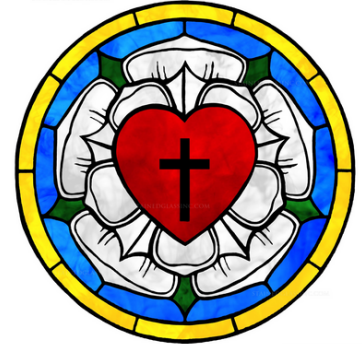


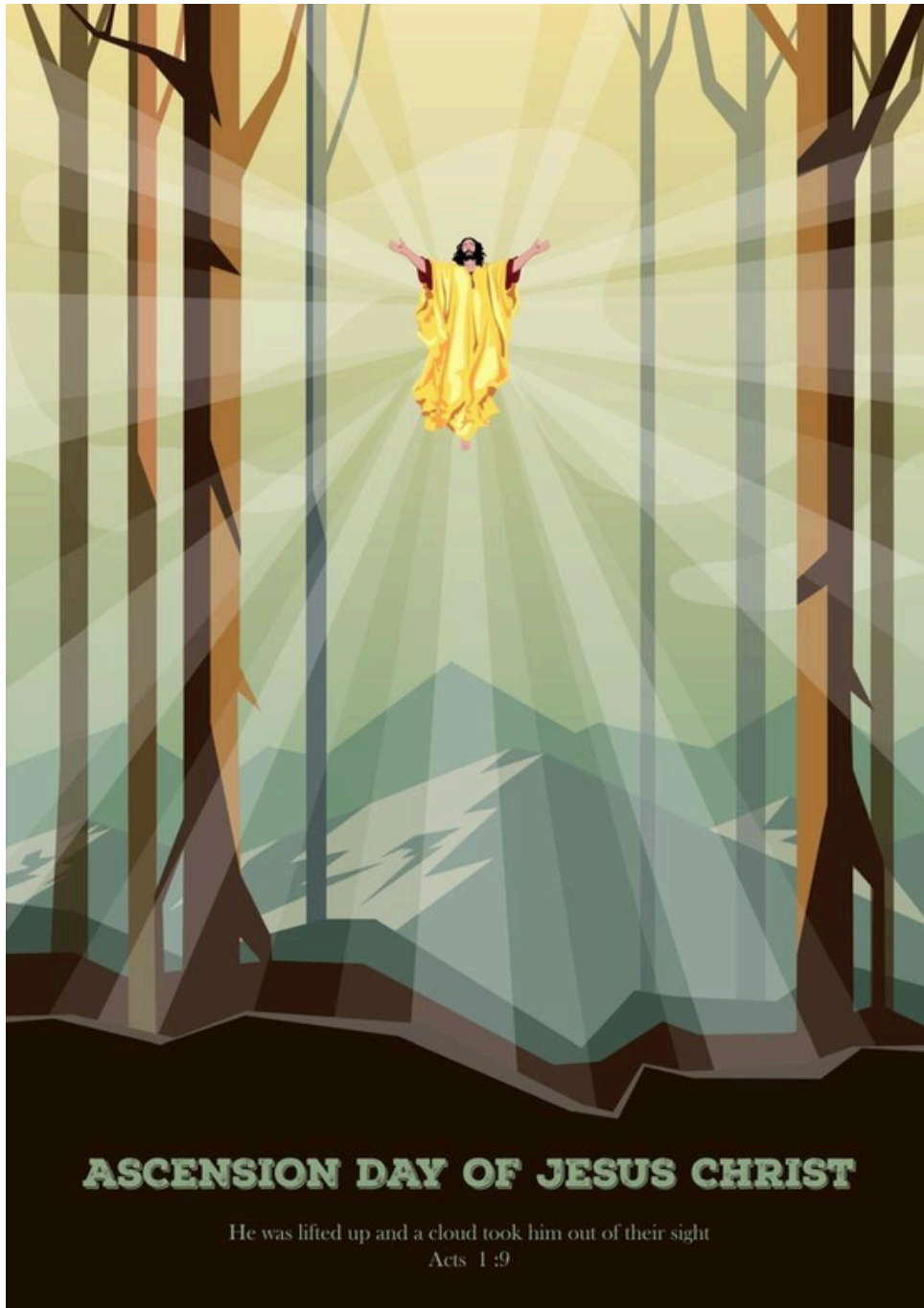
MAY, 2024

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.



