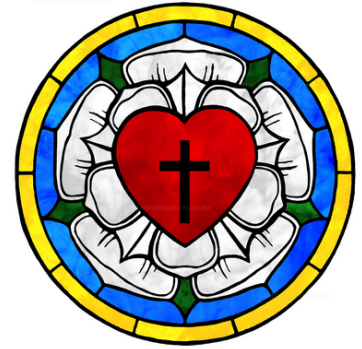


APRIL, 2023

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.



To Fellow Congregational Members:

With input from the ELCA Research Committee and after careful, deliberate discussion, the Church Council has approved the attached agenda and questions for the upcoming forum with representative(s) from the ELCA. While the exact date of the forum has not yet been determined, Council has agreed it would not occur until after Holy Week. Once the date and time are determined, it will be posted in the weekly bulletin and e-mailed to all members who have addresses with the church office. The goal of the forum is to have a civil discussion that is both respectful of all viewpoints and one that will provide members a better understanding of the operations, policy and doctrine of the ELCA, their impact on our congregation, and what role our congregation has within the ELCA as one of its members. No votes will be held at the forum, and there will be no business conducted that would require action from the congregation. On behalf of Church Council, I encourage all members who are able to attend. Should you have any questions regarding the forum agenda, the questions that will be asked, or the process up to this point, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or a fellow Council member.

Sincerely,
Tim Sanders
Council President

Agenda

1. Call To Order: Council President
 2. Opening Prayer: Pastor Tinker
 3. Review of Forum Format: Council President
 4. Introduction of ELCA Representative(s): Council President
 5. Closed Question & Answer Session
 - a. Moderator: Council President
 - b. Questions: Provided by Church Council & ELCA Research Committee (see below)
 6. Open Question & Answer Session
 - a. Moderator: Council President
 - b. Questions: Open to congregation
 - c. Session Length: 20 minutes
 7. Closing Comments: Council President
 8. Closing Prayer: Pastor Tinker
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Questions for Closed Question & Answer Session

1. What is the organizational structure of the ELCA from the local congregation level to the national level? When changes are considered (for example, to the constitution or governing documents) at the national or regional level, who initiates these changes and what is the process for implementation of said changes? When considering such changes, how are the changes communicated to ensure all congregations are aware and can be heard? If changes or amendments are adopted at the national or regional level, what effect does this have at the local congregational level? Are congregations required to adopt or enforce any changes or amendments approved at the national or regional level?

2. Within the ELCA, who is responsible for interpreting scripture and establishing doctrine for the church's guidance? What is the process? If a member congregation has a differing interpretation than the ELCA, are there any ramifications for the member church? Are varying interpretations allowed? If so, why are varying interpretation allowed?

3. Do politics influence the ELCA? If so, how? What role, if any, does the ELCA play in politics? Does the ELCA give preference to any party, give financially to any party, or utilize funds for lobbying? Who in the ELCA determines what issues are of most importance and what is the process? How does the ELCA ensure its positions reflect all of its congregations? What issues has the ELCA been involved with over the last five years and what is their position?

4. Martin Luther once said at the Diet of Worms, *"Since then your serene majesty and your lordships seek a simple answer, I will give it in this manner... Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason, I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. I cannot do otherwise, here I stand. May God help me, Amen."*

On Pages 19-21 of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's, "A Social Statement on Human Sexuality: Gift & Trust," (<https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Human-Sexuality>) the following is stated with regards to bound conscience:

"In response, this church draws on the foundational Lutheran understanding that the baptized are called to discern God's love in service to the neighbor. In our Christian freedom, we therefore seek responsible actions that serve others and do so with humility and deep respect for the conscience-bound beliefs of others. We understand that, in this discernment about ethics and church practice, faithful people can and will come to different conclusions about the meaning of Scripture and about what constitutes responsible action. We further believe that this church, on the basis of "the bound conscience," will include these different understandings and practices within its life as it seeks to live out its mission and ministry in the world.

