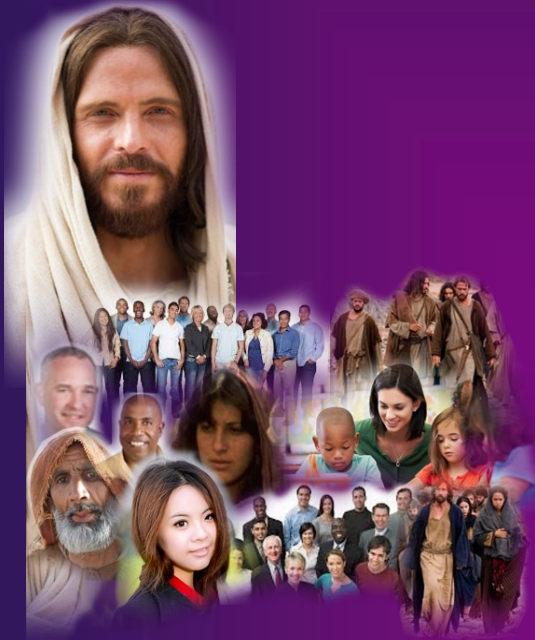




Living Springs Lutheran Church

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

Lent Seasonal Emphasis



And Jesus said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

- Luke 9:23

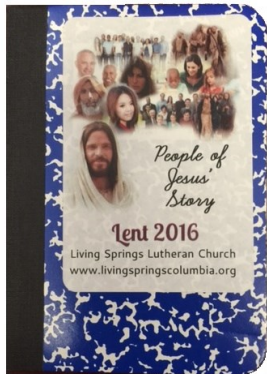
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“People of Jesus’ Story” - This Month from Pastor Eric



As we move from February to March, we near the mid-point of this year’s Lenten journey. It has been such a powerful experience to hear so many of you share about the people you have encountered in your daily journeys—and how you have recognized through the lens of God’s grace, that we all are part of Jesus’ ongoing story of compassion, forgiveness, and redemptive hope in the world. It has been wonderful to see persons recorded in your daily Lenten notebooks, but more than that, it has been wonderful to learn of them being etched into your hearts. I am thankful for those persons of Jesus’ story that you have been lifting up in spoken prayer at our Wednesday services and for those many more you are lifting up in silent prayer at the end of our Sunday services. For me personally, it has been a moving experience to share the closing benediction/blessing not only for those present in the pews each Sunday, but also for those present in our Lenten notebooks and our hearts!!!

Carrying my own notebook each day has prompted me to take greater notice of people around me—sitting in adjacent cars at a stoplight, standing around me in a checkout line, sitting around a waiting room, standing at a bus stop, or gathered on a street corner. It has opened my ears to hear more of what people are talking about, to listen for what is going on in their lives, and to pray for those persons whose names I do not know and whose situations I do not fully comprehend (but nonetheless God knows!). In the past week, I have even had the chance to have some individuals “autograph” my book. In explaining the book’s purpose, it has prompted a few folks to say how affirming it is to be recognized as part of Jesus’ story (and how special it is to have someone ask for YOUR autograph!). As we go through these final 4 weeks of Lent, I invite (indeed, urge) you to continue to carry your “People of Jesus’ Story” notebooks with you every day and record your sightings: not because it will fill up your pages, but because it will subtly transform your day. Amidst all the challenges and struggles of each day, it allows you to experience somewhat of an excitement, looking forward to how the Spirit is going to reveal something special in the most unexpected moment - an opportunity to perceive yourself & others more fully as persons in Jesus’ ongoing story of God’s grace and love for the world!

CARRY YOUR NOTEBOOK WITH YOU EVERY DAY!
Allow that little book to somehow transform your day—actively looking for surprising occasions when you will be blessed to perceive someone as a special person in Jesus’ story!

In the final week of March, we will together move to the most important week of our lives as people of Jesus’ story. In that week, we will recount the story that gives shape to our lives as disciples and followers of Jesus. We will be reminded of people who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with shouts of “Hosanna” and then within a week, found their shouts of praise turned into shouts of rejection and pleas that he be executed. We will be reminded of persons, who though they were his closest followers, nonetheless abandoned, denied, and betrayed him. We will be reminded of religious and governmental leaders who attacked him and witnesses who lied about him in court proceedings. We will be reminded of

The Holiest and Most Important Week of our Lives ...

as people of Jesus’ Story!

