due to the COVID19 pandemic. Our love for these neighbors will help them to know the love of God and to make life less difficult for them. We will be collecting items and preparing the Christmas Boxes for the Port of Houston Seafarers. The goal for this year is 100+ boxes. Items may be placed in the room across from the main church office. The Packing Day for the Boxes for Seafarers is Monday, November 22, at 6:00 p.m. The work will take place in the Parlor. All are invited to participate.

For this year (2021), please gather items such as these for the men on the ships - you can buy things throughout the fall drop these off at any time up until the evening of November 22. There is a large blue storage bin for this purpose in the room directly across from the church office.

The Men in Mission Group does not need boxes this year. These were provided by Home Depot in Brenham. See the rest of this list for requested items:

Address books	Shaving cream
Band-aids (fabric)	Soap
Baseball caps	Shampoo
2022 Calendars	Toothbrush
Comb	Toothpaste
Dental Floss	Gum and hard candy
Antiperspirant/deodorant	Key chains
Disposable razors	Pocket-sized notebooks
Flashlight and batteries	Mechanical pencils
Kleenex – small packs	Pens
Lip balm	Playing cards
Lotion	Microwave popcorn (individual packages)
Nail clippers	Socks
Gold Bond cream	Sudoku books
Gold Bond powder	Texas souvenirs
Hot Chocolate (individual serving size)	T-shirts
Needles and thread	USB flash drives
Q-tips	Word search books

# AREA NEWS



The Ledbetter Volunteer Fire Department Fireman' Feast will be Saturday, October 2nd at the Fireman's park in Ledbetter. Pre-sale tickets and Drive Thru Only Serving from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Meal Tickets are available from any LVFD Member or in the MLLC Office. There will also be an online auction Oct. 4 thru 14

**CARMINE**  
**NIGHT OUT**  
2021

RETIRE YOUR FLAGS WITH RESPECT

BRING YOUR WORN OUT FLAGS

"Get involved in the partnership between county, community, and neighborhoods to prevent crime and improve our area."

**CARMINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & FIRE DEPT. INVITES YOU TO A FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY**  
**THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #338 IS CONDUCTING THE CEREMONY DURING THE "CARMINE NIGHT OUT"**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021**  
**BEGINNING @ 6:00 P.M.**  
**CARMINE FIRE STATION**

FREE HOT DOGS, DRINKS, DESSERTS  
DOOR PRIZES FOR YOUNG AND ADULTS, KIDS' ACTIVITIES  
HEAR DIGINITARIES TALK AND ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

**FOOD - INFORMATION**  
**FUN - RESOURCES**

Questions? Call / text 979-451-1507

63rd Annual Chicken Fry  
Sunday, October 10th  
11:00 am - 12:30 pm  
Round Top Rifle Hall  
710 FM 1457

Come to the Hall at 10:00am  
for a rousing  
**Polka Praise Service!**



Tickets are available in the MLLC Office.



All proceeds benefit  
Historic Bethlehem  
Lutheran Church,  
celebrating  
155 years of  
faith and fellowship.

Serving:  
Fried Chicken  
Noodles  
Green Beans  
Sweets Table

Whole chickens will be  
available at the pit.

**Eat-in or To Go**  
**\$12 per plate**

Walk-ins Welcome

Reserve Tickets available at:  
Round Top Mercantile Co.  
Pam's Shop  
Or call (979) 249-3686

\*\*\*\*\* SALUTE OUR VETS \*\*\*\*\*

# SPAGHETTI LUNCH

*Fundraiser*

*Specially Presented by*  
LEE COUNTY VETERANS ASSOCIATION  
Food raised will go towards the construction of the Veterans Home in Lee County

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH • 11 AM - 1 PM  
at the American Legion Hall | 1502 S. US Hwy 77 Goldsboro, TX 78942

\*\*\*\*\*  
**\$10** per plate  
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- Chicken Spaghetti
- Italian Green Beans
- Bread

*Pre-sale Orders Only*  
Only valid if free delivery available for orders of \$50 or more.  
Orders can be placed at:  
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HONORING MILITARY VETERANS OF LEE COUNTY

A row of seven circular logos representing various military and veteran service organizations, including the American Legion, VFW, and others.

Contact Brick Peele for tickets.

## WELCA Turkey and Dressing Dinner Sunday, November 14, 2021



Mantey Catering has been booked for to-go only plates for the Turkey and Dressing meal. Tickets will be \$12 and no desserts this year. Plans are to serve from the Mission and Ministry Building.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL DETAILS

The 2021 Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday, October 17, at the Carmine Hall - Cedar Creek Schuetzen Verein, 300 N. Haupstrasse St, on the north side of Carmine. A worship service featuring Country style worship music, led by our Praise Team, will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the upper part of the hall. (We will also have the regular Saturday evening, 6:00 p.m. service at the church). The Harvest Festival is our major fundraiser for the year.

