

MARTIN LUTHER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

LUTHER LINES

JAMES ISLAND, SC 29412

SEPTEMBER 2022



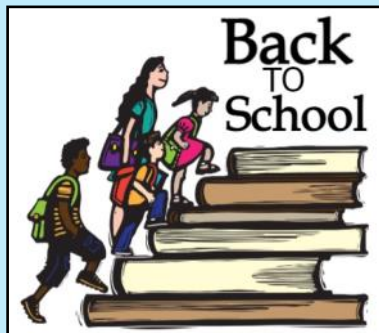
SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Martin Luther Church is the only ELCA Congregation on James Island*
- *Martin Luther Church was organized on February 5, 1961.*
- *273 Disciples call Martin Luther Church their home church.*
- *Eight Pastors have shepherded Martin Luther disciples since its organization.*

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"There's Life Outside of the Old Normal"



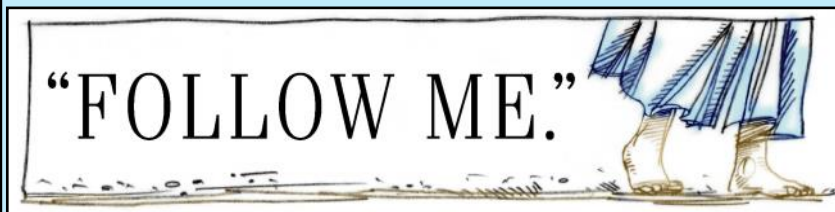
Kids are back in school, adults are going back into workplaces, Covid is still around, but life is getting back to normal...whatever the new "normal" is. That's good news! No, it's great news!

But how do we do this? How do we find what the new "normal" is and get "back to it"?.....

Well, here are some thoughts to help.

1) I will find myself...even if it's a "new" me.

Life's not going to be the same. It actually never has worked that way. Life's always presenting new ways, new challenges, and new opportunities. As we live it, we grow. And as we grow, we become "new" people. And that's a good thing! No, that's a great thing! So, if you feel like you've somehow "lost yourself" over the past several years, take heart and take a good look at yourself. See how you've grown. You'll likely find a "new" you, but you're still pretty cool!



2.) I will follow Jesus because he knows me better than I know myself.

Remember that Jesus knows you...even the "new" you.

He knows you intimately, and you can trust his knowledge, understanding, and judgement. If you're having trouble "finding your way", he can still help you. You can trust him to always lead you in right directions.

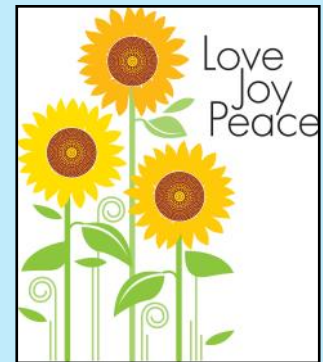


3.) *I will love because Jesus will never stop loving me.*

You can always know that Jesus loves you. That will never change, no matter who the “new” you becomes! He loves you, and because he does, you can love yourself. And you can love other people because he loves you... with the love that he loves you with!

4.) *I will move forward into life’s new adventures with this knowledge and Jesus’ help.*

All of this should give you confidence, strength, courage, and the will to see life as a new adventure that Jesus is going with you on. Whether it’s to school, work, church, volunteer community service, or whatever...you can move forward in confidence, love and joy!



And guess what? You’re not moving forward alone! We’re all in this new adventure together! God put us together, and Jesus keeps us together! That’s why sharing our stories is so important. We learn from each other, and we are encouraged by each other.

So, keep on sharing your stories. As a church family and community of faith, we’re all on this journey into the exciting adventure of the new “normal” together. God’s with us, and Jesus is loving us and leading us. And that’s good news! No, it’s great news!

Blessings on your journey! Here’s to new and exciting adventures!

Pastor Tom



SUNDAY

October 2

Our next wonderful First Sunday of the Month Fellowship Brunch will be held on Sunday, October 2 immediately following the 9 AM Worship Service. We are really looking forward to being together for this special time of laughter, feasting and fellowship!

