



# Living Springs Lutheran Church

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

## Pentecost Seasonal Emphasis (Early Fall)



*Devote yourselves to prayer,  
keeping alert in it with thanksgiving.*

*Colossians 4:2*

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## Images of God's Work - This Month from Pastor Eric



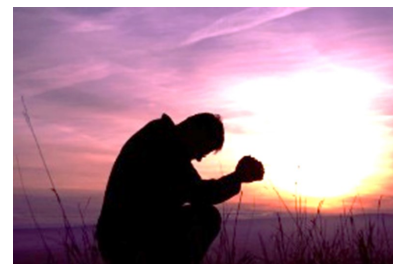
With the seemingly never-ending parade of new phone models being rolled out on the market, I see many comments about the growing storage capacity of our smart devices. While we now have the capability to store thousands of images on those devices, neuro-scientists say this pales in comparison to the number of images we are able to store in the original smart device that God installed within us: the human brain. As we go through daily life, we are bombarded by so many images, many of which create stress or confusion or pain. One of the great blessings of being part of a faith community is that it exposes us to images that reflect the goodness of God's light and hope and grace amidst all the darkness and struggles of the world.

Each month, I am amazed by such images that unfold here among this community of disciples. Because of God's work among us in just the past few weeks, we are now blessed to have stored in our brains the image of nearly 100 guests from the Epworth Children's Home filling the sanctuary and fellowship hall for "God's Work, Our Hands"—worshipping and talking with LS members, hugging Pew Bears, eating meat loaf & mashed potatoes & sundaes (one guest shared, "Man, this is real food—on Sundays, we're used to only pizza!"). There is the unforgettable image of those same Epworth children "wanting to help," and along with LS disciples, forming a beautiful human chain on our church lawn to unload 2 buses of food items and paper products for the Backpack ministry and Angel's House transitional women's veterans home. There are images of Meals-on-Wheels recipients receiving hand-delivered, hot meat loaf Sunday meals. There are images of Sr. Youth helping folks with shopping carts in a Bi-Lo parking lot on Stuff-a-Bus Saturday—and a young child handing a bag to one of our adults outside the IGA and saying, "My mommy told me what your bus was for—and I want those kids to have some pudding cups."

There are images of Club 3456 Youth making prayer bracelets for at-risk youth and Sr. Youth headed out for Youth Day at Newberry College with our seminary intern. There are images of Lutheran Men singing God's praises on Men's Sunday and sharing their excitement about morning Bible studies, retreats, monthly breakfasts, and mission projects. There are image sof 80 JV football players linking arms in devotion & prayer with LS disciples who care enough to feed and talk with them each Thursday before a game. There are images of choirs, musicians, and congregation giving thanks to God for the amazing musical leadership provided by Nickie Riley over the past 7 years. There are images of educators of faith from 3 school districts & 2 preschools sitting together in prayer at our LS quarterly P.I.E. (Partners in Education) Gathering. There are images of disciples gathered around various prayer stations in the sanctuary, embarking on a journey to grow deeper in our relationship of God. There are images of parents greeted by staff at our Preschool/ASC Showcase afternoon, to share the joy of how their children are being nurtured in faith. There are images of the education building filled with activity on a Sunday afternoon: K-2 youth & parents having fun with Bible activities; Women of the ELCA gathered around another table planning & praying; Confirmation students laughing and learning in the youth room with their teacher; Confirmation parents meeting in an adjacent room with pastor to talk about the lessons so they can be reinforced at home. Every Sunday, there are wonderful images of worshippers with Scripture-themed name tags, sharing Christ's peace with each other and receiving the Lord's Supper ... by name. So many, many images of God's light and hope and joy!

As we find ourselves uplifted by such images from the month past, we also begin clearing space in our "brain-storage devices" for images of hope and light that God will bring us in the month ahead: the image of children & family members having a day together at our first Fishing Fellowship Event (Oct. 3); the image of Faith Friends being blessed in their call to nurture the gift of faith across the generations (Oct. 4); the image of pets receiving prayers at the Animal Blessing Service (Oct. 4); the image of LS disciples and friends gathered on a fall Saturday at Poinsett Park for fellowship, supper, and Campfire Communion (Oct. 17); the image of a Reformation Sunday School celebration and Caroline, Connor, and Jack kneeling before the altar to affirm their faith in the Rite of Confirmation (Oct. 24); the image of our church lawn and fellowship hall filled with children, youth, and families for Trunk-r-Treat (Oct. 29); the image of our new Communion Distributors receiving the elements at the altar to deliver to ill or homebound members; and, the image of disciples gathering regularly for Bible studies, Sunday morning Faith Alive times, backpack food packings, youth gatherings, ministry teams, football feedings, and more. So many, many images .....

I pray that you can find much joy in being part of all those images—and I pray that each day at home, at work, at school, in the community, you will encounter many images of light and hope, as the Spirit continues to walk with you in life—to make your brain, and your heart, a true storage-device of God's ongoing works of love in this world! With thanksgiving for all the images of God's joy you share with others, *Pastor Eric*



### Where are your Spirit-tugs?

Do you have your own Disciple-dot "God Stories" to share?

+ Active Discipleship +

+ Ministries of Hope +

+ Community Youth/School Partnerships +

### Adult Faith Milestone—Prayer

"Growing Deeper in Our Relationship with God"  
Mondays - 6:46 pm

### Fall Membership Sunday

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](mailto:tpmolineu@gmail.com)

## This Month from Vicar Marty

### We are all preachers....

At seminary, when someone comes up with a truth about God, we often say, "Preach it," or "That will preach!" But, preaching is simply when someone speaks Christ's word of love to us for today. As I have been thinking about this, it has occurred to me that each one of us is constantly preaching as we go through our daily routines.

Psalms 19 says that all of creation is continuously speaking the glory of God, and the sky is proclaiming his handiwork. Although creation has no words, its song of God's praise fills the whole universe.

Just as creation cannot stop singing about God's goodness, we too as part of God's creation have been created to show forth the glory and praise of God. We too have a sermon to tell. But just like nature, we don't need words to tell this sermon. We only need to live our lives to the praise and glory of God. Does this mean that we are to be jumping up and down and clapping our hands as though we are at a concert? No, although that might be good to do sometimes. We simply live our lives so that whatever we do, we do it as though we are doing it for Jesus because we want to say, "Thank you."

*"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17*

Preach it!  
Vicar Marty



## 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](mailto:ljmasad@gmail.com).



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

# Congregational Outdoor Fellowship & Campfire Communion Worship

On Saturday October 17, please join us for a fun day to celebrate the natural beauty that God created at Poinsett State Park. We will begin the day with breakfast and the morning is open for you to enjoy your favorite outdoor activity. After lunch, we will have an afternoon filled with group activities for all ages. Dinner will be served around 6:00 with a campfire Communion service to follow. We will continue into the evening with fellowship and song around the campfire. Feel free to join us for part of the day or all day. You can also join us for the camping experience Friday evening through Sunday afternoon. For more information, contact [Bob Turnmire](#) or [Mike Davidson](#).



