



Living Springs Lutheran Church

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

Rise with the Son - Spark Your Faith Camp



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What will be the final word? - This Month from Pastor Eric

On Sunday, June 21, we at Living Springs began worship with the sounding of 9 chimes in remembrance of our brothers and sisters in Christ from Emanuel AME in Charleston: Susie Jackson, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, DePayne Doctor, Ethel Lance, Daniel Simmons, Sr., Clementa Pinckney, Cynthia Hurd, Myra Thompson, and Tywanza Sanders. We also shared words of prayer offered by our SC Synod Bishop Herman Yoos. For a copy of his comments and prayer, you may go to: <http://goo.gl/Bc4Wd6>. On the next page is a copy of my own sermon offered in that service, based on the pre-determined gospel text for the day, which turned out to be so appropriate: the story of Jesus' calming of the storm.

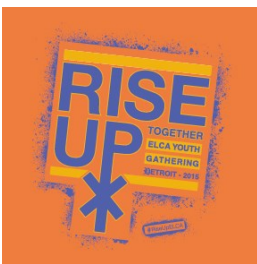
*If one member
suffers, all suffer
together with it;
1 Corinthians 12:26*



The following Sunday, June 28, we joined with Lutheran Christians throughout our land in a time of remembrance, repentance, and prayer, as called for by ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton (who was invited to sit on the stage at the funeral service of Pastor Pinckney in Charleston). For a copy of Bishop Eaton's statement about the Charleston tragedy, you may go to: <http://goo.gl/8ovvys>; and for a full copy the various prayers from which we excerpted our petitions for June 28, you may visit: <http://goo.gl/lOdzRt>. These prayers uplifted all the victims (2 of whom were graduates of our Lutheran Seminary here in Columbia), the people of Emanuel AME, the Roof family, and the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran in Columbia – as well as asked for forgiveness for all of us – for any ways we each have perpetuated hatred and the disease of racial prejudice, either knowingly or unknowingly, through our own thoughts, words, or actions.

In the upcoming weeks, the media and political furor will eventually move on to other events, but the pain, grief, and underlying issues will continue to be present in our world. Yet, I pray that our Christian sisters and brothers who lost their lives in the midst of studying God's Word will not have died in vain, and that their deaths will spark ongoing acts of healing and dialogue that are so desperately needed in our world. Bishop Yoos and the SC Synod Council, along with Bishop Eaton, have asked each congregation to intentionally consider our own call to be part of the process of sharing Christ's healing, reconciling love. It is indeed part of the ministry of reconciliation to which we have been called as Christ's ambassadors in the world (cf. 2 Corinthians 5). As a first step here at Living Springs, on **Sunday, July 12 at 6:00 pm**, we will gather in the sanctuary for an initial time of conversation, healing, and worship – to share our emotions and pain over the events at Emanuel AME, to ponder how we might each in our own lives be greater vehicles for Christ's reconciling love in a divided world, and to share in worship & prayers of healing for all. We will receive updates on what is happening in our synod and also consider how we as individuals or as a congregation might have Spirit-tugs to be part of those efforts – including specific acts of outreach to the people of Emanuel, St. Paul's, and others in our own community. I encourage you to come be part of this special time together.

*Be a part of the
ministry of
reconciliation.
Join us for a
Time of
Conversation &
Prayer:
Sunday, July 12
@ 6:00 pm*



As I reflect on the entirety of June, I want to offer a special word of thanks to all those who continue to support the youth of Christ's church in their journey of faith. The experiences of GraceWorks, Spark Your Faith Camp, and our Campfirmation/Camp Week at Lutheridge were truly grace-filled and awe-inspiring. And I am looking forward to the upcoming trip to Detroit for the Lutheran Youth Gathering there. It will be yet another powerful, life-transforming experience for our youth, and your overwhelming generous support of their ministry continues to be an inspiration! In the midst of all the ongoing tragedy in the world, one cannot help but see the light of Christ shining brightly through the darkness – through these young disciples!

May the Spirit guide all of us in our shared calling to share the healing grace of God and light of Christ with our hurting world!

With much love in Christ for each of you, *Pastor Eric*

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

{Pastor Eric's sermon from June 21 is found on the following pages. His follow-up sermon from June 28 will also be available on our website. Watch for your upcoming eNews for links} ++++

"Do you not care that we are perishing?" In today's Gospel (Mark 4:35-41), this question is recorded on the lips of the very first disciples of Jesus - and it is a question that has hovered throughout the ages. It hovered above hate-infused crowds of a cheering coliseum in Roman, as early martyrs were devoured by lions and slaughtered by gladiators. It hovered above hate-infused chimneys spewing human ashes of Abraham's descendents and others at Auschwitz-Birkenau. It hovered through the streets outside the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham 52 years ago, where 15 sticks of hate-infused dynamite took the lives of 4 little girls in a Sunday School room. This past Wednesday, it hovered above the spires of Charleston here in our own state ... when evil walked into a Bible study and hate-infused gunfire took the lives of 9 disciples who had gathered after worship to study God's Word. *"Teacher... God ... Lord ... Jesus do you not care that we are perishing?"*

The miracle of Jesus calming the storm is such a powerful, memorable story for us all - but for the earliest Christians who heard that story in Mark's gospel, it was so much more than what we might first think. The question asked in the middle of that miracle was not only asked by those original disciples on a storm-tossed boat in the Sea of Galilee. It was also question being asked by many in the early Christian communities to whom Mark's gospel was written: men, women, and children of faith who were suffering great persecution.

Everything in this miracle points to those circumstances faced by the early Christian communities. In the miracle, the disciples are "in the boat." And what was an early symbol of the church? The boat. Remember, that's why early church architecture chose to shape the ceilings of church sanctuaries like the inside of ship hulls. To be part of the church, the Christian community, was to be gathered in the boat with Jesus, sailing to "the other side" - on a mission to proclaim the good news of God's kingdom to those who had not yet heard. But while on that mission, the church (the boat) would be battered by the storms of the world. While the boat represented the early church, the wind and waves of the sea represented the evil and chaotic turbulence of the world. We find this watery, stormy image of chaos all the way back in Genesis, and we hear again this symbolism in today's Psalm, 107.

This story the disciples on the boat in the midst of the storm was so very important to the early Christian community, because it re-assured them that they were not off track. You see, the prevailing theology of their day - a theology still echoed today in the popularized prosperity and blessing gospel - was this: if you were faithful, then everything in life would go well for you; and if bad things happened, well, it was simply because you were not being faithful enough.

