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ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL



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"I Have Called You By Name!" - This Month from Pastor Eric

God's work. Our hands.



Living Springs Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

"I have called you by name, you are mine" -
Isaiah 43:1b

There is something very special about sharing a meal together around a table, where everyone knows your name. It can bring joy and laughter, comfort, reassurance, and hope. I remember that feeling as a child, seated around a huge picnic table on Labor Day weekend with my grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins. I remember that feeling as a high school senior, seated around tables at the local pizza hangout, with all my friends after a Friday night football game. I remember

that feeling, seated around a table at my wedding rehearsal supper—and at other tables gathered with many of those same folks after family funerals. I remember that special feeling from so many times and tables in my life.

I remember that feeling from last September on **"God's Work Our Hands" Sunday**, when the tables of our fellowship hall were filled with senior adults from the Rice Home, women & children from Hannah House (for those in abusive situations), transitioning female veterans from Angel House—and additional old-fashioned Sunday meals were delivered to the downtown homeless, to Oliver Gospel Mission, to Meals-on-Wheels folks, and more. I am so looking forward to that feeling again **on Sept. 13**, when we will be joined not only by many of those same folks, but also by all the boys & girls from Epworth Children's Home in Columbia. *(This will take a congregation-wide effort—so I encourage everyone to sign up as a cook, server, greeter, meal deliverer, or other volunteer).*

I remember that feeling from last Thursday afternoon, when men and women from our congregation sat together at tables with **70 JV football players from our nearby high school**—and after serving them a hot meal prepared by our food ministry, got to know them by name and find out more about their lives. I remember that feeling as one young man shared how he had only been here for a few days, because of a difficult situation that had just brought him across to 2 states to a different home with another family member. I remember that feeling as another young man said he was so grateful that we were there, because our mere presence somehow reminded his teammates that God was part of their lives. I remember that feeling as one of the coaches pointed to several players seated at a table and said, "You may not realize it, but if you just gave them a ham & cheese sandwich, that would be the best supper they got all week." I am so looking forward to that feeling again on the Thursdays ahead - **Sept. 3, 10, 17; Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**. *(I invite you to sign up to come be part of this endeavor at least one of those Thursdays—or help provide a dessert or make a financial donation to sponsor this amazing effort.)*

"Just by being here,
you somehow
reminded us that God
is part of our lives!"

I remember that feeling from last spring, when once a month we gathered as friends and disciples in the fellowship hall for a 1st Tuesday devotional lunch, a 2nd Tuesday Preschool prayer lunch, and a 3rd Tuesday devotional supper, all made possible by our Living Springs food ministry. I am so looking forward to those devotional times together again, as we crank them up for the fall season, starting in September!

I remember that feeling from 2 Sundays ago, when disciples gathered around the fellowship hall tables for our annual Rally Day Pot-Lunch Supper—and how much joy there was over the beginning of a new Faith Formation season, with Faith Alive SS Times for all ages, 4 weekly adult Bible Studies, an exciting year of Confirmation & Youth Ministry, ongoing Children/Youth Milestones and a new Adult Faith Milestone program, focusing on deepening the most important relationships & calling in our lives.

I remember that feeling from 6:30 on a recent Thursday morning, as Lutheran Men gathered around a table for biscuits & coffee & Bible Study, to ponder the meaning of God's Word for their lives and the call to live it out that day in their jobs and other activities. I remember that feeling from last Tuesday night, as our Sr. Youth gathered around tables pulled together at a Red Robin, and in the midst of 25 baskets of french fries, offered their fears and prayed silently by name for a friend of faith who was seated at their side.

I remember that feeling from last Sunday afternoon, at our synod-sponsored reconciliation event, as I sat together at a table eating snacks and popcorn, with other Lutherans and folks from Bethel AME and our USC Diversity office—sharing our ongoing sadness over the tragedy of Emmanuel AME in Charleston and all the ways that racial hatred still divides our society.

Everyone, please sign up to
be part of a very special,
heart-touching day, with
our **"God's Work Our
Hands" community meal
on Sunday, Sept. 13!**

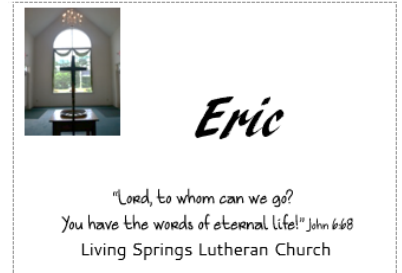
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We welcome the boys &
girls of Epworth Children's
Home, plus many others!

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

Gathered around all such tables, there is something truly powerful about getting to know someone new by name—or getting to share the journey of life & faith even more deeply with someone whose name you've already known for months or years.

Along these lines, I am very excited about the efforts of our Worship and Good News Teams to incorporate some new weekly name tags for this fall season. For one reason, the weekly name tags allow us to be a family of faith where everyone is known by name. Studies show that the use of name tags are one mark of a welcoming and hospitable congregation. They remove the rudeness of putting 1st-time guests on the spot and the awkwardness of any of us not being sure about someone else's name. The tags also allow us to call everyone else by name when sharing the peace of Christ, which is an important part of our liturgy. For a second reason, the printed tags allow us to lift up a particular Scripture verse as an ongoing theme for our seasonal worship—and take that verse home to display somewhere visible to remember on a daily basis. *(If you haven't caught it yet, this season's theme verse is John 6:68, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life!")* Finally, for a 3rd reason, starting in September, the weekly tags will allow myself and our communion assistants to call each person by name when we share Christ's meal as a family of faith at the most important table of all—Holy Communion. Of course, it is possible to attempt such a practice without the name badges—but in the end, this always ends up making a distinction between people who are previously known, and someone who is worshipping for the very first time (or it creates a distinction between the folks who happen to be on the pastor's side of the rail or the assistant's side of the rail, since communion assistants may not know everyone the pastor knows, or vice versa). The tags allow everyone to be treated equally—and allow for a personal level of communicating the Good News of God's love: "_____, the body of Christ, given for you! The blood of Christ, shed for you." There is something joyful about hearing your name in that blank: a spoken reassurance that God truly knows you by name, along with everything in your life & heart that you carry to that communion rail; hearing that the fullness of God's love in the body & blood of Christ is meant especially for YOU! I'm sure there are differing viewpoints about nametags (or even being called by name at communion), but that is OK—and if you have an older nametag you prefer, that is OK too. The printed tags are not here to be forced on anyone. The point is to make sure that we all know why they are here for us to use—and how they might make a positive difference in our worshipping community as Christ's family of faith!