PALM SUNDAY—MARCH 20

MAUNDY THURSDAY—MARCH 24

GOOD FRIDAY—MARCH 25

HOLY SATURDAY—MARCH 26

EASTER SUNDAY—MARCH 27

people who were angered by his actions in the temple, who heard his powerful teachings, who dined with him in a sacred Passover meal, who watched him wash their feet, who wept at the foot of his cross, who placed his lifeless body in a tomb, and then on the 3rd day, found that sealed tomb opened by the power of God. In all the people of THAT life-shaping, world-transforming story, we will somehow meet ourselves—and somehow more fully encounter the overwhelming need for God’s grace and forgiveness, power & victory in our own lives. We - and all those around us - are indeed people of Jesus’ story in so many ways—but this holiest week of our existence, reminds us what that means at the deepest of levels. We are people of Palm Sunday ... people whose lives give praise to a servant-king, Jesus, the one who has come to us and the world in the name of the Lord! We are people of Maundy Thursday ... people fed

with the very bread of life and who have received the command that we are to love as Jesus loved us. We are people of Good Friday ... people forgiven and reconciled to God through God’s own sacrifice of love for us. And, most of all, we are people of Easter ... people who walk each day with a Risen & Living Lord, finding ultimate meaning in God’s victory over anything and everything that could ever threaten to separate us from God’s love, even death itself. We, like those all around us, are people of this amazing story, people JESUS’ STORY! For indeed, God so loved THE WORLD that God gave us Jesus!

With prayers that the story of Jesus will fill your heart and life in this journey, *Pastor Eric*

Prepare Your Heart! Respond to the Spirit’s Tugs! Share Your Disciple-Dot God Stories!
Active Discipleship + Ministries of Hope + Community Youth/School Partnerships

LENT AT LIVING SPRINGS



LENTEN EVENING SERVICES "People of Jesus' Story"

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER & DRAMATIC REFLECTIONS

Wednesdays @ 7:00pm
(supper from 5:45-6:45)

March 2 — Joanna & Bartholomew / Faith 5 & Wild Wings
March 9 — Roman Centurion / VA Community Life Center
March 16 — Mary of Bethany / Prayer Shawls & Chemo Caps

LENTEN MID-DAY PRAYER SERVICES

Wednesdays, 12:00 - 12:30

"Open My Life Lord"

Mar. 2—Open My Ears Mar. 9—Open My Heart
Mar. 16—Open My Life



FRIDAY FISH FRY & LENTEN PROGRAMS

Meal Served 5:00 - 7:30; Program @ 6:00

\$7 adult, \$4 child; Eat-in or Take-out, Desserts available!
(all Living Springs folks, sign up to help at least one Friday)

Mar. 4—Living Springs Preschool & Youth
Mar. 11—Lutheran Foster Care Youth (Special Keyboardist)
Mar. 18—Living Springs Got Talent (Open Mic Night)

Holy Week Schedule



+ PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 20 +
Worship Services - 8:15 am & 10:45 am
Family Afternoon & Egg Hunt @ 4:00 pm

Our 8:15 and 10:45 Worship services begin on the church lawn, with the inspirational Procession of Palms. We enter the sanctuary to continue worship with the Reading of our Lord's Passion (suffering & death) from the Gospel of Mark. At 4:00, we return to the church for our Holy Week Family Afternoon, with activities for all ages, including an Easter Egg Hunt for children. See Upcoming Events Page for more details.

Palm Sunday, March 20—Service of Healing, 6pm

Our series of Holy Week Evening Services begins on Palm Sunday night. As part of this powerful service, we come to the rail to receive a special blessing and prayer for God's wholeness and healing in our lives, in whatever form that may be needed for each of us. Invite a friend or neighbor!

Maundy Thursday, March 24—Lord's Supper, 7pm

We remember and celebrate our Lord's Supper, along with First Communion celebration for our youth. The service concludes with the poignant and powerful Stripping of the Altar.