Today's Gospel lesson was a message of hope for early Christians who were facing much turmoil and persecution, because this powerful story of Jesus reminded them that "being in the boat with Jesus" did not mean being invited into a sacred bubble where you would live life immune from the attacks of evil and the world's chaos. No, the story reminded them that even though Jesus himself was in the boat, the storm still came and attacked that very boat, along with the other boats that were with them. The waves & wind (i.e., the chaos and evil) were so powerful that they swamped and nearly sank the boat Jesus himself was in!

One of the main plotlines of the Gospels - one of the over-arching themes of Scripture and our Christian faith - is this: evil simply does not leave good alone. Instead, evil is always on the attack: inflicting damage; causing pain; constantly, yet futilely, attempting to undermine God's way of goodness, truth, compassion, hope, grace, and love for all humanity and for all creation.

Remember the story? Evil attacks as soon as Jesus is born - and hundreds of innocent children are slaughtered at the order of King Herod. Evil attacks as soon as Jesus is baptized and confronts our Lord with temptations in the wilderness. Evil attacks Jesus' own disciples, who get in arguments over their own greatness and then deny, betray, and abandon their Lord. Evil attacks God's Son with 39 lashes of a whip, with ridicule and mocking, with a crown of thorns rammed in his head, and with nails on a cross - an attack so daunting that it appears evil's storm has actually sunk God's Son by the time that stone is rolled in front of his tomb. With persecution, imprisonments, stonings, and more (as heard in today's 2nd lesson, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13), that same evil attacked the early believers who were baptized into Christ and given the Holy Spirit - disciples like you and me who are called to carry the Gospel message of hope and salvation to the entire world.

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With messages of fear and hatred and vile prejudice, evil continues to attack our vulnerable human minds and hearts – enlisting accomplices in evil’s ongoing war to divide God’s human family into camps or sides, and infuse us with so much hatred that we can only see in someone else a skin color or a nationality or an ethnicity or a political party or a particular religion – so much so that we become blind to seeing one another as God sees – a fellow human being created in the image of God, a loved and cherished child of GOD’s family!

And so the storms of chaos and evil continue to rock the boat – even the boat in which Jesus himself travels, the church. Because if evil can delude itself into thinking that it can sink Jesus’ own boat, then evil might fool itself and lead some to falsely believe that evil has some hope!

But in spite of evil’s ongoing attacks and foolish delusions, there is some amazing good news of this Sunday’s Gospel lesson – for the original disciples in the boat, for all those early believers, and for us here today! The Good News is this: it is JESUS, God’s Son – and not the storm of evil - which has the final, victorious word!

Even though the disciples in that boat might have been weak in faith, even though we might be weak in our faith; even though the disciples in that boat might have been overcome by fear; even though we might find ourselves caught up in fear; even though those disciples, and we, might find ourselves questioning if the Lord is aware or even cares - none of that changes the ultimate reality: JESUS, and not evil, has the FINAL WORD!

We see that truth in the empty tomb of Easter morning, and later that day, as the risen Jesus stands among his disciples with nail-scarred hands and speaks to them those life-changing, chaos-conquering words: “Peace be with you!” With the voice of God’s victorious Son, evil is defeated and the storm of fear in their hearts is quelled. We see that same truth on the cross itself, as Jesus looks out upon those who have nailed him there and speaks ... “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing!”

And ... we see that same truth again in these past days, as grieving family members and church members of Emanuel AME have spoken with the voice of Jesus, directly to that young attacker, “We forgive you!” And with that voice of Jesus speaking clearly, the storm of evil’s chaos has met its match. For where evil planned - in the words of that young attacker, to “start a war,” that has not been the final word. Rather than storms of revenge and chaos on the streets of Charleston, there instead have been vigils of prayer and services of worship – because through words of forgiveness and words of prayer, Jesus’ voice has spoken so powerfully that many in today’s media and in the world have marveled, just as surely as those in the boats long ago marveled on that storm-quieted sea.

This past Wednesday afternoon, as part of our Living Springs SPARK camp, our teenagers passed out Father’s Day flowers to senior men at Rice Estate and to our brothers, Irvin Legrand & Dick Collins. They traveled to Columbia to pass out water and blessing bags to those suffering from the heat in Finley Park. As part of that trip, they stopped at our Lutheran Synod Office and met with the Bishop. Bishop Yoos asked each of them to share something good they saw God doing in their congregation and to share a favorite Bible story or something they loved about Jesus. You would be amazed at the powerful things that were spoken by those young voices. The Spirit was truly there in that room with them.

But also, we invited the youth to ask questions of the Bishop – some of which were equally as powerful. At the end, the Bishop shared that as people of faith, it is always important for us to be able to ask our questions to God. We shared that as pastor and bishop and adults, we still have questions when it comes to faith - that we (thank God!) do not have all the answers and, that Jesus is with us, even in our doubts and fears. It is no accident that in the very last paragraph of Matthew’s Gospel, as the disciples are gathered to witness the Risen Jesus ascend into heaven, verse 28:17 says specifically, “when they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted.” The Greek can actually also be interpreted as, “they worshipped him *and* they doubted.” It is to this gathering of worshipping and doubting disciples that Jesus gives the greatest job and greatest promise in the history of the world, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations And remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

In the midst of questions and doubts on a boat in a storm-ravaged Galileean sea; in the midst of questions and doubts arising from a tragic Charleston night; in the midst of questions and doubts arising from the storms of our own lives, whatever they may be today’s Gospel good news reminds us all that miracle of God’s love still continues - and in spite of any storm of chaos or evil, it is JESUS who had, who has, who will forever have, the final victorious word: “PEACE! BE STILL!” Thanks be to God!

Summer Happenings at Living Springs



Summer God Stories

Sundays through 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 18 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. What is a piece of faith music that has touched your life recently (or somewhere along the way)? Has there been some moment in your journey of faith and life when the Spirit has used music to uplift, strengthen, or speak to you? Something from camp or youth group or a traditional worship time or the Christian music world?

During our summer worship services, we will have a series of Music Moments in Faith for disciples to share such experiences. We are not asking folks to sing or perform (although you possibly could share an excerpt or verse) - but rather offer a brief "temple talk time" to share your faith music experience. Depending on the nature of the piece, it may be possible to perform or play a small recorded excerpt or display words of a verse for everyone. The Music Moment in Faith should be no longer than 3 minutes. While God does work through all types of music, we are particularly focusing here on various forms of music of faith (not secular pieces).

