

MARTIN LUTHER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

LUTHER LINES

JAMES ISLAND, SC 29412 JUNE 2024

*And he awoke and
rebuked the wind
and said to the sea,*

**"PEACE!
Be still!"**

*And the wind ceased,
and there was a
great calm.*

MARK 4:39



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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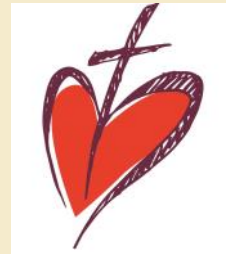
PENTECOSTAL

A Cadillac owner walked to his car and saw a boy about ten years old staring intently through the windows. Wondering what he was up to, the owner put his hands on the youngster's shoulders, pulled gently and asked him what he was doing. The boy said he was interested in cars and had read a lot about different models. The owner talked with the boy for a while explaining to him details about this particular model and style.

After a little while, the boy asked, "*Mister, how much did you pay for this car?*" The man replied, "*Nothing. My brother gave it to me.*"

The boy responded, "*I wish ...*" but stopped without finishing. The man chuckled, "*You were going to say, 'I wish I had a brother like that.'*"

"*No, I was going to say, 'I wish I could BE a brother like that. You see, sir, I have a brother who is crippled. and I'd like to do a lot of things for him.'*"



On Pentecost Sunday we talked about being "Pentecostal". A Pentecostal church and Pentecostal people are very special and they:

- * Have the SPIRIT of CHRIST in them!
- * Are ALIVE in CHRIST!
- * Are LIVING their FAITH!
- * Are ALIVE in the WORLD!
- * Are ACTIVELY doing MINISTRY!
- * Are MAKING a DIFFERENCE in the world AROUND them!

I would say the little boy in this story is doing ALL of these! The story doesn't tell us about his faith. But he obviously has a heart...and he's really wanting to help his brother. He knows he can't do everything that he wants to for his brother, but he's already doing all that he can. And his love and support are likely making a big difference in his brother's life. That's what I would have told him if I had been the Cadillac owner!

This little boy is an example of being "Pentecostal"! He's a living example of living our faith and letting Jesus love other people through us!

When we're "Pentecostal", we never know who Jesus will bring into our lives to cross our path who needs our help or needs us to share Jesus with. They might be crippled in body, mind, or spirit. It might be someone in our family, someone we know, or a complete stranger driving a Cadillac ...or Jeep...or Subaru...or Chevy...or even a Ford!

But whoever it is, we can open our heart, share Jesus' love, care about them, and help them as we can. Rest assured...Jesus' Holy Spirit will guide us and help us all the way!

Blessings, "Pentecostal" People of God! -- *Pastor Tom*



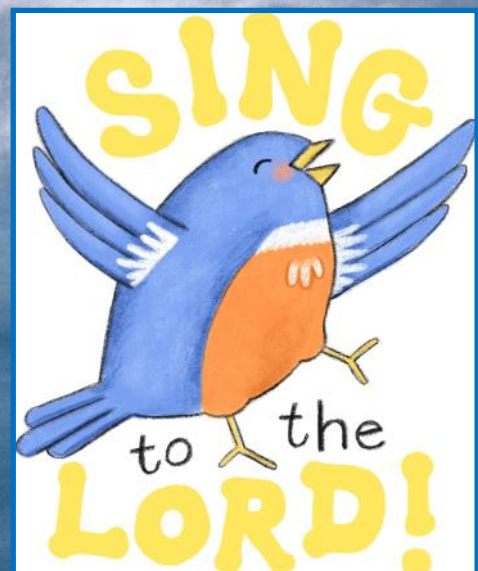
From the Music Director

During the summer months, we will be singing the psalms in unison. The tone (melody) will be introduced and then we all sing together. This ancient style of chanting the psalms will encourage us to move, breathe and worship as if we are one voice, united in praise. Chanting is basically sung speech. The words should flow as if being spoken. The appointed melody has no real time value. Many syllables fall to each note and the | tells us when to change tones. We use punctuation for breaths. Commas, periods, semicolons and exclamation points all tell us to breathe.

It is my prayer that this discipline will be a blessing as we embrace the psalms in this way. It is not a new style of psalm singing for most of us, but let's approach it with new gusto as we thank God for the gift of the Psalms!

Blessings!

Gina



GRADUATES



MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH MEMBERS

Ashley Peterson, School of the Arts high school, going to Newberry College to major in Forensic Psychology with a minor in Musical Theatre.

Bade Thomas, James Island Charter high school, going to study University of South Carolina to major Biology and minor in Spanish. Bade plans to study abroad.

