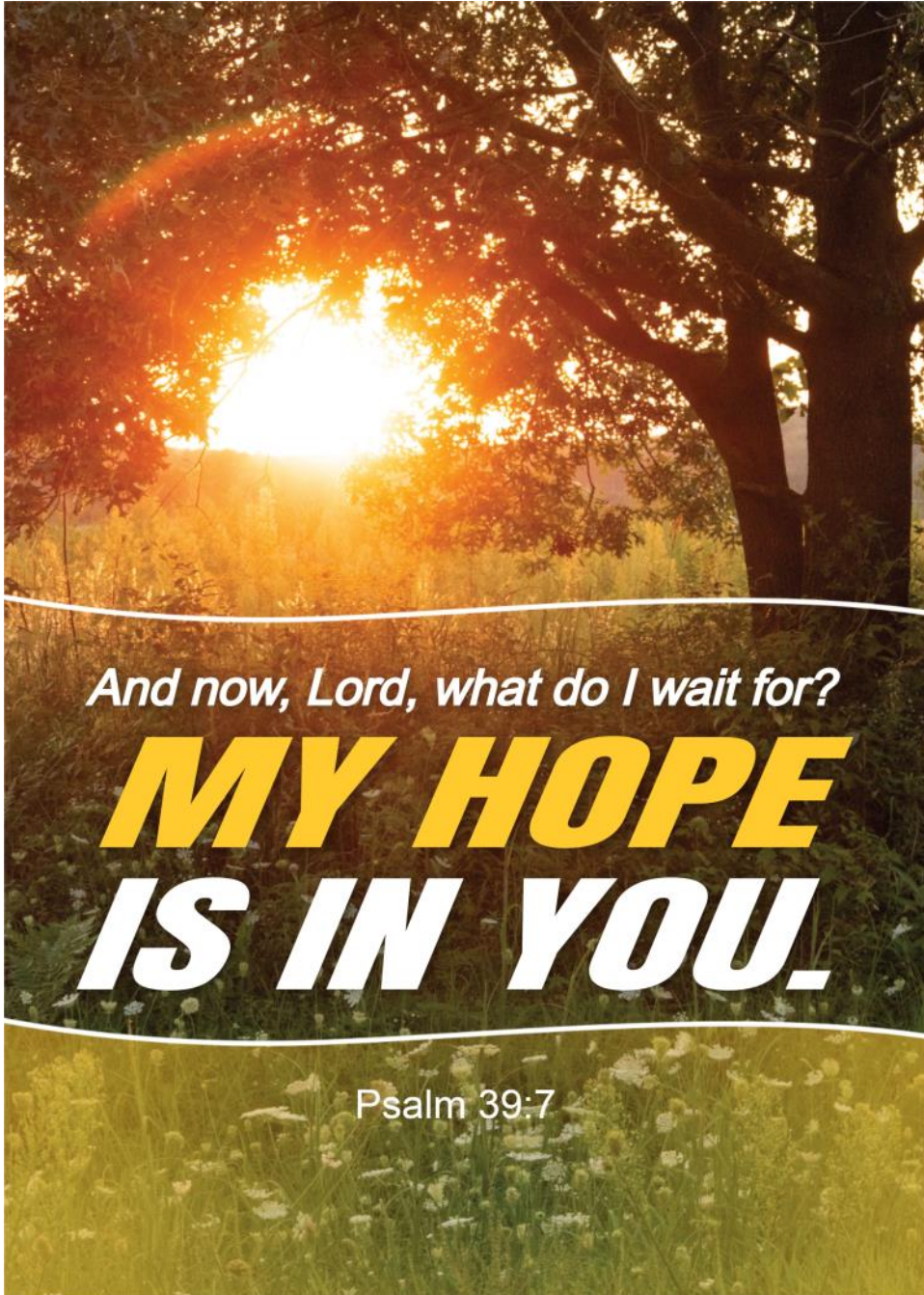


MARTIN LUTHER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

LUTHER LINES

JAMES ISLAND, SC 29412 OCTOBER 2024



And now, Lord, what do I wait for?

**MY HOPE
IS IN YOU.**

Psalm 39:7



MLLC's Mission Statement

We are a caring family of God brought together by grace and nourished by the Word.

Led by the Spirit, we are sent out in service to share God's love.

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From the Council

MLLC COUNCIL REPORT

September 25, 2024

This is an update from the Council regarding the status of the pastor call process. The Council remains in continual contact with Bishop Aebischer and her staff. As previously related, the first directive from the Bishop, is to obtain an interim pastor for Martin Luther. This must be done before we can organize a Call Committee and proceed with the search for a pastor.

