



Living Springs Lutheran Church

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



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The Beginning of the Good News - This Month from Pastor Eric



This past month, the people of Living Springs (along with many other congregations like us across the church) made it possible for our youth to be part of a marvelous life-enriching, city-transforming, hope-sharing event. Through your offerings of love, the disciples and youth of Living Springs also made it possible for an amazing 8092 diapers to be given to 3-year-olds in the impoverished regions of Detroit! On **Wednesday, August 12**, our Youth will be sharing their experiences at the Shareholders Thank-You Supper—and we look forward to being together with everyone to celebrate their experience!

When it comes to our youth gatherings, there is always much attention given to the activities, events, servant projects, music, speakers—but what often goes unnoticed is the amount of time and energy devoted to Scriptural themes and the life-empowering message of God’s word for our young disciples. As 30,00 Lutheran youth and leaders assembled in Detroit, the gospel of Mark stood at the centerpiece of our time together. Separate days focused on Proclaiming Justice, Proclaiming Community, and Proclaiming Story—all

under the over-arching theme of being called to “Rise Up Together” in the name of Christ to “Bear Burdens, Build Bridges, Break Chains, and Bring Hope.” Key Markan passages were: Mark 2:1-12 (healing of paralytic); Mark 6:30-44 (feeding of 5000); Mark 6:47-51 (Jesus walking on water); Mark 15:33-39 (the cross); and Mark 16:1-8 (Jesus’ Resurrection) - all within a huge focus on the very first verse of Mark’s Gospel: “The beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God!” (Mark 1:1).

As many of you from Bible Study will remember, this first verse acts as a summary title for all that follows in Mark’s Gospel—the point being that everything the gospel tells us about Jesus is *only the beginning* of the Good News. Our own stories of faith and life are part of God’s ongoing story of Good News for this world. The Good News of Jesus continues to unfold in new and miraculous ways still 2000 years later, because Jesus is alive and has sent the Holy Spirit to work in and through all those who have been baptized into Christ and marked with the cross!

Because of the living Lord Jesus, our own stories of faith and life are part of God’s ongoing story of Good News for this world!

The Good News story of Jesus certainly continued in Detroit last month as young disciples rose up together to bear burdens, build bridges, break chains, and bring hope. But the Good News story of Jesus also continued in Charleston, SC this summer as disciples offered truly amazing forgiveness in the aftermath of a horrible act of hatred and violence. The Good News story of Jesus continued this summer in Columbia as youth & adults from area Lutheran congregations joined together in the GraceWorks event to bring hope to homeless persons, elderly individuals, autistic children, disabled veterans, and more. The Good News story of Jesus continued here at Living

Springs this summer through dozens of children and youth who participated in SPARK camp. The Good News story of Jesus continued in the NC mountains through youth who shared the power of Christ at Lutheridge and Lutherock. The Good News story of Jesus continued in living rooms where Living Springs disciples gathered to share Disciple Stories and Spirit-Tugs at cottage gatherings (a make-up gathering will be held on August 30 for those who could not attend in June). The list goes on and on ...

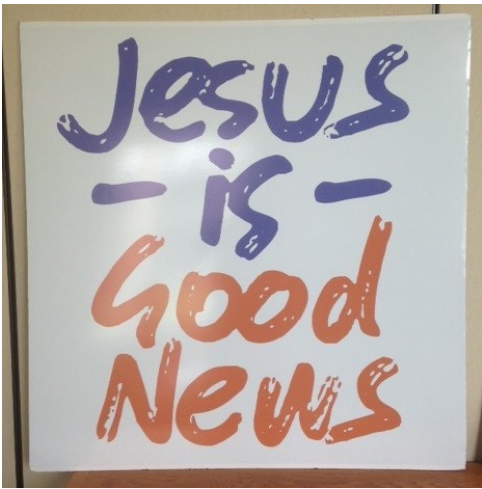
As we move into August, I am excited about the many ways the Spirit is tugging in disciples’ hearts to be part of the continuing Good News story of Jesus. **Rally Day on August 23** will kick off our next **Faith Alive! Sunday School year**—and it will also introduce the new **Adult Faith Milestones** emphasis from our Lifelong Discipleship Team (the first two offerings of which will focus on Deepening our Core Relationships—a fall series on “**Deepening our Relationship with God through Prayer,**” and a **fall event for couples** of all ages & stages to deepen their relationships). Growing out of our “Time of Prayer & Conversation” on July 12, a group of Living Springs disciples is emerging to plan next steps in efforts at further **breaking down barriers of race and ethnicity** (if you have a Spirit-Tug to be part of this, please let me know). Plans are taking shape for a big “**God’s Work, Our Hands**” weekend in September, with a stuff-a-bus campaign for our Backpack food ministry at area grocery stores, and another Old-Fashioned Sunday meal for the residents of Epworth Children’s Home and other agencies. **Parents’ Gatherings** are being planned to develop next strategies for our 3 youth groups and build on the energy coming out of this summer’s youth experiences. The annual **School Supply Drive**

As disciples, we continue the Good News Story of Jesus.

We rise up together to:

- **Bear Burdens**
- **Build Bridges**
- **Break Chains**
- **Bring Hope**

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



and **Blessing of Bookbags** will allow us to highlight the continuing story of Jesus' Good News in the lives of our own students and those students in need from the surrounding community. And the arrival of **Vicar Marty Wagner**, as our first full-time seminary intern in several years, will lead us to new ventures of continuing the Good News Story of Jesus here in this community of disciples (we give thanks to God for the seminary grant which made this partnership possible)!

