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ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL

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Part of Something So Much Bigger - This Month from Pastor Eric

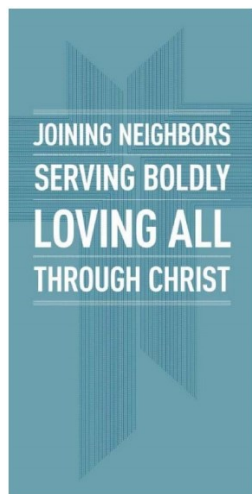
Some 25 years ago, in June, a young man who had grown up in a small Carolina town headed out on a summer trip across the North American continent. After traveling through the Rocky Mountains and Yukon Territory into the Alaskan wilderness, I found myself thinking, "Wow, we are all part of something so much bigger than ourselves."

I wonder if the apostles might have thought something like that, as they emerged from their secluded room onto the busy streets of Jerusalem, afire with the Holy Spirit. There, on that Pentecost Day, they found themselves at the "big bang" moment of the Church. For there, on that day, the Church was born, as the Holy Spirit empowered these simple persons to proclaim (in many languages!) the Good News of God's forgiveness and grace and hope for all in the name of Jesus. And on that day, through the work of the Holy Spirit, they discovered that their lives were indeed part of something so much bigger than themselves.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.
Ephesians 3:20-21

In these months surrounding Pentecost of 2015, we here at Living Springs are reminded that, through the ongoing gift and work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, we too are part of something so much bigger than our own congregation. Our Lutheran Men are working to sponsor a [golf tournament](#) that will generate funds for the Shannon Long Mission Endowment, to help support a fledgling mission congregation somewhere across America (just as Trinity Lutheran Church of New Hampton, Iowa once supported Living Springs). Our Lutheran Women are busy [collecting items for hygiene kits](#) to that will help families in crises through the ministry of Lutheran Services. Our Lutheran Youth are making preparations to attend a [gathering of some 30,000 Lutheran Youth](#) from across the continent to grow in faith, to joyfully worship the Lord, and to bring more hope to the people of Detroit.

A quartet of Living Springs disciples (along with SC Synod Vice-President, our own Lexanne Graves) are participating in the annual SC Synod Assembly, where we are reminded of our partnership with 52,000 other Lutheran Christians in SC and 153 congregations. Through that partnership, the Spirit works to make possible agencies and institutions that shape and touch thousands of lives: SC Lutheran Homes, Lutheran Services Carolinas, SC Lutheran Conference & Retreat Centers, Lutheran Hospice, Young Adults in Global Mission, Lutheridge-Lutherock-Lutheranch-LutherSprings camps, Newberry College, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, 9 different Lutheran Campus Ministries on SC campuses. Through our SC partnership with 3 worldwide Companion Synods, impoverished villagers in Tanzania are given access to clean water; Christian communities in Colombia, South America provide hope for those living in the shadow of drug war-lords; and Christians in Japan find encouragement in spite of their overwhelming minority status. Through that partnership, 100 SC disciples (including our own Aaron Smith, Katherine Wollpert, and Gwen Furcron) have been trained in practices of Everyday Evangelism, while another 50 SC disciples (including Pastor Eric) have been trained as coaches to help individuals and congregations more deeply grasp what it means to be faithful stewards of all God's blessings in our lives.



One of our Living Springs disciples, the Rev. Dr. Wayne Kannaday, is now visiting Wittenberg, Germany to provide English-speaking worship leadership in the historic home of the great Reformer, Martin Luther. Two Living Springs disciples, Bob Turnmire and Ed Brennan, just completed a weekend of the amazing SC Lutheran Men's faith and discipleship experience. Living Springs Crafty Ladies dedicated another 19 quilts to support the global ministries of Lutheran World Relief. Our current children's (and adult) bucket offering will feed dozens of people through the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and the "Always Being Made New" emphasis; while your recent offerings for Lutheran Disaster Response are now flowing to help victims of a Nepal earthquake and Midwestern US tornados and floods.

The Holy Spirit works through Living Springs disciples to share God's love and hope through the weekly delivery of Meals on Wheels, the distribution of Blessing Bags, [multiple Helping Hands alerts](#), Operation Inasmuch, God's Work-Our Hands, Rice Estate meals, and this school year alone, over \$20,000 of weekend food for students in need through our [Backpack Ministry](#). The Holy Spirit works through our Living Springs instrument group to bring musical joy, as they make visits to nursing home residents. In June, Living Springs bus drivers will transport youth from Columbia-area congregations in a weeklong service blitz called [GraceWorks](#) – and the Spirit is working through other disciples to plan outreach and faith-enriching activities during our ["Spark Your Faith" camp](#). The Holy Spirit works through staff members and

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Summer Happenings at Living Springs



Summer God Stories

Beginning on Sunday, June 7
through Sunday, August 16th!

We will gather every Sunday in the Summer from 930-1030am to share stories of God active in our lives. Each week there will be a different subject on which to share your story. So bring your coffee and let's have some coffee talk! This is for adults, children and youth.....ALL are welcome! [Go to page 16 for more details](#)

Summer Music Moments in Faith

Music is one of the greatest gifts that God has given us as God's special human creatures – and music can have an important impact upon us in our journey of faith. During our summer worship services, we will have a series of Music Moments in Faith for disciples to share such experiences. We plan to schedule Faith Music Moments for the entire summer, beginning with Spark Sunday on June 14 and concluding with Rally Day on August 23. Plan to join us during the summer to hear the how music has impacted our disciples here at Living Springs. May the Spirit continue to inspire our journeys of faith with God's gift of music, in all its amazing variety!

QUOTES FROM MARTIN LUTHER REGARDING MUSIC:

- ✠ Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us!
- ✠ Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.
- ✠ My heart, which is so full to overflowing, has often been solaced and refreshed by music when sick and weary.

REMINDER: ONE SERVICE ON JUNE 14TH AT 10AM
Join us for a celebration following the service for the beginning of
Rise With the Son - Spark! Your Faith Camp

- Come as you are!
- Bring a lawn chair!

-Bring a side dish/dessert for our Potluck meal after the service!



