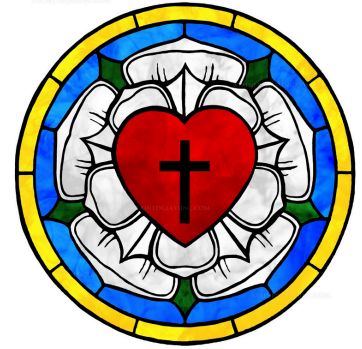


AUGUST 2025

# LUTHER'S LETTER

Monthly publication of Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Carmine, Texas



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**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.



**Martin Luther Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday, July 13, 2025, 9:00 am**

**Members Present:** Blake Dooley, President; Amy Dooley, Treasurer; Mia Williams, Christian Education; Clayton Mayer, Property; JoLynn Schoenberg, Outreach; Vickie Neutzler, Stewardship

**Members Absent:** Joys Baird, Worship; Jason Schroeder, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Blake.

Devotion and prayer was led by Blake.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes from the June 8, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Vickie moved to accept the minutes with a second by JoLynn. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Mia moved to accept the report with a second by Clayton. The motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** N/A

**Committee Reports:**

*Outreach Committee:*

Teachers' Breakfast will be on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Shelby and Waldeck churches are going to help and Bethlehem, Round Top, is being contacted. A sign up sheet is in the narthex at Carmine.

*Worship:*

The blessings of the backpacks will be Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, with Matt Kindsvatter from Lutherhill. Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, will be the Harvest Festival at Carmine Hall. Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> is Reformation Sunday at Lutherhill with Round Top, Shelby, and Waldeck.

*Christian Education Committee:*

The VBS closing went well and the students and teachers worked so well together.

*Property Committee:* No Report

*Stewardship Committee:* No Report

JoLynn moved to accept all of the committee reports with a second by Vickie. The motion carried.

**Old Business:**

The sound system will be checked out by Scott Gresham who will report back to Mia. The council agreed to pay mileage to the ones that take communion to the shut-ins.

**New Business:**

The next council meeting is on August 10th.

The Harvest Fest, on October 19, will have meal tickets at \$15 each. The meal will consist of pork ribeye steak, a link of sausage, green beans, and potatoes. Each council member is to get five raffle prizes for \$100 each.

Blake sent an e-mail to the Synod in regards to getting an interim pastor to help us out in this change of our congregation. He has not received a reply at this time.

JoLynn will give the devotion at next month's meeting on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

Mia moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Clayton. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m., followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vickie Neutzler, taking minutes notes in the absence of Jason Schroeder, Secretary.

***Thank You***

Dear M.L.L.C. members,

Just want to say thank you for all the prayers you all offered for my son Mark, as he battled his cancer. Though we did not get the result we were praying for, I know that the prayers given, gave me a few more years with him. I know he is now in a much better place free of pain and worry. Also, thanks for the prayers and words of comfort after his death. I am also grateful for the many prayers for me as I deal with my prostate cancer. Many thanks. God bless you all. --  
Kenney Hinze

**REMEMBRANCE IN PRAYER**

Beginning June 2025, the Remembrance In Prayer list that appears in the weekly bulletin will start fresh each month with no one being listed. If you need your name on the list please contact the office to have it added.

## **BLOOD DRIVE**

There will be a blood drive in the Fellowship Hall on August 24, 2025 from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. For your convenience you can go on-line and make an appointment at website: Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center – Donor Portal ([commitforlife.org](https://commitforlife.org)).



## **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

**Rebekah Group** will meet on Thursday, August 14, 2025, 2:00 pm

**The Bible Study Theme:** Where Two or More Are Gathered: Flourishing in relationships; Session Three: Relationships that push us to grow

The meeting will be hosted by: Potluck: Everyone serves

Bible Study will be led by: Susan Ray

Sedalia Ullrich will present the Offering Meditation.

Quilting Day - Monday, August 11, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

### **Items Needed for Lutheran World Relief School Kits:**

- 70-count Spiral notebooks of ruled paper
- Ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- One box of 24 crayons

**The MLLC WELCA General Unit Meeting** will be on Thursday, August 14th, at 1:00 pm in the Mission and Ministry building. All women are encouraged to attend to plan for the second half of the year activities.

