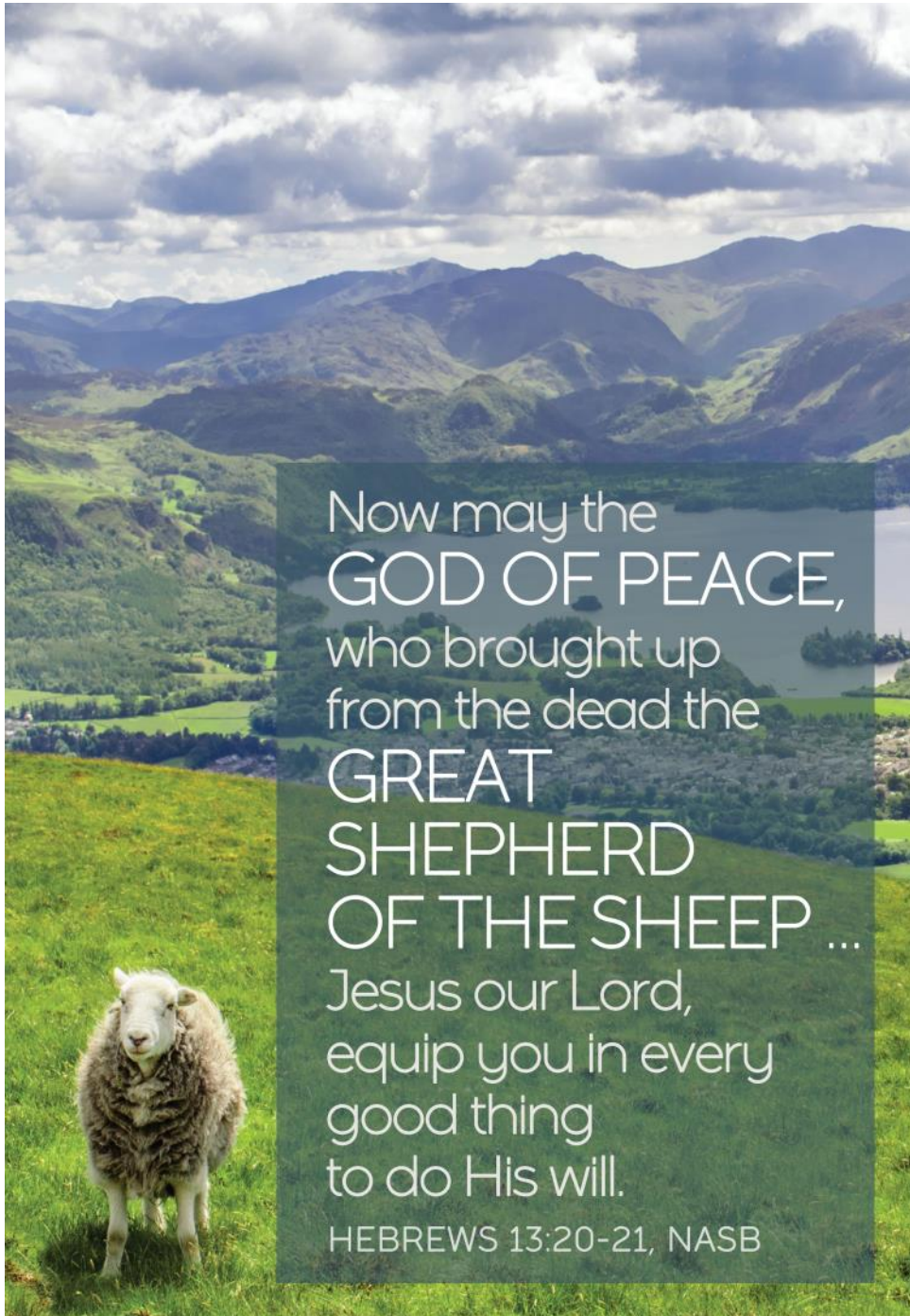


MARTIN LUTHER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

LUTHER LINES

JAMES ISLAND, SC 29412

SEPTEMBER 2024



Now may the
GOD OF PEACE,
who brought up
from the dead the
GREAT
SHEPHERD
OF THE SHEEP ...
Jesus our Lord,
equip you in every
good thing
to do His will.
HEBREWS 13:20-21, NASB



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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From the Council

August 12, 2024

"It is with great sadness that the council passes on the information that Pastor Tom Cassem has tendered his resignation effective immediately. Our hearts and prayers go out to Pastor Tom and the congregation as the council takes the next steps to select a new Pastor."