I look forward to all the tables that we will gather around as that family in the month ahead—whether it be at the communion rail or "God's Work Our Hands" Sunday or a youth night or a monthly devotional meal or a pre-game football time. God is at work in so many ways—and God calls each of us, by name, to experience and share the fullness of God's forgiveness and love: the Bread of Life, Christ our Lord. Indeed, to whom else can we go, to be fed with such amazing grace?

With joy to share the name of Christ with each of you, *Pastor Eric*

Next Membership Sessions now being planned!

**Find support for life's journey
and be part of the exciting
work that God is doing among
this community of disciples!
See Pastor Eric or Tina Molineu
tpmolineu@gmail.com.**

Pre-Game JV Football Ministry

Thursdays, 3:00: Sept. 3,10,17; Oct. 1,8,15,22, 29

- * 7-8 men/women needed each week to help serve meal and spend time getting to know these players.**
 - * Help provide 100 serving portions of DESSERT.**
 - * Provide financial support for any meal (Thrivent members, utilize one of your two \$250 annual projects!).**
- Sign-up sheet in Administration Bldg., or call the office!**

Collaborative Worship Service

We invite you to a collaborative worship service to kick-off the countdown to Reformation 2017. We will gather together-the North and South Carolina Synods-at Christ Lutheran Church in Charlotte (4519 Providence Rd.) on Sunday, September 20, at 4:00 p.m. for worship and Eucharist. Bishop Tim Smith of the North Carolina Synod will preside, and Bishop Hermon Yoos of the South Carolina Synod will preach. If you would like to go by bus, please meet in the Living Springs parking lot by 2:00pm

Please take a moment to [click here](#) to view a fun, light-hearted video invitation to the worship event on September 20.

Calendar Highlights



Events for September

JV Football Food Ministry: Sept. 3, 10, 17
God's Work Our Hands Stuff-a-Bus: Sept. 6-12
Backpack Food Ministry Kickoff: Sept. 10
Sr. Youth Newberry College Trip: Sept. 12
God's Work Our Hands Community Meal: Sept. 13
TELS Vista Tour: Sept. 18
SC Synod Inquirer's Day @ Living Springs: Sept. 19
Annual Living Springs Flu Shots: Sept. 20
SC-NC Joint Reformation Worship Trip: Sept. 20
Preschool Showcase: Sept. 22
Lutheran Men's Sunday: Sept. 27

Devotional & Learning Times:

Devotional Lunch: Sept. 1, 11:45
PS Prayer Lunch: Sept. 8, 12:15 & 1:20
Devotional Supper: Sept. 15, 6:00
PIE Gathering (Partners in Education): Sept. 29, 6:15
Sr. Youth: Alternate Tue/Wed: Sept 2,8,16,22,30, 7:00 pm

Faith Alive SS Times (all ages): Sundays, 9:25 am
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays, 10:00 am
Evening Bible Study: Tuesdays, 7:00 pm
Men's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30 am
Greatest Story Bible Study: Sundays, 6:45 pm

Looking Ahead – Mark Your Calendars!

Family Fishing Day: Oct. 3
Congregation Campout: Oct. 16-18
Reformation/Confirmation Sunday: Oct. 25
Annual Congregation Meeting: Nov. 8
Marriage Retreat & Confirmation Retreat: Nov. 13-15
Advent Family Night: Nov. 22
Youth Christmas Tree Lot begins: Nov. 28
Congregation Christmas Party: Dec. 6
Christmas Program: Dec. 13
Outdoor Nativity: Dec. 19-20

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

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

Sunday, September 13 after the 10:45 am service, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for an old fashioned Sunday dinner. This is the second year we will celebrate this dedicated day of service which builds on the work ELCA congregations do every day, serving the communities in which we live. We are expecting over 50 children from Epworth Children's Home, families from Family Promise, Angels House, Rice Estate and in addition we will be delivering meals

to Meals on Wheels clients, our homebound members, and the homeless at Finlay Park. After dinner, join in our activity stations: face painting, bounce house, & outdoor games. There is a spot to volunteer no matter what your talents are! If you would like a GWOH t-shirt, we have a limited supply @ \$5 ea. Use the online signup <http://goo.gl/GblCpr> or the sign-up sheet in the admin building. Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information.

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!



Fishing Fellowship!

**A morning of fishing, fun and fellowship with
Spring Valley Presbyterian and Living
Springs Lutheran Churches!**

All members of Living Springs and Spring Valley Presbyterian Church are invited to the First Annual Fishing Fellowship Day to be held on October 3, 2015 at Sesquicentennial State Park on Two Notch Rd. from 8 am to 11 am. Members are invited to learn how to tie fishing knots, rig baits, and cast a fishing rod & reel and are invited to fish together in the lake at the state park. Fellowship over cookies and lemonade will also occur. This is a great opportunity for parents to fish with their children and potentially learn a new skill, while enjoying the company of others and a morning out in nature. Contact Lori Masad, 507-350-8291, ljmasad@gmail.com.



[Click here for a flyer with all the details and FAQs](#)



A Special Invitation ... Just for You!

P.I.E. Gathering (Partners In Education)

Tuesday, Sept. 29 6:15—7:30 p.m.

Finger Foods & Desserts (enough for your supper!)

***We gather to reflect on your calling in education, to share
joys & challenges, and give thanks to God for you!***



Special Video Presentation: "Educating Children in Poverty"

Tammy Pawlowski, Frances Marion University

Living Springs Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

RSVP by Sept. 22 to 803-736-0661 or lisaoffice@livingspringscolumbia.org

(for yourself and any colleagues you would like to invite!)

Adult Faith Milestones

DEEPENING RELATIONSHIPS



DO YOU FEEL AN URGE TO GO DEEPER AND EXPERIENCE EVEN MORE JOY IN SOME ASPECT OF YOUR LIFE IN SOME OF THE RELATIONSHIP THAT YOU ARE IN With God? With Your Spouse or Family? With Your Vocation or Daily Calling?

This fall, Living Springs Lifelong Discipleship Team is kicking off a new “**Adult Faith Milestones**” emphasis, to provide opportunities for all adults of any age to grow deeper in the primary dimensions of our lives.

A Life of Prayer: Growing Deeper in Our Relationship with God

(Fall 2015: 5-week series, led by Pastor Eric, Vicar Marty, and the Lifelong Discipleship Team)



Partnership of Joy & Love: Growing Deeper in Relationship with our Spouse

(Fall 2015: Weekend Retreat, led by Pastor Kris Cox, director of Marriage Enrichment, US Air Force Chaplains)



Worship the Lord: Growing Deeper in our Experience of Worship

(Winter 2016: 4-week series, led by Pastor Eric and the Lifelong Discipleship Team)

The Vocational Journey: Growing Deeper in Daily Life Callings *(First Job, New Jobs, Retirement & Beyond!)*

(Winter 2016: format and leaders TBA)



If you have an interest or Spirit-Tug in any of these areas, [click here](#) to grab a form to select the areas of interest and place this slip in the offering plate on Sunday (or return to the church office).