BRING YOUR FAVORITE FRUIT, CASSEROLE, BISCUITS AND GRAVY, CEREALS, MEATS, ETC!!!!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

THERE WILL NOT BE A BRUNCH
IN SEPTEMBER

MUSIC NOTES



Joyful Noise!

Psalms 66:1

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

Psalms 95:1

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Psalms 95:2

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Psalms 98:4

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Psalms 98:6

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

Psalms 100:1

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Come, Make a Joyful Noise with us!

Handbells- Mondays at 6pm (beginning 9/12)

Choir - Mondays 7 pm (no rehearsal on Labor Day)

Contact Gina (843 737 2113 or ginashuey@gmail.com) for more info!



NEWS FOR YOU TO KNOW

Martin Luther Church is gladly accepting online contributions through Tithe.ly.com.

Anyone can access this new App through the MLLC website. Just go to the green Giving Option Button on the opening page! If you need some assistance, please give Sherry a call in the church office! Now you can give, even when you are out of town!!! Tell your friends and family that they can give to MLLC online!!!

As many of you may know, a young Webelo Cub Scout in the Martin Luther Church sponsored Pack 4 passed away suddenly earlier this year. Sullivan "Sully"

Jones will be greatly missed by his pack (and by his classmates at Harbor View Elementary School.) The

MLLC Council has established the "Sully Jones Scholarship Fund" to aid children in joining Cub Scout Pack 4. All funds donated will go directly to assist with fees associated with the application to join the Cub Scouts and for any other needs (including uniforms, outings, etc.)

BLESSING OTHERS

The Cub Scouts have designed and mounted a Blessings Box to assist the hungry in our midst. They encourage all to take what you need and give what you are able. Along with the Blessings Box, two "Little Libraries" have been mounted beside the Blessings Box. One library is for children's books and one is for adult readers.

RESPIRE CARE CHARLESTON

Upcoming Respite Care Charleston Support Group Meetings at MLLC
Sept. 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 10 AM — Tuesday Morning Respite Group
Sept. 13 at 6 PM—Tuesday Support Group

Sept. 7 and 21 at 10 AM— Wednesday Support Group
Sept. 8 and 22 at 10 AM— Thursday Morning Respite Group

Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 10 AM—Friday Morning Respite Group

If you know of anyone who might benefit from any of these groups, please invite them to join us!

Sara Perry

Executive Director RCC

843 647-7405

VETERAN MINISTRY

Do you know a veteran or a military family in need?

Education... Housing... Health Benefits... Basic Needs... Assistance... Employment... Homelessness... Peer Support... Financial Crisis Management

Please contact or refer them to:

Tri-County Veterans Support Network
843-276-2840

www.TriCountyVeteransSupportNetwork.org

Overeaters Anonymous

OA is a community of people who through shared experience, strength, and hope are recovering from an unhealthy relationship with food and body image.

OA is patterned after Alcoholics Anonymous, using the 12 Steps of recovery.

The Saturday 4:00 PM OA meeting is an ABC- Anorexia, Bulimia, and Compulsive Overeater Step meeting. Each month we explore and share on one of the 12 steps.

There are no dues or fees to join. If you think you're one of us, come check it out!

BIBLE STUDY

The Martin Luther Church
WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY MEETS
EACH WEDNESDAY AT 11 AM.

We will be studying the Daily Discipleship which follow the weekly lectionary.

Pastor Tom will be leading the Bible Study and

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Cub Scout Rocket Launch

On Sunday, August 28th, the Cub Scouts from Martin Luther Pack 4 went out to the First Baptist Church School field on James Island and launched rockets that each scout had made. A wonderful time was had by all—including running and catching the rockets as they came back to earth!!!!



We Love to Tell the Story!

At the 2022 SC Synod Assembly, we learned again the importance of “telling our stories”. We will be publishing stories submitted by our members and friends, to help us all become more familiar with each other. PLEASE submit your stories as they occur, or tell us stories of your past that will engage us in further discussion, joy and fellowship! Submit your stories to mllc@knology.net.