More Than a Negative
Adapted from LC-MS Stewardship
By Pastor David Tinker

Even if you've never had to testify in court, a thousand TV shows have made you familiar with the question, "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" Why not just make people swear to tell the truth? Or make them promise not to lie?

Any parent who has ever had to interrogate a child about a broken cookie jar or a scuffle over a toy knows the answer. There are plenty of ways to try to get out of trouble without technically lying. You tell just enough of the truth to skate on by.

We often play the game of seeing how close we can get to sinning without technically going over the line.

But in our heart of hearts we know that this is not what God intended when he gave us the commandments. As we see in Luther's Small Catechism, God is not giving us a merely negative rule and challenging us to just barely stay away from this or that. There is much more to each commandment than a prohibition. For example, we shouldn't just avoid murdering people – we should be of service to our neighbor.

For each negative prohibition in the commandments there is a positive good that we are to cherish and protect. In Luther's explanation of the Eighth Commandment, that gift is the reputation of our neighbor and our relationship with him:

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

What is this?

We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light.

Your relationship with your family members (who are your nearest neighbors), the other members of your congregation, your coworkers, and your friends is one of the most precious gifts for our loving God. You need to exercise good stewardship with this gift just as much as you need to exercise good stewardship with your life, resources, time, and income. This is an especially fragile gift because it's easy to ruin a relationship with slander and talking behind someone's back.

Remember, speaking well of your neighbor in Christian love is absolutely free; it costs you nothing, yet it pays you great dividends. If you find this challenging at times, if you are tempted to speak ill of others, just remember that this other person is also a beloved one for whom your Lord Jesus suffered and died. Your Lord Jesus loves you both.

ELCA Update

Following a vote of the MLLC Council on April 9, and a meeting with Bishop Rinehart on April 16, the following two meetings have been scheduled. These are based on standard ELCA congregation constitutional procedures.

*As a member church of the ELCA we must follow the most up to date specifications of the Model Constitution for Congregations, even though our congregational constitution has not been properly updated to the current required provisions. That model constitution is found at this link: <https://www.elca.org/About/Churchwide/Office-of-the-Secretary/Constitutions>

Consultation with Bishop Michael Rinehart

Monday, June 3, 6 p.m.

All members of MLLC are invited to this meeting with our bishop. It is an opportunity to share, listen, ask questions, and to seek guidance. This is different from the open forums with our bishop and the representatives of the various other Lutheran denominational organizations.

This is a fulfillment of the model constitution, Section C6.05.a which reads:

*a. A resolution indicating the intent to terminate its relationship must be adopted at two legally called and conducted special meetings of this congregation by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present at each meeting. **The first such meeting may be held no sooner than 30 days after written notice of the meeting is received by the bishop of the synod, during which time this congregation shall consult with the bishop and the bishop's designees, if any. The times and manner of the consultation shall be determined by the bishop in consultation with the Congregation Council.** Unless the bishop and/or the bishop's designees are voting members of this congregation, they shall have voice but not vote at the first meeting.*

Vote on Possible Termination of our Relationship with the ELCA

Sunday, June 23, after the 10 a.m. worship service.

This is a vote on whether or not the congregation wants to continue our membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). This is the first of potentially two votes on this issue.

*If the vote on June 23 shows at least 66.7% (2/3) of the qualified voters present voting to terminate our relationship with the ELCA, then there could be a second vote. Per the constitution (Section C6.05 c), which reads: *c. If the resolution was adopted by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present at the first meeting, the bishop of the synod and this congregation shall continue in consultation, as specified in paragraph a. above, during a period of at least 90 days after receipt by the bishop of the attestation and certification as specified in paragraph b. above.*

This potential second vote would be after a 90-day waiting/consultation period which would include an additional consultation meeting with our bishop. If, after the consultation with our bishop, there is a desire to hold the final vote to terminate our relationship with the ELCA, then a 2nd vote will be held at a yet to be determined date. This vote also must also achieve at least a 66.7% (2/3) vote affirming the choice to terminate our relationship with the ELCA. This second vote, if held, would also include the congregation's choice of which Lutheran church organization we would have for a new affiliation. If the 2nd vote passes, then the congregation is immediately no longer a congregation of the ELCA, and it has then joined the new group. That is why the new affiliation is included in the vote. If the 2nd vote is scheduled, then the congregational leaders must initiate appropriate connections with the other Lutheran organization of choice in preparation for a potential transfer. The ones we have met with for consideration of affiliation are:

Lutheran Churches in Mission for Christ (LCMC)
North American Lutheran Church (NALC),
and Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LC-MS).

