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Voices of Faith at Faith

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To the beloved Faithful Islanders and beyond. We have come this far by faith, even if it’s the size of a mustard seed, the smallest of plant seeds.

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MEMORIAL DAY Inspired by a war-scarred field of bright red poppies in the spring of 1915, Canadian soldier Lt. Col. John McCrae penned the powerful poem “In Flanders Fields.”

In fewer than 100 words, McCrae honored those who died in World War I and gave rise to the enduring tradition of the poppy as a symbol of remembrance.

Since the founding of our nation, more than 1.2 million service members have given their lives in the defense of the United States— in wars from the Revolutionary War through today.

More than a century after McCrae’s poem, we still pause to honor the memory of the fallen with a moment of silence, a reverent act, or a heartfelt gesture of thanks.

On Monday (05/25/2026) at 3:00 PM, Americans across the country will observe the National Moment of Remembrance, a collective pause to reflect and give thanks for those who gave all. We invite you to join in this act of gratitude, prayer, or silent reflection, wherever you are.

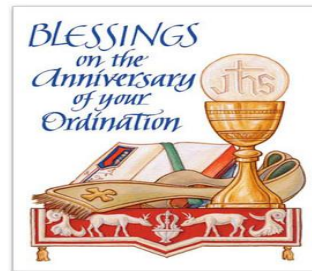
As people of faith, we remember with reverence those who laid down their lives, and we pray for a day when peace will reign and war will be no more.

DID YOU KNOW THE HISTORY OF MEMORIAL DAY AND CHARLESTON, SC? Someone at St Barnabas Lutheran Church

downtown Charleston shared with me the information below, about 14 years ago:

The Earliest Observance: Historians trace the very first Decoration Day to May 1, 1865, in Charleston, South Carolina. Formerly enslaved African Americans exhumed Union soldiers from a mass grave at a Confederate prison camp, reburied them properly, and held a procession of thousands to decorate the graves. **The celebration was at Hampton Park on the corner of Rutledge Ave and Moultrie Street, near The Citadel.**

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Pastor Tom Cassem is celebrating 35 of ordination on June 1, 2026. His churches are having a celebration in his honor on Sunday, May 31st. Pastor Tom asked me to let everybody know that you do not need to travel up there for the celebration we were invited to. He said it was too far to travel.

We did have cards that were passed around for people to sign and I will be putting the cards in the mail. If you missed church today and wanted to also send a card to him the address is below:

**Mt Olivet WELCA
11733 Broad River Road
Chapin, SC 29036**

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Trinity Sunday, celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost, holds significant importance in Western Christianity as the only major feast day dedicated to a doctrine rather than a person or event. It honors the fundamental mystery of the Holy Trinity—one God in three persons (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)—serving as a synthesis of the major events celebrated from Christmas to Pentecost. **May 31, 2026 is Trinity Sunday.** Kudos AI for the summary!



On Sunday, May 31, 2026 Holden Ammons will be affirming his baptism. This we commonly call CONFIRMATION. Please join us as we celebrate with Holden.

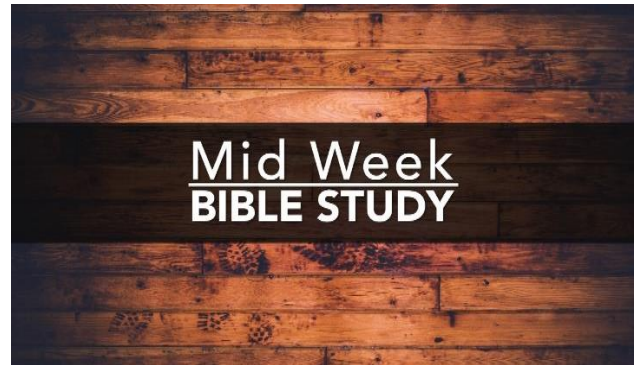
“In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), Affirmation of Baptism—often referred to as Confirmation—is a public rite where baptized individuals profess their Christian faith and take personal ownership of the baptismal promises made on their behalf as infants.”

Thanks to AI for the summary!

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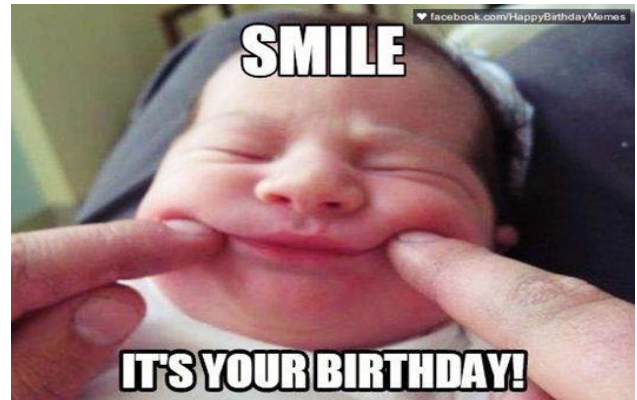


This coming Sunday, May 31st is also our last Sunday of the month which has been designated Fellowship Sunday. This potluck is going to be extra special because we will also be celebrating Holden Ammons’ confirmation. Come one, come all.