This church recognizes that, with conviction and integrity:

1. On the basis of conscience-bound belief, some are convinced that same-gender sexual behavior is sinful, contrary to biblical teaching and their understanding of natural law. They believe same-gender sexual behavior carries the grave danger of unrepentant sin. They therefore conclude that the neighbor and the community are best served by calling people in same-gender sexual relationships to repentance for that behavior and to a celibate lifestyle. Such decisions are intended to be accompanied by pastoral response and community support.

2. On the basis of conscience-bound belief, some are convinced that homosexuality and even lifelong, monogamous, homosexual relationships reflect a broken world in which some relationships do not pattern themselves after the creation God intended. While they acknowledge that such relationships may be lived out with mutuality and care, they do not believe that the neighbor or community are best served by publicly recognizing such relationships as traditional marriage.

3. On the basis of conscience-bound belief, some are convinced that the scriptural witness does not address the context of sexual orientation and lifelong loving and committed relationships that we experience today. They believe that the neighbor and community are best served when same-gender relationships are honored and held to high standards and public accountability, but they do not equate these relationships with marriage. They do, however, affirm the need for community support and the role of pastoral care and may wish to surround lifelong, monogamous relationships or covenant unions with prayer.

4. On the basis of conscience-bound belief, some are convinced that the scriptural witness does not address the context of sexual orientation and committed relationships that we experience today. They believe that the neighbor and community are best served when same-gender relationships are lived out with lifelong and monogamous commitments that are held to the same rigorous standards, sexual ethics, and status as heterosexual marriage. They surround such couples and their lifelong commitments with prayer to live in ways that glorify God, find strength for the challenges that will be faced, and serve others. They believe same-gender couples should avail themselves of social and legal support for themselves, their children, and other dependents and seek the highest legal accountability available for their relationships.”

Within the ELCA, please explain what bound conscience is as it relates to the human sexuality statement drafted in 2009. Are there currently any efforts within the ELCA to re-define or alter how bound conscience applies to human sexuality? If so, please explain what those efforts may be and what impact they may have on congregations.

5. Please explain what it means to become Reconciled in Christ. How does it apply at the national, regional (synod), and local level? If a synod becomes Reconciled in Christ, how does that affect the congregations that make up the Synod?

6. Is there an effort within the ELCA to remove the term "Father" or the use of "He" as it relates to God and replace it with gender neutral language?

7. What is the ELCA's doctrine as it pertains to marriage? How was that doctrine determined? Are varying interpretations allowed?

8. Does the ELCA have an official stance on abortion or support abortion as a form of birth control? If so, please explain.

9. Does the ELCA have an official stance on critical race theory? If so, please explain what it is and what affect it has on member congregations. If there is no official stance, does the ELCA encourage or tolerate those in leadership positions who advocate either for or against teaching critical race theory?

10. Does the ELCA have an official stance on paying reparations to the descendants of African slaves? If so, please explain what it is and what affect it has on member congregations. If there is no official stance, does the ELCA encourage or tolerate those in leadership positions who advocate either for or against paying reparations to the descendants of African slaves?

11. Does the ELCA have an official stance on capitalist individualism, collectivism, or socialism and actively promote any of these ideas? If so, please explain and describe what affect it has on member congregations. If there is no official stance, does the ELCA encourage or tolerate those in leadership positions who advocate for or against practicing / teaching these ideas?

Holy Week Schedule 2023

Holy Week Schedule

Here is the schedule for both Waldeck and Carmine churches. All are welcome at any service at either church.

Palm Sunday – April 1 & 2

Saturday worship at Carmine: 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship at Waldeck: 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship at Carmine: 10:00 a.m.

The Holy Triduum – the Three Holy Day (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)

Maundy Thursday – April 6

Remembering the Last Supper.

Holy Communion at both churches.

Foot and Hand Washing in Carmine.

Worship at Waldeck: 5:45 p.m.