## Saturday Activities Breakfast

8:00 am til 9:00 am  
Free Time for fishing, hiking, etc. until  
Lunchtime



## Lunch

12 noon until 1:00 pm  
Planned group activities 1:30 til 5:00

## Dinner

6:00 pm til 7:00  
Evening Communion Service following  
dinner  
Campfire songs—following service



## Living Springs Camping Trip Sponsored by Lutheran Men

### October 16—18

Everyone is invited to join us for one night, a morning, an afternoon, worship, or the whole weekend. There will be several planned activities as well as time available for unplanned activities. A suggested donation of \$30 per adult will cover the cost of meals and camping. Individual meal costs are available for those not able to attend the full weekend.



There will be no charge for children and youth as special guests of LMM.

# Calendar Highlights



**Oct. 3** - [Family Fishing Fellowship Day](#) - 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.



**Oct. 4** - [Faith Friends Ministry Recognition](#) - we will be honoring the gift of our Faith Friends at both worship services

**Oct. 4** - [Animal Blessing](#) - Bring your fish, hamsters, dogs, cats, and whatever crawls, slithers, and swims around your house!



**MONDAY'S IN OCT.** - [6:46! Fall Prayer Series](#) - Do you have a Spirit-Tug to grow deeper in relationship with God through prayer?

**Oct. 16** - TELS - [The TELS group is visiting the farm!!](#) (Old McCaskill's in Rembert) a



**Oct 16-18** - [Congregation Camping Weekend](#) - Everyone is invited to a fun weekend of fellowship, an appreciation of God's creation, and an outdoor worship experience



**Oct. 17** - [Congregational Fellowship & Campfire Communion](#) - Please join us for a fun day to celebrate the natural beauty that God created at Poinsett State Park.



**Oct. 25** - [Reformation Celebration](#) - Our \*Reformation Olympics\* for all adults, youth & children

**Oct. 29** - [Trunk or Treat](#) - You are invited to decorate your car trunk and hand out candy to all our little "trick or treaters"



**Nov. 2** - [Beer & Hymns](#) - a community fellowship event with...Hymn and song singing

**Nov. 8** - [Annual Ministry Celebration & Congregation Meeting](#)

## 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**

(Join now: 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**

(Winter 2016: 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>**, 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 18<sup>th</sup>**, 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 25<sup>th</sup>**, 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 "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](mailto:beverlyhoppert@gmail.com) is the leader. The ladies are studying the "Bad Girls of the Bible". 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](mailto: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.



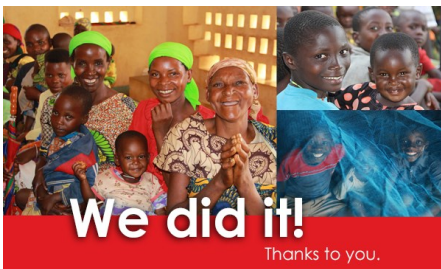
I just wanted to say how impressed I am with your church and what you are doing in our community. I witnessed several of your congregation members interacting with our customers at BI-LO and I thought it was such a positive outreach to the community because of their kindness and also how professional they were. Sometimes when we partner with organizations raising money for good causes, it isn't always a positive interaction with our customer, but in this case, it was. You should be proud of your congregation.

Thank you for your involvement in our community.

*Calvin Rash*

*District Director - Columbia Southeastern Grocers LLC*

I have incredible news! The ELCA Malaria Campaign just reached its fundraising goal of \$15 million! Thank you for being a part of this monumental milestone and helping us protect countless lives from this preventable, treatable disease. **We couldn't have done it without you!** Five years ago ELCA members, congregations and synods came together, dreamed big with our Lutheran companion churches and partners, and set out to raise \$15 million for malaria programming. **Today we celebrate all that we have accomplished together.** Working with our Lutheran companions and partners in 13 African countries, we have brought about lasting change. But our work is not over. While the ELCA Malaria Campaign will officially come to an end on Jan. 31, 2016, our commitment to ending deaths from this disease will not. In the coming years, support to our companions and partners to address malaria will come through gifts to ELCA World Hunger, which has a long history of supporting health-related work. Without you, none of this would have been possible. Thank you for your prayers, your partnership and your generosity.



Together in Christ's service,

*Christina*

Christina Jackson-Skelton  
Executive Director, Mission Advancement  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

# God At Work Through Living Springs



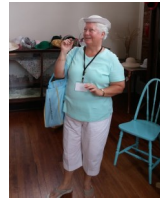
## Adult Faith Milestones



## TELS

### Traveling Evangelists of Living Springs

Recently visited  
Laura's Tea Room



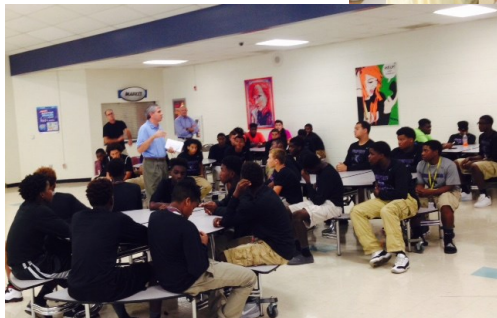
**FUN AT SR YOUT MID WEEK  
RESTAURANT GATHERINGS.....**





**Living Springs  
Food Ministry**

Shares a meal and devotions with the Ridge View JV football team on Thursdays.



**TELS** does the 2 Gals & a Fork Tour of the Vista



The Pew Bears getting all dressed up for Sunday!



WELCA Ladies busy planning



Wow, that didn't hurt...  
Flu Shot Clinic



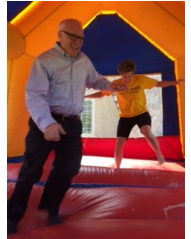
Enjoying a meal together...  
K-2nd having fellowship time along with the confirmation kids in the back!

Men's Ensemble on Lutheran Men's Sunday





God's work.  
Our hands.



# 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Kickoff

Several members recently went to the 500th Joint NC/SC Synods Reformation Kickoff service.



Sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yUI8H2kRCbA&feature=youtu.be>

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scsynod/sets/72157658830668496>

## A Mighty Fortress is Our God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FY4DCG-nFBI>.

The one hymn that most symbolizes the Protestant Reformation is "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." In it, Martin Luther proclaims his confidence in God and rallies all Christians to war against evil. Basing his words on Psalm 46, he victoriously states "We will not fear, for God has willed His truth to triumph through us." Those persecuted and martyred for their convictions during the Reformation sang these words.

