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ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL

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Of Stars and Dust - This Month from Pastor Eric

Back at the end of the year, there was much news about the successful landing of the European Space Agency's Rosetta drone on a moving comet. It jogged my memory about a decade-old NASA mission called, "Stardust," whose purpose was to send a spacecraft to collect samples of a comet and return them to Earth. The report from Stardust Principal Investigator, Dr. Don Brownlee, stated, "When the international team of 200 scientists began examination of the returned particles, we found that the particles were indeed ancient building blocks of the solar system, but the nature and origin of the particles was quite unexpected What we found was remarkable!"



In our life together as Jesus' disciples, this month uniquely brings together the two images of "stars" and "dust." As we move through the final weeks of Epiphany, we continue to celebrate this season whose emphasis is the light of God's hope revealed to the world in the coming of Jesus, which was initially marked by the appearance of a star in the cosmos. In this season, we continue to see stars hanging above our heads as we worship in the sanctuary—stars which represent each of us in our created uniqueness as children of God who have been called and blessed to be God's living stars, shining light into this world in our daily lives, through the radiant power of the Holy Spirit given to us in our Baptism.

On the 3rd Wednesday of this month (**Ash Wednesday—Feb. 18**), we living stars of Christ's light will gather in worship to be marked with a cross of ashes and hear the words, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." It is an amazing truth: that by the creative imagination of God, the power of Divine love, and the work of the Holy Spirit, the light of Christ is emitted into the world through collections of carbon-based molecular dust (you and me!). I am reminded of lines from the old Joni Mitchell song, "Woodstock" (made famous by Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young): "I came upon a child of God, he was walking along the road, and I asked him, 'tell me where are you going?' We are stardust, we are golden, we are billion-year-old carbon" What a deep mystery of the Divine that you and I live: by God's grace and blessing, something as ordinary as ancient carbon dust could be transformed into living stars of hope, children of God shining the light of Christ into the world!



How incredible that moment must have been at the Sermon on the Mount, when Jesus looked out upon the collection of living carbon-based molecules that had gathered before him and declared, "You are the light of the world!" Then he continued, "No one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven!" (Matt 5:14-16). It is no accident that these are the same words that are spoken to everyone who is joined to Christ and claimed as God's child in the waters of God's baptismal grace.

Here, at the beginning of February, we are doing 2 important things to celebrate the miracle of being God's living "stardust" for the world. On **Sunday, February 8**, the entire congregation (and friends) will gather in the **Fellowship Hall from 9:20-10:30** to celebrate the ministries God has given us to share, so that the light of Christ may shine more fully into people's lives around us. What a joyous occasion this will be! **Now through February 10**, we are all completing our **2015 Time & Talent offerings** (go online to <http://goo.gl/forms/FIPruVckll>). These are concrete opportunities for us to get out from under our own bushel baskets and brightly shine the star-light that God has made us to be. We may enter into something with uncertainty; we may not think of ourselves as having the right "talent" or enough "time." Yet, the Spirit tugs at every one of our hearts in special and unique ways. We offer ourselves, trusting that the outcome is not due to us, but that this same God who transforms particles of dust into God's children will take our personal Spirit-tug and transform it into a beacon of light shining in unexpected ways. To offer our time and talents for the work of Christ is to move forward in God's Stardust mission, not knowing (or having to be in control of) what the result might be—but merely preparing ourselves to marvel at the incredible way God will allow the light of Christ to shine through us. To paraphrase Dr. Brownlee, "It was all quite unexpected ... what we found was remarkable!" And so it is, whenever we living balls of Stardust offer our time and talent to the One who created us, to behold what Light will shine!

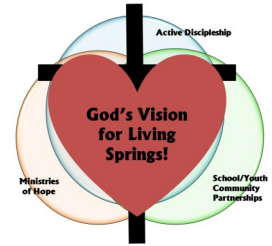
**Congregational Gathering
& Ministry Celebration
Sunday, Feb. 8, 9:20-10:30
Time & Talent Offerings
now thru Feb. 10**

With much love in Christ, who remains our light, Pastor Eric

Congregational Gathering And Ministry Celebration

Sunday, February 8

All members and friends of Living Springs, please mark your calendars for our big congregational gathering on Feb. 8, to be held from 9:30-10:30 in the fellowship hall. We will highlight all our LS ministries, with added details about 2015 Time & Talent options. Don't miss this wonderful time together to celebrate all that God is doing among this community of disciples. Pastries and light brunch items will be served! RSVP and sign up to bring a baked good [HERE](#) or in the narthex.



Lent at Living Springs

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

February 17

Join us on Tuesday, February 17 for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Pancakes will be served starting at 6:00 pm by our youth. All proceeds will benefit the youth. FYI... The word *shrove* is the past tense of the English verb *shrive*, which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of Confession and doing penance. Thus Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the custom for Christians to be "shriven" before the start of Lent. Pancakes are associated with the day preceding Lent because they were a way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the fasting season of the 40 days of Lent. The liturgical fasting emphasized eating plainer food and refraining from food that would give pleasure:

The burning of the palms will be at around 7:00 pm. (The palm ashes are then used for our Ash Wednesday Service)

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 18 @ Noon & 7:00pm

Traditional service of the Imposition of Ashes and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.



LIVING SPRINGS LENTEN EVENING SERVICES & LENTEN SUPPERS

Wednesdays @ 7:00pm (February 25-March 25)/Suppers @ 5:45pm

Wednesday evening Lenten services will be at 7:00pm. There will be a light supper preceding the service from 5:45-6:45pm provided by Laura Cunningham, LS Food Resource person.

LENTEN MID-DAY PRAYER SERVICES

Wednesdays, 12:00 - 12:30 (February 25-March 25)

Pause in the middle of your day for this time of reflective prayer, as we contemplate the Lenten theme of "change" - change of season, change of habit, change of circumstance, change of heart, change of plans. Come as you are from home or take a lunch break from work - bring a co-worker, neighbor, or friend!

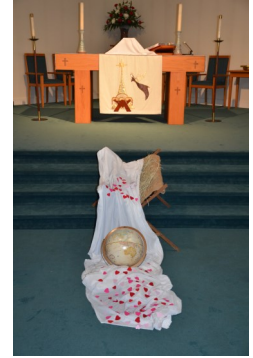
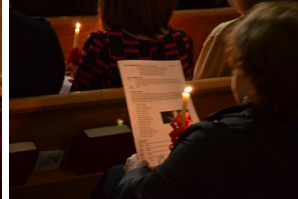
FRIDAY LENTEN FISH FRY

Fridays, 5:00 - 7:30 pm (February 20-March 27)

SPREAD THE WORD!! Our Lenten fish fry starts on Friday, February 20 --5 pm – 7:30 pm. You can eat in or take out – price is the same for both, \$7 for the adult portion and \$4 for children (under 10). Sign-up sheets are in the administration building for volunteers to help in the kitchen & clean-up and a separate sign-up for desserts to come. Contact Karen Kranz kbkranz@gmail.com or Jeff Lummell tjlummell@gmail.com for information.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Burning of the Greens



2015 Council Retreat

The Living Springs 2015 Council came together recently for a weekend retreat to start off the new year.