As of this writing, no choice has been made by the congregational leadership. If the 2nd vote does not pass with at least 66.7% (2/3), then the resolution is ended. We continue ministry as a congregation of the ELCA.

*If the 1st vote does not show a 66.7% (2/3) of those voting affirming the choice of terminating our relationship with the ELCA, the resolution does not pass, and thus, no second vote. We continue ministry as a congregation of the ELCA.

*If the congregation passes both votes as required by the constitution, including the choice to join another Lutheran Church organization, such as LCMC, NALC, LC-MS, then all church property continues with the congregation as it affiliates with the new Lutheran Church organization. If either vote does not pass, then the property stays with the congregation as it continues ministry in the ELCA. Note: not having a church affiliation with another Lutheran Church organization at the time of the vote could lead to notable complications regarding the ownership of church property.

*Qualified Voters is specifically noted in the constitution. The church council will follow constitutional rules regarding who is allowed to vote at a congregational meeting.

We look to C8.02.c: Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of this congregation as well as the other rights and privileges ascribed to voting members by the provisions of this constitution and its bylaws. They shall not have voted as a seasonal member of another congregation of this church in the previous two calendar months.

This means that for congregational meetings qualified voters are those confirmed members of MLLC who have participated in Holy Communion at MLLC and have made a financial contribution to MLLC (as shown on congregational records for both communion and financial giving) in the current year (example - 2024) or the previous year (example - 2023). Based on how we record communion and contributions in the church office each week on Monday, these acts of participation would need to be completed at least a week prior to any congregational meeting. For the vote on June 23, we will have a list of qualified voters at the meeting. Only qualified voters will receive a ballot. Just showing up on the day without a contribution and a communion in the stated period will not qualify a voter. To show your participation in communion, remember to complete and turn in a communion card to an usher or the offering plate. To show your participation in financial giving, make sure you use an offering envelope with your name on it. Both the communion cards and offering envelopes are available in the pew racks at every worship service.

Church Council Highlights from April 9, 2024

Members Present: Josh Eckert - President, Blake Dooley - President Elect, Jason Schroeder - Secretary, Danielle Nelson - Treasurer, Pastor Tinker, Mia Williams - Christian Education, JoLynn Schoenberg - Outreach, Vickie Neutzler - Stewardship, Joys Baird - Worship

Members Absent - Property Committee Chairperson

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Josh Eckert.

The devotion and prayer were led by Vickie Neutzler.

Pastor's Report:

Item of Special Note:

*Request for Transfer: Brooke Eckert Klausmeyer, to St. John Lutheran Church of Bellville, Texas

*Upcoming Wedding on calendar: Faith Stork and Tanner Whitsel. August 10, 2024, at MLLC.

*Vacation time 2024 update: All four weeks, plus the potential 4 of 5 special Saturdays remain for 2024.

No carry over dates from 2023. Special Saturday on March 16.

Using just a Saturday on April 27, to attend family wedding in Austin.

Upcoming Events:

*MS150 in our area: Sunday, April 28, *Confirmation Sunday May 19 Worship at 10:00 a.m., *Carmine Cemetery Service May 19 at 2 p.m., *RTC Baccalaureate Service at MLLC May 19 at 5 p.m, Pastor moved to accept the transfer request of Brooke Eckert Klausmeyer to St. John Lutheran Church, Bellville. Vickie seconded the motion. All approved.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education Committee:

Vacation Bible School will be held in June, no date set, with the theme, Scuba Diving into Friendship with God. Looking for a time that will work for youth to help with the Waldeck Food Pantry Drive.

Outreach Committee:

The Easter Sunday reception went well. Future receptions will be May 5th for graduates, May 12th for Mother's Day, and May 19th for confirmation.

Property Committee:

Flooring under the washing machine and dryer in Fellowship Hall will be started soon and is paid for.

Stewardship Committee:

\$6533 Choice Dollars from Thrivent have been donated to the General Fund.

Worship Committee:

A special meeting was held with Electronic Specialists and accepted the bid of \$21,328.50 and Eldon Mikeska was hired to do the wiring and purchase what is needed for the installation.

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

Old Business:

The forum with Rev. Nate Hill with Lutheran Church/Missouri Synod went well.

