

MARTIN LUTHER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

LUTHER LINES

JAMES ISLAND, SC 29412 NOVEMBER 2024



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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Morning Manna

MORNING MANNA 4TH QUARTER

November 20th, 9AM

We will be delivering breakfast this quarter to James Island Outreach and their volunteers & staff

Please let Laura Jordan know if you would like to volunteer to help pick up the food or help deliver it or both! You can text to 843-480-8287 or email Lpjchas@gmail.com

The food and drinks pick up would be from either Publix or Chik-fil-a and then we will meet at the church to ride together to James Island Outreach. We will meet at the Church on the 20th at 8:40AM and then head over.

If you would like to write a personal thank you or share a verse of prayer over the ministry that they do, there are a stack of cards at the end of your pew you can write and leave in the offering basket.

BIBLE STUDY



Each Wednesday morning at 11 AM at Martin Luther Church, a wonderful event takes place. 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!

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 for the Fourth Season of this amazing series.



The Holidays (High Holy Days) are upon us and this is a most wonderful time of the year in our church life!

November begins with **All Saints Sunday** when we remember those gone before us. Imagine the cloud of saints rejoicing in heaven! Glorious!!!

The middle Sundays focus on the end times and a sense of justice. God's justice often looks different than we imagine and we do well to heed God's word in scripture and song.

November ends with the promises of **Christ our King Sunday**. We will worship his majesty and sing his praises with body, mind, spirit and voice!

November also brings us **Thanksgiving**. This year I want to acknowledge my gratitude for the privilege of serving Martin Luther Church as your music director. What a joy to know you and love you all as sisters and brothers in Christ. Thanks be to God!

New Members



We are especially blessed to welcome the Roscoe Family to Martin Luther Church. Shane Michael (7 months old) was baptized at Martin Luther by the same Pastor that married Keri and Kory several years ago, Reverend Jeff Wallace. It was an honor for Pastor Wallace to lead our service and to baptize Shane!

Thank you to Our Supply Pastors

We have been blessed to have Pastor Bonnie Mefferd, Pastor A.J. Houseman, Pastor Mary Finklea, Pastor Wendy Murphy, and Pastor Jeff Wallace bring to Martin Luther Church the wonderful messages of God's Love and Grace in this challenging season. We especially want to thank Pastor Bonnie Mefferd, who has supplied for us all of October and will be here for a few more weeks. Thanks be to God for their love and support!

Thank you

A big THANKYOU to everyone who donated coats, hats, blankets etc., for the Hurricane Helene victims in North Carolina. The Martin Luther Church family is truly amazing. We may be small in numbers, but mighty in our giving. Please know your efforts **will** make a difference.

Linda Leone

Witting Tree



THE WITTING TREE PROJECT

The term “witting” means to be cognizant, deliberate, and aware to the facts of a situation. Each year, more than a dozen faith communities and organizations join in hosting a Witting Tree ceremony at their sites.

We participate in the Witting Tree project by hanging 22 sets of dog tags on a tree in our church side yard (near our sign on Martello Drive) in public remembrance of 22 veterans who take their lives each day by suicide. (That is one Veteran that takes their life every 80 minutes.)

THIS YEAR WE ARE PLACING DOG TAGS ON THE WITTING TREE ONLY ON THE FOLLOWING DATES;

FRIDAY, NOV. 1;

SUNDAY, NOV. 3;

SUNDAY, NOV. 10;

AND MONDAY, NOV. 11 (VETERANS DAY).

Join us especially after Church to place these dog tags on the trees!

Eagle Scout

On Saturday, October 19th, Robert Heidenreich was awarded the Honor of Eagle Scout at a ceremony that took place at Martin Luther Church. A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall following the ceremony. Shared below is a prayer that was offered at the end of the program. We congratulate Robert on this wonderful achievement.



Dear God,

Spirit of Life and Love,

An Eagle Scout Court of Honor marks the end of one journey, a journey of participating in Scouting. Now a new journey begins with a commitment to better Scouting where all may participate.

Bless all of Robert's future endeavors.

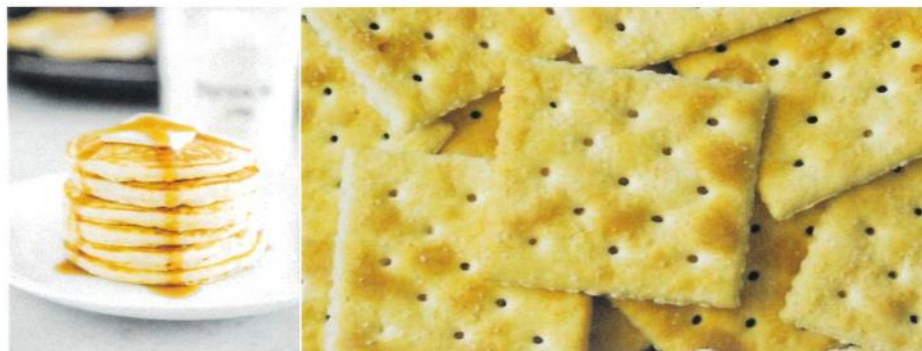
May each of us be committed to Scouting's ideals which instruct us to lead better lives, to be better citizens and to be a better example of leadership.

May we always seek the obvious and find the unknown.,

May we always follow our own trails, God, and be with us until we meet again. Amen.