Youth Faith Milestones

*“Come to Jesus Christ. He is the **living stone** that people have rejected, but which God has chosen and highly honored. ⁵ And now you are **living stones** that are being used to build a spiritual house. You are also a group of holy priests, and with the help of Jesus Christ you will offer sacrifices that please God. ⁶ It is just as God says in the Scriptures, “No one who has faith in that one will 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, October 11th, we will partner with parents and youth in our Driver’s License Faith Milestone class at 930am in the Fellowship Hall, nearest the big kitchen. We give God thanks for Sally Moore and Jen Necker, our teachers for this milestone.

On Sunday, October 18th, we will partner with parents and youth in our Lord’s Prayer Faith Milestone class from 930-1130am in the Fellowship Hall nearest the big kitchen. We *strongly encourage* parents and youth to worship at 815am and then attend the milestone. We give God thanks for Alison Levitt, our teacher for this milestone.

On Sunday, October 25th, we will partner with parents and youth as our 9th graders are confirmed in their faith—One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.

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 Sunday morning Faith Alive Adult Class, meeting in the Katie Room, is led by Ron Ramsey and additional volunteers!
- ✠ The Sunday morning Faith Alive Adult LIGHT Class (Learning in God's House Together) meets in the multipurpose room and is led by Alison Levitt.
- ✠ 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 - 9/3 & 9/17 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 mdavidson33@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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY – INSTALLATION AND KICKOFF

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

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

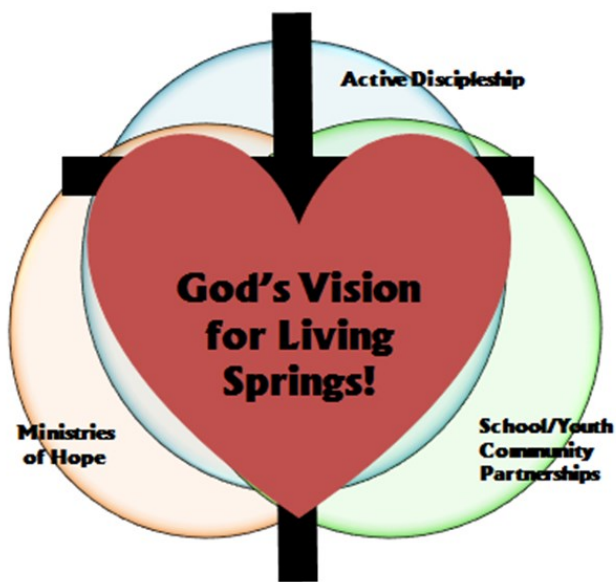
Last June, we held a training session for individuals who might have a Spirit-Tug to serve as such communion distributors. We are now ready to move forward with that ministry and hold an installation for such servants. If you were not able to attend the training session in June, but might have such a Spirit-Tug, please contact [Pastor Eric](#) by Sept. 10.

Also, if you would like to be a recipient for this Communion Ministry,

please contact Pastor Eric or call the office!



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



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 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
- P6. Partnerships of caring with local schools / college campuses 11



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

Disciple Dot Stories & Spirit Tugs



God spoke to me on a Wednesday in my home. I had not been feeling well since the prior Monday and I couldn't really explain what was going on inside my body. I just knew that I didn't feel well. And in the moment right before I was about to call 911 for an ambulance, I remembered my devotion I had read that morning, "Be still and know that I am God and I am listening to you." So I sat down and listened for God. God reminded me that I had received my high blood pressure medicine in the mail recently and should have started it on Monday, but I had forgotten. So I ran in and retrieved the high blood pressure medicine and took it. In 20 minutes, I felt normal, happy, and hopeful. How miraculous is our God who can remind us of a simple thing like a blue pill that can make things all new, and can prevent an unnecessary trip to the hospital. God is good all the time. All the time, God is good. I plan on sitting more and listening to God; I can't wait to see what God will say next!

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.



We wanted to say thank you to the Living Springs family for making Graham's baptism such a special day. We were blown away by the love & generosity from the congregation, and it warms our hearts to be a part of it. May God continue to bless you all!

Patrick, Shelby & Graham

Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,200.00 in support of the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Your generosity is appreciated and is making a difference. Together, we are growing our congregations, inspiring new leaders, engaging young people in the life of this church, sharing the good news of Jesus with others and caring for those living with hunger and poverty. Together as the ELCA, we do more than we ever could do alone. We are a church that rolls up its sleeves and solves problem—doing God's work in the world. Thank you for your support and participation.

Christina Jackson-Skelton

Executive Director, Mission Advancement

Traveling Bear

Just wanted to let you know that the bear is fine and I have him my name is Tricia. My sister gave it to me. A friends mom gave it to her. Thank you

Dear Pastor Eric and Living Springs Church Family: On behalf of the students, Faculty and Staff at Killian Elementary School, thank you for your generous contribution of school supplies on August 18, 2015. Your contribution made it possible for us to provide students a most rewarding and inspiring experience this school year. In times of limited resources, contributions such as yours make an incredible difference in what is available to our students. Again, we appreciate your willingness to partner with us to continuing providing students with life changing experiences.

Sincerely, Dr. Robert M. Scotland, Principal

Thank you to all those that contributed to the school supplies request – Rice Creek, Killian, and North Springs were all very appreciative to receive the donations. The receptionist at Rice Creek said they had a family there right then that said they had no supplies and could not get any. God is working through your hands.

God At Work Through Living Springs

TELS

Traveling Evangelists of Living Springs

July's trip (July 14-15) was to Old Salem, NC.



Living Springs PSC Teachers In-Service Day

Making boxes for each child and praying over each child as the box is made and named. Teachers made boxes too! Throughout the year persons can write down gifts or talents that another has that helps them be a blessing to others and add it to their box!



THANKS, LS YOUTH SHAREHOLDERS!

At the Shareholder's Supper on Wednesday, August 12th, the youth who attended the Youth Gathering shared their experiences, their impressions of each day, and the many blessings they received from attending this faith building event. You, the community of Living Springs made this possible, and our youth took this evening as an opportunity to say, "We thank you for your prayers and generosity which made this trip possible for us. They learned from many different communities: from their own group, from their travel community, from each other, and from their service projects along with from the generous folks from Detroit who loved them and worked alongside them as they served.



