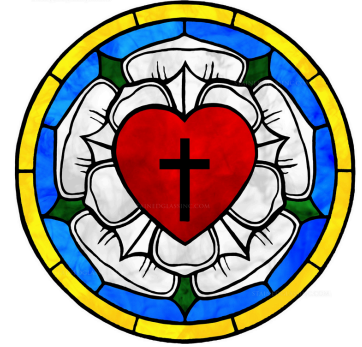


SEPTEMBER 2025

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.

Harvest Festival and Homecoming Sunday, October 19

Worship at 9:30 a.m. at the Carmine Hall

Worship Music led by Krause Duo

Meal: Pork Ribeye and Sausage, Potatoes and Green Beans

Meal Tickets: \$15 - Meal Served 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Raffle Tickets: 1 for \$20, 3 for \$50

Tickets available at the church office and Carmine State Bank

Confirmation Homecoming for Classes ending in 5 and 0

Pumpkin Carving and Activities for children



Harvest
Festival

Martin Luther Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, August 10, 2025

9 am

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 at 9:00 am by Blake.

The devotion and prayer was led by JoLynn.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the July 13, 2025, meeting were reviewed. JoLynn moved to accept the minutes with a second by Vickie. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Pastor's Report: N/A

Committee Reports:

Christian Education Committee:

Matt Kindsvattter will lead the Sunday School on August 17th. A party will be on August 24th for "Back to Sunday School"!

Outreach Committee:

The Teachers Breakfast was very successful with good attendance and delicious food.

Property Committee:

The air conditioner in the sanctuary has been fixed.

Stewardship Committee:

No report.

Worship Committee:

On August 16th, a fundraiser for the benefit of a LaGrange policeman who died of cancer will be held. David and Jennifer Mohr are helping with this. Blessing of the backpacks is on Sunday, August 17th with Matt Kindsvatter of Lutherhill. Sunday, October 19th is the Harvest Fest. Each council member is asked to collect five raffle items with a value of \$100. Sunday, October 26th is the Reformation Sunday at Lutherhill with all four churches attending. Advent services will be held at MLLC on December 3rd, 10th, and 17th.

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

Old Business:

Gift cards are due on September 1st for Harvest Feast Raffle.

Proposed schedule of upcoming meetings for Shared Ministries:

Saturday, August 9, 2025 Waldeck

Saturday, November 8, 2025 Shelby

Saturday, February 14, 2026 Carmine

Saturday, May 9, 2026 Round Top

Rev. Phil Fenton will preside at Holy Communion on August 17th.

August 24 Rev. Phil Fenton

August 31 Rev. Donna Wright

September 7 Rev. Phil Fenton

September 14 Rev. Bonnie Parker

September 21 Rev. Phil Fenton

September 28 Rev. Bonnie Parker

New Business:

As of August 10, 2025, a Supply Pastor Compensation Policy, Member Funerals of Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Carmine, will go into effect. Blake moved to accept this policy and also to pay Pastor Nedbalek for services performed for Rebecca Mayer and Floyd Braun. Jason seconded and the motion carried.

Mia moved to increase the lawn mowing fee to \$500 with a second by Amy. The motion carried.

Joys will give the devotion at next month's meeting on September 14, 2025 at 9 am.

Jason moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Joys. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am, followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Schroeder, Secretary

MEMORIALS

Floyd Braun

General Fund	\$ 1,160.00
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Building Fund	100.00
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Playground Fund	150.00
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Val Gean Hinze

General Fund	\$145.00
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REMEMBER IN PRAYER: **Aaron Moore** (health concerns), **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), **Kathy Weiss** (health concerns) Pastor Ken Weiss's wife, **Terry Inman** (health concerns), **Maydelle Copeland** (health concerns), **Beverly Drescher** (health concerns), **Keith Ullrich** (on Hospice) Wendy McDaniel's cousin, **Luke Liang** (health concerns) Wendy McDaniel's cousin's 1st grandchild.