Worship at Carmine: 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday – April 7

Remembering the suffering and death of Jesus Christ.

Reading of the Passion Account from John.

Worship at Carmine: 7:00 p.m.

Saturday – The Resurrection of Our Lord - The Great Vigil of Easter – April 8

The most ancient special service of the Church. Service of Light. Sharing of Old Testament Stories.

Remembrance of Baptism. Initial Holy Communion of the Resurrection Day.

Worship at 7:00 p.m.

The Resurrection of our Lord. – Easter Sunday – April 9

Sunrise Service at the Carmine Cemetery: 6:45 a.m.

Festival Service at Waldeck with Holy Communion: 8:00 a.m.

Egg Hunt to follow worship.

Easter Reception in Parlor at Carmine: ~9:00 a.m.

Festival Service with Holy Communion at Carmine: 10:00 a.m.

Egg Hunt to follow worship.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Rebekah Group will meet on Thursday, April 13th, at 2:00 pm.

The Bible Study theme is The Ten Commandments Session 4: Guardrails for love of God and neighbor.

The meeting will be hosted by Diana Wunderlich and Jocie Braun

Bible Study will be led by Susan Ray

Joys Baird will present the Offering Meditation.

Quilting is scheduled for Monday ,April 10th at 9:00 am in the Mission & Ministry Bldg.



Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

We thank all of you who have donated to the baby care kits this past January and February. The response was wonderful; however, to complete 15 baby care kits, ***the following items are needed:***

15 lightweight cotton T shirts, sizes up to 24 months; 2 hooded sweatshirts, sweaters, or jackets or 2 regular sweatshirts that we have caps for; 6 pairs of socks; 1 hand towel, dark color recommended

We thank you for helping to complete these kits. If you have any questions, please contact Leonita Sanders.

Thank you, MLLC Women of the ELCA



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.

**MLLC Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 14, 2023**

Members Present: Tim Sanders – President, Josh Eckert - President Elect, Jason Schroeder – Secretary, Danielle Nelson – Treasurer, Pastor Tinker, Vickie Neutzler - Worship, Todd Dooley – Property

Members Absent Todd Dooley – Property, Shayne Kirts - Christian Education, Susie Markwardt – Outreach, Rachelle Kuecker - Stewardship

Meeting called to order at 6:00 by Tim Sanders. The devotion and prayer were led by Jason.

Pastor’s Report: *No upcoming Weddings on the calendar.

***Grief Share:** The goal is to bring this program to Waldeck/Carmine the context. No date has been decided when this will take place.

***Confirmation Update:** Classes have gone on the usual Lenten break. A few classes in late April.

***No confirmation candidates for 2023 at MLLC.**

***Summer Camp at Lutherhill:** Younger youth week for our 4 churches – July 30 – August 4

Working on plans for First Holy Communion during Lent and Holy Week 2023. Already about 4 students have specifically expressed interest, but more are likely as publicity is presented in February & March. First Communion will be received on Maundy Thursday, April 6.

Men in Mission Bible Study has the topic: Praying Like Jesus the Messiah. 4th Monday of month. Next Bible study session is March 27th and April 28th.

Upcoming Events: March 29; Wednesday Lent Services Meal 6 p.m., Worship 7 p.m.; April 2-9 Holy Week; April 29-30 MS 150 Bike Ride through Carmine; Upcoming Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministry Meeting 9-10:30 a.m.

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

Committee Reports:

Christian Education Committee: No business

Outreach Committee: With Easter coming up, there will be refreshments after church.

Property Committee: No business

Stewardship Committee: Men in Mission and Stewardship will be doing the Lenten meal on March 29th.

Worship Committee: The Doxology will be sung at the end of each worship service.

Old Business: Questions were discussed for upcoming Synod forum. Jason moved with a second by Todd that a twenty minute session will be open for the congregation to ask additional questions.

