MARTIN LUTHER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

LUTHER LINES

JAMES ISLAND, SC 29412 OCTOBER 2018

REFORMATION

We Christians, who live out our faith lives as Lutherans, remember the Reformation, but do so knowing that it is still occurring. If we view the Reformation and what it means to be a reforming people of faith, as journeys, not destinations, then we have to be honest that, along the way, discomfort and challenges will accompany joy. - *Kevin L. Strickland*

A COMMUNITY REFORMATION SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT

ST MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH IN DOWNTOWN CHARLESTON ON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

AT 5 PM.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

a caring family of God

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.*

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THE PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

WALK WITH JESUS

"Do not walk in front of me, I may not follow.

Do not walk behind me, I may not lead.

Just walk beside, and be my friend."

--Anonymous

On the road to Emmaus. Jesus walked along that long, dusty road with two of his disciples. Luke records their journey (Luke 24:13-35). Jesus had just risen from the dead following his crucifixion. His disciples did not recognize him. But he was there.

Jesus walked WITH them --not in front of them…nor behind them-- but BESIDE them as a FRIEND. And their hearts burned within them in unexplainable joy and excitement as he shared their journey!

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Jesus shares OUR journeys, too. We might not recognize him any more than his disciples did. It's hard telling sometimes, but with us, he is. Always!

Jesus walks WITH us –not in front of us…nor behind us-- but BESIDE us as a FRIEND.

And OUR hearts may burn within us in unexplainable joy and excitement as he shares our journeys!

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And that's how WE are called to walk with ONE ANOTHER! Not in front…nor behind …but BESIDE one another. As Jesus does…as a FRIEND.

How amazing and awesome it is! We walk TOGETHER. And our hearts may burn in unexplainable joy and excitement. For Jesus shares our journeys…most often…in the face of a FRIEND!

Where have you seen him lately?

God's peace and blessings,

Pastor Tom

Please join us Sunday, October 7
following the 9 AM Worship Service
"First Sunday of the Month
Fellowship Brunch".
Bring your favorite
breakfast/brunch casserole, fruit,
sweets, cereals, etc. and come sit
awhile and get more acquainted
with your church beverages. See
Adelaide McKeithan or Kathy
Switzenberg for details.
BRUNCH
Sunday, October 7
at 10:30 AM
Martin Luther Church
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ORGAN FUND

At the July 29th meeting of the Congregational Council, it was approved that we start an "Organ Fund" to purchase a new Organ. We have been advised that our current organ is reaching the age of repairs and the replacement/repair parts are not available. Please consider giving to this new fund and mark your checks "Organ Fund". Thank you.

Veteran?

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

Clergy Appreciation

We have been blessed with the leadership of Pastor Tom Cassem for 5 years!

We thank God for all the Pastors who have served at Martin Luther Church.

1961 – 1971	Rev. Paulwyn L. Boliek
1971 – 1974	Rev. Marvin Thomas Sublett
1975 – 1984	Rev. Charles E. Bernhardt
1985 – 1991	Rev. James L. Lingle, Jr.
1992 – 1998	Rev. Steven D. Rosebrock
1999 – 2000	Rev. James Stanley Vargo
2001 – 2004	Rev. Glenn L. London, Jr.
2006 -2013	Rev. Stephen G. Cooper
2013 - Present	Rev. Thomas A. Cassem, Interim

October is Clergy Appreciation month.

Emails

Martin Luther Church is using "Constant Contact" to send out our mass emails (like the newsletter, announcements, etc.) PLEASE inform the church office if you do not receive a "Weekly Announcement" each Monday. If you would like to be added to this email list, please inform the church office of that desire, too!

Bible Study

The Thursday Morning Bible Study is meeting again each Thursday at 11 AM. Please keep Alice Lingenfelter in your prayers as she continues to recover.

STAY AND PLAY

Martin Luther Church invites you to our

STAY AND PLAY,

happening every Thursday from 9 AM – Noon at the church. Feeling cooped up at home? Too hot on the playground? Need some "adult" time with other caregivers? Come to our Weekly playgroup! Open to everyone! Call or text 843 345-5234 for more information.

