



Living Springs Lutheran Church

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

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“There you will see Jesus!” - This Month from Pastor Eric

“There you will see him, just as he told you.” - Mark 16:7b



Once spring arrives, there are so many beautiful places to go and so many wonderful sights to see (in spite of the pollen), as the days get warmer and nature bursts into glorious new life. Outside an empty tomb at a Sunday sunrise some 1985 springs ago, the women received amazing words from God’s messenger to pass along to the disciples, “There you will see him ...” Surely, having observed Jesus’ dead body sealed up in a tomb on Friday, the disciples were convinced that they would never see Jesus again. Yet, because of the power of God’s all-conquering love, the Easter Good News comes: they WILL see Jesus alive! They will see Jesus not only in Galilee, where the messenger directs them to go, but they will also see Jesus later that very day in their locked room of fear, as Jesus himself comes and stands among them, offering them words of grace, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you!” (John 20:21).

In this month of April, we gather for so many powerful times of worship. We gather to see Jesus in an upper room, offering a new covenant of forgiveness in his body & blood, falling on his knees in servant love to wash his followers’ feet, issuing a new commandment for us to live by, “Love one another as I have loved you.” We gather to see Jesus on the cross, offering words of forgiveness to those who have crucified him, words of paradise to a thief hanging beside him, words of care for his mother and closest friend weeping below. We gather by the fire and Baptismal font on Easter Eve night; we gather on the church lawn as the sun rises the next morning; we gather in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday to shout “Alleluia” for the first time in 40+ days and cry out with joy, “Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed!” We also gather on the following Sundays, to celebrate joyful baptisms of God’s children among us and to join in the ongoing 50-day celebration of the Easter Season—as we see the Risen Jesus making every effort to appear to his disciples to give them forgiveness, purpose, and the promise of a fresh new start in their kingdom mission of unfolding hope for the world.

**Behold the presence of Christ among us,
as we gather in April to Worship!**

MAUNDY THURSDAY—APRIL 2

GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 3

HOLY SATURDAY—APRIL 4

EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 5

SUNDAYS OF EASTER—APRIL 12, 19, 26

Easter Breakfast—April 5
Operation Inasmuch—April 11
Phebe Legrand Event—April 18
P.I.E. Gathering—April 28
Youth Shareholder Kickoff

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Spring Cottage Gatherings begin!

In this month of April, we gather on other important occasions to behold the presence and work of the Risen Christ among us. We gather at the Carl Lowman Easter Breakfast on April 5 and at the Phebe Legrand Event on April 11—to raise funds for our 2 scholarship funds that support our graduating high school male and female students. We gather for Operation Inasmuch on Saturday, April 18 to join Lutherans from across our state in offering acts of love and service for those in need. We hold our 2nd Living Springs P.I.E. Gathering (Partners in Education) on April 28. We kickoff our Shareholder project to support our Sr. Youth in their efforts to attend the nation-wide Lutheran Youth Gathering this summer in Detroit. We look forward to gathering in disciples’ homes with our in-touch groups, as we start our next series of discipleship Cottage Gatherings and explore our Spirit-tugs. All the while, we continue to gather for Bible studies, devotional meals, choir & music times, Sunday morning Faith Alive! Times, youth events, ministry team times, backpack food packing, Meals-on-Wheels deliveries, preschool & afterschool ministry, and so much more. We do all these things, so that many, many others may behold the visible truth that Christ is alive and God continues to be at work to bring hope and good news to the world through those who have been joined to Christ—not only when we gather here in this place, but also when the Risen Christ makes his presence known in the world through the Spirit’s work in you each day, wherever you go this April (and every month of discipleship that you live in the world)!

With prayers that the joy of Easter will fill your heart as you behold Jesus in your life,

Pastor Eric

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

Holy Week Schedule



Maundy Thursday, April 2 Lord's Supper, 7pm

We remember and celebrate our Lord's Supper, along with First Communion celebration for our youth. The service concludes with the poignant and powerful Stripping of the Altar.

Good Friday, April 3 Tenebrae Service, 7pm

With extinguishing of candles and increasing darkness of the Tenebrae Service, we recall Jesus' 7 statements spoken from the cross. Worship includes the ancient bidding prayer and solemn reproaches, as we offer solemn reverence to Christ's cross of salvation. Wherever we are during the day, we pause in special reverence at 3:00 - the hour Jesus breathed his last.



Holy Saturday, April 4 Easter Vigil, 7:45pm

We gather outside by a fire with lighted candles and enter the sanctuary for the Easter Vigil. We remember the waiting of that night when our Lord lay dead in the tomb. We hear foundational stories of Scripture and affirm our identity as baptized children of God who are joined to the death and resurrection of Jesus.

+ EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5 + Son-Rise Service @ 6:45 am, Easter Breakfast @ 9:30 Festival Worship - 8:15 am & 10:45 am

At 6:45, we worship in the church lawn with our Son-Rise celebration. Festival Easter Communion Services will be held at 8:15 and 10:45, with special music. Invite your friends and neighbors to worship on the most joyous day! Easter breakfast will be served for everyone at 9:30, with donations to support Lutheran Men's Carl Lowman Memorial Scholarship for our college students.



Easter Breakfast





Calling all people of Living Springs! SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2015 @ 9 am

Operation Inasmuch is the annual event when Lutheran Christians from across SC join together to give part of their day in acts of loving service to those in need in our surrounding community. Each congregation in our SC Synod sponsors specific acts of outreach. There are opportunities for everyone of all ages, so just choose how you would like to participate. This year, at Living Springs, we are sponsoring:

- STUFF-A-BUS for our community service agencies
- RICE ESTATE visiting, bingo, singing, gardening work
 - COOKIE-BAKING for our local firefighters.



The preschool bus will be stationed on the front lawn from April 11 through April 18 – we challenge you, your neighbors, family, friends, work buddies, school buddies to fill or overfill the bus with wish list items for local service agencies e.g. Harvest Hope, Angels House, Lutheran Hospice, God's Storehouse, Transitions and the Veterans Hospital. At 1 pm on April 18, the items will be sorted and delivered to the respective agencies.

**PAPER TOWELS
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS**

**NAPKINS
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS**

**TOILET PAPER
TOILETRIES**

**SOCKS
CLEANING SUPPLIES**

BLANKETS

As an added attraction, come join us to play bingo with the Rice Estate residents and a sing-along afterward or if playing bingo is not your thing and you want to be outdoors, planting spring flowers in their garden beds is another option. For those that want to stay & serve the community close to home, bake cookies for the firemen. We will meet in the Sanctuary at 9 am for a short devotion. Contact Karen Kranz for information.



For everyone in the Living Springs family...