The cleaning out of the Sunday School rooms was successful and a delicious potluck meal followed.

New Business:

As all three denomination forums have been completed, a date for the congregational vote will be set upon when the Bishop /Synod office is available to come. The playground by the Fellowship Hall is in need of cleaning and renovation. Any expenses with this will be paid by an anonymous donor. Mia moved, with a second by JoLynn for this to be done. All approved. Council is looking for a Property Committee chairperson. Danielle will give the devotion at next month's meeting on May 14th at 6 pm.

Jason moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Pastor . Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Schroeder, Secretary

MLLC Financial Information

February 2024 Monthly

Total Income \$ 18,010.36
 Total Expenses \$ 27,424.92
Net Income(Loss): (\$ 9,414.56)

March 2024 Monthly

Total Income \$ 34,254.14
 Total Expenses \$ 22,036.44
Net Income(Loss): \$ 12,217.70

Year to Date : March

Total Income \$ 70,516.36
 Total Expenses \$ 74,970.99
Net Income/(Loss): \$ (4,454.63)

February Expense Highlights

Office Expenses \$ 3,971.34
 World/Community Benev. \$ 1,812.49
 Staff Salaries & Benefits \$ 14,902.70
 Property/Utilities \$ 6,380.62
 Worship \$ 357.77

March Expense Highlights

Office Expenses \$ 2,491.11
 World/Community Benev. \$ 1,708.32
 Staff Salaries & Benefits \$ 15,532.96
 Property/Utilities \$ 1,766.73
 Worship \$ 537.32

Attendance & Contributions

DATE	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL	ONLINE	BUILDING
03/02	16	\$1,080.00		
03/03	42	\$5,276.00	\$ 97.90	\$150.00
03/06 Lent	22	\$ 180.00		
03/09	22	\$1,970.00		
03/10	48	\$6,091.00		\$ 20.00
03/13 Lent	20	\$ 605.00		
03/16	18	\$ 530.00	\$158.02	
03/17	38	\$2,620.00		
03/20 Lent	27	\$ 310.00		
03/23	22	\$1,645.00	\$285.54	
03/24 Palm Sunday	101	\$2,395.14		
03/28 Maund. Thur.	50	\$ 801.00		
03/29 Good Fri.	16	\$ 245.00		
03/30	33	\$ 800.00		
03/31 Sunrise	25	\$ 387.00		
03/31 Easter	110	\$5,138.50		\$ 50.00

Daily Bible Readings for May 1 thru 31

May 1 John 9:35-41 1 Peter 1:1-12 Psalms 146 † 147 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 24	May 10 John 8:31-47 1 Peter 5:1-14 Psalms 22 † 23,24 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 33	May 19 John 16:5-15 Acts 2:1-21 Psalms 47, 48, 51 † 145 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 42	May 28 John 11:25-30 Acts 3:11-26 Psalms 66 † 70, 72 Daily Chapter: Leviticus 10
May 2 John 7:1-9 1 Peter 1:13-25 Psalms 148 † 149, 150 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 25	May 11 John 8:48-59 Leviticus 1:1-17 Psalms 25 † 27 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 34	May 20 John 14:1-14 Acts 2:22-39 Psalms 45, † 46, 49 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 43	May 29 John 18:1-11 Acts 4:1-12 Psalms 71 † 73 Daily Chapter: Leviticus 11
May 3 John 7:10-24 1 Peter 2:1-10 Psalms 1, 3 † 2,4 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 26	May 12 John 10:1-10 Acts 1:15-26 Psalms 26, 28 † 31 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 35	May 21 John 15:1-8 Acts 2:40-47 Psalms 50 † 51 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 44	May 30 John 18:12-18 Acts 4:13-22 Psalms 74 † 77 Daily Chapter: Leviticus 12
May 4 John 7:25-36 1 Peter 2:11-25 Psalms 5,6 † 7 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 27	May 13 John 10:11-21 Leviticus 2:1-16 Psalms 29, 30 † 33 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 36	May 22 John 15:9-17 Leviticus 6:14-30 Psalms 52,53,54 † 55 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 45	May 31 John 18:19-27 Acts 4:23-31 Psalms 2, 75, 76 † 79, 82 Daily Chapter: Leviticus 13
May 5 John 7:37-53 1 Peter 3:1-12 Psalms 9 † 10 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 28	May 14 John 10:22-30 Leviticus 3:1-17 Psalms 34 † 35 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 37	May 23 John 16:16-24 Leviticus 7:1-21 Psalms 56,57 † 58,60 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 46	
May 6 John 8:1-12 1 Peter 3:13-22 Psalms 11, 19 † 15, 16 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 29	May 15 John 10:31-42 Leviticus 4:1-12 Psalms 32,36 † 38 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 38	May 24 John 16:25-33 Leviticus 7:22-38 Psalms 63, 64 † 59 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 47	
May 7 John 8:13-20 1 Peter 4:1-11 Psalms 12,13,14 † 17 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 30	May 16 John 13:31-38 Leviticus 4:13-35 Psalms 37:1-40 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 39	May 25 John 17:1-10 3 John 1-14 Psalms 61, 62 † 65, 67 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 48	
May 8 John 8:21-30 1 Peter 4:12-19 Psalms 18:1-50 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 31	May 17 John 14:15-31 Leviticus 5:1-19 Psalms 40 † 39, 41 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 40	May 26 Matthew 28:16-20 John 17:11-19 Psalms 68:1-35 Daily Chapter: Leviticus 8	
May 9 Luke 24:36-53 Acts 1:1-14 Psalms 8, 47 † 21, 24 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 32	May 18 John 15:18-16:4 Leviticus 6:1-13 Psalms 42, 43 † 44 Daily Chapter: Ezekiel 41	May 27 John 17:20-26 Acts 3:1-10 Psalms 69:1-36 Daily Chapter: Leviticus 9	