GRACEWORKS

June 7-12 9am-5pm, Mon-Fri (Kickoff Sunday night)

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. [Go to page 21 for more details.](#)

SPARK! YOUR FAITH CAMP

June 14-17

Age 3 - Grade 12

Kickoff Sunday, 10 - 3; Mon-Wed, 9am-3pm

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

[Registration](#) open now \$15.00 Cost (bring your lunch)

RISE WITH **the** **SUN**

LIVING SPRINGS CAMP WEEK AT LUTHERIDGE

June 21-27 - Overnight, Sun - Sat

Completed grades 3-12

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)



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

Disciple Dot Stories & Spirit Tugs



Knit 3 Purl 3 – repeat ... This is the pattern for making a prayer shawl. I thought I could do it, just cast on 54 stitches and start. I read the instructions and the printed prayers for the shawl and quickly said a prayer; praying that I could remember how to knit. The counting takes all of my concentration and although I could remember how to do the stitches, the task of keeping a smooth tension in the yarn was something else. Knit 3 Purl 3 – repeat...The stitches continued and the pattern began to take shape. Knit 3 Purl 3....I began to remember how I learned this craft in an after-school knitting club when I was in fourth grade, being taught by a sixth grader. I remember the girls knitting in a circle and I say a prayer for them, hoping that Christ had been a part of their lives and had brought them comfort through the years. Knit 3 Purl 3....

I thought about my mother and the hundreds of Afghans she knitted and crocheted in her later years. I prayed for her safety and her comfort as she lives out her years. I pray that she knows what a blessing she was to others. Knit 3 Purl 3....The yarn is stretchy and the needles are large. Somehow the uneven tension begins to right itself and the shawl begins to take shape. I think about how God takes my imperfections and they are smoothed over by His grace; I say a prayer of thanks. As I finished the prayer shawl, I thanked God for the opportunity to make it and for the time it gave me to think and pray. I prayed one more time for the person who will receive the shawl. May it bring comfort and peace to them as they feel God's arms around them in a time of need.

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The Spirit led me to read something very poignant. When ancient sailors used to create maps of their travels, they would draw out what they *feared*. Maps would have labels that said things such as: "Here be dragons"; "Here be demons"; "Here be sirens".

It was a common thing to see, the mapping of one's fears. But there was one sailor named Sir John Franklin, and his maps looked a little different. A man of faith, his maps crossed out the phrases "Here be dragons", "Here be demons", and "Here be sirens". Instead he wrote "Here be God".

I love that. "Here be God". In the midst of everything, "Here be God". In the midst of our fears. In the midst of our loneliness. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of a fast-paced world, "Here be God".

I think it is so easy to go through the motions of each day without taking the time to even think about God. It's easy to forget that God is always there with us. God is there when we are afraid or sad. There are no uncharted places in our lives where God isn't. "Here be God". God's there. It's so easy to focus on whatever is ahead of us that seems daunting. It's easy to focus on the dragons, demons, and sirens in our lives. But what would it be like if we crossed those things out and just focused on God. Focused on the fact that no matter what, "Here be God".

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Driving in the car, with our son in the back, I hear "Mom, I just saw love back there." Perplexed a bit, I asked, "what kind of love did you see?" Our son says, "In that window. I saw love. Did you see it?" Sadly, I couldn't see what he was seeing, but I wanted to know what kind of love he saw. He concludes with, "Mom, there was a cross in that window. That's Jesus. I think you missed it. But I will find another cross for you so you can see the same love!" I thank God for our son who can help me to see Jesus when maybe I can't.

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I had a jewelry party recently. The Spirit guided a friend/coworker of the jewelry representative to come with. We started talking about church. She had visited Living Springs around 5 years ago and has family friends here. She said her and her husband talked about visiting our church. As the Spirit guided our conversation, I was able to share what Living Springs was doing and she got excited. I told her about the blue dots, spirit tugs, Faith 5 and all the other wonderful things. As she was waking out the door, she gave me a hug and said, "See you Sunday!"

An omnipresent God is everywhere, even in the pew bear that recently traveled to Birmingham Alabama. God put it on my heart to send the little brown bear to a Down syndrome young adult who was in the hospital, waiting for a decision from the doctor whether to operate or let the wound heal. The decision was to operate. The bear was placed on this young man's chest and he held onto the bear. After surgery, the bear was put back on his chest. The doctors and nurses marveled at the way this young man clutched the bear. His father said, "Jesus is in that bear." We never know how God find ways to comfort us—it may come through a bear from Living Springs. Thanks to the pew bear ministry that made it possible for this young man and his family to experience God's love.

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I was at career day at Bethel-Hanberry Elementary sharing Jesus' love with so many interested students! And right there in the midst of it, the Spirit led some high school students to me and we sang "Sanctuary" in 4 part harmony! "Lord lift our voices...", and the Lord did it!! What a blessed day!!

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Dear Ladies, Thank you for the Mother's Day flower. That was very kind of you. Also, best wishes to Keddall (LS Preschooler) who decorated the card.

Blessings, Eleonora
Rice Estate

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 or below 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 did you experience or see GOD at work? Share a Disciple-Dot Story!

As baptized children of God blessed with the Holy Spirit and called to be disciples of Jesus, we are blessed and gifted to see God's work in common everyday places and situations, even in ways we don't anticipate.

Where was a special Disciple Moment that you experienced this week? What was the location?

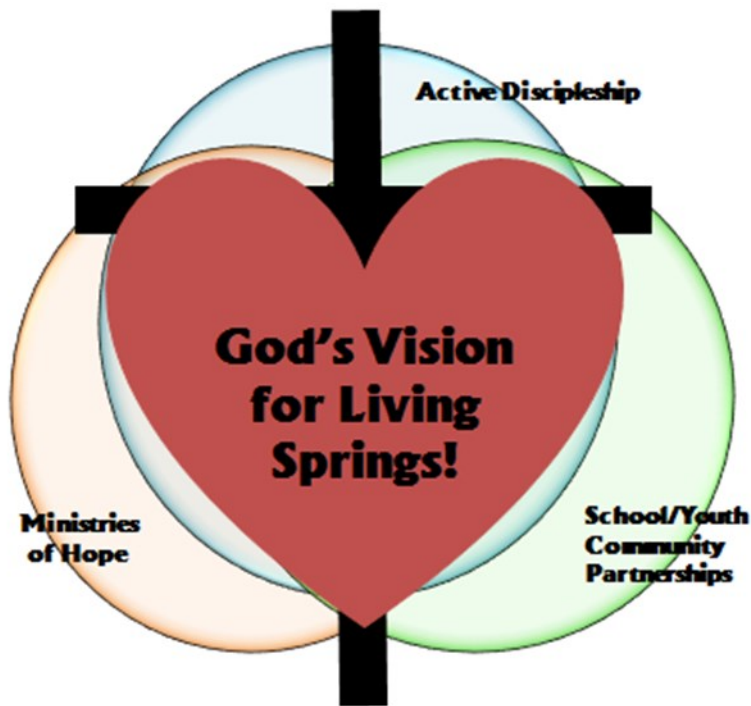
Who was involved (names not needed)? What happened?