Council has received requests from the Bishop's office for information pertaining to finances, housing, benefits etc. and Council has been meeting to provide this information. Presently, there may be an opportunity for an interim pastor to serve three days a week. One of the conditions would be to provide accommodations (with a kitchen) for the three days. This is one of the requirements that Council is working on and has asked the congregation to provide any leads for possible accommodations.

Following is the latest communication to Council from Pastor Rick Carter who is the assistant to Bishop Aebischer.

“What I would like to recommend for you all in next steps:

1. Prayer — pray for God to raise the interim needed and for members of MLLC to rise to the challenges that will come in this season of transition.
2. As a Council and Congregation, stretch to provide as much financial assistance as possible to securing an interim. Because we do not have anyone available locally to serve as interim, housing is a big challenge. Are there folks who have VRBO or AIRBNBs that the interim could use 2-3 days a week? (That would save you money and answer the housing challenge.)
3. Begin looking over the covenant and think about areas of ministry that might need focus, e.g., Stewardship.
4. Patience — I can only imagine the anxiety in the system at this moment. Remain prayerful, faithful and trusting that God is at work in this season.

Lastly, once an interim is in place the work during the transition will begin to give a better picture of what is needed and a compass heading toward calling the next pastor.”

The MLLC Council wants to assure the entire congregation that we are working diligently towards our initial goal of obtaining an interim pastor and ask that you pray for your Council as we continue this mission.

Moving Forward



The SC Synod gave MLLC Congregation Council a document “THE CALL PROCESS AT-A-GLANCE”. We will be using this document to keep everyone apprised of the steps we will take to secure a new Pastor at Martin Luther Church. This document is posted in the Narthex and may be viewed by anyone interested. First

is to secure an Interim Pastor and the Synod assures us that this will be forthcoming shortly! While the Call Process usually is a lengthy and interesting task, we want all of MLLC Disciples to know what steps have been taken and what steps are to come.

We can assure everyone that The SC Synod Office and Bishop Aebischer are doing everything they can to secure us the support and prayers we need.

A Call Committee will be appointed when Bishop Aebischer designates the correct timing. Until then, the Bishop will appoint an Interim in the next few months to guide us on this path.

Please keep the Congregation and the Ministries of Martin Luther Church in your prayers as we walk this journey holding the hand of Jesus!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Have you heard about the video series,
“The Chosen”?**

Get Used to Different.



The Chosen is not your average Christian tv series or movie. This crowd-funded awe-inspiring series with global impact presents the accounts of Christ as He calls his first disciples. This dramatic series features remarkable casting, beautiful costuming, amazing locations and scenery, touching moments, and gives space for historically reasonable character development of those who encountered Jesus.

Here at Martin Luther Church we will be watching the series and having discussion during the Sunday School time. Even if you have seen the series (or what has been produced of the story), please join us for the Fourth Season of this amazing series.



Welcome to October! It is wonderful to have our choir and handbell rehearsals going again! I know you all agree that our worship is enhanced by the gifts that are shared each Sunday.

Many thanks to all who continue to support our music ministry as participants in our choirs.

We always have room for more singers and ringers.

Please know that YOU are invited and welcome to join either/both of these groups.

Bells rehearse on Mondays from 6pm-7pm.

Choir rehearsal is from 7pm-8pm.

Contact Gina for more information or just show up!

843 737 2113 (call or text)

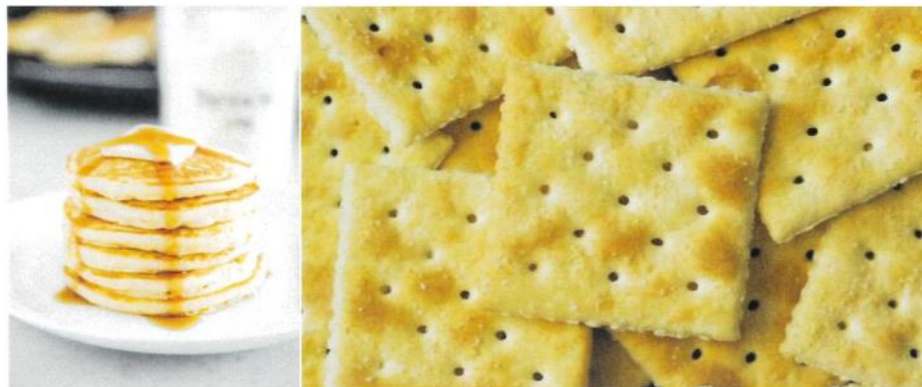
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Blessings!!!