At "Proclaim Story" Day in Detroit, over 500 youth and leaders from SC gathered for worship and learning—and throughout the afternoon, all those voices could be heard together repeatedly echoing the cheer, "Jesus is Good News! Jesus is Good News! Jesus is Good News!" As we move into the fall, there is so much that society entices us to cheer about, but let us never forget that as disciples, we are continuing to live out the greatest Good News of hope and light that humanity has ever known. Each and every day,

may our lives and all that we share here in this community of disciples become a living cheer echoing throughout the streets and halls of wherever we go, "Jesus is Good News!"

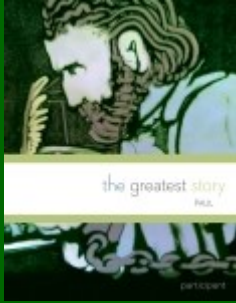
With prayers that that the Good News of Jesus will resound in your heart always, *Pastor Eric*

- Vicar Marty's First Sunday - August 2
(Welcome and Installation on August 16)
- Youth Shareholders Meal - August 12
- School Supply Drive - thru August 16
- Blessing of Bookbags - August 16
- Living Springs Rally Day - August 23
- Cottage Gathering Make-Up - August 30
- Synod Reconciliation Event #1 - August 30
(Midlands screening of movie, "Selma")
- GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS!**
- Stuff-a-Bus for Backpack Ministry - Sept. 12
- Meal for Children's Home & Others - Sept. 13

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY—6:45 PM
Resumes August 23

"The Greatest Story—Paul"
Led by Pastor Eric
DVD with award-winning sand artist, Joe Catillo

Sign up in the admin building to pre-order your book. Cost \$15.



Meet Our New Vicar - Marty Wagner

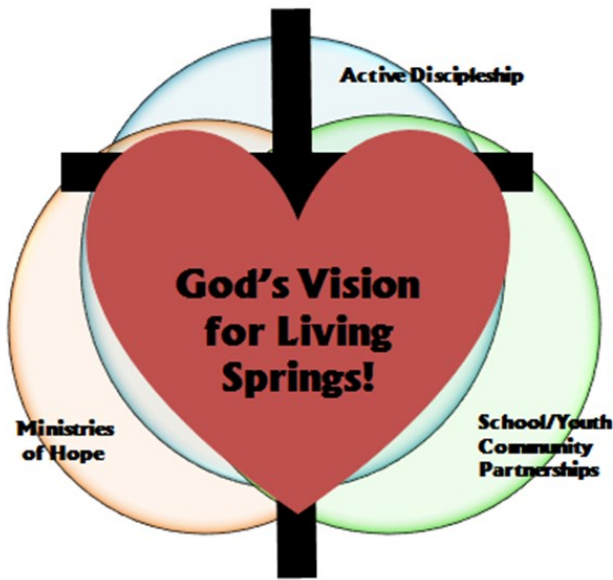
Greetings from Marty and Ron Wagner! We are from Jacksonville Florida where we lived for the past 20 years before Marty came to seminary. We have 3 grown children, and 5 grandchildren. Ron enjoys metal detecting, reading, and playing chess. Marty enjoys reading, biking, and kayaking. Marty says, "I am 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 & Ron to Living Springs Lutheran Church!



Over 370 Spirit-Tugs Shared in our Latest Round of Cottage Gatherings!
(see numbers below—at right of each Spirit-Tug vision)



**Alternate
 Cottage Gathering
 Sunday, August 30
 9:30-10:30
 in fellowship hall**

**For anyone not able to participate in our
 most recent round of cottage gatherings**

**A Vision for...
 ACTIVE DISCIPLESHIP**

- D1. Daily life ministry – discipleship lived out in everyday situations 19
- D2. Lifelong equipping of faith (education, Bible study, faith in homes) 14
- D3. Disciple partners/groups/networks (for men, women, families, etc.) 9
- D4. Pervasive culture of prayer in our congregation & our homes 18
- D5. Worship as Core (Word & Sacrament) - variety of opportunities/styles 15
- D6. Expanded music ministry - various forms for all ages 14
- D7. Christ's caring presence for each other in the family of faith 21
- D8. Fellowship events & communications to build relationships 12

- H1. Hope Team - children and youth in need or alone 23
- H2. Hope Team - homeless 17
- H3. Hope Team - veterans, military & families 15
- H4. Hope Team - hospitals, care facilities, those who suffer 17
- H5. Hope Team - food and clothing ministries 34
- H6. Grace & Inner Peace - struggles with the stress of life 11
- H7. Grace & Inner Peace - God's forgiveness 14
- H8. Grace & Inner Peace - healing ministries 10
- H9. Grace & Inner Peace - for all who feel alone in life 13
- H10. Grace & Inner Peace - specific life crises (grief, divorce, other) 11
- H11. Hope Awareness - sharing our Lutheran identity of grace 12
- H12. Hope Awareness - sharing our exciting LS ministry & mission 9

**A Vision for...
 MINISTRIES OF HOPE**

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

- P1. Public events for congregation, preschool, community, families 12
- P2. Extending Milestones to preschool, community youth, etc. 13
- P3. Music ministry for preschool and youth 6
- P4. Building relationships of faith among preschool/congregation 10
- P5. Life-transforming experiences for youth 13



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

Disciple Dot Stories & Spirit Tugs



While having lunch at Cracker Barrel the other day, I noticed three young men, approximately in their 20's, occasionally looking over at me. When I had finished with my meal, I asked the server for my bill. She told me that someone had paid for it. The Spirit led me to walk over to the table of the young men and ask them if it were them that paid for my bill. They said it was them and that they wanted me to have a blessed day! The Holy Spirit does move in mysterious ways!

