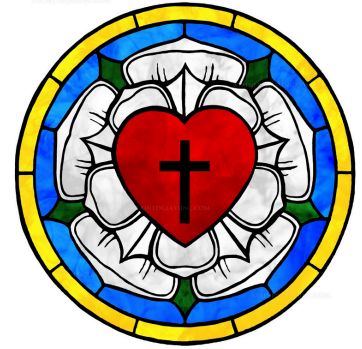


MARCH 2025

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
Season
of
Lent*



Dear Friends in Christ,

In Philippians 1:3-5, St. Paul notes, "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the Gospel from the first day until now."

On behalf of my family, I wish to thank you all for the wonderful farewell event on February 9. We were pleasantly overwhelmed by the great numbers of people who gathered at the church for this time of prayer, thanksgiving, and Godspeed. Your prayers, kind words, encouragements, and gifts are truly appreciated. We wish to offer a special thank you to Jolynn Schoenberg and friends, along with the Church Council, for organizing and sponsoring the farewell lunch after worship.

We will surely miss all of you. Transitions are difficult for all involved. We have been living through a time of mixed emotions, thanksgiving and grief, and more as we move onto our life in Seguin at Christ Lutheran Church of Elm Creek. This is all quite normal. We know what to expect, but it doesn't make it any easier. Please continue to keep us in your prayers through this time of new beginnings and grief.

I will keep you all in my prayers as well. For the sake of the building up of ministry, I encourage you to continue or even to increase your investment in the congregation. With God's help and the stirring of the Holy Spirit, plan to be at worship as often as possible. Strive to keep up or even increase your weekly/monthly offerings. Pray with and for one another. Support and communicate with the Church Council leaders as they work together for the future. Give of your time in the various ministries of the congregation. Reach out to those who may have drifted from regular participation in the congregation in this time of transition or in the past. Seek to love God, to love your neighbors, and to love one another, all as you tell the world of the Good News of Jesus.

In all this, remember what St. Paul teaches us in Colossians 3:16-17: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sings psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Thank you all again for your love and support.

Pastor David Tinker
Along with Jennifer, Miles, and James
Our home address:
921 Indigo Way
Seguin, TX 78155
713-461-8007
pastordjt@gmail.com

MLLC Church Council Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2025, 6:00 pm

Members Present:

Blake Dooley, President; Jason Schroeder, Secretary; Amy Dooley, Treasurer; Mia Williams, Christian Education; Clayton Mayer, Property; JoLynn Schoenberg, Outreach; Vickie Neutzler, Stewardship; Joys Baird, Worship

Members Absent: None

The meeting was called to order by Blake at 6:05 pm.

The devotion and prayer was led by Blake.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the January 14, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Vickie moved to accept the minutes with a second by Joys. All approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Jason moved to accept with a second by JoLynn. All approved.

There was no Pastor's report.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education Committee:

The committee is looking for more older children to run the screens on Sundays for worship services.

Outreach Committee:

No report

Property Committee:

The parsonage will be cleaned and checking lights that are not working.

Stewardship Committee:

Offering envelopes still need to be picked up in church.

Worship Committee:

There are no confirmation students this year. Two students are going through First Communion and will receive it at worship service on Palm Sunday, April 13th, as per motion by Vickie and a second by Mia. All approved.

Lent services will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Round Top, with the meal at 6 pm and service at 7 pm.

Meals at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Round Top, will be as follows:

March 12 - MLLC LYO will provide the meal with the church council making desserts.

March 19 - Shelby will provide the food.

March 26 - Due to antique show, Waldeck will have the service & provide the food.

April 2 - Bethlehem, Round Top will provide the food.

April 9 - Bethlehem, Round Top will have Potluck meal provided by all churches.

Reformation Sunday will be held at Lutherhill on October 26, 2025.

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

Old Business:

The new printer was installed.

New Business:

Blake will develop a new contract with Waldeck effective March 1, 2025 for supply pastor and split the cost 50/50. The supply pastor will submit a bill to MLLC and Waldeck and each church will provide the payment.

The supply pastor for the next month is as follows:

February 16 - Pastor Tracey Schultz

February 23 - Pastor Ken Weiss

March 2 - Pastor Tracey Schultz

March 5 (Ash Wednesday) - Pastor Ken Weiss

March 9 - Pastor Ken Weiss

March 16 - Pastor Phil Fenton

Beginning March 9, 2025, church council meetings will be on Sundays at 11:30 am.

Correspondence:

Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod/Bishop Michael Rinehart, thanking for our giving/support

The Rev. Ronald G. Dybvig, former pastor of MLLC, reflecting on memories of 55 years ago

Joys will give the devotion at next month's meeting on March 9th at 11:30 am.