Drew Thomas, James Island Charter High School, going to The Citadel.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

Aubrey Kraft, graduating from River Bluff High School, Lexington, SC on May 23, 2024. She plans to attend Midlands Technical College. She is the granddaughter of Connie Gibson and the late Lou Gibson.

Carson Tillman, graduated from Clemson University on May 11, 2024. He is doing an internship at SPAWARS, possibly graduate school in the fall. Carson is the grandson of Kathy Tillman.

Jack Shaddrix, graduating from James Island Charter High School and plans to attend Clemson.

Addie Shaddrix, graduating from James Island Charter High School and plans to attend the College of Charleston. Both are grandchildren of Steve and Lynn Shaddrix.

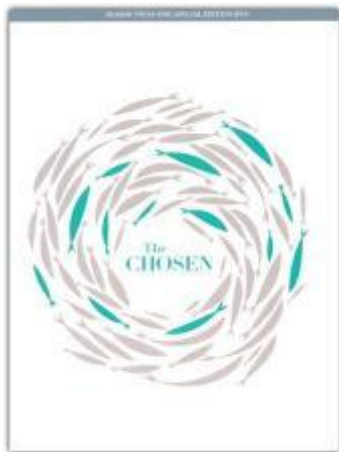
SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 again **beginning June 9th** for the Fourth Season of this amazing series.*

**Sunday,
June
16th**



HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY

THANK YOU

I wanted to express my appreciation for the cards, visits and expressions of condolences during this difficult time since our loss of a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Lou will be missed by all his family and friends. A special thanks to all who made donations to the church in memory of Lou.

Connie Gibson and Family

Report to Congregation from the Columbarium Team

May 19, 2024

*A columbarium is a structure with inbuilt niche spaces that becomes a final resting place for cremation remains. The structure can be a wall, room, or stand-alone building. Commonly made of granite or marble stone, a columbarium may be part of a cemetery, temple, or church. Where many structures are located together, they are referred to as **columbaria**.*

Since July of last year, the Martin Luther Church Columbarium Research Team have been meeting to discuss/brainstorm the idea of constructing a permanent structure (Columbarium) to memorialize those who are desiring to be cremated. The team currently consists of Linda Leone, Kevin Ammons (from Faith Lutheran), and Sherry Fowler. However, is not a closed group; Anyone may attend our meetings and assist with the research.

One member of the team, Kevin, is an Architect and has been instrumental in gathering visual examples of other successful columbaria projects. He has led the team through several conceptual “what-if” sessions, as we try to envision what a columbarium at Martin Luther Lutheran Church could look like. Since the beginning Kevin has reiterated that our church building is a very well-designed piece of architecture, whose integrity must not be compromised. He strongly believes that the primary focus of this project is “to protect the design integrity of the original church building”.

Our reason for presenting this report today at the Congregational Meeting is to get a better idea of how the congregation feels about the idea of a columbarium at Martin Luther Lutheran Church. We are not asking for a vote, but are simply wanting to broaden our discussion of this pursuit, by including other voices from the congregation.

With our research so far, we have determined that this structure should be built using funds given by those planning to use this columbarium as a final resting place for themselves and their families. Therefore, existing Church funds will NOT be necessary for this purpose.

The committee will be sending out a survey in the next few weeks. This survey will determine what we do at this juncture. Survey points will determine size, material, placement, number of niches, etc. This survey is very important and we ask that you pray on your responses and return the surveys as soon as possible. This is not the committee’s project, it is the project of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church.





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!

VIA DE CRISTO RETREAT 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"**

In the spring of 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, Heidi Frear, Laura Jordan,
Peggy Oxendine, Wayne Rimer, Joni Suggs,
Pastor Tom and Julie Carter. Just ask!!!!

Thoughts from William “Bill” Mariorenzi

THE HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN

Romans 10:9-10

⁹ That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord of all,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

The Holy Spirit tells us we need to confess our sin and ask for forgiveness, to confess Jesus as Lord involves confessing your sin and your need for salvation. You must repent of your sin, and to turn away from the direction you have been going in your life. To believe in your heart, to place your faith in Jesus. Trusting that HE died on the cross to pay for your sins.

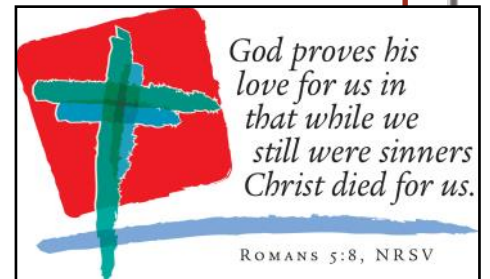
Romans 5:8

“God demonstrated His love for us this way while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

If you would like to have salvation in Jesus Christ, pray this prayer.

