

MARTIN LUTHER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

LUTHER LINES

JAMES ISLAND, SC 29412

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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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Sounds Fishy to Me

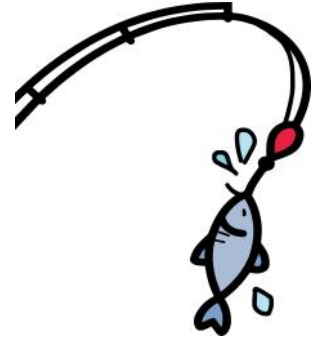
Merial Scott of South Dakota wrote the following:

One summer morning when I was very small, Mother woke me with the words, "Get up and dress quickly now. I'm frying trout for breakfast." Astonished, I wondered how we could have newly caught fish when the day had just begun.

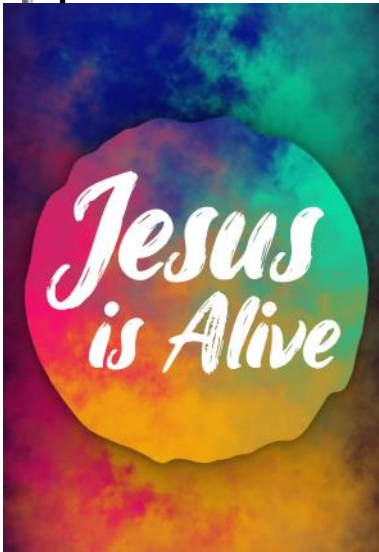
At the table, I learned that my father had driven at dawn to one of his favorite streams and gotten a strike on almost every fly he cast!

The unexpected breakfast was less of a surprise than the startling realization that my parents lived a life quite separate from mine. Their activities were not limited to my waking hours. A whole world operated without my knowledge.

As an adult, I find that God also moves in ways and places of which I am totally unaware.



Merial Scott is so right! Like her father and mother, God...our Heavenly Father...is actively doing things while we are awake, and while we are asleep. Sometimes we see them and understand what he's doing, other times we don't.



We are now in the Easter Season of the church year. **Jesus is alive!** He is with us each and every day! That's why God raised him up. That's part of God's plan! God does things through his Son while we are awake, and while we are asleep. Sometimes we see and understand what Jesus is doing, other times we don't.

How do we keep our eyes, ears, and inner senses open to see and understand what God and Jesus are doing...when...and where? That's both a question and a challenge!

This Easter Season, try intentionally looking for Jesus and what God's doing through him around you, in your life, in your family, and in the lives of people you come in contact with every day. Keep alert! Watch! Jesus is alive and active! He's up to some good stuff!

I don't know if you'll wake up and find a trout breakfast waiting on you when you get up in the morning. But I do know that God and Jesus will be moving in ways and places that you will be totally unaware of...and they'll have some good surprises for you!

Dare I say, "Go fishing with Jesus and you'll find 'em!"? Yeah. I just said it!

Blessings, *Pastor Tom*



From the Music Director

*Christ Is Risen!
He Is Risen,
Indeed!
Hallelujah!*

BIBLE STUDY



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

This group is studying the Daily Discipleship which follow the weekly lectionary. Pastor Tom is leading the Bible Study and **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

SCOUTS PINEWOOD DERBY

SATURDAY,
MARCH 2 AT MLLC



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.



Thank you to...