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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.

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I met my neighbor by way of the Holy Spirit. We began to speak to one another as we passed each other a few times a week. As time went by, I noticed he was grocery shopping alone, walking from the store, pulling a cart behind. The Spirit showed me that I might be able to help him save a little money, IF we went to a less expense grocery store. He agreed and was very willing to do this. So the beginning the next month we went to every one's favorite store to shop and have continued to do so for the past few years. I enjoy our companionship and have learned much from this man! This past Sunday, he asked that I take him to the emergency room. I spent 6 hours with him until I could get ahold of his family. I ask myself why wasn't his family there. Where were they on holidays and birthdays after all he is 86 years young? Then I realized, I was there. After moving to a new place, knowing not a soul, having no reason for a day to day commitment I found reason. Thanks James and thanks be to God.

SHARE YOUR DISCIPLE DOT STORY

Has God worked a disciple moment through you or someone else during the week? Pick up a disciple-dot story slip from the narthex table 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.



Our thanks go out to the Spark Middle and High Schoolers. You brightened our Mother, Miriam's day with your visit to the Rice Estate this week. She was so appreciative and loved the singing of her favorite, "Amazing Grace." Mom has been at The Rice for a few months in rehab, and has had a few set backs. Your visit, with care and love in your hearts, was a Bright Disciple Dot Moment for her.

Jeff, Cindy, David and Annie and Craig and Sandy Day

Thanks for all the prayers and cards during my surgery and recovery. Also thanks to the ladies that made the lovely prayer shawl. Jeanette Bloss

Dear all that gather at Living Springs,
On behalf of the SC Synod, I want to thank you for the gift of the Faith Chest. It was a perfect retirement gift for Pastor Mel Amundson! We gathered lots of notes from those who attended this year's assembly with words of thanks for his ministry and placed those in the chest along with an engraved plaque. Thank you for making this Faith Chest and so generously giving it to the synod.

God At Work Through Living Springs

Children's Message

This was the Children's Message from the Campfirmation/Pioneer Camp send off service. All the shirts are from an event in which Jesus goes with us!!!



Even kids at heart join in for the Children's Message!



TELS

Traveling Evangelists of Living Springs

What a great trip last month to the Orchid Farm and Newberry College

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, beverlyhoppert@gmail.com for information.



Rice Estate Dinner



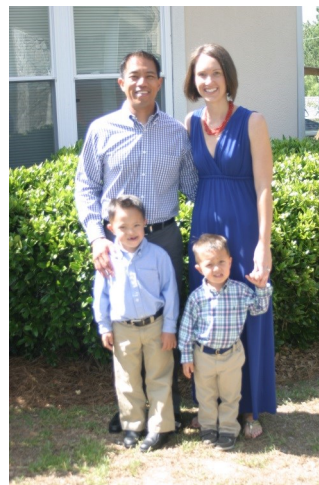
Living Springs hosted a meal and activities for the Family Promise families that were staying at Trinity UMC in Blythewood the week of July 5. Look for upcoming announcements if you'd like to help with next meal.



New Members



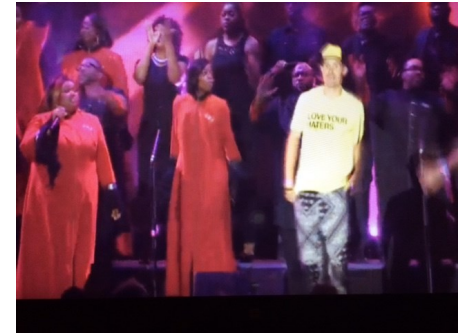
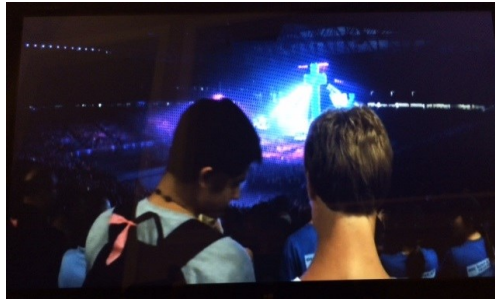
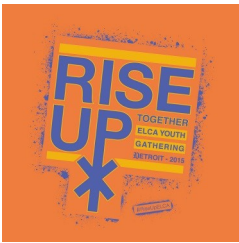
Mike & Sue Loveless



Jason, Emily, Jacob, & Aiden Villaflor

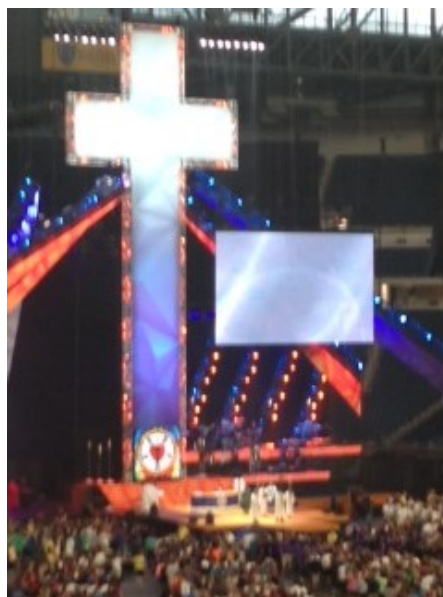
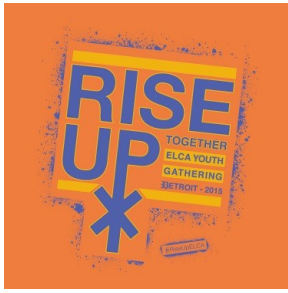


