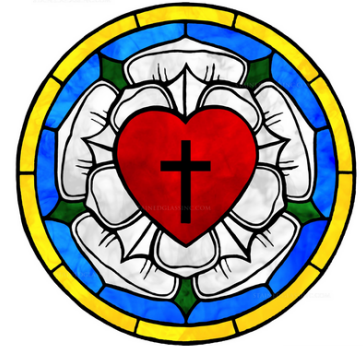


MAY, 2023

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.

Sunday, May 28, 2023



Pentecost

*Remember to wear Red for
Pentecost*

Recentering Our Faith in Jesus Christ

By Pastor David Tinker

In the Gospel Book of Mark, our Lord's first sermon is short and to the point: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." (Mark 1:15).

This sermon of Jesus is about recentering our faith in Jesus. It is the core call of all things in our faith and life. It is about taking God's Word personally. It is about working with God to get our own house in order, which is a daily action, according to Martin Luther. He noted in the Small Catechism, "(Baptism) signifies that the old person in us with all sins and evil desires is to be drowned and die through daily sorrow for sin and through repentance, and on the other hand that daily a new person is to come forth and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever."

This call of God to repentance flies in the face of the distractions of our world. One of the great struggles for many in our world today is persistent distraction. There is always something, someone, some idea, some advertisement, some perceived sin of another person, some news story, some trend, some scandal, some gossip, some video, some political philosophy, some celebrity or politician, some social media item, etc. which is vying for our attention. It seems to be the spirit of our age that so many of us, even seemingly faithful Christians, get bound up in whatever is pushing for our attention. So much of these distractions are filled with lies, misinformation, unhelpful interpretations, sinful ideas, and unholy attitudes, etc. This reality is common with those who use social media frequently, but all of us are affected by these distractions and tangents of the world around and among us. It is sadly common for Christians to put more energy and more trust into these distractions than into heeding the call of God for our lives. That call is always first about repentance, returning to God and his ways, reflecting on our own sinfulness, and, with God's help, to make changes in our own thoughts, words, and deeds.

For us as the people of God in this congregation and community, I have been feeling called and urged by the Holy Spirit to get us back on track with our faith and life. It is a call to repentance. It is a call to return to the Lord our God. It is a call to put energy and focus on the core teachings of our faith as Lutheran Christians. It is a call to shift our energy and focus away from the various things which vie for our attention and back toward Jesus and his message of faith, hope, and love.

In our Lutheran Faith tradition we have a set of three documents which keep us centered in our relationship with God in Jesus Christ. These are foundational to our way of thinking, teaching, and living our faith. The three documents are: The Bible, the Creeds of the Church (the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian), and the Lutheran Confessional documents in the Book of Concord. It is noted in the service of pastoral ordination that, "We also acknowledge the Lutheran confessions as true witnesses and faithful expositions of the holy scriptures." When a pastor is ordained, he or she vows to teach according to these documents, along with vows to offer pastoral care, sacramental ministry, study God's Word, witness to the faith, and the like.

The model constitution for all ELCA congregations affirms that Holy Scripture is, "the inspired Word of God and the authoritative source and norm of its proclamation, faith, and life." God's Word, the Creeds, and the Lutheran Confessional documents have as their central theme the call for individuals and the whole of the Church to recenter life in God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

For the sake of our faith, our witness, and our life together, we must all heed this call of God. We must all take a deep breath, pause, reflect, and then look to Jesus Christ and his message for our lives. We must all lay our sins in thought, word, and deed before the cross of Christ. We must all reflect on how we have let the various distractions and tangents of this world to skew or push aside the centrality of Jesus and his Word for us. This is about taking the call to repentance personally and deeply.

While I have always striven to teach according to God's Word, the Creeds, and the Lutheran Confessional Documents, I am sensing a renewed call of God about such things. I feel called, convicted, and stirred to put more effort into studying and growing in my understanding of these core resources. I am especially stirred to dig more deeply into the Lutheran Confessional Documents. You may have noticed the inclusion of sections of the Augsburg Confession in weekly bulletins. You may have heard me quote from the Small Catechism in sermons. I have also been working through a study book on Luther's Large Catechism to increase my understanding to improve my teaching from this Lutheran Confessional document. This is all an expression of this conviction and commitment on my part.

