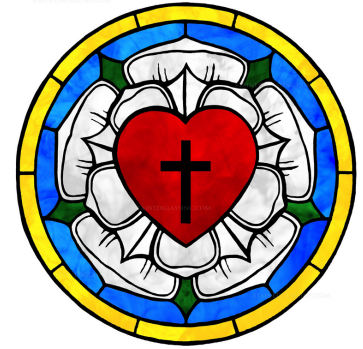


NOVEMBER, 2023

# 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.

***The Thanksgiving Eve Service will be  
on Wednesday, November 22nd, 7:00 pm  
Martin Luther Lutheran Church***



**It's in the Way that You Use It**  
**Adapted by Pastor David Tinker**  
**From LC-MS Stewardship Resources**

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we, "shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

"We are to fear and love God, so that we do not curse, swear, practice magic, lie, or deceive using God's name, but instead use that very name in every time of need to call on, pray to, praise, and give thanks to God."

The Lord has given us his name: he has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and he has invited us to pray to him as our Father. We are baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Yahweh) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives his gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for his purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments, and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, he has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for his kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use it!

## Church Council Highlights from October 10, 2023

Members Present: Tim Sanders - President, Josh Eckert - President Elect., Jason Schroeder - Secretary, Danielle Nelson - Treasurer, Pastor Tinker, Susie Markwardt - Outreach, Vickie Neutzler - Worship, Shayne Markwardt - Christian Education, RaChelle Kuecker - Stewardship, Todd Dooley - Property

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Tim Sanders.

The devotion was led by Danielle Nelson and Pastor had the prayer.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the August meeting were reviewed.

**Treasurer Report:** The treasurer's report was reviewed.

**Pastor's Report:** Items of Special Note: \*Upcoming Weddings on calendar: Colter Siptak and Destiny Psencik, at Lutherhill, joint service led with Pastor Jen Kindsvatter; \*Faith Stork and Tanner Whitsef, August 10, 2024, at MLLC. \*Vacation time 2023 update. Vacation week - November 27-December 3, Pastor Phil Fenton from Brenham will be the supply pastor that weekend (December 2 & 3) at MLLC & Waldeck. \*Confirmation Class continues to the end of October. Students from MLLC join youth from Waldeck and Round Top. Current enrollment is 17 youth from these three congregations.\*Men in Mission - Led Bible Study in September. Family Night Dinner in October. Seafarers' Christmas Boxes will be packed on November 20.

**Upcoming Events:** \*Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministry worship service at Lutherhill on Reformation Sunday Sunday, October 29 Worship at 9:30 am at Carby Chapel

Children's activity to follow Special Offering to Lutherhill's building project

We will have our Saturday service that weekend at 6 pm.

The Sunday service will be a combined event with our four churches in our association.

\*Thanksgiving Eve Service: Wednesday, November 22, 7 pm at MLLC

\*Set up Christmas Tree: Sunday, November 26, after the 10 am worship service

\*Advent Wednesday Services: December 6,13,10 - meal at 6 pm, worship at 7, at MLLC, shared with our Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministry ELCA congregations. Pastors Nedbalek and Tinker leading

\*Carol Service - Special Music at the Sunday service: December 17

\*Upcoming Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministry Meetings usually 9-10:30 am, November 11, 2023 Saturday Location: Shelby

### **Committee Reports:**

Christian Education Committee: The tentative date for the Christmas program is December 10. Practice will be starting on November 5.

Property Committee: Looking at the roof leaks and trimming the trees in the front. The air conditioner unit in the choir loft is fixed. Looking at the air conditioning unit in the Sunday School building.

Stewardship Committee: Raffle tickets available to sell for Harvest Fest and picking up the items that were donated.

Worship Committee: No meeting this month. Plans to set up the Carmine Hall at 9:30 am on Saturday.

**Old Business:** \*The council will meet with the LCMC representative at 7 pm on October 23 and a forum is being planned. \*Giddings Nursery will be providing decorations for the Carmine Hall at the Harvest Fest. It was approved to pay Darrel Neutzler for the advertisement in the Giddings Times & News.

**New Business:** \*The Nominating Committee will need to find persons for President-Elect, Outreach. The following have served their first term: Secretary, Worship, Stewardship and may be re-elected. \*Washington County Landscapes-getting bids for fall flowers for flower beds. \*Todd moved to place an ad in the RT-C ISD 2024 Yearbook with a second by Shayne.