School Supplies

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RALLY DAY

Last Sunday, all adults, children & youth "rallied" together to kick off our new Faith Education year. Fellowship & Mutual Care will hosted the 5th annual Just for Fun Potluck with a make-your-own sundae bar and Bingo with prizes for all ages!



Council Clips

Staff & Ministry Reports - August 20, 2015 Meeting

Council Devotions: "Evangelism without Additives" Ch. 8 & 9 – Out of religion and into reality

We tend to think about competing with other churches to get people in and we need to stop worrying about that and focus on what Jesus did and does and that is to LOVE. We need to just proclaim God's love instead of defending our religion.

You have the right to partner with God, feel his heartbeat, and watch God use your ordinariness to nudge people.

New habit of being real

Challenge: Be ordinary, be kind, and surprise people with kindness. There's no B team with Jesus (there is no back up, YOU are it).

Council Actions:

- ✠ Motion made for Lutheran Men to pursue offering assistance of ministry and food for RVHS JV football team. Motion carried.
- ✠ Motion made to donate the money raised during the bucket offering from September through the beginning of advent the training of youth leaders through the ELCA. Motion carried.
- ✠ A standing motion was made from the Preschool board to allow Shelia Kowalski to represent half day parenting position on Preschool Board. Motion carried.

God was among us:

- ✠ At our Shareholder's dinner as our youth shared how the Spirit worked through them in Detroit and as Sara shared a sermon spotlight about her experience and excitement.
- ✠ As 8,000+ diapers were donated and Habitat homes were constructed by our LS youth.
- ✠ As 2 piles of school supplies for at-need students were blessed at the altar.
- ✠ While LS members welcomed PS students and parents with a muffin tent and hot coffee on the "first day" of school.
- ✠ As Lutheran Men gathered at 6:30 AM on Thursday mornings to find power in the study of God's word.
- ✠ At a 3 hour long meeting of Preschool Board members as they spent time planning to discern God's call and direction for the future of this life-changing ministry.
- ✠ As Preschool staff gathered for their annual staff training day, praying for each other and every individual student and noticing the gifts that God gave all of them and how they are disciples.
- ✠ As the Lifelong Discipleship members excitedly made preparations to roll out a new Adult Faith Milestones emphasis.
- ✠ At the Blessing of the Bookbags for a new school year.
- ✠ As the Spirit tugged at our men's group, food ministry, and whole congregations to partner with the JV Football team of our closest high school – and many at-risk young men who are part of that team.
- ✠ At the arrival and installation of Vicar Marty (along with spouse, Ron) who brings such energy of the Spirit to our community of disciples.
- ✠ And....at your home and places of work and schools and teams and neighborhoods where every day God is at work in YOU!

God has:

- ✠ Opening up doors in our minds as LS staff continues to read and discuss the "Evangelism without Additives" book.
- ✠ Been a part of many conversations with Vicar Marty as she gets caught up to speed with life here in our LS disciples.

The Spirit was...

- ✠ ALIVE at our Preschool Teacher In-service day where every teacher heard that they were a magnificent child of God!
- ✠ DANCING (and even doing the wave) in our Live Streaming Worship service with the disciples in Detroit.
- ✠ ALIVE in our prayers for an excellent school year, and for the teachers, students, administrators who will answer the call to love and learn together.
- ✠ BLOWING in the conversation and prayers we had with parents of our PSC children on the first day of our preschool ear.



Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

RINGERS NEEDED - HANDBELL PRACTICE RESUMES

Tuesdays beginning September 1



Handbell Choir will resume September 1st at 7pm. We need 3 ringers to make a full choir. Therefore, this will be a "rebuilding" year, and we'll play lower level music; still challenging, but not too challenging. If you've ever thought about joining, this is YOUR year. The adult bells include 9th graders through those in their 90's! We welcome ringers with open arms. We all learn, laugh and praise together. If you have any questions, please call Laura Turnmire at 803-361-1143 or send an email to scturnmires@yahoo.com.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Psalms 98:4

YOUTH BELLS

Kids are sponges when it comes to all kinds of learning and music is the brain's equivalent of a full-body workout. If you have a child 3rd-8th grade that is interested in learning handbells, please contact Laura Turnmire, 803-361-1143 or scturnmires@yahoo.com

TELS (TRAVELING EVANGELS OF LIVING SPRINGS)

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](mailto:Beverly.Hoppert) for information.



FLU SHOTS AT LIVING SPRINGS

Sunday, September 20

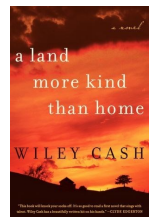


Our own Julia Buchanan Bales will be here on Sept. 20 to administer flu shots for anyone in the congregation, from 8:15-12:15. Forms will be available ahead of time. A sign-up sheet is in the Admin. Building. Response last year was good and she gives a very smooth shot!

LADIES BOOK CLUB

Monday, October 5

On Monday, October 5 at 7 pm, Gail Buchanan will host the Ladies Book Club 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 (even if you've read just part of the book) – the more ladies we have, the better the discussion! Refreshments will be provided. Contact Karen Kranz for information.



FALL CAMPING TRIP AT POINSETT STATE PARK

October 16-18



Save the date of October 16-18 for a camping trip to Poinsett State Park sponsored by the Lutheran Men in Mission. Everyone is invited to a fun weekend of fellowship, an appreciation of God's creation, and an outdoor worship experience. We will be tent camping in the group camping area. If you prefer to camp in your own RV in the regular campground, you can make your reservation directly with Poinsett State Park (803-494-8177) or at southcarolinaparks.com. Look for more information in the coming weeks. Contact Mike Davidson or Bob

Turnmire for additional information.

Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs

TUESDAY DEVOTION LUNCH @ LIVING SPRINGS

Tuesday, September 1

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

TUESDAY NIGHT DEVOTION DINNER

Tuesday, September 15

On the 3rd Tuesday of the month, we offer dinner at 6:15. Everyone is welcome to to this dinner and devotions served by Laura Cunningham, our LS Food Resource person). On the menu: Poppy Seed Chicken, Corn Pudding, green beans & Bread. Cost \$9 – sign up sheet is in the narthex or contact the office before 11 am on Monday.

GOOD NEWS WALKERS

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

The start of another year to help Richland Two in their effort to see that every child has a meal on the weekend! The shopping carts have been filling up – an amazing sign of the support of this ministry. Our start date is **Thursday, September 10** at 5 pm in Fellowship Hall. We set up at 5 pm and will pack immediately after set up – all are invited to participate one day, each week or whatever your schedule allows. Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information.

