

LUTHER LINES

JAMES ISLAND, SC 29412 MAY 2023



When the day of
Pentecost came,
they were
all together in
one place.



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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Acts 2:1



WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY?

David Leininger tells the story of a king who was suffering from a malady and was advised by his astrologer that he would be cured if the shirt of a contented man were brought to him to wear. People went out to all parts of the kingdom after such a person, and after a long search they found a man who was really happy...but he did not possess a shirt!

What makes us really happy? ... deep down happy and content?

Is it STUFF? Is life about stuff? We need stuff...but is it stuff that makes us really happy and content? ... deep down happy and content? How long does stuff last, anyway? Often, not long. so how long can stuff keep us really happy and content? ... deep down happy and content?

Is it MONEY, POWER, PRESTIGE, SOCIAL STATUS, GLORY? All of those are great when we earn them...as long as we don't let them take over and possess us! And money, power, prestige, social status, glory can be fleeting. So how long can they keep us really happy and content?...deep down happy and content?

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What WILL make us really happy and content? ...deep down happy and content?

How about JESUS? How about Jesus and the relationships we can have with him and with other people who also believe in him? He can do that...and he's with us for a long time...forever!

It's still Easter. We're still celebrating our Risen Lord.

But guess what?

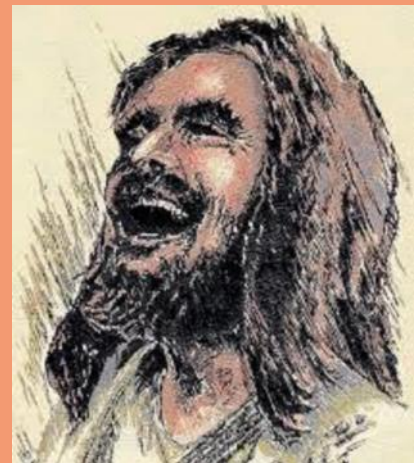
If Jesus had not risen...he would not be alive.

If he were not alive...he could not be with us.

If he were not with us...he could not make us happy and content...deep down happy and content!

I sure am glad that he's alive! Aren't you?

Peace and Joy! --*Pastor Tom*





From the
MUSIC DIRECTOR

Our Lutheran rituals are very meaningful. The “rhythm” of our worship services (Gathering, Word, Meal and Sending) are very specific and dependable. The seasons of the church year (Advent, Christmas, Time after Epiphany, Lent, The Three Days, Easter, and Time after Pentecost) offer us the opportunity to focus on different aspects of God’s continuing work in the world, the love and teachings of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Many of us draw comfort in the patterns of worship that feed us and strengthen us weekly and throughout the year.

The season of Easter is celebrated for seven weeks in the church year. In a nutshell, Jesus is made known to the disciples and he prepares them to go forth and serve. We too are called to serve in the name of Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior. One way we can serve is through the liturgy. The word “Liturgy” literally means the work of the people and calls us to active participation in worship. This goes beyond our perfunctory responses and hymn singing.

Participants in the liturgy include acolytes, readers and prayer leaders, communion assistants, ushers, greeters, altar guild members and video technicians. All of these roles are filled every week (in addition to the musicians whom we thanked last month.) It truly takes the whole church to worship.

Martin Luther Church is blessed with an active group of leaders in worship. Please join me in thanking: Lynn Shaddrix, Judy Simmons, Ada Arthur, Heidi Frear, Kaitlyn Frear, Kathy Swittenberg, Laura Jordan, Mary Baldwin, Tracey Arthur, Charles Pingree, Maria Namie, Torren Thomas, Mary Lou Hoover, Nancy Haynsworth, Peggy Oxendine, Sherry Fowler, Janice Knight, Florence Rimer, Jim Swittenberg, Rick Beruf, Jimmy Knight, Gary Frear, Brandt Armstrong, Al Hoover, Ricky Suggs, Richard Fowler, and Wayne Rimer.

We are blessed through the service of these faithful disciples! What is God calling you to do?

Come! Join us!!!

Yours in Christ,
 Gina



BIBLE STUDY



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

As before, we will be studying
the Daily Discipleship which follow the weekly
lectionary.

Pastor Tom will be leading the Bible Study and
ALL ARE WELCOME!





FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH

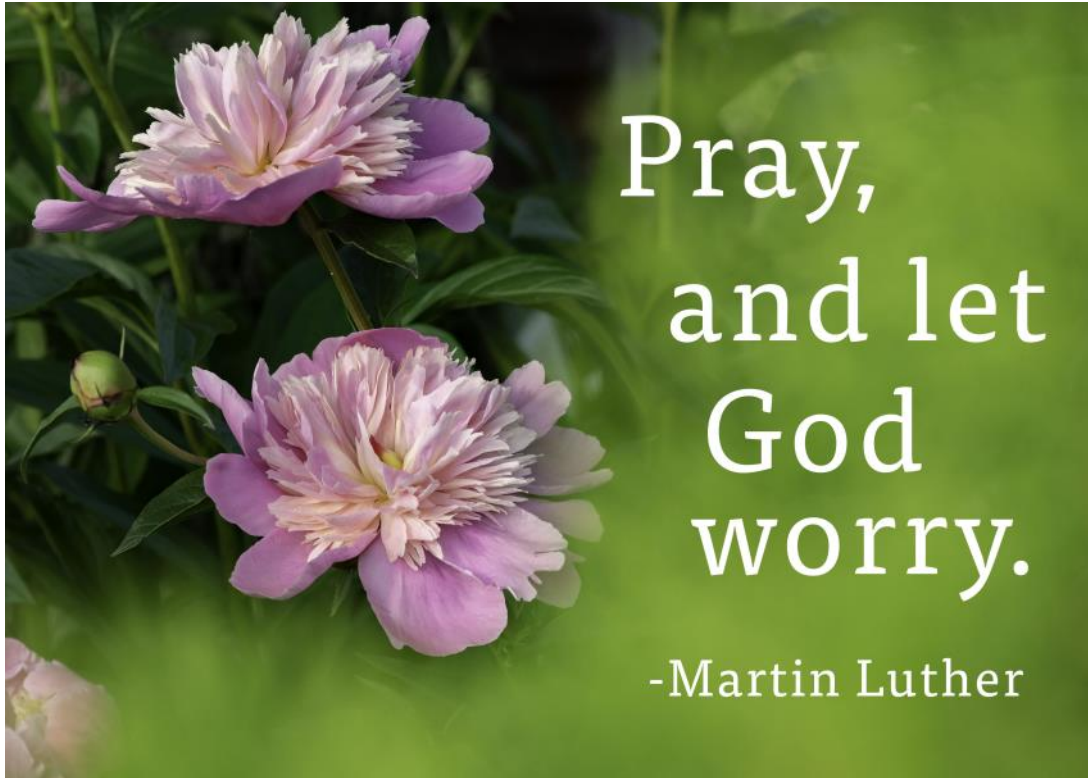
SUNDAY, MAY 7

Our wonderful First Sunday of the Month Fellowship Brunch will be held on May 7 immediately following the 9 AM worship service.

HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY

Sunday, May 14th





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.



**20th Annual Mom's Run
Saturday, May 13, 2023
7:00 AM 11:00 AM
PHILIP SIMMONS HIGH**

POSTPARTUM SUPPORT CHARLESTON CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF THE MOMS' RUN!

Honor moms everywhere by supporting a cause that helps women and their families suffering from postpartum depression and anxiety. Postpartum Support Charleston is hosting the 20th annual Moms' Run + Family Fun Day on May 13th! Our annual 5K Moms' Run is Postpartum Support Charleston's largest fundraiser, allowing the organization to further its mission of providing support and resources to women and their families struggling with maternal mental illnesses (such as depression, anxiety, OCD, and psychosis during and after pregnancy).



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. JOIN US ON SUNDAYS AT 9 AM FOR OUR FACEBOOK LIVE STREAMING OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE FROM MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH.

THE GREAT REEVALUATION

Pastor Tom, Nancy Haynsworth, Laura Jordan, Gary Frear and Sherry Fowler are participants in this SC Synod sponsored program. Led by Mark E. Tidsworth, we are on a church leadership growth experience together with other SC Lutheran churches. This program continues through June. There will be a report to the congregation when we complete the program. Please keep our participants in your prayers.

RESPIRE CARE CHARLESTON

Upcoming Respite Care Charleston Support Group Meetings at MLLC

May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 10 AM — Tuesday Morning Respite Group

May 9 at 6 PM—Tuesday Support Group

May 3 and 17 at 10 AM—Wednesday Support Group

May 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 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

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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

Shoes for Neighbors Together



On Tuesday, April 18th, we delivered 25 pairs of shoes to Neighbors Together.



can you help?

NEIGHBORS TOGETHER HELPS PEOPLE IN THE LOWCOUNTRY WITH FOOD, MEALS, HEALTH AID, CLOTHING AND MANY OTHER THINGS. PASTOR KARA STEWART—THEIR FAITHFUL LEADER—HAS TOLD US THAT THEY ARE IN NEED OF CHILDREN'S ATHLETIC SHOES. WITH A \$250 GRANT FROM THRIVENT AND YOUR HELP—WE CAN PROVIDE SHOES FOR THE CHILDREN!

PLEASE BRING NEW OR GENTLY USED ATHLETIC SHOES FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN BY SUNDAY, MAY 7. DONATIONS TO THE SHOE FUND WILL ALSO BE APPRECIATED.

(Please no sandals , flip-flops or boots.)



Quilt of Valor Service



On Saturday, April 8th, Al Hoover and Joe Sproles were honored with their own “Quilt of Valor” for their military service. Thank you to Lucy Weber and the Quilters of All Saints Lutheran Church for providing this awesome recognition for our veterans.