Lord Jesus, I confess to you my sins and my need for salvation. I have turned away from my sins and I place my faith in you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

(If you have a friend or loved one that would find comfort in these words, please share.)



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.

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

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

We are thrilled to announce that our 21st annual Moms' Run event on May 11th was a resounding success! With over 675 registrants, we came together as a community to raise more than \$35,000 for maternal mental health.



This year's theme, "Let's Face This," resonated deeply as we celebrated and supported moms through a fun-filled day featuring a 5K run/walk, a 1-mile walk, a Kids Dash, and engaging activities for children. Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to making this event unforgettable!

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.



James Island Outreach

THE CRACKERS AND PANCAKE MIX CHURCH



MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH IS OFFICIALLY THE CRACKERS AND PANCAKE MIX CHURCH FOR JAMES ISLAND OUTREACH.

Pastor Tom and Sherry met with James Island Outreach Executive Director, Jeff Gordon, on Wednesday, May 8th.

Mr. Gordon said that in April alone, over 220 households were assisted with food. There is a big need for crackers and (buttermilk) pancake mix.

Bring to the church whatever you can and we will make sure it gets to James Island Outreach for their Tuesday and Thursday distributions.



FOR JAMES ISLAND OUTREACH

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THE 2024
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT MLLC.

Excitement begins at our
ONE-DAY VBS on *Saturday, July 13*
from 9—2.

Our theme will be the “Bible Olympics” and there will be lots of
kids activities, games, crafts, singing and fun!

This year we will be offering an ADULT VBS during the same
time—based on the book

“A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23” by W. Philip Keller.

Watch for more information in your Sunday Bulletin.

As always, we will need some
volunteers and some supplies.

See Tricia Bradley or Sherry Fowler
for more information.



PRAYERS



The family of Carolyn
Powless, Kathy
Swittenberg's mother,
at her death on May
19.

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

Alex Stelmachers
Carol Sims
Dale Navarrette
Vickie and Dale
Dangerfield
Chloe Spitzer
Denise Dinking
Katie Carrole
Nancy Schwartz
Billy Miller
Linda Miller
Collin Foster
Sara Perry
Melina Watson

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
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
Fran Lingenfelter
Autumn Young
Trey Crayton
Johnny Hallman
Cyndie Hartsell
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

Connie Gibson 6/3
 Joe Cockrell 6/13
 Buddy Diffenderfer 6/22
 Megan Browne 6/30
 Nancy Haynsworth 6/30

BIRTHDAYS

Rick Suggs 7/4
 Jim Swittenberg 7/7
 Barbara Young 7/12
 Ellie Hamill 7/19
 Bruce Carter 7/19
 Josef Burke 7/20
 Patty Iler 7/21
 Andy Young 7/24
 Harriet Brunson 7/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Florence & Wayne Rimer 6/4
 Kristina & Steve Everman 6/5
 Pam & Todd Peterson 6/12
 Lori & Rich Hamill 6/16
 Mary Lou & Al Hoover 6/17
 Amanda & Richard Summers 6/24

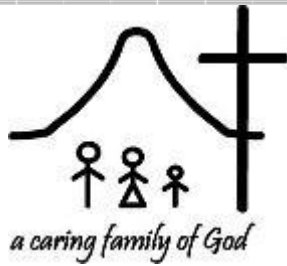


join us

Get **IN**volved

JUNE

DATE	Lesson Reader	Prayer Leader	Communion Assistant	CPOD	Usher
June 2	Peggy Oxendine	Peggy Oxendine	Laura Jordan	Laura Jordan	Ricky Suggs
June 9	Judy Simmons	Judy Simmons	Maria Namie	Joni Suggs	Jim Swittenberg
June 16	Ada Arthur	Ada Arthur	Sherry Fowler	Sherry Fowler	Richard Fowler
June 23	Kathy Swittenberg	Kathy Swittenberg	Laura Jordan	Linda Leone	Wayne Rimer
June 30	Sherry Fowler	Sherry Fowler	Lynn Shaddrix	Nancy Haynsworth	Rick Beruf



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**“A CARING FAMILY OF
GOD”**

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**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

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Nancy Haynsworth

Vice President—

Sherry Fowler

Secretary—

VACANT

Treasurer—

Linda Leone

Financial Secretary—

Vacant

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Brenda Burke

Service Team Leader—

VACANT

Evangelism Team Leader—

Laura Jordan

Learning Team Leader—

Heidi Frear

Congregational Care Team

*Leader—***Joni Suggs**

Property Team Leader—

Gary Frear

Youth (one year term) -

Kaitlyn Frear

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.*