In addition to our weekly shopping cart collection, we will target backpack items for the God's Work. Our hands. Stuff-a-Bus project on Saturday, Sept. 12 -- 9 am – 1 pm. Locations TBD.

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 ENSEMBLE

Tuesday's at 6:00 pm

A group of Living Spring's men are putting together an all-male ensemble to perform on Lutheran Men's Sunday. Please contact [Bob Gill](#) or [Bob Turnmire](#) if you would like to join us. We are practicing on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, September 3 & 17@ 6:30 AM

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 mdavidson33@gmail.com or 699-1498 for additional information.

ONE YEAR TO LIVE RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 18-20

Men of ALL AGES yearn for real friendships and a closer relationship with Christ. Join us and be... Adventurous and courageous; Genuine and spiritual Look forward to... Banding together and being challenged; Examining your life and making decisions Be prepared for a spiritual boot camp. This 44-hour event is not for the faint of heart! [Click here for more information and registration form](#)

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday September 26

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.

LUTHERAN MEN'S SUNDAY

Sunday, September 27

Sunday, September 27, will be Lutheran Men's Sunday at Living Springs as we celebrate the ministry of men in our congregation. For more details, contact [Bob Turnmire](#).

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. There is still a few spots left. The cruise will board at 5 pm and return to dock at 7:30 pm. We will enjoy food, fun, fellowship, & beverages. Reservations are \$25. Register to a Thrivent Advocate for your congregation: Karen Kranz, Jan Schmidt, Gwen Furcron, Ruth & Charles Pollard

MAYORS WALK AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

October has been designated as National **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**. Currently South Carolina ranks second in the nation for the amount of homicides caused by criminal domestic violence. In recognition of this awareness, Living Springs will participate in the Mayor's Walk Against Domestic Violence. Details below – if you would like to participate with the Living Springs Team, sign up online or contact Karen Kranz.

Saturday, October 10, 2015

Address: 930 Laurel Street, Columbia, SC 29201, [Finlay Park](#)

Times: Starting: 9:00 AM

The walk is free and registration can be found online at <http://www.columbiacvb.com/includes/calendar-of-events/Mayor-s-Walk-Against-Domestic-Violence/44404/>

Preschool & Afterschool Care News

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello everyone,

We hope everyone has had a wonderful start to the new school year! We have been busy getting classrooms ready and welcoming new families, it's an exciting time!

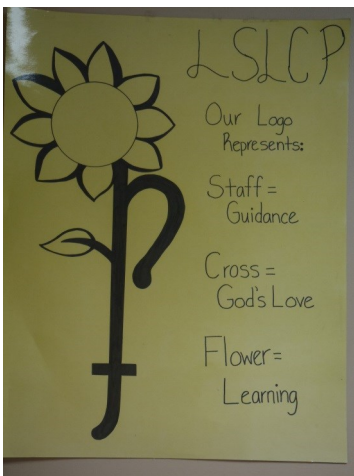
Our first official start to the "New School Year" was August 19th, it was a huge success. We had many church volunteers to share smiles, treats, encouragement and drinks for the morning.

It was wonderful to hear from families about how much they enjoyed the welcome and "Kick Off" to the new school year. We have one family who has been with us for roughly 7 years, they have their 3rd child with us currently. Dad happened to do drop off that morning while mom escorted the two older ones to elementary school. Dad immediately called mom at work after leaving the center to share what he explained to be a "Wonderful start to the day". Mom called back to share dad's excitement with me.

If ever we wonder if what we do matters, what we say is heard, the love we give is felt? Well, I can say YES, yes it is! I am honored and blessed to be a part of the lives we touch on a daily basis.

Thank you for your continued support of your ministry.

**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 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



The GREATEST GIFT to give anyone is FAITH in God and God's promises of abundant love and grace in God's son, Jesus! One of the places we are partnering together to share this Gift of Faith is in our new Sunday morning Faith Formation Focus.

Our theme for the Fall is:

***People of God's Story;
Blessed to be a Blessing!***

Mediator	Adam	Noah	Abraham	Moses	David	Jesus
Role	Husband	Father	Chief	Judge	King	Royal High Priest
Form	Marriage	Household Tribe	Nation	Kingdom	Kingdom	Catholic Church

These key covenants serve as the outline for reading the whole Bible. If we know them and understand them, we'll have a good working understanding of the "plot" of the Bible.

Introduction to Scripture 62

Each month beginning in September, we will learn about a new person in the Bible and how that person can teach us how to be a better disciple in today's world.

Our focus for the next 3 months is upon: **ABRAHAM, MOSES, and DAVID.**

In order for us to know God's amazing, unconditional love for each of us, we need to know God's promises from the beginning for all of us in this universe.

We all need to partner together to share God's amazing love in Jesus to our children and youth, and each other.



FAITH ALIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED:

Would you prayerfully consider being a faith partner in our Faith Formation hour on Sunday mornings and share God's love in easy to lead 15-minute Faith Centers for children age 3-6th grade?

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, 1 youth class, and 2 adult classes. In order to

accommodate our Faith Formation programs and partner with families to raise their child in the Lord's house, we need dedicated members willing to serve. Will YOU serve? If so, contact Leslie Bloss (lbloss3306@hotmail.com) or Lexanne Graves (Lexanne@LivingSpringsColumbia.org).

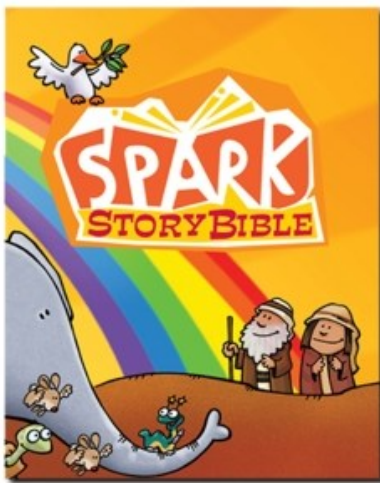
We have made it very easy for you. We create a team teaching environment where you don't have to teach every week! Will you help fulfill the baptismal promises we all made to raise up God's children in the Word? We need YOU!

Youth/Child Policy Protection Training-- Sunday, Sept 6th at 1215pm

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.

HAVE YOU PASSED ON THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES WITH YOUR CHILDREN/GRANDCHILDREN/FAITH FRIEND?

We want to partner with you to help place the Holy Scriptures into your child's hands. The SPARK bibles that we use in faith formation classes, youth group and in preschool chapel are on sale in the month of August, along with FREE Shipping. So if you would like to order one or more for your child/grandchild, please email Lexanne (Lexanne@LivingSpringsColumbia.org).



