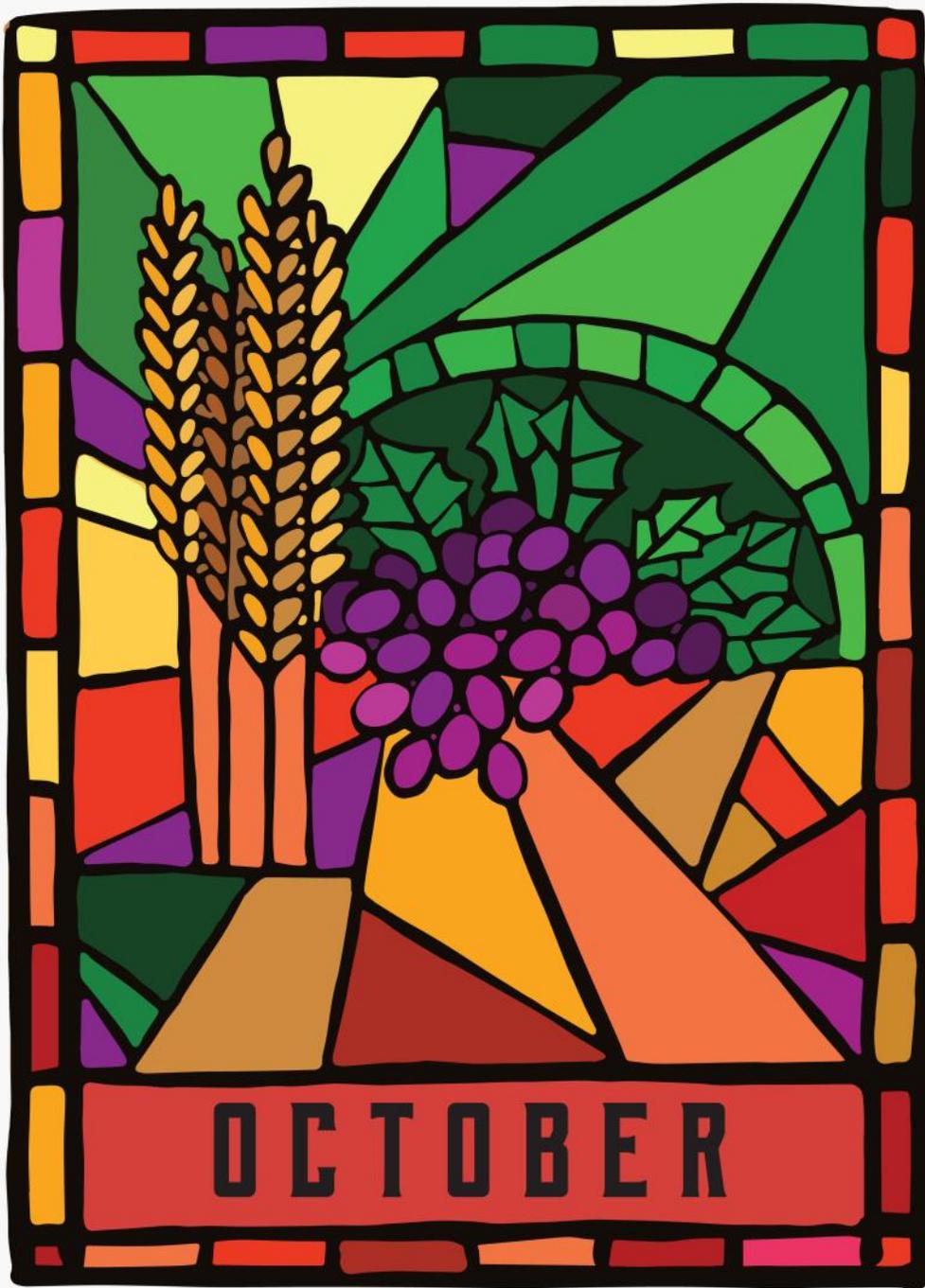


MARTIN LUTHER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# LUTHER LINES

JAMES ISLAND, SC 29412      OCTOBER 2025



## **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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*Colossians 3:23-24 (New English Translation)*

What is stewardship? The dictionary defines it as the job of supervising or taking care of something such as an organization or property. A quick definition from Wikipedia will tell you: “Stewardship is a theological belief that humans are responsible for the world, humanity, and the gifts and resources that have been entrusted to us. Believers in stewardship are usually people who believe in one God who created the universe and all that are within it, also believing that they must take care of creation and look after it forever. Creation includes animals and the environment.”