Summer Camp 2024 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 2024, that week is Week 8 – July 28 – August 2. If this week doesn't work for your family, see the Lutherhill web site for more dates. The web site for registration is: Lutherhill.org Look for any week noting: Alpha, Youngn, Yearling, as relates to your youth's age group:

ALPHA | Completed 1st or 2nd Grade (3 Night Stay)

YOUNGN | Completed 2nd or 3rd Grade

YEARLING | Completed 4th, 5th or 6th Grade

Additionally, MLLC has set aside budget money to cover up to 100% of camp expenses for youth who attend a week at Lutherhill. This will come from donations to the camping fund and other giving. Some of this will also come from the aluminum can fund of Lutheran Men in Mission. That will be at least \$50 of the total available for each youth. We do not want financial difficulties prevent your child attending camp, please contact Pastor David Tinker privately about financial assistance for camp. When you register, make sure Lutherhill knows that some or all of your basic camp cost is to be paid by MLLC.

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 also be July 28-August 2, 2024. If this week does not work for your youth, see the Lutherhill web site for other dates which would work. See any program noting, "Jr. High." Please contact Pastor Tinker with questions.

When you register, make sure Lutherhill knows that all of your basic camp cost is to be paid by MLLC.



Friends and Family Prayer Concerns: Gladys Roemer (recent stroke), Dee Turner (Cheryl Turner's mother in law) she was seriously injured from the incident at the DPS office last week in Brenham, Kim Wunderlich Lewis (additional chemo), Charlie Brown (open heart surgery, friend of Wendy McDaniel), Angie Colpetzer (health concerns), Doug Harmel (on hospice, friend of Darrel & Vickie Neutzler), Kathryn Raeke (health concerns, friend of Susan Ray), Greyson Steele (cancer – Grandson of a friend of Cherrie Wines), Jenell Jaster (health concerns), Stacy Mooney (treatments for returning brain tumor, niece of Sheryl Pratt), Anita Drydale (health concerns), Bradley Rinn (health concerns, friend of Darrel & Vickie Neutzler), Earl Neumann (health concerns), Paula Barrick (health concerns).

SYMPATHY to the family of Cheryl Turner (Marie Loewe's cousin).



PROPERTY COMMITTEE – The property committee needs a chairperson to serve on the Church Council. Anyone wishing to fill this position please contact the Pastor or one of the Council members.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

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

The Bible Study theme: Intergenerational Devotional

The meeting will be hosted by Susan Ray and Carol Carmean
Bible Study will be led by Joann Ullrich
Jocie Braun will present the Offering Meditation.

Mother's Day Upbring offerings - May 12, 2024

Quilting Day - May 13, 2024 at 9:00 am in the Mission & Ministry Bldg.

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.

SAVE CANCELLED POSTAGE STAMPS for MLLC WELCA

A new resource, **Stamps for the Wounded**, has been found to donate our cancelled postage stamps. Previously, we gave them to Lutheran World Relief, but they no longer have this program.