Josh Eckert will give the devotion at next month's meeting on November 14 at 6 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jason Schroeder, Secretary

## MLLC Financial Information

### September 2023 Monthly

Total Income	\$ 22,004.65
Total Expenses	\$ 22,174.64
<b>Net Income(Loss):</b>	<b>(\$ 169.99)</b>

### September Expense Highlights

Outreach/Receptions	\$ 65.06
Office Expenses	\$ 653.76
World/Community Benev.	\$ 1,208.32
Desig. Donations (SS)	\$ 147.64
Staff Salaries & Benefits	\$ 17,225.75
Property/Utilities	\$ 2,353.75
Stewardship	\$ 214.45
Worship	\$ 241.53
Reimbursable Expenses	\$ 64.38

### September 2023 Year to Date

Total Income	\$ 200,977.80
Total Expenses	\$ 229,852.58
<b>Net Income(Loss):</b>	<b>(\$ 25,874.78)</b>

## Attendance & Contributions

DATE	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL	ONLINE	BUILDING
09/02	23	\$ 437.00		
09/03	31	\$1,390.00		\$ 10.00
09/09	25	\$ 900.00	\$265.54	
09/10	53	\$4,589.96	\$127.90	\$100.00
09/16	22	\$ 985.00		\$ 20.00
09/17	60	\$2,959.00		\$ 60.00
09/23	22	\$ 830.00		\$175.00
09/24	38	\$2,284.00		\$250.00
09/30	24	\$1,145.00	\$177.37	

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA

**Rebekah Group** will meet on Thursday, November 9th at 2:00 pm.

The Bible Study theme is:

The meeting will be hosted by Joys Baird and Barbara Jacob

Bible Study will be led by Susan Ray

Carol Carmean will present the Offering Meditation.

Quilting is scheduled for Monday, Monday, November 13th at 9:00 am in the Mission & Ministry Bldg.

Ship LWR- Possibly November 4, 2023

Ingathering for AMEN

Women of the church Decorate for Thankoffering - Saturday, November 11th @ 2:00 pm

Thankoffering service and dinner - Sunday November 12, 2023

Plan Christmas project - Nursing Home Residents

Rebekah Group decorates tree in Fellowship Hall

**COUNCIL AND CONGREGATION DECORATE CHRISMON TREE - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH FOLLOWING WORSHIP.**