Good Friday, March 25—Tenebrae Service, 7pm

With extinguishing of candles and increasing darkness of the Tenebrae Service, we recall Jesus' 7 statements spoken from the cross. Worship includes the ancient bidding prayer and solemn reproaches, as we offer solemn reverence to Christ's cross of salvation. Wherever we are during the day, we pause in special reverence at 3:00 - the hour Jesus breathed his last.

Holy Saturday, March 26—Easter Vigil, 7:45pm

We gather outside by a fire with lighted candles and enter the sanctuary for the Easter Vigil. We remember the waiting of that night when our Lord lay dead in the tomb. We hear foundational stories of Scripture and affirm our identity as baptized children of God who are joined to the death and resurrection of Jesus.



+ EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27 +
Son-Rise Service @ 6:45 am, Easter Breakfast @ 9:30
Festival Worship - 8:15 am & 10:45 am



At 6:45, we worship in the church lawn with our Son-Rise celebration. Festival Easter Communion Services will be held at 8:15 and 10:45, with special music. Invite your friends and neighbors to worship on the most joyous day! Easter breakfast will be served for everyone at 9:30, with donations to support Lutheran Men's Carl Lowman Memorial Scholarship for our college students.

This Month from Vicar Marty

WHO ARE THE YOUTH LEADERS OF LIVING SPRINGS?

On the surface this would seem to be a rather easy question to answer? Why the Youth Leaders are those people who signed up to serve in the various Youth Groups we have at Living Springs. For example, Nic and Rachel Peterson are the K-2 Youth group leaders, and Gary and Tiffany Ginn serve as the 345&6 Youth Group Leaders. For the Senior Youth, (7-12th grade), there are 3 leaders: Leslie Bloss, Adam Woodruff, and Vicar Marty. But are those 7 people the only youth leaders here at church?

No, they are not. When people are baptized into the Christian faith, we each make promises regarding the formation, nurture, and development of our congregation's youth so that they will grow in their faith, secure in the knowledge that they are appreciated, supported, and loved. Our youth need people to encourage them in their life journey, filling them with words of hope, encouragement, and truth. They need to be seen as individuals who are uniquely gifted for service in God's world. Sometimes we do not recognize our giftedness until someone else points it out. Wouldn't it be wonderful if you could help just one young person recognize an area of giftedness?

Our youth are incredibly gifted, incredibly persistent, and sometimes can be reluctant to try out a new ministry in our church because they don't want to do something poorly. So how can you, a Living Springs church family member help our youth try on new ministry areas?

I am so glad you asked that question! You can take the time to speak to our youth when you see them. If you don't know their name, then ask who they are. Introduce yourself. Tell a little about who you are, and what you like to do. Then be sure to ask that youth what they like to do. Ask them if they have any special activity or sports they like to do. Then, when you see them participate in ministry in church, make sure you tell them you appreciate their help to make our worship special. Start a relationship. Keep it going. Be real. Be a friend. Be a Youth Leader through connecting, caring, and conversing. Use these 3 C's to help lead and encourage our youth.

Guess What? These practices will make you a Youth Leader Too, and will provide strength and growth for the present and future church.

Thanks be To God who gives us the victory!

Vicar Marty



To the Ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry:

On several occasions when I was experiencing severe pain following my knee replacement, I wrapped your gift around my shoulders and felt such warmth and comfort. Please accept my thanks for the beautiful prayer shawl that continues to bring me peace.

God Bless, Anita

We would like to thank all the those that donated baked good for the Quilt Trunk Show's Bake Sale, and to all those that purchased the good as well.

Living Springs WELCA

To the Living Springs Family and Pastor Eric,

From the bottom of my heart, I would like to express the appreciation and gratitude for all the prayers, hospital visits, home visits, home communion, meal, cards, and prayer shawl given me from the Prayer Shawl Ministry during my recent knee replacement surgery. The prayer with Pastor Eric before surgery along with those before and after surgery was most comforting. I am making good progress through physical therapy and I hope to be back in your midst in the not too distant future. Thank you again for the outpouring of your love and support for Barbara and me during this time.

May God continue to bless us all to be a blessing to others!

