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"CELEBRATE...SHARE...SERVE"
ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL

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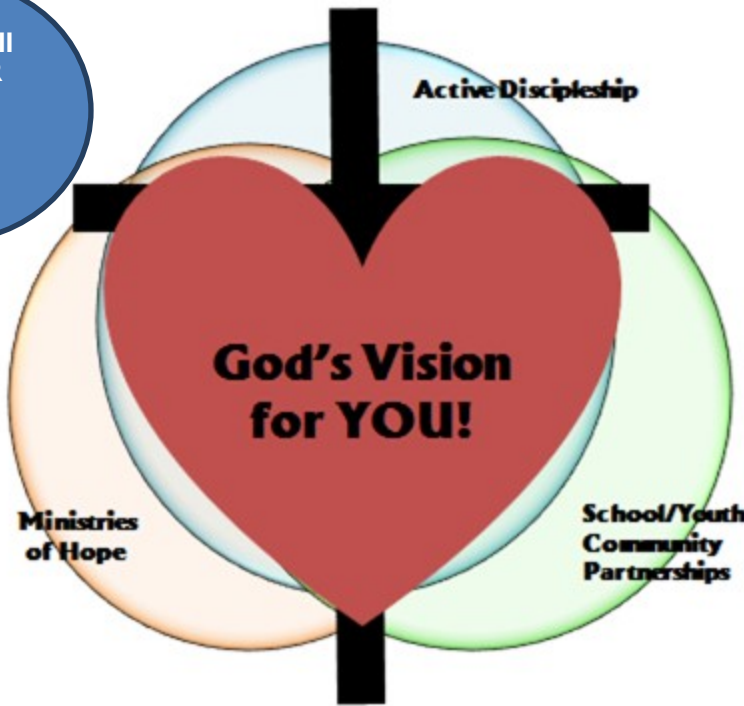
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"Let Your Vision Inspire Us, O God!" - This Month from Pastor Eric

Where will be YOUR disciple moment today?



One year ago, we were gathering in homes as groups of disciples around a lit candle and a cross, with this prayer in our hearts, "Come, Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds to God's vision for us. Allow us to sense the Risen Christ among us – and speak to us with your voice. Let your vision inspire us to be people of mission, in the shared work of our congregation and the daily ministry to which you lead each of us." What a blessing it has been over the past 12 months to see the Spirit respond to that prayer!

I think about all those disciples coming together in fall and spring cottage gatherings. I think about the Spirit leading us to 3 Vision Areas, 7 Mission Lens, 25 possible Ministry Goals, and 450+ resulting Spirit-tugs. I think about the Mission Cross last Lent,

about Mission Moments shared during Easter Season, about blue & red dots on a Mission Map, about Disciple Moment Stories being shared. I think about a church lawn filled with joy at an Outdoor Nativity; about Advent & Lenten prayer services; about the Greatest Story Bible study and our new TELS group; about a summer mission trip, a ramp being built, and 20+ Sr. Youth sharing hope with veterans, homeless, and Meals-on-Wheels recipients at Spark; about students having lives changed at confirmation camp; about a growing FAITH5 emphasis in our homes and Faith Alive excitement on Sunday morning; about Prayer Bears being delivered all over the nation; about a new Lutheran Campus Ministry partnership; about a new Associate for Sr. Youth Ministry; about our website & new prayer line and the blessing of our Communications Coordinator, Lisa Petty; about our new Preschool Staff prayer lunches and a Spirit-tug in a disciple's heart that led to a new Food Resource Ministry; about the 50-70 backpacks of food being packed for elementary children in need and Blessing Bags being distributed throughout Columbia each week; about the 230+ meals shared at "God's Work, Our Hands" just last month; about 37 disciples who have become part of Christ's family of faith here at Living Springs since last fall. I think about all the ongoing ministry here in this place and the unspoken ways that the Spirit works in each of you in your daily lives. I also think about a dedicated Mission Vision team that God used to guide us in this process, about three teams of Mission Visionaries who will be installed on Oct. 19, and many Spirit-Tug groups that God will gather in months ahead. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at our Mission Vision Celebration on Oct. 19, not as an "end" to this Mission Vision process, but as a kick-off to even more amazing ways that the Spirit will respond to that original prayer – not just in what we do together here, but in what the Spirit works in YOU in your mission field every day. May the heart of God's love and the cross of Christ always be the center of God's vision for each of us! With much love in Christ, *Pastor Eric*

**Mission Visionaries -
Installation
October 19
+++
Rite of Confirmation
Reformation Sunday
October 25**

Where Is Your Spirit-Tug?
If you have not been able to participate in our cottage gatherings or other Mission Vision events, please pick up a Spirit-Tug packet from the narthex. Don't miss our DVD and powerpoint at the MV Celebration on Oct. 19.

MINISTRIES OF HOPE

ACTIVE DISCIPLESHIP

YOUTH/SCHOOL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



Calling all members and friends
**Living Springs
Mission Vision Celebration**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19
9:15-10:30 am (between services)

**Mission Vision Presentation
and
Seated, Family-Style Brunch**



To confirm your household attendance, please call the church office (736-0661), or sign-up in the narthex, or respond via your on-line invitation. Please confirm by October 15.

Something big is happening in the life of Living Springs. So, let's celebrate!

The Mission Vision that was shaped by the Holy Spirit and over 200 of our fellow members over the last year is a reality. While ministry has been happening since the founding of our congregation 26 years ago, and since the church was born nearly 2000 years ago, with this vision for mission, we as disciples are affirmed to carry out the ministry as the Spirit tugs each of our hearts. That's exciting ... and something significant to celebrate in the history of our congregation!

So, let's celebrate with a served, sit-down, family-style brunch between worship services on October 19.

The Celebration will take place from 9:15-10:30. While we eat we will see the results of the Mission Vision for Living Springs through sharing by various congregation members, DVD, and PowerPoint.

Please plan to attend!

Even if you don't wish to eat, we ask you to attend this important event in the life of our congregation.

Active Discipleship + Ministries of Hope + Community Youth/School Partnerships

Where is God calling you today?

+ Living Springs Mission Vision +



SIGN UP TO BRING BAKED GOODS FOR MISSION VISION BRUNCH

We are excited to have Mrs. Laura Cunningham, our Living Springs Food Resource person, to provide the main quiche dish for our brunch - but we don't want to miss out on the wonderful baked goods that of our congregation provide at congregational meals. Please sign up in the Narthex (or call the office) to provide your favorite breakfast breads and sweet rolls.

CONSTITUTION UPDATE (FIRST CONGREGATIONAL VOTE): SUNDAY, OCT. 19 – 10:20 AM

Everyone, don't forget our important first vote on our constitution updates! We will call the meeting to order and take the vote at 10:20 on Sunday, Oct. 19 – at the end of our Mission Vision Celebration in the fellowship hall! These updates reflect the required and suggested provisions from the larger Lutheran church, to make sure each congregation's constitution is current with up-to-date legal language and protections. This is important, so be sure to be present – we must have a quorum. The updates must be accepted by a 2/3 majority at this first vote, and then be ratified (along with by-laws) by another vote at our annual meeting on Nov. 16. Copies of the updates were distributed in our congregational mailing on Sept. 19 – extra copies are available from the office. *Reminder: Current Voting members are all confirmed members who have both contributed and communed on record during 2013-14.*

QUESTION-ANSWER, DISCUSSION SESSION: SUNDAY, OCT. 5 – 9:40 AM

On Sunday, October 5, from 9:40 – 10:30, there will be another opportunity for questions, answers, and discussion about our upcoming constitution updates. Please gather with us in the narthex if you have items to discuss, so we can address any issues prior to the voting session on Oct. 19.

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Announcing ... **Living Springs FAITH ALIVE!**

Sunday School – Faith Education Time

1st Sundays

*All God's Family together,
9:25-10:30
FAITH5, FaithFriends,
Music & more!*



2nd-5th Sundays

9:25–9:40:

Music & Faith-Fun Bible Time

(Adults/Children/Youth in sanctuary;
then pick up refreshments on way to ...)

9:40–10:30:

Faith Alive Groups

Children's Faith Alive

Group Rotations

(arts, crafts, games, faith & life
applications)



Confirmation Faith Alive

High School Faith Alive

"L-I-G-H-T" Adult Faith Alive

Adult Class Faith Alive



FAITH 5

Have you experienced FAITH5 in your household yet? Here are 2 stories of how FAITH5 has impacted 2 households of faith.