If you would like for someone you know to receive a Quilt of Valor honoring their military service, contact the church office and we can get the nominations forms to you.





I See JESUS

Were not our hearts
burning
within us?

LUKE 24:32

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD ASSEMBLY
JUNE 8TH-10TH, 2023

**THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD
ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD
JUNE 8-10, 2023 AT THE
MARRIOTT COLUMBIA**

Disciples / Voting Delegates are needed to attend the SC Synod Assembly to represent Martin Luther Church.

All registration and lodging fees are paid by Martin Luther Church.

Please see Pastor Tom or Sherry about attending this wonderful annual event!

Please join us for

LUTHERIDGE DAY CAMP

For over 25 years Lutheridge in Arden, NC, has been partnering with churches to bring a taste of summer camp to their communities. Lutheridge Day Camps are more than a traditional Bible school experience - the trained counselor staff brings special resources, including music, arts and crafts, games nature program and Bible study. This is sure to be an amazing week of growing in our faith and having a LOT of fun learning about God's abundant love for us!

WHO: *K5 through 5th graders 2022-23 School Year*

OPENING COOKOUT: *Sunday, June 11 6p*
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
714 Riverdale Dr, Charleston 29407

PROGRAM DATES: *June 12-16 9a-4p*
Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
3075 Bees Ferry Rd, Charleston 29414

HOW MUCH: *\$150 per Camper*
Scan the code to REGISTER!





A huge THANK YOU
to Respite Care
Charleston for the
lovely refreshed and
bright planter revival.
YOU ARE A
BLESSING!



PRAYERS



The family of Wayne
Roland, Connie
Gibson's brother, at
his death on April 18

The family of Judy Stone
at her death

Eda Laughlin
Judy Alcorn
Margaret Balzano
Joyce Guffin
Emily Schroeder
Paul Bauersfeld
Claire and Buddy
Diffenderfer
Harriet Brunson
Polly Sutton
Myrl Kluge
Carl and Judy Simmons
Mary and Jack Cooper
Bill Mariorenzi
Joe Sproles

Vicki and Dale
Dangerfield
Caren Clark
Matthew Sawyer Arnold
Gloria Irwin
Luke Rankin
Cyndee and Kenny
Roumillat

Georgie Follin
Joe Coates
Eric Wohltman
Patti Mears
Robert Suarez
Tim Frear
Jacob DuPree
Harold McMillan
Evan McMillan
Karen Ezell
Anna Bailes
Fran Lingenfelter
Autumn Young
Trey Crayton
Carlton Hartis
Johnny Hallman
Cyndie Hartsell
Josiah Parnell
Yvonne Thompson
Peyton Sullivan
Fran Williams
Mary Stevens
Joyce Salters
Mark Hair
Helena Bradford
Connie and Walt Wurster
Annie Flanders
Roger Nelson
Anita Sloan
Larry Miller
Whitney Greene
Jamison Ford
Mary Stevens
Dwight and Susan
Hartsell
Fran Williams

Rodney Fowler
Lucille Mullis
Michele Wallis
Marvin Sims
Alice Vendrick
Mary Ann Graff
Linda Miller
Betty and Paulwyn Boliek
Will Coleman
Ramona Horres
Becky Cook
Sherry Cook
Carolyn Swittenberg
Mildred Woods
Ned Vendrick
Wendy Thomas
Ann Smith

All those suffering with
the COVID-19 virus.

All those who serve in the
military and those who
protect our country,
state, and communities.

The Citizens for Ukraine
for their safety and for
the end to the conflict
between Ukraine and
Russia.

Amazing Grace
how sweet the sound



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

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



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

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

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

Worship Assistants for May

	Lesson Reader	Prayer Leader	Communion Assistant	CPOD	Usher	Video
5/7	TBD	TBD	Mary Lou Hoover	Peggy Oxendine	Jimmy Knight	Peggy Oxendine
5/14	Laura Jordan	Laura Jordan	Torren Thomas	Laura Jordan	Ricky Suggs	Tracey Arthur
5/21	Mary Baldwin	Mary Baldwin	Maria Namie	Mary Lou Hoover	Richard Fowler	Sherry Fowler
5/28	Heidi Frear	Heidi Frear	Heidi Frear	Heidi Frear	Gary Frear	Heidi Frear



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**“A CARING FAMILY OF
GOD”**

STAFF AND CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

STAFF

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

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Officers

President—

Peggy Oxendine

Vice President—

Nancy Haynsworth

Secretary—

Heidi Frear

Treasurer—

Janice Knight

Financial Secretary—

Vacant

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Worship Team Leader—

Brenda Burke

Service Team Leader—

Laura Jordan

Evangelism Team Leader—

Vacant

Learning Team Leader—

Pam Peterson

*Congregational Care Team
Leader—***Mary Lou Hoover**

Property Team Leader—

Wayne Rimer

Youth (one year term) -

Torren Thomas



Council Members
serve two year
terms with the
exception of the
youth members,
serving a one year
term.