Gina

James Island Outreach

MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH IS
THE CRACKERS AND PANCAKE MIX CHURCH



FOR JAMES ISLAND OUTREACH



Sunday, October 27th is
REFORMATION SUNDAY.

We invite you to wear **RED!!!**

The first part of November, we
acknowledge **“The Witting Tree”**.

We will take time to remember the military lives taken by suicide by placing dogtags on the two crepe myrtle trees in the area of the Blessing Box. We will place some of the tags on the trees on Friday, November 1; Sunday November 3; and finally on Monday November 11. If you are interested in assisting with this project, please contact the church office.

BLESSING BOX



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.

THE BLESSING BOX IS BEING USED DAILY!!! IT IS FREQUENTLY EMPTY. PLEASE HELP STOCK THE BLESSING BOX WHEN YOU ARE ABLE.



next Spring

Could your spiritual journey use a tune up? Have you sensed a calling into a deeper relationship with our Lord and Savior?

Through a partnership between Pastors and Lay Leaders with full reliance on prayer and the Holy Spirit, the SC Lutheran Via de Cristo has been helping people to enrich their relations with Jesus for MANY years.

The SC Via de Cristo Community invites you to “Come and See”

**Dates for next weekend event is
March 27-30, 2025**

For more information, visit www.scviadecristo.org or any one of the following people. We would be thrilled to sponsor you to attend a weekend; Sherry and/or Richard Fowler, Gina Shuey, Laura Jordan, Peggy Oxendine, Wayne Rimer, Joni Suggs, and Julie Carter. Just ask!!!!

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!!!

WE ARE ON FACEBOOK LIVE AND ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL (MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH CHARLESTON). JOIN US ON SUNDAYS AT 9 AM FOR THE LIVESTREAMING OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE FROM MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH.

RESPIRE CARE CHARLESTON

Upcoming Respite Care Charleston Support Group Meetings at MLLC

10 AM — Tuesday Morning Respite Group

6:30 PM— Tuesday Caregiver Support Group Online

10 AM—Wednesday Caregiver Support Group 2nd and 4th Wednesday

10 AM—Wednesday Early Memory Loss Group

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

“JESUS, I LOVE YOU”

Jesus, how often I think I am too busy to pray. My days are overloaded and yet, Jesus, you surely don't expect me to be so preoccupied. How can I not have the time to think of you. You are always at my side. Jesus, you alone are my strength, my coverage and my support. I want to make it a habit, Jesus, to speak to you as a friend, to confide my joys and sorrows.

So, from the bottom of my heart, I want to say, “Jesus, I love you”. When I find it hard to forgive, let me always say, “Jesus, I Love You”. When darkness comes over me and I don't know where you are, I will simply say, “Jesus, I love you”. My days will become easier. My work will be a prayer that said “Jesus, I love you”, and for no other reason, let me often say, “Jesus, I love you.” When the evening of my life comes and you invite me home, let me say “Jesus, I love you”. When you call me for judgement, Lord, please be merciful.

— Bill Mariorenzi

Grace-based Grief Resources

For Children

(Father Jeff Wallace was with us as our Supply Pastor on Sunday, September 29th. This is the program that he supports.)

Grace-based Grief Resources for Children (GGRC) is a Christian Community of Volunteers whose mission is to help the Helpers of traumatized and bereaved children. Our services are free of charge and free of racial, religious, and political bias.

- We provide the services of an Ordained Chaplain or Certified Grief Counselor for helpers who request individual support.
- We provide thousands of Kids Comfort Kits for our professional helpers to distribute to grieving children. Each kit contains a “cuddle-bear”, bright-colored pencils, a coloring book, snacks, and a lovingly hand-stitched Blue Blanket. The blankets are blessed and dedicated at a public Christian worship service.
- We receive prayer concerns from helpers, and our Prayer Team is committed to praying for them.
- We conduct a monthly prayer service we call SOS.
- We offer an extensive Equipping The Saints Ministry including workshops, a website and newsletter, and an annual Secondary Trauma Retreat.
- We host Pop-Up Parties to honor the presence of First Responders in our neighborhoods.
- We help host Drop-Ins where we provide Community Education for your friends in your homes.