**God has been acting in a FAITH5 household recently and it has brought smiles and laughter and deep conversation. A couple with 2 teenagers have seen so many positive benefits recently. They are talking openly and helping each other cope with daily struggles. They are praying for and with each other. The teens are seeing that every afternoon/evening the parents are putting down the electronics and really focusing on each other and God. To add an additional bit of fun to the experience, this household decided that on Sunday nights they will do something special! Instead of a pillow fight, they recently had a *marshmallow fight!* What fun! It was a chance to let go and let God be in on the fun and laughter that makes up a household centered in the grace and love of Jesus! Blessed to be a Blessing!

**God has been acting in and through a unique FAITH5 experience between a couple whose children are grown. This couple makes sure that at some point throughout the day (nighttime isn't the best time for them so they do it during the day!) they are taking time for each other, and experiencing how God has been at work in their separate lives. One day they chose to experience FAITH5 over a luncheon with co-workers. It was a low-key, simple way of finding out more about the people they interact with daily. This experience led to deep insight, great conversation, and the presence of God over a meal. Indeed it was a grace-filled lunch. Blessed to be a Blessing!

If you have a story to share about how your household is using FAITH5 daily, please contact Lexanne at Lexanne@LivingSpringsColumbia.org.

Feel free to click on this link to see a household actually experiencing FAITH5. You will see how simple and easy you can bring Jesus into every household, every night. <http://faith5.org/about/>



SHARE



READ



TALK



PRAY



BLESS

Faith Formation for All Ages at Living Springs

REINVENTING SUNDAY SCHOOL

A reformation in faith formation, excerpts from The Lutheran Magazine Cover Story

'Nurture faith at home'

"Sometime in the 1950s or '60s, churches communicated to parents that they should let the church do all of the education and faith formation for their children," Hymans said. "And parents were often happy to do that because they often didn't feel well equipped to do it."

But research shows that parents are the primary influence in their children's faith, she said, "so more churches are equipping and empowering [them] to nurture faith at home."

For example, congregations can teach families to worship every Sunday, no matter where they are. "We need to find simple ways to engage parents who are exhausted," Shallue said. "That could be small rituals like reading a Bible story, singing and praying. One of our young moms had been doing that at home because it was hard to get to church with her little ones."

To read the entire article, click here: http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=12194



We invite any and all adults to our weekly Bible Study and Sunday Faith Alive offerings. Join in one or more to learn more about how we Lutheran Christians live out our faith in our daily lives.

- On Sunday mornings we have two Adult Sunday Faith Alive Groups at 930am. "L-I-G-H-T" Adult Faith Alive Group uses The Wired Word (discussion is on current events viewed through the lens of scripture) and the Adult Class Faith Alive has been doing a survey of the Bible led by Ron Ramsey
- "The Greatest Story" Bible Study Sundays, 6:45 pm - Interested in making deeper connections between Scripture and daily life? This 16-part study, led by Pastor Eric, focuses on the life of Jesus, with DVD scenes from acclaimed sand artist Joe Castillo. Come join us!
- Tuesday Evening Bible Study meets at 7:00pm in the Katie Room. The lively discussion is finishing up the Women of the Bible and they will start on Matthew in the next few weeks. For those who are technologically savvy, the evening group uses their iPad's and Kindle's to research topics to engage deeper in their discussions! Come join your friends as you grow closer to God!

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Are you planning on attending the **Tuesday Lunch at Living Springs** on October 7th? Ladies come early and join the Ladies Bible Study. The ladies meet every Tuesday at 10:00 am in the Katie Room. Their current discussions are on Hebrews. The group is led by Sara Hale, sjhmdiv@msn.com.



God at Work in September

We Welcome 15 Partner Disciples to Christ's Family of Faith at Living Springs!

In September, we rejoiced to welcome these 15 disciples to this community of disciples here at Living Springs – below are their names and a brief sentence about each. We encourage everyone to go out of your way to introduce yourselves to them several times – **during October, be sure to wear your name tags at worship** to assist these folks and our ongoing worship guests in knowing your names. May the Spirit bless the partnership in ministry and worship we will share for months and years ahead! Our next Membership Sessions are being scheduled for November – please contact Pastor Eric or coordinator Tina Molineu if interested.



Jim & Sadonia Grimmer
Jim is a native of the Buffalo-Niagara Falls area, while Sadonia grew up in Memphis. They live in Lake Carolina and have come to Columbia in their retirement, to be closer to family.



Chuck & Shelia Kowalski, daughter Samantha
Chuck works at Shaw Air Force Base, while Shelia is a homemaker who is active in our Preschool, where their 3-year-old daughter, Sam, attends.

Randy & Lori Masad
Randy is a North Dakota native, while Lori grew up in Iowa. Randy's career has been in food service management, while Lori is a brand manager for Pure Fishing here in



Hany & Rachel Sorial
Rachel is a native of Michigan and now teaches at Dent Middle School. Hany grew up in the Egyptian Orthodox Christian tradition and now works for CVS.



Marianne Tracey
Marianne is a native of Nuremburg, Germany who now enjoys worshipping with us on a weekly basis and will be part of our faith family as an associate member.



Gwen Wilfong
Gwen comes to us from Peninsula Christian Fellowship in Yorktown, Virginia and will be married to Herb Brantley of Living Springs on Oct. 4.

James & Michell Griffith, sons Cameron & Parker
Michell is a battalion psychologist at Ft. Jackson, while James has served as a Regional Disaster Director for Red Cross. Cameron is a freshman at UT-San Antonio, and Parker is a freshman at Blythewood HS.



Faith Alive in Action!

PRESCHOOL STAFF TRAINING DAY



Our Preschool Staff after their Service of Blessing.

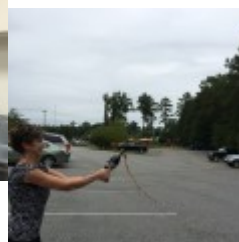


Bible & Science - K-2nd Grade Youth Group



On Sunday, September 14th, our Kindergarten through 2nd Grade Youth had fun during their **Bible and Science** event. They had a carpet picnic with name games, then Mr. Nic and Mrs. Rachel ask the children to help with the following science experiments:

- God's overflowing love (foam exploding out of a coke bottle)
- God scattering seeds of love and grace over the whole earth (diet coke bottle with Mentos inside to cause a quick spray of diet coke everywhere!)
- God's grace transforming us from sinners into saints (red food colored liquid magically disappears into clear liquid)



Club 3456 Mystery Event



Our young people in Club 3456 gathered last Sunday for their Mystery Event which was to compete with each other in shopping for items for our Backpack Program. Each team was given \$20 and a description of what items they should buy. They were able to bring coupons to save money and get more items. Can you guess who won? The two groups tied in getting 78 items each. Ultimately, hungry children in Richland School District 2 won because 156 items were added to the backpack shelves to feed them! WOW! It was a great day teaching and learning about being good stewards of the \$20 and being compassionate to others with their donations. As it says in 2 Corinthians 9:7, "God loves a cheerful giver."

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

Talk about our three visions coming together on Sunday!! Discipleship, Hope, and Youth / School Community Partnership. 63 church member volunteers, 190+ people in attendance, total of 45 meals delivered to the homeless in Finlay Park, fire stations #27 & #34, our Meals on Wheels clients (Mary expressed how grateful she was to receive a meal since she broke her arm the week before & is having a hard time maneuvering), our home-bound members, and lastly we took the remaining food down to Oliver Gospel Mission, so the fishes and loaves kept feeding and feeding! Our guests included Angels House residents (one lady wants to come back to worship), Hannah House residents, Rice Estate residents, and a family that we pack backpacks for. The preschool children made cards for the children and also a gift bag for all our guests, Crafty Ladies donated 19 quilts to Hannah House, and 18 bears went off on a mission to show God's love and blessings for all his children. The youth monitored the lawn games & bounce house (whew! It was hot) God's work – yes! Our hands – yes, Living Springs' hands! Thank you **ALL** for your time and support. **GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.** T-shirts: we have two (2) XL bright yellow t-shirts left for anyone who would like to purchase at a donation of \$5. Contact Karen Kranz or Jean Cronin if interested.