7th - 12th Grade Youth



Our Sr. Youth meet on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. A couple of weeks ago they met at Red Robin and this past week they met at church. Next Wednesday they will meet at Red Robin...yum!



Copies of this blue dot are available in the narthex

Disciple Dot Stories & Spirit Tugs



God led me to share FAITH5 with a family in NC that I met. I was nervous at first to share but I trusted that God would make something good come out of this. The family is made up of 2 teens and a mom and dad. Well, 2 weeks later I got this email from the family.

"Had to tell u abt our Faith 5 last night. It first started out not with a pillow fight, but a physical fight between the kids--uh oh! But, then we discussed our highs and lows to which each kid said their low was coming home and seeing their sibling. ;). That made my heart smile in spite of the fight they had just had. Now, don't know if I related this correctly, but I told them A). That Jesus is our Lord and all the highs we have are His blessings bestowed upon us - regardless of how big or small - and that it's important to recognize those so that we do not forget that God HASN'T forgotten us even if he isnt answering our prayers at the moment. 2). That while we think our lows are bad, Jesus's low was His sacrifice to us of dying on the cross so that we could have everlasting life. It's

important to put your lows in perspective."

WOW, the Spirit is moving through this family and they are taking notice of God's presence each day in their lives!

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Posted on Facebook: It occurred to me that we were our own blue dot Monday night (Burning of the Greens). I was thinking about all the traffic who were stopped on Hardscrabble waiting on the stoplight to change. They saw us singing and holding candles as we watched the trees burn. I am sure some knew we were celebrating Epiphany but many probably had no idea except we were a light at the corner of Hardscrabble and Clemson Roads. May we always be a shining light of His love on the corner.

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God led a young boy to share FAITH5 with a new friend and their parents one day. And after only 6 days of doing it, this new household saw a huge impact on their nightly routine. There was excitement surrounding bedtime and about telling God *out loud* what their highs and lows were. The parents shared how their son has less nightmares. Praise be to God!

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.

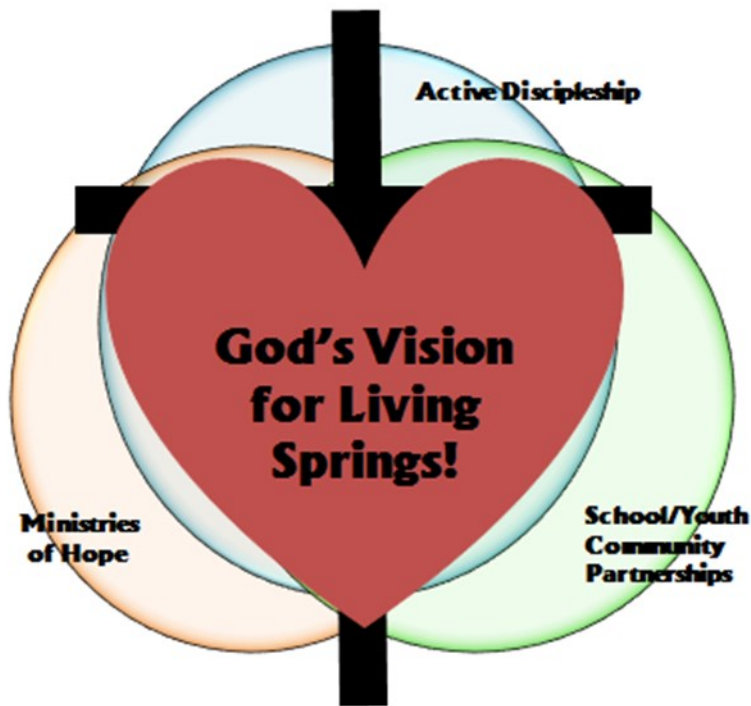


Where will be your Disciple-Dot moments this week?

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!



How Is God Calling You? Network Your Spirit-Tug with Other Disciples!



The Ministry Goals below represent visions the Spirit spoke through you, the disciples of Living Springs. Our task is to spread these visions all over the place, like seed of God's kingdom being sown over all types of soil.

Which of these visions tug at your heart personally as a disciple of Jesus?

If you have not yet done so, fill out a Spirit-tug sheet from the narthex – or just call the office or send an e-mail and say, "I think I've got a Spirit-tug for #__." We will network folks who have similar Spirit-Tugs and see where the Spirit will lead, either in daily life out in the world or in something together here at LS. As an example, we already have folks following up on Spirit-Tugs for D1, D2, D7, H3, H5, H10, P4, P6. Where is your call?

A Vision for... ACTIVE DISCIPLESHIP



- D1. Daily life ministry – discipleship lived out in everyday situations
- D2. Lifelong equipping of faith (education, Bible study, faith in homes)
- D3. Disciple partners/groups/networks (for men, women, families, etc.)
- D4. Pervasive culture of prayer in our congregation & our homes
- D5. Worship as Core (Word & Sacrament) - variety of opportunities/styles
- D6. Expanded music ministry - various forms for all ages
- D7. Christ's caring presence for each other in the family of faith
- D8. Fellowship events & communications to build relationships

- H1. Hope Team - children and youth in need or alone
- H2. Hope Team - homeless
- H3. Hope Team - veterans, military & families
- H4. Hope Team - hospitals, care facilities, those who suffer
- H5. Hope Team - food and clothing ministries
- H6. Grace & Inner Peace - struggles with the stress of life
- H7. Grace & Inner Peace - God's forgiveness
- H8. Grace & Inner Peace - healing ministries
- H9. Grace & Inner Peace - for all who feel alone in life
- H10. Grace & Inner Peace - specific life crises (grief, divorce, other)
- H11. Hope Awareness - sharing our Lutheran identity of grace
- H12. Hope Awareness - sharing our exciting LS ministry & mission

A Vision for... MINISTRIES OF HOPE



A Vision for... COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS (Youth/Schools)

- P1. Public events for congregation, preschool, community, families
- P2. Extending Milestones to preschool, community youth, etc.
- P3. Music ministry for preschool and youth
- P4. Building relationships of faith among preschool/congregation
- P5. Life-transforming experiences for youth
- P6. Partnerships of caring with local schools / college campuses





We are truly blessed by a loving and supportive church family. Thank you for all the prayers, words of support in person and via cards during this difficult time for our family – we definitely have felt God's Love.

Thank you,
Wendy and Meredith McKenzie

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Irene and our daughter's would like to thank the congregation and friends for lifting us up in prayer. With your prayers and God's loving grace and amazing healing power I was able to get through some difficult surgery this week. The surgeons and staff at Lexington Medical Center, who provided for me were guided by God's love.