Amy moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by JoLynn. All approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm, followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Schroeder, Secretary



REMEMBER IN PRAYER: : **Tom Brinkmayer** (health concerns), **David Eilers** (hip replacement surgery), **Christian Pratt** (health concerns), **Kenny 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), **Kathrine Cordes** (health concerns, Ruby Juergens sister), **Bobby Berkley** (brother of Jolene Wickel, health concerns), **Mark Hinze** (health issues, son of Kenny Hinze), **Fritzie Jones** (recent surgery), **Herbert Handrick** (Sheryl Pratt's brother, health concerns), **Charlotte Allen** (health concerns, a friend from our community), **Angie Colpetzer** (health concerns), **Kathryn Raeke** (health concerns, friend of Susan Ray), **Paula Barrick** (health concerns).

SYMPATHY to the family **Lois Wunderlich** (relative of Reuben & Diana Wunderlich & Joyce Fuchs) and **Gloria Reuter**.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Rebekah Group will meet on Thursday, March 13, 2025, 2:00 pm

The Bible Study Theme: "Faithfulness in these days"

Session 3: Acts 10-11: Peter and Cornelius

The meeting will be hosted by: Leonita Sanders & Susan Ray

Bible Study will be led by: Joys Baird

Diana Wunderlich will present the Offering Meditation.

- Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025
- World Day of Prayer - March 7, 2025
- Set clocks forward to Daylight Savings Time, March 9, 2025
- Quilting Day - Monday, March 10, 2025, 9:00 am

AN INVITATION TO ALL WOMEN

To all women of the church, you are invited to attend the Bible Study on the second Tuesday of each month, at 2:00 pm in the Mission & Ministry Building. The study is lead by various members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church with group participation and great discussions including a lot of sharing everyday life and living. Please consider attending and being a part of this church, community and church family. The next Bible Study is "Faithfulness in These days, Acts 10:11, Peter and Cornelius" and will be lead by Joys Baird. Hope to see you!!

Daily Bible Readings for March 1 thru 31

March 1
Matthew 5:21-26
Romans 8:26-30
Psalms 146 † 147
Daily Chapter: Hosea 10

March 2
Luke 2:41-52
Romans 8:31-39
Psalms 148 † 149
Daily Chapter: Hosea 11

March 3
Matthew 5:27-37
Romans 9:1-13
Psalms 1, 3 † 2,4
Daily Chapter: Hosea 12

March 4
Matthew 5:38-48
Romans 9:14-29
Psalms 5,7 † 8,9
Daily Chapter: Hosea 13

March 5
Matthew 6:1-18
Tobit 12:1-10 or Acts 10:24-33
Psalms 38,55 † 6,32
Daily Chapter: Hosea 14

March 6
Matthew 6:19-24
Romans 9:30—10:13
Psalms 10,11 † 15,16
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 1

March 7
Matthew 6:25-34
Romans 10:14-21
Psalms 12, 13, 14 † 17
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 2

March 8
Matthew 7:1-6
Romans 11:1-10
Psalms 18:1-19 † 18:20-50
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 3

March 9
Matthew 4:1-11
Romans 11:11-21
Psalms 19 † 20,21
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 4

March 10
Matthew 7:7-12
Romans 11:22-36
Psalms 22 † 23, 24
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 5

March 11
Matthew 7:13-23
Romans 12:1-8
Psalms 25 † 27
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 6

March 12
Matthew 7:24-29
Romans 12:9-21
Psalms 26,28 † 31
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 7

March 13
Matthew 13:1-9
Romans 13:1-7
Psalms 29,30 † 33
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 8

March 14
Matthew 13:10-17
Romans 13:8-14
Psalms 34 † 35
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 9

March 15
Matthew 13:18-23
Romans 14:1-13
Psalms 32,36 † 38
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 10

March 16
Matthew 12:9-21
Romans 14:14-23
Psalms 37:1-17 † 37:18-40
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 11

March 17
Matthew 13:24-30
Romans 15:1-6
Psalms 40 † 39,41
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 12

March 18
Matthew 13:31-35
Romans 15:7-13
Psalms 42, 43 † 44
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 13

March 19
Matthew 13:36-43
Romans 15:14-21
Psalms 46 † 46
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 14

March 20
Matthew 13:44-52
Romans 15:22-33
Psalms 47, 48 † 49
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 15

March 21
Matthew 13:53-58
Romans 16:1-16
Psalms 50 † 51
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 16

March 22
Matthew 18:1-9
Romans 16:17-27
Psalms 52,53,54 † 55
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 17

March 23
Matthew 16:21-28
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Psalms 56,57 † 58,60
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 18