Martin Luther

Every October, many Protestants celebrate the work of reformers who brought about much-needed change in the Christian church. At the center of their contributions were four teachings:

- ***Scripture alone: The supremacy of the Bible as the surest guide for faith and life.***
- ***Grace alone: The supremacy of God's undeserved love. God counts us "right" with him when we accept his free gifts of forgiveness and salvation.***
- ***Faith alone: The supremacy of faith. Only by believing and trusting in God's promises, and through no works or achievement of our own, do we receive eternal life.***
- ***The priesthood of all believers: Christians are "members of one another" (Ephesians 4:25, NRSV). In God's eyes, Christians are all on the same level. We each have a ministry to fulfill to one another and to people outside the faith. Martin Luther said we're "reciprocally and mutually one."***

Martin Luther wrote and/or spoke the following:

- "When Jesus Christ utters a word, he opens his mouth so wide that it embraces all heaven and earth, even though that word be but in a whisper. The word of the emperor is powerful, but that of Jesus Christ governs the whole universe. " —*Table Talk*
- "Faith is permitting ourselves to be seized by the things we do not see."
- "God gave us five senses; it is sheer ingratitude to worship him with any less."
- "Pray, and let God worry."
- "The two chief things are faith and love. Faith receives the good; love gives the good. Faith offers us God as our own; love gives us to our neighbor as his own."
- "God has nothing but the best, and he offers it to us, weeds us, sustains us and cares for us through his Son. That's the way our hearts are changed to follow Christ."

GOD'S CHANGELESS WORD

Feelings come and feelings go,
And feelings are deceiving;
My warrant is the Word of God —
Naught else is worth believing.

Though all my heart should feel condemned
For want of some sweet token,
There is One greater than my heart
Whose Word cannot be broken.

I'll trust in God's unchanging Word
Till soul and body sever,
For though all things shall pass away,
His Word shall stand forever!

—Martin Luther

NEWS FOR

Address

Please keep Nancy Haynsworth in your prayers as she serves our military in Bahrain over the next two years. If you would like to send a card or letter to Nancy, you may send it to:

Nancy Haynsworth

PSC 851 Box 360

FPO AE 09834-0004

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meets at Martin Luther Church every Saturday evening at 8 PM and every Sunday evening at 8 PM. We are happy to serve this community in various ways for the welfare of all.

OUTREACH

We remind you to bring food for James Island Outreach and TriCounty Family Ministries especially during the winter months. Our specialty is Mac and Cheese – so pick up a few extra boxes for the hungry when you are shopping this week.

Alzheimer's Support

Martin Luther Church is pleased to host the monthly Alzheimer's Support Group at the church. Please join us on the second Tuesday evening of each month at 6 PM!

5 Wishes

Join us on Sunday, October 21 at 10:30 AM for a presentation of "5 Wishes" by Lutheran Hospice of Charleston. This program helps EVERYONE with their final wishes. All ages are encouraged to attend.

YOU TO KNOW

WELCA

The Helene Wohlers Circle meets every first Thursday of the month at 10 AM at the church.

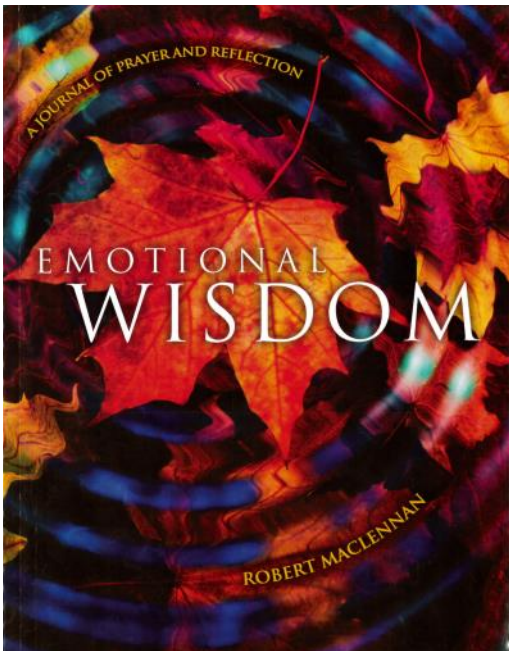
As of this date, we do not have an official "President" of the WELCA at Martin Luther Church. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please talk with Pastor Tom or former President, Connie Gibson.