A thank you from Ms. McKnight

The ladies and I had an excellent time on Sunday (God's Work. Our Hands.). Thanks again for thinking of the Hannah House and showing Godly love and support to the women and children.



TELS - Traveling Evangelists of Living Springs sees The Fourth Cross



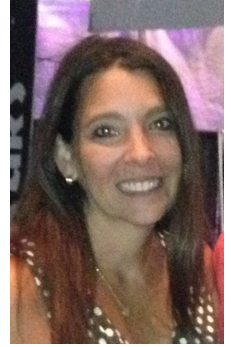
Last weekend the TELS group took a trip up to Fort Mill to see NarroWay Dinner Theater to see their production called "The Fourth Cross". The group says the show was fantastic!



Living Springs Expands Food Ministry

We Welcome Laura Cunningham as our LS Food Resource Person!

Since the days of the early church, gathering around food has been characteristic of the Christian community (Acts 2:43-47). A central part of our Christian calling has also been to reach out to those who hunger (Matthew 26:31-46, James 2:15-16). During our recent Mission Vision process, the congregation identified one of our specific ministry goals to be: "establish & expand food ministries" (Ministries of Hope #H5). In response to this goal, the Spirit tugged at the heart of one of our members, Bob Gill, to explore this possibility. Council appointed Ed Brennan, Bob Turnmire, and Pastor to join Bob as a Food Ministry Task Force. They researched congregations with an active Food Ministry and discovered at least 3 different levels: **Level 1**) a Food Resource Person who works with the congregation to support existing food ministries and develop new opportunities. **Level 2**) a part-time or full-time staff position as Congregation Food Minister. **Level 3**) a DHEC-certified kitchen, which would be necessary to feed preschool children and offer more than 12 public meals during a year.



In September, council approved moving forward with **Level 1**: a Food Resource Person who will be available to support congregational ministries and outreach efforts on an event-by-event basis. Groups, committees, or members can work with the Food Resource Person to provide food for events, gatherings, meetings, or outreach efforts. Each event should be self-supporting, via donations from participants or funding from the budget of the sponsoring group or committee. In determining cost, the Food Resource Person will calculate actual expense for food/supplies/utilities/labor, with an added 10% for a Living Springs "Food Ministry Fund." The fund will accumulate for future expansion of the congregation's Food Ministry, as well as provide for kitchen maintenance. Congregation members will continue to hold pot-lucks, care meals, Rice Estate suppers, Fish Fries, etc. – *the Food Ministry Resource Person is not here to replace those efforts, but to help support us as needed and develop new ministries.*

At this point, the Food Resource Person is not a paid staff member – and she is not here to earn a profit. In the process, the Spirit led us to someone who has the necessary experience, plus a genuine calling to use her gifts to further the ministry of God's kingdom. This individual is Mrs. Laura Cunningham. Laura and her husband, Mark, were one-time restaurant operators (Backyard Grille at Lake Carolina), where they hosted several LS Men's breakfasts. Laura and Mark continue to help with food for various local ministries, including Midlands Youth Foster Association, the Boys & Girls Club, North Trenholm Baseball League, Hannah House, Ronald McDonald House, and Harvest Hope. Laura is a member of the Global Association of Christian Hospitality Professionals. She says, "we are very excited to see where God may be leading us and about this opportunity to get to know the disciples of Living Springs," and her theme verse is Proverbs 3:5-6, "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.*"

Already, Laura has helped us start a monthly Prayer Lunch for our Preschool staff, as well as begin a Tuesday monthly Devotional Lunch for everyone (see box). She is working with the MV Team to provide brunch for the Mission Vision Celebration on Oct. 19, and will provide breakfast for Lutheran Men on Oct. 25, as well as cook for the Thrivent District Supper on Nov. 9. We are also planning a Wednesday supper to accompany our Advent Prayer Services. Laura has many wonderful ideas about how we might reach out more in our community.

If you would like to utilize Laura for one of your ministries or to develop something new, please email her at laurafood@livingspringscolumbia.org. We are excited about this opportunity to which the Spirit has tugged us, and invite everyone to keep this new ministry in your prayers.

TUESDAY LUNCH @ LIVING SPRINGS

On Tuesday, October 7, lunch will be offered in the fellowship hall at 11:45. Anyone is welcome! Meal is served by Laura Cunningham, former owner-operator of Backyard Grill. To reserve a spot for you and your friends, sign up in the narthex or contact the office by Sunday, October 5. Donation is \$6, which includes drink and dessert.

Men's Ministries

Congregational Fall Camping Trip to Poinsett State Park November 7-9



Make plans to be a part of a weekend camping trip to Poinsett State Park on November 7-9, 2014. We will be tent camping in the "group camping" area, but if you have your own camper/motor home/travel trailer, you can make a reservation at: <http://southcarolinaparks.reserveamerica.com>. There are also a very limited number of cabins available. You can arrive any time after 3pm on Friday. **Feel free to just come spend the afternoon or two if you don't want to stay the whole weekend.** Sign ups are in the narthex to check off what meals you plan to be there for. The Lutheran Men request a \$30 donation per adult to cover the food costs. They are picking up the cost for the kids! Come for a little bit or all weekend! Contact Mike Davidson at mdavidson33@gmail.com or 699-1498 if you have any questions. Sponsored by Lutheran Men.

Worship and Recreate in the Beauty of God's Creation Sunday, November 9 @ 10:45

As a beautiful end to the congregational camping trip, we will be having our 10:45 worship at the campground. For those not camping, buses and carpools will leave Living Springs at 9:30 if you'd like to catch a ride to Poinsett State Park. After worship, we will be having a hot dog cookout. Everyone is invited to stay as long as you wish to enjoy that afternoon! We will be having our regular 8:15 service at Living Springs for those that would prefer to stay at Living Springs.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

We continue to form our Lutheran Men's circle of prayer where each man is praying for a brother in Christ. Come to our next meeting to expand our circle. Next breakfast gathering will be **Saturday, October 25th** at 8:00 am at Living Springs. Meal is being served by Laura Cunningham, former owner-operator of Backyard Grill. She will be serving coffee, buttermilk pancakes, grits, sausage, and scrambled eggs @ \$6.60 per person. We will be discussing our upcoming events. We meet on the last Saturday of each month.



Stewardship

God's Creation

Going Green. We hear those words a lot these days, don't we. If we don't preserve our air, water and soil, we risk the survival of the planet. Going Green has even become a significant part of our political discourse. One side advances theories that the opposing side is based on little or no real evidence. However, both sides of the debate lose sight of the fact that God created this world and then he placed us in it. He placed us in it to enjoy AND to take care of it. We are his appointed gardeners and care takers.



So, stewardship begins with the understanding that this world and everything in it belongs to God and that we are charged with taking care of it. That's easy to say, but how do we put it into action in our lives? Starting in October worship services on selected Sundays will incorporate short "mission moment" talks highlighting a few of the ways that members already spend time taking care of God's creation. Gardening, recycling, kind treatment of animals, taking care of our forest and trees and spending time in the outdoors are a few of the topics that members will share with us. In doing so, they will also share the joy that they derive from their creation stewardship activities.

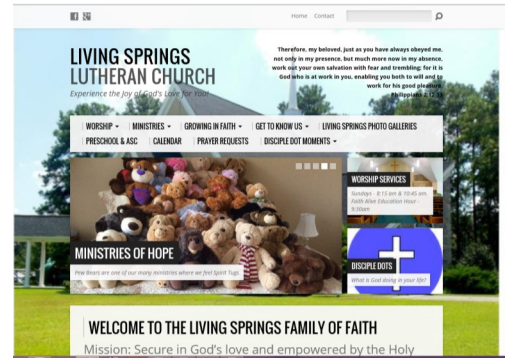
Updates

NEW WEBSITE

Have you checked out our new website? It is up and running. Click the picture to take your trip. It will be updated with recent photos of events, disciple dots and upcoming events frequently so stop by

MEMBER CONTACT DIRECTORY

At the Mission Vision Celebration, committee meetings and other events over the course of the next month, we will be passing around four official drafts of a directory that will include thumbnail photos. This is not a photo directory, just a directory with headshots. Please look over your contact information. If you haven't submitted a photo or would like to update yours, please send one to the office. We will also be taking photos at the Mission Vision Celebration as well if you would like one that way. We hope to have the directory out by November 1.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES!