John

Dear sisters and brothers of Living Springs. Thank you again for your prayers and my very huggable pew bear. I named him Martin Luther. A special thank you to Adele for bringing him to me. I look forward to when I can worship with you again.

Sincerely, Colleen

The Racial Reconciliation Taskforce collected almost 50 handbags to take to Rehoboth Baptist Church, our faith partner, for their domestic violence project this quarter. Rehoboth then puts toiletries in each handbag for a woman who is a victim of violence, thus bringing hope and encouragement to her. The members of Rehoboth send their thanks to all at Living Springs who brought gently used purses to share! Rehoboth expressed their interest in supporting Living Springs service ministries in the future as well.

Disciple Dot Stories & Spirit Tugs

I was at home, offering my old stove to one of the local chapters of Habitat for Humanity. The men who came to pick up the appliance said when he met me, "God is good. All the time!" He opened my eyes to the goodness that exists in the world.



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The beauty of the fall and the winter in Columbia brings such joy. God gives us the gift of creation and blesses us with the seasons! He is our Creator.

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The Spirit created a safe space for dialogue at our MLK Community Worship Service and fellowship afterwards. It was a Spirit led time together with Rehoboth Baptist, Northeast UMC, Impact Lutheran and Living Springs' disciples. The Spirit led a gentleman to stop me and say the following:

"I hope we do more of these events together. Do you know there is a lot more that we all have in common, than what divides us? We are ONE BODY of God's children and we all need to come together more often." Amen, brother. Amen!

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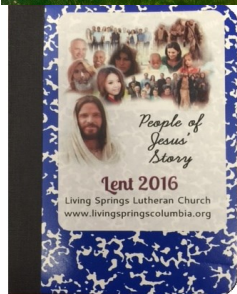
The Spirit led the waitress to share a miraculous statement with me as I arrived early to Beer and Hymns. I told the waitress thank you for all of her hard work in waiting on all these people during these fun, spiritual gathering times. The waitress' response was, "No, I thank you all. This is my worship time, even though I am working. This brings me joy to work while God's word is being sung."



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As we sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace", the Spirit moved a woman to tears. As I watched her wipe her tears and try to sing with her quivering chin, I realized that this was holy ground for her. Attending Beer and Hymns each month has helped me to see the Holy Spirit blow around me, and its a blessing to see God's Kingdom coming together to share God's grace with each other.



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 in a pew and share the story of God's work - place your slip in the blue-dot basket, 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!



Welcome New Members

On Sunday, February 28th, we welcomes into membership at Living Springs the following individuals/families:
Kip & Pattie Farlow
John & Barbara Imbert
Kathy McDonald

*pictures to come



Jillian Carey



Paul & Sharon Evans,
Collin & Callie



Cynthia Edney



Charles & Melissa Christy

Council Clips

Staff & Ministry Reports - February 18, 2016 Meeting

Council Devotions: "The Agile Church" Chapter 2 part 1

Council Actions and news (from February 18 business meeting):

- ✠ Discussed and updated priority list for 2016 ministry goals
- ✠ Souper Bowl of Caring raised \$775.07
- ✠ Finance team is researching online/digital giving
- ✠ Friday Fish Fry events will continue thru Lent
- ✠ Church wide neighborhood walk – March 13
- ✠ Easter Family Event – March 20 @ 4:00
- ✠ Phebe LeGrand Scholarship Auction – April 9

Here are just a few ways that we saw the presence of God in the sights we have been blessed to behold in just the past 4 weeks.