How did GOD work in this Disciple-Dot moment? (maybe through you or someone else?)

Your Name (just in case we need some more info, not for publication) _____

Simply place this slip in the basket in the narthex or bring it to the office. You may also e-mail your story to lisaoffice@livingspringscolumbia.org. Don't forget to place a BLUE DISCIPLE-DOT on the fellowship hall map!

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

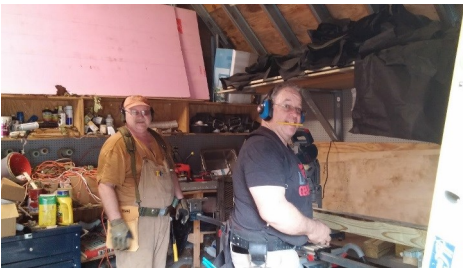
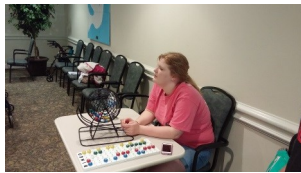


God At Work Through Living Springs



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. On April 18th, Living Springs sponsored:

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



TELS

Traveling Evangelists of Living Springs

TELS recently visited that Charleston Tea Plantation. Our June 25, 2015 trip will be to Carter and Holmes Orchids in Newberry. See [page 12](#) for details



Recently, we gathered as Jesus' disciples during our FAITH5 education hour. It was led by our Sr High Youth and it included another humorous Quiz Bowl. We hope you will join us during our Faith Alive Educa-



Miss the Cinco De Mayo celebration at that Hurlberts? Feast your eyes on what you missed:



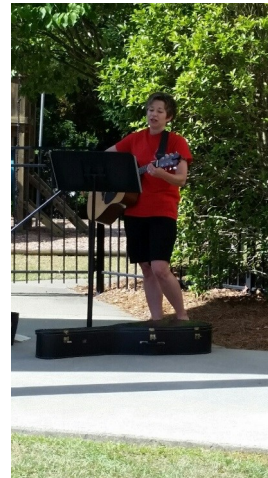
An Evening in Paris

Artwork created by our own Living Springs Lutheran Preschool children were on display at an Rice Estates Event!!



Day of Pentecost Celebration

We were flying high with the Spirit of God to celebrate the Day of Pentecost.



Council Clips

Ministry Reports - May 21, 2015 Meeting

Council Devotions: "Evangelism without Additives" Ch. 5 – Count Conversations, Not Conversions

Conversation builds relationships. Impact of small talk is enormous. Conversation leads to community...community leads to conversions. Jesus treated those who weren't his followers like they were meant to be there. St. Patrick led Christians through Ireland and treated outsiders as insiders. He built a monastery in the village to include the community. Our goal is to nudge people to the starting line to Jesus. Let the missing come among us and invite them to participate.

Challenge: Starting today, shift our approach from speeches to conversations; from information to relationship.

1. Ask questions.
2. Make small talk.
3. Practice normal talk-speak English.
4. Say Wow!

Council Actions:

- ✠ Motion made to elect Tiffany Ginn as a board member and to fill the position of treasurer of the Preschool Board. Motion carried.
- ✠ Motion made to move the 10:45 service to 9:30 on July 19, 2015 to simulcast the National Youth Gathering service from Detroit. The 8:15 service will remain the same. Motion carried.

The SPIRIT'S presence was felt at:

- ✠ The First Communion of Catherine Milburn and the Bottar boys.
- ✠ The Holy Baptisms with the Skipper and Keppery families.
- ✠ Baptismal anniversary recognitions at the font as disciples affirm God's presence in their lives.
- ✠ The Rice Estate, cookie delivery sites, and Stuff-a-Bus deliveries for Operation Inasmuch.
- ✠ The driver's license milestone.
- ✠ The Phoebe Legrand scholarship recognition.
- ✠ As the Senior Youth received 500 shares of support in the narthex for their Detroit Youth Gathering trip.
- ✠ As we said Godspeed prayers for 2 faithful servants, Brandon Heavner and Laura Dunklin.
- ✠ The Lutheran Men's quarterly conference meeting here at LSLC.
- ✠ Our first five cottage gatherings in homes of disciples with FAITH5, Spirit tugs, and disciple stories.
- ✠ The recognition of Lutheran Campus Ministry with a \$2,000 check of support and love.
- ✠ The Quarterly Partners In Education (P.I.E.) Gathering here at LSLC.
- ✠ And....at your home and places of work and schools and teams and neighborhoods where every day God is at work in YOU!

God was present at:

- ✠ Our discussions and planning of Summer God Stories during our faith education hour beginning June 7.
- ✠ In the lives of our preschool children, who are remembering sign language taught to them.
- ✠ In the grace given in two baptisms to 2 young disciples in our midst.
- ✠ In the laughter and excitement of our Diner Fellowship meal and auction.

The Spirit was ALIVE:

- ✠ As a preschool father volunteered to play drums at our SPARK Your Faith Camp this summer.
- ✠ As Mark Cunningham volunteered to play the piano/guitar at our SPARK Your Faith Camp this summer.
- ✠ In the passion and desire of the Women of the ELCA to plan a Spirit filled worship service that involved many!
- ✠ In our PSC teachers at our monthly Prayer lunch as they shared their highs and lows.