March 24
Matthew 18:10-14
1 Corinthians 1:10-17
Psalms 63,64 † 59
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 19

March 25
Luke 1:26-38
Hebrews 2:5-18
Psalms 113,138 † 131,132
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 20

March 26
Matthew 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 1:188-31
Psalms 61,62 † 65,67
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 21

March 27
Matthew 18:21-35
1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Psalms 68:1-18 † 68:19-35
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 22

March 28
Matthew 20:1-16
1 Corinthians 3:1-17
Psalms 69:1-18 † 69:19-36
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 23

March 29
Matthew 20:29-34
1 Corinthians 3:18-4:5
Psalms 66 † 70, 72
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 24

March 30
Matthew 20:17-28
1 Corinthians 4:6-13
Psalms 71 † 73
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 25

March 31
Matthew 22:1-14
1 Corinthians 4:14-21
Psalms 74 † 77
Daily Chapter: Proverbs 26

Month: January 2025

Total Income \$ 14,750.67
Total Expenses \$ 22,613.03
Net Income/(Loss): \$ **(7,862.03)**

January 2025**Revenue**

Offering \$ 11,503.15
Memorials \$ 344.52
Waldeck Payment \$ 2,700.00
Other \$ 203.00
Total Revenue \$ 14,750.67

January Expense Highlights:

Outreach \$ 34.03
Office Expenses \$ 856.64
Designated Offerings \$ 2,334.98
Stewardship \$ 1,282.58
Staff Salaries & Benefits \$ 16,270.87
Property Maint./Utilities \$ 2,283.84
Worship \$ 232.40
Reimbursed Expenses \$ 348.50

Fund Balances

General Fund \$ 5,042.00
Building Fund \$ 19,879.00
Designated Gift \$ 74,603.00

*\$22,811 for Sound System (April and May)

*\$31,000 towards New Roof (August)

*\$20,570 towards New Roof (September)

February 2025 Memorials**Designated Gift Fund****General Fund - Members**

In Honor of JoLynn Schoenberg birthday
\$ 40.00

Sunday School

Alvis Meuller \$ 300.00

Crossroads Shared Lutheran Ministries

January 2025 Happenings

Waldeck Lutheran Church – St. Paul Lutheran Church – Shelby

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

Next Shared Ministry Meeting – May 10, 2025 at Bethlehem

Lutheran Church – 9-10:30 a.m.

PowerPoint Tech

We are looking for people interested in running a PowerPoint presentation on the TV screens during church service. Minimal PowerPoint knowledge is needed as training will be given. This would also be a great opportunity for our older youth to share their talents! Please let the office know if you are interested in helping with this new endeavor.

Attendance & Contributions

DATE	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL	ONLINE	BUILDING
01/04	19	\$1,335.00		\$ 57.90
01/05	28	\$5,560.00	\$ 62.76	\$255.00
01/11	8	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 57.90
01/12	31	\$2,736.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 77.90
01/18	12	\$ 150.00		\$ 99.47
01/19	40	\$2,342.53		\$ 57.90
01/25	14	\$ 440.00	\$ 99.47	\$ 88.17
01/26	30	\$1,125.00		\$ 57.90



03/01 Wendy Flinn
03/01 Kash Lewis
03/01 Brock Marburger
03/02 Dorothy Marth
03/03 Robyn Jacob
03/03 Kyle Sanders
03/04 Brenda Callahan
03/05 Jeff Flinn
03/08 James Roemer
03/09 Terry Pohl
03/09 Mia Williams
03/10 Daryl Ray
03/13 Chester Gebhard
03/13 Glenda Oakes

03/17 Axle Woodruff
03/18 Miles Tinker
03/19 Rodney Lange
03/19 Linda Mattocks
03/20 Adam Mayer
03/20 Andrew Sanders
03/22 Bree Dooley
03/22 Ronnie Eckert
03/26 Melissa Smith
03/27 Barbara Jacobs
03/28 Stacy Eilers
03/28 Cassius Oakes
03/29 Ray Ullrich
03/31 Diana Wunderlich

Birthday Blessings

Luther's Letter

a monthly publication of Martin Luther Lutheran Church

P. O. Box 362, 211 Luther LN, Carmine, TX 78932

Church office: 979-278-3388; fax: 979-278-3387

e-mail: mluther@industryinet.com

website: mlccarmine.com

Rev. David Tinker, Pastor

Cell phone#: 713-461-8007

e-mail: pastordjt@industryinet.com

Office hours: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday

Vickie Neutzler, Secretary

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: 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

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please email us at mluther@industryinet.com or call the church office.

If you prefer receipt by e-mail only and are not already on the e-mail list, please provide a current e-mail address.

MLLC

P.O. Box 362

Carmine, TX 78932-0362