Graham Sheldon Baptized July 26th



Highlights from the ELCA National Youth Gathering
 Facebook post from Laura Dunklin from 7/16: We built framing that will go to four habitat houses in the Detroit area! Made some great campus ministry connections for our college-bound seniors as well! Some of us met Bishop Eaton earlier today too! Busy day!! And all that was just in one day! See what they did for the rest:





Council Clips

Ministry Reports - July 16, 2015 Meeting

Council Devotions: "Evangelism without Additives" Ch. 7 – Do what is doable

We often set our sights too big! We need to instead focus on the small things that we are doable in our lives.

Remember the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000? His disciples gathered what they could and Jesus took it and made it enough for everyone! You just need to do the little things and Jesus will take it from there. Practice the rule of 10% - a 10% increase in your spiritual practice will provide multiple dividends.

Challenge: Do the small things- set a realistic goal to help someone get closer to Jesus.

Council Actions:

- ✠ Motion made to approve the appointment of Gail Buchanan, Sally Catoe, Jeff Day, Austin Padgett, Steve Padgett, and Peg Zieche to the Internship committee. Motion carried.
- ✠ Motion made from the Facilities committee to accept the proposal to build the hinged door divider for the kitchen window. Motion carries.

God was among us:

- ✠ At a truly Empowering Service of Prayer & Conversation here at LS, in the still unfolding grace that the Spirit is bringing in the aftermath of the Emmanuel tragedy – and Spirit-tugs that are materializing at LS to see how they efforts of reconciliation may continue to unfold in the future.
- ✠ Through the joy and honor of installing Laura Stuart as our 3rd SC Synod Council member from LS.
- ✠ Through joy and laughter among Rice Estate residents at our LS mid-summer Rice Estate supper.
- ✠ In the eyes and hearts of 2 transitional homeless families who came with their children to share in our Family Promise meal.
- ✠ Through our LS disciples who generously gave to our Youth Diaper Project – enabling our LS Youth to donate \$1200 in diapers for the children and senior adults of impoverished areas in Detroit.
- ✠ While hearts were moved and eyes were teary as disciples shared amazing Summer Faith Music Moments.
- ✠ With willing volunteers who showed up on consecutive Tuesdays and Thursdays to be available for children who need summer food.
- ✠ When LS disciples responded to a Helping Hands alert, bringing in blankets and household items.
- ✠ While Disciples Helping Disciples worked on hot summer days to help fellow church members in need.
- ✠ Through the joy of welcoming two new families into our LS membership: the Villaflors and Lovelesses.
- ✠ While the Lifelong Discipleship team lays groundwork for fall kickoff of our new multi-faceted Adult Milestone series.

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:

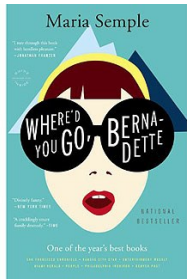
- ✠ In the Youth who reached out to our MOW recipients, Rice Estate, homebound, and homeless people to bring God's love to all.
- ✠ In the caravanning of kids up to Lutheridge for Campfirmation and Pioneer Camp. Everyone's prayerful and financial support of this unique opportunity will have long lasting impact on the lives of these children.

The Spirit was...

- ✠ ALIVE in over 80 disciples at SPARK Your Faith Camp! It was so amazing to see many community children return to our camp and say "We look forward to this every summer!"
- ✠ NUDGING Mark Cunningham (from our Food Ministry) to play the piano at our SPARK Your Faith opening worship! Then our music team grew as Bob Gill and Janet Bate joined us as well! It was a great opportunity to cross generations and praise God together!
- ✠ BREATHING into the youth and adults who participated in GRACEWORKS! What a great week of serving others, being humble, listening to each other and proclaiming Jesus' love!
- ✠ ALIVE in our outdoor worship service as children of all ages stepped out of their comfort zones to participate in our special Children's Message and our communion blessing of being told we are each magnificent!
- ✠ MOVING as LS volunteers embraced ALL children who are all unique at SPARK Your Faith Camp.
- ✠ BREATHING into our Preschool children and sparking all kinds of deep spiritual questions on the first Wednesday we were able to gather in the Sanctuary for Chapel (a huge thanks to all involved who made that possible!).



Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs



LADIES BOOK CLUB Monday, August 3

On Monday, August 3 @ 7 pm we will meet to discuss our current book read – *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* by Maria Semple at Peg Zieche's – 745 Long Pointe La. (in Lake Carolina) 497-3239. On Monday, October 5 at 7 pm, Gail Buchanan will host at 140 Stephanie La. Ridgeway 29130 Ph: 754-8428 with discussion on *A land more kind than home* by Wiley Cash. The book club is open to all – the more ladies we have, the better the discussion! Refreshments will be provided. Contact Karen Kranz for information.

CALENDAR PLANNING MEETING Sunday, August 16

All current committee leaders and group heads, please attend our important meeting on August 16 at 4:00. We will place major dates on the calendar through July, 2016!