- ◆ Brandt Armstrong and Ricky Suggs for chopping up the fallen tree in the church yard.
- ◆ Jimmy Knight for also chopping up the fallen tree and trimming other trees in the church yard.
- ◆ JB and Tricia Bradley for coordinating the Thursday evening Lenten meals.
- ◆ Richard Fowler for repairing the ladies toilet in the Fellowship hall.
- ◆ Brandt Armstrong for painting the outer doors and kitchen counter in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ Brandt Armstrong and Ricky Suggs for gathering palms for the Palm Sunday Decorations and service.
- ◆ Emily Schroeder for helping decorate the church of Palm Sunday and for bringing 2 large palm plants for the altar.
- ◆ Pastor Tom, Joni Suggs, Maria Namie, Chris Bradley and Sherry Fowler for cleaning out the Sunday School storage room.
- ◆ Respite Care Charleston, Pastor Tom and Sherry Fowler for planting flowers in the front planter.
- ◆ Caitlin and Kaitlyn for the beautiful flute piece “Jesus Loves Me” on Palm Sunday.
- ◆ Lynn Shaddrix for serving as our “in house” acolyte, always making sure our candles are reverently lit.
- ◆ Chris Bradley for serving as our new Audio/Video Technician.
- ◆ Tricia Bradley for coordinating a FANTASTIC Easter Egg Hunt day!
- ◆ Wayne Rimer and JB Bradley for providing the food and refreshments for the Easter Egg Hunt.
- ◆ Jimmy Knight for always making sure our grounds are pristine and beautiful!
- ◆ Laura Jordan, Lynn Shaddrix and Tracey Arthur for helping with the Evangelism Breakfast for James Island Charter High School.
- ◆ Pastor Tom for all his many inspirational messages during Lent and Holy Week—and always!
- ◆ Gina, the Sunday Choir and the Handbell Choir for their lovely music!
- ◆ The Altar Guild for their “behind the scenes” work.
- ◆ The MLLC Council for leading us with faith and joy!



EASTER EGG HUNT







POSTPARTUM SUPPORT CHARLESTON

EVENT DAY SCHEDULE

May 11th

Philip Simmons High School
3080 River Village Drive
Charleston, SC 29492

7:00 a.m. - Event Opens!
8:10 a.m. - Kids Dash Start
8:30 a.m. - Moms' Run/Walk 5K & 1-Mile Walk Start
9:45 a.m. - Award Ceremony
10:30 a.m. - Event Close

This is a rain or shine event. Please also note that we cannot allow animals at this event.

A snapshot of 2023: A Year of Meaningful Impact

550+ Volunteer Hours

1100+ Moms Supported

150 Support Groups

We are proud to share that we celebrated our 2nd full year of Beyond Deliver with a total of over **1200** meals and care packages delivered to new moms in the Charleston Tricounty area.

Sign up at [Moms' Run Online Registration \(runsignup.com\)](https://runsignup.com)

VIA DE CRISTO RETREAT

this 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”

May 2 – 5, 2024.

For more information, visit www.scviadecristo.org or any one of the following people would be thrilled to sponsor you to attend a weekend; Sherry and/or Richard Fowler, Heidi Frear, Laura Jordan, Peggy Oxendine, Wayne Rimer, Joni Suggs, Pastor Tom 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**!!!

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

WE ARE ON FACEBOOK LIVE. JOIN US ON SUNDAYS AT 9 AM FOR OUR FACEBOOK LIVE STREAMING 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

TCVSN / SSON

The Tri-County Veterans Support Network and the Spiritual Support Outpost Network reports that in 2023;

1,398 Veterans were served.

336 motel nights were given.

1,000 Thanksgiving Turkey Boxes were distributed.

**\$11,000 was collected and distributed for Christmas
Serving 65 Families = 83 adults and 107 kids.**



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.



Challenge of the Month

Our April challenge asked each of you to show us a picture that represents peace and tranquility! Here are the lovely pictures that were sent to us! Enjoy God's Masterpieces!!!