## Daily Bible Readings for November 1 thru 30

<b>November 1</b> Matthew 5:1-12 Revelation 7:1-17 Psalms 1, 15 † 34 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 9	<b>November 10</b> Luke 21:7-19 Malachi 2:1-12 Psalms 26, 28 † 31 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 18	<b>November 19</b> Luke 22:54-71 Revelation 4:1-11 Psalms 50 † 51 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 27	<b>November 28</b> Matthew 24:36-44 Revelation 12:1-6 Psalms 74 † 77 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 36
<b>November 2</b> Luke 19:28-40 Colossians 2:1-9 Psalms 5, 6 † 7 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 10	<b>November 11</b> Luke 21:20-28 Malachi 2:13-17 Psalms 29, 30 † 33 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 19	<b>November 20</b> Luke 23:1-12 Revelation 5:1-14 Psalms 52, 53, 54 † 55 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 28	<b>November 29</b> Matthew 24:45-51 Revelation 12:7-17 Psalms 75, 76 † 79, 82 Daily Chapter: Esther 1
<b>November 3</b> Luke 19:41-48 Colossians 2:10-23 Psalms 9 † 10 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 11	<b>November 12</b> Luke 21:29-38 Malachi 3:1-10 Psalms 34 † 35 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 20	<b>November 21</b> Luke 23:13-25 Revelation 6:1-17 Psalms 56, 57 † 58, 60 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 29	<b>November 30</b> John 1:35-42 John 6:1-14 Psalms 78:1-18 † 78:19-40 Daily Chapter: Esther 2
<b>November 4</b> Luke 20:1-8 Colossians 3:1-17 Psalms 8, 11 † 15, 16 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 12	<b>November 13</b> Luke 22:1-13 Malachi 3:11-4:6 Psalms 32, 36 † 38 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 21	<b>November 22</b> Luke 23:26-38 Revelation 8:1-13 Psalms 63, 64 † 59 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 30	
<b>November 5</b> Luke 20:9-19 Colossians 3:18-4:1 Psalms 12, 13, 14 † 17 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 13	<b>November 14</b> Luke 22:14-23 Revelation 1:1-20 Psalms 37:1-17 † 37:18-40 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 22	<b>November 23</b> Luke 17:11-19 Revelation 9:1-12 Psalms 61, 62 † 65, 67 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 31	
<b>November 6</b> Luke 20:20-26 Colossians: 4:2-11 Psalms 18:1-19 † 18:20-50 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 14	<b>November 15</b> Luke 22:24-34 Revelation 2:1-11 Psalms 40 † 39, 41 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 23	<b>November 24</b> Luke 23:39-56 Revelation 9:13-21 Psalms 68:1-18 † 68:19-35 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 32	
<b>November 7</b> Luke 20:27-40 Colossians 4:12-18 Psalms 19 † 20, 21 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 15	<b>November 16</b> Luke 22:35-38 Revelation 2:12-17 Psalms 42, 43 † 44 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 24	<b>November 25</b> Matthew 24:1-14 Revelation 10:1-11 Psalms 69:1-18 † 69:19-36 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 33	
<b>November 8</b> Luke 20:41-44 Malachi 1:1-8 Psalms 22 † 23, 24 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 16	<b>November 17</b> Luke 22:39-46 Revelation 2:18-3:6 Psalms 45 † 46 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 25	<b>November 26</b> Matthew 24:15-28 Revelation 11:1-10 Psalms 66 † 70, 72 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 34	
<b>November 9</b> Luke 20:45-21:6 Malachi 1:9-14 Psalms 25 † 27 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 17	<b>November 18</b> Luke 22:47-53 Revelation 3:7-22 Psalms 47, 48 † 49 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 26	<b>November 27</b> Matthew 24:29-35 Revelation 11:11-19 Psalms 71 † 73 Daily Chapter: 2 Chronicles 35	

**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
Nov. 20	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!**



**Friends and Family Prayer Concerns:** Janell Jaster (health concerns), Pastor Chuck Shepherd (health concerns), Ruth Schoenemann (health concerns), Becky Dunham (health concerns), Jimmy Flinn (recent stroke) Stacy Mooney (treatments for returning brain tumor, niece of Sheryl Pratt), Jeremie Lehmann (rehab after ATV accident, friend of Pratt Family), Matt Kelley (Christy Eilers Kelley's husband, (health issues), Susan Ray (Back Surgery), Irene Ortiz (health concerns), Anita Drydale (health concerns), Jose Ortiz (health concerns, father of Emily Ortiz), Sharon Rhome (upcoming back surgery; cousin to Wade Eilers & Susan Ray), Jerry Wickel (heart issues), Sonny & Dorothy Marth (health concerns), Angie Colpetzer (health concerns), Bradley Rinn (health concerns, friend of Darrel & Vickie Neutzler), Earl Neumann (health concerns), Mark Hinze (cancer, son of Kenny Hinze), Kim Wunderlich Lewis (cancer treatment), Paula Barrick (health concerns).

**Members in Care Facilities:** Judy Yarborough (The Manor, Benton, AR), Gladys Roemer (Argent Court), Ruth Schoenemann (Canyon Creek, Temple, TX), LaVerne Kunkel (Bec's Blessing, Giddings, TX).

**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:** Pastor Mark Groves and Allen Mueller

Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries

November 2023 Happenings

Waldeck Lutheran Church – St. Paul Lutheran Church – Shelby

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

Next Shared Ministry Meeting – November 11, 2023 – at Shelby – 9-10:30 a.m.

Shared Worship Service: Sunday, October 29, at Lutherhill - 9:30 a.m.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Round Top**

412 S White St

Round Top, TX 78954

(979) 249-3686

E-mail: [bhc@cvctx.com](mailto:bhc@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 November 1, 2023. The Lesson for this month will be Matthew 25:1-13. 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, November 2, 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, November 14, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. All visitors and new members are welcome to attend.

BLC WELCA Thankoffering Service will be November 19th.

**Confirmation Class Update**

There will be no classes for our Crossroads Confirmation Ministry during November and December. Notice will be given later of the schedule of classes after the new year begins in January.