Stamps for the Wounded serves our wounded and ill servicemen and women who are in- and out-patients at Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals and domiciliaries located across the country. These people have served in the U.S. Military in foreign wars as far back as WWII extending to the most recent actions in the Middle East and in trouble spots all over the world.

These stamps can give bedridden patients, long-term treatment patients, and convalescent patients, a consuming interest. They can sort and mount stamps while in bed. If ambulatory, or even in a wheelchair, they can pass happy hours soaking stamps and mounting them in albums. Even the withdrawn, mentally disabled patient takes pleasure in using more common stamps in organized therapy sessions to make fanciful greeting cards, or to cover decorative boxes.

Please bring your cut out stamps with a ¼ inch edge or your envelopes with stamps to the parlor.

The WELCA thanks you for participating in this ongoing program.

Newsletters by Email

There is a simple way you can help your church. We are looking to make sure people receive this newsletter in an efficient manner. Part of this effort is to reduce printing and mailing costs. So, if you are currently receiving your copy of this newsletter in print form, and you use email, we invite and encourage you to begin receiving the newsletter by email. Simply send an email to the church office or contact the church office otherwise to let us know.

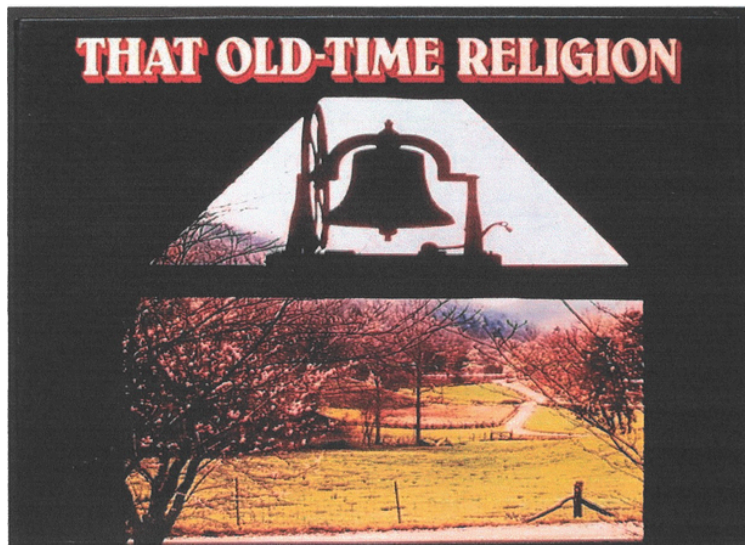
The office email is: mluther@industryinet.com

The office phone number is: 979-278-3388

Remember, we want to make sure the announcements and teachings get out, so this is simply an effort to reduce costs while continuing to get the newsletters to people. We understand that not all people use email frequently or at all. Therefore, we are glad to send paper copies to such addresses.

Also, the newsletter is published on the church web site:

<https://mlccarmine.com/monthly-newsletters/>



MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN OF ELCA

CARMINE, TEXAS

INVITE YOU TO ATTEND

THE SALAD SUPPER AND PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024

BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.

PLEASE COME FOR AN EVENING OF

FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, FUN, AND ENTERTAINMENT

Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries
May 2024 Happenings
Waldeck Lutheran Church – St. Paul Lutheran Church – Shelby
Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Round Top
Martin Luther Lutheran Church – Carmine

Next Shared Ministry Meeting – May 11, 2024 – at Round Top

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

Ruth Circle will be meeting in the Educational Building Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. All visitors and new members are welcome to attend.

Pastor John David will be leading Adult Bible Study Classes at Bethlehem Lutheran Church May 1, 2024. The Lesson for this month will be John 15:9-17. 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.

The Sewing Circle will be meeting in the Educational Building Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. All visitors and new members are welcome to attend.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Annual Fundraiser Sunday, May 5th at Round Top Rifle Assn. Hall Polka Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. under the Pavilion
Raffle Tickets: \$20 each or 3/\$50
Meal Tickets: \$15 per plate. Meal Served from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Dine-in, To-Go or Drive Thru Available
Church Office 979-249-3696

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 Wednesday of each month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Open to the community. Everyone is welcome. Bring snack, board game, dominoes, etc.

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.

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.

Confirmation Sunday
May 19
Worship at 10 a.m.