Midweek Bible Study on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Come and Joins Us!!!! This Tuesday (05/26/2026) we will be going through Genesis 26, 27, & 28. All I can say is “The plot thickens.”

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CELEBRATING THE MAY BIRTHDAY SAINTS:



- 05/01 Karen Sykes
- 05/01 Madison Kasar
- 05/05 Jennifer Gainey
- 05/23 Teddy Lee
- 05/25 Melissa Lee
- 05/31 Pat Riecke

Please let us know if we missed your birthday.

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WE ARE STARTING A KID’S CHOIR
We welcome children to join the choir. To qualify for the choir, each kid has to have a pulse and be ready to sing to the Lord for the sake of His world. Please let Pastor Thulie or Mandy Summers know if your youngie is in!!!



Let's think forward to the End of School Year Intergeneration Putt Putt Golf Event...

I stopped by the new Sea Island Minigolf & Arcade and talked to a couple there. They were really excited about hosting our event. In addition to golf there is a beautiful arcade with tons of interesting games. Let's do it good people....Please let pastor know if you will be joining us for this fun event!

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REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS:

Bobby Bellah, Mrs. Dukes, Andrea Brisbin, Trish Bradley's family at the passing of her father Carl Simmons, Roy Kimbrell, Stephen Bellah, Nettie Poulnot's family and loved ones, Jimmy Farr's family, Pastor Josh Knutson's family and his congregations (Christ Community Church, North Charleston and St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Moncks Corner) after his untimely death, Bishop Ginny Aebischer, Mike Shuey, Mikie Floyd, Ken HERNs, Rick Hartley, Bobby Webb, Patricia Beruf, Reid Melton, Jay O'Neill, Phil Ammons, Pat Lane, Helena Bradford, Donna Porritt, Nettie Poulnot, Dolores Dukes, Matthew Sharbrough, Trisha Melton, Harry Rakowski.

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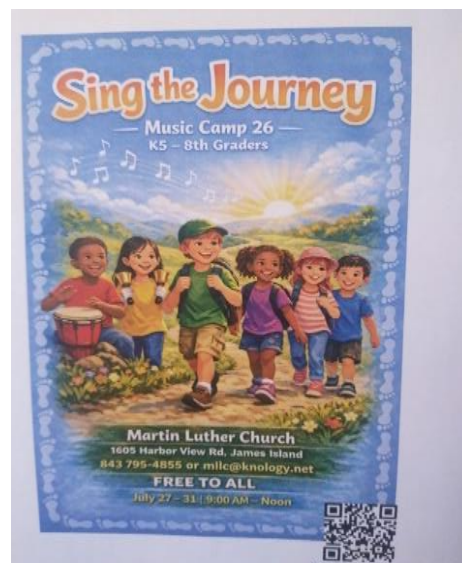
Saints, we are overdue for SPRING CLEANING (indoor/outdoor)



SERVING – Sunday, May 31, 2026
Lector & Prayer Leader Arnold Hite
Acolyte Simon Gainey
Ushers Jimmy Sykes & Bobby Bellah
Communion Assistant Sharon Hite
Communion Prep Sharon Hite

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Our sister congregation Martin Luther Lutheran Church in James Island has a music camp from Monday, July 27th to Friday, July 31st from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Several other Lutheran congregations are participating in this music event, and I plan on being there too. Registration forms are in the narthex.



**WORDS OF.....FROM SOURCES
KNOWN AND UNKNOWN**

“Old people coming for me like ‘You’re too young to be tired.’ Well, okay Carol, you’re too old to still be alive yet here we are.”

“I don’t understand why people say hurtful things like ‘Let’s go for a run’ or ‘Try this kale.’”

“I hate when someone rings my doorbell because then I have to drop whatever I’m doing to be silent and pretend I’m not home.”

“It’s all fun and games until your arm fat starts waving at you aggressively when you’re blow drying your hair.”

“I just ‘Paid it backwards’ by telling the drive-through lady that the car behind me is paying for my stuff.”

“I stood waving to my neighbor for 10 minutes this morning before realizing she was cleaning her windows.”

“Feel free to take advice from me but you should know I almost choked drinking the Pringles crumbs out of the canister.”

“I just realized the paper towels by the gas pump are for wiping away tears after filling up your gas tank.”

“I’m just one step away from being rich, all I need now is money.”

“How to avoid stress at work: 1. Don’t go to work.”

“My boss says I intimidate my coworkers. I stared at him until he apologized.”

“Me: ‘This is a hard escape room.’
Manager: You’re at work.”

Peace, Pastor Thulie