Well, we are those people who believe in the one God, creator of the universe. Paul writes to the Colossians (3:23-24): <sup>23</sup> *Whatever you are doing, work at it with enthusiasm, as to the Lord and not for people,* <sup>24</sup> *because you know that you will receive your inheritance from the Lord as the reward. Serve<sup>[1]</sup> the Lord Christ. (NET)*

Sure, there isn't a very enthusiastic way of putting our loose cash in the offering basket, writing out a check to the church, or even having the bank automatically debit your account, but it is important. Your donation to Martin Luther LC, surely helps to keep the lights on, the building cool in the summer and warm in the winter, bulletins printed, staff paid, and not to mention helps keep a pastor in the pulpit.

But your money is not the only way that you can be a good steward. Giving your time is also a great way to help take care of creation. Whether it is helping someone in need, picking up trash on the street, or just doing your day job to the best of your ability is truly an example of good stewardship. Christ calls us to help our neighbors, and you have all been called different avenues to accomplish that task.

Through your baptism, God has called you his child and called you good. “*Every good tree bears good fruit...*” Matthew 7:17, and God has called you a good tree. As you go about your lives, you continue to produce good fruit without even realizing it.

That being said, continue living your good and faithful lives. Give and live enthusiastically. ***Let whatever you give – time, money, possessions – be given in love.***

This is most certainly true.

See you Sunday,  
Pastor Kathleen



# WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE

**Sunday, October 5, 2025  
Holy Communion Service at 10:00 AM**

The Martin Luther Church council approved a temporary (three month) worship time change to 10:00 AM beginning the first Sunday in October and ending the last Sunday in December.

It is our hope that during these three months you will participate in a fellowship activity during the 9 AM hour. Gina will be offering choir practice in the choir room, Pastor Kathleen will be leading Bible study in a classroom, or we will have coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we prayerfully hope this to be an opportunity for both spiritual and worship growth. Your church council is grateful for your support, and together we look forward to what God has in store for Martin Luther Lutheran Church.