- ✠ The light of Christ's love shining in the faces of Grady Smith and Addie Peterson on their Baptismal days, with crosses marked on their foreheads and tears in the eyes of congregation members as they witnessed their newest sister & brother in Christ carried in their midst.
- ✠ Young Disciples inspiring us on Youth Sunday, with song and dance and video and proclaimed messages and the sharing of our Lord's supper in a truly powerful experience of light & joy. Then, along with parents and leaders, offering us bowls of soup and collecting dollars to feed the hungry in our community.
- ✠ Folks gathering for Wednesday Lenten services, with prayers being lifted up both silently & aloud for many individuals noted in our "People of Jesus' Story" notebooks.
- ✠ \$70,000+ raised for World Hunger through the Super Bowl bishop's challenge of the Rocky Mtn. and NC/SC Synods, with added inspiration from our synod vice-president (Lexanne).
- ✠ 179 coats/blankets and 100+ gloves arriving in less than 70 hours from congregation members and neighborhood friends to bring warmth to children in cold winter weather.
- ✠ Worshippers from 5 congregations gathering in the sanctuary for a shared MLK Service & fellowship – with folks inspired by Dr. Thigpen's message and uplifted by choirs/bells/men's harmonic voices praising God.
- ✠ A national blues legend singing and playing guitar in our fellowship hall at a Fish Fry, while his wife helped fry the fish – all in thanksgiving to God for what our Meals-on-Wheels ministry has met – responding to comments about his visit to the White House with one of Drink-isms, "forget about the White House, the Lutheran Church is the right house!"
- ✠ At the same fish fry, a national African-American folk artist, Kitty Evans, sharing her powerful stories & song, while we also welcomed & fed families from the Family Promise ministry.

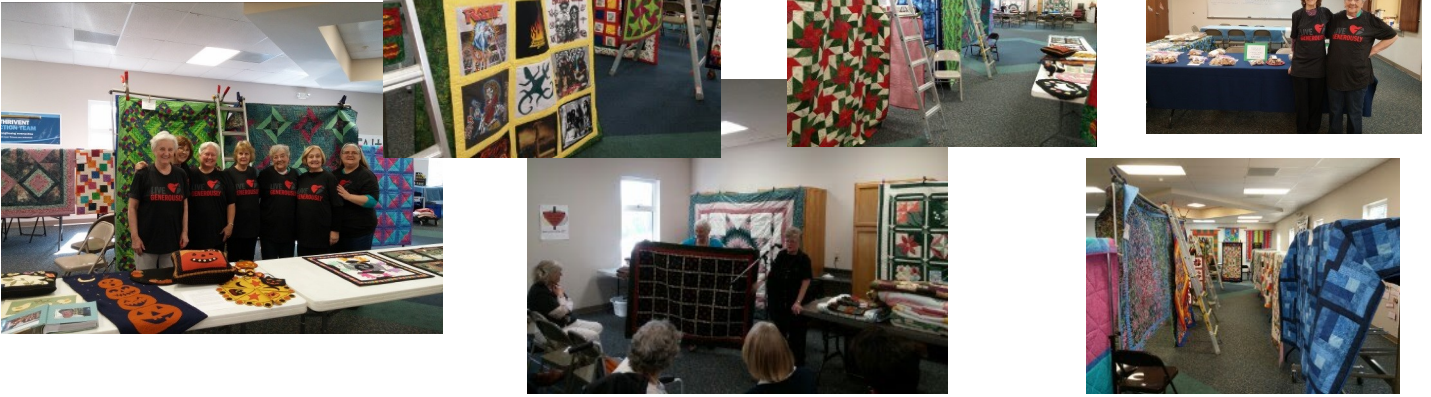
The Holy Spirit has gifted this community of disciples to:

- ✠ Experience God's presence at Beer & Hymns! – The waitress shared that she greatly enjoys our monthly events with her and that this is her worship! We had a visitor who on that very same day had had a 5 hour cancer treatment and yet was determined to be in a cloud of witnesses to God's glory that night! We had 4 new groups of people join us and it was awesome to see the Spirit worked through this gathered community to praise God as ONE. Very powerful evening to witness the Spirit at work!
- ✠ Share their gifts! One in particular is a member who graciously makes the names for "People of God's Story" for our worship and weekly faith formation focus. This one gift (like a child's small lunch) is given freely and shared for many!!!! This is the gospel at work among us!
- ✠ Step out of comfort zones and see the joy on women's faces after studying the "Bad Women of the Bible" and next up the "Really Bad Women of the Bible!" This sparks so much conversation and laughter that it is a joy to see persons, no matter their age, learning more about the people of God's story.
- ✠ Connect a secular movie called "Big Hero 6" with people in God's story. Our Kind-2nd and Club 3456 youth groups gathered together to make these connections between present day heroes, heroes in God's story, and then ultimately seeing God as our greatest hero!
- ✠ Join hands in a kitchen making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and sharing in laughter! For being in community to help some people rejoice and even some overcome some sadness in their life. We simply never know what is going on in someone else's life and taking the time to stop and say hello, how are you, might make the largest difference to someone. Be Kind. Be Kind. Be Kind.