**FUNERAL SERVING Chairpersons Meeting** and others interested will be Wednesday, August 20th, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**MLLC WELCA** will be hosting the Western Cluster Fall Gathering on Saturday, September 27th, beginning at 8:30 am with a brunch. A program is being planned and the business meeting will follow. Women from the area will be attending this event. More details and invitation will be forthcoming.

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS, PERSONAL CARE KIT, and SCHOOL KIT** items are listed in your 2025 yearbook. Anyone wanting to donate money to the kits may give it to Leonita Sanders.

**Bath towels** - (52" X 27") are needed for the personal care kits.

**Stamps for the Wounded** - cancelled postage stamps are being collected. There is a box in the parlor for these. We send them to the veterans in January for their projects.

We want to thank Leonita Sanders for delivering 60 pounds of non-perishable food items to **AMEN** food pantry.

## **MEMORIALS**

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Thomas Menn                 |          |
| General Fund                | \$476.80 |
| Rebecca Mayer               |          |
| Refurbish Playground Equip. | \$600.00 |
| Building Fund               | \$ 50.00 |
| Irene Hluchanek             |          |
| General Fund                | \$ 25.00 |
| Charles Sulak               |          |
| General Fund                | \$ 96.80 |

## Martin Luther Lutheran Women of the ELCA Nursing Home Birthday Party



Joyce Fuchs was honored on her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on Friday, June 20, 2025, at Jefferson Place in La Grange, Texas. Hosting the party were ladies from Martin Luther Lutheran Church. Joys Baird, Nancy Eilers, Leonita Sanders, JoLynn Schoenberg, and Melba Zingelmann hosted a sing along, served birthday cake, Blue Bell ice cream, Cheetos puffs, and punch to 24 residents of Jefferson Place that attended the party. Nancy Eilers played the piano for the group, singing many old favorite songs. Mrs. Fuchs was presented a birthday gift and party favors were given to all residents attending the party. The gifts were provided by Sedalia Ullrich.

The residents really enjoyed the Blue Bell ice cream and enjoyed singing, food, and fellowship. Thank you to everyone that helped with this party.



**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Terry Inman (health concerns) friend of Susan Bathe, **MayDell Copeland** (health concerns) a friend from Round Top, **Kathy Weiss** (health concerns) Pastor Weiss' wife, **Carol Carmean** (health concerns), **Harrold Smith** (health concerns) Vickie Neutzler's brother, **Jimmy Flinn** (health concerns), **Barnell Albers** (health concerns), **David Eilers** (hip replacement surgery), **Kenney Hinze** (health concerns), **Nicole Bage** (health concerns), **Billy Coufal** (health issues, friend of Darrel & Vickie Neutzler), **Mallory Nicholson** (health concerns, a former member of the Carmine Community), **Valerie Moore** (health concerns), **James Roemer** (health concerns), **Charlotte Allen** (health concerns, a friend from our community).

**SYMPATHY** to the family & friends of **Floyd Braun**.

## Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries

Waldeck Lutheran Church – St. Paul Lutheran Church – Shelby  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Round Top – Martin Luther Lutheran Church – Carmine  
**Next Shared Ministry Meeting – August 9, 2025 at Waldeck  
Lutheran Church – 9-10:30 a.m.**

### Attendance & Contributions

| DATE  | ATTENDANCE | GENERAL     | ONLINE    | BUILDING  |
|-------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| 06/01 | 44         | \$ 4,915.00 | \$ 147.64 | \$ 77.90  |
| 06/08 | 42         | \$ 2,680.00 | \$ 147.69 | \$ 207.90 |
| 06/15 | 49         | \$ 2,873.00 | \$ 50.00  | \$ 157.90 |
| 06/22 | 36         | \$ 3,380.00 | \$ 199.47 | \$ 117.90 |
| 06/29 | 76         | \$ 2,536.00 | \$ 48.17  | \$ 67.90  |

#### Year to Date: June 30, 2025

Total Income \$ 92,951.17  
Total Expenses \$ 74,099.90  
Net Income/(Loss): \$ **18,851.27**