In May, we are asking each of you to bring (or email) a “SELFIE” photo ! *We will have a collage of cool people!*

PRAYERS



Carl and Judy Simmons
 Polly Sutton
 Joyce Guffin
 Mary Baldwin
 Bill Mariorenzi
 Brenda Burke
 Margaret Balzano
 Claire and Buddy
 Diffenderfer
 Myrl Kluge
 Joe and Linda Sproles
 Ricky Suggs

Carolyn Powless
 Katie Carrole
 Nancy Schwartz
 Billy Miller
 Linda Miller
 Michael Schroeder and
 family
 Collin Foster
 Sara Perry
 Melina Watson
 Dusty Reese
 Dale Peek
 Jerry Drake
 Betsy Zafr
 Zeke Nobles
 Edward Knight

Bobby Bellah
 Jean Lofton
 Patty Langella
 B.T. Bouton
 Debbie Wilson
 Patricia Davis
 Corporal Lucas Watts
 Julie Zerbst
 Blake Dunn
 Elizabeth Burgess
 Tasha Higgins
 Robert Mallard
 Steve Leasure
 Bobbi Butler
 Caren Clark
 Luke Rankin
 Cyndee and Kenny
 Roumillat
 Joe Coates
 Eric Wohltman
 Robert Suarez
 Jacob DuPree
 Harold McMillan
 Evan McMillan
 Karen Ezell
 Fran Lingenfelter
 Autumn Young
 Trey Crayton
 Johnny Hallman
 Cyndie Hartsell
 Josiah Parnell
 Marc Bennett
 Catherine Brack
 Patty Langella
 Jamie Foster
 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
 Marvin Sims
 Rusty Sims
 Alice Vendrick
 Mary Ann Graff
 Paulwyn Boliek
 Will Coleman
 Ramona Horres
 Becky Cook
 Sherry Cook
 Ned Vendrick
 Ann Smith
 Richard Haynsworth
 Ronnie Suggs

The Citizens of Ukraine,
 Israel and other war-
 torn countries, that
 peace may prevail.



BIRTHDAYS

Ashley Harris Wright 4/3
 Matthew Harris 4/4
 Tricia Bradley 4/6
 Mary Lou Hoover 4/12
 Ned Balzano 4/18
 Luke Rimer 4/21
 Lori Hamill 4/27
 Julie Carter 4/28
 Gina Shuey 4/29
 Jerri Snider 4/30
 Torren Thomas 4/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Sherry & Richard Fowler 4/7
 Barbara & Andy Young 4/21
 Laura & Eddie Jordan 4/23

BIRTHDAYS

Todd Peterson 5/2
 Greg Spain 5/3
 Bob Spain 5/8
 Laura Jordan 5/9
 Nancy Gillette 5/24
 Ashley Peterson 5/26

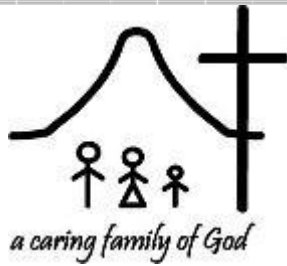
ANNIVERSARIES

Tricia & JB Bradley 5/29



APRIL

DATE	Lesson Reader	Prayer Leader	Communion Assistant	CPOD	Usher
April 7	Lynn Shaddrix	Lynn Shaddrix	Tracey Arthur	Linda Leone	Rick Beruf
April 14	Judy Simmons	Judy Simmons	Maria Namie	Joni Suggs	Ricky Suggs
April 21	Ada Arthur	Ada Arthur	Heidi and Kaitlyn Frear	Heidi Frear	Gary Frear
April 28	Peggy Oxendine	Peggy Oxendine	Laura Jordan	Laura Jordan	Wayne Rimer



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**“A CARING FAMILY OF
GOD”**

STAFF AND CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

<u>STAFF</u>	<u>CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL</u>	<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u>	SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:
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	<i>Officers</i> <i>President—</i> Nancy Haynsworth <i>Vice President—</i> Sherry Fowler <i>Secretary—</i> VACANT <i>Treasurer—</i> Linda Leone <i>Financial Secretary—</i> <i>Vacant</i>	<i>Worship Team Leader—</i> Brenda Burke <i>Service Team Leader—</i> VACANT <i>Evangelism Team Leader—</i> Laura Jordan <i>Learning Team Leader—</i> Heidi Frear <i>Congregational Care Team Leader—Joni Suggs</i> <i>Property Team Leader—</i> Gary Frear <i>Youth (one year term) -</i> Kaitlyn Frear	