New Business: No business

Correspondence: A thank you letter was received from Giddings State School for the gift of \$343.00 for the benefit of the students

Vickie will give the devotion at next month’s meeting on April 11, 2023 at 6 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm, followed by the Lord’s Prayer.

**Respectfully submitted,
Jason Schroeder, Secretary**

MLLC Financial Information

February 2023 Monthly

Total Income	\$49,439.28
Total Expenses	\$43,871.32
Net Income(Loss):	\$ 5,567.96

February 2023 Year to Date

Total Income	\$18,384.93
Total Expenses	\$17,586.98
Net Income(Loss):	\$ 797.95

February Expense Highlights

Salaries and Benefits	\$ 10,844.10
Utilities/Property Ins.	\$ 2,314.09
Office Expenses	\$ 823.09
World/Community Benev.	\$ 2,280.00
Worship Committee	\$ 956.76

Attendance & Contributions

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>ONLINE</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>
02/04	28	\$1,670.00	\$	
02/05	48	\$5,711.00		\$150.00
02/11	35	\$1,045.00	\$146.07	
02/12	46	\$2,990.00	\$107.90	\$ 25.00
02/18	20	\$ 765.00		
02/19	40	\$ 845.00		
02/22 Ash Wed.	51	\$1,219.00		
02/25	23	\$ 450.00	\$285.00	
02/26	41	\$2,585.00		\$ 60.00

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
Apr. 24	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Ronnie Eckert
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	MLLC Men in Mission
	Ice Cream Social		
Aug. 28	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Brick Peele
Sept. 25	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Alvis Mueller
Oct. 23	6:00 p.m.	Family Night	MLLC Men in Mission
Nov. 24	12 Noon	Pack Christmas Boxes	All Members
Dec.		NO MEETING	

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



Ongoing Member Prayer Concerns: Jimmy Flinn

Friends and Family Prayer Concerns: William "Dean" Taylor, Brinda Dunlap, Dinah Akin (friend of Vickie & Darrel Neutzler), Diane Boehnemann, Jimmy Alverado, Paul Banks, Pastor Bill Derrick, Josh Dow, Ricky Eckert, Mary Edwards, Kaitlyn Fritz, Frances Glueck & family, Sharon Johnson, Joyce Kelley, Nina Kelley, Harris Kubos, Jr., Bruce Muske, Shirley Neumann, Mikayla Peschke, Nancy Pietsch, Carl & Linda Richardson, Michael (Butch) Schulz, Amanda Sebastian, Lucas Smith, Don Steinbach, Robert Vaughn, Jason Weidemann, and Russell Zickley.

Members in Care and Assisted Living facilities: Gladys Roemer (Argent Court, Brenham), LaVerne Kunkel (at Bec's Blessing in Giddings), Otto Fuchs, Jr. (Brenham Nursing & Rehabilitation), Judith Yardborough (Giddings Rehabilitation and Residence)

Homebound Members: Ruth Schoenemann

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: **Leonard Paul Linke** (Joys Baird's brother), **Kay Griffin** (Aunt of Debby Peele), **Joyce Stainer**