**\$19.00
each**



FAITH5



SHARE



READ



TALK

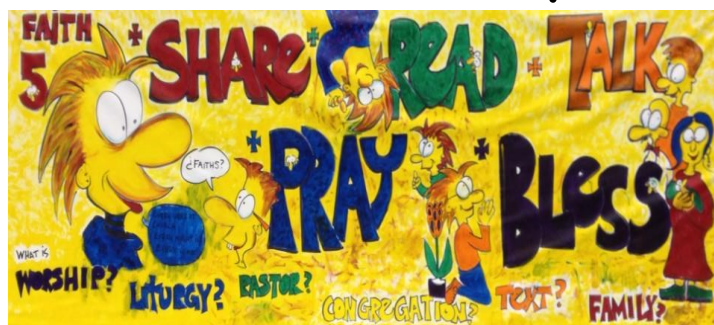


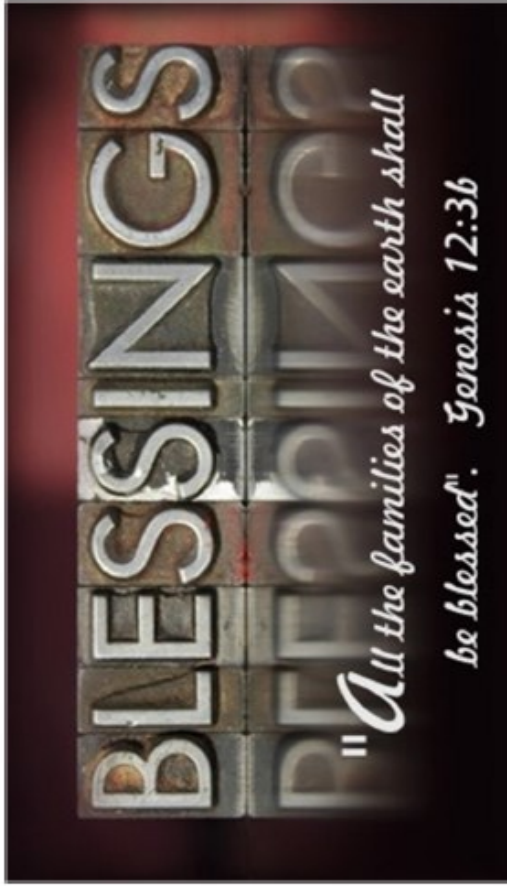
PRAY



BLESS

Faith Acts In The Home that only takes 5 minutes!





The promise God gives to Abraham in Genesis is good news for fallen humankind. Through this one family, God would bring his blessing to all families on the Earth. God will restore what humankind had broken. God will create a new people, give them a new place, and rule over them by God's Word. Jesus is the fulfillment of this promise because he is the true son of Abraham's promise.

Abraham had to wait many, many years for God's promises to come true. But waiting does not mean that it didn't come true. Waiting give us an opportunity to have faith in God's Word. Why don't you give FAITH5 a try while you wait....try this routine at night with those around you, or even on Facetime with relatives far off?!

Begin with "highs and lows", the best and worst moments of your day, read God's blessings in God's word 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, God *blesses you* and loves you very much!".

Grateful to be
Faithful
A FAITH5 Devotion Guide



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 Luke 6:27-28
- 2 Deuteronomy 30:16
- 3 1 Peter 3:9
- 4 Proverbs 16:20
- 5 Psalm 1:1
- 6 Numbers 6:23-27
- 7 Genesis 12:2-3
- 8 Genesis 24:48
- 9 Galatians 3:9
- 10 Psalm 18:46
- 11 Psalm 28:6
- 12 1 Peter 3:14
- 13 Genesis 12:1
- 14 Psalm 31:21
- 15 Psalm 41:13
- 16 Psalm 45:2
- 17 Psalm 66:20
- 18 Psalm 68:35
- 19 Psalm 72:18
- 20 Genesis 15:5
- 21 Psalm 115:15
- 22 Psalm 119:12
- 23 Proverbs 22:9
- 24 Isaiah 30:18
- 25 Isaiah 51:2
- 26 Jeremiah 17:7
- 27 Genesis 17:16
- 28 Matthew 5:6
- 29 Matthew 5:9
- 30 Mark 10:16



YOUTH MINISTRY GROUPS

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:

9/20, 12:15 pm - We will gather on Sunday, Sept 20th from 1215pm-200pm for a bring your own picnic and fellowship time together! Everyone is asked to bring one of their favorite foods and something special to them to share with the group!



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

Sunday, September 13th we want to see all of young people in Grades 3-6 for fun and fellowship! Our leaders this year are Tiffany and Gary Ginn (Tiffany.Ginn@td.com and garyginn10@gmail.com)



CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETING DATES: 7TH-8TH GRADERS

Sept 13 and 20
 Oct 11 and 18
 Nov 1
 Nov 13-15— Retreat for all 7th-8th graders "New Testament Overview" at Lutheridge
 Dec 6



Our general pattern is Confirmation class meets after 1045am worship for 1 ½ hours. This pattern may be adjusted to a later time on Sunday afternoon/early evening if it suits families who may have other obligations on certain weekends. Please let Pastor Eric or Jan Berger know of any date above that will conflict with the general pattern of meeting after worship. Then, that change will be communicated to all families each month to confirm everyone knows what time class will be!

Also, once a month Pastor Eric will meet with parents towards the end of confirmation class to ensure parents are given an opportunity to connect together as a group and to go over topics to be discussed at home throughout the month! Pastor Eric will communicate with parents on which dates these gatherings will occur.



Sr. Youth News from Vicar Marty

vicarmarty@livingspringscolumbia.org

SEPTEMBER YOUTH & CONGREGATION DATES

Wed Sept 2—Sr Youth Midweek Restaurant Gathering
7pm at Moe's Southwest Grill at Sandhills

Tues Sept 8—Sr Youth Midweek Restaurant Gathering

Sat, Sept. 12 - Sr Youth Trip to Newberry College;
arrive at 1030am at the Church

Sun, Sept. 13 - God's Work Our Hands
for all youth and everyone

Wed Sept 16— Midweek Sr Youth Restaurant Gathering

Tues Sept 22— Midweek Sr Youth Restaurant Gathering

Sun, Sept 27—Lutheran Men in Mission Sunday;
all males are invited to participate

Wed, Sept 30— Midweek Sr Youth Restaurant Gathering



OCTOBER YOUTH & CONGREGATION EVENTS

Sun, Oct 4th—Faith Friend Sunday/FAITHS Sunday/
Blessing of the Animals at 430pm

Tues, Oct 6— Midweek Sr Youth Restaurant Gathering

Wed Oct 14-- Midweek Sr Youth Restaurant Gathering

Oct. 16-18— LS Camping Weekend

Sun, Oct. 18, 3:00-5:00 Annual Youth Reformation Party/
Competition at St. Stephens, Lexington

Tues, Oct 20-- Midweek /Sr Youth Restaurant Gathering

Wed, Oct 28th-NO Sr Youth Gathering due to Thanksgiving
Oct 28th is the only date when we don't
want you to come.