As we move forward together in faith, we get to recenter our faith in Jesus, guided by his Word and by faithful expositions of his Word. Together in Jesus, we can personally reflect on how each of us has been adversely influence or distracted by the barrage of information, personalities, and ideas which have flooded our lives. We can use God's Law as a mirror to reflect on where we have gone astray, and then let God's love drive us to the Gospel. Remember our teacher Martin Luther when he notes, "(Baptism) signifies that the old person in us with all sins and evil desires is to be drowned and die through daily sorrow for sin and through repentance, and on the other hand that daily a new person is to come forth and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever." Then, on a continuing basis, we can seek guidance from scripture, creeds, and Lutheran Confessional documents on how to live, think, and act with renewed faith centered in Jesus.

Daily Bible Readings for May 1 thru 31

May 1 John 7:1-9 1 Corinthians 7:1-9 Psalms 146 † 147 Daily Chapter: Exodus 23	May 10 John 9:1-12 1 Corinthians 11:2-16 Psalms 22 † 23, 24 Daily Chapter: Exodus 32	May 19 John 14:12-24 Nahum 1:1-15 Psalms 45 † 46 Daily Chapter: Leviticus 1	May 28 John 7:37-39 Acts 2:1-21 Psalms 48 † 145 Daily Chapter: Joel 2
May 2 John 7:10-24 1 Corinthians 7:10-16 Psalms 148 † 149, 150 Daily Chapter: Exodus 24	May 11 John 9:13-23 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Psalms 25 † 27 Daily Chapter: Exodus 33	May 20 John 14:25-31 Nahum 2:1-13 Psalms 47, 48 † 49 Daily Chapter: Leviticus 2	May 29 John 17:11-19 Acts 2:22-35 Psalms 71 † 73 Daily Chapter: Joel 3
May 3 John 7:25-39 1 Corinthians 7:17-24 Psalms 1, 3 † 2, 4 Daily Chapter: Exodus 25	May 12 John 9:24-41 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1 Psalms 26, 28 † 31 Daily Chapter: Exodus 34	May 21 John 15:1-8 Acts 1:15-26 Psalms 50 † 51 Daily Chapter: Leviticus 3	May 30 John 17:20-26 Acts 2:36-47 Psalms 74 † 77 Daily Chapter: Leviticus 9
May 4 John 7:40-53 1 Corinthians 7:25-40 Psalms 5, 6 † 7 Daily Chapter: Exodus 26	May 13 John 10:1-6 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 Psalms 29, 30 † 33 Daily Chapter: Exodus 35	May 22 John 15:9-17 Nahum 3:1-13 Psalms 52, 53, 54 † 55 Daily Chapter: Leviticus 4	May 31 John 4:1-14 Acts 3:1-10 Psalms 75, 76 † 79, 82 Daily Chapter: Leviticus 100
May 5 John 8:1-11 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Psalms 9 † 10 Daily Chapter: Exodus 27	May 14 John 10:7-21 1 Corinthians 14:1-19 Psalms 86 † 35 Daily Chapter: Exodus 36	May 23 John 15:18-27 Nahum 3:14-19 Psalms 56, 57 † 58, 60 Daily Chapter: Leviticus 5	
May 6 John 8:12-20 1 Corinthians 9:1-10 Psalms 8, 11 † 15, 16 Daily Chapter: Exodus 28	May 15 John 10:22-30 1 Corinthians 14:20-25 Psalms 32, 36 † 38 Daily Chapter: Exodus 37	May 24 John 16:1-15 Ruth 1:1-22 Psalms 63, 64 † 59 Daily Chapter: Leviticus 6	
May 7 John 8:21-36 1 Corinthians 9:11-18 Psalms 12, 13, 14 † 17 Daily Chapter: Exodus 29	May 16 John 10:31-42 1 Corinthians 4:26-40 Psalms 137:1-17 † 37:18-40 Daily Chapter: Exodus 38	May 25 John 16:16-24 Ruth 2:1-23 Psalms 61, 62 † 65, 67 Daily Chapter: Leviticus 7	
May 8 John 8:37-47 1 Corinthians 9:19-27 Psalms 18:1-19 † 18:20-50 Daily Chapter: Exodus 30	May 17 John 14:1-11 1 Corinthians 16:1-24 Psalms 40 † 39, 41 Daily Chapter: Exodus 39	May 26 John 16:25-33 Ruth 3:1-18 Psalms 68:1-18 † 68:19-35 Daily Chapter: Leviticus 8	
May 9 John 8:48-59 1 Corinthians 10:14-22 Psalms 19 † 20, 21 Daily Chapter: Exodus 31	May 18 Luke 24:36-53 Acts 1:1-14 Psalms 8, 47 † 21, 24 Daily Chapter: Exodus 40	May 27 John 17:1-10 Ruth 4:1-22 Psalms 69:1-18 † 69:19-36 Daily Chapter: Joel 1	