TELS (TRAVELING EVANGELS OF LIVING SPRINGS) Thursday, August 20 & Friday, September 4



The TELS group is taking a historic walking & tasting tour in the Vista on Friday, September 4 (4 to 6:30 pm). The cost is \$30 each + \$5 for transportation - The bus will leave Living Springs around 3 pm. All restaurants will be in close proximity, so total walking distance will be under a mile. There is a sign-up sheet in the administration building or contact [Beverly Hoppert](#) for information.

For August, there is still room to sign up for Laura's Tearoom in Ridgeway – Thursday, August 20 (Bus will leave Living Springs at 10:30 am).

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

Sunday, September 13 at noon right after our 10:45 service, our mission vision work is continuing to be fulfilled. This day we will welcome strangers and open our hearts to serve an Old Fashioned Sunday Dinner to homeless, vets, women & children in shelters, seniors, Meals on Wheels clients, and our campus ministry youth. The areas that we need volunteers for are: set-up & clean-up, cooking, serving, driving the bus & personal transportation and of course...baking desserts! After serving the meal, volunteers will sit down and break bread with these people and share how God works in our lives. There is a sign-up sheet in the administration building and there will also be a message sent out for you to sign up online. For information, contact [Karen Kranz](#).

**God's work.
Our hands.**

STUFF-A-BUS



As part of the "God's work. Our hands." community service day, one of the preschool buses will be situated out front for the week of Sept. 6. On Saturday, Sept. 12 (9 am to 1 pm), all three buses will be sitting in supermarket parking lots (locations TBD). A list of items for our backpack program will be handed out, collected, and sorted to be blessed on Sunday. There is an opportunity for everyone to pour yourself out most freely to others because Christ's life is overflowing in you!

PENCILS, PENS, & PAPER – OH MY!!!

Is it time to think about school already!!!!? Ministries of Hope will begin collecting school supplies to be donated to four schools within Richland District 2. A collection box will be in the narthex (book bags, No. 2 pencils, erasers, glue sticks, crayons, dry erase markers, hand sanitizer, composition books, wide-ruled notebook paper, colored pencils) for you to drop off your donations. Donations will be accepted August 2 through August 16 (school starts August 19). We thank you in advance for your willingness to help the less fortunate children in our community. 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



It's time to start gearing up for the 2015-2016 backpack program! During the month of August, let's strive to fill our backpack pantry, so we can get a head start on September. I am guessing we will start the first or second week in September – the social workers need to assess who will be receiving the meals and need a couple of weeks to put that all together. In addition, the Stuff-a-Bus project, as a part of God's work. Our hands., will be collecting food items for the backpacks program. There has been a decline in donations this last year – just one or two extra items when you do your shopping will do the trick. Thank you to everyone who supports this wonderful ministry of hope!! Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information.

LIVING SPRINGS PEW BEAR MINISTRY

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



LIVING SPRINGS CAR MAGNETS



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

HELPING HANDS!!

Currently there are about 450 students a week getting a backpack in the Richland 2 school district! As part of this program (McKinney Vento Advisory), a chain link was set up to send out to committee members...an email alert to an immediate need of an unaccompanied youth, families that are without housing, etc. In support of this, ESO has labeled this Outreach "**Helping Hands**". We send out an email blast when the message is received that there is someone in need. We ask that you respond if you can or are able to fill the need of the request. Contact Karen Kranz at bkkrantz@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 August 22



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, August 22nd** 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



A New Road to Grief Recovery Bereavement Seminar for Widowed Persons

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.

- ✠ Sunday Bible Study—6:45 PM Resumes August 23 “The Greatest Story—Paul” Led by Pastor Eric DVD with award-winning sand artist, Joe Catillo Sign up in the admin building to pre-order your book. Cost \$15.
- ✠ 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.
- ✠ Men’s Bible Study - 8/6 & 8/16 Spirit Tug!!! Men’s Bible Study on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month at 6:30 AM. Get your day started with the study of God’s word! Contact Mike Davidson at m Davidson33@gmail.com or 699-1498 for additional information.



DAILY DEVOTIONS

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

Interesting things on the net:

5 THINGS WE LEARN ABOUT LUTHERANS FROM THEIR YOUTH EVENT

As you likely detected in recent days, we admire the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Youth Gathering -- even from the sidelines via social media and streaming.

The visitors' spirit, style and sass impress Deadline editors, who say "amen" rather than "hallelujah" and who are more familiar with the Torah than the Concordia.

After five activity-jammed days in Detroit, the 30,000 or so participants today roll and fly back to states across the country. They seem to have opened eyes and minds In the city where they prayed and praised, painted and landscaped, and heard Motown legends as well as Christian rockers named Skillet.

Here are five observations about Evangelical Lutherans without having attended Cobo Center, Ford Field and Hart Plaza events: [Read the rest of the article here](#)



RINGING BELLS MAKES KIDS SMARTER (AND NICER TOO)

Studying an instrument is an important part of children's physical, social, and religious development. Forming a children’s choir in your church or community can lead to a lifetime of benefits, whether you use handbells, handchimes, KidsPlay bells, or our brand new Uchida bells.

As children learn music, especially an instrument that requires both hands like bells or chimes, they see multiple benefits. Using both hands as they ring helps to develop better fine and gross motor skills...



Read the rest of the article at:

Preschool & Afterschool Care News

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello everyone! Welcome to Summer in Full Swing!