As an exciting part of this effort to update our website, we have been able to create our own web-based NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES. Please make note of these in your address list:

Pastor Eric Fink - pastoreric@livingspringscolumbia.org	Sherry Forsgren - sherry@livingspringscolumbia.org
A.I.M. Lexanne Graves - lexanne@livingspringscolumbia.org	Laura Dunklin - lauradunklin@livingspringscolumbia.org
Nickie Riley - nickie@livingspringscolumbia.org	Tammy Mancuso - tmancuso@lslcps.org
Lisa Petty - lisaoffice@livingspringscolumbia.org	Main - contact@livingspringscolumbia.org
	Prayer Requests - prayer@livingspringscolumbia.org

WHAT ARE THE ORANGE STAKES ON OUR PROPERTY?

We've received several questions from members regarding the orange stakes that are along the front edge of our property. As such, we thought it appropriate to provide an update. As most of you know, Hard Scrabble Road is scheduled to be widened at some point in the near future. The orange stakes are the preliminary stakes marking the new "edge" of our property. We will lose a considerable amount of property as part of this process so we are taking this situation very seriously. Our main focus is to ensure that our Church remains fully functional and accessible. Additionally, we are seeking adequate compensation from the State for the property that we will lose.

To date, we have had several conversations with the firm that is handling the negotiation on behalf of the Department of Transportation (DOT) to better understand the situation. We are currently awaiting DOT to provide the final approved plans that will specifically outline how much property we will lose. At some point after the plans are finalized, DOT will give us a financial offer to compensate us for our property loss. This offer will start the negotiation process.

To prepare for this event, Council has taken two key actions to date:

- ⇒ Established a Road Widening Committee. This committee is co-chaired by Ed Brennan and Brian Hunt (pre-school Board member). This committee is heavily involved in the logistics of this situation and is focused on evaluation options to ensure access to the Church.
- ⇒ Retained an attorney to represent us. Mike Quinn is the attorney's name and was selected by the road widening committee to represent the Church. His fee is solely contingent on getting us a better financial settlement than what DOT initially offers.

In closing, we are basically in a "hurry up and wait" situation. DOT does not have to adhere to any type of timetable and we are at their mercy regarding next steps. Providing any type of timeframe around this process at this point would be speculative at best. Rest assured that Church Council and the Road Widening Committee are doing everything possible to get prepared for this happening. Lastly, Church Congregation will play a large part in this process as any decisions regarding selling our property must be approved by the Congregation. The Road Widening Committee will also provide periodic updates to the Congregation as necessary. Lastly, when we have more tangible information to share with you, we will setup Question and Answer forums to share the information and answer any questions you may have.



Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE - 10/5

At 4:00pm, we will have our annual animal blessing on the front lawn. Bring your fish, hamsters, dogs, cats, and whatever crawls, slithers, and swims around your house! We encourage all animals to be on a leash or in a cage/bowl. If your pet is nervous around people, he/she may remain in the car with the windows down and we will come to them!



TELS (TRAVELING EVANGELS) - 10/16

Thursday, October 16 is our next trip to spread the good news of God's hope...we are going to Grandad's Apples N' Such in Hendersonville, NC and the Blue Ridge Folk Art Center. The bus will leave the Living Springs parking lot at 8 am and we should be back by 5 pm (depending on how many want to pick apples). There is no cost except the \$5.00 for transportation. Contact Beverly Hoppert,

beverlyhoppert@gmail.com or Jeff Lummel, tjlummel@gmail.com to reserve your spot on the bus.

REFORMATION SUNDAY FESTIVAL & CONFIRMATION MILESTONE- 10/26

We are so excited about our *Reformation Olympics* taking place on Sunday, Oct. 26th at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. There will be food, teams, medals, judges and a guaranteed great time! All SS classes (children, youth and adults) will join together in the FH! Come join us and don't forget to **wear RED!**



Also, on October 26th we will bless those young people who will be receiving gifts and blessings during our **Confirmation Milestone**. Please join together as we pray for these newly affirmed adult members into our midst: Hayley Haskins, Amber Jorgensen, Christopher Staudt, Courtney Staudt, and Laura Stuart.



TRUNK OR TREAT

NEW DAY! Thursday, October 30, 6:15 – 7:45 PM

Circle up your trunks and join us for this night of fun and festivities with family and community friends! You are invited to decorate your car trunk and hand out candy to all our little "trick or treaters"! We always get some pretty interesting trunk decorations, so start your creative juices! Please supply your own candy for your trunk and watch for the online signup! After the goblins get their treats & bounce around in the bounce house, check out the Fellowship Hall - the preschool will be

serving chili and there will be some exciting games with prizes, led by our own youth groups and a silent auction that you won't want to miss! Contact [Lexanne Graves](#) or [Karen Kranz](#) for information. *LS Members: we ask you to consider donating candy to be given out to the children. Please put your candy donation in the box located outside Lexanne's office door.*

BUNCO - 11/2

Save the date Sunday November 2nd at 6pm at home of Retha Murray, [208 Fetterbush Rd, Elgin](#). Its BUNCO time again. Don't miss out on the fun. You can be the biggest winner, the biggest loser or get to wear the crown. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share, and adult beverage of your choice (soft drinks will be provided).



THRIVENT – TRASH OR TREASURES!!! - 11/9

To help fund the SC Synod's three-volume history book project, the "Charleston Silver Lady", Dawn Corley is donating her time and expertise to appear at appraisal events in SC Synod congregations during this year. During these events, Dawn presents amazing information about silver and its uses in South Carolina, and then appraises items brought in by attendees. In most cases, she can tell you not just the value of the object, but she can tell you how it was used, and very likely, who made it! Check in & registration here at Living Springs: Sunday, November 9 at 3pm. Admission is free. There will be a \$25 appraisal fee (for up to three (3) items per guest). The Response Form needs to be filled out prior to event. [Click here to open form](#) Once the response form is received, a reservation number will be issued. Please make checks payable to Thrivent Midlands SC Chapter – response must be postmarked by Saturday, November 1. Following the presentation, a Thrivent Financial Workshop, refreshments, and Chapter elections will be available during the appraisal time. Please see your Thrivent advocate (Karen Kranz, Jan Schmidt, Charles or Ruth Pollard) for information.

Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs

GOOD NEWS WALKERS

Starting Thursday, October 2 our start time will be 8:30 am. If you would like a little exercise along with some great fellowship, meet us in the administration building by 8:30. We start out with the devotion of the day and then distribute our church flyers to neighborhoods that have paper boxes. Contact Karen Kranz for information. Contact Karen Kranz, kbkranz@gmail.com.



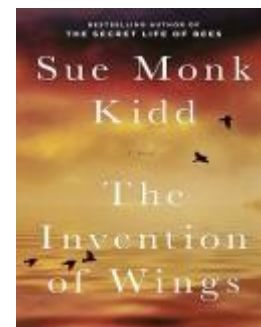
BACKPACK FOOD MINISTRY

H1. Provide deeper relational and support ministries for children and youth in need or alone.

Who wants to help?? We start setting up the table at 4:45 pm and at 5:30, we pack the bags. After the bags are packed, We say a blessing over the them and it's over before 6 pm. Our inventory is pretty good, but we could use more meat items. Thank you for supporting this ministry....even over the summer. Contact Karen Kranz, kbkranz@gmail.com for information.

LADIES BOOK CLUB

At our October 6 meeting, we will discuss The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd. Beverly Hoppert will host at 235 Founders Ridge Rd. (located in the Summit), phone: 348-4412. The meeting starts at 7 pm. After the discussion, there will be refreshments. December 1 will be our last meeting of the year where we will treat ourselves to a dinner while we discuss The First Phone Call from Heaven by Mitch Albom. A local NE restaurant will be determined at our October meeting so look for the message in the November newsletter. Please feel free to bring a guest and attend one or all of our meetings – sometimes it's good to just enjoy the fellowship! Contact Karen Kranz, kbkranz@gmail.com



LIVING SPRINGS PEW BEAR MINISTRY



Each bear is a minister of God's love as they leave here to be a blessing for others. You may take a bear to anyone who is in need of God's love: hurting from illness, loneliness, depression, grief, or any other reason. When you take a bear, please place \$10 or a free-will offering in a pew envelope and mark it "Pew Bears." Donated funds are needed to replace the bears. Thank you for praying

for this ministry. We are blessed to be a blessing!