Church Council Highlights from April 11, 2023

Members Present: Tim Sanders, President; Josh Eckert, President-Elect; Jason Schroeder, Secretary; Pastor Tinker; Todd Dooley, Property; Susie Markwardt, Outreach; Rachelle Kuecker, Stewardship; Vickie Neutzler, Worship.

Members Absent: Danielle Nelson, Treasurer; Shayne Kirts, Christian Education.

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Tim Sanders. The devotion and prayer was led by Vickie Neutzler.

Previous Meeting: The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed. Rachelle moved to accept the minutes with a second by Pastor. All approved.

Treasurer Report: The treasurer's report was reviewed. Todd moved to accept, with a second by Jason. All approved.

Pastor's Report:

Grief Share: I have completed my participant learning time with the Grief Share program. There will be at least one more meeting with group leaders to learn about the program. The goal is to bring this program to the Waldeck/Carmine context. As this is still very new to us, I have no specific start date for the program in our context has been planned as of right now. Possibly Fall 2023 or Spring 2024. 13 weeks in a row is the standard program. One consideration is to have a series of the program during the daytime for those who prefer to not drive at night.

Men in Mission Bible Study has the topic: Praying Like Jesus the Messiah. 4th Monday of month. Next Bible Study session is in April. The Men in Mission group will be offering the \$50/per person campership for MLLC youth who attend Lutherhill or Chrysalis, our synod related camps.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education Committee: No report

Outreach Committee: The reception on Easter Sunday turned out good.

Property Committee: Mark Mares has been hired to mow the church yard for \$400 per month. Still looking for someone to do the flowerbeds.

Stewardship Committee: Looking for money for kids who want to go to Lutherhill. The committee will be meeting again in May.

Worship Committee: The Noisy offering is going to AMEN. Mike Brinkmeyer, Solutions in Sound, has a different mixer that may work well with our sound system. Pastor will check with him to see what other equipment may need to be changed out.

Pastor moved to accept all the committee reports with a second by Jason. All approved.

Old Business: A forum with the ELCA Research committee will be held in June. The council will set the agenda for this. The questions in the April newsletter will be the questions used for the Synod forum in July. The forum will be followed with a 20 minute session for the congregation to ask any additional questions. No vote will be taken at this forum. A special congregational meeting will be held in August to vote on whether or not to continue to investigate other Lutheran denominational bodies.

Pastor moved to accept the above with a second by Vickie. All approved.

New Business: There was no new business.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Tim will give the devotion at next month's meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm
Pastor Tinker moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Josh . Motion carried.
Adjourned at 7:11pm, followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Schroeder, Secretary

MLLC Financial Information

March 2022 Monthly

Total Income	\$73,643.86
Total Expenses	\$72,857.05
Net Income(Loss):	\$ 786.81

March Expense Highlights

Salaries and Benefits	\$ 15,932.06
Utilities/Property Ins.	\$ 2,803.27
Office Expenses	\$ 1,454.44
World/Community Benev.	\$ 3,098.32
Sunday School	\$ 1,501.95
Stewardship-Envelopes	\$ 250.86
Worship	\$ 10.81