SPRING COTTAGE GATHERINGS

APRIL 15 - JUNE 15

(Be on the look-out for an invitation from your In-Touch leader)



Come gather with other disciples for these wonderful times of spring fellowship in our homes. We share excitement about the unfolding "Spirit-Tugs" in our lives and all the wonderful stories about how we have experienced or witnessed God at work over the past months. Also, we'll receive some important updates about the Road-Widening, our 2015 Giving Goals, and all the amazing things that are happening among this community of disciples who bear the name of Living Springs. Sponsored by the Lifelong Discipleship Team and our In-Touch Groups.

Active Discipleship, Ministries of Hope, Community Partnerships!

God At Work Through Living Springs

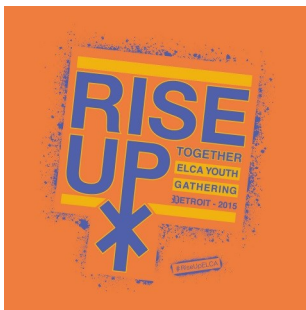
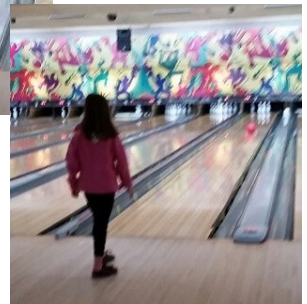


Preschool fun while it was cold outside.

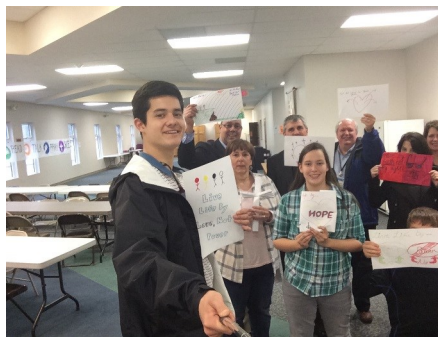


CLUB 3456

Club 3456 kids recently went bowling



Those going to the ELCA Youth Gathering recently met for Lesson 2, preparing for their trip to Detroit with other youth from across the nation!



FaithTALK

The congregation recently gathered in the fellowship hall for our annual Faith Talk experience. We divided up to have fun conversations of faith with questions to guide us. It was a chance for all members of our Living Springs family to get to know one another better.



FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY

Lutheran Campus Ministry Night

Students from Lutheran Campus Ministry recently visited Living Springs to help serve at the Fish Fry and spoke about their ministry.



PRESCHOOL NIGHT

Some of the preschoolers came to the Fish Fry to provide singing entertainment. We also had Family Promise stop by to talk about their Ministry.



LENT SUPPER



**Living Springs
Preschool**
Preschool Teachers
Appreciation/Installation



Last Sunday, the Preschool & Afterschool teachers were installed and honored. Members adopted a teacher by giving them a meal.



**Lutheran Schools
Week**

Ms. Nickie & Ms. Lexanne helped with Music Day for the Lutheran Schools week.



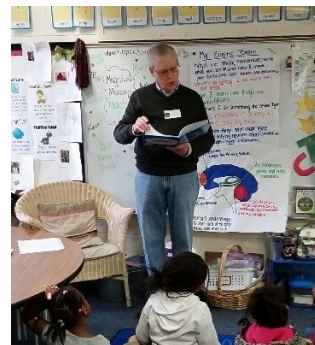
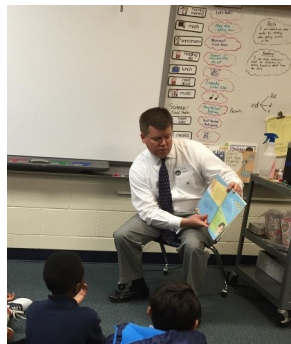
Rice Estate Dinner

We recently invited Rice Estate residents over for dinner. It was an evening fun with chop sticks!



Real Men Read

These awesome disciples came to Joseph Keels to participate in Real Men Read!



Copies of this blue dot are available in the lobby of the admin building



Disciple Dot Stories & Spirit Tugs

While walking our dogs on the trails in the Clemson Sandhills Research area, God guided us to a lady who was enjoying the nice weather with her four young children and the puppy they recently received for Christmas. The spirit moved us to chat for a while with this lady and learned her husband is in the military and currently deployed. Being new to the community, the Spirit sent me a tug that I should befriend her, so I back tracked on the trail to ask her if she would like to exchange contact information. We began chatting via FaceBook and she indicated she would love to go to a movie some time but it might be difficult for her to do since she's by herself with the four children. My husband and I have discussed this several times since and feel a spirit tug towards those with deployed spouses who are lonely and caring for children on their own, in most cases without any relatives nearby. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could find others in similar situations and offer them a free evening of child care through the church? This could be a great opportunity for the adults & children of Living Springs as we connect with those from outside of our congregation, while providing a nice evening out for those in need.

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After what I felt was a very moving meeting at church last week where we talked about God working through us in chance encounters with others, I went home and told my spouse that I feel like I truly understand what I'm supposed to do now as one of God's Mission Visionaries here at Living Springs. Then, I opened up the devotional in "The Word In Season," and it contained this prayer for that very day: "Loving God, open my ears to listen for those who need your love. Help me wait patiently for those who pass my way". I told my spouse that maybe we were meant to come to SC for more than just my job. Things might just be a bit more clear now - the Spirit works in wonderful ways!

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Have you noticed that within our congregation, the Spirit is moving groups of people to join hands during the Lord's Prayer. It started with a few folks who regularly sit next to each other, but what an opportunity to show the person who you don't know sitting next to you, that we are the living body of Christ in the world. Recently, at the beginning of the prayer, there was a Spirit tug for me to reach for the hand of the person next to me. This is a person I have known for years but doing this took them completely by surprise, yet this simple act seemed to heighten those spiritual words of prayer for me and hopefully for them as well.

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As a member of the choir, we often are desensitized to the beauty of what the Spirit is singing through our voices due to the regiment of rehearsals. We do give thanks for the knowledge that our singing is a form of worship and a gift from God. But nothing can compare to the feeling we get when after an anthem, the members of the choir are able to witness the faces of the congregation to see how the music the Spirit sent has touched them. For this moment in time, I give praise to God for the gift of music.

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It is really wonderful to know that the people who provide you medical care have a strong faith in Jesus Christ. God led me to take a book that I was reading to the doctor's office and place it on the table. The assistant saw the book and read "what if sharing your faith meant just being yourself." This led to a conversation of how easy it is to share God's love and give hope to people in all situations. The assistant said that by being herself she can let people know the love of God and how God was with them in all situations. Then the doctor came in and I told him that I would pray for God to give him the intellect to find a diagnosis. He said thank you, I need that. Again, it is uplifting to know that our medical professionals have faith in God and need our prayers.

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.