Pastor Eric was by my side everyday offering prayer and words of comfort. We have been truly blessed to have him with us.

Charlie Tracy

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We thank you for every gift, thought and prayer sent our way. We can't express our deepest gratitude for our friends and family and what they have helped us accomplish thus far.

Randy, Gretchen & Josephine Daniels (Lisa Petty's sister and niece)

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Hello All ~

Thank you so very much for sending "Teddy" to me when I was diagnosed last year with ovarian cancer recurrence. I was originally told after extensive surgery that I had stage 4 ovarian cancer in 1997 but was blessed with 16 year remission only to recur last year, 2014. After surgery & chemo again, I am now in remission, again.

Your thoughtfulness and caring in this special ministry is very much appreciated and prayers have been answered again!

God's blessing to you all!

Edith

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Thank you for Living Springs' generous donations of \$758.62 for Lutheran Services Carolinas child and family services to support refuge resettlement services in Columbia. Your gift will help LSC bring healing and hope to hundreds of refugees and their families who have fled political and/or religious persecution in their native countries.

We would also like to thank you for your generous donation of \$335.63 to support Angels House, an LSC transitional home for homeless female veterans. Your gift will help LSC bring healing and hope to women who have served our country and now need our help.

Yours in Christ,
Ted W. Goins, Jr.

President, Lutheran Services Carolinas

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Dear Church Members & Staff, On behalf of Richland School District Two, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincerest appreciation for the holiday assistance that was provided to our families and Unaccompanied Youth. We are extremely grateful for our partnership with Living Springs Lutheran Church. Your support over the years has helped countless families, individuals and children. As you are aware, many of our families are facing daily challenges to meet their basic needs. The holiday season creates an even more stressful time for them. The assistance provided by Living Springs allowed them to continue to focus on the needs of their families and to enjoy a wonderful holiday with their children.

Richland School District Two appreciates the opportunity to continue to partner with Living Springs Lutheran Church. We truly understand that "it takes a village" and we rely on our community partners to help ensure that our students are successful. Thank you again for overwhelming kindness and warmth for the families of Richland School District Two.

Sincerely, Abby K. Cobb, Lead Social Worker

Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

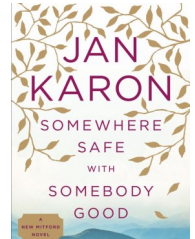


SOUPER BOWL OF CARING **Sunday, February 1**

Our youth are once again selling soup for our Souper Bowl of Caring today. We will have soup available for pick up and take out after the 8:15am service and Sunday School. There will be "eat in" and/or take-out available after 10:45am service. Cost is \$3 a bowl, includes soup and cornbread or crackers. Soups include chicken noodle, vegetable, vegetable beef, taco, broccoli cheese and potato cheese. All proceeds go to God's Storehouse that serves persons in our Northeast Columbia community. Youth will also collect coins and dollars in big soup pots after both services for God's Storehouse! www.souperbowl.org. Reserve your bowl now at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4bafa62fa7f58-souper>

LADIES BOOK CLUB **Monday, February 2**

Our kick-off meeting will be Monday, Feb. 2 @ 7 pm. At this gathering we discuss what books we will read in 2015 and schedule future get-togethers. Typically we meet on a Monday night seven times a year – someone volunteers to host at their home and another brings snacks or dessert to share. February 2, will be at Karen Kranz' home @ 235 Founders Ridge Rd. (Summit development). Ph: 699-9566. The book we will be discussing is *Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good* by Jan Karon – please feel free to join us and bring a friend.



CARE MEAL COOKING **Saturday, February 7**



The Fellowship & Mutual Care Team will be cooking and freezing meals that will be used during the next six months for members who are hospitalized or otherwise need a meal. Members of the Care Meal Teams can use these meals and simply add a salad and/or dessert. The purpose is to encourage more people to sign up for the teams since they will not have to prepare the entree portion. If you are interested in helping us cook meals, please join us on Saturday, February 7th at 9:00am in the kitchen. For more information, contact Retha Murray

SCOUT SUNDAY **Sunday, February 8**

We invite all scouts, both male and female, no matter your age--to participate in our Scout Sunday on Feb. 8th at the 10:45AM worship service. Living Springs is hosting Scout Sunday again for our community. Please dress in your uniform and wear your emblems/pins on this day!



INAUGURAL LIVING SPRINGS P.I.E. GATHERING (PARTNERS IN EDUCATION) **Tuesday, Feb. 10 6:30—7:45 p.m.**



Open for those involved in education...teachers, administration, etc. Special Guest: Dr. Rich Melheim
Finger Foods & Desserts (enough for your supper) will be served. Please RSVP by noon, Monday, Feb. 9 at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4bafa62fa7f58-partners> (for yourself and any colleagues you would like to invite to join you!)

TELS (Traveling Evangelists of Living Springs) **Thursday, February 12**

The Traveling Evangelists will visit the State Capital and the Mast General Store on Thursday, February 12. Both the House & Senate are in session. After lunch, we will visit the Mast General Store on Main Street (bring funds – there are a lot of neat things). The bus will depart at 10 am from the LS parking lot and we should be back by 2:30-3 pm. Contact Beverly Hoppert for information.



ANNUAL PHEBE LEGRAND SCHOLARSHIP & AUCTION Saturday, April 11th



Save the Date for the Annual Phebe Legrand Scholarship and Auction to be held on Saturday, April 11th at 6pm in the fellowship hall. More information to follow in upcoming Enews and the March newsletter. Dinner tickets will go on sale in March. Scholarship applications are available in the education building and will be due on Sunday, April 5th. This scholarship will be awarded to a LSLC female attending college, who has not previously been awarded the scholarship. Scholarships to be presented on May 17th at the 10:45 service. We are in need of Silent Auction items (donations from restaurants, or other vendor; handmade/homemade items; etc.) Items to be auctioned off in the silent auction need to be delivered to the church no later than Wednesday, April 8th to ensure that they will be included in the silent auction. If for some reason you have an item to be included and can not have to church until day of the auction, please contact Wendy McKenzie or Retha Murray by April 8th. White Elephant auction items can be brought the day of the auction. Remember one person's "trash" could be another's "treasure". White elephant submission is limited one per family.

Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs



TUESDAY DEVOTION LUNCH @ LIVING SPRINGS Tuesday, February 3

Lunch is offered in the fellowship hall at 11:45, with devotions by Pastor Eric. Everyone is welcome! Meal is served by Laura Cunningham, our LS Food Resource person. To reserve a spot for you and your friends, sign up in the narthex or contact the office before 11am on the Monday before. Donation \$6 (includes drink & dessert).

TUESDAY NIGHT DEVOTION DINNER Tuesday, March 17

Note: We will be having the Shrove Pancakes in place of our monthly dinner in February. On the 3rd Tuesday of the month, we offer dinner at 6:15. Everyone is welcome to for this lasagna dinner and devotions served by Laura Cunningham, our LS Food Resource person). Cost \$9 – signup sheet is in the narthex or contact the office before 11 am on Monday. You might even want to stay for Bible study or join handbells!!