Round Top – Carmine Baccalaureate Service
Sunday, May 19
5 p.m. in the MLLC Sanctuary

Upcoming
Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministry Meetings
9-10:30 a.m. on Saturday Mornings
May 11, 2024 – Saturday Location: Round Top
August 10, 2024 – Saturday
Location: Waldeck
November 9, 2024 – Saturday
Location: Shelby
February 8, 2025 – 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 19, 2023
A day of fun, food & fellowship!
Country Store, Fellowship, Fun
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 \$1,000+

Fellowship Meal:
Chicken Fried Steak meal with sides
10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Tickets - \$15/plate

For meal or raffle tickets:
Leave a message at the church office:
979-249-3802



05/01 Dana Kelley

05/02 Robbie Stork

05/05 Carah Weiss

05/06 Reese O'Malley

05/07 Kane Jacob

05/10 Ava Kelley

05/15 RaChelle Kuecker

05/18 Christy Kelley

05/20 Whitney Hinze

05/22 Janell Jaster

05/25 Lauren Pohl

05/28 Donna Mueller

05/29 Hope Wunderlich

05/02 Kaitlyn Pawlak

05/04 Kay Schmidt

05/06 Floyd Etzel

05/06 Judy Yarborough

05/08 Brittany Jacob

05/10 McKenzie Rodriguez

05/17 Emily Kelley

05/19 Bradley Eilers

05/20 Marlene Waak

05/25 Becky Jasinski


05/26 Karen Springer

05/28 Jared Pohl

05/31 Bryan Miller

Birthday Blessings

LOCAL HAPPENINGS/EVENTS/ AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



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 27, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.
Carmine City Park Pavilion - 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.



Kids S.E.E.
(Kids Summer Education & Enrichment)
Summer Chess Club
for Adults and Kids age 7 and up

FREE chess instruction with
David McCall
scholastic chess coach (retired)

Call or email the library to sign up at 979-249-2700 or info@ilovetoread.org

Class dates: Thursdays
11:30 am - 12:30pm
Begins June 13th - July 25th

Excluding July 1st - 5th



RTFL 206 W. Mill St., Round Top, TX 78954 / 979-249-2700 / ilovetoread.org

FREE CLASS



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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.

Pet Vaccination
 DRIVE-THRU CLINIC
 Sponsored by the Round Top-Carmine 4H Club



Thursday, May 2nd

Round Top
 5pm-6pm- Round Top Rifle Hall

Carmine
 6:15-7pm- Carmine Hall

*Proceeds to benefit the Gardenia E. Janssen Animal Shelter of La Grange



Services:

- Rabies Shot (Dog or Cat)- \$12/pet

Full Workups available:


- Dog DHLPP+Rabies- \$46
- Cat FVRCP+Rabies- \$56
- Rattlesnake- \$20






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BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY, MAY 5TH
ROUND TOP RIFLE ASSN. HALL



<p>Praise Worship Service</p> <p>10:00 a.m. <i>under the Pavilion</i></p> 	<p>Meal Tickets: <u>\$15 per plate</u> <i>Featuring 4-pieces of Fried Chicken, Green Beans, Buttered Noodles, and Pickle Spear</i></p> <p><i>*Desserts Available for a Donation*</i></p> <p>Meal Served from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Dine-In, To-Go or Drive Thru Available</p> 
<p>Raffle Tickets: *\$20 each or 3/\$50 * Grand Prize is a \$1,000 Gift Card</p> 	<p>(Advanced Purchase is Encouraged) Tickets Available at Church Office (979) 249-3686, Round Top Mercantile Co., Round Top State Bank, or a Church Member</p>



Vacation Bible School will be June 9th thru 13th in the evenings with an estimated time of 5:30 – 7:45 p.m. There will be a closing service on Sunday, June 16th during worship. Theme is “Scuba - Diving into Friendship with God”. Register here:
vbspro.events/p/mlcbethlehemscluba

The Carmine Cemetery Association will have Decoration Day service on Sunday afternoon, May 19th, at 2:00 pm at the cemetery. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.



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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: Joshua Eckert-President; Blake Dooley-President-elect; Jason Schroeder-Secretary;
Danielle Nelson-Treasurer; Joys Baird-Worship Committee; Vickie Neutzler, Stewardship Committee;
Amelia Williams-Christian Education Committee; -Property Committee; JoLynn Schoenberg, Care Outreach Committee

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