LIVING SPRINGS CAR MAGNETS

Make your car an invitation for someone to come experience the joy of God's love here at Living Springs. The Communications Team will have LS Car Magnets available in the narthex. We ask for a minimum \$5 donation to cover the cost of the magnets.



HELPING HANDS!!

Currently there are about 450 students a week getting a backpack in the Richland 2 school district! As part of this program (McKinney Vento Advisory), a chain link was set up to send out to committee members...an email alert to an immediate need of an unaccompanied youth, families that are without housing, etc. In support of this, ESO has labeled this Outreach "**Helping Hands**". We send out an email blast when the message is received that there is someone in need. We ask that you respond if you can or are able to fill the need of the request. Contact Karen Kranz at kbkranz@gmail.com for information.

CRAFTY LADIES

Looking for someone to share your crafting time with? Bring your knitting, crocheting, cross-stitch, or join us in making quilts for Lutheran World Relief, women's shelters, and female veteran homes. We tie our quilts so sewing experience is not a factor if you would like to participate – in fact, we have several ladies who are not sewer's but enjoy the fellowship of other ladies. Our group meets in the Fellowship Hall the second and fourth Saturday of the month at 9:30 am and usually end about 11:30 am. We would also appreciate any fabric donations and/or blankets (we use these as fillers). Contact Beverly Hoppert, beverlyhoppert@gmail.com for information.



Additional Opportunities

OPPORTUNITY: YOU MIGHT BE AN EVERYDAY EVANGELIST IF 10/2-12/4

Evangelism does not have to be hard or outside your comfort zone. For almost 2000 years, God has used ordinary, faithful people just like you to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Everyday Evangelism is an experience of fun, conversational Bible study and practical application in a safe and prayerful place for teams of 2-3 members from different SC congregations. Based on the work of SC lay persons and pastors, and on noted Christian author Jim Henderson's book, **Evangelism Without Additives**, *Everyday Evangelism promises an exciting way for you to become what God calls you to be – a bringer of the Good News – just by being yourself.*

Our SC Synod has announced another round of the exciting new series, *Everyday Evangelism*. Last year, Aaron Smith and Katherine Wolpert from Living Springs participated in the inaugural series. Please feel free to speak with them about their experience!

The program consists of 9 Thursday night sessions, 7 – 8:30 pm, Oct. 2 – Dec. 4 (skipping Thanksgiving) at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 10000 Broad River Rd., Irmo. The cost is free, as everything is funded through our synod's Growing in God's Mission appeal.

Everyday Evangelists are authentic, warm & friendly; look for God's activity in their daily lives; spend time in God's Word; are not judgmental and understand grace. Living Springs is filled with such disciples – let's have another team to participate in this upcoming series. To register or pick up a brochure or just talk more, see Pastor Eric or contact the Living Springs office.

BENEFIT RUN TO SUPPORT BACKPACKS - 10/4

Saturday, October 4 @ 7 am at the Vive Church, 2630 Clemson Rd. there will be a benefit 5K run/walk to support the Richland 2 Backpack Program. Registration is \$35/ \$15 child 12 & under. Entry includes t-shirt.

OKTOBERFEST COLUMBIA AT INCARNATION LUTHERAN - 10/11

Celebrate authentic German food, beer, entertainment and fun! Living Springs is planning to travel as a group to enjoy live oompah bands, homemade authentic German food and lots of great beer in Incarnation Lutheran Church's big backyard. We will meet at 4pm on Saturday at LSLC. Incarnation Lutheran Church's Oktoberfest, October 10th - 12th, is a celebration of our German heritage, with authentic food, music, games and fun for the whole family. Each fall, we open our doors to the community to share the message of God's love to our neighbors of Shandon. The festival brings together members, friends and neighbors. Building relationships that last well beyond the event itself. Admission is FREE...for Sinners! Incarnation is located at 3005 Devine Street in Columbia. For more information, including the menu, go to oktoberfestcolumbia.com.

DASHER DINNER FOR LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY AT USC - 11/7

We are pleased to announce that the Rev'd Dr. Fred Reisz and May Reisz will be honored at the DASHER DINNER on Friday, November 7, 2014 at 6pm to be held in the Campus Room at Capstone House on Barnwell Street at College Street.

May and Fred have, each in their own way, contributed so much to the life of the Church, especially in education.

As pastor of University Lutheran Church at Harvard Square in Boston and as President of Southern Seminary Fred Reisz has distinguished himself in service, preaching, and administration.

As a gifted artist and teacher May has influenced many in Church and educational circles and served LCM at USC as a member of the Council for Lutheran Campus Ministry in the Columbia Area, and as its chair, during critical times in the ministry's history.

We look forward to having them, and as many friends and supporters of this ministry, with us for the annual event.

As part of our partnership with Lutheran Campus Ministry, Living Springs is sponsoring a table for eight at the discounted price of \$50 per person. If you would like to attend call the office or see Pastor Eric by November 2.

Copies of this blue dot are available in the narthex

LS Disciples out in the Community



At school, I noticed that one of my teachers was going through a very rough time. Within that week his great-aunt passed, his mother had to go in for surgery, and his brother started his treatment for cancers. I could imagine the tremendous amount of stress and grief he was going through. After the service on Sunday, the Spirit tugged at me to pick up a pew-bear and led me to bring it my teacher in a bag. The look on his face knowing that someone cared and wanted to make him feel better made my week.



Wow! A friend of mine posted this on her page and I wanted to share: "God has been sending me a sign, literally, for the last few weeks. I pass this on my way home every day. Just saw it again and smiled."



The post went viral! She received many comments which led her to post the following: "It's hard to explain how much I needed this message when I got it. I saw it at first a while back, then for weeks and now, yesterday it became personal. So many churches change their signs weekly or monthly. I'm pretty sure this has been up longer. It's not that I didn't notice it immediately, but God had more to say and this day, soooo far after you placed it up, everything fell into place in God's time. Thank you Living Springs for the message you first put up, left up, and still had up this day when I needed it most!" My friend sees God's words of love and mercy everyday from our church sign. How will you share God's words of love and mercy with those you meet today??

SHARE YOUR DISCIPLE DOT STORY

Has God worked a disciple moment through you or someone else during the week? Pick up a disciple-dot story slip from the narthex table and share the story of God's work - place your slip in the blue-dot basket, [click here for an online form](#) or email your story to the church office. Stories are published anonymously. This isn't about what "we" are doing, but about God's work in the world! See the website, bulletin, newsletter, and Facebook page for some inspiring examples.



Where will be your Disciple-Dot moments this week?

Add your Red-Dot (home address) and multiple Blue-Dots (weekly disciple moments) to our Narthex Mission Map! Don't forget to share God's Blue-Dot stories!



From the Director of Faith Formation

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FAITH ALIVE

Sunday School



BREAKING NEWS

Rev. Dr. Rich Melheim, Director of Faith Inkubators and founder of Faith5 movement will be here at Living Springs on Sunday evening, October 19 as part of our big Mission Vision kick off day. Stay tuned for details about this wonderful opportunity to meet Rich in person and hear more about Faith5.

We have re-formatted our Faith Formation education time on Sunday mornings so that we can fulfill God's Vision through "lifelong equipping of faith through education and bible study for all ages." If you feel the Spirit tugging you to share your insights on our Sunday morning education time, please contact Pastor Eric Fink (pastoreric@livingspringscolumbia.org) or Lexanne Graves (lexanne@livingspringscolumbia.org).

