

MARTIN LUTHER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

LUTHER LINES

JAMES ISLAND, SC 29412 APRIL 2025

Faith Lutheran & Martin Luther Holy Week & Easter Worship 2025

Join us as we journey through the sacred days of Holy Week and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday. We welcome you to worship with us—whether in person or online—as we reflect on Christ’s love, his sacrifice, and the hope we share in the empty tomb.

Maundy Thursday – April 17

A service of remembrance, humility, and communion.

- 12:00 PM at *Martin Luther*
1605 Harbor View Road, James Island
- 7:00 PM at *Faith Lutheran*
3374 Maybank Highway, Johns Island

Good Friday – April 18

A solemn service of reflection on Christ’s passion and death.

- 12:00 PM at *Martin Luther*
- 7:00 PM at *Faith Lutheran*

Easter Sunday – April 20

Celebrate the resurrection and the joy of new life in Christ!

- 9:00 AM at *Martin Luther*
- 11:00 AM at *Faith Lutheran*

All are welcome.

Come walk with Jesus to the cross and rejoice in the promise of
Easter morning.



MLLC’s Mission Statement

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

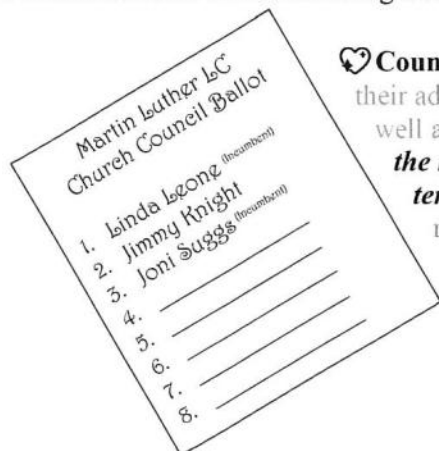
Led by the Spirit, we are sent out in service to share God’s love.

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I need you!
Martin Luther needs you!
We NEED each other!



April is going to be a very busy month. So busy, that I am sending my message in heart bullet, to make it easier to read and reread when something hooks your heart.



♥ **Council Elections:** Church membership elects our church council to manage their administrative affairs, and to ensure that the activities of the community, as well as uphold the mission of our congregation. **Please submit your name or the name of a person you wish to serve on your church council for (2) year term by Sunday April 6th.** Those recommended will be asked before their name is placed on the ballot.

EASTER SUNDAY FORMATION

♥ **Palm Sunday:** Palm Sunday, is mentioned in all four Gospels. It is a moveable feast that commemorates Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. In celebration of this day, we will enter the sanctuary from outside waving blessed palms, and sing "All Glory, Laud and Honor." Following our worship service, before gathering to share a meal, we will process outside to our new food pantry box built by Joe Sprole to offer thanks and blessings for those giving and receiving through this pantry. **Please plan on being together through the morning for worship, blessing, food and fellowship. If you are able to bring a meal to share, if not there is ALWAYS more than enough to share.**

♥ - ♥ **Holy Week:** commemorates the seven days leading up to Easter. It begins on Palm Sunday, climaxing with the commemoration of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday and the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday. Holy Week helps to makes us see and understand Christ's unlimited love for us.

Maundy Thursday, April 17th and **Good Friday**, April 18th services are available to everyone and I hope you plan to attend both services.

12:00 PM Noon at Martin Luther- James Island, Pastor Kathleen Miko, presiding

Or

7:00 PM at Faith LC – St. John's Island, Pastor Thulie Beresford, presiding



Easter Sunday:



HE IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN INDEED!!



Sunday, April 27th

Martin Luther Congregational Meeting: following the worship service we will meet to elect the 2025-2027 church council and approve our Synod Assembly representatives.

Blessings & Peace,
Pastor Kathleen

There will be a Congregational Meeting Sunday, April 27, 2025 following our worship service.