**Upcoming**

Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministry Meetings

9-10:30 a.m. on Saturday Mornings

November 11, 2023 – Location: Shelby

February 10, 2024 – Location: Carmine

**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](http://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](mailto:pstrjd@cvctx.com)

– cell 210-422-7599

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

Noisy Offering – 3rd Sunday each month

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.

All Four Churches

Thanksgiving Eve Service. Wednesday, November 22, at 7:00 p.m. at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Carmine. This is a shared event with all 4 churches.

Advent Wednesday Services

December 6, 13, and 20

Meal at 6:00 p.m. Worship at 7:00 p.m.

All services will be held at the Fellowship Hall of Martin Luther in Carmine. All are welcome from the community and the four churches.

Led by Pastor David Tinker and Pastor John David Nedbalek.

### **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](mailto: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 – except November  
and December.

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.

#### **Special Events:**

Thankoffering Service and Turkey Dinner.  
Sunday, November 12, worship at 10 a.m.,  
followed by the ticketed meal. Tickets available  
at the church office. Call 979-278-3388  
Turkey and Dressing meal tickets are \$15 each.

#### **Advent Wednesday Services**

December 6, 13, and 20

Meal at 6:00 p.m. Worship at 7:00 p.m.

All services will be held at the Fellowship Hall of  
Martin Luther in Carmine. All are welcome from  
the community and the four churches.

Led by Pastor David Tinker and Pastor John  
David Nedbalek.

### **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](mailto:pastordjt@gmail.com)

Cell 713-461-8007/home 979-278-3384

#### **Special Events:**

Halloween Hayride in Waldeck starting at 6 pm.

Pumpkin decorating contest and hotdogs at the  
church following the hayride. All are welcome! For  
more information contact Margaret Bernshausen @  
979-966-2097.

Thanksgiving Eve Service. Wednesday, November  
22, at 7:00 p.m. at Martin Luther Lutheran Church  
in Carmine. This is a shared event with all 4  
churches.

#### **Waldeck/Carmine Christmas Services**

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24

6 p.m. Candlelight in Carmine

11 p.m. Candlelight with Communion in Waldeck

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25

10 a.m. in Carmine



11/01 Kamryn Hinze  
11/05 Candice Gorden  
11/07 Darrell Kelley  
11/07 Buck Williams  
11/09 Mark Kunkel  
11/10 Darrell Marek  
11/12 John Mayer  
11/14 Jane Marek  
11/17 Quinley Scheffer  
11/18 Avalda Pohl  
11/20 Susan Markwardt  
11/21 Darrel Neutzler  
11/22 Steve Leppard  
11/22 Jason Schroeder  
11/25 Brenda Mueller  
11/25 Colette Wunderlich  
11/27 Hannah Yanowski

11/02 Savana Lehmann  
11/07 Levi Carmean  
11/07 Tina Mikeska  
11/08 Shelby Vaughn  
11/09 Kayla Peters  
11/12 Kellen Bishop  
11/12 Joey Pohl  
11/14 Trina Siptak  
11/18 Seth Kelley  
11/18 Kathy Warburton  
10/16 Stephanie Sanders  
11/21 Jack Littlejohn  
11/22 Joan Lange  
11/22 Tim Sanders  
11/23 Rhonda Roemer  
11/25 Janette Weidemann  
11/26 Braylie Tappe  
11/30 Jody Pohl

*Birthday Blessings*

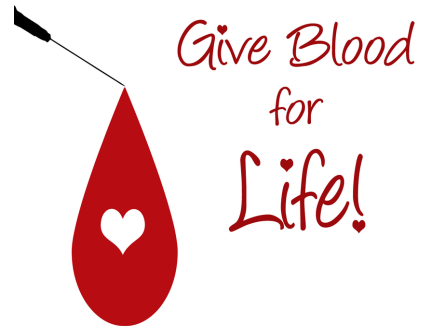
# LOCAL HAPPENINGS/EVENTS/ AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night, November 4th!!!

## **Blood Drive: November 19**

GULF COAST REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER is scheduled for a blood drive on Sunday, November 19th. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. You can make an appointment by logging into your established Digital Donor Account, or by contacting [Khardin@giveblood.org](mailto:Khardin@giveblood.org).



## **Poinsettias For Christmas** THE NESTING CO. FLORIST

will be offering delivery of poinsettias to MLLC. Each 6" pot will be covered in gold foil and will be \$14.50 each. TO ORDER, complete a form located in the Narthex and return it with your check made payable to MLLC. The deadline for purchase is Sunday, December 17th.