Luther understood the power of evil: After he posted his ninety-five theses on the door of Wittenberg's Castle in 1517, he faced years of trials and persecution, he was excommunicated from the Roman church, and he continually faced threats against his life and his freedom. Other reformers had been persecuted and burned at the stake. But he also knew "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in danger" (Psalm 46:1) and so he wrote "A Mighty Fortress is our God," proclaiming boldly that "the prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him . . . one little word shall fell him."

Since he wrote it in 1529, Luther's hymn has been translated into nearly every language. There are said to be over eighty English translations alone to this hymn, but the version most used in the United States is the translation by Frederic Henry Hedge in 1852.

The first line of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" is inscribed on the tomb of Martin Luther at Wittenberg. And its powerful words and tune continue to live. The hymn was sung at the funeral of President Dwight D. Eisenhower at the National Cathedral in Washington DC, March 1969. And it was also included in the National Service of Prayer and Remembrance, held shortly after the September 11, 2001 attacks against America.

## Council Clips

### **Staff & Ministry Reports** - September 17, 2015 Meeting

#### **Council Devotions:** "Evangelism without Additives" Ch. 10 – Have You Lusted Lately?

We all engage in bad things, but God doesn't just look at the bad things...but how good does something have to be to make up for the bad? Matthew 24:40 "Whatever you have done for the least of these, you have done for me"...When you do things for others, we shouldn't be looking for gratification immediately because that's not the purpose in the first place. Little things can really make a difference: lay the foundation/make an attempt and then leave it in God's hands to where it will lead. God opens opportunities because He senses when they are being done for the right reasons. God's math doesn't always add it...the little things can add it – know the invisible, small, and ordinary ways to interact.

#### **Council Actions:**

✠ A motion from Worship and Music Ministry was made that on the weekend of October 17-18 (camping weekend) we continue to provide two full services at LS on Sunday, October 18. The formal service at the campout will be held in the afternoon/evening of Saturday, October 17. An informal service will also be held on Sunday, October 18 at the campground. Motion carried.

✠ A motion was made to accept membership of the Lander Family. Motion carried.

#### **As we continue to fulfill God's Vision, here are some of the mighty works that God has been doing in and through the people of Living Springs:**

- ✠ An entire new Community Outreach Food Ministry materialized out of nothing- and to date; we have received monetary and Thrivent donations in excess of \$1,000 to already provide 350+ meals for 80-some JV football young men. More than food, it has been the power of God present in those meals, with young men sharing their personal struggles in private conversations and coming up to offer thanks for "reminding us that God is with us!"
- ✠ An amazing new Adult Faith Milestones program has been initiated by the Lifelong Discipleship Team- and dozens of disciples have already indicated their Spirit Tugs to: 1) grow deeper in their relationship with God through a prayer series; and 2) grow deeper in their relationship with their spouses through an amazing Marriage Care retreat planned for November with Air Force Chaplain, Kris Cox.
- ✠ On alternating Tuesday and Wednesday nights, Sr. Youth have been forming tighter bonds and growing in faith with Vicar Marty and our youth advisors- as well as making a special trip to Newberry College Youth Day, to be hosted by Ashley Ramsey, one of LS own college students.
- ✠ A group of LS disciples held their first meeting to consider our call to be people of healing and reconciliation; disciples from LS appeared on the evening news broadcast, as they gathered with other Lutherans and members of traditionally African-American congregations to view the movie "Selma" together and take steps in our synod's journey of overcoming racial barriers- all of which has been inspired by the miraculous forgiveness and grace shown in the aftermath of the Emmanuel AME tragedy in Charleston.
- ✠ LS disciples-youth and adults-stood by church buses in grocery store parking lots and were amazed to see complete strangers opening their hearts to contribute items for our Stuff-a-Bus campaign.
- ✠ On God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, the sanctuary floor was filled with children of all ages and backgrounds-eyes and hearts opened wide to a puppet telling about the blessing of God!
- ✠ Teddy Bears from our Pew Bear Ministry brought hugs of joy to young children who have known very few hugs of joy in their lives-with LS disciples stepping forward to offer donations to that those yearning children could experience that joy!
- ✠ LS disciples prepared meat loaf and mashed potatoes and desserts and sundaes for nearly 100 visitors from Epworth Home and Angel's House, for our Meals-on-Wheels recipients and our homebound members-leading one Epworth resident to share happiness over receiving a meal of "real food," rather than pizza we usually get.
- ✠ Epworth Children lined up side-by-side with LS youth and adults to form a human chain and unload hundreds and hundreds of items for our Backpack Children and local agencies-and also joined together to help assemble Blessing bags, make crosses for Rice Estate residents, and weave bracelets for backpack children.
- ✠ Members from 2 choirs gathered in a circle in their choir room, reflecting on how their lives have been touched through the leadership and care of Nickie, sharing many ways they have grown because of her teaching and gifts, and offering thanksgiving to God for the 7 years of ministry she has shared with the people of Living Springs.

#### **The Spirit was...**

- ✠ ALIVE with in our Annual Rally Day kickoff on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. We welcomed new people and educated our community on ways we are partnering with them to share God's Word, Jesus' grace in baptism and communion, and the Spirit's desire to be in relationship with us through Faith Friends, Milestones, and Faith Education Hour.
- ✠ PRESENT in the hearts of our newest young people Entering Confirmation.
- ✠ BLOWING through the hearts and minds of persons willing to Faith Friends and to be an adult presence in the lives of our young people. What a powerful example of the scripture verse, "Let the little children come to me!"

## Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

### FAITH FRIENDS MINISTRY RECOGNITION SUNDAY

*Sunday, October 4*

This Sunday, October 4th is going to be a joyful one because we will be honoring the gift of our **Faith Friends** at both worship services. We are grateful to all who have been **Faith Friends** for a year now and we welcome our new **Faith Friends**. Moreover, we want our congregation to see how important this gift of relationship is for both the adult and the young person. Therefore, we want to bless these **Faith Friend** relationships at both worship services. We will hold the blessing around 900am during the first worship service and 1045am at the second worship service. We invite our Faith Friends to then join together during our FAITH5 Faith Formation Hour as we Share, Read, Talk, Pray, and Bless one another!!!



### ANIMAL BLESSING SERVICE

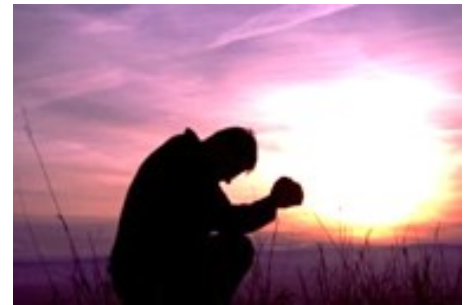
*Sunday, October 4*

At 4:30 pm, we will have our annual animal blessing on the front lawn. Bring your fish, hamsters, dogs, cats, and whatever crawls, slithers, and swims around your house! We encourage all animals to be on a leash or in a cage/bowl. If your pet is nervous around people, he/she may remain in the car with the windows down!