We will be electing your council members to serve a two (2) year term. We are truly blessed to have Linda Leone, and Joni Suggs on the ballot, willing to serve a second term. This is an important time at Martin Luther and leaders are needed to navigate with God the future of our congregation. If you are hearing God's call to serve on council, please contact Pastor Kathleen or Sherry Fowler to be added to the ballot. If you see leadership gifts in a member of our congregation encourage them to consider serving, and please – please pray for your church leaders, Pastor Kathleen, and the future of Martin Luther, giving all glory to God.



April brings us to the holiest of celebrations in the life of the church. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday lead us through the cross to the joyful Resurrection of

Jesus on Easter Sunday. Our hymns and songs tell the story and help us immerse ourselves in this wondrous journey of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Come, join us in worship! Lift your voice in praise! Share in the gifts of God as we gather in His name, singing and ringing our joy and thanksgiving!

Christ is Risen! He is risen, indeed! Hallelujah!

Make a Joyful Noise!

We are so excited for music camp at Martin Luther this summer! The team is pulling together, but more hands are needed. If you are available and would like to be a “home room” leader, snack server, registrar, or music teacher, please let us know!

Our flyers are printed and we are ready for registration. (Thank you, Sherry!)

Please take a flyer to hang in any storefront that you may frequent. Share with your friends! Registration forms are available in the church office or may be completed online.

August 4-8

9-noon

Grades 5K-5th (2025-2026 school year)



*MAKE A JOYFUL
NOISE!*

Music Camp 2025

Martin Luther Church
1605 Harbor View Road
Charleston, SC

August 4 – 8
9 – Noon
5K – 5th Grade
(2025 – 2026 school year)

Free of Charge
Register Online At:
<https://form.jotform.com/250793771589171>





Martin Luther Church

**Sunday, May 4
2 PM to 4 PM.**

**You are cordially invited.
Please bring your sisters, mothers,
daughters, granddaughters, and
friends.**

Contact Judy Simmons for details at 843 795-7974



FINANCIAL RESOURCES WORKSHOP

Are you stressed about finances? Desiring financial balance? This **free** workshop is for you!

Topic Highlights:

- Learn How to Better Manage Expenses
- Get Ideas to Increase Income
- Receive Information on Valuable Community Resources



Upcoming

Thursday,
April 3rd
6:00 - 7:30 PM

Location:

**Baxter-Patrick
James Island Library**

Wednesday,
April 16th
10:00 - 11:30 AM

Location:

**James Island
Outreach**



Hosted by
James Island Outreach

Call 843 762-3653 to reserve your spot!



**VOLUNTEER
WITH US!**



Respite Care
CHARLESTON



To learn more or to schedule a visit to see what RCC is all about, call 843-647-7405 or email info@RespiteCareCharleston.org today!

RESPIRE CARE CHARLESTON

Our congregation has hosted Respite Care Charleston's half-day memory care program three times a week for many years. This program aligns with our Mission Statement, "Led by the Spirit, we are sent out to share God's love." As their services are more in demand, so is their need for volunteers. They have a space for you!

The half-day memory care program runs from 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Group members are dropped off for the program while their families / caregivers get some much needed time off. Volunteers work with trained staff to help connect and engage with program members by:

- Playing brain games and doing puzzles,
- Working on arts and crafts,
- Cheering along or helping with physical activities,
- Singing and dancing during music therapy, or
- Reminiscing and sharing stories and jokes.

Depending on your skills and interests, you can also help with meal preparation, serving and/or clean-up, or helping plan other games and activities to help stimulate, engage and improve the quality of life of those living with Alzheimer's or dementia. (Occasional musical performances, visits by small children groups or certified therapy animals, and other special guests / activities are also welcome!)

Volunteering doesn't require experience or medical expertise - just patience, a warm smile and a willingness to try and bring joy to others! The programs are coordinated by trained staff, so you'll never have to worry about getting thrown in on your own. The ideal volunteer would be able / willing to work out a fairly consistent schedule with a minimum of one hour per visit for at least one visit per month - simply so we're able to plan accordingly. Also, we love children! Children under age 15 are welcome with an adult (max of three children at a time) during breaks and holidays.

To learn more or to schedule a visit to see what RCC is all about, call 843-647-7405 or email info@RespiteCareCharleston.org today!