FAITH5™ (Faith Acts In The Home) is a simple, easy-to-implement faith practice, perfect for incorporating into your bedtime or any daily routine for five to fifteen minutes. When done over time, the FAITH5™ carries the power to enrich communication, deepen understanding, aid sleep, and promote mental, physical and spiritual health. The five steps are:

[SHARE](#) your highs and lows

[READ](#) a Bible verse or story

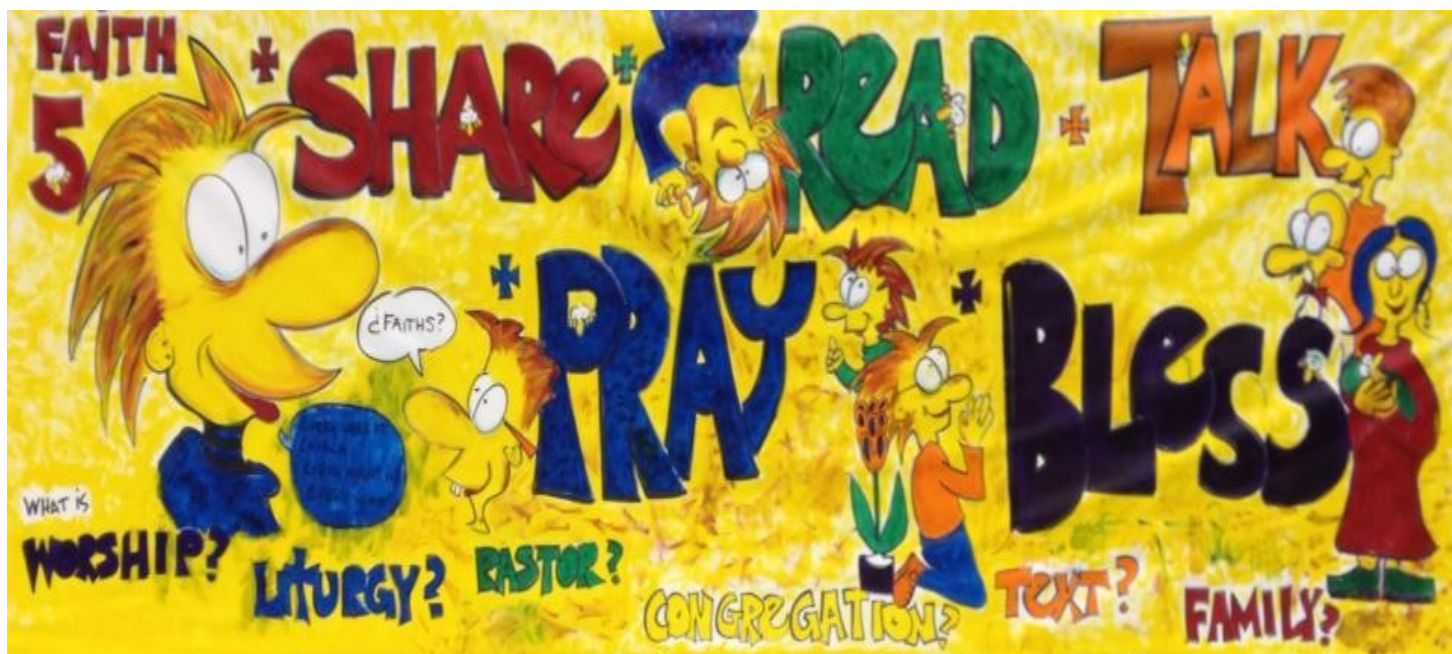
[TALK](#) about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows

[PRAY](#) for one another's highs and lows

[BLESS](#) one another

If you would like to watch a family do all 5 steps and see how EASY it is, please visit this link:

<http://faith5.org/about/>



Faith Milestones



"I chose a valuable stone, which I am placing as the cornerstone in Zion; and whoever believes in him will never be disappointed." 1 Peter 2: 4-6

Our **Passing on Faith Milestones Ministry** team provides instruction and resources to equip families, children, youth, and adults to pass on faith and live well in Jesus Christ. By paying attention to the milestones of our lives, we create rituals and traditions that shape us and nurture us in our faith. The promises we make at Baptism point to the spiritual milestones in our lives.

You are invited to remember, celebrate and uphold your Baptismal promises by participating in our Faith Milestone events.

† **On October 12th** we invite all 3rd-4th graders to participate in our *Lord's Prayer Milestone* at 925am in the sanctuary and will end at 1130am. We encourage youth and parents to attend the 815am worship service that so that you may attend the entire milestone class. We will gift the children the following week on October 19th at whichever service you normally attend.

† **On October 26th** we will bless those young people who will be receiving gifts and blessings during our *Confirmation Milestone*. Please join together as we pray for these newly affirmed adult members into our midst.

† **On November 10 & 17**, we invite all 1st-2nd graders to participate in our *Kids and Money Milestone* from 925am-1030am. We will gift and bless these young people in worship on Sunday, November 17th.

Please sign-up through the Sign-Up Genius emails you will receive from Karlene Stuart, or you may contact her directly at karlene.k.stuart@baml.com so that we will have enough materials and gifts for each young person.

If there are any parents or young people who would like to write a brief article on participating in our Passing on the Faith Milestone Ministry or receiving the gifts from this ministry, please contact Lexanne Graves (Lexanne@livingspringscolumbia.org). We want our members and guests to read about the amazing love expressed during these special family faith milestones.



Dear Jesus, please encourage our Faith Friends mentors to pray for, reach out to, and show compassion to these young people in our congregation. All of God's children need prayer and need to know you are there for them. Amen.



What's Up with Youth???

We have a youth group for each of our children from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Parents, please make every effort to have your youth participate in our Christ-centered events.

Kindergarten-2nd Grade Youth Group:

Sun. Oct. 26—Corn Maze at Sease Farms at 12:15pm. Please bring a lunch and \$5!
Contact Kind-2nd Gr Leaders, Nic and Rachel Peterson, (peterson.nicholas3@gmail.com, rach7@gmail.com).



CLUB 3456: For all young people in Grades 3, 4, 5, & 6!

October 19, 5pm: We will meet at the church at 5:00 for pizza and beginning to pack treat bags for Trunk or Treat and then head to Boo at the Zoo at Riverbanks Zoo.

October 30, 5:45pm: We will gather at the church at 5:45 to help out with Trunk or Treat.

November 16, 12:15pm: We will help pack backpacks for Thanksgiving.

December: Participate in Children's Program

Contact Club 3456 Leaders, Leslie Bloss (LBloss3306@hotmail.com) and Cheryl Milburn (cmilburn98@yahoo.com)

7TH-12TH Youth Group Events:

Sr. Youth Group will gather at a local restaurant on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm. We look forward to seeing everyone on October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29!! Contact Laura Dunklin (843-992-2506; lauradunklin@livingspringscolumbia.org) or Adam Woodruff (803-917-6270; nccwoody@hotmail.com) Woodruff to see which restaurant we will gather for food and fellowship!

Oct. 1 - Wednesday Night Youth Group - Red Robn

Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29 - Wednesday Night Youth Group - Destination TBA

Oct. 12 - **REFORMATION OLYMPICS!** 4:30-8:00pm at St. Stephen's Lutheran, Lexington, SC

Oct. 15 - Detroit National Youth Gathering Registration Day

Oct. 26 - Reformation Festivities at 930am, Confirmation at 10:45am!

Oct. 30 - Trunk or Treat at 615-730pm

Nov. 7-9 - Lutheran Men Sponsored camping weekend trip

Nov. 23 - Advent Family Night, 5:00pm

Nov. 28 - Christmas Tree Lot opens

Contact 7th-12th gr Leaders, Laura Dunklin (lauradunklin@livingspringscolumbia.org) and Adam Woodruff (nccwoody@hotmail.com).



**Parents, please support these youth events so that our young people can reap the benefits of a connected, Christ-centered peer group. Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/154193947932855/>

ATTENTION YOUTH:

If any of our young people are in need of "Extracurricular Community Service Hours" for school or activity groups, Mrs. Lexanne is always in need of help with crafty projects and getting things ready

for Sunday school and youth group. So please contact her! lexanne@livingspringscolumbia.org.

ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING IN DETROIT, JULY 15-19, 2015

Gathering registration deadline is October 15, 2014! Please tell Pastor Eric or Lexanne if you plan on attending!!!



**From the director's blog:
The experience alone is priceless**

Heidi Hagstrom

Beyoncé and Jay-Z brought their show to Chicago's Soldier Field recently. Friends who went said it was fabulous. Most of the tickets were in the \$250 range. Teenaged "sneakerheads" think nothing about spending the same amount – or more – on a pair of LeBron James signature shoes. And for the first time since 2003, teen spending on food, Starbucks being their favorite, has eclipsed spending on clothing. When I hear numbers like these, I'm convinced that the life-defining experience of the ELCA Youth Gathering is a bargain.