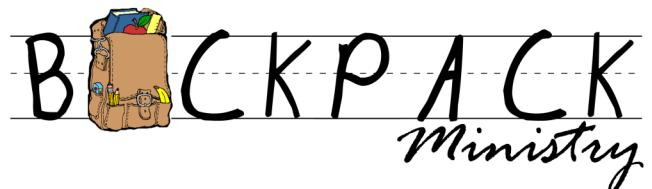
GOOD NEWS WALKERS



If you would like a little exercise along with some great fellowship, meet us in the administration building by 8:30 on Thursdays. 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. During Lent, (starting Feb. 25 thru Mar. 18) we will pack on Wednesday's – starting set-up @ 5 pm and pack right after set-up. This will give anyone wanting to enjoy a Lenten meal, before the Lenten service, time to do so. The bags will be blessed at the Wednesday 7 pm service. For the Spring Break, we will pack 140 bags on Tuesday, March 24 (need to be picked up on Wed.) – back to our normal scheduled set-up at 4:45 and pack at 5:30. **Donations of all food items will be needed to fulfill the double pack.** Thank you for your compassionate support of this ministry. Contact Karen Kranz, kbkranz@gmail.com for information.



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.

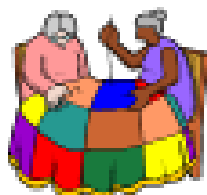
HELPING HANDS!!

Currently there are about 450 students a week getting a backpack in the Richland 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.



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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.

DISCIPLES HELPING DISCIPLES

LSLC is establishing a team of volunteers to perform small household tasks for those members unable to complete them. The team will do minor tasks in the areas of mechanical, electrical, plumbing, IT (computer-related), transportation and other minor home repairs depending on the skills of the team. The team will suggest contacts for jobs beyond the scope of the team skills. Everyone is encouraged to participate. For details contact Bob Gill (788-6788), Jim Zieche (497-3239), Bill Franck (331-7871) or Pastor Eric (736-0661). If you would like to be a member of this team, please sign in the narthex



Men's Ministries

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, February 28th** at 8:00 am at Living Springs. Meal is being served by Laura Cunningham, LS Food Resource Person. She will be serving coffee, buttermilk pancakes, grits, sausage, and scrambled eggs @ \$7.00 per person. We will be discussing our upcoming events. We meet on the last Saturday of each month. Contact Bob Turnmire at 803-513-7533 if you have any questions.



Faith Formation for All Ages at Living Springs



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.

- The Sunday morning Faith Five Adult Class, meeting next to the main kitchen, is currently completing a survey of the New Testament. Ron Ramsey is serving as the Leader. The group concentrates on what the Bible said to the early Christians and what the Bible says to us in the twentieth-first century. This is a discussion group where all are heard.
- "The Greatest Story" Bible Study, led by Pastor Eric, meets Sundays from 6:00-7:15. Sessions prior to Lent will focus on the Crucifixion and Resurrection. We again include DVD presentations by renowned sand artist, Joe Castillo. Come join us for these times to grow deeper in faith and find strength for life. Invite a friend!
- The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible study continues to meet at 10 AM Tuesdays. Beverly Hopper beverlyhoppert@gmail.com is the leader. The ladies will be viewing a series of videos on "Women of the Bible" with a discussion of the Biblical basis for the portrayal and the connection to our Christian life. All women are welcome!
- Tuesday Evening Bible Study has begun its study of The Gospel According to Matthew. This group meets for one hour beginning at 7 PM in the Katie Room. Come, be enlightened and enjoy our fellowship.

Additional Opportunities

MARCH FOR MEALS 2015 - THE WILD RUN!

Your registration fee for this event will provide meals to seniors in need within our community through our Meals On Wheels and congregate meals programs. More importantly, this annual event helps us raise awareness of senior hunger in our community. This year's 5K will be held February 21, 2015, at Timmerman Trail in Cayce, SC – start is 9 am. Registration fee is \$35 runners, \$30 walkers, \$15 for children under 12 (save \$5 if you register before Feb. 7). If you would like to run/walk as a group, contact Karen Kranz or online registration can be found at www.seniorresourcesinc.org under events.

JERICHO COMMUNITY FREE LIBRARY

There is a mission congregation called the Jericho Community that is based in Ascension Lutheran Church off of North Main Street, Columbia. One of their missions is to serve the needs of their neighbors by offering books to those who want to read, and who may otherwise not have had access to books. There are books for children, youth and adults. This Free Library, open to everyone, is a place to borrow/swap/take books. Usually when Pastor Jackie sees someone at this free standing library she will go outside and have conversation with them about books and reading and God's love for them. What an amazing ministry that helps the minds and souls and hearts of those surrounding that area. We donated lots of books to this library! If you would like to donate some, feel free to contact Lexanne at Lexanne@LivingSpringsColumbia.org!



Preschool & Afterschool Care News

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello and Happy New Year to all!

I am hoping that this message finds you doing well, and recovering from the Holiday excitement.

It is hard to believe that 2015 is already upon us! I know that 2014 had exciting events and changes for many of our Living Springs families. There were weddings, new babies and moving into new homes just to name a few. God has been hard at work in the lives our families and we are excited to see what He has in store for us as we move in to 2015.

As we look ahead, we are excited to have the opportunity to continue to work with the members of our congregation as well as the community to make Living Springs Lutheran Church Preschool and ASC a wonderful place for children and families to grow and prosper.

We are hosting a "We love Books" book drive. Please feel free to pick a heart or an envelope from the tree in the Narthex to donate a book or money.

Thank you for your continued support!

Happy 2015!

With Many Blessings,

TAMMY AND THE PRESCHOOL STAFF



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>.

- 8 age appropriate, hands-on classroom environments for children ages 6 weeks to 5th graders
- 26 talented, trained, dedicated teachers and staff
- Open Monday through Friday from 715AM-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!





LIVING SPRINGS LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL AND AFTERSCHOOL CARE

*“WHERE THE POWER OF PRAYER
AND PLAY COME TOGETHER!”*

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From the Director of Faith Formation

Lexanne K. Graves

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GOLF, as it pertains to God!

We each have 168 hours a week as a gift from God. How do we spend these hours? On ourselves? On each other? On God and discerning the Spirit's call in our lives?

In the picture below, there are 168 golf balls in the box, each representing one hour a week. There are 2 white golf balls with a cross on them, representing our daily devotions as a household. There is one black golf ball with a + on it that represents our time in worship (our sinful selves being raised to new life in Jesus). This is what it means to be Jesus' followers: easily spending 3 hours of time with GOD. GOD isn't greedy; God simply wants time to grow deeper in relationship with you.

A few of those golf balls of time can be spent as a faith family each Sunday sharing and praying about the "stuff in our lives" and how God encourages us to respond.



Come "GOLFING" with us!