Respite Care Charleston offers many other services to families who are living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, so please reach out if you or someone you know needs support.

EASTER SUNRISE PICTURES

We invite our congregation to take a picture of the sunrise they see on Easter morning and then share it with Sherry (sherry@fowlersc.com) so she can post them all to Facebook? Or either everyone could do their own and tag MLLC on Facebook and share their favorite scripture or hymn? There is just something so powerful about the sunrise on Easter that we want to share!!! (Thank you to Laura Jordan for this wonderful idea!)

Sharing a lovely letter from one of our former members. Paul now lives in Texas. While visiting in South Carolina, he and his daughter's family (Lori Hamill) joined us for worship.

To Our Dear Friends at Martin Luther.

On Friday of this week it will be the third anniversary of Vicki going home to be with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Martin Luther was an important part of our life together and our friends there will always have a special place in the hearts of both Vicki and me.

God Bless you all,

Paul Becker

Let's Not Be Fools

Those April showers may bring you flowers. April also brings jokes from way back in the 15th century. History recalls telling April Fool jokes, and it swept all over the world starting in France. Oh those French Men! Let's say we laugh at jokes, not at prayer. Let me explain.

It was stated in the Old Testament there is a prayer said to be straight to God. It is "The Act of Contrition", a prayer that can sooth the soul. This is how it is said.

"Oh, My God, I am heartily sorry for offending thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell. But most of all, because they offend thee, my God, who art good and deserving all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of thy grace, to confess my sins (to my God), to do penance and to amend my life."

Now April jokes are something to laugh about, but saying prayers to God are nothing to laugh about. Saying prayers to God are no joke, whether you are Lutheran, or Baptist, or whatever religion you belong to. Let me be clear—saying prayers to God is NO JOKE. Let's be able to say all prayers, whether it is "The Lord's Prayer", "The Apostles Creed", or in this case, "The Act of Contrition", a powerful sinners prayer.

- Bill Marioenzi

Bible Study

The Wednesday morning Bible Study will meet at 11 AM at Martin Luther Church each Wednesday. God's people join together for a one hour Bible Study using the Daily Discipleship as their guide. Maybe you hit the mid-week slump like so many of us do and we need a little boost to help us walk upright again. We have the perfect place for you! This Bible Study is all engaging and everyone learns something new each week! Come join us!



The Altar Flowers are now \$82.00 [for 2 arrangements] for each Sunday. This is an increase passed on from the Florist. Whenever we do not have flowers, we will use our lovely peace lilies on the altar.

Postpartum Support CHS

Founded in 2000, Postpartum Support Charleston is a non-profit organization that supports mothers across the Charleston Tri-county area struggling with maternal mental illnesses such as postpartum depression and anxiety. Through our extensive moms-for-moms network, connection to diverse mental and physical health expertise, and genuine empathy, Postpartum Support Charleston is uniquely positioned to help mothers move into motherhood. Our mission is to put mom first with an approachable, accessible safety net woven through moms helping moms – we believe that a healthy mom makes for a healthy baby and, ultimately, she and her family living their healthiest, happiest life.

* **Beyond Delivery** provides Charleston area moms with a meal, care package, and support. Expecting and new moms can sign up for this free program and will receive a delivery of frozen lasagna and an infant care package. We also offer the option to send a meal and care package as a gift to a new mom.

Beyond the delivery of a meal and care package, moms will also receive information on how to access support and resources provided by Postpartum Support Charleston.

If you are having trouble adjusting to motherhood. Feeling sad, anxious, angry, or scared. Feel like there is no hope of feeling better. Physically and emotionally exhausted. You're not alone, mama.

Postpartum
Support CHS
Presents

JOIN
NOW!



MOMS' RUN

▶▶▶ RUN - WALK - FUN

Join us for our 22nd annual Moms' Run 5K & 1-mile event. Runners & walkers are invited to run or walk & also enjoy our family fun activities and NEW Mother's Day Market!