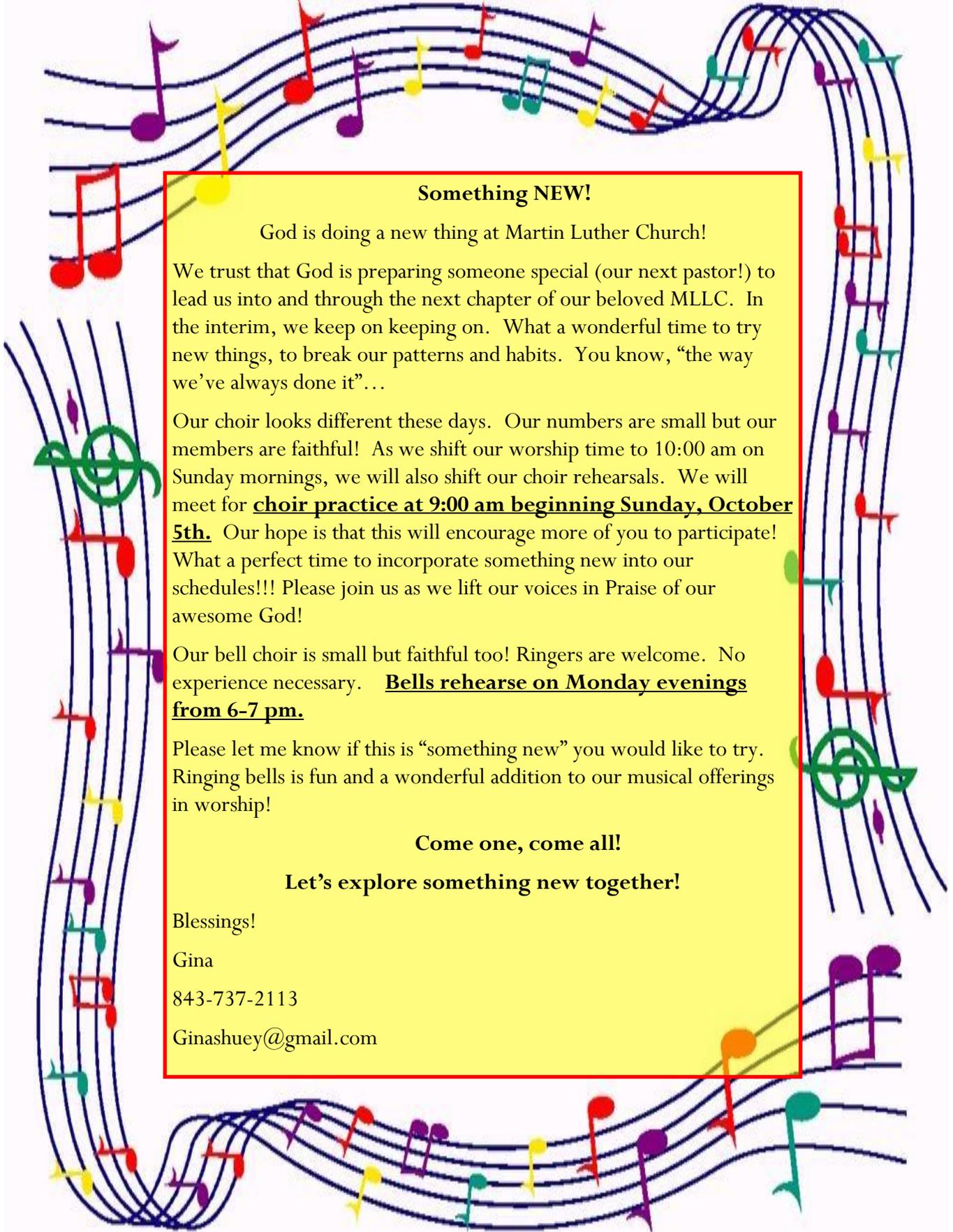
**THERE WILL ALSO BE A FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH FOLLOWING THE 10 AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE ON OCTOBER 5TH. PLEASE BRING YOUR DISHES TO  
SHARE.**



We all consider our pets as members of our families.  
They deserve a blessing for their lives.

**There will be a special service on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM  
for the  
“Blessing of the Pets”.**

Join us at **1 PM** with your pooch, kitty, rat, snake, bird, etc.  
for a blessing.



### Something NEW!

God is doing a new thing at Martin Luther Church!

We trust that God is preparing someone special (our next pastor!) to lead us into and through the next chapter of our beloved MLLC. In the interim, we keep on keeping on. What a wonderful time to try new things, to break our patterns and habits. You know, “the way we’ve always done it”...

Our choir looks different these days. Our numbers are small but our members are faithful! As we shift our worship time to 10:00 am on Sunday mornings, we will also shift our choir rehearsals. We will meet for **choir practice at 9:00 am beginning Sunday, October 5th**. Our hope is that this will encourage more of you to participate! What a perfect time to incorporate something new into our schedules!!! Please join us as we lift our voices in Praise of our awesome God!

Our bell choir is small but faithful too! Ringers are welcome. No experience necessary. **Bells rehearse on Monday evenings from 6-7 pm.**

Please let me know if this is “something new” you would like to try. Ringing bells is fun and a wonderful addition to our musical offerings in worship!

**Come one, come all!**

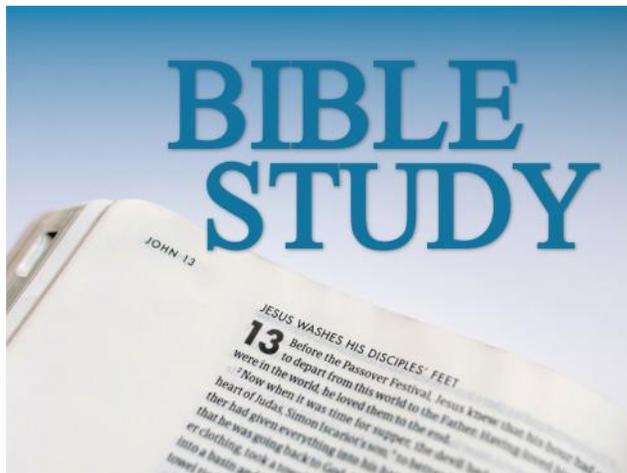
**Let’s explore something new together!**

Blessings!