### 6:46! FALL PRAYER SERIES

*Mondays in October*

Do you have a Spirit-Tug to grow deeper in relationship with God through prayer? As part of our new Adult Faith Milestones ministry, we announce a 5-part series to be offered on Mondays, Sept. 28 – Oct. 26, from 6:46-8:00 pm. Our motivation is Mark 6:46, where Jesus says farewell to the crowds and goes "on the mountain to pray." We say farewell to the crowded schedules of our lives and gather at 6:46 in the sanctuary to connect more deeply with God through instruction, learning, and various experiences of prayer. All are invited – bring a neighbor or friend!



### FOOTBALL FOOD MINISTRY OUTREACH

*Thursdays in October*



Living Springs is partnering with Fellowship of Christian Athletes to sponsor pre-game devotional meals for youth of the Ridgeview JV team. Each Thursday at 3:00, we need: 6-8 VOLUNTEERS (men & women) to help serve the food; plus donated DESSERTS (100 portions total per day). Financial donations are welcome –make checks to Living Springs and mark, "Football Food Ministry." Dates are Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Sign-up chart is in the Admin. Building (or call the office). Contact [Bob Turnmire](#).

### FALL WORK DAY

*Saturday, October 10*

Bring your gloves, shovels, and smiling face on 10/10 at 8am until. There are a variety of cleaning and other projects in the preschool, kitchen, overall grounds, and more. [Click here for a list of projects](#).





## TELS (TRAVELING EVANGELS OF LIVING SPRINGS)

**Friday, October 16**

The TELS group is visiting the farm!! (Old McCaskill's in Rembert) on **Friday, October 16** – the bus will leave @ 10:30 am. Lunch is at 11:30 (and I hear it is very good) and then we'll spend some time with God's four-legged creatures. In November we are going to Narrowway Productions to see The Real Christmas Story – **Saturday,**

**November 21**...bus leaves at 10 am. The cost is \$39 each + \$5 for transportation. There is a sign-up sheet in the administration building or contact Beverly Hoppert, [beverlyhopper@gmail.com](mailto:beverlyhopper@gmail.com).

## REFORMATION FESTIVAL & CONFIRMATION MILESTONE

**Sunday, October 25**

Our \*Reformation Olympics\* for all adults, youth & children will take place on at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. There will be food, teams, medals, judges and a guaranteed great time! Don't forget to wear **RED**! Also, on Reformation Sunday, we rejoice and offer prayers of blessing for our 5 youth affirming their faith at their Confirmation Milestone: Jack Arnold, Connor Kilbourne, and Caroline Moore..



## TRUNK OR TREAT Thursday, October 29



Circle up your trunks and join us for this night of fun and festivities with family and community friends! You are invited to decorate your car trunk and hand out candy to all our little "trick or treater's"! We always get some pretty interesting trunk decorations, so ---People...start your creative juices! Please supply your own candy for your trunk and sign up in the administration bldg. or the online signup! After the goblins get their treats & bounce around in the bounce house, check out the Fellowship Hall - the preschool will be serving chili and there will be some

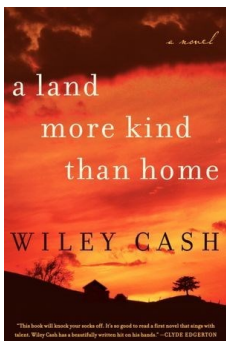
exciting games with prizes, led by our own youth groups and a silent auction that you won't want to miss! Contact Lexanne Graves [lexanne@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto:lexanne@livingspringscolumbia.org) or Karen Kranz [kbkranz@gmail.com](mailto:kbkranz@gmail.com) for information. LS & Preschool Members: we ask you to consider donating candy to be given out to the children. Please put your candy donation in the box located outside Lexanne's office door or in the preschool designated donation barrel.

## BEER & HYMNS Monday, November 2

Beer & Hymns, a community fellowship event with...hymn and song singing, is being organized in the NE Columbia area by Living Springs and the local Lutheran Beer & Hymns group! Singing talent is not necessary to join in the fun and fellowship. We will be meeting at Beef O'Brady's at 7pm. Bring your friends! <https://www.facebook.com/beerandhymnsSC>



## LADIES BOOK CLUB Monday, November 2



**DATE CHANGE!** On Monday, November 2 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](mailto:KarenKranz) for information.

## ANNUAL MINISTRY CELEBRATION & CONGREGATION MEETING

**Sunday, November 8**

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, Nov 8 at 9:15. We elect 2016/2017 Council members, 2017 Nominating Committee and 2016 SC Synod Assembly delegates. This meeting is also required to adopt our congregation's 2016 Spending Plan. A quorum of is required. Voting members are all confirmed members who have communed and contributed on record in either 2014 or 2015.



### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Nancy Kauffman has designed two beautiful Christmas Card, exclusively available through Living Springs. They are \$1.00 per card and all proceeds go to Living Springs. Pick up an order form in the Narthex, admin lobby or use the one in back of the newsletter. Deadline to order is November 1st with delivery on November 15th.

### 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, October 1 & 15@ 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](mailto:mdavidson33@gmail.com) or 699-1498 for additional information.

#### MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Saturday October 31**



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, October 31st** 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.

#### T-SHIRTS AVAILABLES

We have some t-shirts left over from Sunday's "God's work. Our hands." Sunday which have Living Springs Lutheran Church imprinted on the back. What better way to spread the word about our Hope Ministry here at Living Springs....and all for \$5!! See Karen Kranz to get your shirt.



## Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs

### TUESDAY DEVOTION LUNCH @ LIVING SPRINGS

*Tuesday, October 6*

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, October 20*

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 – signup 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. 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.

### 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](mailto: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





## Additional Opportunities

### MAYORS WALK AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**Saturday, October 10**

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](#)

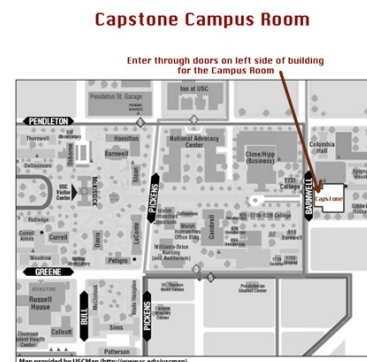
Times: Starting: 9:00 AM

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/>

### SIMONE CAMPBELL, GUEST SPEAKER @ USC

**Tuesday, October 27**

Simone Campbell SSS, a religious leader, attorney and poet, will be the guest speaker for the annual Joseph Cardinal Bernardin lectures, Tuesday, October 27, 6:00 pm at the USC Capstone Campus room (see map). Event is free and open to the public. Simone Campbell's book, "A Nun on the Bus: How All of Us Can Create Hope, Change, and Community" will be available for sale after the lecture.