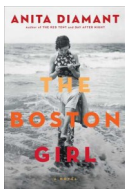
Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs



WORSHIP LEADER ROLE CRUCIFER ADDED TO 8:15

A crucifer will now carry the processional cross at the beginning and the end of the 8:15 worship service, just as at the 10:45 service. The position has been added and assigned to for the June worship calendar and is included in the [online sign up service](#) for the next quarter. If you are interested and would like to be trained, contact Karen Kranz, kbkranz@gmail.com or Lisa Petty in the office.

LADIES BOOK CLUB Monday, June 1



Please join us on Monday, June 1 @ 7 pm to discuss our current book read – *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant. The group will meet at Karen Kranz, [235 Founders Ridge Rd.](#) (in the Summit) 699-9566, Next session will meet at Peg Zieche's – [745 Long Pointe La.](#) (in Lake Carolina) 497-3239 on Monday, August 3 at 7 pm and we will discuss *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* by Maria Semple along with refreshments and downright good fellowship.



GOLF TOURNAMENT Saturday, June 6



The Living Springs Lutheran Men will be hosting a golf tournament on Saturday June 6 with a shotgun start at 1:00 pm. The tournament will be held at The Golf Club of South Carolina at Crickentree. The cost of the tournament will be \$50 per golfer and is open to all members as well as non-members. We are asking that the 4 person teams be limited to no more than 2 members of Living Springs per team, in order to involve members of the community. Proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the Shannon Long Memorial Endowment Fund to be used in support of mission churches in South Carolina.

There will also be an award dinner following the tournament, held at the church. We are inviting all members of the congregation to join us for fellowship beginning at 6:30 pm. Tickets will be available for all non-golfers at a cost of \$10.00 per person. Tickets and entry forms for the tournament are available. The deadline to enter the tournament is May 31st.

For more information, please contact [Mike Davidson](#), [Bill Franck](#) or [Bob Turnmire](#).

LS LUTHERAN MEN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

Living Springs Lutheran Men are now accepting applications from male high school seniors who will be entering college for the 2015-16 school year. Applications are available by contacting Bob Turnmire at bob.turnmire@cio.sc.gov. **Scholarship applications need to be returned by May 31st.** Scholarships will be awarded in June.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY Training Session to be held Sunday, June 7!

There are often occasions when someone is unable to worship for a prolonged period due to recovery from illness, surgery, injury – or because of issues associated with aging. Our Lutheran liturgy provides a special service called "Distribution of Holy Communion" which allows such individuals to continue to be part of the worshipping community. Here's how it works:



Some of the bread and wine that are consecrated at Sunday worship are set aside – and at the end of worship, trained "Communion Distributors" come forward to receive these elements from the pastor. The distributors then deliver the elements to the home or apartment or institution of the person(s) unable to worship. In that place, they then worship together using a brief special order of prayers and liturgy, as a continuation of the Sunday morning service. Ideally, the distribution takes place on that actual Sunday, but it could occur the next day if the schedule requires. A distributor might take communion to one or two folks on a given Sunday – and a master schedule would be worked out so that the distributions may be offered on, say, the 1st or 3rd Sundays. The distribution does NOT replace the other seasonal in-home communions offered through the pastor OR the pastor's visits. It is meant to be a way that we as disciples can help other disciples be part of an extended Sunday morning worship experience. You can think about it this way: our regular "communion assistants" deliver the elements from the altar to the people at the rail, while

"communion distributors" will deliver the elements from the altar to someone who is unable to be at the rail. The idea is that the person is still PART of the Sunday morning worshipping family - and is not separated from their brothers & sisters in Christ just because of physical circumstances.

On **Sunday, June 7, at 9:30**, there will be an initial training and info session for anyone who feels a Spirit-tug to be a Communion Distributor. Communion Distributors will be installed into this ministry at a special service on a later Sunday.

**ALSO, if you would like to be a recipient for Communion Distribution, please contact Pastor Eric or Retha Murray (chairperson of our Living Springs' Fellowship & Mutual Care Team).

TELS (TRAVELING EVANGELS OF LIVING SPRINGS)

Thursday, June 25



The trip to Brookgreen Gardens will be rescheduled for April next year. Our June 25, 2015 trip will be to Carter and Holmes Orchids in Newberry. The bus will leave Living Springs at 9 am – the cost is \$11 which includes transportation and everyone on the tour will receive a \$6 coupon towards the purchase of an orchid. In July (14-15), we will be traveling to Old Salem, NC and it will be an overnight trip. For

details, contact [Beverly Hoppert](#).

Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs

TUESDAY DEVOTION LUNCH @ LIVING SPRINGS

Tuesday, May 5



Lunch is offered in the fellowship hall at 11:45, with devotions by Pastor. 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

We are taking the summer off with the Tuesday Night Devotion Dinner. We hope to see bake in the fall on the 3rd Tuesday of the month!

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



May 28 was our last day to pack for the 2014/2015 school year. Both Keels and Rice Creek social workers thanked our congregation for our support and said what a blessing we are to the children who, for whatever reason, do not have sufficient nutrition for the weekend. For those of you that have to fast before a medical test or appointment & experience "hunger", you can sympathize with these little children that don't have a food pantry to satisfy that hunger pain or understand that it isn't the norm. **We will continue to collect food items during the summer** – please take note of expiration dates that are before September 2015. Thank you to everyone who supported this wonderful ministry of hope!!

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



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

Women's Ministries

SC WELCA CONVENTION June 12-13

SC WELCA Convention is will be at St. Stephens Church in Lexington June 12-13. All SC women are invited. The focus is on "child and family services." Lutheran Services have asked for several kits to help with the families. LS will put together hygiene kits. Items needed for the kits are:
Adults: shampoo, bar soap, toothbrush and paste, lotion, deodorant, hair brush/comb, razors, shaving cream, nail clippers, wash cloth, hand towel.
Child: children's shampoo, small toothbrush and paste, deodorant, small hair brush/comb, wash cloth, hand towel. A box labeled WELCA hygiene kits will be in the narthex for dropping off donations. The items will be sealed in a gallon size Ziploc bag. Please make all donations by June 7, 2015.



Men's Ministries

MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday June 27

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, June 27th** at 8:00 am at Living Springs. Meal is being served by Laura Cunningham, LS Food Resource Person. Meal costs \$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.