Dear Friends at Living Springs,
 Just a note to tell you how much I appreciated my Pew Bear. Two days before Christmas I was diagnosed with macular degeneration of my eye, with an added retina problem. Having no problem for 87 years and so much of that problem in our family history, I wasn't surprised, but any life-style change is a concern. I am always a firm believer in the power of prayer. What love when that Bear popped out of the box. I now have had two shots in the eyeball and last week's evaluation was "it has improved." Mr. Pew Bear sits on my couch and I think of you every time I look at him. Thank you for your prayers and concern. I know Mr. Bear's prayers keep on going and please keep me in your prayers.

Love and Blessing to all,

Shirley

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Hello, I am writing this note in regard to your "Bear" ministry. I am so thankful to have been a recipient. My neighbor requested one for me through her mother, who is at your church. It was a beautiful surprise. I have struggled with health issues for several years and in the last 6 months had a diagnosis of a rare type of cancer. When I opened the box, I sensed refreshment, a splash of love from God. After I realized the name of your church, I knew I would name my bear, Splash. Thank you to all the people involved in this ministry. God and His presence in my life is what sustains me. It is beautiful to be loved on from the Body of Christ in Columbia, South Carolina.

Blessings,

Susan

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I just wanted to thank the church family for the pew bear I received from Wendy McKenzie. I returned home from a trip with my mother. We went to Kiawah island for the anniversary of my father's death. We had planned the trip last November. We did not know that my daughter, Audrey Anne Bush, would be received home by God on January 4th. It was a great comfort to receive the bear. It is a daily challenge to bear the grief of losing my father and daughter within a year. It is wonderful family as Wendy is, that helps. I thank you for the blessing of the bear. It will always be cherished.

God bless you all!

Molly

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Thank you so much for the Bear you brought to me and also the sweet thoughts and prayers. It is so nice for someone to still be thinking about me 9 months after losing my husband. Half my soul is missing. For me, the pain is still fresh and raw but I know life moves on. I know I'm not alone, but I struggle with loneliness now. My prayer bear will now bring me comfort and give me a hand to hold.

Thank you so much.

Laura

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Dear Friends:

The Board of Directors of God's Storehouse thanks you for your generous donation of \$672.26. Your contribution will benefit those in our community who are in crisis, in the form of food, clothing, and household items, free of charge. The generous support of you and others, during these very difficult times, makes it possible for God's Storehouse to exist and to improve our community. Operating Monday through Thursday, we help an average of 18 families each day, and over the past year, we assisted more than 20,000 of our neighbors. We thank you for your continuous support and concern for our community.

Sincerely,

Ron Morgan

Chairman of the Board of Directors
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Council Clips

Staff & Ministry Reports - March 19, 2015 Meeting

Council Devotions: "Evangelism without Additives" Ch. 3 – Ordinary Makes a Comeback

Do we have to do extraordinary things to evangelize?

The disciples were regular ordinary people who got things done...and we are too!
You don't have to be trained to evangelize; it requires you to rely on your instincts.

- † **When you miss someone, you make things happen!**
- † **Jesus** loved people and the engaged in the spontaneity of the process. He never asked people's intentions...He just made things happen.
- † **The disciples** were just ordinary people, doing ordinary things...but they got things done!
- † **YOU** need to just do the most ordinary thing you can do...**BE YOURSELF!**

Challenge: Engage in **Momentology** (the art of noticing the moment).

When you notice God in your own life, it becomes easier to notice God in someone else's life. Take time to notice where God is working through you to notice what God is doing and then **SHARE** what God did!

Council Actions:

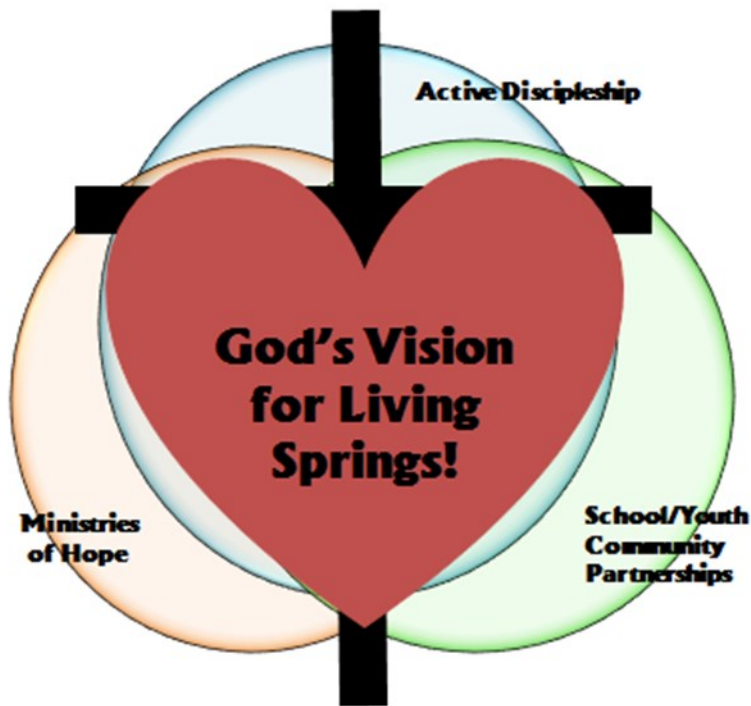
- † Motion made to accept the permissions from SCDOT for the silt fence and temporary drive with modifications from our lawyer, Mike Quinn. Motion carries.
- † Motion made to accept the SCDOT's plan to erect a wall from the north side of the drive to the corner of Hardscrabble and Clemson Road as proposed by DOT. Motion carries.
- † Motion made to put a continuous awning structure over the back rear doors (sanctuary and sacristy doors) with the cost to be divided between the Preschool and the church. The placement of the awning will allow the Preschool to use the sanctuary for chapel according to DSS regulations.
- † Motion was made to adopt the annual reports from 2014. Motion carries
- † Motion was made to accept the three new baptisms from the Skipper Family, the Keppery Family, and the Collins Family. Motion carries.

Things God has done this past month:

- † God was present at our Wednesday evening services, as disciples offered themselves for skit reflections to share the meaning of Christ's call for us to follow the cross; as people have been moved by the musical liturgy of Holden Evening Prayer; as worshippers have come forward carrying little pieces of paper, to lay at the cross what the Spirit has placed in their hearts; as individuals have reached out to one another to share words of blessing with the sign of the cross.
- † God was present on Friday nights as people have given their time and energy to provide plates of fish for church folks and community members; as diners have feasted on macaroni and cheese prepared for us by the Preschool Ministry; as Lutheran Campus Ministry students inspired us with their servant hearts and shared stories of God at work in their college journeys; as we heard about the powerful ministry of Family Promise to give hope to families struggling with major setbacks in their lives.
- † God was present on Tuesdays as people have gathered to be fed by God's word in morning and evening Bible studies, at monthly devotional lunch and supper, at our Preschool prayer lunch - with the help of our Living Springs Food Ministry.
- † God was present on Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall where new member candidates have gathered to learn more about our beliefs and practices as Lutheran Christians - and where, on the 1st Sunday of March, disciples of multiple generations gathered in deep conversations about what our faith in Christ means for us throughout this journey of life.
- † God was present on Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary where children of children of God of all ages have learned sign language to help communicate and remember key passages of Lenten scripture that re-direct our hearts toward the cross.
- † God was present in classrooms and meeting rooms where committees and task forces and ministry teams and youth and parents and choir and bell ringers and staff and council members have gathered to be guided by the spirit in offering our time and talent to carry on the work of Christ in this place.
- † God was present in the Fellowship Hall where dozens and dozens of bags are packed with food every week for children in need; were a meal was provided for residents of the Rice Estate.
- † God was present in the USC Campus Ministry room where LS disciples delivered an evening meal; in the church bus were TELS members enriched one another with Christian conversation, laughter, and worship.
- † God was active in the lives of our young people as they creatively prepared games and food for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.
- † God was alive in a gathering of parents and youth reading the Bible to prepare for the National Youth Gathering.
- † God was active in 8 persons who went on a mountain in NC to ski together, to pray together, to laugh together and get home safely together.
- † The Spirit worked through 16 persons as they prayerfully prepared meals for our PSC teachers/staff to remind them they are a gift of God's love here in this place.
- † God remains active in each of us as we live out our daily call in time spent with God. We each have 168 hours in a week, which is a gift from God. How shall we spend it?
- † And....in so many more places every day in your life!



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



Living Springs Family—Be Sure to Wear Your Name Tags and Introduce Yourself (again and again) to our most Recent Membership Groups ...

At the end of November and in March, we were blessed to welcome 17 fellow disciples into Christ's family of faith here at Living Springs. May the Spirit bless the partnership in ministry and worship we will share for months and years ahead! Our next Membership Sessions will be scheduled soon – please contact Pastor Eric

A Special Welcome to ...

Michael & Sarah Schultz, Jonas Maher

The Schultzes have moved to SC from Elk River, MN. Michael works at A.O. Smith in McBee; Jonas is a sophomore at SVHS.

Claudette Tuttle

Claudette is a long-time Lutheran from North Carolina (graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne). She now resides in Lake Carolina, near her son.

Christina & Matt Mayo

The Mayo's come to us from Christ the King Lutheran in Greenville. Christina works for BDI Pharma. Matt enjoys his cooking skills, as evidenced at our recent fish fry events.

Marlayne Behenna

Marlayne has retired in the area, to be with her daughter. Her son is a Lutheran pastor in Michigan. We are thankful for her caregivers who enable her to attend worship with us.

Alice Renaud

A native of Syracuse, NY, Alice has been a part of our Living Springs family for many years and now joins us as an "official" member.

Jeff & Shawn Hamilton

The Hamiltons have moved to SC as part of Jeff's military assignment. He will soon be retiring after 30 years service.

Bryanna Nelson

Bryanna is a lifelong Lutheran who grew up at Trinity Lutheran in Kingston, NY. She works in the USC Athletic Department.

Gary & Tiffany Ginn, Preston Ginn

Gary works at Ginn Solutions, while Tiffany works at TD Bank; Preston is a 4th grader at Catawba Trail. They live in GreenHill Parish.

Michael & Lisa Grimmer, Lauren Grimmer

Michael works at Consolidates Systems, while Lisa works for Southcoast Community Bank. Lauren is a sophomore at Blythewood.

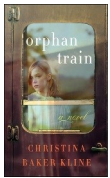
Stay tuned for photos in the next issue of our newsletter
(and/or see the bulletin board across from office).



Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

LADIES BOOK CLUB

Monday, April 6



Our next meeting will be Monday, April 6 @ 7 pm. 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. April 6, will be at Shirley Laingen's home @ 1213 Twenty Five Mile Creek Rd. Elgin, 29045 Phone: 754-4364. The book we will be discussing is *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline – please feel free to join us and bring a friend.

TELS (TRAVELING EVANGELS OF LIVING SPRINGS)

Saturday, April 25

TELS is traveling to Wadmalaw Island to visit the Charleston Tea Plantation. We leave at 8:00am on Saturday, April 25th. There is no admission fee but the trolley costs \$10 and we will collect \$10 for the buses. Please sign up in the administration building. Contact Beverly Hoppert beverlyhoppert@gmail.com or Jeff Lummel tjlummel@gmail.com



CINCO DE MAYO

Saturday, May 2

Mark you calendars for our Cinco de Mayo Fellowship at 6:00pm on Saturday, May 2 at the Hurlberts. More info to come!





WHEN

April 11, 2015

Dinner 6 pm

Silent Auction 6-7:30 pm

Live White Elephant Auction 7:30 pm

WHERE

Living Springs Lutheran Church

MENU

Grilled Cheese Sandwiches

Hot Dogs

Chili Dogs / Chili Cheese Dogs

Hamburgers / Chili Cheese Burgers

Patty Melts

Banana Splits

Ice Cream Floats

Popcorn

Apple Pie

Moon Pies

ALL AGES EVENT

ADVANCE TICKETS

\$10.00 Adults

\$5.00 Children

Available for Purchase after
each worship service or
Purchase in the Church Office



BENEFITING

The Phebe LeGrand Women's
Scholarship Fund



PRESCHOOL INTERNATIONAL DAY- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TUESDAY, APRIL 14



The preschool is looking for anyone who has lived in another country to come and talk about their experiences with the preschool on their International Day. You can show items, cook food (in our kitchen) or play music unique to that country. (The music day is April 13th). Please contact the preschool (tmancuso@lslcps.org; 736-0776) if you can help out.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

We are doing a trial of the monthly scheduling of worship assistants using the [online sign-up genius website](#) for the months of May, & June. A hard copy will also be available in the administration building for those that are more comfortable using this type of sign-up. You can also contact [Karen Kranz](#) if there are dates you would like to serve or if you have dates that will not work for you. All unfilled positions will be assigned after the 20th of the previous month – i.e. May schedule will be turned into Lisa by April 20 for the newsletter. Any feedback is welcome.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs

TUESDAY DEVOTION LUNCH @ LIVING SPRINGS

Tuesday, April 7



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, April 21

On the 3rd Tuesday of the month, we offer dinner at 6:15. Everyone is welcome to to this 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

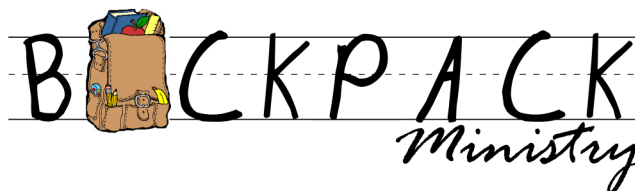


If you would like a little exercise along with some great fellowship, meet us in the administration building by 8:30 on Thursdays. We start out with the devotion of the day and then distribute our church flyers to neighborhoods that have paper boxes. Contact Karen Kranz for information. Contact Karen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

BACKPACK FOOD MINISTRY

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

We start setting up the table at 4:45 pm and at 5:30, we pack the bags on Thursdays. After the bags are packed, we say a blessing over the them and it's over before 6 pm. A list of items is on the Backpack Food Ministry Bulletin Board in the lobby of the admin building. Thank you for supporting 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 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.