If interested in sharing a Faith Music Moment, please contact Worship Chairperson, Jim Zieche, along with a description of your Faith Music Moment. Everything will need to be coordinated and prepared ahead of time. 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 (with the exception of Youth Gathering Sunday on July 19, which will already have its own many Music Moments!).

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.*



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

Disciple Dot Stories & Spirit Tugs



The Spirit led my son to call his grandmother and do FAITH5 over the phone with her since he hadn't seen her in a while. It was a blessing all the way around to share highs and lows, read God's word together, talk and pray. My son and my mother talked about their day and how God had done so much for the 2 of them in just one day. I sat back with tears in my eyes. In a mere 5 minutes of talking on the phone, my son and my mother were connecting in faith and in ways that no toy or trinket or gift could ever do. And the best--my son made a cross on the phone and said, "God blesses you, Grammie, and will never leave you!" Wow! God is good! God is faithful! I am grateful for FAITH5 that helps our children speak the faith easily, across the generations!

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Please give thanks to God for those that feel a Spirit Tug to help others by being a part of DHD. Disciples Helping Disciples used their time and talents the Holy Spirit gave them to work in another disciples yard. The mulch and edging make the front of the home appealing to the eyes. Thank you DHD.

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I travel a great deal throughout the country and run across homeless people in my peripheral. I intentionally do not zone them out, but rather focus on the zone I am in! I am on a mission to go where I need to go in the quickest mode I can to accomplish what I set out to do. A recent trip to San Antonio changed my perspective, otherwise stated, a Blue Dot moment. Prior to this event I assumed every homeless person was unmotivated and believed generally all were in their circumstances because of poor choices. If they want to get off the street all they have to do is make a decision to do so. Then the Spirit guided me to look in the eyes of one homeless person and saw what I never saw before, a mentally ill person. This is not to say that all homeless are mentally ill because they are not.

Many of us don't intentionally zone people out rather we are simply in a zone with a specific agenda to accomplish with no time for interruptions. We have been instructed to look through the lenses of Christ. This was the clearest example for me and after this experience I felt a spirit tug to do something to help these people. Perhaps Living Springs could consider providing care/support in some way to the mentally ill homeless in the greater Columbia, SC area.

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The Holy Spirit led us to share a prayer request through the Living Springs Enews recently. This request was for the grandson and his family of one of our LS Disciples. This family has gone to Philadelphia to seek help for their unborn child that is having severe issues. Through the blessing of the internet, not only has this family begun to gather funds for bills and necessities while away from their family, former LS Disciples that live in that area read the request and offered their home to stay at while they are there.

SHARE YOUR DISCIPLE DOT STORY

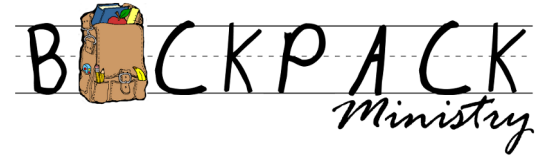
Has God worked a disciple moment through you or someone else during the week? Pick up a disciple-dot story slip from the narthex table or below and share the story of God's work - place your slip in the blue-dot basket, [click here for an online form](#) or email your story to the church office. Stories 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.



It greatly warms my heart to know there are so many loving and caring people at Living Springs Lutheran Church. I have been overwhelmed with offers of help from "meals to wheels" driving my recent convalescing. Thanks to all who helped me through a period I would not have navigated without such wonderful support from members of my congregation. God bless you everyone and remember what you did. "...I was sick and you looked after me..." (Matthew 25:36) You are blessed to be a blessing. Thank Living Springs.

BACKPACKS – THANK YOU FROM RICE CREEK

"Thank you so much for supporting Rice Creek Elementary by providing bags of food for our backpacks at Rice Creek Elementary. We really appreciate everything you do to support our students at Rice Creek Elementary. Every backpack is special to the students every week and is appreciated by faculty as well as students. Students look forward to the different food and the treats put in it. Their faces light up at receiving them. We also appreciate the help you have given to the McKinney-Vento Advisory group as well as other families in Richland Two. Thank you so much! I hope you have a wonderful summer!" Sincerely, Christie Hutchinson, Richland School District Two Social Worker



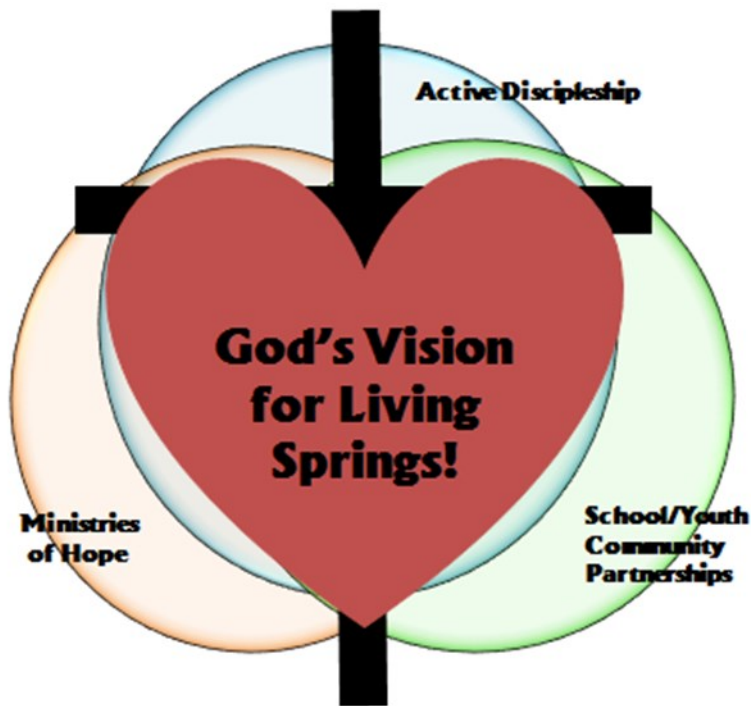
Newberry College students in Phi Beta Lambda – Future Business Leaders of America turned in award-winning performances during the competition at FBLA's state-wide conference. The Newberry College trophy haul included Ashley Ramsey's first place win in Microeconomics and second place honors by Lynn Satterfield '16 and Justin Walker '16 in Client Services and Personal Finance respectively. Events like the FBLA competition allow students to apply classroom concepts in a workplace-simulated environment.

Ashley Ramsey '16

HOMETOWN: Columbia, SC
 MAJOR: Business Administration and Accounting



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



100 Lutheran Youth from Midlands churches, including our own Living Springs youth, joined together this past week for a fun weeklong blitz of powerful faith & service to reach out to those in need in Columbia area.



BLESSING OF QUILTS

On Women's Sunday, May 17th, we blessed the quilts that are sent to social agencies.