The festival will feature a chicken fried pork steak dinner, tickets \$12.00 per plate. There will also be a raffle with 21 prizes valued at \$100-\$1000. Tickets will be \$20/each or 3 for \$50.

*Members are encouraged to take meal and raffle tickets to sell. They may be picked up in the Church Office. Individual meal and raffle tickets are also available for purchase in the MLLC Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. You may also contact the church office by phone to make meal reservations and pay at the time of pick up.*

*Lastly, if there is anyone who would be willing to make a delivery of meal plates to a designated location in Brenham, please contact the church office.*



# OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>EXTRAS:</b> STEWARDSHIP MONTH/Time & Talent sheets/CARMINE NIGHT OUT CONFIRMATION CLASSES? Collection for Seafarers					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> ⓧ 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion
<b>3</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 pm-AA meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 4:30 pm-Worship Committee	<b>6</b> 4:15pm – 6:15 pm Confirmation	<b>7</b> Carmine Night Out 6:00 pm at the Carmine Fire Station	<b>8</b> Please remember to collect your loose change for noisy offering Sunday	<b>9</b> ⓧ 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion
<b>10</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion/Noisy offering collected Property Committee after worship Christian Ed. Committee after worship 5:00 pm-AA meeting	<b>11</b> 9:00 am-Quilting	<b>12</b> Council agenda deadline	<b>13</b> 4:15pm – 6:15 pm Confirmation	<b>14</b> 2:00 pm-Rebekah Group meets	<b>15</b> Newsletter deadline	<b>16</b> ⓧ 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion
<b>17</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Harvest Festival & Homecoming 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 9:30 am-Worship with Holy Communion at the Carmine Hall 5:00 pm-AA meeting	<b>18</b> 1:30 pm- Domino Party	<b>19</b> 6:30 pm-Church Council meeting	<b>20</b> 4:15pm – 6:15 pm Confirmation	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> ⓧ <b>HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR TIME &amp; TALENT SHEET to the Church Office???</b>	<b>23</b> ⓧ 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion
<b>24</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am-Tone Chimes 9:00 am-Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 9:45 am-Hymn Sing 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 pm-AA meeting	<b>25</b> 6:00 pm-Men in Mission	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> ⓧ 6:00 pm-Worship w/Holy Communion
<b>31</b> Reformation Day/22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am-Sunday School 10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 pm-AA meeting						



# SERVERS FOR October, 2021

Bulletin folder: LouAnn Stokes

Offering Counters: Deposit – Karen Roemer & Tony Dooley

Send cards to shut-ins: Cherrie Wines

October newsletter assemblers (completed the last week of the current month): Floyd & Cheryl Etzel

Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Readers	Flowers	Assisting Minister	Communion set-up
10-02 Saturday		<b>Volunteers</b>			Susan Bathe	Connie Peters
10-03	Bree Dooley	<b>Team #7</b> -Jeff Flinn, Wendy Flinn, Kennedy Flinn, Carson Flinn, Susan Leppard	Susan Ray	Sara & David Eilers	Debby Peele	Connie Peters
10-09 Saturday		<b>Volunteers</b>			Jessica Weidemann	Cheryl Etzel
10-10	Caden Tovey	<b>Team #8</b> -Tim Weigelt, Jadon Weidemann, Lori Weigelt, Justin Roemer, Hannah Yanowski	Blake Dooley	Floyd & Cheryl Etzel	Dianna Gerland	Cheryl Etzel
10-16 Saturday		<b>Volunteers</b>			Robbie Tovey	Jessica Weidemann
10-17 (Harvest Fest)	Abby Wunderlich	<b>Team #9</b> -Eldon Mikeska, Jr., Mason Mikeska, Stuart Markwardt, Jimmy Loewe, Randall Zwernemann, Rene Zwernemann	Leonita Sanders	Blake & Amber Dooley	Dianna Gerland	Jessica Weidemann
10-23 Saturday		<b>Volunteers</b>			Susan Bathe	Susie Markwardt
10-24	Brayden Scheffer	<b>Team #10</b> -Glenn Treude, Melvin Schoenst, Glenda Oakes, Drayton Oakes, Rene Runge	Kayla Peters	Shelly & Brian Scheffer	Debby Peele	Susie Markwardt
10-30 Saturday		<b>Volunteers</b>			Tim Sanders	Joann Ullrich (red paraments & ML Banner)
10-31 (Reformation)	Matt Roemer & Cody Wunderlich	<b>Team #11</b> -Tim Sanders, Alvis Mueller, Steve Leppard, Jed Leppard, Shayne Kirts	Amber Dooley	Kyle & Karen Roemer	Dianna Gerland	Joann Ullrich (red paraments & ML Banner)





# GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

*Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.*

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1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks

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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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