Thanksgiving Eve Service will be at MLLC on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00 pm. Our tradition is to alternate which congregation hosts this service each year. We also welcome our friends from Round Top and Shelby to join for worship.



Wednesday Advent Services will be held on December 6th, December 13th, and 20th with a 6:00 pm meal and 7:00 pm service in the MLLC Fellowship Hall.

LED BETTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S  
 2023  
**CHRISTMAS LANE OF LIGHTS**

November 24th & 25th  
 December 1st & 2nd  
 December 8th & 9th  
 December 15th & 16th  
 December 22nd & 23rd

6:00 p.m.  
 Last Trailer Leaves at 8:30 p.m.

The poster is decorated with snowflakes, stars, and a string of colorful Christmas lights at the top.

**Ledbetter Community**

**Christmas Craft Market**

**Sunday, December 3rd**  
**9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**Ledbetter Community Center**

Hwy 290 between Giddings and Carline  
 1 block off Hwy 290, 301 W. Labadie street

If you are looking for a unique, handmade, one of a kind Christmas gift for everyone on your wish list, mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

Locally made, hand crafted items, including:  
 Crocheted items, bows, Christmas tags & ornaments. Tote bags, Christmas decorations, wreaths, preserves, jellies & relishes, Hand made jewelry, wood crafts, crosses, and so much more!

The poster features small illustrations of Christmas trees and gift boxes.



**Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Carmine  
Women of the ELCA**


**Turkey and Dressing Meal**  
Catered by Gary Goebel

**Sunday, November 12, 2023**  
**11:30 am to 12:30 pm**

**MLLC Mission & Ministry Bldg.**

**Drive Thru Only**  
**Advance Tickets \$15**

**Tickets Available:**  
**MLLC Church Office, 979 278-3388**  
**Carmine State Bank, 979 278-3244**  
**Leonita Sanders, 979 820-1360**



*MLLC Harvest Festival*

**RAFFLE WINNERS**

**GRAND PRIZE: \$1,000**  
**CASH - Jim Stolts**  
Anonymous Donor

**2. \$500 MasterCard Gift Card-Donna Mueller**  
MLLC, Dennis & Dianna Gerland

**3. One Week of Camp-Bruce Bockhorn**  
Lutherhill Ministries

**4. 50% Off Venue Rental with Gift Basket-Donna Mueller**  
Windmill Ranch LODGE at Carmine

**5. 20 Quart Orca Cooler, \$25 Village Market Gift Certificate-Gary Knebel**  
Tegeler Toyota, Village Market

**6. \$100 JW's Gift Card-Donna Mueller**  
Kirts, Markwardt & Scheffer Families

**7. \$100 Royer's Gift Card-Maxine Arndt**  
Pastor Tinker & Family

**8. \$100 Gift Card-Ripkyn Kuecker**  
Carmine State Bank

**9. \$100 Wal-Mart Gift Card-Jacquelyn Mercado**  
Industry Telephone & Industry I-Net

**10. Custom Charcuterie Board-Theresa Garlin**  
MLLC Men in Mission

**11. Fall Gift Basket, \$20 Nail Salon Gift Certificate-Connie Peters**  
Lou's Creations, Darrel & Vickie Neutzler, Kuecker Family

**12. \$50 Burton Short Stop Gift Card, Breakfast or Lunch for 2 with Drinks at Juanita's Tacos-Chris Coufal**  
Burton Short Stop, Juanita's Tacos

**13. Cooler, \$50 Eckermann's Meat Market Gift Certificate-Dennis Gerland**  
Four County Livestock Auction, Eckermann's Meat Market

**14. Backpack Cooler with Goodies, \$25 Village Market Gift Certificate-Claire Zapalac**  
Giddings Livestock Commission, Village Market