SPRING COTTAGE GATHERINGS

APRIL 26TH THROUGH JUNE 7TH

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!

- Murray group - gathered on April 26th
- Furcron and Zieche groups – gathered on May 3rd
- Kranz group – gathered on May 3rd
- Graves group – gathered on May 3rd
- Tracy group – gathered on May 17th
- Davidson and Smith groups – gathered on May 24th
- Berger and Turnmire groups – today at 3:00
- Buchanan group – May 31 at 4:00
- Stuart and Bloss groups – June 7 at 3:00




Weekly Faith Formation Opportunities 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 Tuesday Morning Women's Bible study continues to meet at 10 AM Tuesdays. Beverly Hoppert 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.



DAILY DEVOTIONS

Looking for spiritual refreshment? [Sign up for God Pause Daily Devotions](#) to receive daily reflections on Scripture in your email

GOD PAUSE

Pastor Eric Article Continued

congregation disciples, enabling community families to gather in the sanctuary with tears of joy to celebrate their children's graduation from a faith-based preschool that has laid a foundation of hope for generations to come. The Holy Spirit works through the people of Living Springs to train pastors who will have an impact upon hundreds of lives in decades ahead, as witnessed by our time with Seminary student, Brandon Heavner, and LCM youth worker, Laura Dunklin - and by upcoming preparations for the arrival in August of a new seminary vicar, Marty Wagner.

All these things are just a sampling of the many, many ways that the Holy Spirit continues to work through Christ's disciples here in this congregation – to affirm that each of you is indeed part of something so much bigger! YOU are part of Christ's one holy, apostolic church – the living body of Christ in the world. YOU are part of the Holy Spirit's activity in the world each and every day in your home, on your team, in your workplace, in your neighborhood! YOU are God's child, a brother or sister of Jesus, washed in the waters of God's baptismal grace, marked with the cross of Jesus, and blessed with the Holy Spirit! YOU are part of God's still-unfolding miracle of Pentecost – God's Kingdom work of hope for this entire planet. May that be your inspiration in these summer months ahead – and every day of your life!

With thanksgiving for the Spirit's work through each of you, *Pastor Eric*

Preschool & Afterschool Care News

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello Everyone,

Our 4 yr.old graduation was May 27st. It's hard to believe that another school year has flown by!

Summer is quickly approaching, we will soon be having our regularly scheduled water play days. The air will be filled with the scent of sunscreen and the laughter of children as they run through the sprinklers. The playgrounds will be filled with puddles in the sandbox and water in the water tables. This is a great time for children to learn and explore the world outdoors. If you would like to join us for MUD DAY in June please drop us an email or stop by to visit. We can use all the help we can get with this glorious messy day fun!

We are always excited to have visitors stop by and read a story, teach a song, or otherwise "just hang out" with us. If you are interested in sharing some time with us please let us know. We would be more than happy to have you! Sharing your time with us is a gift we treasure, the children's lives are enriched by knowing that God has placed many people in their lives to guide and join them on this journey.

Have a wonderful summer! Stay cool and don't forget the sunscreen!!

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
- 24 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



From the Director of
Faith Formation

Lexanne K. Graves

Lexanne@livingspringscolumbia.org

SUMMER GOD STORIES

during the Faith Alive Sunday School hour
Each Sunday from 930-1030am
Fellowship hall



We all have a story to tell. God is living in us and working through us. Each of us has a story developing. Are you aware of it? Do you recognize God's Story playing out in your life?

We hope that this summer we will hear from everyone as people tell their God story. In doing so, others will recognize that God is also working in them and have a story to tell. It may be a dramatic life change - or it may be a small step of seeing God at the grocery store. But by us telling our stories, we can glorify God and encourage each other to recognize God's hand in our lives - moving us to tell God's Story.

JUNE 7—Faith Friend Sunday; *Where did you see God active in your life this week?*

JUNE 14—SPARK! Your Faith Camp Sunday; *Who taught you about God?*

JUNE 21—CAMP Sunday; *What's your greatest memory of Camp?*

JUNE 28—God Moment Sunday; *Share a transforming God moment!*



JULY 5—Gift of Freedom/Military Sunday; *"You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." John 8:32*

JULY 12—Ten Commandments Sunday; *How does living with God's rules positively impact our lives?*

JULY 19—RISE UP! Sunday; *How will God use you/me to Rise Up and impact your community?*

JULY 26—Lord's Prayer Sunday; *What does "give us this day our daily bread" mean for you?*

AUG 2- Holy Communion/Bread for the World Sunday; *Share your story of your first communion. How can Jesus' body and blood physically and spiritually feed us?*

AUG 9-Apostles' Creed; *I believe in God, Jesus, & the Spirit.....how does this change your daily living?*

AUG 16-Bring your favorite Bible Sunday; *Share something you have in common with someone in the bible.*



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 this picture, 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.
Summer God Stories in the fellowship hall at 945am!



SHARE



READ



TALK



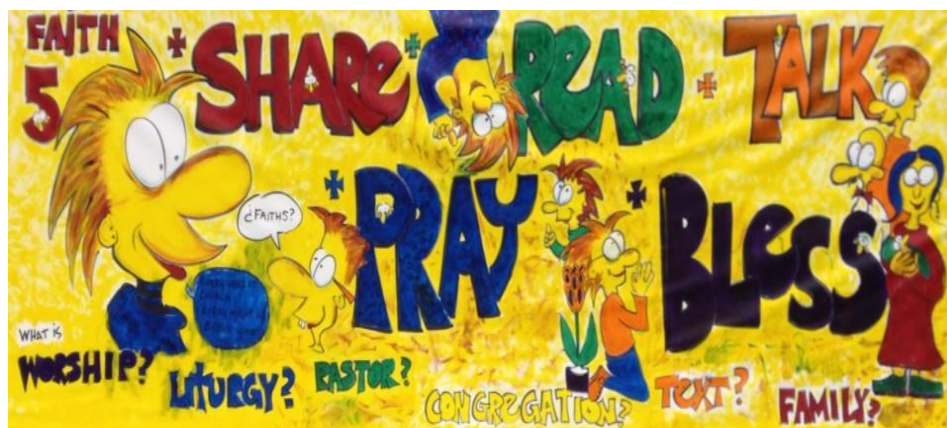
PRAY



BLESS

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 that only takes 5 minutes!