#### June 2025

##### Revenue

Offering \$ 17,497.25  
Memorials \$ 985.00  
Miscellaneous \$ 50.00  
**Total Revenue \$ 18,532.25**

##### Unrestricted Fund Balances

General Fund \$ 48,275.72  
Building Fund \$ 21,850.24  
Designated Gift \$ 55,777.09

##### June Expense Highlights:

Office Expenses \$ 1,032.44  
Supply Pastor/Mileage \$ 862.70  
Staff Salaries & Benefits \$ 4,982.82  
Property Maint./Utilities \$ 1,601.02  
Worship \$ 131.70  
**Total Expenses \$ 8,610.68**

**Net Income/(Loss): \$ 9,921.57**

## August 1 through 31 Daily Bible Readings

### August 1

Mark 9:14-29  
Acts 20: 1-16  
Psalms 78:41–72 † 80  
Daily Chapter: Amos 2

### August 2

Mark 9:30-41  
Acts 20:17-38  
Psalms 81 † 83  
Daily Chapter: Amos 3

### August 3

Mark 9:42-50  
Acts 21:1-14  
Psalms 84 † 85  
Daily Chapter: Amos 4

### August 4

Mark 10:1-12  
Acts 21:15-25  
Psalms 86, 87 † 88  
Daily Chapter: Amos 5

### August 5

Mark 10:13-22  
2 Peter 1:1–11  
Psalms 89:1–18 † 89:19–52  
Daily Chapter: Amos 6

### August 6

Matthew 9:2-13  
2 Peter 1:12–21  
Psalms 27 † 80,110  
Daily Chapter: Amos 7

### August 7

Mark 10:23-31  
2 Peter 2:1–11  
Psalms 90 † 91  
Daily Chapter: Amos 8

### August 8

Mark 10:32-45  
2 Peter 2:12-22  
Psalms 92, 93 † 94  
Daily Chapter: Amos 9

### August 9

Mark 10:46-52  
2 Peter 3:1–18  
Psalms 95, 96 † 97, 98  
Daily Chapter: Haggai 1

### August 10

Mark 11:1-11  
Acts 21:26-36  
Psalms 99, 100, 101 † 102  
Daily Chapter: Haggai 2

### August 11

Mark 11:12-19  
Acts 21:37-22:29  
Psalms 103 † 104  
Daily Chapter: Joshua 1

### August 12

Mark 11:20-26  
Acts 22:30-23:10  
Psalms 105:1-22 † 105:23–45  
Daily Chapter: Joshua 2

### August 13

Mark 11:27-33  
Acts 23:11-22  
Psalms 106:1–18 † 106:19-48  
Daily Chapter: Joshua 3

### August 14

Mark 12:1-12  
Acts 23:23-35  
Psalms 107:1–22 † 107:23–43  
Daily Chapter: Joshua 4

### August 15

Luke 2:41-50  
John 2:1-12  
Psalms 108, 110, † 109  
Daily Chapter: Joshua 5

### August 16

Mark 12:13-17  
Acts 24:1-21  
Psalms 111, 112 † 113, 114  
Daily Chapter: Joshua 6

### August 17

Mark 12:18-27  
Acts 24:22-25:12  
Psalms 115 † 116, 117  
Daily Chapter: Joshua 7

### August 18

Mark 12:28-34  
Acts 25:13-27  
Psalms 119:1–24 † 119:25–48  
Daily Chapter: Joshua 8

### August 19

Mark 12:35-13:2  
Acts 26:1-11  
Psalms 119:49–72 † 119:73–88  
Daily Chapter: Joshua 9

### August 20

Mark 13:3-13  
Acts 26:12-23  
Psalms 119:89–104 † 119:105-128  
Daily Chapter: Joshua 10

### August 21

Mark 13:14-23  
Acts 26:24-32  
Psalms 119:129–152 † 119:153-176  
Daily Chapter: Joshua 11

### August 22

Mark 13:24-37  
Acts 27:1-12  
Psalms 120,121 † 127,128  
Daily Chapter: Joshua 12

### August 23

Mark 14:1-11  
Acts 27:13-38  
Psalms 122, 123 † 124, 125, 126  
Daily Chapter: Joshua 13