Notary Service

Sherry Fowler in the church office is a SC Notary Public and is available to notarize your signature on documents.

Sunday Study

Join us each Sunday morning (except Brunch Sundays) after the 9 AM Worship Service for our new study series.



She's Moved

Elizabeth King Maddox has moved from Mount Pleasant to West Columbia to be nearer to her daughter.

Her new address is:
Elizabeth King Maddox
Jenni-Lynn Senior Living
915 Hook Ave, Apt 49
West Columbia, SC 29169

Children's Church

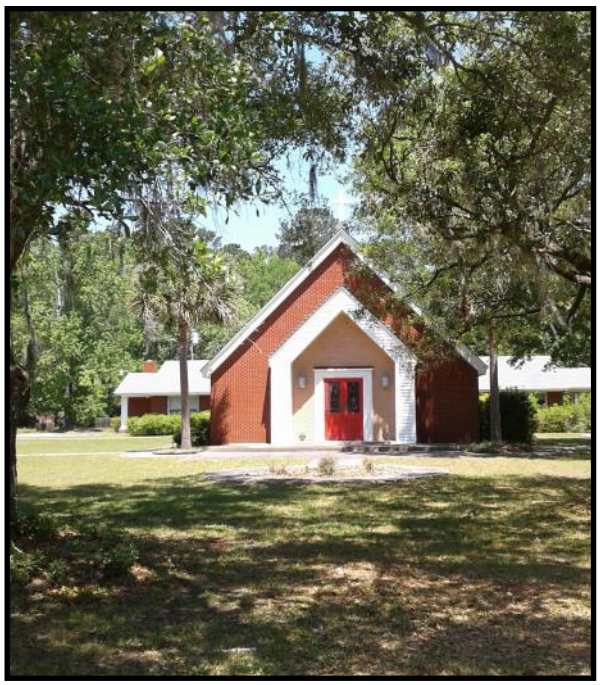
The October Children's Church gifts will be designated to:

Oct 7—ELCA World Hunger
Oct 14—Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary
Oct 21—Water Missions International
Oct 28—Bread for the World

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Faith Lutheran Church
3374 Maybank Highway
Johns Island, SC 29455
(843) 559-1242
faithjohnsisland.org

Ministers: *The People of Faith Church*
Pastor: *The Rev. Thomas A. Cassem*
Organist: *Helena Bradford*
Violinists: *Linda Perkins & Bonnie Dellinger*
Secretary: *Anthony P. Gainey*
Secretaries Emeritus:
Dieter Gar & Pat Riecke



Many of our communities in the Carolinas and Virginia have been severely damaged by Hurricane Florence and the flooding that has saturated the area.

We encourage you to give to Hurricane Florence relief efforts.

Many agencies will be seeking donations, but our **Lutheran Disaster Response** is one of the first to get on the scene, and is always the last to leave long after the event has concluded.

There are several ways to help, but one easy way is to make a check out to your church earmarked "Lutheran Disaster Response". The donation passes through our church, through our Synod Office, and then to LDR (100% goes to Lutheran Disaster Relief).

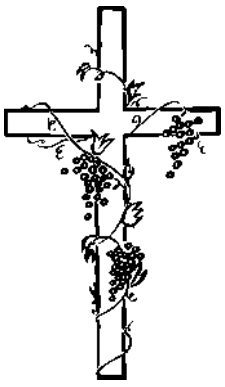
Please consider helping with your gifts and your prayers.