Grateful ^{to be} Faithful

A FAITH5 Devotion Guide

From creation and the flood to turning water to wine, the woman at the well, and calming the storm, images of water pervade the Bible. Start your summer with a splash by dipping into the simple steps of FAITH5 (Faith Acts In The Home) to be reminded each day in June of God's thirst quenching power. 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 water themed verses of scripture found on the other side of this sheet, pray and end by blessing each other, perhaps tracing a cross on the forehead and saying something like "You are washed clean and made new with God's great love for you."

Promise me you will not spend so much time treading water and trying to keep your head above the waves that you forget, truly forget, how much you have always loved to swim.

-Tyler Knott Gregson



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

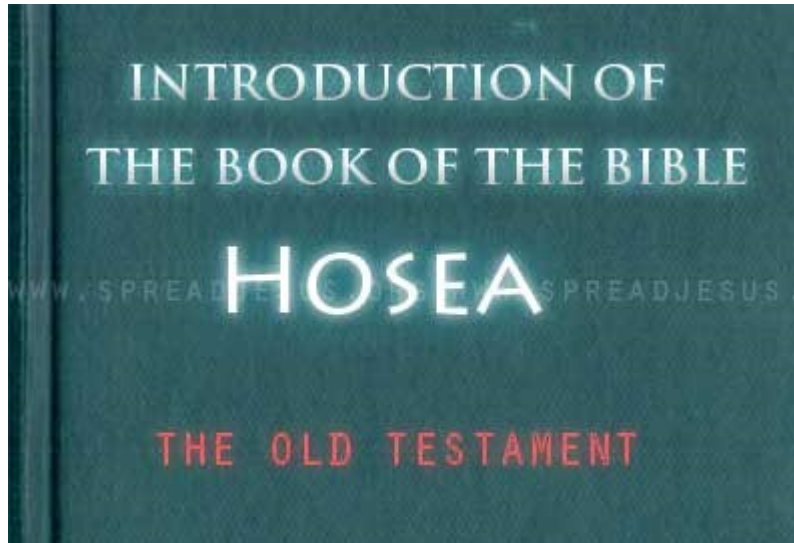


BLESS

one another

- 1 Genesis 1:10
- 2 Genesis 7:4-5
- 3 Genesis 8:15-17
- 4 Exodus 14:21-22
- 5 Exodus 14:26
- 6 Psalm 78:13
- 7 Exodus 15:24-25a
- 8 Jeremiah 2:13
- 9 Amos 5:24
- 10 Psalm 23:2
- 11 Psalm 63:1
- 12 Matthew 3:16
- 13 Matthew 10:42
- 14 John 3:5
- 15 John 4:10
- 16 John 4:13-14
- 17 John 9:5
- 18 John 21:6
- 19 Isaiah 12:3
- 20 Mark 4:41
- 21 Psalm 107:28-29
- 22 Psalm 65:9
- 23 Hosea 6:3
- 24 John 7:37-38
- 25 Psalm 130:1
- 26 John 13:5
- 27 John 13:14
- 28 Psalm 72:6
- 29 Acts 8:36
- 30 Acts 22:16

God as a Loving Parent, taken from the Book of Hosea by Dr Rolf Jacobson (Video ~1 minute)



[Video for God as a Loving Parent](#)

[Read up on the Background of the Old Testament Book Hosea here!](#)

PINE STRAW SALES TO BENEFIT YOUTH MINISTRY

\$4.50 per bale (free delivery for a 10+ bale order). Proceeds benefit Campfirmation, summer youth events, and National ELCA Youth Gathering 2015! Spread the word to your neighbors and friends!



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: _____

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:

 **SPARK! Your Faith Camp (VBS):** June 14 Sunday Kickoff at 10am-3pm; June 15-17 @ 9am-3pm. Spark Registration forms are in the Narthex or can be downloaded at [Spark Reg Form](#).


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!

 **SPARK! Your Faith Camp (VBS):** June 14 Sunday Kickoff at 10am-3pm; June 15-17 @ 9am-3pm. Spark Registration forms are in the Narthex or can be downloaded at [Spark Reg Form](#).

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

7TH-12TH Youth Group Events:

 **SPARK! Your Faith Camp (VBS):** June 14 Sunday Kickoff at 10am-3pm; June 15-17 @ 9am-3pm. Spark Registration forms are in the Narthex or can be downloaded at [Spark Reg Form](#).

 Contact 7th-12th gr Leader 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.



**Middle & HS Youth:
Sign Up Now for Graceworks!
June 7-12**



Columbia Area Lutheran Servant Blitz

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for works of grace, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.” Ephesians 2:10

Anyone COMPLETING grades 6-12 – invite a friend to join you! Sign up this week for the big Columbia-area Lutheran Youth GraceWorks to kick off your summer and join 50+ other youth for a week of fun and faith! The event runs Monday, June 8 through Friday, June 11, from 8:00 – 4:00. Every day we begin and end with worship/fun at this year’s gathering point, Ebenezer Lutheran Church in downtown Columbia (we can take the bus or carpool from Living Springs). Then we head out to various sites for a day of sharing fun, faith, and service with those in need (working with children, elderly, Autism Academy, shelters, VA Hospital, Meals on Wheels, painting the barn at Camp Discovery, food pantry, soup kitchen, etc). Friday afternoon ends with a big fun Lutheran Youth scavenger hunt at the Riverbanks Zoo! There is a kickoff supper and celebration on Sunday night at 6:00 for parents & youth, with guests from all the agencies we will be helping! Cost for the entire week, including lunches and t-shirt, is only \$50 (but with our Living Springs Youth fundraising, you can attend for ONLY \$10).

To register go directly to this Event-brite link: [GraceWorks registration](http://www.eventbrite.com/event/10c0b4ea8a928aafd0-graceworks). Adults can also use this same link to sign up as a volunteer or chaperone for part of a day. Here is also a link for anyone in the congregation to make DONATIONS of various items needed for the week:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4ea8a928aafd0-graceworks>

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

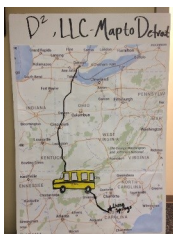
**We have 7 Youth and 3 Adults
going to Detroit!**



**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 DETROIT?**

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



THANKS, LS YOUTH SHAREHOLDERS!