March 2022 Year to Date

Total Income	\$24,204.58
Total Expenses	\$23,549.76
Net Income(Loss):	\$ 654.82

Attendance & Contributions

DATE	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL	ONLINE	BUILDING
<u>03/01</u> lent	34	\$7,604.00		
03/04	21	\$ 985.00		
03/05	41	\$4,037.00	\$106.07	
03/11	30	\$1,150.00	\$ 40.00	
03/12	47	\$2,077.00		\$485.00
03/15 lent	35	\$ 420.00	\$107.90	
03/18	21	\$ 485.00		
03/19	35	\$1,360.00	\$245.54	
03/25	24	\$ 883.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 25.00
03/26	39	\$1,105.00		\$ 50.00
03/29 lent	31	\$ 365.00	\$157.27	

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Rebekah Group will meet on Thursday, May 11th at 2:00 pm.

The Bible Study theme is: Devotional

The meeting will be hosted by Carol Carmean & Susan Ray

Bible Study will be led by Joann Ullrich

Jocie Braun will present the Offering Meditation.

Planning meeting for salad supper is Wednesday, May 3rd at 2:00 pm.

Quilting is scheduled for Monday, May 8th at 9:00 am in the Mission & Ministry Bldg.

Mother's day Uprbring offerings are scheduled for Sunday, May 14th.

Appoint Nominating Committee

AMEN Ingathering

Items needed in Fabric Kits for LWR:

Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester); fabric should have no stains or holes and be cut into pieces measuring: 2 1/4 yards of 60" wide fabric, or 3 yards of 44" wide fabric, or 4 yards of 36" wide fabric.

Two spools of neutral-colored, general-purpose thread, 250-300 yards each.

Fold thread and one piece of fabric inside second piece and tie with yarn, sturdy string, ribbon, or strip of fabric.

Treehouse Ministries Gala

Joys Baird, Becky Dunham, and Jolynn Schoenberg joined Deaconess Jennifer Tinker on April 1, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in College Station, Texas, to attend the 9th annual Treehouse Ministries Gala. Approximately fifty persons enjoyed a delicious dinner of roasted pork tenderloin, parmesan pasta, sauted mixed vegetables, salad, garlic bread, and squares of lemon bars, brownies, and chocolate chip cookies, and iced tea.

At their table, Joys, Becky, Jolynn, and Jennifer were joined by Bishop Michael Rinehart, bishop of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, and Lizbeth Johnson of the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest. The group enjoyed visiting and sharing the evening of activities.

Treehouse Ministries is a Lutheran Campus Ministry at Texas A & M and the Blinn College District. Their Mission Statement is: Loving People, Loving God. Deaconess Jennifer Clark Tinker serves as President of the 2022-2023 Campus Ministry Board.

Students at Texas A & M and the Blinn Colleges (Bryan and Brenham campuses) have a vibrant and welcoming ministry that all students, regardless of background, are invited to join. Each week is something different, but always includes service, sacraments, prayer, and meals. Students of any, all, and no faith are welcomed. The students gather to explore together what it means to love and to serve God and our neighbors – ALL our neighbors. Students also engage in small group Bible Studies. Treehouse Ministry is a place to share the love of Christ as children of God.

The ladies participated in the silent auction and donor envelopes picked up at the tables. A special Thank You to the local sponsors Dr. and Mrs. Bruce F. Bockhorn, Sherol Herr, (Jennifer Tinker's mom), and Jennifer Tinker for your sponsor support and auction items.



2023 SCHEDULE
MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

President	Floyd Etzel	Vice-President	Alvis Mueller
Chaplain	Pastor Tinker	Treasurer/Alum Cans	Brick Peele
Secretary & Program Director	Pastor Tinker		

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM	HOST
May 22	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Floyd Braun
June 26	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Floyd Etzel
July 24	6:00 p.m.	Family Night	
		Ice Cream Social	MLLC Men in Mission
Aug. 28	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Brick Peele
Sept. 25	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Alvin Mueller
Oct. 23	6:00 p.m.	Family Night	MLLC Men in Mission
Nov. 24	6:00 p.m.	Pack Christmas Boxes	All Members
Dec.		NO MEETING	

This years' Bible Study Theme is Praying like Jesus the Messiah
ALL INVITED! Come and See!