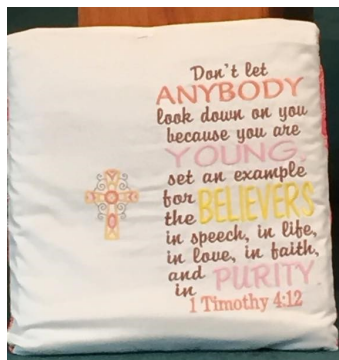
CAMP FIRMATION & PIONEER CAMP



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2015 QUILLING MILESTONE

We rejoice and give thanks to God with the Quillowing Milestone last week, for Andrew Levitt and Abbie Zvejnieks. We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for all 2015 graduates and their families.



RISE WITH ← the SUN



SUMMER GOD STORIES

We began Summer God Stories last week in between the services. Check out the topic schedule on the next to last page of the bulletin.



Council Clips

Ministry Reports - June 18, 2015 Meeting

Council Devotions: "Evangelism without Additives" Ch. 6 – Evangelize With Your Ears

How can we become better listeners?

John 4:1-30 "Whoever drinks of the water I give them will never be thirsty again."

How do you see evangelizing? He took an everyday situation and tapped into it. He asked a lot of questions. In this scripture Jesus asked the woman to give Him a drink...inviting her to do something to for him. This was breaking many social and religious rules, but He was willing to break through all those barriers. He wasn't afraid to bring God into an everyday conversation. He made God part of the dialogue. He was always asking questions and was patient.

We need to be better listeners not only with our ears but also with our body language.

Jesus lived intentionally with everyone He encountered!

Challenge: Participate in small ordinary acts of kindness. Ask questions and listen!

Council Actions:

✠ Motion made to allow money to be collected through offerings and the remainder to be covered through the church's budget, if necessary, to help cover the cost for the Fishing Fellowship Day. Motion carried.

✠ Motion made for the church to cover Nickie's expenses (hotel plus up to \$250 receipted expenses) for her to attend the Worship Jubilee in Atlanta. Motion carried.

✠ Motion made to accept the Loveless family's request for membership. Motion carried.

The SPIRIT'S presence was dancing:

✠ At the baptism of Luke and Sam Prizer, with sister Lydia right alongside.

✠ At the tear-filled Quillowing milestone service for Andrew Levitt and Abbie Zvenjniaks and at various high school graduations.

✠ At our Preschool Graduation service in the sanctuary as parents, staff, students, and families celebrated this life-transforming ministry here at LS.

✠ At our outdoor SPARK service as children joyfully led the cross in procession around the church lawn and brothers/sisters spoke to each other at communion with uplifting words of magnificent faith.

✠ Throughout the streets of Columbia, in Lexington, in Blythewood, as LS disciples drove buses and green-clad Lutheran youth spent their first week of summer bringing hope to the homeless, autistic children, the elderly, the hungry, our veterans, MOW recipients, and more!

✠ During 4 days of SPARK camp, with young disciples joyfully Rising With the Son and as our youth visited Keels Elementary to read, MOW homes and the Rice Home where they sang and prayed, at Sesqui Park as they picked up trash and cared for God's creation, at Finley Park as they passed out water and blessing bags to the homeless, and in the Bishop's office as they shared in astounding conversations of faith about Jesus.

✠ On our Seminary campus as youth went on a scavenger hunt of faith and met our Vicar Marty Wagner.

✠ In the final 2 weeks of our Backpack ministry, culminating with well-over 2,000 bags of food for the year (that's 12,000+ meals).

✠ In Spartanburg as Midge, Todd, and Retha gathered with other SC Lutheran disciples for 3 powerful days of faith, worship, and celebration to remind us that we are part of something so much larger than ourselves and as Laura Stuart was elected to serve on Synod Council, and VP Lexanne Graves continued to inspire the synod with the growing FAITH5 and Edu-Worship movement.

✠ As an assembly resolution was passed for all congregations, strengthening our commitment to partnerships with children and youth in the schools.

✠ At Crickentree golf course as disciples reflected on those people in their lives that brought them closer to God and enjoyed fellowship to raise funds for the Shannon Long fund.

✠ 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:

✠ In the lives of our families and children (and volunteers) in our preschool, especially as ~20 children graduated from our preschool and prepare themselves for Kindergarten.

✠ In 2 Career Days at Keels and Bethel Hanberry Elementary schools as children heard about God's amazing love for each and every one of them.

The Spirit was breathing:

✠ Into little children who continue to learn and retain sign language/new songs about Jesus' love for all!

✠ Into our LS disciples enjoyed FAITH5 at our Cottage Gatherings and then gathered casually and shared stories. The disciples connected on many levels about their children, jobs, Spirit tugs and hopes for ministry.



Meet Our New Vicar - Marty Wagner

Greetings from Marty and Ron Wagner! We are from Jacksonville Florida where we lived for the past 20 years before Marty came to seminary. We have 3 grown children, and 5 grandchildren. Ron enjoys metal detecting, reading, and playing chess. Marty enjoys reading, biking, and kayaking. Marty says, "I am looking forward to working with you at Living Springs Lutheran Church and to hear about the ways you sense the **Spirit tugs** in your everyday life.

Vicar Marty will begin at Living Springs on August 1. We are tentatively planning her installation for Sunday, August 16. Please watch for the upcoming details. Vicar Marty's email is vicarmarty@livingspringscolumbia.org



*Welcome Vicar Marty to
Living Springs Lutheran Church!*

Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

FAMILY PROMISE NIGHT Saturday, July 11



During our Fish Fry event, we had the privilege of hearing the director of Family Promise give a presentation on this national program that started up at the beginning of the year in Columbia. There are 15 churches that rotate being a Host Congregation to homeless families. These families go through a detailed interview process and are provided shelter, meals, and support services through

a Family Promise Day Center and the local congregations that turn activity rooms into living areas for these families. Trinity UMC in Blythewood is one of the Host Congregations and as part of Operation Inasmuch, Living Springs included Family Promise as one of our donation charities. Trinity will be hosting again the week of July 5 and they have asked if we would like to provide the dinner for Saturday, July 11. The family(s) will be dropped off @ 5:30 to 8:30 pm and we will provide a meal (probably hot dogs & hamburgers) and add a dash of God's love. If you are interested in participating, contact [Karen Kranz](#). For further information on Family Promise, visit www.familypromisemidlands.org.