Gina

843-737-2113

Ginashuey@gmail.com



## Bible Study

The mid-week morning Bible Study Group meets each Wednesday at 11 AM.

God's people join together for a one hour Bible Study using a new guide, "Jesus, A Study on the Words of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John" by David Steele and Diane Bahn. Please join this lively group!



Do you ever have the problem of not being able to sit in a pew on Sunday morning for Worship? Wasn't it a joy to be able to participate with your church family in the Sunday Morning Worship Service?

The Audio Visual team needs your assistance with the broadcasts of our Sunday services. Please see Sherry Fowler or Jimmy Knight to learn more.

People don't always say "I Love You". Sometimes it sounds like:

"Did you eat?"

"Be safe."

"Call me when you get home."

"I made this for you."

Do the right thing, even if no one is looking. It's called integrity.

The more grateful I am, the more beauty I see.

## THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

October comes from the Latin word “octo” meaning eight. It was the eighth month in the original Roman calendar. I have dubbed October the month of sorrow. You see, my dear wife, Edna, was recalled to heaven. Oh, how I wished I had gone with her but, as it turned out the Good Lord was only recalling angels that day. I guess I am like an apprentice in Angel School (earth) and hopefully, one day, I will earn wings and be a trainee no more. Sure, I’ve made mistakes but one day I’ll get it right and be gone.



Well beyond tricks and treats, October is an optimal month to focus on your health both mental and physical. That’s right, World Health Day fall on October 10th. Time to get in shape. There’s pleasant weather in the autumn season, vibrant foliage associated with this time of year. Did I mention Halloween—you know, tricker treaters coming to your house. And going to the state fair. Don’t be fooled by the fun lovers doing mischievous things. Like Jack Black once said, “Come on you know you know you did” all in fun, right? Don’t be a fooler—satan also uses his trickery to guide many into his web of sin, so be on your guard.

October is a good month to travel if you can go, go, go have some fun. Don’t forget Columbus Day (Hey Paisano) and October 14th is Pizza Day. You don’t have to be Italian to enjoy. We like to share.

- By Bill Mariorenzi

### **From the Pew**

As we are rapidly approaching the Advent season, I have noticed that the flower chart has been filled. Thank you for your support in making our worship service visibility beautiful.

That being said, we need to support another mission. One that the season of Epiphany has been leading us toward. We are a caring congregation and we do community outreach.

This Advent Season we have the opportunity to do as Christ words have said we are to do.

Instead of giving to those who have so much, give to **THOSE WHO CAN'T GIVE BACK.**

Join together to provide Grocery and Gas gift cards to My Sister's House (certainly a worthy cause), provide personal hygiene bags for Neighbors Together and provide funds for on going financial needs to those who come to **MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH** for help.

**GOD** has **BLESSED US** so **MUCH**. We should be willing and able to spread some of his **LOVE** to **OTHERS**.

Thank God for my Church family. Together we are Strong and He will not forsake US.

A list of items will be in the bulletin in the coming weeks. Anyone with a little time on their hands and a willingness to be about the work of the Lord can help lead this project.

Remember God Loves You and so do I!

***Barbara Young***

***If you have any questions, please contact  
Barbara Young at 843-795-4745***

## A Quick View of our August 2025 Finances

**Budget: \$15,794.17**

**(Expenses: \$12,179.12)**

**Offerings: \$13,222.45**

**Difference: (-\$2,571.72)**

In case you did not know—Sherry Fowler, our Director of Congregational Ministries, is also a **Notary Public**. If you need documents notarized, please call Sherry either at the church office (843 795-4855) or on her cell phone (843 442-3593). There is no charge for this service.