God At Work Through Living Springs

2016 QUILT TRUNK SHOW



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Youth Sunday



Drink Small Performing at the Friday Fish Fry



Mardi Gras with Rice Estates



Friday Fish Fry Week 2 featuring ENSEMBLE & LS Handbells



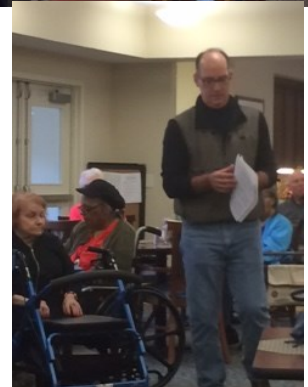
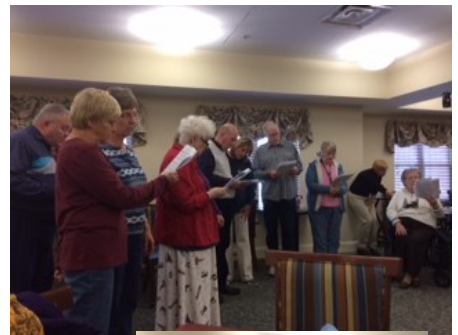
TELS

Traveling Evangelists of Living Springs

TELS visits the State Museum



LS Preschool & LS Adults Sing for the Seniors at the crossings



Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs



"WALK, WORD, & W(L)UNCH" - CONGREGATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD WALK **Sunday, March 13**

Come encounter Jesus in surprising places while spreading the Good News! The entire congregation is invited to join the Good News Team on Sunday, March 13 at 12:15 for a light lunch after which we will distribute Easter invitations to designated neighborhoods (wear your walking attire if you attend 10:45). Part of the adventure will be a scavenger hunt to find a special symbol of faith. Return to Living Springs by 2 pm to share your disciple dot moments, fellowship, and dessert. Signup for lunch in the lobby of the admin building. Contact [Karen Kranz](#), [Sheila Kowalski](#), or [Lisa Petty](#).

TELS (TRAVELING EVANGELS OF LIVING SPRINGS)

Thursday, March 17

On Thursday, March 17, the TELS group is visiting the McKissick Museum on the horseshoe at USC. After touring the museum, we will have lunch at McCutchen House which is also on the horseshoe at USC. The museum is free and handicap accessible, McCutchen House will be \$10 for lunch. The bus will leave Living Springs at 9:30 am. There is a sign-up sheet in the administration building or contact [Beverly Hoppert](#) for information.



SPRING CLEANUP & WORK DAY FOR EVERYONE

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Have you started your spring cleaning? ! It's time to spring clean our sanctuary! We need your help on March 19th at 8 AM to brighten our worship area. Bring your ladders and cleaning supplies.

MINISTRIES OF HOPE ~ EASTER BASKETS FOR GOD'S STOREHOUSE

Baskets due 3/20

Peter Cottontail will be accepting Easter Baskets to donate to God's Storehouse for those that may be experiencing a difficult season of life right now. Bring your Easter Basket (homemade or ready-made) to the Narthex by Sunday, March 20. We will be hopping on down the bunny trail to God's Storehouse on Monday, March 21. Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information.



LADIES BOOK CLUB

Monday, April 4

Our next meeting is on Monday, April 4 @ 7 pm. Ann Lynn Caughman will be hosting at [311 Hillridge Way 29229 Ph: 397-1933](#). The book we will be discussing was written by a former member and an Ordained Minister in the Church of the Brethren and will be attending our discussion group...*Living Your Authentic Life* by Martha Beahm. Refreshments will be available – please feel free to bring a guest or just come and enjoy the fellowship. Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information.



PHEBE LEGRAND SCHOLARSHIP & AUCTION

Saturday, April 9



Annual Phebe LeGrand Scholarship and Auction will be held on Saturday, April 9th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Put on your Hula skirts, Hawaiian shirts and join us at Phebe's Luau. Tickets will be \$5.00 for children under 12 and \$10 for adults and will be available for purchase beginning Sunday March 13th after both services.