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, April 25th** 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.



Women's Ministries



WELCA MEETING Sunday, April 19

All women of the church are invited on Sunday, April 19th. Join in fellowship with our "Sisters in Christ". We will plan to support this ministry and organize plans for WELCA's mission. Lite lunch will be provided.

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.
- "Making Sense of the Cross" Bible Study, led by Pastor Eric, meets Sundays from 6:00-7:15. Adults of all ages interested in making deeper connections between Scripture and daily life? We will use "Making Sense of the Cross," by renowned Lutheran scholar, Rev. Dr. David Lose.
- 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

LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR AND DATE NIGHT EVENT Saturday, May 16



On Saturday, May 16, from 10:00 to 5:00 at Ebenezer Lutheran, married or engaged couples are invited to attend a Marriage Enrichment Event on the theme, "The Seven Principles of a Lifelong Marriage." Following the event, couples are encouraged to go out on a date night or a date weekend as part of the seminar.

The Rev. Dr. Bill Mitcham, Director of the MMC Pastoral Counseling Center and a state licensed marriage and family therapist and formerly adjunct professor of counseling at LTSS/LRU will be the seminar leader.

Date Night: The seminar leader is recommending a date night on the town for all couples who attend. Some may want to make it a date weekend.

Contact Staybridge Suites in downtown Columbia at 1-866-599-6674 for special rates...tell them you are attending the "Lutheran Marriage Enrichment Seminar."

Registration fee: the cost of the seminar will be \$76 per couple, which includes a light lunch. For registration form, email Dr. Mitcham at bmitcham36@windstream.net or call or text him at [803-210-9197](tel:803-210-9197)

Preschool & Afterschool Care News

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello Everyone,

What a fun week we had during National Lutheran Schools Week! The week started off with a beautiful Teacher Instillation Service followed by a generous display of gifts to our teachers. Thank you for helping us to launch our National Lutheran Schools Week! It was a joy to watch as the children and staff participated in our various activities. The Preschool families and children were excited to join the church in the Preschool Lenten Friday Night Fish Fry! The children enjoyed the theme of being "Fishers of Men" as they created art work to display in the fellowship hall.

We would like to extend our thanks for making the "We love Book Drive" a wonderful success! We collected over 60 new and gently used books as well as over \$150.00 in donations to purchase new books. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

A note to volunteers in the classrooms: we have made a few changes to the volunteer process that we think will make things easier on all of us.

1. When you stop in downstairs please see the front desk to check in. There will be a volunteer binder for you to sign in and out of.
2. Please wear a red apron. When we have people in the building that may not be familiar with our staff, it will be easy to distinguish between and volunteers.

Looking ahead:

- Earth Day Wednesday April 22nd
- N.A.E.Y.C.'s Week of the Young Child is April 12th-18th.
- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4th-8th.

Thank you again for all you do!

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 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!

From the Director of Faith Formation

Lexanne K. Graves

Lexanne@livingspringscolumbia.org



Story by [Courtney Wilder](#)

Lutheran perspectives on healing

God's answer to prayer is to be with us and give us each other

Editor's note: *This series is intended to be a public conversation among theologians of the ELCA on various themes of our faith and the challenging issues of our day. It invites readers to engage in dialogue by posting comments online at the end of each article at www.thelutheran.org. The series is edited by Michael Cooper-White, president of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (Pa.), on behalf of the presidents of the eight ELCA seminaries.*

Each week Christians gather for worship and offer prayers on behalf of the sick. Apart from letting the congregation know who needs help, what is the purpose of these prayers or other, more private prayer? What do we expect from Christ when we ask for healing?

Lutherans don't typically hold to a tradition of faith healing, although there is a ritual called "Laying on of Hands and Anointing of the Sick" found in Occasional Services, the companion book to the Lutheran Book of Worship.

Part of the reason that rites of religious healing of the sick aren't widely practiced in the Lutheran tradition is historical. Martin Luther argued in 1520 in *The Babylonian Captivity of the Church* that the ritual of anointing the sick shouldn't be a sacrament because it wasn't established by Jesus Christ. He noted wryly that as it was then practiced, anointing the sick "promises health and restoration" but this often didn't come to pass.

"Who does not see ... that this promise is seldom, or rather never fulfilled?" Luther wrote. "Scarcely one among a thousand is restored; and even this no one believes to be effected by the sacrament, but by the help of nature or of medicine."

Luther was concerned that prayer over the sick had become restricted only to those who were dying, and he thought that all Christians ought both to pray for the sick and seek medical care when they need it.

His point remains reasonable. We pray for the healing of the sick, but we also see that those for whom we pray aren't always made well. The Bible's healing stories don't necessarily give us clarity either. What can prayer do? Should our faith be sufficient to cure our illnesses? Why are we suffering to begin with?

Jesus rejects the idea that sin causes impairment in [John 9:3](#), telling the disciples that a man was born blind through no one's fault but in order to provide an opportunity for revelation. However, in [Mark 2](#) he first forgives and then heals a man who is paralyzed. In [Luke 8:48](#), Jesus tells a woman who has been cured of a long-standing illness merely by touching his garment: "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." Is healing connected to faith or forgiveness? What can we expect from God? Luther offers us guidance on many of these points. He didn't see illness as punishment from God for our sins. Repentance won't cure us. He held that people should seek medical care and look after their health as much as possible.

In a letter to Jerome Weller, his student and his children's tutor, Luther wrote to encourage him during a period of despair and emotional anguish: "Be of good courage ... and cast these dreadful thoughts out of your mind. Whenever the devil pesters you with these thoughts, at once seek out the company of men, drink more, joke and jest, or engage in some other form of merriment."

However, Luther didn't think that Weller, or the many other people in despair to whom he wrote,

could be healed through prayer alone. Medical care and the care of the community are essential for healing.

Called to heal, be healed

Recently a friend shared a story that I found helpful. Her oldest friend had, in her 20s, rather suddenly experienced such significant, ongoing pain that her life was dramatically altered. She went from being active and vibrant to requiring so much pain medication that she slept most of each day. Although she sought medical care, numerous doctors were unable to diagnose her; some suggested the pain was all in her head. My friend remembered, "It was terrifying."

Eventually this woman found a pain specialist who diagnosed her correctly. The physician was able to treat her through a Quaker program that offered access to medical services at a reduced price. This was crucial to her recovery because she had no health insurance.