**Yours in Christ,
Nancy Haynsworth,
MLLC Council President
And MLLC Church Council**

Moving Forward

The MLLC Congregation Council was given a document “THE CALL PROCESS AT-A-GLANCE” at the recent meeting with Bishop Ginny Aebischer and Rev. Rick Carter on August 12, 2024.

We will be using this document to keep everyone apprised of the steps we will take to secure a new Pastor at Martin Luther Church. This document will be posted in the Narthex and may be viewed by anyone interested. While this Call Process usually is a lengthy and interesting task, we want all of MLLC Disciples to know what steps have been taken and what steps are to come.

We can assure everyone that The SC Synod Office and Bishop Aebischer are doing everything they can to secure us the support and prayers we need.

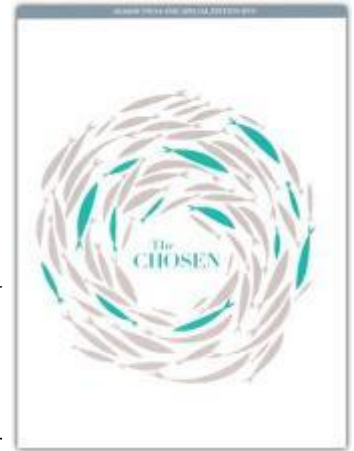
A Call Committee will be appointed when Bishop Aebischer designates the correct timing. Until then, the Bishop will appoint an Interim in the next few months to guide us on this path.

Please keep the Martin Luther Church congregation in your prayers as we walk this journey holding the hand of Jesus!

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 September 8** for the Fourth Season of this amazing series.*

COLUMBARIUM COMMITTEE REPORT

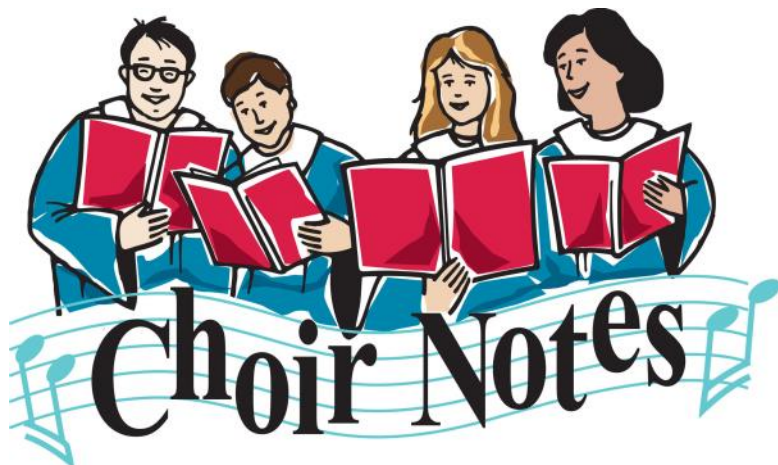
This past July, the Columbarium Committee sent out surveys to all members of MLLC, to determine the amount of interest and level of commitment church members had, to go forward with building a Columbarium on the church property.

- There were 21 surveys completed and returned.
- Of the 21 surveys, 16 individuals were not interested in purchasing a niche because they have already made other burial arrangements.
- Of the 21 surveys, 12 individuals are interested in purchasing a niche(s).
- Of the 21 surveys, all 28 individuals were in favor of the project. There were no oppositions to moving forward.
- Of the 21 surveys, all 28 individuals are in favor of locating the columbarium in the Prayer Garden adjacent to the Sanctuary. There were no oppositions to the location.

Based on the results of the surveys, the committee decided to take a different approach in the design of the project, looking into a prefabricated structure as opposed to one that would require architectural drawings and custom structures. The committee felt strongly about keeping the integrity of the architecture of our church building and planned to work closely to develop a design with that in mind.

Having said all this, Martin Luther Church is now facing some changes both spiritually and financially. It is the decision of the committee to place the columbarium project on hold. Please know that this all will be revisited, at a later time. Thank you for your understanding.

COLUMBARIUM COMMITTEE:
Kevin Ammons, Sherry Fowler, Linda Leone



Choir Rehearsals resume on
Monday, September 16th.
Handbells rehearse at 6 PM
Choir rehearses at 7 PM.

VOICES AND RINGERS NEEDED

AND WELCOME!

CONTACT GINA FOR INFORMATION.