We are in need of Silent Auction items (donations from restaurants, or other vendors, handmade (homemade items, etc.) Items to be auctioned off in the silent auction need to be delivered to the church no later than Wednesday, April 6th to ensure that they will be included in the silent auction. If for some reason you have an item to be included in silent auction and cannot have to church until day of auction, please contact Wendy McKenzie or Trish Davidson by 4/6.

White Elephant auction items can be brought the day of the auction. Remember one person's "trash" could be another's "treasure". White elephant submission is limited one per person.

Scholarship applications are available in Narthex and will be due on Sunday, April 15th. Applicants can be any female who is currently attending college or will be attending in Fall 2016 who has not previously been awarded the scholarship. Scholarships to be presented on 5/1 at 10:45 service.

Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs



TUESDAY DEVOTION LUNCH @ LIVING SPRINGS

Tuesday, March 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, March 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 for March: Baked Ham, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls. Cost \$9 – sign-up sheet is in the narthex or contact the office before 11 am on Monday.



HANNAH HOUSE FOOD MINISTRY

Thursday, March 17

Thursday, March 17 – meet at church 5:15 to carpool to Hannah House (downtown). The meal for March will be ham (provided by LS Food Ministry) with sides of macaroni & cheese, vegetable (green beans or broccoli), and dessert. The sign-up sheet is in the administration building. The ladies and children gather in the dining area at 6 pm and are finished by 6:45. It's a wonderful opportunity to interact with the women and children and hear about some of

their journeys. Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information.



Hannah House
A Christ Central Ministry

GOOD NEWS WALKERS

Weather is delightful and perfect for sharing the good news at Living Springs. Meet in the administration building by 8:30 am on Thursday morning – we are usually finished in an hour. Contact Karen Kranz for information.



BACKPACK FOOD MINISTRY

You are awesome! A full shopping cart! Wednesdays during Lent we are starting to set up at 5:45 pm with packing to follow immediately after. Join the Lenten meal after packing and then attend the worship at 7 pm. All food items are needed – 100 bags to pack on Tuesday, March 22 @ 5 pm for Spring Break. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.



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!



CRAFTY LADIES

Looking for someone to share your crafting time with? Bring your knitting, crocheting, cross-stitch, or join us in making quilts for Lutheran World Relief, women's shelters, and female veteran homes. We tie our quilts so sewing experience is not a factor if you would like to participate – in fact, we have several ladies who are not sewer's but enjoy the fellowship of other ladies. Our group meets in the Fellowship Hall the second and fourth Saturday of the month at 9:30 am and usually end about 11:30 am. We would also appreciate any fabric donations and/or blankets (we use these as fillers). Contact Beverly Hoppert, beverlyhoppert@gmail.com for information.

**CRAFTY
LADIES**

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

2016 ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2016 signups are ready as well. There is a signup in the narthex or go to <http://goo.gl/mVVrGE>



Men's Ministries

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday March 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, March 26th** at 8:00 am at Living Springs. Meal is being served by Laura Cunningham, LS Food Resource Person. Meal costs \$7.00 per person. We will be discussing our upcoming events. We meet on the last Saturday of each month. Contact [Bob Turnmire](#) at 803-513-7533 if you have any questions.

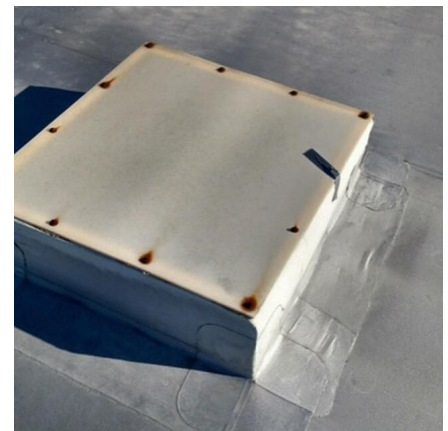
Additional Opportunities

RAISE THE ROOF

I'm Tim White, a volunteer at God's Storehouse. Since October, as many of you know, God's Storehouse has had a worsening problem of a leaking roof. The leaks have created more problems with electrical circuits and flooded computers. On days of rain God's Storehouse is closed. It's simply not safe for clients to walk in with water on the floor or half the lights out. After those rainy days Smiley and her volunteers spend more days cleaning up mold and mildew. All of us have been searching and praying for a solution and those efforts continue, but it's apparent we need far more money than we have for a roof. *This week the high winds began to rip away some of the roof top.* After much prayer God's Storehouse has decided to start a roof fund at gofundme.com. We ask those interested in these efforts to spread our fundraising campaign with your church, Sunday School class or other area ministries you are involved in.