The story doesn't end there, or rather doesn't begin there. A few years before the woman became sick, the friend who was telling me the story had become active in the Quaker community in town. One of her volunteer jobs as a member of the hospitality committee was to coordinate meals for a local family. The mother had some ongoing medical problems, and one of the children was sick. As she told me, "Fast forward a couple years to my friend's illness and I put it together that the mother whom I'd organized meals for was the pain specialist who basically saved my friend's life. I often think about how grateful I am that I was able to help her out in some small way."

This story reminded me that we are all called both to be healers and to be healed. None of us can escape this dual role. We are called as healers not because of our strength and power but because we are part of God's created world, and we are as finite and fragile as the next person. The pain specialist was able to diagnose the young woman not in spite of her own experience with chronic illness, but *because* of it. The doctor and patient met through a religious organization created to connect people with the medical care they needed.

My friend couldn't cure the chronic pain problem but could provide support for the family struggling with illness. The young woman was healed, giving her the opportunity to serve others. This isn't precisely a miraculous faith healing story, but it is a healing story where religious faith plays a crucial role.

What is the purpose of our prayers for healing? Not to exact miracles. God doesn't usually intervene in human lives and transform us from the creatures that we are — somewhat fragile, prone to illness and profoundly finite — into something else.

Instead, God's answer to our prayers is to be fully present with us in our experiences of suffering and illness, and to give us each other. As human beings we are called to tend to each other's needs and to recognize each other as beloved children of God. This may involve dramatic transformation of our health. Probably each of us can recall or even testify to a cure that felt miraculous. But even these cures don't change us into something beyond our human selves.

Radical dependence

Theologian John Swinton, in his book *Dementia: Living in the Memories of God* (Eerdmans, 2012), argues that "... in contradiction to Western cultures' prizing of freedom, autonomy, and individualism, a deeper reflection reveals dependence as the true state of all human beings at a divine and temporal level Our essential state as human beings is one of radical dependence."

His book is focused on people with dementia who have significant need for care, but the same is true for each of us. We are called to follow Jesus' example and heal others, but we will all be in need of care as well. Our regular prayers for healing call God to us, and call us to each other. Our dependence on God and each other is revealed as a blessing.



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.

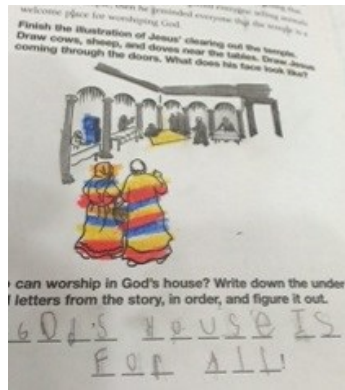
A few of those golf balls of time can be spent as a faith family each Sunday sharing and praying about the "stuff in our lives" and how God encourages us to respond.



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.**



Easter arrives and we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Babies are born, caterpillars turn to butterflies, spring flowers bloom and we are reminded of new life all around us. Jesus has died, so that we might live. Celebrate this great, grace-filled gift this April with the simple, 5-steps of FAITH5 (Faith Acts In The Home). Share this routine with your family or just keep it between you and God. Begin with "highs and lows" the best and worst moments of your day, read the "new life" 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 "God makes all things new, especially you."

Grateful ^{to be} Faithful

A FAITH5 Devotion Guide



Just when the caterpillar
thought the world was over,
it became a butterfly.



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

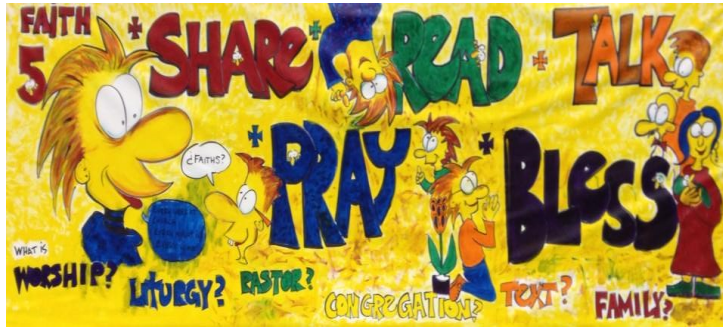
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- 3 Mark 10:34
- 4 Isaiah 55:8
- 5 Mark 16:6
- 6 Acts 10:36
- 7 Acts 10:40-41
- 8 John 11:25-26
- 9 1 Peter 1:3
- 10 2 Corinthians 5:17
- 11 Ephesians 4:22-24
- 12 John 20:21
- 13 Romans 6:4
- 14 1 John 3:18
- 15 John 5:24
- 16 Revelation 21:5
- 17 Ezekiel 11:19
- 18 Isaiah 43:19
- 19 Luke 24:46-47
- 20 Colossians 3:9-10
- 21 John 6:40
- 22 John 3:16
- 23 John 3:17
- 24 Colossians 2:2
- 25 Isaiah 60:1
- 26 1 John 3:16
- 27 Acts 4:11-12
- 28 Psalm 23:4
- 29 Ephesians 2:4-5
- 30 John 11:25

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

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! +)

Faith Acts In The Home



"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 Thursday, April 2 at 7pm** we will share with young people and their families in their child's taking of *First Communion*.

Please contact Karlene Stuart (karlene.k.stuart@baml.com) if you are interested in attending.

If there are any parents or young people who would like to write a **Blue Disciple Dot** story about participating in one of our Passing on the Faith Milestones, please email your story to Lexanne Graves (Lexanne@livingspringscolumbia.org). We want our members and guests to read about God's 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, 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!



Saturday, April 18 at 6pm we will be headed to the **Big Mo Drive-In** to see *Home!*

Sunday, May 17 at 1215pm for our End of the Year Party!

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 restaurants on **Wednesday nights at 700pm for dinner!**

Contact Laura Dunklin (843-992-2506; lauradunklin@livingspringscolumbia.org) or Adam Woodruff (803-917-6270; nccwoody@hotmail.com) with questions!

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.



Living Springs June Youth Blast! 3 Big Weeks of Fun & Faith ... Experience God's Joy - Invite Your Friends



RISE WITH  the SUN



WEEK 1: June 7-12

GraceWorks

Completing
Grades 6-12

100 Lutheran Youth from
Midlands churches join
together in this fun
weeklong blitz of powerful
faith & service to reach out
to those in need in
Columbia area

9am-5pm, Mon-Fri
(Kickoff Sunday night)

Register in mid-April
Open to first 100 youth!

\$50.00 Cost
(includes lunch)

WEEK 2: June 14-17

Spark! Your Faith Camp

Age 3 - Grade 12

9am-3pm, Mon-Wed
Living Springs Campus
(Kickoff Sunday, 10 - 3)

Wonderful fun-filled days
of music, games, crafts,
activities, Bible stories,
and more!