Sympathy to the families of **Val Hinze**, **Floyd Braun** and **Jerlene Ray**.

TIME AND TALENTS SHEETS

Please see the enclosed Time and Talents sheet for 2026. Fill out and return by October 31 so the Server list can be processed in a timely manner. For those who get the newsletter online, a copy is available in the narthex. You are greatly appreciated for your time and service.

NON- MEMBER FUNERAL POLICY

THE CHURCH COUNCIL MET AND HAVE IMPLEMENTED, AS OF AUGUST 1, 2025, A NON-MEMBER FUNERAL POLICY. IT STATES DIFFERENT FEES THAT WILL BE CHARGED TO THE GRIEVING FAMILY. A LIST OF FEES AND TERMS CAN BE SEEN IN THE CHURCH OFFICE UPON REQUEST.

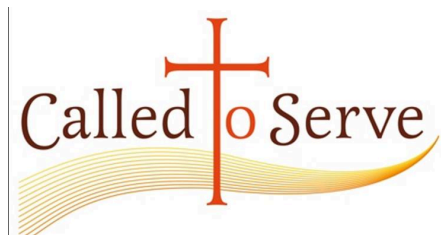
WELCA FUNERAL SERVING COMMITTEES

WELCA Funeral Serving Committee met on August 20, 2025, at 6:00p.m. in The Missions and Ministry Building. Attending were Joys Baird, Cindy Dooley, Nancy Eilers, Doris Gebhard, Dianna Wunderlich, and Melba Zinglemann. Joys Baird conducted the meeting. The six serving groups were discussed and reviewed. The concerns for serving at funerals were the approximate number that may attend, setting up for serving, helping to serve, and cleaning up after funerals. Any help is always appreciated.

Several suggestions and recommendations were made to update and improve the committees. A volunteer list to help other committees serve or furnish food is being compiled and will be included in the 2029 Yearbook. The group agreed that if a member of a serving committee cannot help or provide food, a fee of \$25.00 will be paid to a chairman of the committee. Anyone wanting to help, please contact Nancy Eilers or Joys Baird. The Non- Member Committee was terminated. Non-Members will rent the Fellowship Hall and provide their own food, paper goods, drinks, and table covers. They will also set up and clean up after their use of the Hall. Also discussed were the NEED and the IMPORTANCE of each committee member, when called upon, to help and provide for the grieving family, because it is our Christian duty.

The updates and changes will be printed in the 2026 WELCA Yearbooks. Nancy Eilers and Joys Baird will meet to work on the 2026 Yearbooks and the Yearbooks will be ready to pick up in December, 2025.

Ladies, please check your Yearbooks for updates and changes. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to this meeting.



HARVEST FEST RAFFLE ITEMS

Raffle items are needed for the Harvest Fest in October. Please consider donating to help our annual fundraiser be a success. No donation is too small. Deadline for donations is Thursday, September 4th for printing purposes.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Rebekah Group will meet on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

The Bible Study Theme: “Money, Stewardship and Generosity” Session 1

The meeting will be hosted by: Sharon Rhome and Leonita Sanders

Bible Study will be led by: Joys Baird

Offering Meditation will be led by Dianna Gerland.

Quilting Day - Monday, September 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Items Needed for Lutheran World Relief School Kits:

- Four 70-count Spiral notebooks of ruled paper
- One blunt pair of scissors
- One 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- Five new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- One eraser 2 ½ “ long
- One box of 16-24 crayons
- One sturdy backpack-style cloth bag - 14x17 inches with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

Pack all items in the bag, fold handles over, secure with yarn.



Women of the ELCA
**WESTERN CLUSTER
FALL GATHERING**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with a
brunch. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m.
with a presentation by Feed the Need.