TELS (TRAVELING EVANGELS OF LIVING SPRINGS) July 14-15

What a great trip last month to the Orchid Farm and Newberry College! July's trip (July 14-15) is to Old Salem, NC. It is an overnight trip & reservations have been made, but there is still room on the bus and we will try to accommodate anyone interested in joining us.



In August (August 20), we will be going to Laura's Tea Room in Ridgeway. The cost will be determined as we get closer to that date. Signup sheets are in the administration building or contact [Beverly Hoppert](#) for information.

LADIES BOOK CLUB Monday, August 3



The book for August is Where'd You Go, Bernadette by Maria Semple. The host is Peg Zieche, 745 Long Pointe La. (in Lake Carolina) 29229 Phone: 497-3239 - on Monday, August 3 at 7 pm. We go through discussion questions and then there are refreshments after. All are welcome, so feel free to join us and bring a friend. Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information or to be included on the distribution list.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SEPTEMBER 13 AFTER 10:45!



You work every day to love your neighbors and make your community a better place. Now let's continue to do it together. Last year was a very successful day for community service – we are going to try to make it even better this year! The Old Fashioned Sunday Dinner has returned! A dinner involving congregation members, local charities, homeless, homebound, & our mature members of society. A signup sheet will be posted in the administration building and an online signup will be distributed to those that receive our e-news. There are opportunities for all ages – setting up, kitchen cooks, servers, dessert donors, clean-up, bus drivers & delivery people, & greeters. T-shirts with Living Springs logo will be available again this year - \$5 each. If you would like to contribute to this event, indicate "God's work. Our hands." in the memo section of your check. Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information.

Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs



TUESDAY DEVOTION LUNCH @ LIVING SPRINGS

We are taking the summer off with the Tuesday Devotion Dinner. We hope to see to see you back in the fall on the 1st Tuesday of the month!

TUESDAY NIGHT DEVOTION DINNER

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

GOOD NEWS WALKERS

We are taking a break in July, but will come back full force in August. We start out with a short devotion from The Word in Season and then we deliver Living Springs/Preschool flyers to areas that have new move-ins **and** have a paper box. We will start at 8 am on August 6 (8:30 later in the season) and are usually back by around 9. Contact Karen Kranz if interested in joining us – just think...fellowship and exercise!



BACKPACK FOOD MINISTRY



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



Men's Ministries

MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday July 25



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, July 25th** 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.

Additional Opportunities

SUNSET CRUISE ON LAKE MURRAY WITH THE MIDLANDS CHAPTER OF THRIVENT FINANCIAL Sunday, September 20

On Sunday, September 20, the Midlands Chapter of Thrivent Financial has arranged for an afternoon on Lake Murray on the *Spirit of Lake Murray*. This is a great time to meet and fellowship with others. Space is limited to the first 100 confirmed reservations. The cruise will board at 5 pm and return to dock at 7:30 pm. We will enjoy food, fun, fellowship, & beverages. Reservations made BY August 9 are \$20 each (price normally \$47). Reservations AFTER August 9 are \$25. No refunds after August 30. Register by giving the names, phone number and/or email address of all to be on the cruise and making your payment (make checks payable to Midlands SC Chapter of Thrivent) to a Thrivent Advocate for your congregation: Karen Kranz, Jan Schmidt, Gwen Furcron, Ruth & Charles Pollard



A NEW ROAD - BEREAVEMENT SEMINAR FOR WIDOWED PERSONS October 2-4

A New Road 33 offers a weekend of support for women and men who have been widowed within the last three years. Participants attending will: receive support as they hear the stories of team members who are farther along on the grief journey; replenish emotional energies through devotional periods and opportunities for spiritual growth; receive informative grief coping skills and legal guidance from professional presenters. A New Road 33 will be held at Camp Kinnard. See the back of the newsletter for pdf form and more details or go to www.anewroadtogriefrecovery.com

Weekly Faith Formation Opportunities for All Ages at Living Springs



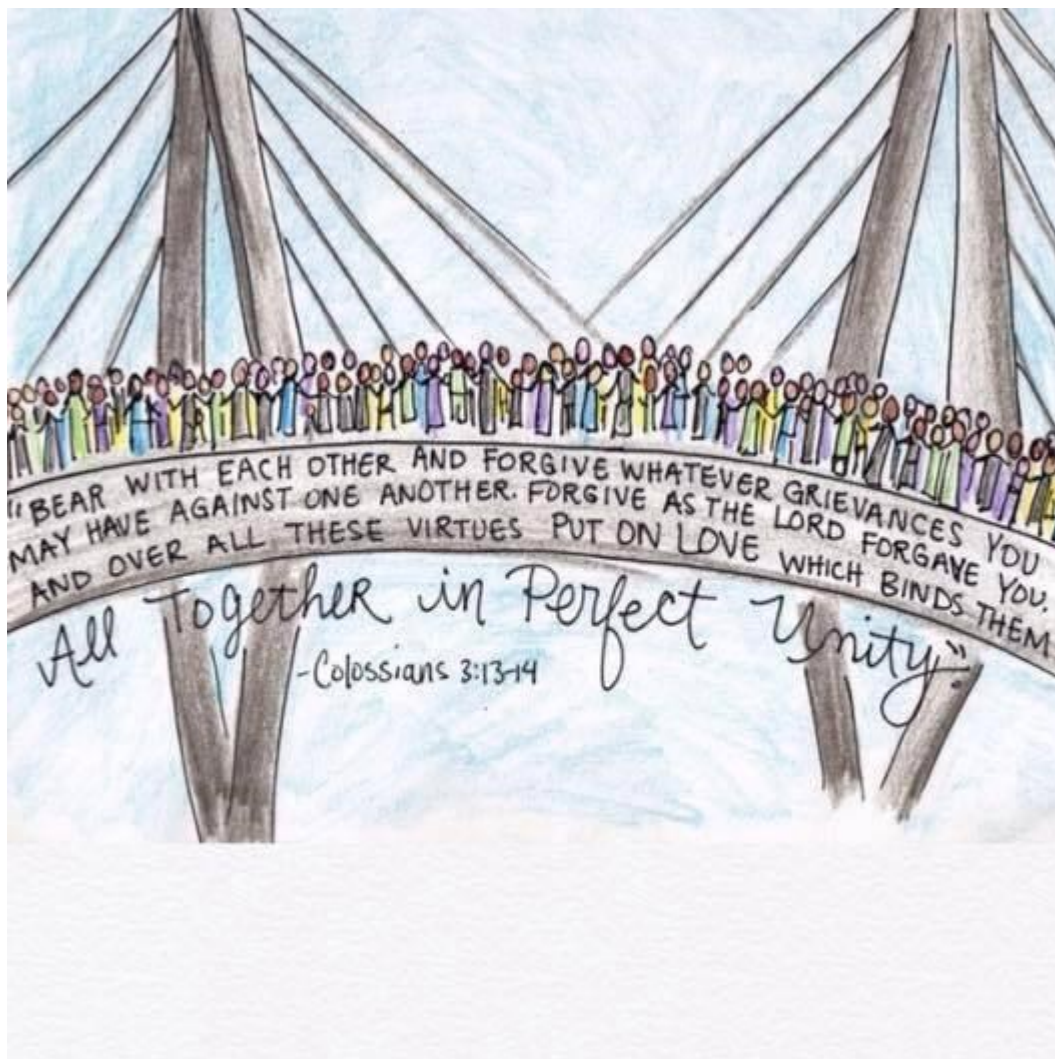
We invite any and all adults to our weekly Bible Study and Sunday Faith Alive offerings. Join in one or more to learn more about how we Lutheran Christians live out our faith in our daily lives.