Registration open now
75 spots available -
first come-first serve

\$15.00 Cost
(bring your lunch)

WEEK 3: June 21-27

Living Springs Camp Week at Lutheridge

Completed grades 3-12

Overnight, Sun - Sat

Travel with Pastor Eric for
a life-changing week of
growing closer to God at
our Lutheran camp in the
NC mountains

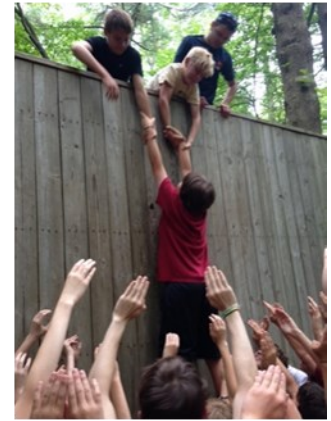
(grades 6-8 campfirmation, other
grades pick from camp programs)

Register @ [Click Here](#)

Cost starts at \$430 for
entire week
Scholarship Support available

Living Springs June Youth Blast - 3 Big Weeks!

GraceWorks + SPARK Your Faith Camp + Lutheridge Camp Week



Support our Living Springs Children/Youth Ministries!
Pine Straw Fundraiser - \$4.50 each (free delivery for 10+ bales)
+++
**Also become a Shareholder for our July trip to the
National Lutheran Youth Gathering in Detroit (\$5 per share)**

RISE WITH The SUN

SPARK! YOUR FAITH BIBLE CAMP

JUNE 14-17, 2015

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10AM, followed by service and faith forming activities

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, 9:00am-3:00pm

(bring your own lunches!)

Games, Drama, Science, Arts/Crafts

Cost is \$15.00 per person

Volunteers please contact:

Leslie Bloss (LBloss3306@hotmail.com; 413-1994) or

Lexanne Graves (Lexanne@LivingSpringsColumbia.org; 736-0661).

RETURN registration form below and check to Spark Camp workroom box, or to Leslie Bloss or Lexanne Graves.

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Participant's Name _____ Grade/Age _____ DOB _____

Parents' Names _____

Parents' Contact Numbers _____

Parents' Email addresses _____

Participant's Allergies or other medical conditions _____

ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING IN DETROIT, JULY 14-19, 2015



**We have 7 Youth and 3 Adults
going to Detroit!**

**Do you think one person can make a difference in the world?
YES!!! YES!!!!**

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

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

Carrying the good news into the world

Heidi Hagstrom, Director of the ELCA Youth Gathering

I promise that youth and adults who attend the ELCA Youth Gathering will return knowing the opening line of Mark's Gospel by heart: "[The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God](#)" (Mark 1:1). They will also know that they are the ones who carry the good news of Jesus into the world.

Mark's opening line was theologically radical at the time. When the Romans met Jesus, they learned that the new era of peace, good news and justice did not begin with Augustus Caesar as they had been enculturated to believe. Rather, claims Mark, it begins with Jesus. Mark tells the story of the Lord (also a name used for Augustus Caesar) who rules through self-sacrificial service in contrast to the bullying, conquering power of the Roman Caesar.

Mark calls us to believe the good news of the "kindom" of God rather than the proclamations of the empire, whether Roman or otherwise (Mark 1:15). (I prefer to use "kindom" rather than kingdom as I believe God's real purpose is to build kinship—globally; between different religions; between friends and enemies; between ourselves and the neighbors we don't know.) The story of Jesus is the story of a different kind of "kindom." The Roman Caesar dealt with his enemies by conquering them; Jesus deals with enemies by loving them. Through the ministry of the Gathering, young people and adults will ponder the characteristics of this new "kindom," and proclaim it for themselves, Detroiters and the world.

The Gathering's program is built around three opportunities to proclaim the in-breaking of Christ's "kindom" into our current day empires: Proclaim Story, Proclaim Justice and Proclaim Community.

On their **Proclaim Story** day, young people will learn that God's story is a love story, and that all of God's people have an important role in this story. Everything we do is "The beginning of the good news..." and, as followers of Jesus, we are sent to live out the rest of this story through discipleship. Through storytelling, music, Bible study, interactive learning and worship, participants will dwell in God's story, begin to articulate their own story, engage each other's story and be sent out to proclaim that Jesus = good news.

On their **Proclaim Justice** day, young people will work alongside Detroiters helping them to recreate an American city. Many people have written off Detroit, but we have the unique opportunity to see first-hand the resiliency of the people of Detroit. Although they are only giving a day of service, young people will learn lessons from the people they serve alongside that they will remember long after the Gathering.

On their **Proclaim Community** day, young people will visit the interactive learning center and in doing so follow Jesus on the way to the cross. Through a variety of mediums, such as art, music, technology, sports, community, fun, and reflection, students will be challenged to: recognize the good news in all relationships while working toward reconciliation in Christ, listen before speaking and ultimately proclaim the good news in their own communities.

https://community.elca.org/2015-ELCA-Youth-Gathering?utm_campaign=gNews-20150310&utm_source=youthgathering-listserv&utm_medium=email

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

April 1	♥ Chuck & Sheila Kowalski	April 20	Rachel McGahee
April 2	Sherry Forsgren	April 21	Meredith Bottar
	Mike Wyka		Melinda Brouwer
April 3	Karen Kranz		Lisa Haskins
April 4	♥ Mark & Karlene Stuart		Karl Schmidt
April 5	Corin Wiggins	April 24	♥ Doug & Sherri Staudt
	♥ Mark & Cheryl Jenkins	April 25	Tammy Mancuso
April 6	Todd Gunvalson		Debbie Zvejnieks
April 7	Morgan Anderson	April 26	Delaynee Harmon
	Bill Franck		Abigale Harmon
April 8	Maddie Arnold		Julie Tenhover
April 9	David Giertz	April 27	Todd Brantley
April 11	Mike Davidson		Isla Johansson
	Savannah Shaver		Brion Kenline
	Jim Zieche		Elouise Niemeyer
April 12	Emily Johansson		Harold Talbert
	Jeff Tenhover	April 28	Mark Stuart
April 13	Sally Moore	April 29	James Griffith
April 16	Gary Ginn		Doug Staudt
	Meredith McKenzie	April 30	♥ Peter & Debbie Zvejnieks



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!