James Island Outreach

MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH IS
THE CRACKERS AND PANCAKE MIX CHURCH



FOR JAMES ISLAND OUTREACH

Hurricane Cleanup

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. There will be more information about this summer opportunity as soon as the camps get their “feet” back on solid ground. Please see Tracey Arthur if you are interested in joining this group.

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.



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
March 27-30, 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, Gina Shuey, Laura Jordan, Peggy Oxendine, Wayne Rimer, Joni Suggs, 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!!!

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.

RESPITE 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

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

The Story of Thanksgiving

By Bill Mariorenzi

Where shall I begin? Well, for starters, with my hands—you can't make the sign of the cross without hands. Why wait a minute! How are we going to do that without these arms? Got a point there, stretch! I'm walking that's right—without these stilts you can't go anywhere. Along with me my little buddies, the toes. Come on guys without holding y'all together alright. When it comes right down to it, we are all important. God made our feet for walking and arms for holding people we love. And your mouth—better keep it clean or you know what? Fact—is the Good Lord had a purpose for all of us. And that is to honor and worship the one that created us - The God Almighty. In case you don't know it, He made us in His image. Now Let's all say, "Thank God for all we have because without God, we would be nothing." You got it this is the TRUE MEANING of THANKSGIVING! I thank you, God.



CARDS FOR AUTUMN

Thanks to all of you for your cards and prayers for Autumn. She was very excited about so many people reaching out to her. **Travis, you made her day! Opening your bag of Goodies was a Halloween celebration all on its own.**

Even the medical staff have been bringing Halloween treats.

She is continuing to wait so please remember to pray she is able to hold on until God heals her.

Church friends are so special and we are so glad to have all of you. Thanks for your support!

Praying for healing,
Barbara, Andy, Johanna,
Kennedy and Autumn Young

PRAYERS



The family of Buddy
Diffenderfer at his death on
October 23.

Janice Knight
Carl Simmons
Polly Sutton
Maria Namie
Mary Baldwin
Brenda Burke
Margaret Balzano
Claire Diffenderfer
Myrl Kluge
Joe and Linda Sproles

Martha and Jimmy Stone
Matt Tiller
Wendy Thomas
Pastor Russell Seabright
Amiliah Dreame
Aven Elize
Mike Shuey
Debby Epley
Kai Shuey
Jean Chesno
Emily Pelletier
Collin Foster
David Baker
Janice Lussier
Lynn Armstrong

Jeffrey Young
Autumn Young
Dolores Dukes
Alex Stelmachers
Dale Navarrette
Chloe Spitzer
Denise Dinking
Katie Carrole
Nancy Schwartz
Linda Miller
Sara Perry
Melina Watson
B.T. Bouton
Debbie Wilson
Corporal Lucas Watts
Julie Zerbst
Elizabeth Burgess
Robert Mallard
Steve Leasure
Bobbi Butler
Caren Clark
Luke Rankin
Joe Coates
Eric Wohltman
Robert Suarez
Jacob DuPree
Fran Lingenfelter
Trey Crayton
Johnny Hallman
Cyndie Hartsell
Marc Bennett
Patty Langella
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
Rusty Sims
Alice Vendrick
Mary Ann Graff
Paulwyn Boliek
Will Coleman
Ramona Horres
Becky Cook
Sherry Cook
Ned Vendrick
Ann Smith
Bella





BIRTHDAYS

Claire Diffenderfer	11/03
Janet Kruger	11/10
Joe Sproles	11/11
Kaitlyn Frear	11/11
Delayna Guffin	11/12
Tracey Arthur	11/14
Ada Arthur	11/15
Marcia LaFrance	11/18
John Weed	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



BIRTHDAYS

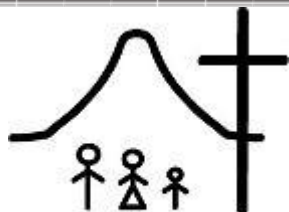
Marty Richard	12/01
JB Bradley	12/01
Polly Sutton	12/04
Aaron Armstrong	12/05
Haley Swittenberg	12/07
Laura Richard	12/15
Greta Waters	12/18
Joyce Guffin	12/23
Joni Suggs	12/28
Steve Shaddrix	12/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Nancy & Bruce Carter	12/18
Marcia & Russell LaFrance	12/24



DATE	Lesson and Prayer Leader	Communion Assistant	CPOD	Usher
Nov 3	Sherry Fowler	Laura Jordan	Laura Jordan	Ricky Suggs
Nov 10	Judy Simmons	Maria Namie	Joni Suggs	Jim Swittenberg
Nov 17	Ada Arthur	Sherry Fowler	Sherry Fowler	Jimmy Knight
Nov 24	Kathy Swittenberg	Laura Jordan	Linda Leone	Wayne Rimer



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GOD”**

STAFF AND CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

<u>STAFF</u>	<u>CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL</u>	<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u>	SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:
Pastor Vacant	<i>Officers</i> <i>President—</i> Nancy Haynsworth	<i>Worship Team Leader—</i> Brenda Burke <i>Service Team Leader—</i> Vacant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
Director of Congregational Ministries Sherry Fowler	<i>Vice President—</i> Sherry Fowler	<i>Evangelism Team Leader—</i> Laura Jordan	
Director of Music Gina Shuey	<i>Secretary—</i> VACANT	<i>Learning Team Leader—</i> Vacant	
Office Hours are Monday—Friday 9 AM to Noon	<i>Treasurer—</i> Linda Leone <i>Financial Secretary—</i> Vacant	<i>Congregational Care Team Leader—</i> Joni Suggs <i>Property Team Leader—</i> Vacant	