On Tuesday, Aug 25th, the Youth Gathered at Red Robin, and Shared, and Prayed.... Aaaaannnnndddd....



Aaaaand.... Oh yes, they also ate a whole lot of Fries! At last count, it was 25 baskets at the Boys' table to Adam's mere single basket. Adam read Mark 16:8 which recounts the disciple's fear after Christ's resurrection. Then we discussed our own fears and how we might help one another with the things we are afraid of. We decided to meet next Wed Sept 2nd at Moe's in Sand Hills where there are no fries but plenty of chips.

Come Wed Sept 2nd, and find out if Moe's chips are endless! Vicar Marty completely forgot to take a picture of everyone and their fry basket stack. So we actually cannot verify that the guys ate all those fries. They will just have to do it again!



SUNDAY SCHOOL AKA FAITH FORMATION BEGAN AGAIN THIS PAST SUNDAY IN THE YOUTH ROOM. WORD IS THERE WILL BE A VIDEO TO DISCUSS. COME AND BRING YOURSELF!

PS. DID YOU KNOW? "It is perfectly alright, in fact it is a good thing if you invite your friends to come to Youth with you. We always have room for more Youths. (Or is the plural of youth just Youth?)"

GOD WAS AT WORK IN THE DETROIT YOUTH GATHERING ...



The many ways Detroit impacted Gathering participants and participants impacted Detroit cannot be counted. But there are some parts of the Gathering story that can be expressed in numbers. Here are some Gathering statistics:

- 1 million diapers collected
- 1,425 backpacks distributed
- 3,200 vacant lots cleared of debris
- 319 vacant homes boarded
- 2,976 square feet of boards painted for abandoned homes
- 36 urban gardens installed
- 99 picnic tables built
- 26 dumpsters filled
- 600 neighborhoods engaged
- 650 people donated at least 8 inches of hair
- 607 pints of blood donated
- 4,000 hats constructed for local churches to give away



Jesus is ... GOOD NEWS!

Jesus is ... GOOD NEWS! This refrain was shouted repeatedly by Gathering participants throughout Proclaim Story, the day that youth and adults gathered together with others from their synod for Bible study, worship and storytelling. The "My Story Journal" guided participants through the two-hour curriculum formed around "God's Story, Your Story, and My Story." Bishops of each synod shared their own faith story in addition to preaching and presiding at worship. Young people across the church shared stories of their own joys, challenges, and how God is active in calling them to live out their faith in exciting and life-changing ways. All of this



was undergirded by the promise we hear in the Gospel of Mark, chapter 1: "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the son of God."

Thank you!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who participated and supported the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering! Together, we were able to learn about and participate in the work of bearing burdens, breaking chains, building bridges, and bringing hope.

To see an awesome short movie about what occurred at the Gathering, please visit this website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=owf8lCQUrLQ>

GATHERING BY THE NUMBERS



People

- Almost **20,000 people** moved each night in more than **400 buses**
- 6,961 calls** to the InfoLine and Transportation Line
- 113 hotels** in and around Detroit hosted Gathering participants
- 62 Bishops** attended
- 497 MyLE** participants
- 38 DAYLE** participants
- 1500 Communion** assistants
- 300 people** in Sunday morning's processional
- 5,000 people** participated in mass casts.
- 11 1/2 kegs** of root beer consumed at the reformation space in Proclaim Community.
- 858 Volunteers** with people serving as Community Life, Servant Companions, Gathering Volunteer Core and Local Volunteers
- 15 Planning Teams** consisting of **462 people**

Places

- 3,200 vacant** lots cleared of debris
- 319 vacant** homes boarded
- 26 dumpsters** filled



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GATHERING BY THE NUMBERS



Places

- 600 neighborhood block clubs** affected
- 36 urban gardens** installed
- 99 picnic tables** built

Created

- 2,033 mural boards** created to beautify Detroit
- 4,000 hats** made
- 1600 collages** created
- 5200 bracelets** made
- 6000 beaded bookmarks** created

Donated

- 609 units of blood** collected with the potential to help save 1503 lives in the Detroit community.
- 650 people** donated at least **8 inches of hair** for a minimum of **433 feet**
- More than **1 million diapers** collected
- 1,425 backpacks** filled and distributed
- \$296,000** collected in Sunday's offering
- \$402,000** collected for **Walk 4 Water** as of 7/29/15



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September 2015

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Tuesdays at LSLC: 930 PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 345P ASC Bible Time 6P Men's Ensemble 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>1 See Tuesday's Box, plus: 1145A Devotional Lunch</p>	<p>2 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba 6P Sanctuary Choir 6P Hope Ministries Team 7P Chancel Choir 7P Good News Team 7P Sr. Youth</p>	<p>3 630A Men's Bible Study 830A Good News Walkers 3P Football Food Ministry</p>	<p>4 3P TELS</p>	<p>5</p>	
<p>6 930A Third Year Confirmation 1215P God's Work. Our Hands. 1230P Confirmation 645P Bible Study</p>	<p>7 Labor Day - Office Closed 1030A Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>8 See Tuesday's Box, plus: 1215P PSC Lunch 6P Finance 7P Facilities 7P Sr. Youth</p>	<p>9 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir</p>	<p>10 830A Good News Walkers 3P Football Food Ministry 5P Backpack Food 615P Preschool Board 7P Lifelong Discipleship 7P Worship Space TF</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 9A Stuff-A-Bus 930A Crafty Ladies 10:30A Sr. Youth/ Newberry Football Game</p>
<p>13 930A Third Year Confirmation 1215P God's Work. Our Hands. 1230P Confirmation 645P Bible Study</p>	<p>14 9A Staff Meeting 1030A Meals on Wheels 1230P Zumba 6P Worship & Music Team 7P Council Exec 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care</p>	<p>15 See Tuesday's Box, plus: 615P Devotional Dinner</p>	<p>16 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba 545P Stewardship Team 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir 7P Sr. Youth</p>	<p>17 630A Men's Bible Study 830A Good News Walkers 3P Football Food Ministry 5P Backpack Food 7P Council</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 9am Inquirers Day of Reflection One Year to Live Men's Retreat</p>
<p>20 815A Flu Shot Clinic 1215P WELCA Gathering 1215P Confirmation 4P SC/NC Joint Reformation Worship Service (Charlotte)</p>	<p>21 1030A Meals on Wheels 1245P Zumba</p>	<p>22 See Tuesday's Box, plus: 4:30P PSC Beginning of Year Showcase 7P Sr. Youth</p>	<p>23 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir</p>	<p>24 830A Good News Walkers 5P Backpack Food Ministry 630P Children & Youth Ministry Team</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 8A Men's Breakfast 930A Crafty Ladies 930A Worship Visionaries</p>
<p>27 LAM Sunday 645P Bible Study</p>	<p>28 10A Staff Meeting 1030A Meals on Wheels 1245P Zumba</p>	<p>29 See Tuesday's Box, plus: 6:15P P.I.E Gathering</p>	<p>30 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir 7P Sr. Youth</p>	<p>1 630A Men's Bible Study 830A Good News Walkers 3P Football Food Ministry</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 8A Fishing Day - Sesquicentennial Park</p>