April 1	Tammy Mancuso	April 19	Ken Flynn
April 8	Samuel Skipper	April 20	Christopher Hinchee
April 10	Becky Sides	April 22	Ryan Bottar
	Peg Zieche		Pierce O'Donnell
April 11	Wayne Kannaday		Patrick O'Donnell
April 12	Jan Berger	April 23	Laura Turnmire
April 13	Bob Gill	April 24	Mallory Padgett
	Andrew Levitt		Wade Smart
	Charles Pollard	April 25	Judy Lawrence
	Ted Buchanan	April 26	Betsy Shank
April 15	Bill Franck	April 27	Brion Kenline
	Retha Murray	April 28	Austin Padgett

April 2015

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5 Easter Sunday 645A Sunrise Service 815A Easter Service 930A Easter Breakfast 1045 Easter Service</p>	<p>6 Easter Monday - Office Closed 1030A Meals on Wheels 1245P Zumba 7P Ladies Book Club</p>	<p>7 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 1145A Devotional Lunch 6P Girl Scouts 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>1 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir</p>	<p>2 7P Maundy Thursday Worship</p>	<p>3 7P Good Friday Worship</p>	<p>4 745P Easter Vigil Worship</p>
<p>12 1215 Nat'l Youth Gathering Group 6P Making Sense of the Cross</p>	<p>13 10A Staff Meeting 1030A Meals on Wheels 1245P Zumba 6P Worship Team 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care Team 7P Executive Team</p>	<p>14 930 PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 1215P PSC Staff Lunches 345P ASC Bible Time 6P Finance 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>15 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba 545P Lifelong Discipleship 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir 7P Sr. Youth 7P Transition Team</p>	<p>16 830A Good News Walkers 530P Backpacks 7P Council</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 9A Operation Inasmuch 6P Club 3456 - Big Mo Drive In Movie - "Home"</p>
<p>19 1045A Baptism 6P Making Sense of the Cross</p>	<p>20 1030A Meals on Wheels 1230P Zumba</p>	<p>21 930 PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 345P ASC Bible Time 6P Girl Scouts 615P Devotional Dinner 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>22 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba 530P Backpacks 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir 7P Sr. Youth</p>	<p>23 830A Good News Walkers 7P Children & Youth Ministry Team</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 8A Men's Breakfast 830A TELS 930A Worship Vision Task Force</p>
<p>26 1045A Baptism 6P Making Sense of the Cross</p>	<p>27 10A Staff Meeting 1030A Meals on Wheels 1245P Zumba</p>	<p>28 930 PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 345P ASC Bible Time 630 P.I.E. Gathering 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>29 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir 7P Sr. Youth</p>	<p>30 830A Good News Walkers 530P Backpacks</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2 6P Cinco De Mayo Fellowship Event (Hurlbert)</p>

Worship Assistant Schedule – April 2015

		Assisting Minister	Lector	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torchbearers	Counters	Children's Sermon	Co Pe	
4/4	7:45	Mike Davidson	M. Davidson J. Schmidt K. Schmidt			Jeanette Bloss							
4/5	6:45	Jeff Day		Cindy Day	Jan Schmidt	Jean Weick							
4/5	8:15	Jen Necker	Herb Brantley	Bill Franck Lexanne Graves	Shirley & Paul Laingen	Charles Tracy	Anna Leigh Graves	Wes Levitt			Lexanne Graves	Scr Gr:	
4/5*	10:45	Adam Woodruff	Bob Gabbard	Audrey Turnmire Laura Turnmire	M. Davidson Rocky Berger Bob Turnmire Leslie Bloss	Linda Hayes	Lauren Bloss	Courtney Murray	Brantley & Aaron Smith	Ed Brennan LC Adam Woodruff Angie Dyches	Lexanne Graves	Lei: Bic	
4/12	8:15	Katherine Wollpert	Nickie Riley	Lexanne Graves Nowell Ramsey	Karen Kranz Jim Zieche	Sadonia Grimmer	Anna Leigh Graves				Bob Gill	Scr Gr:	
4/12	10:45	Mike Davidson	Adele Lindberg	Gail Buchanan Nancy Baldwin	Steve Bloss Hany Sorrial Rachel Sorial Adam Woodruff	Lauren & Steve Bloss	Lauren Bloss	Karlene Stuart	Pat Bartucca Jeanette Bloss	Mark Stuart LC Mike Davidson Brantley Smith	Bob Gill	Ed Bre	
4/19	8:15	Saundra Dixon	Midge Gunvalson	Karen Kranz Bill Franck	Shirley Laingen Paul Laingen	Mari & Jerry Appleton	Scott Graves				Adam Woodruff	Gw Fu:	
4/19	10:45	Alison Levitt	Anne Ducate	Steve Bloss Brantley Smith	Karlene Stuart Laura Stuart Randy Masad Mike Davidson	Nancy Baldwin	Jan Berger Graves	Leslie Bloss	Trish Davidson Gail Buchanan	Bob Turnmire LC Marshall Hurlbert Steve Padgett	Adam Woodruff	Bo Tu	
4/26	8:15	Gwen Furcron	Alison Levitt	Alison Levitt Bob Gill	Jen Necker Corin Wiggins	Karen Kranz	Anna Leigh Graves				Laura Turnmire	All Le:	
4/26	10:45	Steve Padgett	Sarah Schultz	Trish Davidson Rocky Berger	Mike Davidson Marshall Hurlbert Jeff Day Cindy Day	Dea Jones	Austin Padgett	Leslie Bloss	Bob Turnmire Brantley Smith	Alison Levitt LC Karlene Stuart Steve Bloss	Laura Turnmire	Me Stu	
		Care Meals		Flowers		Muggers		Nursery (10:45)		Refreshments		Altar Guild	
4/5				Kari Arnold	Herb Brantley	Jenny Skipper	Men's Breakfast						
4/12				Karen Kranz	Sadonia Grimmer	Misty O'Donnell	Sally Moore					April	
4/19				Anita Dye	Irene & Charles Tracy	Angie Dyches +	Wendy McKenzie					Kathy Brennan	
4/26				Judy Edmonston	Cathy Lowman	Melissa Lindstedt	Nancy Baldwin						

*Bible Bearer: Alison Levitt
(Changes)

+Julia Tenhover (helper)

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2015

Please note: Assisting Minister, Acolyte, Bible Bearer, Torch Bearers, & Crucifer positions will be ROBEBD.

	Maudy Thur. 7PM	Good Fri. 7PM	Sat. Vigil 7:45 PM
Assisting Minister (robed)	Brandon Heavner		Mike Davidson
Lector	Laura Dunklin	Dea Jones	1. M. Davidson 2. 3. 4.
Communion Assistant 1	Leslie Bloss		
Communion Assistant 2	Laura Turnmire		
Usher 1	Pat Bartucca		
Usher 2	Steve Bloss		
Greeter * need (2) Good Fri.	Jeanette Bloss	Pat B. Laura Turnmire	Jeanette Bloss
Acolyte (robed)	Lauren Bloss	Connor Kilbourne	
Crucifer (robed)			
Light Switcher		Rocky Berger	Rocky Berger
Counters			
Council Person	Leslie Bloss	Leslie Bloss	

**** Need up to four Lectors for Vigil Service on Saturday.**



Living Springs Youth Pine Straw Sale Order Form

Name: _____ Phone# _____
Address: _____

Number Bales Ordered	Price Per Bale	Total
	\$4.50	



5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
22.5	45	67.5	90	112.5	135	157.5	180	202.5	225

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

Free delivery (Minimum 10 bales required)

Youth Representative: _____

All Proceeds are used to fund Youth events throughout the year

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Lisa Petty – Administrative Assistant/Communications
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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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