What a tremendous response of love! In only a few weeks, we reached our goal of 500+ shares for our new company “D², LLC,” to support our youth attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering this summer in Detroit! The title stands for *Detroit Disciples, Lutherans Loving Community*. We are so blessed to have a generous group of LS disciples who support our young people.

Funds will be used to help cover the cost of food, travel, lodging, and servant projects. Shareholders will receive updates from our youth – and be invited to attend a Shareholders Banquet after the gathering. If you would still like to become a shareholder, forms are available in the narthex – or see any of our participants: Sara Levitt, Andrew Levitt, Laura Stuart, Jack Arnold, Dylan Horan, Patrick Lay, Laura Dunklin, Wes Levitt, Shirley Laingen. Pastor Eric is also attending as our SC Synod Proclaim Story Day coordinator. Please keep our Living Springs Detroit Disciples in your prayers as they continue to prepare for this awesome faith-enriching experience!

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 (payable to Living Springs
Lutheran Church) to Spark Camp workroom box!**

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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 _____

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

June 2 Brantley Smith
 ♥ Elise & Ronnie Gerald
June 3 Patrick O'Donnell
 Matthew Riley
June 4 Beverly Hoppert
June 5 McKenna Allmann
 Jeff Day
June 8 Christopher Staudt
 Courtney Staudt
June 9 Karen Bazemore
 Trey Fulton
June 10 Allyson Anderson
 ♥ Hany & Rachel Sorial
 ♥ Edward & Rachel Tustin
June 11 Marlene Jorgensen
 ♥ Jim & Sadonia Grimmer
June 12 Irene Tracy
June 13 Jesse Owens

June 14 Ken Flynn
 ♥ Charles & Ruth Pollard
June 19 Connor Horan
June 20 Adam Woodruff
June 21 ♥ Bryan Drafts
 Angie Dyches
 Joseph & Nancy Faulisis
June 22 Nancy Baldwin
June 23 Kirsten Creticos
 Gracen Tilton
 Jim Wollpert
June 24 Paul Laingen
June 26 Pierce O'Donnell
 Nowell Ramsey
June 27 Kyle Fletcher
June 28 Ashley Ramsey
June 30 Preston Ginn
 Sara Levitt



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!

June 1 Margaret Blank
 Alison Levitt
 Peter Zvejnieks
June 3 Corin Wiggins
June 9 Maddie Arnold
June 28 Anita Gabbard
June 29 Kyan Fulton
 Nevaeh Fulton
June 30 Marlene Jorgensen
 Irene Tracy



June 2015

***8:15am Worship, 10:45am Worship
9:25am Summer God Stories
every Sunday unless otherwise noted**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10A Staff Meeting 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Worship Team 7P Ladies Book Club	2 930 PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 11:45A Devotional Lunch 3:45P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study	3 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba 6P Hope Ministry Team 7P Good News Team	4 830A Good News Walkers 9A La Petite Graduation 6:15P Preschool Board 7P Lifelong Discipleship	5	6 930A Crafty Ladies 1P LS Golf Tournament 6:30P Golf Award Dinner
7 930A Communion Distribution Ministry 3P Stuart & Bloss Cottage Gathering	8 1030A Meals on Wheels 1245P Zumba 7P Executive	9 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 1215P PSC Lunch 6P Finance 7P Adult Bible Study	10 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba	11 830A Good News Walkers	12	13
WELCA Convention June 12-13						
Grace Works June 7-12						
14 10A Single Outdoor Worship - Spark! Camp Kick-Off	15 1030A Meals on Wheels 1230P Zumba 7P Council Exec	16 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Facilities	17 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba	18 830A Good News Walkers 7P Council	19 1030A Father's Day Flowers	20
Rise with the Son - Spark Camp June 14-17						
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LCY Youth Convention June 19-20						
LS Camp Week June 21-27						
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Worship Assistant Schedule – June 2015

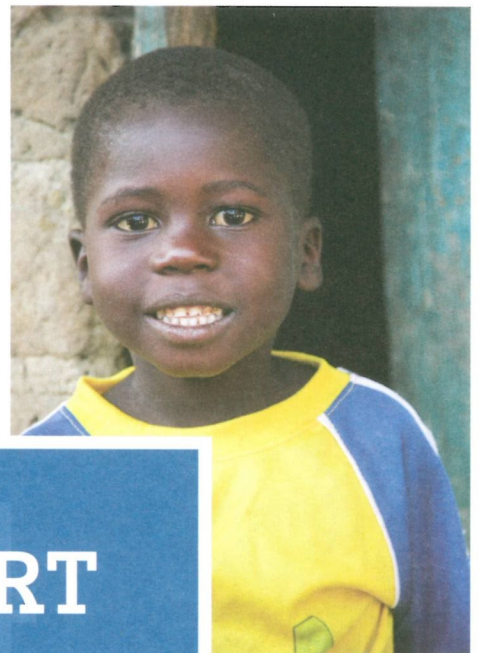
	Assisting Minister	Lector	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torchbearers	Counters	Children's Sermon	Council Person
6/7	8:15 Katherine Wollpert	Ashley Ramsey	Bob Gill Judy Lawrence	Shirley Laingen Paul Laingen	Sadonia Grimmer	Ben Arnold	Shirley Laingen			Lexanne Graves	Rocky Berger
6/7	10:4 Steve Padgett	Adele Lindberg	Nancy Baldwin Audrey Turnmire	Steve Bloss Bob Turnmire Marshall Hurlbert Randy Masad	Linda Hayes	Austin Padgett	Leslie Bloss	Ed Brennan Courtney Murray	Bob Turnmire LC Marshall Hurlbert Steve Padgett	Lexanne Graves	Bob Turnmire
6/14	10:00 Sandra Dixon	Peg Zieche	Steve Bloss Leslie Bloss	Chris Horan Dylan Horan Karlene Stuart Laura Stuart	Jeanette Bloss	Lauren Bloss	Mike Davidson	Brantley Smith Trish Davidson	Alison Levitt LC Karlene Stuart Steve Bloss	Adam Woodruff	Alison Levitt
6/21	8:15 Gwen Furcron	Nowell Ramsey	Karen Kranz Bill Franck	Marj & Jerry Appleton	Tina & Don Molineu	Anna Leigh Graves	Peg Zieche			Bob Gill	Bill Franck
6/21	10:4 Jeff Day	Pat Bartucca	Cindy Day Brantley Smith	Mike Davidson Courtney Murray Adam Woodruff Rocky Berger	Nancy Baldwin	Collin Flores	Bob Turnmire	Audrey Turnmire Brenda Grohman	Gail Buchanan LC Laura Turnmire Jan Berger	Bob Gill	Gail Buchanan
6/28	8:15 Katherine Wollpert	Sandra Dixon	Nowell Ramsey Ashley Ramsey	Sadonia Grimmer Peter Moore	Jan Schmidt	Connor Kilbourne	Jan Schmidt			Pastor Eric Graves	Scott Graves
6/28	10:4 Mike Davidson	Janet Bate	Pat Bartucca Jan Berger	Sara Levitt Andrew Levitt Laura Stuart Audrey Turnmire	Jan Schmidt	Lauren Bloss	Jan Berger	Leslie Bloss Jeanette Bloss	Scott Graves LC Trish Davidson Aaron Smith	Pastor Eric Graves	Leslie Bloss
		Care Meals	Flowers	Muggers	Nursery (10:45)	Refreshments	Altar Guild				
6/7			Pastor Eric	Cathy Lowman	Misty O'Donnell	Alice Renaud					
6/14			Ruth Pollard	Gwen Furcron	Melissa Lindstedt	n/a					
6/21			Marj & Jerry Appleton	Karen Kranz	Angie Dyches +	Shirley Laingen					
6/28				Herb Brantley	Jenny Skipper	Judy Lawrence					