Friends and Family Prayer Concerns: Jerry Wickel (heart issues), Sonny Marth (health concerns), Joshua Aranzolo (health concerns), Joe Franks (cancer, friend of MLLC), Gerald Schmidt (health concerns, nephew of Ruby Juergens), Susan Bathe (recent surgery), Jennifer Teinert (upcoming back surgery), Angie Colpetzer (health concerns), Dorothy Marth (health concerns), Bradley Rinn (health concerns, friend of Darrel & Vickie Neutzler), Harold Smith (health concerns, brother of Vickie Neutzler), Will Espinoza (recent open heart surgery, Kalisa Pomykal's son-in-law), Joy Treude (health concerns), Earl Neumann (health concerns), Mark Hinze (cancer, son of Kenny Hinze), Sheila Hanke (health concerns), Lorali Schultz (health concerns, sister to Sedalia Ullrich), Kim Wunderlich Lewis (cancer treatment), Paula Barrick (health concerns).

Homebound Members: Ruth Schoenemann (health concerns), Jimmy Flinn, Thelma Hinze, Joyce Fuchs, Daniel & Ila Nell Kieke, Pat McCanlies, Allyne McGilvra, David & Sara Eilers.

Members in Care Facilities: Otto Fuchs (Brenham Nursing & Rehabilitation), Judy Yarbrough (Giddings Residence & Rehabilittation).

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

Sympathy to the families of: Lily Rotter, (wife of former Waldeck Pastor, Willie Rotter); **Virginia Naegeli Loewe** (former Carmine resident); **and Clyde Muske** (friend & relative of members).



Summer Camp 2023 at Lutherhill – Younger youth

It is the tradition of our Crossroads Shared Ministry Churches – Carmine, Waldeck, Round Top, and Shelby – to encourage the younger youth (ending grade 6 and younger) to attend Lutherhill together. This has traditionally been the final week of camp. In 2023, that week is Week 8 – July 30 – August 4. The web site for registration is: Lutherhill.org Additionally, MLLC will reimburse \$100 of camp expenses for youth who attend a week at Lutherhill. \$50 comes from the camping fund, and \$50 comes from the aluminum can fund of Lutheran Men in Mission. This reimbursement comes after the youth completes the week of camp. If your financial difficulties prevent your child attending camp, please contact Pastor David Tinker privately about financial assistance for camp.

Confirmation Camp

The congregation also covers the complete cost of one full week of Confirmation Camp at Lutherhill for youth currently in Confirmation Class. The date for this camp will be July 30-Aug 4, 2023. Please contact Pastor Tinker with questions.

Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries

May 2023 Happenings

Waldeck Lutheran Church – St. Paul Lutheran Church – Shelby

Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Round Top – Martin Luther Lutheran Church – Carmine

Next Shared Ministry Meeting – May 13, 2023 – at Round Top – 9-10:30 a.m.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church –
Round Top**

412 S White St

Round Top, TX 78954

(979) 249-3686

E-mail: blc@cvctx.com

Find us on Facebook

Worship on Sunday – 9:30 a.m.

Noisy Offering on 1st Sunday monthly

Pastor John David Nedbalek

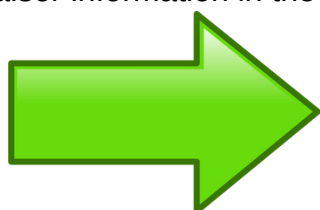
Pastor John David will be leading Adult Bible Study Classes at Bethlehem Lutheran Church May 3, 2023. The Lesson for this month will be John 14:1-14. The classes will be on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. in the Educational Bldg.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Ruth Circle will be meeting in the Educational Building Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. All visitors and new members are welcome to attend.

The Sewing Circle will be meeting in the Educational Building Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. All visitors and new members are welcome to attend.

See fundraiser information in the next column.



St. Paul Lutheran Church – Shelby

6814 Skull Creek Road

Fayetteville TX 78940

Located just a few blocks east of FM 1457

(979)836-8972

www.stpaulshelby.org

Find us on Facebook

Regular Sunday Service time – 8:00 AM

– Sunday School @ 9:30 AM

Pastor John David Nedbalek

pstrjd@cvctx.com

– cell 210-422-7599

Quilting – 3rd Wednesday each month ~9:00 a.m

Game Day – First and Third Wednesdays of each month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Open to the community. Everyone is welcome. Bring snack, board game, dominoes, etc.