Every Sunday Worship at 815am and 1045am.

FAITH ALIVE singing and educational hour begins at 925am in the fellowship hall and then we break up into groups for faith and life application time together.

FAITH ALIVE!

Sunday School

BEGINS AT 925AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL with contemporary praise music and skits!

Followed by faith community time together to hear and respond to God's Word of hope and love until 1030am.

**A 20 SECOND HUG
RELEASES THE BONDING
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CE collective
EVOLUTION



HOLDING YOUR HOUSEHOLD TOGETHER!

"If you don't know the highs and lows of your family, then you don't really know your family. If you don't know your own highs and lows, you don't really know yourself." says Dr. Rich Melheim, creator of Faith Inkubators and FAITH5.

When we share our highs we acknowledge the gifts God gives us on a daily basis. When we share our lows we acknowledge that God goes with us into those dark places. When we read God's Word, hope and mercy and love are released to us, thus providing the light we need for our darkness. When we pray together, we open our hearts to hear what God will have us do. When we bless each other, we are physically being God's hands to another as a sign of love and hope. This is a deeply spiritual practice that can hold your household together!

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/>

[SHARE](#) your highs and lows. [READ](#) a Bible verse. [TALK](#) about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows. [PRAY](#) for one another's highs and lows. [BLESS](#) one another (God blesses you always! +)



F a i t h A c t s I n T h e H o m e

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 February 8th** we will be gifting our 4th-5th graders from our congregation and Northeast Community in our *God and Family Faith Milestone* in our 1045am worship. This will also be Scout Sunday; members are invited to wear their scouting pins, attire, patches, etc to show your Scouting Spirit!
- † **On Saturday, March 7th at 3pm** we will offer to our 5th-6th graders our *Apostles' Creed Faith Milestone*. Young people will be gifted in worship on Sunday, March 8th.

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.

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:

- † Sunday, February 1—SOUPer Bowl Sunday of Caring. Also we will gather at 12:15PM for **Bible and Science 102!** Feel free to eat soup after worship, or bring your own lunch.
- † Sunday, March 1 from 1-3PM we will have a Scavenger Hunt.
- † Sunday, April 12 we will have a family picnic and a movie!
- Sunday, May 3 we will play Minute to Win It and Carnival Games! Contact Kind-2nd Gr Leaders, Nic and Rachel Peterson, (peterston.nicholas3@gmail.com, rach7@gmail.com).

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

- † Sunday, February 1—SOUPer Bowl Sunday of Caring.
 - † Sunday, February 22
- Contact Club 3456 Leaders, Leslie Bloss (LBloss3306@hotmail.com) and Cheryl Milburn (cmilburn98@yahoo.com)

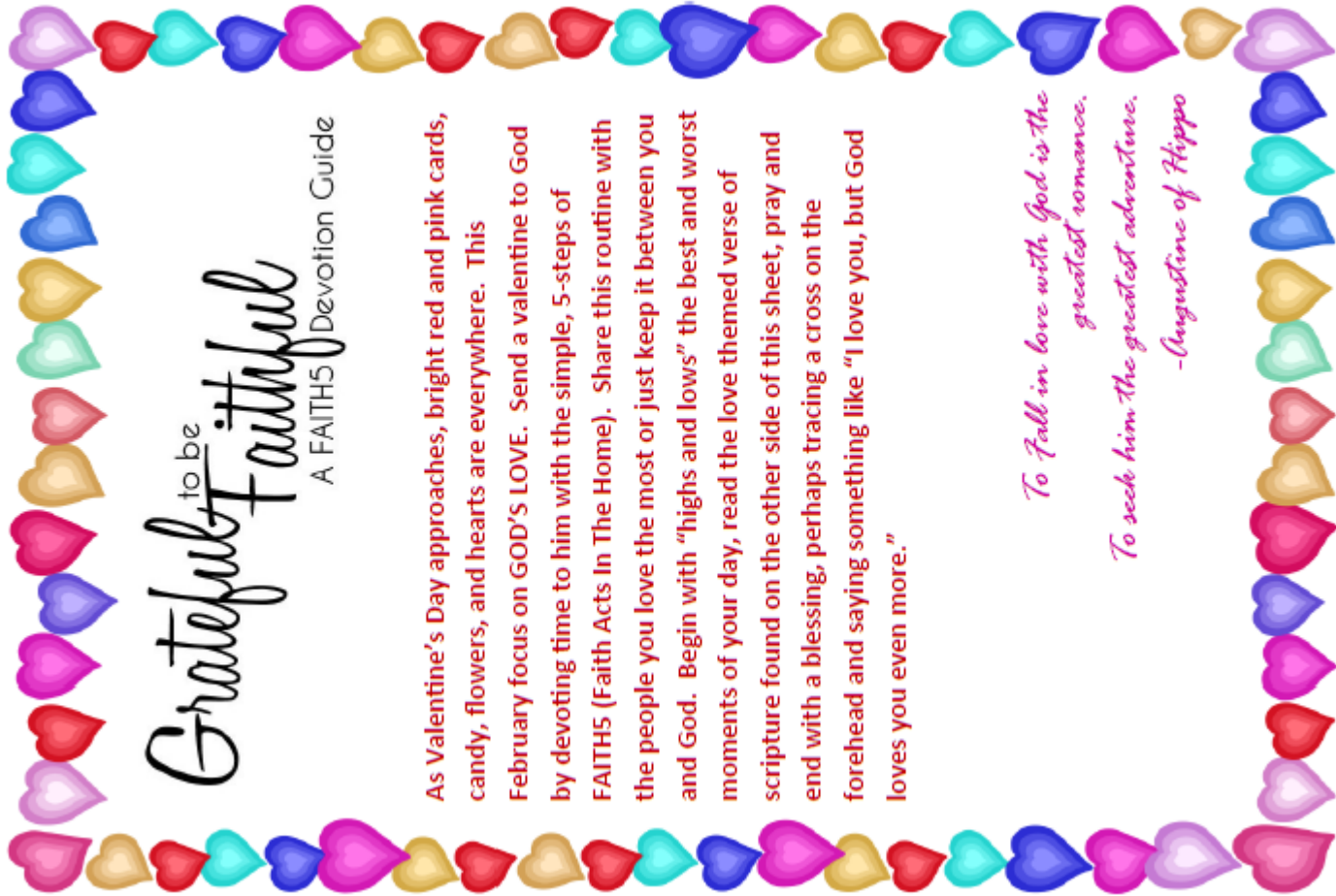
7TH-12TH Youth Group Events:

- † 7th- 12th gr Youth will gather at a local restaurant or someone's home on **Wednesday nights at 7:00pm**. Contact Laura Dunklin (843-992-2506; lauradunklin@livingspringscolumbia.org) or Adam Woodruff (803-917-6270; nccwoody@hotmail.com) to see where we will gather for food and fellowship!
- † Sunday, February 1—SOUPer Bowl of Caring—we will collect a noisy offering after both worship services as well as sell soup to our members and guests.
- † Sunday, February 1—Annual YOUTH Sunday. Arrive to serve at both worship services by 7:45am; we will eat breakfast in between.
- † Wednesday, February 4 at 7:00pm - Dinner and Devotion at the church
- † Wednesday, February 11 at 7:00pm - Meet at Red Robin
- † Sunday, February 8 at 9:20am we will gather for a congregational meal and share our ministry of love and grace with everyone!
- † February 13-16 - Ski Retreat at Lutherock!
- † Tuesday, February 17 at 6:00pm we will have an AWESOME Mardi Gras Party and Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Youth arrive between 4:30-5:00pm to decorate and cook!
- † Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00PM we will gather for ASH WEDNESDAY worship.