Here are a few stories that we have received that you will enjoy!



I have always believed in Heaven, even as a small child. It is my faith. We were blessed to have my Uncle Joe, who lived with us for many years. When our parents passed, he eventually went to live with my sister. He lived through cancer and many other illnesses to the age of 93. On a Tuesday night at 11:35 I awoke from a vivid dream of him telling me it's ok and that it was the most beautiful place he's ever seen, meaning heaven. The next morning, my sister called to tell me he had crossed over the night before at 11:35pm. I love confirmation that I will see him again.
Carol Cavanaugh



During the announcements one Sunday morning, the Music Director at the church we attended in St. Augustine, Florida, related to the congregation an incident that occurred on her way to church that morning. She was in the drive-in line at a fast-food restaurant to get a cup of coffee. As she was getting money out of her purse, her foot slipped off the brake and she lightly tapped the bumper of the car in front of her. Both she and the other driver got out and apparently there was no damage to the other driver's car. They both got back in their cars and proceeded to the pick-up window. When the Music Director got to the window she was handed her coffee and told that the previous driver had paid for her coffee. We never know how impactful small acts of kindness can be.

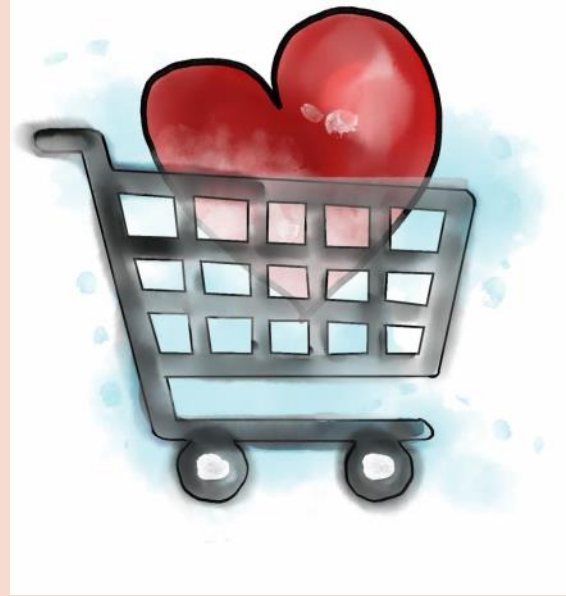
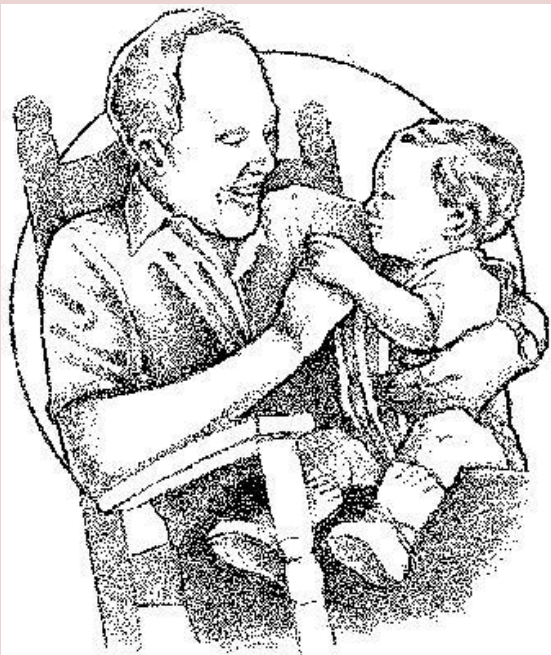
Ray and Linda Leone

I was 3-4 years old when my grandfather died. I overheard one of my aunts tell my mother it was my fault. Earlier in the day my grandfather was bouncing me on his lap and I was enjoying myself. Evidently it was too strenuous for him and he had a heart attack.