Youth Fundraiser
Sunday, May 7th
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Round Top Rifle Hall
710 FM 1457

Come to the Hall at 10:00am for a joyous service led by The Hilltop Ramblers from Greenvine Lutheran Church

All proceeds benefit Historic Bethlehem Lutheran Church, celebrating 157 years of faith and fellowship

Eat-in or To Go
\$10 per plate
All tickets sold at the door

Serving:
Pulled pork sandwiches
Cole slaw
Chips
Sweets Table

TASTY PULLED PORK
BBQ SANDWICH
TASTY PULLED PORK

Martin Luther Lutheran Church – Carmine

211 Luther Lane; P O Box 362
Carmine, TX 78932 979-278-3388
<http://mlccarmine.com>
Worship on Sunday – 10:00 a.m.
Worship on Saturdays – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.
Pastor David Tinker
pastordjt@gmail.com
Cell 713-461-8007/home 979-278-3384

*Monthly Study/Fellowship Groups
Quilting – 2nd Mondays at 9:00 a.m. in the Mission & Ministry Building.
Rebekah Group – 2nd Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.
Men in Mission – 4th Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the parlor – by church offices.
12 noon in November.

Senior Citizens Meals on Wheels and fellowship
New Participants are always welcome.
Every Wednesday (excluding Federal holidays) 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. All seniors welcome. Small donation invited to cover cost of food. The group meets at 250 Augsburg Ave, in the Mission & Ministry building, across the street from the church.

Upcoming

Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministry Meetings
9-10:30 a.m. on Saturday Mornings
May 13, 2023 – Saturday Location: Round Top
August 12, 2023 – Saturday Location: Waldeck
November 11, 2023 – Saturday Location: Shelby
February 10, 2024 – Saturday Location: Carmine

Waldeck Evangelical Lutheran Church

6915 Waldeck Church Ln
Ledbetter, TX 78946 979-249-3802
Find us on Facebook
Worship on Sunday – 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
Pastor David Tinker pastordjt@gmail.com
Cell 713-461-8007/home 979-278-3384

**Waldeck Lutheran Church Annual Picnic
Sunday, May 21, 2023**

A day of fun, food & fellowship!
Bounce House, Country Store, Face Painting,
Homemade Ice Cream, Cake Walk, and more

Raffle:

Live Raffle Drawing @ 12:30 pm
Raffle Tickets - \$20 each or 3 for \$50
Prizes range from value of \$100 to \$2,000

Fellowship Meal:

BBQ Pork Steak meal with buttered potatoes, green beans & homemade sauce will be served from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Tickets - \$15/plate

For meal or raffle tickets:
call/text (979) 212-1354



05/01 Dana Kelley
05/02 Robbie Stork
05/04 LaNell "Kay" Schmidt
05/06 Floyd Etzel
05/06 Judith Yarborough
05/08 Brittany Jacob
05/17 Emily Kelley
05/20 Marlene Waak
05/24 Edith Flinn
05/25 Becky Jasinski
05/26 Karen Springer
05/28 Jared Pohl
05/31 Bryan Miller

05/02 Kaitlyn Pawlak
05/03 Brooke Eckert
05/05 Carah Weiss
05/06 Reese O'Malley
05/07 Kane Jacob
05/10 Ava Kelley
05/15 RaChelle Kuecker
05/16 Katie Zajicek
05/18 Christy Kelley
05/20 Whitney Hinze
05/22 Jenell Jaster
05/24 Roger Sommerfield
05/25 Lauren "Nikki" Pohl
05/28 Donna Mueller
05/29 Hope Wunderlich

Birthday Blessings

LOCAL HAPPENINGS/EVENTS



WELCA SALAD POT-LUCK SUPPER

Please join us for an evening of fellowship, food, fund and entertainment.

The annual salad supper of Martin Luther Lutheran Church will be held Wednesday, June 7th, beginning at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall of MLLC. This year the theme is "Butterflies". All women of the church are invited to attend and to invite guests. As customary, members are asked to bring a salad or dessert in proportion to the guests invited (It's "pot luck"). Expect an evening of fun, food, and fellowship as we celebrate children.