Daily Bible Readings for April 1 thru 30

April 1 John 11:1-44 John 11:45-12:11 Psalms 75, 76, † 79, 82 Dailey Chapter: Zechariah 7	April 8 John 19:38-42 Matthew 27:62-66 Psalms 119:153-176 † 16, 91 Daily Chapter: Zechariah 14	April 16 John 20:19-31 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 Psalms 109 † 108,110 Daily Chapter: Exodus 8	April 24 John 6:22-40 1 Corinthians 11:17-22 Psalms 92, 122, 123 † 124, 125, 126 Daily Chapter: Exodus 16
April 2 John 12:18-32 Matthew 21:1-17 Psalms 8, 118 † 119:1-32 Dailey Chapter: Zechariah 9	April 9 Mark 16:1-8 Mark 16:9-20 Psalms 110, 118 † 111, 113, 114 Daily Chapter: Exodus 1	April 17 John 21:1-14 1 Peter 1:1-12 Psalms 78:1-18 † 78:19-40 Daily Chapter: Exodus 9	April 25 John 6:41-51 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Psalms 127, 128 † 129,130,131 Daily Chapter: Exodus 17
April 3 Matthew 21:1-32 John 12:37-50 Psalms 119:33-56 † 38, 40 Daily Chapter: Zechariah 8	April 10 Matthew 28:1-10 Matthew 28:11-20 Psalms 93, 94, 95 † 96, 97, 98 Daily Chapter: Exodus 2	April 18 John 21:15-25 1 Peter 1:13-25 Psalms 78:41-72 † 80 Daily Chapter: Exodus 10	April 26 John 6:52-59 1 Corinthians 11:27-34 Psalms 132,133 † 134, 135 Daily Chapter: Exodus 18
April 4 Matthew 25: 1-13 Matthew 22:15-46 Psalms 119:57-80 † 35 Daily Chapter: Zechariah 10	April 11 Luke 24:1-12 1 Corinthians 5:1-13 Psalms 99, 100, 101 † 102 Daily Chapter: Exodus 3	April 19 John 3:1-13 1 Peter 2:1-10 Psalms 81 † 83 Daily Chapter: Exodus 11	April 27 John 6:60-71 1 Peter 3:1-12 Psalms 136 † 137, 138 Daily Chapter: Exodus 19
April 5 Matthew 26:1-16 Luke 20:9-19 Psalms 119:81-104 † 69 Daily Chapter: Zechariah 11	April 12 Luke 24:13-35 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Psalms 103 † 104 Daily Chapter: Exodus 4	April 20 John 3:14-21 1 Peter 2:11-25 Psalms 84 † 85 Daily Chapter: Exodus 12	April 28 John 5:1-15 1 Peter 4:1-11 Psalms 139 † 141, 142 Daily Chapter: Exodus 20
April 6 John 13:1-38; Matthew 26:17-56 Hebrews 5:1-14 Psalms 119:105-128 † 88, 116 Daily Chapter: Zechariah 12	April 13 Luke 24:36-53 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 Psalms 105:1-22 † 105:23-45 Daily Chapter: Exodus 5	April 21 John 3:22-36 1 Peter 3:13-22 Psalms 34 † 87, 88 Daily Chapter: Exodus 13	April 29 John 5:16-30 1 Peter 4:12-19 Psalms 140 † 143 Daily Chapter: Exodus 21
April 7 Matthew 26:57-27:10 Matthew 27:11-61 Psalms 119:129-152 † 22 Daily Chapter: Zechariah 13	April 14 John 20:1-10 1 Corinthians 15:20-34 Psalms 106:1-18 † 106:19-48 Daily Chapter: Exodus 6	April 22 John 6:1-14 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Psalms 89:1-18 † 89:19-52 Daily Chapter: Exodus 14	April 30 John 5:31-47 1 Peter 5:1-14 Psalms 144 † 145 Daily Chapter: Exodus 22
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04/08 Carol Carmean
04/11 Tracy Pawlak
04/17 Nicole Wright
04/20 Bradley Muske
04/21 Blake Dooley
04/22 Ronnie Zwernemann
04/24 Nickolas Colpetzler
04/26 Tony Dooley

04/05 Summer Dooley
04/06 Darren Kokel
04/10 Tyler Marth
04/14 Kannon Jacob
04/16 Tinley Woodruff
04/20 Carly Weiss
04/21 James Tinker
04/23 Karen Rosenbaum
04/25 Joshua Eckert
04/28 Emily Noak

Birthday Blessings

Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries

April 2023 Happenings

Waldeck Lutheran Church – St. Paul Lutheran Church – Shelby

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

Saturday, May 13th is the next Shared Ministry meeting: 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: bhc@cvctx.com
Find us on Facebook
Worship on Sunday – 9:30 a.m.
Noisy Offering on 1st Sunday monthly
Pastor John David Nedbalek

Ruth Circle will be meeting in the Educational Building Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. All visitors and new members are welcome to attend.