I was devastated when I heard my aunt blame me. That night as my sister Debbie said our prayers, there was a knock at the bedroom window.

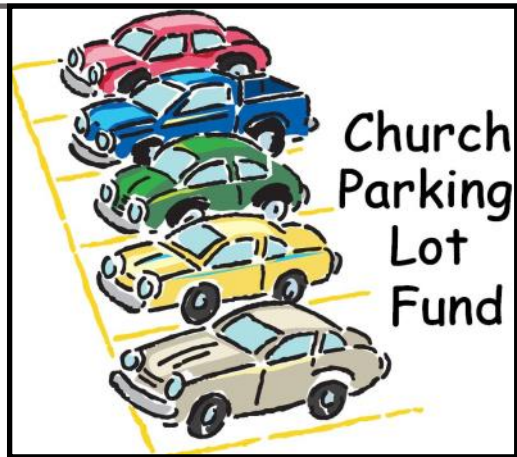
I went to the window and it was my grandfather. He asked if he could come in and I said yes. He moved into the room, sat on my bed and put me on his knee. He told me it was not my fault he had died and that I shouldn't ever worry about him, that he was in heaven. He kissed my forehead and left. My sister yelled for my mother and we tried explaining to her what happened.

Miracles still happen today.
Jim Sass



About a week or so back, I went into Walmart West Ashley to pick up a few things. They were super busy. I got in the line to check out and there was an elderly lady about 4 people in front of me and her buggy was full to the top. When it was her turn, she started putting the items on the slide belt. She was very tiny and hunched over so it was taking her a while to remove her things. I wasn't sure what came over me, but I tapped the gentleman on the shoulder that was in front of me and asked him to watch my buggy. I, then, left my purse and food and I went to the front of the line where the elderly lady was standing. I grabbed another cart and started helping her with the plastic bags, putting them in the other cart. After doing this for about 10 minutes, I looked up and saw the lady that was standing behind the elderly lady start helping get things out of the buggy. It was like an assembly line to help the elderly lady. After everything was done, people started asking her if she needed help taking her buggy to the car. She said, "No", but she had the biggest smile on her face, and it made me feel very proud. It only takes a little bit of people seeing God's work and they want to jump in and help and feel the blessing in their hearts.

Adelaide McKeithan



The Martin Luther Church Congregation Council agreed on Tuesday, February 15th that a "Parking Lot Fund" would be established to completely repave our parking lot. We have patched and patched the potholes as much as possible.

The surface needs to be fully repaved. Please give generously to this fund. Thank you to those who have given already!

Thank you to all who have contributed. We will need near \$90,000 to repave the parking lot.

A Prayer for September 11

Dear Loving Father,

We pause to remember the great losses and courageous acts of September 11th. We lift up those who are still affected -- families of the victims, police officers, firemen, first responders, and all who were involved. We pray for the light of Christ to flood the hearts of people everywhere. We believe You desire to redeem Your creation, and we trust that beauty will continue to come from the ashes of those dark days. Surround us with Your mighty angels of protection, give us compassion for one another in all of life's circumstances, and instill in us the courage to answer Your call. Amen.

LABOR DAY



Always
give
yourselves
fully to
the work
of the
Lord ...

1 Corinthians 15:58

Though summer's end is technically in late September, Labor Day weekend often signals the transition from the warm, languid months to the busy start of fall. Families may mark it as the weekend before the new school year or the last chance to swim before pools are closed for the season. More than anything else, it's a chance to spend some quality time with friends and family, and enjoy delicious grilled food. (And, of course, snap some pictures for your final summer Instagram captions.) This year will mark Labor Day's 140th anniversary in America, and while there are numerous variations celebrated around the world, ours has its own unique history and meaning.

Many of the rights we enjoy and take for granted today, were hard-fought wins by the labor movement of the late 19th century. Labor Day was created to honor the women and men who campaigned tirelessly for workers' rights, such as a 40-hour work week, safe work conditions, paid time off, and sick leave. (Can you imagine what it was like before?!) They saw that there could be no freedom and liberty in this country without economic freedom for the working class. The holiday honors the source of this nation's strength—American workers, unions, and labor leaders. No matter how you decide to celebrate Labor Day 2022, take some time to reflect and pay tribute to all the laborers, past and present, who helped build America and make it the country it is today.