- 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 the Book of Acts. All women are welcome!
- Tuesday Evening Bible Study has begun its study of The New Testament. 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 inbox.



Preschool & Afterschool Care News

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello to you and a Happy and Hot Summer!

The heat, water play and the smell of sunscreen are making it evident that summer is no longer "approaching" but has certainly arrived! We are in "Full Swing" with summer activities.

We had a wonderful time at SPARK CAMP! We shared games, songs, stories and the joy of the Spirit.

We are looking forward to our field trips out in the community. The children will have the opportunity to experience going to the movies, visiting the community parks, bowling, the library and many more.

We celebrated International Mud Day on Monday June 29th! The children and staff were able to play, create, indulge and experience mud. The joys of watching others being in touch with Gods creation is a beautiful thing to see. Here is the link to the article on why mud play is an important and vital part of being young (and young at heart) <http://goo.gl/kdtNPt>

Remember to stay cool, wear your sunscreen and drink plenty of water..... and....if you have the chance, PLAY IN THE MUD ;-)

WITH LOVE, 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 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

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 story. 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.

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.*





Pixar's newest film, [Inside Out](#), tells the story of 11-year-old Riley and her difficulty dealing with a family move to San Francisco. The film is getting a lot of attention for its depiction of emotion and memory. In some respects, the movie captures the science behind memory and emotion really well, such as how remembering past events can [regulate emotion](#). But in others, it's not quite accurate. Either way, it does make me ponder how each

of us work daily on creating memories and seeing God as a part of those memories every day, even if we don't think so. Taking a moment though to see Jesus in each moment can help us walk as disciples of Jesus.

Memories allow us to mentally time travel and to relive the past in the present. The character of Joy frequently recalls past memories of pleasant events in order to make Riley happy in the moment. The relationship between sleep and memory is also portrayed well. Sleep is presented as a time for moving the day's memories into long-term storage. We know that [sleep is an active part of the consolidation process](#) which makes memories of all types more durable. And, dreams are shown to comprise components of the days' events, only distorted and with the addition of fantastical and absurd elements. This seems to reflect how our minds consolidate memories and make sense of what we learn. Visit this link to read more....<http://gizmodo.com/does-pixar-s-inside-out-show-how-memory-actually-works-1713567044>

Come create memories with Jesus every Sunday!

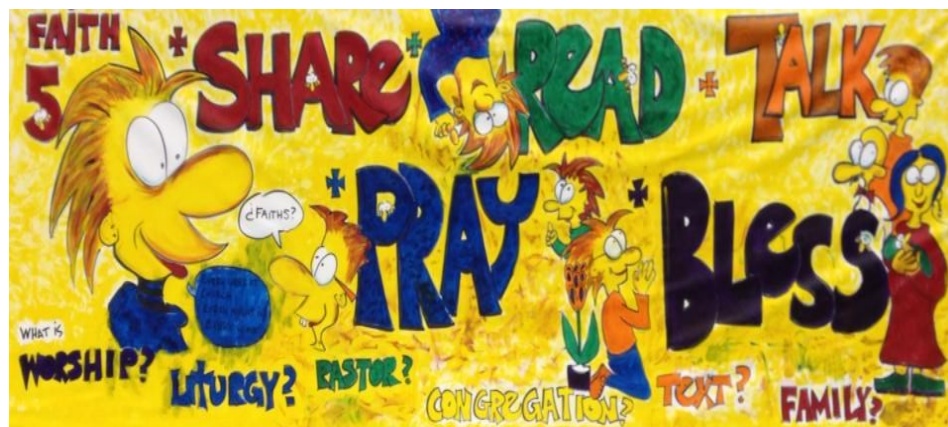
Sunday Worship at 815am and 1045am.

Summer God Stories in the fellowship hall at 930am!



If you would like to watch a family do all 5 steps and see how EASY it is, please visit this link: <http://faith5.org/about/>. [SHARE](#) your highs and lows. [READ](#) a Bible verse. [TALK](#) about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows. [PRAY](#) for one another's highs and lows. [BLESS](#) one another (God blesses you always! +)

F a i t h 5 I n T h e H o m e t h a t o n l y t a k e s 5 m i n u t e s!





"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 children's lives.

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



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: _____

All Proceeds are used to fund Youth events throughout the year

Grateful ^{to be} Faithful

A FAITH5 Devotion Guide

The good news is that God goes with us. So this summer while you're pitching a tent or catching a plane, splashing on the beach or climbing a mountain, take along the simple steps of FAITH5 (Faith Acts In The Home) as you travel. Be reminded at the end of each July day (no matter where you'll be sleeping!) of God's presence in your life and that you are called to spread God's great love. 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 travel-themed verses of scripture found on the other side of this sheet, pray and end by blessing each other, with a cross traced on the forehead and words like "May you know God's great big love is with you wherever you go."

"I haven't been everywhere, but it's on my list."

—Susan Sontag



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	Psalms 121:8
2	Isaiah 6:8
3	Genesis 12:1-2
4	Psalms 22:11
5	Psalms 22:19-21
6	Mark 6:7
7	Ezekiel 2:2
8	Proverbs 16:9
9	Luke 10:37
10	Exodus 13:21
11	Psalms 22:22
12	Isaiah 43:2
13	Psalms 85:8
14	Ruth 1:16
15	Psalms 119:105
16	Mark 1:39
17	Isaiah 55:12
18	Mark 6:34
19	Mark 6:56
20	Psalms 22:24
21	Mark 8:27
22	Luke 8:1
23	Matthew 10:16
24	Matthew 2:9
25	Psalms 22:26
26	Psalms 22:29
27	Psalms 139:9-10
28	Luke 24:13-15
29	Acts 8:30-31
30	Deuteronomy 31:8
31	Mark 16:15



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:

Summer God Stories at 930am every Sunday!