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/>



Grateful ^{to be} Faithful

A FAITH5 Devotion Guide

As Valentine's Day approaches, bright red and pink cards, candy, flowers, and hearts are everywhere. This February focus on GOD'S LOVE. Send a valentine to God by devoting time to him with the simple, 5-steps of FAITH5 (Faith Acts In The Home). Share this routine with the people you love the most or just keep it between you and God. Begin with "highs and lows" the best and worst moments of your day, read the love themed verse of scripture found on the other side of this sheet, pray and end with a blessing, perhaps tracing a cross on the forehead and saying something like "I love you, but God loves you even more."

To fall in love with God is the greatest romance.

To seek him the greatest adventure.

-Augustine of Hippo

FAITH



Every night in every home



SHARE

highs and lows



READ

a Bible verse or story



TALK

about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows



PRAY

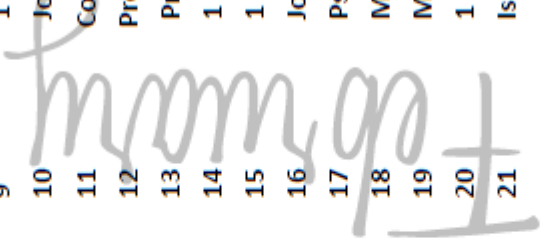
for one another's highs and lows

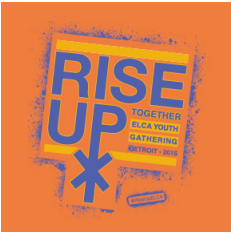


BLESS

one another

- 1 Mark 12:30-31
- 2 Romans 12:9
- 3 Romans 13:10
- 4 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
- 5 1 Corinthians 13:13
- 6 Ephesians 4:2
- 7 1 Peter 4:8
- 8 1 John 4:7-8
- 9 1 John 4:18-19
- 10 John 15:13
- 11 Colossians 3:14
- 12 Proverbs 10:12
- 13 Proverbs 17:17
- 14 1 John 3:16-18
- 15 1 John 4:8
- 16 John 3:16
- 17 Psalm 18:1
- 18 Matthew 6:24
- 19 Matthew 22:37-39
- 20 1 Corinthians 13:8
- 21 Isaiah 49:15
- 22 Song of Solomon 8:7
- 23 Psalm 37:4
- 24 Romans 5:5
- 25 1 John 4:16
- 26 Ephesians 5:1
- 27 Romans 8:28
- 28 1 John 3:1





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

www.ELCA.org/gathering

**We have 7 Youth and 3 Adults committed to going to Detroit!
Do you think one person can make a difference in the world?**

One Person Can Make a Difference

Detroit, Michigan—Every Saturday or Sunday Robby Elmers loads up the family minivan. Since he is only 12 years old, Robby cannot drive so his grandmother does the honors. They drive from their small city outside of Detroit to the center core of Motown. Once there Robby sets up a table filled with hot dogs, potato salad and other treats and begins to serve the homeless of Detroit.



According to the Detroit Free Press there are some 20,000 homeless people living in the Motor City. Some people think Robby is wasting his time and birthday and Christmas money but not Robby, "It makes me feel good to be able to help" he told the Detroit News. While Robby might only be 12 years old, he is giving hope to a group of people that often feels overlooked. "It is amazing that a child so young would be out here shaking hands, talking to everyone and caring," Shauna Johnson, A Detroit homeless woman told the Detroit News, "Robby is right out there in front."

Now ask yourself:

- Do you think one person can make a difference in the world?
- Is Robby wasting his time and money?
- What is your passion...something you feel God is calling you to do in this world?

Watch this You Tube video, <https://www.youtube.com/user/ulprojectsunlight>

What do you notice about the "new leaders" shown? What else do you see?

10 Living Springs Disciples will be headed to Detroit this summer for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Together we will be instruments of hope to a city that is getting back on its feet after some really tough times.

WILL YOU CONSIDER DONATING TO THIS TRIP SO THAT OUR TEN DISCIPLES CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS IN DETROIT?

If so, please place your check in the offering plate and put "NYG 2015" in the Memo section.

ELCA youth are not unlike their peers in that they are people of action, and they like to take action alongside their friends. Friends are extremely important, often influencing the direction and quality of one's life. As friends united in Christ, we begin collecting In-kind Donations for the Gathering, which Detroit residents desperately need. So will you help us too?



<http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering/GatheringDetails/GivingOpportunities/SupportService>

Scholastic Summer Reading packets



When children succeed in school, it is often an indicator that their needs are being met in other areas of their lives. The shockingly low standardized test scores and graduation rates for students in the majority of the Detroit public schools are a sign of dysfunction across institutions meant to support children. It has been shown that poor educational systems are one of the root causes of systemic poverty. In Detroit, students are being held captive to the systems of poverty by failures in both their schools and in their neighborhoods. Comparing Detroit students' test scores to scores of students statewide and in urban districts nationwide, it is clear the Detroit public schools are in crisis.

Many organizations, including [Excellent Schools Detroit](#) are doing their part to reverse this trend. Formed in 2010 as a coalition, Excellent Schools Detroit's mission is to provide an excellent

education for every Detroit child, from cradle to career. They believe that a high quality education is the key to future opportunity and they believe, as we do, that Detroit's children deserve the best. Ensuring each child receives the best means that they work with many community partners including the ELCA Youth Gathering and Scholastic, a company that has produced engaging educational materials and media to help children learn to read and love to learn since 1920. You can help Excellent Schools Detroit by purchasing Scholastic Summer Reading packets for a Detroit student for \$25 each. We are especially excited about these materials because Scholastic worked directly with Detroit teachers to identify the books they want their students to read. Gathering participants will interact with students using these books and hopefully contribute to closing the reading achievement gap.

[Click here to make a gift now.](#)

Art supplies

The Detroit area's diverse population includes African American, French, Belgian, German, Latino, Polish, Greek, Italian, and Middle Eastern neighbors. Each group adds its rich cultural traditions to enhance the area's landscape. The Detroit area's rich and diverse population combines to make it a wellspring of creative, intellectual and emotional inspiration.