Sprinklers, sunscreen and popsicles OH MY! We are trying to find ways to stay cool and enjoy the summer. The record heat temps are making it a little tough!

We've been busy with lots of field trips and activities in the Preschool. Some of the hi-lights have been the Fort Jackson water park, The SC Farmers market, Richland County Main Library, movie theater, Fire Station and a visit from a local Italian Ice truck!

The children in our program have had the opportunity to participate in the RS2 Summer Lunch Program. It has not only fill their tummies, it has also been an opportunity for the children to meet, and spend time with a few of the volunteers from the church which has filled their faces with smiles. We would like to say Thank You for spending your time with us.

If you would like to come and enjoy some time with us, we would LOVE to have you! The children really enjoy when we have visitors. You can help with lunches, read a story, enjoy an outdoor activity or simply be here and enjoy the smiles, laughter and hugs!

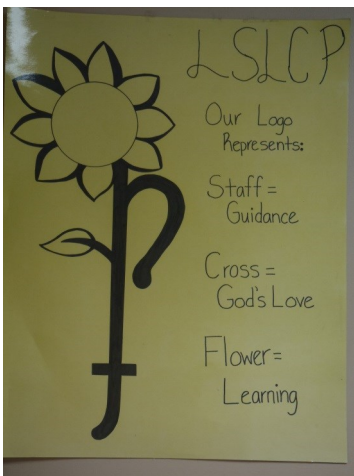
**WITH MUCH LOVE AND MANY BLESSINGS,
TAMMY AND THE PRESCHOOL STAFF**



From Lexanne, Director of Faith Formation:

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

- N.A.E.Y.C. Accredited Program <https://www.naeyc.org/accreditation>.
- 8 age appropriate, hands-on classroom environments for children ages 6 weeks to 5th graders
- 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 to share!



Living Springs Preschool has a FaceBook Page. Click the logo to check it out!



From the Director of Faith Formation

Lexanne K. Graves

Lexanne@livingspringscolumbia.org

RALLY DAY SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD!!!

Our new Faith Formation hour and Sunday School year kick off will be on Sunday, August 23rd!
9:30am—Rally Day Festivities in Fellowship Hall
12:15pm—Rally Day Pot Luck Lunch and Bingo



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

The Children and Youth Ministry Team is seeking adults who will be dedicated leaders and teach our children, youth and adult Sunday School classes. We have 2 children's classes, 2 youth classes, and 2 adult classes. In order to accommodate our Christian Education program and its participants, we MUST have dedicated members willing to serve. Will YOU serve? If so, contact Leslie Bloss (lbloss3306@hotmail.com).

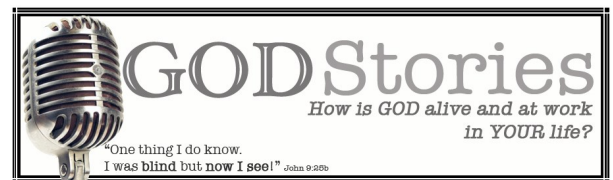
We have made it very easy for you. We create a team teaching environment where you don't have to teach every week! So will you help fulfill the baptismal promises we all made to raise up God's children in the Word? We need YOU! Rally Day kicks off our Sunday School year on August 23rd!

Youth/Child Policy Protection Training--For all those who plan on chaperoning, leading or helping out with any event (this includes nursery volunteers) that involves children/youth ages 0-18, you MUST attend this one hour protection training. We did amend our policy that one is to be trained *every other year*. So, if you were trained in 2014, you won't need to attend this year's training. We know everyone has busy schedules, so we will be offering 2 different times to get this training completed. Please find one date that suits your schedule and commit to attending. The dates that are available are:

1. Sunday, August 9th at 920am in the Fellowship Hall or,
2. Sunday, August 16th at 920am in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

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.*

Come create memories with Jesus every Sunday!

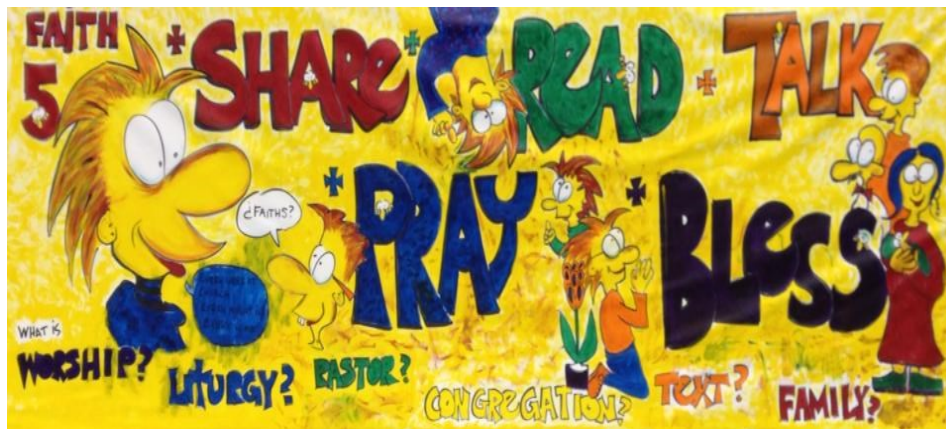
Sunday Worship at 815am and 1045am.

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! +)

Faith Acts In The Home that only takes 5 minutes!



"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.