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?*

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!

Summer God Stories at 930am every Sunday!

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?*

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

7TH-12TH Youth Group Events:

Summer God Stories at 930am every Sunday!

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?*

****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/>**

Contact 7th-12th gr Leader Adam Woodruff (nccwoody@hotmail.com).



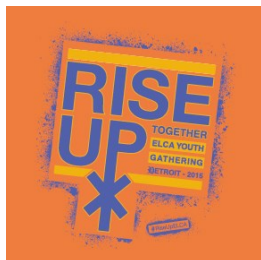
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ATTENTION YOUTH:

If any of our young people are in need of "Extracurricular Community Service Hours" for school or activity groups, Mrs. Lexanne is always in need of help with crafty projects and getting things ready for Sunday school and youth group. So please contact her! lexanne@livingspringscolumbia.org.

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

**We have 6 Youth and 3 Adults
going to Detroit!**



**Join us for worship on Sunday, July 19th at 830am and 930am.
We will live stream our worship service at 930am with the NYG
youth and adults from all over the nation.**

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton: "Come to Detroit expecting to be changed"

"I want you to come to Detroit expecting to be changed, expecting to have an encounter with the Holy Spirit, expecting to be changed by the people of Detroit." [Click here](#) to hear more from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton in these final weeks as we prepare to go to Detroit to *Rise Up Together!*



An orientation to the Gathering



The Community Life Team wants to help you learn more about what is going to happen at the Gathering. So they created a video featuring their animated national spokesperson, D Wayne, who wants to help you learn what will happen during your time in Detroit. [Click here](#) to see the video. The Community Life Team looks forward to serving alongside you in Detroit. Let's *Rise Up Together!*

Diapers for Detroiters

On average a newborn goes through eight to 10 diapers a day, a cost that can add up to \$100 a month for one baby. For people who are poor that cost is out of reach. Too often they have to choose between diapers and food. To help families with children, one of the in-kind items the Gathering is collecting for Detroit is diapers — lots and lots of diapers.

Starfish Family Services, a Gathering partner, will work with Detroit-area agencies to make sure the diapers are distributed to agencies that serve children. The impact of this collection will hopefully continue well after the Gathering. Pam Lincoln from Starfish, who is helping organize the diaper project, said, "Because of the ELCA, community members have decided to resurrect the Detroit Diaper Bank. Your event will jump-start that initiative!"

The Metro Detroit Diaper Bank will house the diapers so babies can be healthy for months after the collection. The hope is that the Gathering's efforts will create a spark in the community for people to continue donating diapers to share with Detroiters. As you are getting ready for the Gathering, remember to bring diapers!

[Learn more](#) about the Gathering's in-kind donations

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

July 1	Jim Grimmer	July 22	Kathy Brennan
July 2	Nancy Faulisi		Ben Buchanan
	Judy Jordan	July 23	Kari Arnold
July 4	Brianna Hinchee		Christopher Hinchee
	Blake Lindstedt	July 24	Jane Evans
July 5	Delores Harmon	July 25	Greyson Fakoury
July 7	Gail Buchanan	July 27	Jan Schmidt
	Jake Jacobs		Jordan Shaver
July 12	♥ Todd & Midge Gunvalson	July 28	Sally Catoe
July 14	David Cox		♥ Jeff & Pat Brouwer
	Abbie Zvejnieks		♥ Ryan & Kristen Harmon
July 16	Catherine Fulkerson	July 29	Logan Mancuso
	♥ Weston & Vickie Crapps		
July 18	Al Jordan		
	Evan Turnmire		



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!

July 1	Colleen Franks
	Lisa Haskins
July 3	Lauren Bloss
July 4	Melissa Lindstedt
July 11	Kris Kenline
July 14	McKenna Allmann
July 15	Abigail Fox
July 18	Beverly Hoppert
July 21	Audrey Turnmire
July 27	Caroline Moore
July 28	Judy Jordan
July 30	Gracen Tilton



July 2015

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	6 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Worship Team	7 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Adult Bible Study	8 930 PSC Chapel	9 7P Lifelong Discipleship	10	11 5:30P Family Promise
12 Membership Sunday Youth Gathering Blessing 6P Time of Conversation & Prayer	13 10A Staff Meeting 1030A Meals on Wheels 1245P Zumba 7P Executive	14 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Finance 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Facilities	15 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba	16 7P Council	17	18
19 8:15A Worship 9:30A Worship Televised Live From Youth Gathering in Detroit (no 1045A)	20 1030A Meals on Wheels	21 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Adult Bible Study	22 930 PSC Chapel	23 6P Preschool Board Planning Session	24	25 8A Men's Breakfast
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26 1045 - Baptism Graham Sheldon	27 1030A Meals on Wheels	28 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Adult Bible Study	29 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba	30	31	
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Worship Assistant Schedule – July 2015