A rich artistic community gives people new things to do, see, hear, feel and think about. It inspires innovation and provides the social connectedness that builds community. ELCA Youth Gathering participants will join community organizing initiatives to ensure that the arts and culture remain a vital part of the Detroit community through innovation, collaboration and advocacy. One arts organizations making a difference in Detroit is called [The Alley Project](#), which is a collaboration with youth from Grace in Action, a new ELCA congregation in Detroit's primarily Latino community. Your \$15 gift will purchase supplies that ELCA youth will use to help build community through the arts.

[Click here to make a gift now.](#)



Council Clips



Staff & Ministry Reports **January 22, 2015 Meeting**

Pastor

Active Discipleship:

5 sermon proclamations; Advent Cup Children Sermons; Christmas Eve Family Service; set up and items; Christmas Eve late services; Burning of the Greens service; 2 Homily Reflections; 11 celebrations of Holy Communion; Weekly Baptismal Anniversary Recognitions; 4 daily e-mail Advent devotions

Worship & Music meeting; preparatory, follow-up conferences

Dedication of 2015 Discipleship Commitments; Stewardship meeting; Time & Talent list follow-up

Bible Studies: (1) Greatest Story BS; (2) partial adult BS; Women's BS room setup.

LS monthly Prayer lunch; LS Evening Devotion Supper; (1) adult SS class; (2) Faith Alive SS times

Council Retreat-Disciple Story sharing; Saturday Catechism devotional time

10 hospital/nursing home/pastoral counseling sessions/office conferences; 31 other contacts/calls/visits; 1 funeral service

Community/Youth/School Partnerships:

(2) Wed. night Youth gatherings; (1) Christmas supper outing; tree lot midweek sales.

(4) PS Bible Story Times & (3) AS Bible Times; PS Staff Prayer Lunch; PS Board Meeting.

Richland 2 –Ministerial Meeting

2014-15 LTSS Teaching Parish Supervisor: semester evaluation

Ministries of Hope:

January newsletter; ESO meeting; (2) backpack blessing times.

Outdoor Nativity dress rehearsal; 2 enactments- nightly setup/teardown; final cleanup

2 Thrivent projects – summary reports, item ordering, etc.; 2 crisis assistance (pastor's emergency fund).

Worship Guests/Potential Members: (16) contacts/calls/notes; road sign & electronic sign up-dating.

Support: 9 meetings/emails(Staff, Exec, Council, Finance, Council Retreat, Mission Visionary, SC Synod Bishop's Day); 4 vacation days.

Director of Faith Formation

Active Discipleship:

Lifelong Faith Equipping for all ages: FAITH5: Created a January FAITH5 devotion; Lutheran Educators Milestone event projected for Feb. 2015, 3 families attended God and Family, assisted in Advent Children's messages, Christmas pageant revealing the birth of Jesus through God's perspective.

Network of Discipleship Partners: Northeast Columbia Scouting Community

Culture of Prayer: PSC prayer box, PSC teacher prayer lunch, prayer at FAITH ALIVE centers.

Music Ministry in PSC: working on a grant to fund training of PSC teachers & LSLC member on sign language that can be used with music to teach children/youth/adults.

Christ's constant presence for one another: attended Martin funeral and prayed with and for our youth and young people who knew her.

Ministries of Hope:

Children and youth in need: backpack ministry, unaccompanied youth ministry/Dove tree

Provide Faith tools: Live Nativity, St. Lucia breakfast, FAITH5

Share our Lutheran identity and theology of grace: Shared our Milestones ministry program with a Lutheran faith community in Lexington

Youth/School Community Partnerships:

Expand opportunities: Preschool Christmas Program, Continue to work with Laura Cunningham's assistance on 2nd Tuesday Prayer Lunch and FAITH5 sharing with all PSC staff, Elf Store was a huge success with Preschool and our congregation (over \$750 raised)

Life-Transforming experiences: Christmas Play, NYG Detroit 2015-7 youth 3 adults signed up – scheduled to begin monthly Bible studies in preparation for their trip; 7-12 gr. continue to gather on Wed. nights & Sun. AM for faith/life application & fellowship;

Congregational: Worship (12); Staff (2 & lunch); Meetings: (1); Reports (2).

Current Ministries:

New Roof: The new roof work has been completed.

Council Retreat: During our Spirit led weekend at White Oak, Council was able to collaborate with the Confirmation Youth for some activities. Council also had time to reflect on where the Spirit has and continues to lead Living Springs through our Mission/Vision goals.

Ongoing Ministries:

Ministry Celebration Gathering- February 8, 2015: Council looks forward to presenting the restructured Ministry Teams at this gathering. After reflecting through our Mission/Vision goals the decision was made to restructure some of our current ministries.

New Business:

Council approved that fees collected for building use will be applied to the debt/maintenance fund less 10% that will go to the general fund.

Council approved the Preschool placing a book drive tree for the congregation to make donations towards from January 31- February 15.

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

February 1	Shirley Laingen	February 17	Walker Flores
February 2	Caroline Berger		Peter Moore
	Peter Zvejnieks	February 18	Kris Kenline
February 4	Andrew Levitt		Troy Newton
February 7	Diana Abromaitis	February 19	Samuel Arnold
	Ray Hajducsek		Weston Crapps
	Jean Weick	February 20	Sarah Hinchee
February 8	Otto Esslinger		Beverly Wyka
	Julie Owens	February 22	Patricia Brouwer
February 10	Ted Buchanan		Will Collins
February 11	Jan Berger		Stephanie Joyner
February 12	Margaret Blank	February 23	Rachel Drafts
	Garrett Flores	February 25	Bob Gill
February 13	♥ Al & Judy Jordan	February 26	♥ Preston & Colleen Franks
February 14	♥ Darrell & Lora Compas	February 27	Mary Fox
February 15	Alice Renaud		♥ Charles & Irene Tracy
February 16	Marshall Hurlbert	February 28	Inga Lowery



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!