### DASHER DINNER

**Friday, November 6**

It's almost time for our annual fundraiser, the Dasher Dinner! This year we will be celebrating the ministry and contributions of our Clemson colleague Pastor Chris Heavner (23 years of service to LCM!). The dinner will be held on Friday November 6th at the Sonoco Pavilion at the Darla Moore School of Business – USC campus at 6pm. New this year, we've got a silent auction with some really great items up for bid. Tickets are \$55 or \$400 for a table of 8. Please consider joining us for this special 10th Anniversary Dasher Dinner or you are unable to attend but would like to make a contribution either monetary or Silent Auction item to support this ministry that serves Midlands Tech, Columbia College and USC students! Contact Wendy McKenzie (803-603-6145 or [wendy.mckenzie@sc.edu](mailto:wendy.mckenzie@sc.edu)) to make reservations today.

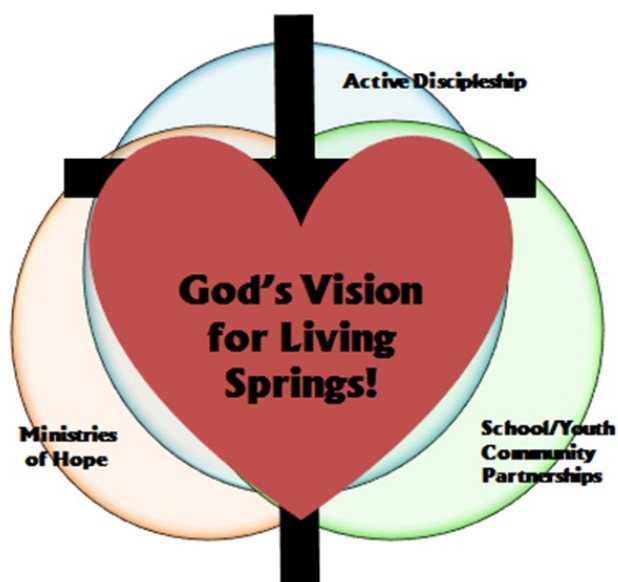
### TRASH OR TREASURE!

**Sunday, November 22**



Thrivent is sponsoring a Trash or Treasure event to raise funds for the South Carolina Synod *History Matters* book project. Dawn Corley, the Charleston Silver Lady, will present and appraise up to three of your items at \$25 each. It will be held at Reformation Lutheran Church, 1118 Union St., Columbia 29201 on Sunday November 22 – check in starts @ 3 pm. It will be catered by our own food ministry, Mark & Laura. Contact [Karen Kranz](#) or Jan Schmidt for information.

# 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



## Preschool & Afterschool Care News

### From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello everyone,

The school year has gotten off to a great start! We have been busy with lots of "back to school activities".

We held our first "Family Showcase", a time for families to come and visit the classrooms, see what it is that their child(en) do while they are here with us, talk to teaching staff as well as Pastor Eric and "The Chapel Lady" Ms. Lexanne.



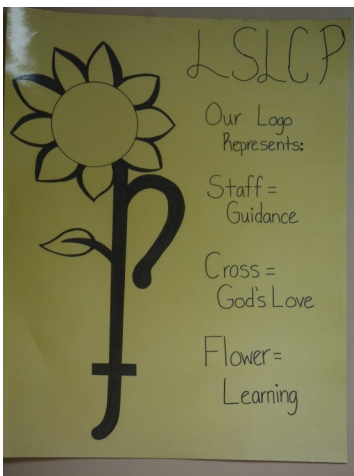
We are excited about the upcoming "Trunk or Treat" on October 29th. We look forward to seeing you there for a great night of food fun and fellowship! Until then, please feel free to stop in and share some time with us. We are always happy to see volunteers and would love to have join us.

WITH MUCH LOVE AND MANY BLESSINGS,  
AND THE PRESCHOOL STAFF

TAMMY



### 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

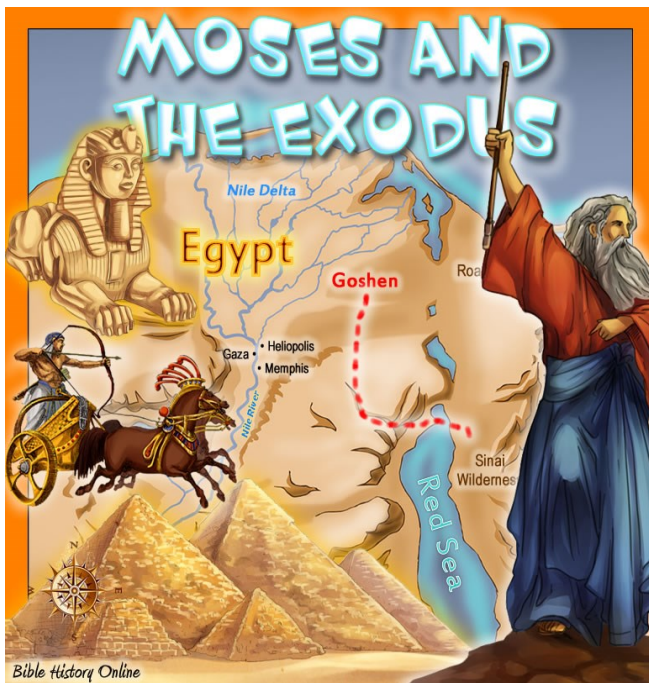


[www.LSLCPS.org](http://www.LSLCPS.org)

## From the Director of Faith Formation

Lexanne K. Graves

[Lexanne@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto: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!***

Each month 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 2 months is upon: **MOSES and DAVID.**

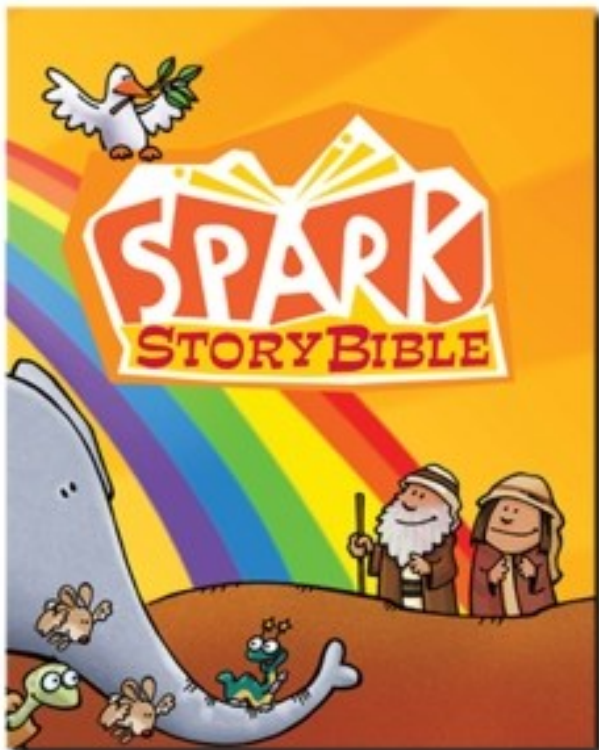
In order for us to know God's amazing, unconditional love for each of us, we need to know God's promises from the beginning for all of us in this universe.