- 👉 Jimmy Knight and his “crew” for filling the potholes in our Parking Lot.
- 👉 Ricky Suggs for giving our sign on Martello Drive a facelift with paint!
- 👉 Brandt Armstrong for keeping our road sign filled with information and wonderful messages! AND for placing a sign above the side entrance door that reads “Respite Care Charleston”.
- 👉 Emily Schroeder and Barbara Young for creating the beautiful flower arrangements for our Altar.
- 👉 Linda and Ray Leone for the furnishings in the Nursery.



**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**!!!

**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*



## 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**

**May 1 —May 3 2026**

For more information, visit [www.scviadecristo.org](http://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!!!!




 2105 Cosgrove Ave.  
 North Charleston, SC 29405  
[www.NeighborsTogetherSC.org](http://www.NeighborsTogetherSC.org)

Greetings!

Thank you so much for your donation to  
 Neighbors Together. Please let us know about  
 your music camp in the future. We would love  
 to support - sounds like fun! If you would like a  
 tour of interested in volunteering, please let me  
 know.

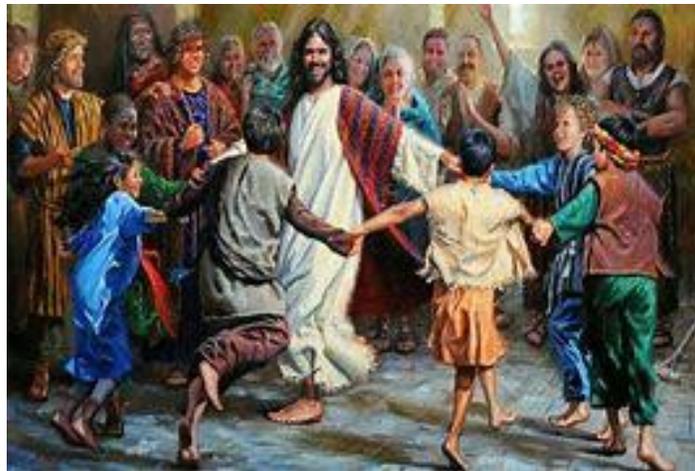
Best,

\*a formal receipt will follow\*

Nashonda Hester

Bringing Dignity and Hope to the Lowcountry since 1983.

Jesus loves me  
 this I know  
 for the  
 Bible tells me so.

## MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH IS THE CRACKERS AND PANCAKE MIX CHURCH



FOR JAMES ISLAND OUTREACH

# NOVEMBER EVENTS

## WITTING TREE

NOVEMBER 1 – 11, 2025



The Witting Tree is a silent, faith-filled witness observed each day for eleven days, from November 1 through November 11 (Veterans Day).

There is a deep need for our society as a whole to take responsibility to interrupt and transform destructive cycles that cost service people, their families, and the community at large so much. This kind of commitment can begin to be assumed by faith communities. The term "witting" means to be cognizant, deliberate, and aware of the facts of a situation. Each year, more than a dozen faith communities and organizations joined in hosting a Witting Tree ceremony at their sites.



## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 2 is ALL SAINTS SUNDAY. We will be publishing an All Saints List remembering those we hold dear to our hearts. Please submit names of your loved ones that you would like remembered. We also would like for you to bring a picture of your loved one on Sunday, November 2.

## Sharing Stories of Faith

**Finding a way to start a conversation can be daunting. Try one of these beginning that inspires you... 😊**

- \* Tell about someone who inspires you to have faith today.
- \* Tell about someone who taught you to have faith when you were younger.
- \* What did people teach you about Jesus that you love to remember?
- \* Tell a favorite Bible verse, story or song. Sing the part if that's fun for you!



- \* Tell about a time in your life you feel God close to you.
- \* Tell about a time you couldn't have made it without God bringing you through.
- \* Tell who or what brought you into the Church community.
- \* Tell what keeps you coming back to Church community.
- \* Tell about a time the Holy Spirit was empowering you to do or create something.
- \* What do you feel Jesus calling you to do, or be?
- \* Tell about a moment you feel God put you in the right place at the right time.
- \* Tell an experience of prayer, or a miracle, or God's healing and guiding.
- \* Your faith experiences are a treasure! What do you want to share with the world?
- \* How can I pray for you?