There will not be an adult Bible Study Class at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the month of April.

The Sewing Circle will be meeting in the Educational Building Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. All visitors and new members are welcome to attend.

Maundy Thursday service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be April 6th at 5:30 p.m.

Good Friday service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be April 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Sunrise worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be April 9th at 7:00 a.m. under The Oaks (weather permitting).

A light brunch and Easter Egg Hunt will follow the worship at BLC. Everyone is welcome to join in the fellowship and all young children interested are welcome to participate in the Egg Hunt.

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.

Ash Wednesday Service. February 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Holy Week Service Schedule
for Round Top & Shelby
Maundy Thursday April 6th –5:30pm Worship BLC
7:00pm Service St. Paul
Good Friday April 7th –7:00pm Worship BLC
Easter Sunday April 9th –7:30am Worship BLC
8:30am Worship St. Paul

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 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 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

Lent and Holy Week for Waldeck & Carmine
Wednesday Lent Services at Carmine in Fellowship. Hall. At Waldeck in Sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday April 6th
5:45 pm Worship at Waldeck
7:30pm Service Carmine

Good Friday April 7th –7:00pm Worship Carmine

Vigil of Easter/Saturday
April 8 – 7:00 p.m. Carmine

Easter Sunday April 9th
Sunrise at 6:45 a.m. at Carmine Cemetery

*Waldeck – 8:00 a.m. Worship Waldeck
Followed by Pot-Luck brunch
Egg Hunt around 9:30 .m.

*Carmine –
9:30 a.m. Easter Reception in Parlor
10:00 a.m. Worship Carmine
After worship – Egg Hunt

Waldeck Church Picnic
Sunday May 21 after worship
Ticketed meal – details coming soon
Raffle
Country Store and more

AREA/OTHER NEWS



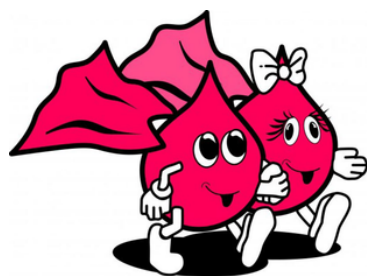
It is time again to order Easter lilies! The Nesting Co. Florist will be offering a 6" potted lily with gold pot covers for \$16 each. The deadline for placing your order will be Sunday, April 2nd. The order form and envelope is placed on the counter in the Narthex.



In order to keep you up to date with current events, etc., as well as church records current, please ensure the church office has your correct mailing address and e-mail address.



In addition, if you would like to receive the monthly Newsletter via e-mail, rather than USPS, please contact the church office so the change can be made.



BE A SUPERHERO AND DONATE BLOOD!

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center is scheduled to conduct a blood drive on Sunday, April 30th, from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall of MLLC. You can make an appointment by logging into your established Digital Donor Account, or by contacting Khardin@giveblood.org.



Seafarers Thank You

Dear Martin Luther Lutheran Church Family:

On behalf of the Houston International Seafarers Center please know that we are sincerely grateful for all the Christmas / Holiday boxes you gifted the seafarers for this past Christmas distribution.

We are especially appreciative of your boxes as we began immediately taking them onboard to crews in Houston that were at sea during the holidays. This holiday season we distributed over 8,900 boxes to over 400 vessels.

While visiting ships over Christmas, one ship was comprised of an all East Indian crew. Unfortunately, none of the crew was able to get off their vessel while in Houston because their visas expired. They were extremely delighted and excited to receive the Christmas shoebox gifts as well as a have a Chaplain presence. It is crews like this that are so thankful to people like you in showing that someone else cares when they are away from their families for an extended amount of time.

We hope to see you next year. If you ever need us to come and speak to your group about the ministry and what we do with your gifts, please just let us know. Our Center number is 713-672-0511.

Thank you and blessings to you,

Jeffrey



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