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211 Luther Lane
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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 – November 8, 2025 at St. Paul
Lutheran Church of Shelby – 9-10:30 a.m.**

Attendance & Contributions

DATE	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL	ONLINE	BUILDING
08/03	43	\$ 2,014.00	\$ 48.17	\$ 207.90
08/10	37	\$ 4,985.00		\$ 57.90
08/17	50	\$ 2,909.36	\$ 198.12	\$250.00
08/24	45	\$ 2,095.00		\$ 5.00

Year to Date: July 31, 2025

Total Income \$ 103,564.65
Total Expenses \$ 85,139.27
Net Income/(Loss): **\$ 20,425.38**

July Expense Highlights:

Office Expenses \$ 839.47
Supply Pastor/Mileage \$ 622.80
Staff Salaries & Benefits \$ 5,310.41
Property Maint./Utilities \$ 2,179.81
Worship \$ 86.88

July 2025

Revenue

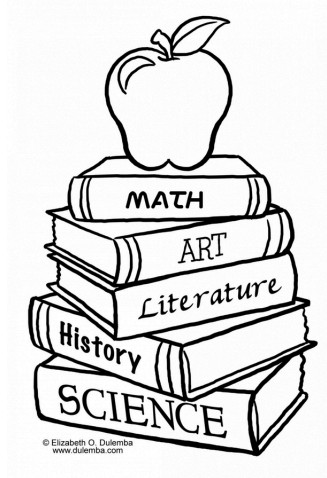
Offering \$ 9,473.48
Memorials \$ 1,090.00
Miscellaneous \$ 50.00
Total Revenue \$ 10,613.48

Total Expenses \$ 9,039.37

Net Income/(Loss): \$ 1,574.11

Unrestricted Fund Balances

General Fund \$ 48,054.11
Building Fund \$ 22,273.94
Designated Gift \$ 56,638.89



Thank you to everyone who helped make the RTC Teacher's breakfast a success by providing food, monetary donations, gift cards, gift bags, and door prizes. Thank you to Pastor John David Nedbalek for the blessing. Special thanks to Carmine State Bank, Round Top State Bank, St. Paul Lutheran Church of Shelby, Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Round Top, Waldeck Evangelical Lutheran Church and Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Carmine for their donations and support! Also thank you to Gary Goebel Catering, Dianna Wunderlich and The Rebekah Group for your donations. The help of the people who baked and provided the food and worked that morning was greatly appreciated. God bless you! I appreciate everything you've done to help our teachers and school staff start the new school year.

JoLynn Schoenberg
Outreach Committee

September 1 through 30 Daily Bible Readings

September 1
Mark 15:16-32
2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10
Psalms 1, 3 † 2, 4
Daily Chapter: Joshua 22

September 2
Mark 15:33-47
2 Corinthians 5:11-21
Psalms 5, 6 † 7
Daily Chapter: Joshua 23

September 3
Luke 3:1-22
Matthew 17:1-13
Psalms 9 † 10
Daily Chapter: Joshua 24

September 4
Luke 3:23-38
2 Corinthians 6:1-10
Psalms 8, 11 † 15, 16
Daily Chapter: Judges 1

September 5
Luke 4:1-13
2 Corinthians 6: 11-7:1
Psalms 12, 13, 14 † 17
Daily Chapter: Judges 2

September 6
Luke 4: 14-30
2 Corinthians 7:2-12
Psalms 18:1-19 † 18:20-50
Daily Chapter: Judges 3

September 7
Luke 4:31-37
2 Corinthians 7:13-8:7
Psalms 19 † 20, 21
Daily Chapter: Judges 4

September 8
Luke 4: 38-44
2 Corinthians 8:8-24
Psalms 22 † 23, 24
Daily Chapter: Judges 5

September 9
Luke 5:1-11
2 Corinthians 9:1-15
Psalms 25 † 27
Daily Chapter: Judges 6

September 10
Luke 5:12-16
2 Corinthians 10:1-11
Psalms 26, 28 † 31
Daily Chapter: Judges 7