Children who attend will be invited to participate in the program. They will help lead the theme song "If I Were A Butterfly". (No advance practice necessary.)

WELCA has designated May for gathering of non-perishable food items for the AMEN Food Pantry in La Grange. Bags for groceries and envelopes for monetary donations are in the back of the Sanctuary.





Humanity starts in the heart of a child. As warriors supporting warriors, we are redefining child well-being throughout the State of Texas. UPBRING. The name is inspired by our long-standing commitment to be nurturing, supportive forces for good in the lives of children and families. We honor our past while promising a commitment to the future to break the cycle of abuse. As we practice generational innovation, we create new systems and re-engineer existing systems. This approach has helped children and families thrive for more than 138 years, and we won't relent.

It has become a tradition as MLLC that on Mother's Day we remember our mothers past and present who have been and are examples of tender loving mothers of their children. We do this by contributing to help children who are not that fortunate. Our Mother's Day free offering goes to UPBRING to help children in need of loving care.

Look for the container at the back of the sanctuary to place your contribution.



AREA/OTHER NEWS

**Waldeck Lutheran Church
Annual Picnic
Sunday, May 21, 2023**

A day of fun, food & fellowship!

**Bounce House, Country Store, Face Painting,
Homemade Ice Cream, Cake Walk and
Live Raffle Drawing @ 12:30 pm
Tickets - \$20 each or 3 for \$50**

**BBQ Pork Steak meal with buttered potatoes,
green beans & homemade sauce
will be served from
10:30 am to 12:30 pm Tickets - \$15/plate**



Waldeck Lutheran Church
6915 Waldeck Church Ln.
Ledbetter, Tx 78946
(979) 249-3802
For meal or raffle tickets:
call/text (979) 212-1354



For more information visit us on Facebook @WaldeckLutheranChurch

№ 0120

Name Sample

Address ticket

Phone _____

**Waldeck Lutheran Church
Picnic Raffle**

Sunday, May 21, 2023 @ 12:30 P.M.
Waldeck Lutheran Church
Ledbetter, TX

**Donation \$20.00 or 3 for \$50.00
Presence Not Necessary to Win**

- | PRIZE | DONATED BY |
|---|---|
| 1. Processed Half a Calf from Eckermann Meat Market | Philip & Carol Procell |
| 2. \$200 Visa Gift Card | Curtis & Barbara Meiners |
| 3. Pit Boss 850 Competition Series Grill | Nowicki & Abers Families |
| 4. \$500 Visa Gift Card | In memory of Ermit Lange by Meinko, Velasquez & Harper Families |
| 5. STIHL Battery Operated Chainsaw | Kneip, Leopold, and Polasek Families |
| 6. Tiffany Chandelier | Marcell Matik |
| 7. Mosaic Kingsland Gas Fire Pit 42" X 24" | Lana Limmer and Luke & Audrey Stremmel |
| 8. \$200 HEB Gift Card | Frank & Beverly Drescher |
| 9. Handmade Quilt | Bridgite Mesacke |
| 10. One Night Cabin Stay and Cap | Buried Oak Cellars |
| 11. \$200 HEB Gift Card | Baird Family |
| 12. STIHL Battery Operated Trimmer | FLC Holding |
| 13. YKO Hard Cooler 20 - Charcoal | Round Top Mercantile & Farmers Lumber |
| 14. Craftsman Battery Operated Blower | Ray & Cindy Goehring |
| 15. \$150 Richard Schmid Jewelry Gift Card | Friend of Waldeck Lutheran Church |
| 16. \$150 H-E-B Gift Card | Amber Stremmel |
| 17. 10 Bags of Pro-Gain Beefmaker | Albers Store |
| 18. \$100 Mimibella Gift Card | La Grange Farm & Ranch |
| 19. \$100 Royers Round Top Cafe Gift Card | Bacca & Clayton Mayer |
| 20. \$100 Visa Gift Card | Pastor David Tinker Family |
| 21. \$100 HEB Gift Card | Jerry Shmek |
| 22. \$100 Lowe's Gift Card | James Utian |
| 23. Havahart Live Animal Trap | Sue Schoenert |
| 24. \$100 Amazon Gift Card | Schultz Realty |
| 25. \$100 Visa Gift Card | Clive & Rebecca Halder |
| | Al & Charlene Cordes |