February 1	Pat Bartucca	February 15	Wesley Graves
February 6	Laura Stuart	February 17	Goldie Harmon
February 7	Jacob Newton	February 21	Andrew Tilton
February 13	Wendy McKenzie	February 22	Rocky Berger

February 2015

***8:15am Worship, 9:25am Faith Alive Sunday School,
10:45am Worship
every Sunday unless otherwise noted**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Youth Sunday Souper Bowl 1215P K-2nd Gr. Bible & Science 102 430P Greatest Story Bible Study	2 10A Staff Meeting 1030A Meals on Wheels 1245P Zumba 6P Worship Team 7P Ladies Book club	3 930 PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 1145A Devotional Lunch 345P ASC Bible Time 6P Girl Scouts 6P Food Ministry TF 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	4 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba 6P Sanctuary Choir 630P Evangelism/ Communication Team 7P Chancel Choir 7P Sr. Youth	5 830A Good News Walkers 530P Backpacks 615P Preschool Board	6	7 9A Care Meals Cooking
8 920A Congregational Ministry Gathering 1045A Scout Sunday 1045A God & Family Milestone 6P Greatest Story Bible Study	9 1030A Meals on Wheels 1245P Zumba 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care Team	10 930 PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 1215P PSC Lunch 345P ASC Bible Time 530P Backpacks 6P Finance 630P P.I.E. Gathering 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	11 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba 545P Stewardship Team 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir 7P Sr. Youth	12 830A Good News Walkers 10A TELS	13	14 930A Crafty Ladies
15 Transfiguration Sunday	16 President's Day - Office Closed 1030A Meals on Wheels	17 930 PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 345P ASC Bible Time 6P Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells 7P Council Exec	18 Ash Wednesday 930 PSC Chapel 12P Ash Wed. Service 1230P Zumba 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Ash Wed. Service	19 830A Good News Walkers 530P Backpacks 7P Council	20 5-730P Fish Fry	21 3P Rice Estate Dinner (meal to start at 5P)
	Sr.. Youth Ski Retreat 2/13-16					
22 920A Drivers License Milestone 1215P Club 3456 1215P Nat'l Youth Gathering Participants 3P TELS	23 1030A Meals on Wheels 1245P Zumba	24 930 PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 345P ASC Bible Time 6P Girl Scouts 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	25 930 PSC Chapel 12P Prayer Service 1230P Zumba 5P Backpacks 545P Lenten Meal 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Lenten Service 745P Chancel Choir	26 830A Good News Walkers	27 5-730P Fish Fry	28 8A Men's Breakfast 930A Crafty Ladies

Worship Assistant Schedule – February 2015

		Assisting Minister	Lector	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Crucifier	Torchbearers	Counters	Children's Sermon	Council Person				
2/1 *	8:15	Youth	Sunday								Laura Dunklin	Bill Franck				
2/1	10:45	Youth	Sunday							Scott Graves LC Trish Davidson Aaron Smith	Laura Dunklin	Aaron Smith				
2/8	8:15	Brandon Heavner	Nowell Ramsey	Karen Kranz Saundra Dixon	Judy Lawrence Irene Tracy Leslie Bloss	Marj & Jerry Appleton	Connor Kilbourne				Bob Gill	Leslie Bloss				
2/8 +	10:45	Scout	Sunday							Gwen Furcron LC Karen Kranz Wendy Mckenzie	Bob Gill	Gwen Furcron				
2/15	8:15	Jen Necker	Corin Wiggins	Tina Molineu Don Molineu	Marj & Jerry Appleton	Saundra Dixon	Jack Arnold				Pastor Eric	Scott Graves				
2/15	10:45	Brandon Heavner	Gail Buchanan	Alison Levitt Jeanette Bloss	Cindy Day Jeff Day Pat Bartucca Marshall Hurlbert	Dea Jones	Collin Flores	Karlene Stuart	Ed Brennan Jan Berger	Ed Brennan LC Adam Woodruff Angie Dyches	Pastor Eric	Ed Brennan				
2/22	8:15	Saundra Dixon	Katherine Wollpert	Karen Kranz Bob Gill	Bill Franck Jan Schmidt	Tina & Don Molineu	Anna Leigh Graves				Jan Berger	Rocky Berger				
2/22	10:45	Steve Padgett	Pat Bartucca	Brantley Smith Courtney Murray	Rocky Berger Jeanette Bloss Steve Bloss Adam Woodruff	Linda Hayes	Austin Padgett	Mike Davidson	Gail Buchanan Trish Davidson	Mark Stuart LC Mike Davidson Brantley Davidson	Jan Berger	Mark Stuart				
		Care Meals			Flowers			Muggers			Nursery (10:45)		Refreshments		Altar Guild	
2/1				Shirley Laingen		Karen Kranz		Melissa Lindstedt	Sally Moore							
2/8						Herb Brantley		Jenny Skipper	Wendy Mckenzie							
2/15						Irene & Charles Tracy		Misty O'Donnell	Judy Lawrence							
2/22				Brouwer Family		Cathy Lowman		Angie Dyches+	Nancy Baldwin							

+Julia Tenhover (helper)

(Changes)
 *Youth Sunday
 + Scout Sunday

Blessed to Be a Blessing - "The Joy of Giving"

I am very excited about the Stewardship Ministry Team's approach to our "stewardship campaign" again this year. As we continue with the theme of "Blessed to Be A Blessing", we are reminded that as we receive our blessings, we are "Blessed to be a Blessing." God gives us the time, talents, and money to support Christ's ministry through Living Springs Lutheran Church, to be disciples, to feed the hungry, to lift up the lonely, to love one another, and to spread God's word.

Discipleship Commitment slips (and a special envelope for your slip) were distributed to each person. A copy of the discipleship slip is below (if you use this copy, you can pick up a special envelope in the narthex). On January 4th, our 2015 commitments of discipleship were dedicated. You can still bring yours if you haven't already. The symbolic "Joy of Giving" box will remain in the altar area - it contains a slit through which your sealed commitments may still be added in upcoming weeks. These sealed envelopes will never be opened; they are between you and God. We encourage every member to bring this gift to the box. Young children can draw pictures of their discipleship focus for next year. All of us adults should look inward at our blessings and then remember to use those blessings to the glory of God.

Thanks be to God for all of our many blessings. Mike Davidson, Stewardship Chairperson

Blessed to Be a Blessing!

Seal this part of the sheet inside the special envelope.

In thanksgiving for God's blessings and abundant grace, I offer with joy what God has first given me: my time, talent, and possessions – all signs of God's gracious love in my life. May the Spirit strengthen me as I keep these commitments and grow in my discipleship. I give thanks that I am daily being blessed by God to be a blessing for others. May I experience more deeply the joy of living a life of giving – in the image of God! Amen.

In response to God's blessings of grace and love in my life, these are commitments of discipleship I will strive to keep in 2015 (children may draw pictures):

COMMITMENTS OF WORSHIP & DEVOTION:

COMMITMENTS OF WITNESS & SERVICE:

COMMITMENTS OF STUDY & FAITH GROWTH:

COMMITMENT OF FINANCIAL BLESSINGS:

As I grow in my understanding and gratitude for God's blessings, I strive to grow in my giving to God out of thanksgiving and joy - that I may know more deeply the joy of giving and be a growing source of blessing for others:

% of my income/financial blessings I will give to God in 2015: _____%
= My weekly/monthly giving goal: \$ _____



CUT OFF THIS SLIP TO KEEP WITH YOU IN A SPECIAL PLACE - AS A PERSONAL REMINDER OF YOUR PROMISES TO GOD FOR 2015: WORSHIP/ DEVOTION (reminder)

WITNESS /SERVICE (reminder)

STUDY/GROWTH (reminder)

FINANCIAL GIVING (reminder):

% of income giving goal: _____%
= weekly/monthly goal: \$ _____

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING - THE JOY OF GIVING!



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