**15. 5 T&T Car Washes, Jumper Cables-Melba Zinglemann**  
T&T Car Wash, B&B Auto & Farm Supply

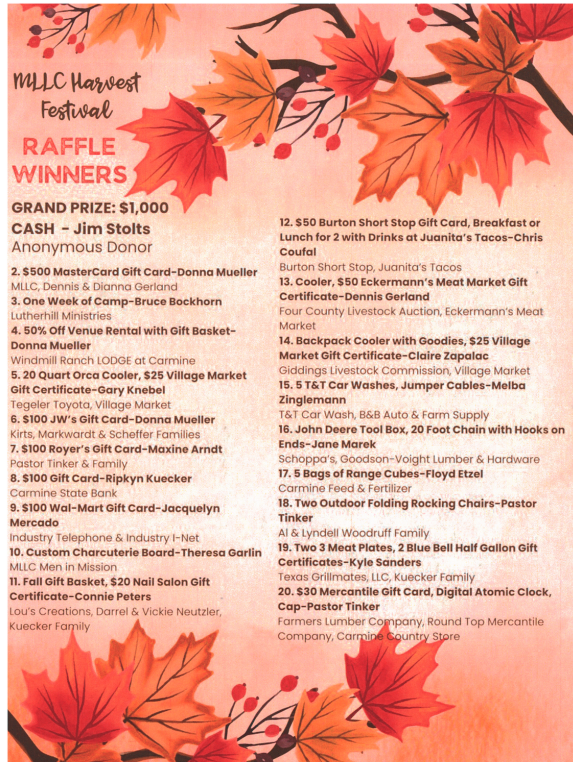
**16. John Deere Tool Box, 20 Foot Chain with Hooks on Ends-Jane Marek**  
Schoppa's, Goodsan-Voight Lumber & Hardware

**17. 5 Bags of Range Cubes-Floyd Etzel**  
Carmine Feed & Fertilizer

**18. Two Outdoor Folding Rocking Chairs-Pastor Tinker**  
Al & Lyndell Woodruff Family

**19. Two 3 Meat Plates, 2 Blue Bell Half Gallon Gift Certificates-Kyle Sanders**  
Texas Grillmates, LLC, Kuecker Family

**20. \$30 Mercantile Gift Card, Digital Atomic Clock, Cap-Pastor Tinker**  
Farmers Lumber Company, Round Top Mercantile Company, Carmine Country Store



## Lutheran Denominational Forum.

As authorized by the congregation at the August 27th Special Congregational Meeting, Church Council has scheduled the first of three Lutheran denominational forums for Monday, December 4th at 6:00 PM in the church sanctuary. The first forum will be with Pastor Bryce Formwalt who is the Director of Mission Growth for the Texas District of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC). The format of the forum will be similar to previously held forums with Pastor Formwalt providing an introduction of himself and LCMC, answering questions developed by the Research Committee and Council, and then answering questions from the congregation. The goal of the forum is to provide the congregation information about LCMC. There will be NO votes or action taken at this forum. In preparation for the forum, Pastor Formwalt has provided the following three links to give an overview of what LCMC is.

<https://www.lcmc.net/>

<https://www.lcmctexas.org/>

<https://www.harvestworkers.net/>



## **Christmas Boxes for Port of Houston Seafarers - Loving Our Neighbors**

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. 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.

**The Packing Day for the Boxes for Seafarers is Monday, November 20, at 12:00 noon. The work will take place in the Parlor, near the church offices. All are invited to participate.**

For this year (2023), 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 12 noon of November 20. There is a large blue storage bin for this purpose in the room directly across from the church office. The Port of Houston Chaplains note this about the list: Full-sized items are preferred over small travel size. Please no liquid soap, bar soaps or bottled water.

Here is the 2023 list of requested items:

Please provide new items. Consider how to love your neighbor in how you choose and give items.

Band-Aids (fabric)	Gum & hard candy	Pocket size notebooks
Bar Soap & Body Wash	Gum & hard candy	Pocket Tissues
Calendars - 2024	Hot chocolate	Popcorn
Combs	Lip balm	Q-tips
Dental floss	Mechanical pencil	Shampoo***
Deodorant ***	Nail clippers	Shaving Crème***
Disposable razors	Needle /thread	Socks
Gold Bond Powder***	Pens	Toothbrush*/**
Gold Bond Cream***	Playing cards	Toothpaste*/**

{Wrapping Paper- 115 sheets prepared\*\* / 100 ea. boxes donated by Home Depot}  
{100 scarfs crocheted & donated by C. Carmean}

\*Received from Dentist in Houston

\*\* No further need

\*\*\* Travel



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Sunday School for all – Sundays 9:00 a.m.

Sunday worship w/Holy Communion – 10:00 a.m.

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