PRAYERS

The family of Willie Tuten at her death on August 16
Alice Whitsett at Savannah Place
Elizabeth King Maddox at Jenni-Lynn Senior Living in Columbia
Emily Chaplin at Dayspring Assisted Living
Bill McCorkle at Johns Island Rehab
Nancy Carter
Steve Shaddrix
Melody Alcorn
Mickie White
Alice Lingenfelter
Judy Alcorn
Bob and Joan Cunningham
Judy and Carl Simmons
Connie Baker
Jack Cooper
Alice Whitsett
Myrl Kluge
Edna and Bill Mariorenzi
Alice Scheld
Polly Sutton
Joe Sproles
Vicki Becker
Richard Jantzen
Virginia McCorkle

Jennifer Riley
Shauna Nelson
Margaret Myatt
Georgia May Follin
Florence Drafell
Dennis Lemon
Kathryn Norton
Tom Kapp
Sherry Guffin Mitchum
Donna Francis
Rachael Rhoden
Ruth Symon May
Mario Melro
Mary Katherine Brennan
Fran Lingenfelter
Randy Cox
J. May
Lucille Mullis
Loma Drake
Jason Young
Terrie Kranzler
Luke Lempisis
Tami Akins
Sarah Gregorie
Carolyn Powless
Paula Sutton
Marvin Sims
Charles Pingree
Aubrey McDaniel
Linda Arthur
Andrea Cassem
Trey Roberts
Luke Parnelle family
Brittany Crosby Lake
Diana Foster
Doug Shealy
Sean Fowler

All those serving in the military forces and on police forces



BOOK FAIR

Shop for FORTRESS PRESS WELLNESS books that help you heal, grow, and thrive! All books are sold at a special discount of up to 40 % off!

Stop by the Sunday School wing to view the plethora of good books available. There are special books for kids, too!

All orders are due by October 21 in order to receive the books for Christmas. *(You may pay for the books when they are delivered.)*

Worship Assistant Schedules

OCTOBER 2018

Date	Communion Assistant	Acolyte Crucifer	Reader	Prayer Leader	Ushers	Children's Church	Council Person of the Day	Lutherans Bearing Gifts	Prayer Team Partners
10/7	Laura Jordan	Torren Thomas	Pam Arnold	Mary Lou Hoover	Jimmy Knight Al Hoover	Tricia Bradley	Mary Lou Hoover	Claire Diffenderfer	Ursel Harmon
10/14	Brenda Burke	TBD	Judy Simmons	Joe Cockrell	Rick Beruf JB Bradley	Joni Suggs	Rick Beruf	Judy Simmons	Hoovers
10/21	Maria Namie	TBD	Jimmy Bradley	Sherry Fowler	Rick Beruf JB Bradley	Florence Rimer	Richard Fowler	Jerri Snider	Sherry Fowler
10/28	Sherry Fowler	TBD	Sherry Fowler	Peggy Oxendine	Richard Fowler Wayne Rimer	Laura Jordan	Wayne Rimer	Peggy Oxendine	Peggy Oxendine

NOVEMBER 2018

Date	Communion Assistant	Acolyte Crucifer	Reader	Prayer Leader	Ushers	Children's Church	Council Person of the Day	Lutherans Bearing Gifts	Prayer Team Partners
11/4	Lynn Shaddrix	Ashley Peterson	Melena Snider	Lynn Shaddrix	Richard Fowler Wayne Rimer	Pam Peterson	Brenda Burke	Claire Diffenderfer	Mariorenzi's
11/11	Laura Jordan	Torren Thomas	Bade Thomas	Judy Simmons	Al Hoover Gary Frear	Tricia Bradley	Peggy Oxendine	Judy Simmons	Judy Simmons
11/18	Brenda Burke	TBD	Heidi / Kaitlyn Frear	Mary Lou Hoover	Al Hoover Gary Frear	Joni Suggs	Heidi Frear	Jerri Snider	Ursel Harmon
11/25	Maria Namie	TBD	Kathy Swittenberg	Laura Jordan	Jimmy Knight Jim Swittenberg	Florence Rimer	Laura Jordan	Peggy Oxendine	Hoovers