May 10, 2025, 7-10:30am

5K Race @ 8:00am at Philip Simmons High

Register at postpartumsupportchs.org/event/momsrun/



Puzzle!

After looking up each Bible passage, find and circle the location in the word search. (If a verse lists more than one place, figure out which one is hidden.) Answers can be found horizontally, vertically and diagonally.

- Genesis 2:15
- Genesis 11:9
- Genesis 35:1
- Exodus 13:18
- Ruth 1:1
- 1 Kings 18:19
- 1 Chronicles 11:4
- Isaiah 23:1
- Isaiah 23:2
- Isaiah 23:3
- Jonah 1:2
- Matthew 3:6
- Matthew 4:18
- Matthew 26:36
- Luke 24:13
- John 2:1
- Acts 8:5
- Acts 11:22
- Acts 17:16
- Romans 1:15

S I D O N G N I L E S O
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Puzzle!

Unscramble the names of these biblical mothers. Look up the verse if you need help. Then use the letters on the numbered blanks to complete the message below.

VEE (Genesis 3:20) 6 11 —

NNAHAH (1 Samuel 1:20) ———— 14 —

RBAHEOD (Judges 5:7) 18 ——— 3 ———

KREEHAB (Genesis 27:5) 16 ———— 5 —

EHLA (Genesis 30:14) ——— 1 ———

CLEHRA (Genesis 30:22) 7 ———— 12 —

MOIAN (Ruth 1:22) ——— 10 17 13 —

RAAHS (Genesis 17:19) 8 ————

AMYR (Matthew 2:11) 2 ———

ZEBLEHATI (Luke 1:13) ——— 9 15 ———— 4 —

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

13 8 14 **G** **F** **F** **G** **!**

15 4 16 10 17 3 18

Answers: Eve, Hannah, Deborah, Rebekah, Leah, Rachel, Naomi, Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth. A mother's love is a gift from God!



OUR EASTER GIFT

Thanks to Easter, what wonderful gift does God give us?

Directions: Start at the given letter, move one space in the direction each arrow points. Write the last letter in each sequence in the spaces provided. Then write those answers in order on the blanks below to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

A	B	C	D	E
F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O
P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y

1. C → ↓ ↓ ↓ —
2. H → ↑ → —
3. V → ↓ ↓ —
4. I ← ← ↑ —
5. T ↑ ← ↑ —
6. P ↑ → ↓ ↓ —
7. D ↓ → ↓ ↓ —
8. T ↑ ← ↑ ← —



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

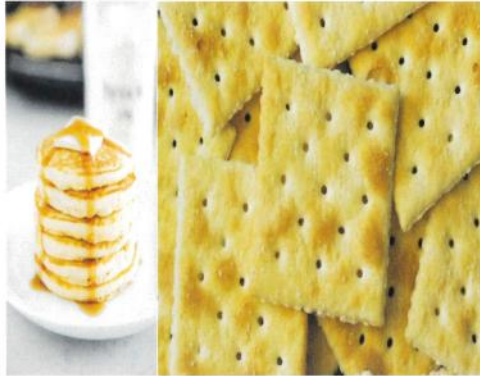
In his great mercy he has given us

_____ into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NIV

Answer: new birth

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THE CRACKERS AND PANCAKE MIX CHURCH



FOR JAMES ISLAND OUTREACH

Lutheridge and Lutherock are offering opportunities for anyone 18 and older to help in the Western NC cleanup and restoration of the area from the devastating hurricane Helene. See the QR code on this page to see the dates available. Please see Tracey Arthur if you are interested in joining this group.



At the February 18th Council meeting, we discussed the Janitorial Services at Martin Luther Church. The company we have been using has not been as thorough as we had hoped. It was decided to initially post a volunteer list within MLLC. SO, a sign up has been placed on the bulletin board for YOU to sign up and help us on a weekly basis to keep our facilities clean. The other groups that use the facilities have been apprised and will do their best in helping us keep things clean!!! Thank you so much!!!