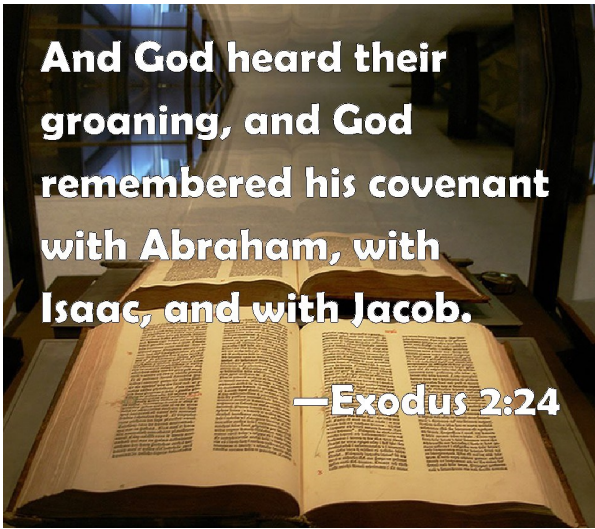
We all need to partner together to share God's amazing love in Jesus to our children and youth, and each other.

**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 20-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](mailto:lbloss3306@hotmail.com)) or Lexanne Graves ([Lexanne@LivingSpringsColumbia.org](mailto:Lexanne@LivingSpringsColumbia.org)).

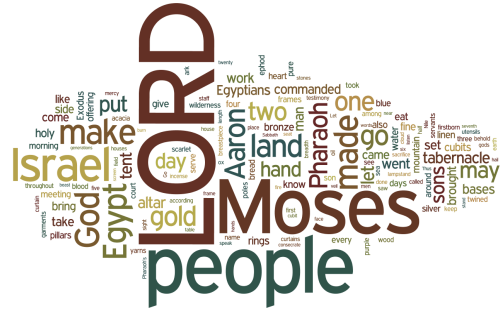
We have made it very easy for you. We create a team teaching environment where you don't have to teach every week! Will you help fulfill the baptismal promises we all made to raise up God's children in the Word? We need YOU!





In September, our Faith Formation Focus was upon Abraham and Sarah. We learned that God blessed Abraham and Sarah with land, many descendants, and a son named Isaac.

October is going to be another amazing month as we see how God blesses Moses to lead God's people, just as God blesses us each day to share God's love and hope to everyone we meet.



## God's Story: Moses

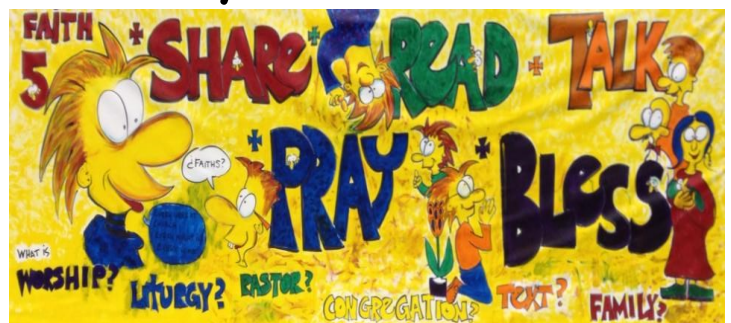
from [Crossroads Kids' Club PLUS](http://CrossroadsKidsClubPLUS.com)

Moses was chosen by God to deliver the Israelites from slavery, but he didn't believe he could do it because he didn't realize he had a special place in God's family. Finally, he chose to trust that God would take care of him and lead him. You can find this story in Exodus 2-4. Click the above picture to watch the video of the story

Check out more videos (and other cool stuff) at [CrossroadsKidsClub.net](http://CrossroadsKidsClub.net)

## FAITH5

F a i t h 5 A c t s I n T h e H o m e that only takes 5 minutes!





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

*October*

- 1 Matthew 5:8
- 2 John 20:29
- 3 Matthew 5:15
- 4 Exodus 2:5,10
- 5 Exodus 15:2
- 6 Exodus 15:13
- 7 Leviticus 26:12
- 8 Matthew 5:14
- 9 Acts 1:5
- 10 Romans 6:4
- 11 Exodus 3:4-5
- 12 Exodus 3:11
- 13 Exodus 3:12
- 14 Exodus 3:14
- 15 Exodus 3:17
- 16 Exodus 3:20
- 17 Exodus 4:2
- 18 Exodus 6:11
- 19 Exodus 7:20
- 20 Exodus 13:21
- 21 Exodus 14:16
- 22 Exodus 14:28-29
- 23 Exodus 16:11
- 24 Exodus 17:6
- 25 Exodus 20:2, 4
- 26 Exodus 20:7-8
- 27 Exodus 20:11-12
- 28 Exodus 20:13-15
- 29 Exodus 20:16-17
- 30 Exodus 20:20
- 31 Exodus 34:6



The word exodus” means “going out” or “exit”. In the book of Exodus, God tells the Egyptian Pharaoh, “Let my people go!” so they could worship God in the land God would give them. But Pharaoh did not let them go, so God rescues the people of Israel from slavery and leads them out of Egypt. Exodus shows us that God doesn’t let anything get in the way of God’s relationship with the Israelites.

Moses was the leader that God chose to help lead the Exodus and save the Israelites. Moses didn’t believe he had the gifts and talents to be the leader God wanted. Have you ever felt that way? God gave Moses the abilities to be a leader and God will provide for you too. Why don’t you give FAITH5 a try this week and see how awesome God is??!! 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 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



## 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: Exciting details to come!



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

Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 1230-2pm 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](mailto:Tiffany.Ginn@td.com) and [garyginn10@gmail.com](mailto:garyginn10@gmail.com))



### **CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETING DATES: 7TH-8TH GRADERS**

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.



**OCT-DEC Youth Calendar**

- Oct 3- Confirmation Family Dinner, Fishing at Sequi SP
- Oct 4- WORSHIP & Blessing of Animals (4:30pm)
- Oct 6 Sr Youth Rest. Gathering
- Oct 11 WORSHIP & Confirmation
- Oct 14 Sr Youth Rest Gathering
- Oct 16-18 Cong Camp Trip at Poinsett State Park
- Oct 18 WORSHIP&Confirmation
- Oct 20 Sr Youth Rest. Gathering
- Oct 25 WORSHIP & 9th Graders Confirmed in their Faith
- Oct 28 Sr Youth Rest Gathering
- Oct 29 Trunk or Treat
- Nov 1 WORSHIP
- Nov 3 Sr Youth Rest. Gathering
- Nov 8 WORSHIP
- Nov 11 Sr Youth Rest. Gathering
- Nov 13-15 Retreat for 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation: *New Testament Overview @ Luther Ridge*
- Nov 15 WORSHIP
- Nov 17 Sr Youth Rest. Gathering
- Nov 22 WORSHIP & Advent Family Night
- Nov 25 No Sr Youth Rest.
- Nov 28 Christmas tree lot opens
- Nov 29 WORSHIP
- Dec 1 Sr Youth Rest . Gathering
- Dec 6 WORSHIP & Confirmation & Congregational Christmas Party
- Dec 9 Sr Youth Rest. Gathering
- Dec 13 Christmas Program
- Dec 15 Sr Youth Rest. Gathering
- Dec 19- 20 Outdoor Nativity
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve WORSHIP
- Dec 27 WORSHIP

# SENIOR YOUTH HAPPENINGS....

All the Youth are back at school and that means our weekly restaurant gatherings have resumed. So far we have visited Red Robin, Moe's Ci Ci's, and Beef O'Bradys. The youth like to take this time to reconnect with each other and also listen to a word of Scripture.