### August 24

Mark 14:12-21  
Acts 27:39-28:10  
Psalms 118 † 129, 130, 131  
Daily Chapter: Joshua 14

### August 25

Mark 14:22-31  
Acts 28:11-31  
Psalms 132, 133 † 134, 135  
Daily Chapter: Joshua 15

### August 26

Mark 14:32-42  
2 Corinthians 1:1-14  
Psalms 136 † 137, 138  
Daily Chapter: Joshua 16

### August 27

Mark 14:43-52  
2 Corinthians 1:15-2:2  
Psalms 139 † 141, 142  
Daily Chapter: Joshua 17

### August 28

Mark 14:53-65  
2 Corinthians 2:3-14  
Psalms 143 † 140  
Daily Chapter: Joshua 18

### August 29

Mark 6:14-29  
2 Corinthians 2:12-3:3  
Psalms 144 † 145  
Daily Chapter: Joshua 19

### August 30

Mark 14:66-72  
2 Corinthians 3:4-18  
Psalms 146 † 147  
Daily Chapter: Joshua 20

### August 31

Luke 24:44  
Job 15:1–13  
Psalms 138:1-2  
Daily Chapter: 2 Kings:1



# AREA NEWS

**ANDERSON MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER**—As a result of Sgt. Travis Anderson of the LaGrange Police Dept. passing away, a memorial fundraiser, in his memory has been started. The date for the fundraiser will be Saturday, Aug. 16th, and it will be held at the LaGrange KC Hall. Start that day, with a special Celebration of Life service at 3pm. After the Celebration of Life service, at 5pm, the fundraiser will open with the start of a silent auction. At 6pm, a catered meal of grilled pork steak, buttered taters, and green beans will be served by the KC Hall. At 7pm, a live auction will begin with Lee Fritsch serving as the auctioneer. If you would like to assist with the event or contribute any auction items, contact Investigator David Mohr at 979.716.0333.





# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

08/01 Brenner Bishop

08/02 Spence Schroeder

08/03 Sharon Rhome

08/08 Marvin Marburger

08/08 Bobbie Weidemann

08/11 Nicholas Lehmann

08/13 Conway Waak, Jr.

08/14 Wendy McDaniel

08/15 Linda Kovar

08/16 Jace Carmean

08/16 Tabatha Diehl

08/18 Claire Mayer Zapalac

08/18 Douglas Ullrich, Jr.