Tell everyone you're attending the Gathering by sending a video!

As your youth group prepares to register for the 2015 Gathering, let everyone know you're coming to Detroit by sending us a short video. Record your group saying the name and location of your congregation and, "We're coming to Detroit! Let's Rise Up Together!" Share your video on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter with #RiseUpELCA.



FOLLOW NYG 2015!

<https://twitter.com/elcagathering>

<https://www.facebook.com/youthgathering>

WATCH VIDEOS ABOUT NYG!

<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLD2BE6D47D7169CB5>

Preschool & Afterschool Care News

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello and Greetings to all as we welcome the cooler weather that Fall is bringing to us.

I am blessed to see and experience many "God moments" occurring in our Preschool on a daily basis. Just today I was able to witness one of our four year old children showing Gods love and friendship to another child. There was a boy playing alone in the block area, he told me he was sad because no one wanted to play with him. I reminded him that all he may need to do is ask if someone would like to play. He looked around; head lowered and slowly approached a girl that was playing alone as well. He asked if she would like to play with him, she said "sure". His face lit up and they went off to build together. There are few other situations in life that present us with such beautiful opportunities to witness grace, love, patience and kindness. I am constantly reminded of God's presence in our preschool and grateful for it.

On behalf of the families and staff at the Preschool, I would like to say "Thank You!" for your invitation to the "God's Work Our Hands" service and luncheon. It was terrific to be a part of a ministry that touched so many lives in our community.

I would like to share a few of the exciting things that are happening downstairs.

We will be joining with the Youth Group to hold our Annual Fall Festival on October the 30th starting at 6:15 p.m. We will have games and a silent auction to raise money for our updated **Playground FUN-d. The church will be hosting the annual "Trunk or Treat" on the lawn out front. This is a wonderful way to reach out to the community and provide children with a safe alternative to "Trick or Treating"

We look forward to our Annual Fall Feast that will be held on November the 20th starting at 6:15 p.m. This will be an enjoyable evening of food, fun and fellowship.

We encourage you come and join us at these activities as well as joining us at anytime downstairs to lend a hand, read a story, rock a baby or just be with us. Hope to see you soon!

Love,

Tammy and the Preschool Staff

** If anyone is interested in sharing ideas, plans or has landscaping/architectural experience please let us know. We would love to make some renovations to the playground areas out back.

From Lexanne, Director of Faith Formation:

We are so blessed to have this ministry here, which has created a safe haven for children and young people for over 10 years! Who are we? Look below:

N.A.E.Y.C. Accredited Program <https://www.naeyc.org/accreditation>.



- 9 age appropriate, hands-on classroom environments for children ages 6 weeks to 5th graders
- 25 talented, trained, dedicated teachers and staff
- Open Monday through Friday from 7:15AM-6PM year-round.
- Inviting atmosphere for parents and children
- Encourage members and guests to come be a Mystery Reader, Lead or assist with a crafting project (quilting, painting, sewing, gardening, arts and crafts, etc.), Play an instrument, Sing some songs, Help with lunch or snack time, or Share your faith story. There is no required time commitment; just a love of God and a desire to share!

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

October 1	Jean Cronin ♥ Jess & Karen Bazemore	October 19	Aaron Smith
October 3	Wesley Graves Bryson Lay ♥ Ed & Kathy Brennan	October 20	Jason Crapps Ryan Fulkerson Anna Leigh Graves Regina Spencer Bunie Talbert Rachel Wyka
October 4	Pete McManus	October 21	Jerry Appleton Baylee Owens Lily Claire Randall
October 5	Vickie Crapps	October 24	Dea Jones
October 6	Darrell Compas ♥ Billy & Gale Copeland	October 25	Reagan Hensley Beau Owens Rachel Tustin
October 7	Lee Collins Lydia Prizer Brian Spencer ♥ Jim & Peg Zieche	October 26	Thomas Bailey Christie Fulkerson Candice Johnson Laura Stuart
October 8	Amber Dye	October 28	Kelsi Cox Gray Harmon ♥ Jack & Ashley Fakoury
October 9	Eddie Newton	October 30	♥ Peter & Sally Moore
October 10	Catherine Ruff ♥ Kris & Rebecca Cox		
October 11	Chuck Kowalski		
October 12	♥ Rocky & Jan Berger		
October 13	Anna Bailey Eric Johansson		
October 17	Andrew Bottar ♥ Joel & Lisa Haskins		



CELEBRATE YOUR BAPTISM

Don't forget to check the bulletin to see if we will be celebrating your Baptismal Anniversary during this month's Sunday worship services. Immediately below the Gathering Music, there are printed the names of those who are celebrating a baptismal anniversary *in that week*. When the gathering music begins, individuals can quietly come forward to meet Pastor Eric at the baptismal fountain. There, he will re-trace the cross with the water on your forehead and offer a special prayer of blessing for you (children may be accompanied by parents). There is nothing to be anxious about - everything is done quietly while the music is being played. For those who know only the month of your Baptism, you can join us on the first Sunday of the month (if you prefer some other Sunday, please let us know). **If you do not know your baptismal information, then please pick a month when you would like to celebrate this gift of God's grace in your life - and notify the office**, so that we can add you to the celebration list (we'll simply mark the choice of your month with an asterisk). Even if you don't know the exact date, it's important to celebrate this special gift of God's grace in your life. Again, we encourage everyone to research your Baptismal date and find out as much information as you can - let us know if we can help!



October 1	Jerry Appleton Preston Franks Coleman Fulkerson	October 13	Abby Zvejnieks
October 2	Ashley Ramsey	October 14	Eric Fink
October 6	Olivia Hinchee	October 20	Nowell Ramsey
October 11	Emily Day	October 22	Andrew Barrier
		October 29	Christopher Staudt Courtney Staudt

Council Clips

August 21, 2014 Meeting
September 18, 2014 Meeting

Staff Reports:

Pastor

Active Discipleship:

- 4 sermon proclamations; 8 Holy Communion celebrations; weekly Baptismal Anniversary Recognitions; 2 partial choir practices; 1 funeral attended.
- MV: (1) meeting and follow-up items; Stewardship Meeting.
- Confirmation Parents meeting; Starting Confirmation Milestone.
- Rally Day Kickoff; (3) FaithAlive gatherings.
- Bible Studies: 4 partial woman's; Inaugural Monthly Luncheon; (3) Greatest Story BS; (1) adult BS.
- 20 hospital/nursing home/office conferences; (1) pre-marriage session; 28 other contacts/calls/visits.
- Lutheran Men's breakfast; prayer circles.

Community/Youth/School Partnerships:

- Associate for Sr. Youth (various arrangements, installation); (4) Wed. night youth gatherings; Sr. Youth planning meeting.
- National Youth Gathering – SC Synod Day coordinator presentation.
- Preschool staff training: Faith Foundations & Worship; (4) PS Bible Story times; (4) AS Bible Story Times.
- PS Staff Monthly Prayer Lunch; PS Board meeting; (4) conferences.
- 2014-15 LTSS Teaching Parish app; follow-up arrangements with seminary.

Ministries of Hope:

- September newsletter; Communications meeting; GWOH Sunday (worship, meal, games, Blessing of Quilts); Homeless visits; ESO meeting; LS Food Ministry (3) conferences; (1) office conference; backpack session & blessing.
- Worship Guests/Potential Members: (10) contacts/calls/notes; (1) office conference.
- Sept. Membership sessions.

Support: 4 meetings (Staff, Exec, Council, Finance).

Director of Faith Formation

Active Discipleship:

- Lifelong Faith Equipping for all ages = FAITH5. Positive strides with new faith tool. Have incorporated FAITH5 into education time on Sunday mornings by joyous music at 9:25 and skits to introduce the bible verse of the day.
- Network of Discipleship Partners: Rally Day.
- Culture of Prayer: PSC prayer box, PSC teacher prayer lunch, prayer at FAITH ALIVE centers, newsletter that included BTS prayer.
- Music Ministry in PSC: sing camp songs with children playing instruments and also in weekly chapel time.
- (3) Youth Child Protection trainings and completed all adult background checks.
- Communicate through Facebook, bulletin boards and newsletters to share what our Youth are doing in our communities.