Since the group has a lot of guys, we are fond of places that offer "Bottomless food items."

Vicar Marty was worried about going to Newberry and only getting one hot dog, and a bag of chips for our group, but fortunately, seconds and even thirds were allowed. The Hobbits with their Second breakfasts have nothing on this group.

We alternate meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday nights so that youth who have Tuesday or Wednesday night commitments can make it to at least half of our gatherings. We really need more representation from our female youth, so ladies come on out!!!

Remember, you are encouraged to bring your friends to youth events, and Church, and everything we do. That saying about the more the merrier is

*ON October 9th, we will go to Scarwinds so that we can get scared together!!!! Yeah!!!!*

**Youth opportunity to participate in Racial reconciliation:**  
 On Nov 22nd, Ar- ea Youth will gather at Christ Mission in Denny Terrace to view the movie, "Remember the Titans" with small group discussion following.

*Senior Youth Faith Formation Class meets Sunday mornings at 9: 25 in Youth room*



## October Confirmation Dates

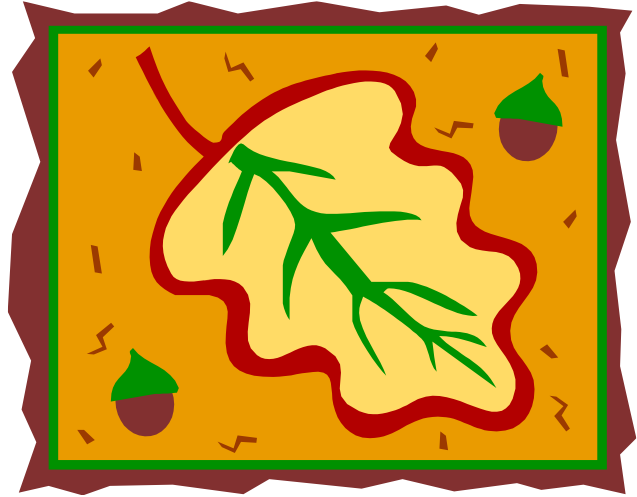
OCT 3-CONFIRMATION	9TH
OCT 11	7TH&8TH
OCT 18	7TH & 8TH
OCT 25- CONFIRMATION !!!	9TH GRADE
Nov 13-15 Luther Ridge Retreat	7th & 8th
Dec 6 Confirmation Class	7th & 8th







## Watching the game



*Caption describing picture or graphic.*

For more information about Living Springs Youth, contact Vicar Marty Wagner at (803)-736-0661.



## Senior Youth Traveled to Newberry College for Lutheran Day

On a recent Saturday, the youth traveled to Newberry College for Lutheran Day. Our own Ashley Ramsey is a Senior at Newberry and gave us a personal tour of campus. She told us that legend has it, if a student walks under the College bell, they will never graduate from Newberry. Since none of us were students we thought it would be OK to get our group picture taken here. What a handsome and brilliant bunch of guys!

We also watched the Newberry Wolves Football game against the Jacksonville Dolphins.

We also want to thank Bob Turnmire who drove the bus (on his birthday!) and Laura Turnmire who chaperoned along with Audrey Turnmire and Vicar Marty.

Pastor Eric stopped in and spent part of the time with us. Thank you Pastor!



**OUR GROUP AT NEWBERRY COLLEGE ON LUTHERAN DAY**

## Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

<b>October 1</b>	♥ Jesse & Karen Bazemore	<b>October 20</b>	Jason Crapps
<b>October 3</b>	Wesley Graves		Ryan Fulkerson
	Bryson Lay		Anna Leigh Graves
<b>October 4</b>	♥ Ed & Kathy Brennan		Regina Spencer
<b>October 5</b>	Pete McManus		Bunie Talbert
<b>October 6</b>	Vickie Crapps	<b>October 21</b>	Rachel Wyka
<b>October 7</b>	Darrell Compas		Jerry Appleton
	Lee Collins	<b>October 22</b>	Baylee Owens
	Lydia Prizer	<b>October 24</b>	Rachel Sorial
	Brian Spencer	<b>October 25</b>	Dea Jones
<b>October 8</b>	♥ Jim & Peg Zieche		Reagan Hensley
<b>October 9</b>	Amber Fletcher		Beau Owens
<b>October 10</b>	Eddie Newton	<b>October 26</b>	Rachel Tustin
	Catherine Ruff		Thomas Bailey
	♥ Kris & Rebecca Cox		Christie Fulkerson
<b>October 11</b>	♥ Mike & Sarah Schultz		Candice Johnson
<b>October 12</b>	Chuck Kowalski		Laura Stuart
<b>October 13</b>	♥ Rocky & Jan Berger	<b>October 28</b>	Kelsi Cox
	Anna Bailey		Gray Harmon
	Eric Johansson	<b>October 30</b>	♥ Jack & Ashley Fakoury
<b>October 17</b>	Andrew Bottar	<b>October 31</b>	♥ Peter & Sally Moore
<b>October 19</b>	♥ Don & Tina Molineu		Jason Villaflor
	Aaron Smith		

### 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!



<b>October 1</b>	Jerry Appleton	<b>October 14</b>	Pr. Eric Fink
	Preston Franks		Delaynee Harmon
	Coleman Fulkerson		Abigale Harmon
	Aiden Villaflor	<b>October 15</b>	Mike Schultz
<b>October 2</b>	Ashley Ramsey	<b>October 20</b>	Nowell Ramsey
<b>October 6</b>	Olivia Hinchee	<b>October 22</b>	Andrew Barrier
<b>October 11</b>	Emily Day	<b>October 28</b>	Jan Schmidt
<b>October 13</b>	Abbie Zvejnieks	<b>October 29</b>	Christopher Staudt
			Courtney Staudt