On Sunday, August 16th at both worship services, we will share together in our communal milestone of the **"Blessing of the Bookbags"** (and briefcases and work totes!) Each year before school starts we take a moment to bless our book bags, work totes and briefcases with God's love and protection to guide our young people and adults in their daily calling to be Jesus' disciple.



Grateful ^{to be} Faithful

A FAITHS Devotion Guide

God writes the gospel not in the Bible alone, but on trees and flowers and clouds and stars.

-Martin Luther

How blessed are we by the beauty of mountains, forests, lakes, oceans and fields? The sun, wind, snow, and rain are all gifts from God. The wonder of creation surrounds us. Let us bask in the quiet moments spent in nature when God feels so near! Share these moments 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 nature themed verses of scripture found on the other side of this sheet, pray and end by blessing each other, with a cross on the forehead and words like "May you know you're cherished and beautiful in God's eyes and mine!"

FAITH



Every night in every home



SHARE

highs and lows



READ

a Bible verse or story



TALK

about how the Bible

reading might relate to

your highs and lows



PRAY

for one another's

highs and lows



BLESS

one another

- 1 Isaiah 55:12
- 2 Song of Solomon 2:12
- 3 Acts 14:17
- 4 Job 12:7-10
- 5 John 1:3
- 6 Psalm 96:11-12
- 7 Job 37:14-16
- 8 Psalm 19:1
- 9 Isaiah 43:20
- 10 Jeremiah 27:5
- 11 Acts 4:24
- 12 Genesis 1:11-12
- 13 Genesis 1:26-27
- 14 Psalm 95:6
- 15 Matthew 6:28-34
- 16 Isaiah 45:8
- 17 Genesis 9:12-13
- 18 Isaiah 54:10
- 19 Mark 11:23-24
- 20 Psalm 33:5
- 21 Mark 4:35-41
- 22 Psalm 121:1
- 23 Romans 1:20
- 24 Amos 5:8
- 25 Psalm 23:1-6
- 26 Jeremiah 1:5
- 27 1 Peter 1:24-25
- 28 Matthew 7:24-27
- 29 1 Samuel 1:27-28
- 30 Exodus 14:21
- 31 Acts 17:24

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!

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.*

AUGUST 23—RALLY DAY CELEBRATION AT 930AM!!!!

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!

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.*

AUGUST 23—RALLY DAY CELEBRATION AT 930AM!!!!

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!

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.*

AUGUST 23—RALLY DAY CELEBRATION AT 930AM!!!!

**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://](https://www.facebook.com/groups/154193947932855/)

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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.

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

August 1

- ♥ Barbara Collins
- ♥ Ted & Gail Buchanan
- Jackson Bottar

August 2

Ryan Bottar

August 3

- ♥ Michael & Lisa Grimmer

August 4

Trish Davidson

August 5

August 6

Emily Day

- ♥ Marc & Lynn Coppotelli

- ♥ Goldie & Delores Harmon

August 7

Laurie Drafts

Irvin Legrand

August 8

Olivia Hinchee

- ♥ Randy & Becky Sides

August 9

Anita Gabbard

August 10

Mike Schultz

August 13

Ed Brennan

August 14

Rev. Eric Fink

August 15

Kyan Fulton

Lauren Hensley

August 16

Josey Johnson

August 20

August 21

- ♥ Bob & Anita Gabbard

Cindy Day

Kris Fink

Colleen Franks

Joel Haskins

Ginny Devereaux

August 22

August 23

August 24

- ♥ Eric & Emily Johansson

Jacob Newton

- ♥ Ron & Deborah Smith

Kellee Flores

August 25

- ♥ Scott & Lexanne Graves

Ann Lynn Caughman

August 27

August 29

August 30

Jen Necker

Bob Gabbard

Sherri Staudt

Jeanette Bloss

August 31

Ron Smith

- ♥ Nichole & Robert Allmann

- ♥ Randy & Lori Masad



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!



August 1

- Sally Catoe
- Trish Davidson
- Jacob Villaflor
- Adam Woodruff

August 6

Michell Griffith

August 7

Isla Johansson

August 11

Hayley Haskins

August 13

Sara Levitt

August 15

Abigail Fox

August 22

Logan Mancuso

London Mancuso

August 23

Kathy Brennan

Katherine Wollpert

August 25

Courtney Murray

August 29

Jessica Bazemore

August 30

Nickie Riley

August 31

Trey Allmann

Julia Tenhover

August 2015

***8:15am Worship, 10:45am Worship
9:30am Summer God Stories
every Sunday unless otherwise noted**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 1030A Meals on Wheels 1245P Zumba 6P Worship & Music Team 7P Ladies Book Club	4 1030A Meals on Wheels 1130A Summer Feeding Program Lunch 2P Summer Feeding Program Snack 6P Good News Team 7P Adult Bible Study	5 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba	6 630A Men's Bible Study 830A Good News Walkers 1130A Summer Feeding Program	7	8 930A Crafty Ladies
9 9:20A Child Protection Training	10 10A Staff Meeting 1030A Meals on Wheels 1245P Zumba 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care	11 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Finance 7P Facilities 7P Adult Bible Study	12 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba 6P Youth Gathering Share Holders Dinner 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir	13 830A Good News Walkers 615P Preschool Board	14 Preschool Closed - Staff Training Day	15
16 Blessing of Bookbags & Briefcases/Vicar Installation 9:20A Child Protection Training 4P Calendar Meeting	17 1030A Meals on Wheels 1230P Zumba 7P Council Exec	18 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Lifelong Discipleship	19 1230P Zumba 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir	20 630A Men's Bible Study 830A Good News Walkers 1030A TELS 7P Council	21	22 930A Crafty Ladies
23 Rally Day (covered dish lunch) 645P Bible Study	24 10A Staff Meeting 1030A Meals on Wheels 1245P Zumba	25 930 PSC Bible Time 1030A Meals on Wheels 345P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study	26 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir	27 830A Good News Walkers	28	29 8A Men's Breakfast 8A - 4P ACM State Workshop
30 930A Cottage Gathering Makeup 645P Bible Study	31 1030A Meals on Wheels 1245P Zumba					