ggrchelpers@gmail.com

(843) 421-0101

PRAYERS



Janice Knight

Carl Simmons

Polly Sutton

Maria Namie

Mary Baldwin

Brenda Burke

Margaret Balzano

Claire and Buddy Diffenderfer

Myrl Kluge

Joe and Linda Sproles

Matt Tiller

Wendy Thomas

Pastor Russell Seabright

Amiliah Dreame

Aven Elize

Mike Shuey

Debby Epley

Kai Shuey

Jean Chesno

Emily Pelletier

Collin Foster

David Baker

Janice Lussier

Lynn Armstrong

Jeffrey Young

Autumn Young

Dolores Dukes

Alex Stelmachers

Dale Navarrette

Chloe Spitzer

Denise Dinking

Katie Carrole

Nancy Schwartz

Linda Miller

Sara Perry

Melina Watson

B.T. Bouton

Debbie Wilson

Corporal Lucas Watts

Julie Zerbst

Elizabeth Burgess

Robert Mallard

Steve Leasure

Bobbi Butler

Caren Clark

Luke Rankin

Joe Coates

Eric Wohltman

Robert Suarez

Jacob DuPree

Fran Lingenfelter

Trey Crayton

Johnny Hallman

Cyndie Hartsell

Marc Bennett

Patty Langella

Yvonne Thompson

Peyton Sullivan

Mary Stevens

Joyce Salters

Mark Hair

Annie Flanders

Roger Nelson

Connie and Walt Wurster

Anita Sloan

Larry Miller

Mary Stevens

Dwight Hartsell

Fran Williams

Rusty Sims

Alice Vendrick

Mary Ann Graff

Paulwyn Boliek

Will Coleman

Ramona Horres

Becky Cook

Sherry Cook

Ned Vendrick

Ann Smith





BIRTHDAYS

Linda Sproles 10/6
 Peggy Oxendine 10/7
 Brandt Armstrong 10/9
 TJ Peterson 10/10
 Bade Thomas 10/11
 Sherry Fowler 10/12
 Connie Baker 10/14
 Robin Richard 10/25
 Al Hoover 10/28
 Ursel Harmon 10/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Robin & Marty Richard 10/16
 Judy & Carl Simmons 10/25
 Caitlin and Joe Donaldson 10/28

BIRTHDAYS

Claire Diffenderfer 11/03
 Janet Kruger 11/10
 Joe Sproles 11/11
 Kaitlyn Frear 11/11
 Delayna Guffin 11/12
 Tracey Arthur 11/14
 Ada Arthur 11/15
 Marcia LaFrance 11/18
 John Weed 11/18
 Rich Hamill 11/19
 Donna Blish 11/20
 Bubba Brandt 11/23
 Tait Arthur 11/24
 Maria Namie 11/24
 Pam Peterson 11/27
 Russell LaFrance 11/28

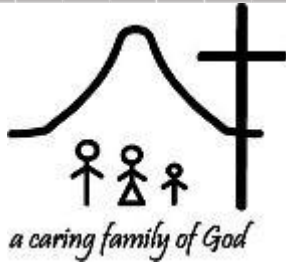
ANNIVERSARIES

Lynn & Steve Shaddrix 11/27



OCTOBER

DATE	Lesson and Prayer Leader	Communion Assistant	CPOD	Usher
Oct 6	Judy Simmons	Maria Namie	Joni Suggs	Ricky Suggs
Oct 13	Laura Jordan	Addie McKeithan	Laura Jordan	Wayne Rimer
Oct 20	Kathy Swittenberg	Tracey Arthur	Sherry Fowler	Jim Swittenberg
Oct 27	Lynn Shaddrix	Lynn Shaddrix	Linda Leone	Brandt Armstrong



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**“A CARING FAMILY OF
GOD”**

STAFF AND CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

<u>STAFF</u>	<u>CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL</u>	<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u>
Pastor Vacant	<i>Officers</i> <i>President—</i> Nancy Haynsworth	<i>Worship Team Leader—</i> Brenda Burke <i>Service Team Leader—</i> Vacant
Director of Congregational Ministries Sherry Fowler	<i>Vice President—</i> Sherry Fowler	<i>Evangelism Team Leader—</i> Laura Jordan
Director of Music Gina Shuey	<i>Secretary—</i> VACANT	<i>Learning Team Leader—</i> Vacant
Office Hours are Monday—Friday 9 AM to Noon	<i>Treasurer—</i> Linda Leone <i>Financial Secretary—</i> Vacant	<i>Congregational Care Team Leader—</i> Joni Suggs <i>Property Team Leader—</i> Vacant

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.*