+Julia Tenhover (helper)

(Changes)

6/14 – One Worship Service: Rise with the Son Spark! Your Faith Camp

Beginning 6/7, a crucifer will now carry the processional cross at the beginning and the end of the 8:15 worship service, just as at the 10:45 service. The position has been added and assigned to for the June worship calendar and is included in the [online sign up service](#) for the next quarter. If you are interested and would like to be trained, contact Karen Kranz, kbkranz@gmail.com or Lisa Petty in the office.



MISSION SUPPORT

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Henrik Yoo
Synod Bishop

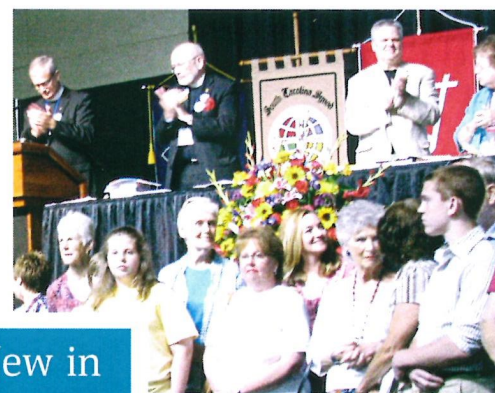
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God's work. Our hands.



Where is God Doing Something New in the South Carolina Synod?

A Mission Support Thank You

Celebrating God's work through Rev. Oliverio Mora's hands.

A celebration of the ministry of the Rev. Oliverio Mora was held on March 1, 2015, in Cristo Rey (Christ the King), a congregation under development. Several hundred "people gathered to recognize the work of Pr. Mora over the last four years. The day included baptisms, confirmations, first communions, blessing for the anniversary of a marriage and sending prayers. While serving as pastor of Cristo Rey, Pr. Mora served as worship leader, and provided pastoral care, was involved in teaching ministry, and ministry of the Word and Sacrament presiding at 106 baptisms, and a large number of confirmations, and first communions. Deacon Jorge Leone, lay pastor of Sagrada Familia (Holy Family), Columbia, when speaking of the ministry of Rev. Oliverio Mora, pastor, Cristo Rey, West Columbia, said "Pr. Mora's work among the poor at Cristo Rey, is an example for all Lutherans to open hearts and minds to missionary work. Pr. Mora has connected Latinos with God and their neighbors." Pastor Mora will return to our companion synod, Iglesia Evangelica Luterana de Colombia (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia). The Rev. Eduardo Martinez will begin service as pastor Cristo Rey beginning in April 2015. Cristo Rey is a congregation under development in the South Carolina Synod and meets at St. David, West Columbia. Through your generous offerings given beyond the congregation for synodical and churchwide ministries, God is at work bringing diversity and enriching the life of this church. *Thank you for your Mission Support!*

GraceWorks, a servant ministry.

Youth from eight midlands area Lutheran congregations participated in a pilot program in 2014 called GraceWorks. Created to be a week-long servant camp for teens, the 50 youth participants in GraceWorks began each day with worship and then went out in small groups to twelve different service sites each day. At the end of the day the participants gathered back together for a time of reflection

and learning. Now in its second year, GraceWorks is a local expression of the mission of the whole SC Synod, giving youth encouragement and training in servant leadership. It is our hope that this model will be adopted in other areas of our synod and grow as a powerful witness of the love of Jesus Christ to our local communities. Through your generous offerings given beyond the congregation for synodical and churchwide ministries, God is making a difference in the lives of youth through this servant ministry. *Thank you for your Mission Support!*

3 The number of Lutheran Congregations Organized in 2014 in the South Carolina Synod.

A highlight of the 2014 South Carolina Synod Assembly was the reception of three new congregations: Breath of Life, Blythewood; Faith, Pickens; and Crossroads, Indian Land. Throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America during the year 2014, eight congregations were organized. Three of the eight congregations were in the South Carolina Synod. Congregations under development in the South Carolina Synod receive one-third support from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, one-third support from South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission and one-third support from the South Carolina Synod. Through your generous offerings given beyond the congregation for synodical and churchwide ministries, God is making it possible to organize new faith communities around Word and Sacrament to make a difference in the lives of people in their communities. *Thank you for your Mission Support!*



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