**We love sharing Jesus' stories of faith together!**

Find more free resources at [www.ELCA.org/evangelism](http://www.ELCA.org/evangelism)

## PRAYERS



### **Our Church Family**

Pam Smith  
 Andy Young  
 Connie Baker  
 Emily Schroeder  
 Carl and Judy  
 Simmons  
 Caitlin Donaldson  
 Polly Sutton  
 Mary Baldwin  
 Brenda Burke  
 Margaret Balzano  
 Claire Diffenderfer  
 Myrl Kluge  
 Joe and Linda Sproles

### **Our friends and family**

Stephen Bellah  
 Michele Wallis

Sophia Barton  
 Matt Shrivalle  
 Ariel Howcroft  
 Georgie Mae Follin  
 Lara Carter  
 Matt Shrivalle  
 Alyssa Baker  
 Kim Baker Hoxie  
 Judy Gilford  
 Autumn Young  
 Connie Wurster  
 Chieko Jordan  
 Fran Lingenfelter  
 Trey Crayton  
 Sara Perry  
 Johnny Hallman  
 Alice and Ned Vendrick  
 Dwight Hartsell  
 Paulwyn Boliek  
 Rusty Sims  
 Robert Suarez  
 Eric Wohltman  
 Jean Chesno  
 Boose Sims  
 Nancy Schwartz  
 Katie Carrole  
 Carol Sims  
 Elizabeth Sweet

Pastor Russell Seabright  
 Janice Lussier  
 Linda Miller  
 Ann Smith  
 Rick Carroll  
 Betty Jones  
 Mike Shuey  
 Linda Wells  
 Lora Ullery  
 Korky Dunn  
 Martha and Jimmy  
 Stone  
 Marilyn and Stacy Smith  
 Mykola Shwec  
 Wendy Thomas  
 Carter Ketchum  
 Burts Bryant  
 The children and staff at  
 Harbor View  
 Elementary  
 The Staff and Clients at  
 Respite Care  
 Charleston  
 The Staff and Clients at  
 Postpartum Support  
 Charleston



**BIRTHDAYS**

Linda Sproles	10/6
Ryan Hamill	10/7
Peggy Oxendine	10/7
Kathleen Miko	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
Jack Cooper	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

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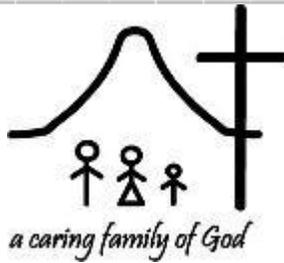
Claire Diffenderfer	11/03
Janet Kruger	11/10
Joe Sproles	11/11
Tracey Arthur	11/14
Ada Arthur	11/15
Marcia LaFrance	11/18
Rich Hamill	11/19
Donna Blish	11/20
Bubba Brandt	11/23
Tait Arthur	11/24
Maria Namie	11/24
Pam Peterson	11/27
Russell LaFrance	11/28

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Lynn & Steve Shaddrix	11/27
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**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**  
**OCTOBER**

DATE	Lesson and Prayer Leader	Communion Assistant	Usher	Offering Counters
Oct 5	Kathy Swittenberg	Maria Namie	Ricky Suggs	Maria Namie Janice Knight
Oct 12	Lynn Shaddrix	Lynn Shaddrix	Wayne Rimer	Joni Suggs Linda Armstrong
Oct 19	Sherry Fowler	Addie McKeithan	Richard Fowler	Kathy Swittenberg Lynn Shaddrix
Oct 26	Peggy Oxendine	Tracey Arthur	Jim Swittenberg	Addie McKeithan Lynn Shaddrix



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**“A CARING FAMILY OF  
GOD”**

## STAFF AND CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

### STAFF

Interim Pastor

**Rev. Kathleen Miko**

Director of  
Congregational Ministries

**Sherry Fowler**

Director of Music

**Gina Shuey**

Office Hours are

Monday—Friday

9 AM to Noon

### CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

*Officers*

*President—*

**Ada Arthur**

*Vice President—*

**Kathy Swittenberg**

*Secretary—*

**Linda Leone**

*Treasurer—*

**Brandt Armstrong**

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

*Jimmy Knight*

*Joni Suggs*

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