*Are you
or someone you
know
experiencing grief?*



Join us for a 6 week
Grief Support Workshop.
No charge. Non-members welcome.

Thursdays at 1 PM
September 15, 22, 29 and
October 13, 20 and 27
(No session on October 6)

Sponsored by
Martin Luther Lutheran Church
Meetings will be held at
1605 Harbor View Road
James Island, SC 29412
843-795-4855
(Please call to register.)

Directions: Take the Hwy 30 Connector from downtown Charleston toward James Island/Folly Beach. Turn right on Exit 2 (Harbor View Road) and then turn left onto Harbor View Road. Martin Luther Church is on the left side of the road just past the Marathon Station.

PRAYERS



The family of Don
Rankin at his death
on July 28, 2022

Margaret Balzano
Joyce Guffin
Eda Laughlin
Emily Schroeder
Ada Arthur
Ralph Shrivalle
Paul Bauersfeld
Leslie Carter
Buddy Diffenderfer
Polly Sutton
Mickie White
Judy Alcorn
Carl and Judy
Simmons
Myrl Kluge
Mary and Jack
Cooper
Bill & Edna
Marioenzi
Joe Sproles
Ellie Hamill

Bobby Webb
Harold McMillan
Evan McMillan
Karen Ezell

Anna Bailes
Matt Shrivalle
Josiah Parnell
Yvonne Thompson
Nora Spain
Sylvia Stroud
Peyton Sullivan
Fran Williams
Mary Stevens
Joyce Salters
Mark Hair
Mikalynn Burke
Charlie Smith
Helena Bradford
Connie Wurster
Annie Flanders
Roger Nelson
Anita Sloan
Chieko Jordan
Larry Miller
Whitney Greene
Jamison Ford
Mary Stevens
Joyce Salters
Mark Hair
Luther Yon
Dwight and Susan
Hartsell
Fran Williams
Rodney Fowler
Lucille Mullis
Michele Wallis
Marvin Sims
Fran Lingenfelter

Autumn Young
Trey Crayton
Carlton Hartis
Johnny Hallman
Cyndie Hartsell
Alice Vendrick
Mary Ann Graff
Linda Miller
Betty and Paulwyn
Boliek
Will Coleman
Ramona Horres
Becky Cook
Sherry Cook
Carolyn Swittenberg
Mildred Woods
Ned Vendrick

All those suffering with
the COVID-19 virus.

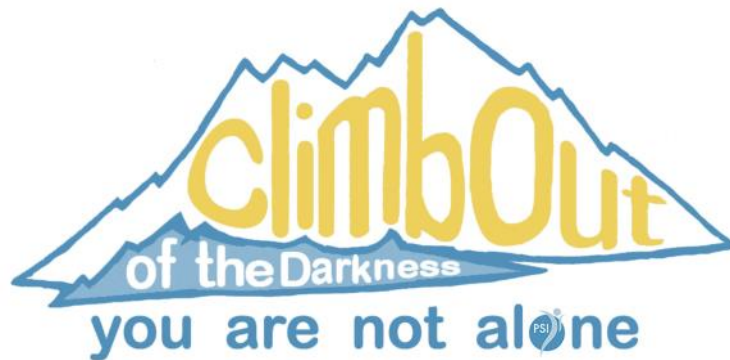
All those who serve in
the military and those
who protect our
country, state, and
communities.

The Citizens for Ukraine
for their safety and
for the end to the
conflict between
Ukraine and Russia.



Pray for Our College Students

POSTPARTUM SUPPORT CHARLESTON



Sunday, September 25, 2022
2:00 PM 4:00 PM
Riverfront Park

2022 marks the 10th Anniversary of the Climb Out of the Darkness program. Celebrate with us! Climb Out of the Darkness®, the world's largest event raising awareness of pregnancy and postpartum mental health disorders, will hold a regional Climb in Charleston on September 25th.