WALDECK LUTHERAN CHURCH PICNIC MEAL
SUNDAY, MAY 21ST, 2023 **\$15.00**
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM DINE IN OR TO-GO
BBQ PORK STEAK, GREEN BEANS, POTATOES
6915 Waldeck Church Ln, Ledbetter, Tx 78946

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**MEMORIAL
DAY
CEREMONY**

Please join as we remember and honor the community veterans that served our great country and have died. The roster of our great hero's will be read. Light refreshments will be served immediately following the playing of Taps.

Monday - May 29, 2023 - 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Carmine City Park - Carmine, Texas

If attending you may want to bring a lawn chair. For any veteran with Carmine connection, buried in Fayette or Washington Counties, to be added to the roster, please call 979 278-3070.



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LEE COUNTY TEXAS VETERANS ASSOCIATION

***** **JOIN US ON ARMED FORCES DAY
TO SALUTE OUR VETS** *****

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023 - 9:00 AM
Ceremony will be held before the Armed Forces Day Parade
198 North Montgomery Avenue, Giddings, Texas 78942



\$20

RAFFLE TICKETS

- Win one of several generously donated raffle prizes
- All proceeds will go towards the Veteran's Honor Park
- Winners do not need to be present to win

Additional information is available at leecountyvets.org or call Ryan Marshall at 512.749.3414

HONORING MILITARY VETERANS OF LEE COUNTY



Contact Brick Peele on the church office for tickets.



CARMINE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION will hold their Annual Memorial Service on May 21st at 2:00 pm under the pavilion at the cemetery.



2022-2023 Highschool and College Graduates

Kennedy & McKinley Jasinski, Brenham HS
McKinley plans to attend Blinn Jr. College in the fall and Kennedy will be entering the local workforce.

Peyton Franklin, Burton HS, plans to attend Blinn Jr. College in the fall then transfer to Texas Tech in the fall of 2024 and pursue a degree in Civil Engineering.

Faith Stork, graduated from Texas A & M University in December of 2022 with a Bachelor of Science - Agricultural Leadership and Development. She is currently employed with Colorado Valley Communications.

Rylan Stork, RT-C HS - Rylan will be attending TSTC in the fall, studying Diesel Equipment Technology.

Please join us for a reception honoring our **Graduates of kinds** and **Mother's** on Mother's Day, May 14th at 9:30 am and following worship in the Parlor. Sponsored by the Outreach Committee.



Thursday, May 4, 2023



HISTORY OF NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Throughout history, there have been few national days of prayer. In fact, there were only a few noteworthy ones between the 1700s – 1900s. The National Day of Prayer that we know today was founded in 1952, and it was co-founded effort between the United States Congress and President Harry S. Truman.

The holiday was signed into law by President Truman, and every president since has signed a proclamation that encourages Americans to pray on and celebrate this day. The national holiday has always been the first Thursday of May every year since it was founded in 1952. It stands as a day that continues the decision-making of the country's founding fathers, which used the morals from biblical lessons in difficult situations. Basically, using God's guidance to make important decisions in the country and for yourself. Just like Thanksgiving and Christmas, the National Day of Prayer has become recognized by Americans nationwide, and it is even recognized and celebrated in all Hallmark calendars.

Knowing that America was founded by people of European descent with predominantly Christian backgrounds, it's no surprise that this holiday was originally created to celebrate the Christian faith. National Day of Prayer was an effort to ask American citizens "to turn to God in prayer and meditation."

According to the National Day of Prayer website, there's a need for every individual to take time for personal repentance and prayer and to mobilize the Christian community. However, there are no laws saying National Day of Prayer can't be celebrated by all cultures, beliefs, and religions, and as America grew to become a multicultural nation, it is widely celebrated by more than just those in the Christian community.

Pentecost Word Search

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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: Tim Sanders-President; Joshua Eckert-President-elect; Jason Schroeder-Secretary;

Danielle Nelson-Treasurer; Vickie Neutzler-Worship Committee; RaChelle Kuecker, Stewardship Committee;

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