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October

BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Rankin	10/5
Linda Sproles	10/6
Ryan Hamill	10/7
Marianne Hodges	10/7
Peggy Oxendine	10/7
Brandt Armstrong	10/9
TJ Peterson	10/10
Bade Thomas	10/11
Reid Armstrong	10/11
Amy Grimes	10/11
Laura Taylor	10/12
Sherry Fowler	10/12
Connie Baker	10/14
Barbara Crews	10/25
Robin Richard	10/25
Jack Cooper	10/25
Carley Congdon	10/26
Al Hoover	10/28
Edna Mariorenzi	10/29
Ursel Harmon	10/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Joan & Bob Cunningham	10/14
Robin & Marty Richard	10/16
Edna & Bill Mariorenzi	10/21
Judy & Carl Simmons	10/25

October 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 30	Oct 1 5:30pm YOGA 6:30pm Cub Scouts	2	3	4 9:00am Stay and Play 11:00am Bible Study	5 Respite Care Program	6
7 9:00am Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship Brunch	8 5:30pm YOGA 6:30pm Cub Scouts	9 Alzheimer's Support Group	10 Respite Care Early Onset	11 9:00am Stay and Play 11:00am Bible Study	12 Respite Care Program	13
14 9:00am Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday Study	15 5:30pm YOGA 6:30pm Cub Scouts	16	17	18 9:00am Stay and Play 11:00am Bible Study	19 Respite Care Program	20
21 9:00am Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday Study	22 5:30pm YOGA 6:30pm Cub Scouts	23	24 Respite Care Early Onset	25 9:00am Stay and Play 11:00am Bible Study	26 Respite Care Program	27
28 Reformation Service at St Matthews 9:00am Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday Study	29 5:30pm YOGA 6:30pm Cub Scouts	30	31	Nov 1	2	3

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

November

BIRTHDAYS

Bryce Krizan	11/01
Claire Diffenderfer	11/03
Martina Veronda	11/04
Janet Kruger	11/10
Joe Sproles	11/11
Kaitlyn Frear	11/11
Delayna Guffin	11/12
Marcia LaFrance	11/18
John Weed	11/18
Rich Hamill	11/19
Donna Blish	11/20
Virginia McCorkle	11/22
Bubba Brandt	11/23
Tait Arthur	11/24
Wesley Carter	11/24
Maria Namie	11/24
Pam Peterson	11/27
Russell LaFrance	11/28

ANNIVERSARIES

Amanda & Josef Burke	11/13
Beverly & Jerry Weed	11/21
Virginia & Bill McCorkle	11/27
Lynn & Steve Shaddrix	11/27

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4 9:00am Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship Brunch	5 5:30pm YOGA 6:30pm Cub Scouts	6	7	8 9:00am Stay and Play 11:00am Bible Study	9 Respite Care Program	10 Confirmation Class (St. Mark's IOP)
11 9:00am Holy Communion 3:00pm Congregation Council Meeting	12 5:30pm YOGA 6:30pm Cub Scouts	13 6:00pm Alzheimer's Support Group	14 Respite Early Onset	15 9:00am Stay and Play 11:00am Bible Study	16 Respite Care Program	17
18 9:00am Holy Communion 10:30am CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	19 5:30pm YOGA 6:30pm Cub Scouts	20	21	22 THANKSGIVING	23 Respite Care Program	24
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STAFF AND CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

STAFF

Pastor

The Reverend Thomas Cassem

Director of Congregational Ministries

Sherry Fowler

Director of Music

Vacant

Office Hours are

Monday—Friday

8 AM until 1 PM

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Officers

President—

Peggy Oxendine

Vice President—

Rick Beruf

Secretary—

Heidi Frear

Treasurer—

Janice Knight

Financial Secretary—

Richard Fowler

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.