Ministries of Hope:

- FAITH5 (Faith Acts In The Home) – SHARE. READ. TALK. PRAY. BLESS -- 5 to 15 minutes at bedtime.

Youth/School Community Partnerships:

- Expand opportunities: Teacher In-Service day; lunch on 2nd Tuesday for Prayer and FAITH5 sharing with all staff; printed invitations to PSC/ASC staff & families to attend GWOH day.
- Life-Transforming experiences: Rally Day Youth Kickoff; promote & raise interest in NYG 2015; met with candidates for Associate for Sr. High Youth and asked Laura Dunklin to join Living Springs.

Congregational: Worship (8); Staff; Meetings: (3); Reports: newsletter articles; PSC Board report & Council report.

Current Ministries:

- Annual Congregation Meeting on November 16 to be held after the 10:45 am service.

Ongoing Ministries:

- Constitution: First vote to be taken at Mission Vision Celebration on October 19 and the second at Annual Congregation Meeting on November 16. Question & answer sessions to be held on Sept. 28 and Oct. 5.

October 2014

**Sundays - 8:15am Worship & 10:45am Worship
9:25am Faith Alive Opening in Sanctuary
9:40am Faith Alive Groups & Sunday School Classes**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 4P Blessing of the Animals 6:45P Greatest Story Bible Study	6 9:15A Staff Meeting 10:30A Meals on Wheels 12:45P Zumba 7P Ladies Book Club	7 9:30 PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 10:30A Meals on Wheels 11:45A Tuesday Lunch @ Living Springs 3:45P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	1 9:30 PSC Chapel 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir 7P 7th-12th Gr. Youth 7P ESO	2 8:30A Good News Walkers 5:30P Backpacks	3	4 3P Wilfong/Brantley Wedding
12 9:30A Lord's Prayer Milestone 9:30A Drivers License Milestone 4P Sr. Youth Reformation Olympics 6:45P Greatest Story Bible Study	13 10:30A Meals on Wheels 12:45P Zumba 7P Social Inreach 7P Council Exec	14 9:30 PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 10:30A Meals on Wheels 12:15P PSC Prayer Lunch 3:45P ASC Bible Time 6P Finance Committee 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	8 9:30 PSC Chapel 12:30P Zumba 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir 7P 7th-12th Gr. Youth 7P Communications Team	9 8:30A Good News Walkers 5:30P Backpacks 6:15P Preschool Board 7P Mission Vision	10	11 9:30A Crafty Ladies 4P Oktoberfest @ Incarnation
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26 Reformation Sunday 9:30A Reformation Festivities 10:45A Rite of Confirmation 12:15P K-2nd Gr Corn Maze 6:45P Greatest Story Bible Study	27 10:30A Meals on Wheels 12:45P Zumba	28 9:30 PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 10:30A Meals on Wheels 3:45P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	22 9:30 PSC Chapel 12:30P Zumba 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir 7P 7th-12th Gr. Youth	23 8:30A Good News Walkers 5:30P Backpacks 7P Christian Ed.	24	25 8A Men's Breakfast 9:30A Crafty Ladies
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Worship Assistant Schedule – October 2014

		Assisting Minister	Lector	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torchbearers	Counters	Children's Sermon	Council Person	
10/5	8:15	Saundra Dixon	Wayne Kanhaday	Bob Gill Judy Lawrence	Steve Cronin Wendy McKenzie	Mari & Jerry Appleton	Christopher Staudt		Steve Padgett Brenda Grohman	Jean Cronin (LC) Wendy McKenzie Leslie Bloss	Brandon Heavner	Karen Kranz	
10/5	10:45	Adam Woodruff	Janet Bate	Leslie Bloss Nancy Baldwin	Jeff Day Cindy Day Karlene Stuart Laura Stuart	Pat Bartucca	Lauren Bloss	Evan Turmire			Brandon Heavner	Leslie Bloss	
10/12	8:15	Lexanne Graves	Jim Zieche	Bill Franck Saundra Dixon	Jen Necker Corin Wiggins	Irene Tracy	Anna Leigh Graves				Adam Woodruff	Bill Franck	
10/12	10:45	Mike Davidson	Brandon Heavner	Courtney Murray Gail Buchanan	Amber Jorgensen Sara Levitt Evan Turmire Marshall Hurlbert	Melissa Lindstedt	Collin Flores	Jan Berger	Ed Brennan Trish Davidson	Ed Brennan (LC) Adam Woodruff Angie Dyches	Adam Woodruff	Ed Brennan	
10/19	8:15	Gwen Furcron	Helen Doerpinghaus	Tina Molineu Don Molineu	Judy Lawrence Bill Copeland	Karen Kranz	Sean Cronin				Pastor Eric Woodruff	Jean Cronin	
10/19	10:45	Brandon Heavner	Anne Ducate	Kathryn Padgett Laura Turmire	Steve Bloss Leslie Bloss Adam Woodruff Pat Bartucca	Linda Hayes	Walker Flores	Alison Levitt	Karlene Stuart Laura Stuart	Jeff Tenhover (LC) Karlene Stuart Jan Berger	Pastor Eric Woodruff	Jeff Tenhover	
10/26	8:15	Jen Necker	Corin Wiggins	Karen Kranz Herb Brantley	Shirley Laingen Paul Laingen	Jan Schmidt	Jack Arnold				Bob Gill	Scott Graves	
10/26	10:45	Alison Levitt	Ed Brennan	Jeff Day Cindy Day	Mike Davidson Rocky Berger Courtney Murray Steve Padgett	Gail Buchanan	Austin Padgett	Leslie Bloss	Jan Berger Steve Bloss	Bob Turmire (LC) Marshall Hurlbert Steve Padgett	Bob Gill	Bob Turmire	
		Care Meals		Flowers		Muggers		Nursery (10:45)		Refreshments		Altar Guild	
10/5		Karen Kranz – Capt.		Herb Brantley		Karen Kranz				Wendy McKenzie		October Nancy Baldwin	
10/12		Henrietta Kaiser		Midge Gunvalson		Herb Brantley		Melissa Lindstedt		Nancy Baldwin			
10/19		Nancy Franck		Nancy Baldwin		Irene & Charles Tracy		Misty O'Donnell		Judy Lawrence			
10/26		Karlene Stuart		Karlene Stuart		Cathy Lowman		Angie Dyches +		Shirley Laingen			

+Julia Tenhover (helper)

(Changes)

Living Springs Lutheran Church

Trunk or Treat

Thursday, Oct. 30, 2014

6:15-7:30 PM

- Costumes Welcome
- Games • Food • Fellowship
- Silent Auction
- Children's Art Work Auction



Will Be Held On The Church Yard Infront Of The Sanctuary & Admin Bulding

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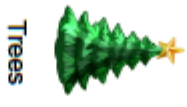


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Annual Christmas Tree Sale
 Discount Pre-Order Form
 Certified North Carolina Frazier Firs

Name: _____ Phone# _____
 Address _____
 Email: _____

Size	Price	#Ordered	Tree Total
6 - 7ft	\$40.00		
7 - 8ft	\$45.00		
8 - 9ft	\$60.00		
9 - 10ft	\$70.00		
10 - 11ft	\$90.00		



Trees



Wreaths

Size	Price	#Ordered	Wreath Total
12-14"	\$25.00		

Shipping Preference - Trees will be received in two shipments this year
 Please indicate which shipment you wish to receive your order from
 1st Shipment (Nov 28) _____ 2nd Shipment (Dec 12) _____

Paid by: cash _____ check# _____ Total: _____
 Pickup _____ Delivery _____

Youth Representative: _____
 All Proceeds are used to fund Youth events throughout the year
 Pre-Order deadline is October 31

CHURCH STAFF

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Rev. Eric Fink – Senior Pastor

Lexanne Graves, A.I.M. – Director of Faith Formation

Nickie Riley – Director of Music Ministry

Tammy Mancuso- Preschool/ASC Director

Lisa Petty – Administrative Assistant/Communications
Coordinator

Laura Dunklin - Associate for Sr. Youth Ministry

Laura Cunningham - Food Resource Person

Sherry Forsgren – Bookkeeper

Laura Turnmire – Director of Handbell Choir

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[Jerry Appleton](#) - Treasurer

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