# October 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
4 930A Faith Friend Gathering 430P Blessing of the Animals 645P Bible Study	5 1030A Meals on Wheels 1245P Zumba 6P Worship & Music Team 646P Prayer Series	<b>Tuesdays at LSLC:</b> 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	7 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba 130P Staff Meeting 6P Sanctuary Choir 6P Hope Ministries Team 7P Chancel Choir 7P Good News Team	1 630A Men's Bible Study 830A Good News Walkers 3P Football Food Ministry 5P Backpacks	2 830A Good News Walkers 9A BeWell@Home Seminar 3P Football Food Ministry 5P Backpacks 615P Preschool Board 7P Lifelong Discipleship	3 8A Fishing Fellowship Event 6P Confirmation Family Dinner
11 930A Drives License Milestone 1215P Confirmation Class	12 1030A Meals on Wheels 646P Prayer Series 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care Team 7P Executive	13 See Tuesday's Box, plus: 1215P PSC Lunch 6P Finance 7P Facilities	14 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir 7P Sr. Youth	15 630A Men's Bible Study 830A Good News Walkers 3P Football Food Ministry 5P Backpacks 7P Council	16 1030A TELS	17 <b>Congregational Outdoor Fellowship</b> 130 Activities 6P Meal 7P Worship
18 930A Lord's Prayer Milestone 1215P Club 3456 1215P Confirmation Class 130P Conf Parents 645P Bible Study	19 10A Staff Meeting 1030A Meals on Wheels 1230P Zumba 5P Backpacks 646P Prayer Series	20 See Tuesday's Box, plus: 615P Devotional Dinner 7P Sr. Youth	21 930 PSC Chapel 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir	22 830A Good News Walkers 3P Football Food Ministry	23	24 930A Crafty Ladies 5P Private Party in FH
25 <b>Reformation Sunday</b> 1215P Baby Shower 930 Reformation Celebration 1045 Rite of Conf.	26 1030A Meals on Wheels 1245P Zumba 646P Prayer Series	27 See Tuesday's Box	28 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir 7P Sr. Youth 7P Hope Visionaries	29 830A Good News Walkers 3P Football Food Ministry 5P Backpacks 615P Trunk or Treat	30	31 8A Men's Breakfast 5P Rice Estate Dinner

**Congregation Camping 10/16-18**

**Worship Assistant Schedule – October 2015**

	Assisting Minister	Lector	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Crucifier	Torchbearers	Counters	Children's Sermon	Council Person
10/4	Gwen Furcron	Sandra Dixon	Beverly Hoppert Bill Franck	Jan Schmidt Scott Graves	Patricia Brouwer	Connor Kilbourne	Jan Schmidt			Lexanne Graves	Scott Graves
10/4	Vicar Marty	Jeff Day	Cindy Day Steve Bloss	Karlene Stuart Laura Stuart Bob Turnmire Rocky Berger	Alice Renaud	Austin Padgett	Ed Brennan	Trish Davidson Brantley Smith	Scott Graves LC Trish Davidson Aaron Smith	Lexanne Graves	Aaron Smith
10/11	Katherine Wollpert	Janet Bate	Nowell Ramsey Helen Doeringhaus	Shirley Lalingen Paul Lalingen	Tina & Don Molineu	Ben Arnold	Jim Zieche			Laura Turnmire	Gwen Furcron
10/11	Adam Woodruff	Anne Ducate	Anne Ducate Jeannette Bloss	Wendy McKenzie Jan Berger Leslie Bloss Randy Masad	Hary & Rachel Sorjal	Collin Flores	Rocky Berger	Cindy Day Jeff Day	Gwen Furcron LC Karen Kranz Wendy McKenzie	Laura Turnmire	Leslie Bloss
10/18	Lexanne Graves	Vicar Marty	Gwen Furcron Herb Brantley	Sadonia Grimmer Jeff Lummel	Bill Franck	Anna Leigh Graves	Lexanne Graves			Pastor Eric	Bill Franck
10/18	Jan Berger	Bob Gabbard	Bob Turnmire Gail Buchanan	Adam Woodruff Rocky Berger Steve Bloss Mike Davidson	Karlene Stuart	Walker Flores	Pat Bartucca	Ginny Devereaux Ed Brennan	Ed Brennan LC Adam Woodruff Angie Dyches	Pastor Eric	Ed Brennan
10/25	Sandra Dixon	Melissa Lindstedt Dea Jones	Karen Kranz Bob Gill	Jerry Appleton Mart Appleton Adam Woodruff	Nancy Franck	Caroline Moore	Karen Kranz			Vicar Marty	Rocky Berger
10/25	Mike Davidson		Trish Davidson Leslie Bloss	Rachel Sorjal Hany Sorjal Bob Turnmire	Linda Hayes	Lauren Bloss	Aaron Smith	Lauren Stuart Karlene Stuart	Mark Stuart LC Mike Davidson Brantley Smith	Vicar Marty	Mark Stuart
		Care Meals			Flowers						
10/4					Muggers						
10/11					Herb Brantley	Charles Tracy	Jenny Skipper	Jan Schmidt			October Cindy Day
10/18					Midge Gunvalson	Cathy Lowman	Angie Dyches	Sally Moore			
10/25					Jan Berger	Gwen Furcron	Misty O'Donnell	Judy Lawrence			
10/25					Karlene Stuart	Karen Kranz	Jenny Skipper	Alice Renaud			

**SIGN UP FOR OCTOBER – WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

The online sign up for October is ready to be populated – whatever slots are open by Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 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>

**'Tis the Reason for the Season**  
**Christmas cards**  
 \$1.00 per card

**How to order:**

- I. **Select the card** you would like to order
- II. Indicate **how many cards** you would like
- III. Place your **order and payment in an envelope** addressed to **ALiving Springs Christmas Cards@** for the counting team (hand in on any Sunday with other donations or hand in envelope to the Church Office) **no later than Sunday, November 1, 2015.**



How many? \_\_\_\_\_



How many? \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Cards will be delivered November 15, 2015 at both services  
*All profits will go to Living Springs Lutheran Church*

Please choose one:

- I usually attend the 8 am service
- I usually attend the 10:45 am service
- I will pick up at Living Springs office



Living Springs Youth

Pine Straw Sale

Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Bales Ordered	Price Per Bale	Total
	<b>\$4.50</b>	



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

Paid by: cash \_\_\_\_\_ check# \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Pickup \_\_\_\_\_ Delivery \_\_\_\_\_

Free delivery (Minimum 10 bales required )

Youth Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

All Proceeds are used to fund Youth events throughout the year

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Rev. Eric Fink – Senior Pastor

Lexanne Graves, A.I.M. – Director of Faith Formation

Tammy Mancuso- Preschool/ASC Director

Lisa Petty – Administrative Assistant/Communications

Coordinator

Laura Cunningham - Food Resource Person

Sherry Forsgren – Bookkeeper

Laura Turnmire – Director of Handbell Choir

### **CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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[Leslie Bloss](#) - Secretary

[Jerry Appleton](#) - Treasurer

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Trish Davidson

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