843 737-2113



**Choir Rehearsals
Resume**



**HANDBELL
CHOIR**

James Island Outreach

MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH IS
THE CRACKERS AND PANCAKE MIX CHURCH



FOR JAMES ISLAND OUTREACH

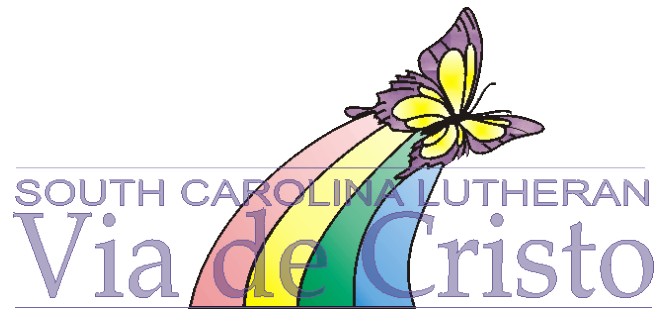
BLESSING BOX

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”

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, 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

BIRDS OF PREY

SWOOPING DOWN FROM SKIES OF GRAY,
 TALONS MADE OF RUBBER RULED THE DAY.
 RAINING DOWN LIKE AWESOME BEAST,
 NO RESTRAINTS, PROMPTED THEM TO FEAST.
 TERRORIZING FRIENDLYS WITH INTENT TO KILL,
 THESE BIRDS OF PREY HAD MUCH BLOOD TO SPILL.
 MINDLESS, RUTHLESS, DRIVEN WITH MAD MEN AT CONTROL,
 THEIR MISSION SIMPLY PUT TO SHATTER OUR VERY SOULS.
 CIRCUMSTANCES REFLECTED A BETTER TIME,
 HOWEVER THESE BIRDS OF PREY HAD COME TO DINE.
 NUMEROUS FRAGMENTS EMBRACED THE SWIRLING WIND,
 NEVER TO GIVE QUITE THE SAME SUBSTANCE
 TO THE SKYLINE AGAIN.
 O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES
 AMERICA SHEDS HER TEARS FOR THEE,
 WHILE SHE MAKES THIS URGENT PLEA.
 O BIRDS OF PREY BETTER GO AWAY,
 OR SOME DAY, SOMEHOW, YOUR GOING TO PAY.
 AND JUST IN CASE YOU THINK WE HAVE FORGOTTEN,
 WE SAY, AS ONE PEOPLE,
 WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN NOTHING.

William Thomas Mariorenzi



Artists' Profile Statement—That awful day and how we have dealt with it. I'm referring of course to September 11, that day of anguish and tragedy both here and abroad. It's important that the accounts of that dreadful day forever be retold, be it by the news media, TV, or in this case poetry. In retrospect, we do acknowledge an awesome truth and that is "The pen is mightier than the sword." Hopefully, "Birds of Prey" will give comfort and emotional relief to all its readers. -

William "Bill" Thomas Mariorenzi

PRAYERS



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

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
 Billy Miller
 Linda Miller
 Sara Perry
 Melina Watson
 Zeke Nobles
 Patty Langella
 B.T. Bouton
 Debbie Wilson
 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
 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



September



BIRTHDAYS

Marybeth Brennan 9/4
 Myrl Kluge 9/13
 Brenda Burke 9/15
 Emily Schroeder 9/16
 Elizabeth Cockrell 9/23
 Wayne Rimer 9/28
 Lynn Shaddrix 9/30
 Pam Arnold 9/30

BIRTHDAYS

Linda Sproles 10/6
 Peggy Oxendine 10/7
 Brandt Armstrong 10/9
 TJ Peterson 10/10
 Bade Thomas 10/11
 Sherry Fowler 10/12
 Connie Baker 10/14
 Robin Richard 10/25
 Al Hoover 10/28
 Ursel Harmon 10/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Claire & Buddy Diffenderfer 9/10
 Mary & Joe Cockrell 9/20

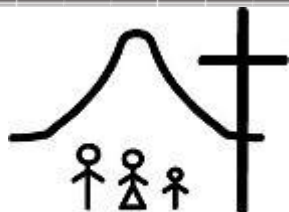
ANNIVERSARIES

Robin & Marty Richard 10/16
 Judy & Carl Simmons 10/25
 Caitlin and Joe Donaldson 10/28



SEPTEMBER

DATE	Lesson Reader	Prayer Leader	Communion Assistant	CPOD	Usher
Sept 1	Peggy Oxendine	Peggy Oxendine	Laura Jordan	Laura Jordan	Ricky Suggs
Sept 8	Judy Simmons	Judy Simmons	Maria Namie	Joni Suggs	Jim Swittenberg
Sept 15	Ada Arthur	Ada Arthur	Sherry Fowler	Sherry Fowler	Jimmy Knight
Sept 22	Kathy Swittenberg	Kathy Swittenberg	Laura Jordan	Linda Leone	Wayne Rimer
Sept 29	Sherry Fowler	Sherry Fowler	Lynn Shaddrix	Nancy Haynsworth	Brandt Armstrong



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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	