Join us on **September 25th at 2:00 pm at Riverfront Park** where we will gather at the pavilion by the playground to mingle and visit our maternal health and wellness vendors and enjoy light refreshments. We'll hear from survivors and walk together in support of each other and how far we have come in our journey.

This event is **FREE** for participants. We do need everyone to sign up for their own [CauseVox](#) account under our Climb, where you can share your own story and send to your friends and family for their donations. **Any participant who independently raises \$40 or more will receive a free ticket to the 2022 Moms' Run!**

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**SEPTEMBER****BIRTHDAYS**

Judy Alcorn	9/2
Marybeth Brennan	9/4
Mary Cooper	9/10
Myrl Kluge	9/13
Brenda Burke	9/15
Emily Schroeder	9/16
Craig Bauersfeld	9/19
Rick Beruf	9/20
Kathryn Diffenderfer	9/22
Elizabeth Cockrell	9/23
Cayla Congdon	9/26
Wayne Rimer	9/28
Lynn Shaddrix	9/30
Pam Arnold	9/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Claire & Buddy Diffenderfer	9/10
Mary & Jack Cooper	9/11
Mary & Joe Cockrell	9/20

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**OCTOBER****BIRTHDAYS**

Linda Sproles	10/6
Ryan Hamill	10/7
Peggy Oxendine	10/7
Brandt Armstrong	10/9
TJ Peterson	10/10
Bade Thomas	10/11
Sherry Fowler	10/12
Connie Baker	10/14
Evelyn Browne	10/23
Robin Richard	10/25
Jack Cooper	10/25
Carley Congdon	10/26
Al Hoover	10/28
Edna Mariorenzi	10/29
Ursel Harmon	10/31

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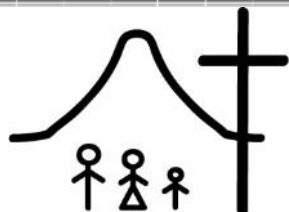
Robin & Marty Richard	10/16
Edna & Bill Mariorenzi	10/21
Judy & Carl Simmons	10/25

We're On Facebook

Worship Assistants for September

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	Lesson Reader	Prayer Leader	Communion Assistant	CPOD	Usher	Video
9/4	Judy Simmons	Judy Simmons	Judy Simmons	Peggy Oxendine	Jimmy Knight	Sherry Fowler
9/11	Nancy Haynsworth	Nancy Haynsworth	Laura Jordan	Laura Jordan	Jim Swittenberg	Sherry Fowler
9/18	Lynn Shaddrix	Lynn Shaddrix	Lynn Shaddrix	Heidi Frear	Gary Frear	Heidi Frear
9/25	Mary Lou	Mary Lou	Mary Lou Hoover	Mary Lou	Ricky Suggs and Brandt Armstrong	Peggy Oxendine



a caring family of God

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**“A CARING FAMILY OF
GOD”**

STAFF AND CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

STAFF

Pastor

**The Reverend Thomas
Cassem**

Director of
Congregational Ministries

Sherry Fowler

Director of Music

Gina Shuey

Office Hours are

Monday—Friday

8 AM to Noon

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Officers

President—

Peggy Oxendine

Vice President—

Nancy Haynsworth

Secretary—

Heidi Frear

Treasurer—

Janice Knight

Financial Secretary—

Vacant

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Worship Team Leader—

Brenda Burke

Service Team Leader—

Laura Jordan

Evangelism Team Leader—

Vacant

Learning Team Leader—

Pam Peterson

*Congregational Care Team
Leader—***Mary Lou Hoover**

Property Team Leader—

Wayne Rimer

Youth (one year term) -



**Are you on
Facebook?**

If you are, then join us
on Sundays at 9 AM for
our Facebook Live
streaming of the
Worship Service from
Martin Luther
Lutheran Church.