September 11
Luke 5:17-26
2 Corinthians 10:12-18
Psalms 29, 30 † 33
Daily Chapter: Judges 8

September 12
Luke 5: 27-32
2 Corinthians 11:1-15
Psalms 34 † 35
Daily Chapter: Judges 9

September 13
Luke 5:33-39
2 Corinthians 11:16-33
Psalms 32, 36 † 38
Daily Chapter: Judges 10

September 14
John 3:11-17
Philippians 2:1-11
Psalms 37:1-17 † 37:18-40
Daily Chapter: Judges 11

September 15
Matthew 17:14-27
2 Corinthians 12: 1-13
Psalms 40 † 39, 41
Daily Chapter: Judges 12

September 16
Luke 6: 1-11
2 Corinthians 12: 14-21
Psalms 42, 43 † 44
Daily Chapter: Judges 13

September 17
Luke 6: 12-19
2 Corinthians 13:1-14
Psalms 45 † 46
Daily Chapter: Judges 14

September 18
Luke 6:20-26
Amos 1: 1-15
Psalms 47, 48 † 49
Daily Chapter: Judges 15

September 19
Luke 6: 27-36
Amos 2 1-16
Psalms 50 † 51
Daily Chapter: Judges 16

September 20
Luke 6: 37-49
Amos 3:1-15
Psalms 52, 53, 54 † 55
Daily Chapter: Judges 17

September 21
Luke 7:1-10
Amos 4:1-13
Psalms 56, 57 † 58, 60
Daily Chapter: Judges 18

September 22
Luke 7: 11-17
Amos 5:1-27
Psalms 61, 62 † 59
Daily Chapter: Judges 19

September 23
Luke 7:18-35
Amos 6:1-14
Psalms 63, 64 † 65, 67
Daily Chapter: Judges 20

September 24
Luke 7: 36-50
Amos 7: 1-17
Psalms 68:1-18+ 68: 19-35
Daily Chapter: Judges 21

September 25
Luke 8: 1-3
Amos 8: 1-14
Psalms 69:1-18+ 69: 19- 36
Daily Chapter: 1 Chronicles 1

September 26
Luke 8:4-15
Amos 9:1-15
Psalms 66 † 70,72
Daily Chapter: 1 Chronicles 2

September 27
Luke 8:16-21
Galatians 1:1-24
Psalms 71 † 73
Daily Chapter: 1 Chronicles 3

September 28
Luke 8:22-25
Galatians 2:1-10
Psalms 74 † 77
Daily Chapter: 1 Chronicles 4

September 29
Luke 8: 26-39
Galatians 2:11-21
Psalms 75, 76 † 79, 82
Daily Chapter: 1 Chronicles 5

September 30
Luke 8: 40- 56
Galatians 3: 1-14
Psalms 78:1-18 + 78: 19-40
Daily Chapter: 1 Chronicles 6



09/03 Anita Drydale
09/04 Maggie Hinze
09/06 Cindy Dooley
09/06 Charles Mueller, Sr.
09/09 Ally Harper
09/10 Hunter Hevel
09/11 Ronnie Hinze
09/12 Ryler Boyer
09/15 Ann O'Hara
09/16 Monty Mayer
09/17 Cohen Miller

09/17 Jordan Weidemann
09/18 Eddie Marburger
09/21 Presley Lange
09/21 Drayton Oakes
09/22 Kennedy Flinn
09/22 Jacquelyn Ray
09/23 Raelynn Nelson
09/23 Roy Finke, Jr.
09/24 Charlene Mueller
09/25 Jake Smith
09/27 Dawn O'Neal
09/30 Ryan Finke

Birthday Blessings

BLOOD DRIVE REPORT

The Quarterly Blood Drive was held on Sunday, August 24, 2025. We had 16 donations with a credit for 18 units. Thank you to all who donated to help our congregation stay covered.

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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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