Worship Assistant Schedule – August 2015

	Assisting Minister	Lector	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torch Bearers	Counters	Children's Sermon	Council Person	
8/2	Lexanne Graves	Lexanne Graves	Tina Molineu Don Molineu	Ashley Ramsey Nowell Ramsey	Gwen Furcron	Caroline Moore	Karen Kranz			Alison Levitt	Scott Graves	
8/2	Jan Berger	Anne Ducate	Anne Ducate Bob Turmmire	Audrey Turmmire Andrew Levitt Laura Stuart Sara Levitt	Cathy Lowman	Lauren Bloss	Karlene Stuart	Steve Bloss Jeannette Bloss	Alison Levitt LC Karlene Stuart Steve Bloss	Alison Levitt	Alison Levitt	
8/9	Saundra Dixon	Midge Gunvalson	Vicar Marty Bob Gill	Peg Fox Bill Fox	Nancy Franck	Ben Arnold	Lexanne Graves			Adam Woodruff	Gwen Furcron	
8/9	Mike Davidson	Jan Berger	Vicar Marty Trish Davidson	Steve Bloss Leslie Bloss Hany Social Rachel Social	Nancy Baldwin	Walker Flores	Jan Berger	Pat Bartucca Brenda Grohman	Ed Brennan LC Laura Turmmire Jan Berger	Adam Woodruff	Ed Brennan	
8/16	Katherine Wollpert	Sarah Schultz	Bill Franck Helen Doerpinghaus	Marj Appleton Jerry Appleton	Sadonia Grimmer	Anna Leigh Graves	Lexanne Graves			Vicar Marty	Rocky Berger	
8/16	Jeff Day	Cathy Lowman	Cindy Day Nancy Baldwin	Rocky Berger Mike Davidson Randy Masad Jan Berger	Linda Hayes	Collin Flores	Leslie Bloss	Trish Davidson Brantley Smith	Scott Graves LC Trish Davidson Aaron Smith	Vicar Marty	Aaron Smith	
8/23	Vicar Marty	Helen Doerpinghaus	Herb Brantley Beverly Hoppert	Karen Kranz Jim Zieche	Bill Franck	Connor Kilbourne	Jim Zieche			Lexanne Graves	Bill Franck	
8/23	Vicar Marty	Dea Jones	Steve Bloss Jeannette Bloss	Karlene Stuart Laura Stuart Adam Woodruff Marshall Hurlbert	Alice Renaud	Austin Padgett	Bob Turmmire	Ginny Devereaux Ed Brennan	Gwen Furcron LC Karen Kranz Wendy McKenzie	Lexanne Graves	Bob Turmmire	
8/30	Gwen Furcron	Bill Franck	Saundra Dixon Nowell Ramsey	Jan Necker Corin Wiggins	Jeff Lummel	Anna Leigh Graves	Lexanne Graves			Pastor Eric	Leslie Bloss	
8/30	Alison Levitt	Jeff Day	Jan Berger Pat Bartucca	Leslie Bloss Rocky Berger Mike Davidson Cindy Day	Steve Bloss Lauren Bloss	Sara Levitt	Brantley Smith	Jan Berger Adam Woodruff	Gail Buchanan LC Adam Woodruff Angie Dyches	Pastor Eric	Gail Buchanan	
8/2	Care Meals		Flowers		Muggers		Nursery (10:45)		Refreshments		Altar Guild	
8/2				Karen Kranz		Misty O'Donnell		n/a				
8/9				Herb Brantley		Melissa Lindstedt		n/a				August
8/16				Marj & Jerry Appleton		Sadonia Grimmer		n/a				Linda Hayes
8/23				Anita Gabbard		Charles Tracy		n/a				
8/30				Betsy Shank		Cathy Lowman		n/a				

+Julia Tenhover (helper)

SIGN UP FOR SEPTEMBER – WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

The online signup for September is ready to be populated – whatever slots are open by Sept. 20th will need to be manually filled in. If you have not been assigned OR the opposite – have been getting assigned without wanting to be, let Lisa or Karen Kranz know. Time and Talent sheets are available all year round – you can still fill one out if you have had a spirit tug towards serving. The last quarter schedule will be available soon. <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.
Social Security and Financial Issues*

Chaplain

The Reverend Tommy L. Linberger, Jr. - *Head Chaplain*
The Reverend David Coffman
The Reverend Lisa Ieshower
The Reverend Hank Moody
The Reverend Christine Stovon
The Reverend Andrea Rice

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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 Spears
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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Nickie Riley – Director of Music Ministry

Tammy Mancuso- Preschool/ASC Director

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Coordinator

Laura Cunningham - Food Resource Person

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Laura Turnmire – Director of Handbell Choir

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[Leslie Bloss](#) - Secretary

[Jerry Appleton](#) - Treasurer

[Bill Franck](#) – Financial Secretary

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