08/19 Melba Zingelmann

08/20 Chelsea Lozano

08/22 Dillon Marburger

08/26 Carol Hall

08/27 Shana Muske

08/30 Rene Runge

08/30 Neil Weigelt

08/02 Wade Eilers

08/02 Greg Warburton

08/08 Amy Dooley

08/08 Justin Roemer

08/09 Nicholas Roemer

08/12 Joann Ullrich

08/14 Doris Jean Gebhard

08/14 Tye Siptak

08/15 Connie Peters

08/16 Angelica Colpetzer

08/17 Brooklyn O'Malley

08/18 Christian Pratt

08/19 Aaron Kohring

08/20 Avery Franklin

08/21 Paula Noak

08/24 Taylor Hanchey


08/24 Kevin Woelfel

08/28 Lyndell Woodruff

08/29 Cindy Weidemann

*Birthday Blessings*

# August 2025

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday                              |
|--|--|---|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|
|  |  |   |   |  | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b> AA Meetings<br>8:30-9:30 am  |
| <b>3 8th Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>9:00 am-Sunday School<br>10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion   | <b>4</b><br>1:00 PM Domino Party<br>Everyone is Welcome!                         | <b>5</b><br> Council agenda deadline | <b>6</b><br>8:30 AM – 11:00<br>Domino Party<br>Senior Citizens Meal<br>Pickup   | <b>7</b><br>8:30 am – Teachers<br>Breakfast                                  | <b>8</b><br>Please remember to<br>collect your loose<br>change for noisy<br>offering Sunday | <b>9</b> AA Meetings<br>8:30-9:30 am  |
| <b>10 9th Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>9:00 am-Sunday School<br>9:00am- Church Council Meeting<br>10:00 am-- Worship with Holy Communion and Noisy offering collected | <b>11</b><br>8< 9:00 am-Quilting<br>1:00 PM Domino Party<br>Everyone is Welcome! | <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b><br>8:30 AM – 1:00 pm<br>Domino Party<br>Senior Citizens Meal<br>Pickup  | <b>14</b><br>WELCA Unit<br>Meeting—1pm<br>M&M Building<br>2pm- Rebekah Group | <b>15</b><br><u>Newsletter deadline</u>   | <b>16</b> AA Meetings<br>8:30-9:30 am |
| <b>17 10th Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>9:00 am-Sunday School<br>10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion<br>Lutherhill Blessing of Backpacks                             | <b>18</b><br>1:00 pm-Domino Party<br>“EVERYONE IS<br>WELCOME!!”                  | <b>19</b>   | <b>20</b> 8:30 am – 1 pm<br>Domino Party<br>Senior Citizens Meal<br>Pickup<br>Funeral Serving<br>Chairpersons<br>Meeting<br>6:00 pm in the<br>Fellowship Hall | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b> AA Meetings<br>8:30-9:30 am |
| <b>24 11th Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>9:00 am-Sunday School<br>10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion<br>Blood Drive 9:30 am to 2:00 pm<br>In Fellowship Hall         | <b>25</b><br>1:00 pm-Domino Party<br>“EVERYONE IS<br>WELCOME!!”                  | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b><br>8:30 am – 1:00 pm<br>Domino Party<br>Senior Citizen Meal<br>Pickup   | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b> AA Meetings<br>8:30-9:30 am |
| <b>31 12th Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>9:00 am-Sunday School<br>10:00 am-Worship with Holy Communion   |  |   |   |  |   |                                       |

## SERVERS FOR August 2025:

Bulletin folder: Cherrie Wines

Offering Counters: Deposit – Vickie Neutzler and Paula Noak

Send bulletins to shut-ins: Vickie Neutzler

Fill Pew Items: Melba Zingelmann

September newsletter assemblers (completed the last week of August): Leatha Miller and Nancy Eilers

| Date  | Acolytes        | Ushers  | Readers           | Communion Assistant           | Communion set-up                                   | *Flowers                                       |
|-------|-----------------|---|-------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| 08-03 | Emily Ortiz     | <b>Team #9</b> Daryl Ray, Melba Zingelmann, Rene' Runge, Amber Dooley           | Vickie Schroeder  | Table Communion<br>Amy Dooley | Melba Zingelmann<br>(All Month)<br>Green Paraments | David and Sara Eilers<br>70 <sup>th</sup> Ann. |
| 08-10 | Reagan Williams | <b>Team #10</b> Rueben Wunderlich, Robbie Stork, Faith Whitsel                  | Leonita Sanders   | Amber Dooley                  | "  | Gwen & Robbie Stork                            |
| 08-17 | Morgan Williams | <b>Team #11</b> – Diana Wunderlich, Angie Colpetzer, Josh Aranzolo, Todd Dooley | Stephanie Sanders | Vickie Schroeder              | "  | Becky Dunham & Family                          |
| 08-24 | Kandyyce Hughes | <b>Team #12</b> LYO   | Amy Dooley        | Leonita Sanders               | "  | Wendy McDaniel                                 |
| 08-31 | Summer Dooley   | <b>Team #1</b> Tim Weigelt, Capt., Lori Weigelt, Blake Dooley                   | Blake Dooley      | Bree Dooley                   | "  | Open   |

**-PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE A WEEK IN ADVANCE OF ANY SPECIAL DEDICATIONS. THANK YOU!**



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Vickie Neutzler, Secretary

**Worship schedule:**  
Sunday School for all – Sundays 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday worship w/Holy Communion – 10:00 a.m.

Church Council: Blake Dooley-President; \_\_\_\_\_-President-elect; Jason Schroeder-Secretary;  
Amy Dooley-Treasurer; Joys Baird-Worship Committee; Vickie Neutzler, Stewardship Committee;  
Amelia Williams-Christian Education Committee; Clayton Mayer-Property Committee; JoLynn Schoenberg, Care Outreach Committee

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