	Assisting Minister	Lector	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torchbearers	Counters	Children's Sermon	Council Person		
7/5	Katherine Wollpert	Sarah Schultz	Gwen Furcron Helen	Peter Moore	Herb & Gwen Brantley	Caroline Moore	Jim Zieche			Adam Woodruff	Gwen Furcron		
7/5	Steve Padgett	Anne Ducate	Gail Buchanan Anne Ducate	Rocky Berger Randy Masad Cindy Day Jeff Day	Julie Tenhover	Austin Padgett	Pat Barucca	Alison Levitt Andrew Levitt	Gwen Furcron LC Karen Kranz Wendy McKenzie	Adam Woodruff	Aaron Smith		
7/12	Sandra Dixon	Peg Zieche	Bill Franck Ashley Ramsey	Jim Zieche Karen Kranz	Sadonia Grimmer	Anna Leigh Graves	Lexanne Graves			Lexanne Graves	Bill Franck		
7/12	Mike Davidson	Pat Barucca	Audrey Turmirre Courtney Murray	Austin Padgett Steve Padgett Karlene Stuart Laura Stuart	Leslie & Lauren Bloss	Walker Flores	Jeff Day	Trish Davidson Brantley Smith	Ed Brennan LC Adam Woodruff Angie Dyches	Lexanne Graves	Ed Brennan		
7/19	Jen Necker	Conn Wiggins	Sally Moore Herb Brantley	Peg Fox Bill Fox	Patricia Brouwer	Ben Arnold	Karen Kranz			Bob Gill	Scott Graves		
7/19	Adam Woodruff	Dea Jones	Kathryn Padgett Brantley Smith	Steve Bloss Audrey Turmirre Bob Turmirre Mike Davidson	Melissa Lindstedt	Collin Flores	Ed Brennan	Jeanette Bloss Brenda Grohman	Mark Stuart LC Mike Davidson Brantley Smith	Bob Gill	Mark Stuart		
7/26	Jan Berger	Katherine Wollpert	Helen Doeringhaus Bob Gill	Gwen Furcron Herb Brantley	Jan Schmidt	Connor Kibourne	Jan Schmidt			Laura Turmirre	Rocky Berger		
7/26	Jan Berger	Bob Gabbard	Laura Turmirre Steve Bloss	Marshall Hurlbert Dylan Horan Chris Horan Leslie Bloss	Pat Barucca	Julie Tenhover	Andrew Levitt	Audrey Turmirre Sara Levitt	Bob Turmirre LC Marshall Hurlbert Steve Padgett	Laura Turmirre	Bob Turmirre		
7/5	Care Meals		Flowers		Muggers		Nursery (10-45)		Refreshments			Altar Guild	
7/5			Herb Brantley	Sadonia Grimmer	Misty O'Donnell	n/a	n/a	n/a					
7/12			Katherine Wollpert	Charles & Irene Tracy	Melissa Lindstedt	n/a	n/a			July			
7/19			Laura Turmirre	Cathy Lowman	Angie Dyches +	n/a	n/a			Gail Buchanan			
7/26			Judy Lawrence	Gwen Furcron	Jenny Skipper	n/a	n/a						

+Julia Tenhover (helper)

(Changes)

7/19: live stream of the 2015 Youth Gathering worship service.

Go to SignUp Genius to see/sign up for August and September Worship Assistant roles: <http://goo.gl/SFzc5Q>

A New Road

A **New Road \$3** offers a weekend of support for women and men who have been widowed within the last three years. Participants attending will

- receive support as they hear the stories of team members who are farther along on the grief journey.
- replenish emotional energies through devotional periods and opportunities for spiritual growth.
- receive informative grief coping skills and legal guidance from professional presenters.

A **New Road 33** will be held at Camp Kinard. Registration will begin at 4:30 on October 2, with dinner at 6:00. The seminar will conclude on Sunday, October 4 with lunch at 12:30. Come and join others who are walking *A New Road*.

Weekend Details

- The first thirty registrants will stay in the lodge with linens furnished. Other registrants will be housed in cottages, and must provide their own linens.
- The dress is casual (slacks, skirts, walking shoes, etc.). Lovely walking paths are available.
- A registered nurse will be available. Please advise us if you need any medical assistance.
- Registration fee of \$50.00 due by September 1. Early registration assures a place. Space is limited.
- Balance of \$100.00 should be paid on October 2. Please make checks payable to **A New Road**.
- Scholarships are available.
- We can arrange to meet flights into the Columbia Metropolitan Airport.

What New Road Companions Are Saying!

When my husband died (1989) I attended *A New Road 7*. Upon arrival I was met by a very caring staff and team ready to walk with me on my *New Road*. I knew then that I wanted to be a part of this ministry to help others on their grief journey. It has been my blessing to serve on every team (8-13) since my first *New Road*.
Carolyn Torrence
Little Mountain, SC

A New Road 32 made a difference in my life. I feel joy again. It feels alright to smile and laugh even with this hole in my heart. I know that God is not done with me yet.
John Sopomaki
Irmo, SC

While at *A New Road 1* began to see and feel the transition in others as well as myself. All the sessions were very relevant and I feel I have a band of new friends who know and understand.
James Ann Lynch Shelby
BlytheWOOD, SC

At *A New Road*, each and every person I met touched a place in my heart that needed healing. I truly feel like a new person.
Vivi Caughman
Lexington, SC

When I arrived at *New Road #18*, I had high expectations and was looking for ways to cope with the loss of my husband. As the weekend unfolded, every one of my expectations was met and exceeded. I felt so blessed, cared for and affirmed. It truly was a special time.
Marla Jacobson Blasser
Kenmore, WA

I have pondered often since I left you at *A New Road*. Thank you for so much, but most of all for courage. The love that was so evident was also a big gift.
Sally Maynard
Richmond, VA

It is 20 years since my wife, Marjula, went to Heaven. I will always be thankful for the help you gave me. My prayers are with you all.
Bernie Hoffman
Macon, GA

Topics

- Survival Skills
- Panel of adults / Panel of young adult children
- What now with my life?
- Taking care of self
- Preparing for the holidays
- What about dating? Remarriage?

We don't have all the answers, but we are field-tested.

Presenters include:

Jane & Craig Duensting
Songs for the Journey

The Reverend Tommy L. Linberger, Jr.
The Healing Element of Sharing Our Stories

Ruth Strati Ellis, LMSW, ACSW, LISW-CP
Keys to Coping for Adults and Children

Matthew J. Myers, attorney
Wills, Trusts, Probate

James E. Caulder
*Informed Decisions, Inc.
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Words From Our Leaders

While I was driving out to Camp Kinard for my first experience with *A New Road* grief support weekend I kept wondering, "Why did I agree to serve as one of the pastors for the weekend? Isn't there more than enough grief and sadness in my parish?" I strongly recommend *A New Road* seminar experience to pastors and congregations throughout our synod. It is the most helpful model of grief support that I have experienced.
The Reverend Dr. Herman Yoos
Bishop, SC Synod - ELCA

I am intrigued by the whole-person character of *A New Road* ministry. I hope that its style and warm spirit may be replicated in centers throughout our country!
The late Reverend Granger E. Westberg
Author of *Good Grief*

A New Road is by far the best design for a grief support group that I have encountered. It is a truly life transforming, faith affirming, ministry equipping experience.
The Reverend Dr. Tony Everett
Associate Professor of Pastoral Care, retired
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

What an incredible blessing it is to be among a group of people whom God has brought together for such a powerful purpose. I was reminded that the loving arms that God wraps around His grieving children are your arms and mine.
The Reverend James E. Laurence, Pastor
St. David's Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC

A New Road must have whatever is needed for a long and blessed future. I have been richly blessed to be a part of this ministry.
The late Reverend Dr. R. Wright Speers
President Emeritus, Columbia College

In my 50 years of pastoral ministry I have never known a more therapeutic and practical program for bereaved persons.
The Reverend Joseph W. Holt, retired
Southeastern Lutheran Synod

Click above for a PDF flyer with registration form or go to www.anewroadtogriefrecovery.com.

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