Worship Assistant Schedule – September 2015

	Assisting Minister	Lector	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torchbearers	Counters	Children's Sermon	Council Person						
9/6	Gwen Furcron	Midge Gunvalson	Helen Doeringhaus Bob Gill	Sadonia Grimmer Scott Graves	Jeff Lummel	Caroline Moore	Jan Schmidt			Lexanne Graves	Scott Graves						
9/6	Mike Davidson	Adelle Lindberg	Vicar Marty Cindy Day	Karlene Stuart Laura Stuart Adam Woodruff Bob Turmmire	Sara Levitt	Austin Padgett	Alison Levitt	Gail Buchanan Trish Davidson	Mark Stuart LC Mike Davidson Brantley Smith	Lexanne Graves	Gail Buchanan						
9/13	Jan Berger	Corin Wiggins	Jen Necker Herb Brantley	Melissa Lindstedt Jim Zieche	Saundra Dixon	Anna Leigh Graves	Rocky Berger			Vicar Marty	Rocky Berger						
9/13	Jan Berger	Sarah Schultz	Laura Turmmire Bob Turmmire	Marshall Hurlbert Jeff Day Cindy Day Steve Padgett	Cathy Lowman	Lauren Bloss	Leslie Bloss	Ginny Devereaux Brenda Grohman	Bob Turmmire LC Marshall Hurlbert Steve Padgett	Vicar Marty	Bob Turmmire						
9/20	Saundra Dixon	Gwen Furcron	Sally Moore Nowell Ramsey	Peg Fox Bill Fox	Karen Kranz	Connor Kibourne	Karen Kranz			Pastor Eric	Leslie Bloss						
9/20	Alison Levitt	Lori Masad	Jan Berger Ed Brennan	Rocky Berger Leslie Bloss Karlene Stuart Laura Stuart	Linda Hayes	Collin Flores	Jan Berger	Aaron Smith Brantley Smith	Alison Levitt LC Karlene Stuart Steve Bloss	Pastor Eric	Alison Levitt						
9/27	Adam Woodruff	Corin Wiggins	Don Molineu Herb Brantley	Jim Zieche Peter Moore	Jeff Lummel	Ben Arnold	Jim Zieche			Adam Woodruff	Leslie Bloss						
9/27	Jeff Day	Nowell Ramsey	Bob Turmmire Mike Davidson	Steve Bloss Randy Masad Hany Sorial Rocky Berger	Aaron Smith	Walker Flores	Ed Brennan	Steve Padgett Rocky Berger	Gail Buchanan LC Laura Turmmire Jan Berger	Adam Woodruff	Mark Stuart						
Care Meals			Flowers			Muggers			Nursery (10:45)			Refreshments			Altar Guild		
9/6			Karen Kranz	Gwen Furcron	Angie Dyches +	Judy Lawrence											
9/13			Judy Lawrence	Karen Kranz	Jenny Skipper	GWOH											
9/20			Bill Franck	Herb Brantley	Misty O'Donnell	Sally Moore											
9/27			Adelle Lindberg	Sadonia Grimmer	Angie Dyches +	Alice Renaud											
+Julia Tenhover (helper)																	

SIGN UP FOR OCTOBER – WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

The online sign up for October is ready to be populated – whatever slots are open by Oct. 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/9FKjq>

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

September 2	David Mattos Sophia Skipper	September 13	Sadonia Grimmer
September 3	♥ Bob & Laura Turnmire	September 14	♥ Paul & Lauren Hensley
September 4	Steve Bloss Peg Fox	September 15	♥ Jerry & Marj Appleton
September 6	♥ Ryan & Christie Fulkerson Coleman Fulkerson	September 16	♥ Todd & Michelle Brantley
September 7	Karlene Stuart	September 17	Chris Collins Anita Dye
September 7	Emily Villaflor	September 18	London Mancuso Collin Flores
September 9	♥ Steve & Elouise Niemeyer		Nancy Franck
September 9	Hayley Haskins	September 19	♥ Bill & Nancy Franck
September 10	Helen Horan		♥ Don & Tina Molineu
September 10	Samuel Bailey	September 20	Bill Anderson
	Anne Ducate	September 23	Nikki Collins
	Sarah Schultz		♥ Katherine & Jim Wollpert
September 11	Christina Rauer		Scott Graves
September 12	♥ Mike & Beverly Wyka		Midge Gunvalson
	Helen Doerpinghaus	September 26	Sarah Hurlbert
	Jack Fakoury	September 28	Cathy Lowman
	Chris Kannaday		♥ Marlene & Rob Jorgensen
	Matt O'Donnell		Mary Hajducsek
	Bob Turnmire	September 29	Hilary Keppery
	Andrew Wyka		Andrew Tilton
			♥ Chris & Helen Horan

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!



September 7	Bob Gabbard	September 24	Mike Davidson
September 9	Ed Brennan	September 25	Gail Buchanan
	Harrison Keppery	September 26	Josey Johnson
	Savannah Shaver		Candice Johnson
September 10	Jordan Shaver	September 28	Bryson Lay
September 14	Ben Buchanan		Jeffrey Brouwer
September 15	Meredith McKenzie	September 29	Gary Ginn
September 18	Vickie Crapps	September 30	Ginny Devereaux
September 19	Rachel Drafts		Herb Brantley
	Preston Ginn		Trey Fulton
September 20	Ryan Staudt		

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Coordinator

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Sherry Forsgren – Bookkeeper

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