A Quick View of our
February
2025 Finances

Budget: \$15,794.17

(Expenses \$12,759.97)

Offerings: \$11,048.95

Difference: -\$ 4,745.22

Martin Luther Church is gladly accepting online contributions through [Tithe.ly.com](https://www.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 Fall

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 September 25—28

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!!!!

BLESSING BOX



The MLLC Cub Scouts designed and mounted our first Blessing Box to assist the hungry in our midst.

The Blessing Box has been rebuilt after many years of critical assistance in our community. THANK YOU TO

JOE AND LINDA SPROLES for the new Blessing Box. “Take what you need and give what you are able.” Along with the Blessing Box, two “Little Libraries” have been mounted beside the Blessing Box.

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



PRAYERS



Our Church Family

Aaron Armstrong
 Emily Schroeder
 Carl Simmons
 Polly Sutton
 Maria Namie
 Mary Baldwin
 Brenda Burke
 Margaret Balzano
 Claire Diffenderfer
 Myrl Kluge
 Joe and Linda Sproles
 Jimmy Bradley
 Linda Leone
 Kathy Swittenberg

Our friends and family

Judy Gilford
 Autumn Young
 Boose Sims
 Dale Peek
 Korky Dunn
 Lora Ullery
 Martha and Jimmy Stone
 Wendy Thomas
 Linda Wells
 Pastor Russell Seabright
 Mike Shuey
 Jean Chesno
 Nancy Schwartz
 Sara Perry
 Elizabeth Sweet
 Eric Wohltman
 Fran Lingenfelter
 Trey Crayton
 Mark Hair
 Annie Flanders

Dwight Hartsell
 Rusty Sims
 Alice Vendrick
 Paulwyn Boliek
 Ned Vendrick
 Chieko Jordan
 Connie and Walter Wurster
 Lisa Shores
 Linda Arthur
 Ben Reep
 Michelle Brooks
 David and Christine Oxendine
 Mary Lynne Follin
 Betty Jones
 Rick Carroll
 Ann Smith
 Katie Carrole
 Robert Follin
 Robert Suarez
 Janice Lussier

Loving my "enemies"

In polarized times, when people view huge concepts such as justice, government policy and care for neighbors differently, how do we follow Jesus' command to love our enemies? I prefer the word *opponents*, but our Lord's instructions still stand.

In the Bible, "love" doesn't mean liking someone; it means caring for them, treating them kindly. I find *The Message* paraphrase of Luke 6:27-36 helpful: "Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst," Jesus says about one's enemies. So, when I contact government leaders to express my opinions, I address them with respect, whether I agree with them or not. When I encounter a neighbor whose views oppose mine, I ask myself what I would want them to do for me, whether help with an errand or be friendly. Then, as *The Message* puts it, I "grab the initiative and do it for *them*."

And this, which might be the hardest: Amid tough times, Jesus says, "Respond with the supple moves of prayer." It's human nature to pray that God change our enemies' or opponents' minds. But it's more Christlike to pray for their health, their families and whatever *God* desires for them, not what *I* want. Can I do this? With God's help, yes.

—Heidi Hyland Mann (ChurchArt)



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
 Bob Spain 5/8
 Laura Jordan 5/9
 Nancy Gillette 5/24
 Ashley Peterson 5/26

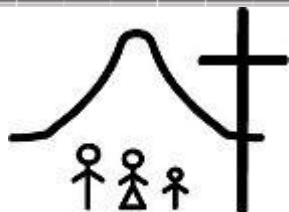
ANNIVERSARIES

Tricia & JB Bradley 5/29



APRIL

DATE	Lesson and Prayer Leader	Communion Assistant	CPOD	Usher
April 4	Sherry Fowler	Maria Namie	Laura Jordan	Jimmy Knight
April 13	Jim Swittenberg	Sherry Fowler	Sherry Fowler	Richard Fowler
April 20	Ada Arthur	Lynn Shaddrix	Linda Leone	Brandt Armstrong
April 27	Judy Simmons	Maria Namie	Joni Suggs	Ricky Suggs



a caring family of God

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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

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Nancy Haynsworth

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Leader—Joni Suggs

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Vacant

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