Our gofundme page is <https://gofundme.com/godsstorehouse>

Thank you for your support and prayers for God's Storehouse.



Duct Tape Repairs to Roof

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, March 6 at 930am**, we will host our Apostles’ Creed Class for 5th-6th graders and one parent. The class will last 2 hours so we invite you to worship at 815am this day. We will bless and gift each child the following Sunday, March 13th at either worship service.
- ✝ **On Saturday, March 19th from 900am-300pm**, we will host our First Communion class for children in Kindergarten and older, along with one parent. There will be interactive activities all throughout the day along with a very tasty lunch. The cost for the chalice that is made is \$25 and financial assistance is available if needed. We will bless and honor each child at our Maundy Thursday worship service at 700pm.
- ✝ **On Sunday, May 29th** we will bless and gift our Seniors at our Quillowing Ceremony. There will be a **Parent Meeting in March** with parents to prepare for the ceremony.

Please contact Karlene Stuart (kstuart@sc.rr.com), Faith Milestones Coordinator, if you would like to sign up to attend these milestones.

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.
- ✝ The **Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible study** continues to meet at 10 AM Tuesdays. Beverly Hoppert 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** - 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.

Preschool & Afterschool Care News

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello and Blessings to all,

It is hard to believe that we are already 3 months into the New Year. We look forward to celebrating a few big events in the coming months.

The first event occurs this month during Lutherans Schools Week beginning on March 6th. We have a variety of exciting activities planned for the week. One of which is our Peace Mural. We invite you to please come down and add your message of prayer for peace for the world today. We realize that the state of the world is uncertain for many families these days; we also realize that it takes all of us working together for the common goal of PEACE and UNITY. We would also like to encourage you to join us with any special activities, stories, books that you may like to share with one or more of our groups of children.

We have officially Kicked off a new Fundraiser. We are selling "Butter Braids" order forms are available admin lobby and are available today through March 14th. Orders will arrive March 25th, just in time Easter! All funds collected will go to fund our outdoor enrichment.

We will also be planting flowers in the prayer garden, making prayers pretzels, and singing and dancing.

We will have a special performance on March 8th at 5 pm by the After School Children. They have written a play called "Travelers in Time". We invite you to join us in the sanctuary for this special event, we would love to see you there!

Once again, thank you for all of your continued support as we look forward to working together to make a positive change in the lives of children and our community.

**GOD BLESS,
TAMMY AND THE PRESCHOOL STAFF**



God's Kids.

Our Kids.



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 grade
- We serve 102 children and families in our community, giving love, nourishment and compassion to God's children, year round.
- 25 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!



www.LSLCPS.org

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

From the Director of Faith Formation

Lexanne K. Graves

Lexanne@livingspringscolumbia.org

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 collaborating together to share this Gift of Faith is in our new Sunday morning Faith Formation Focus.



The Centurion



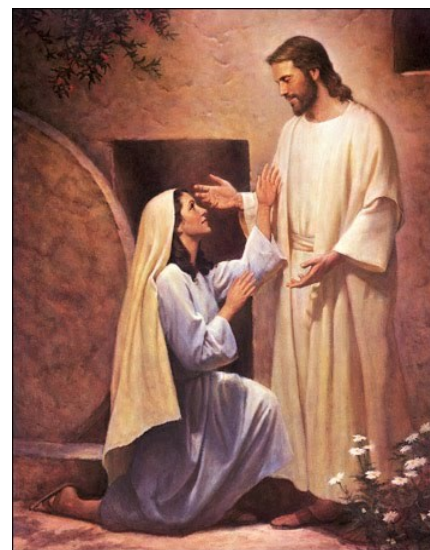
Mary of Bethany

Our Faith Formation theme is:



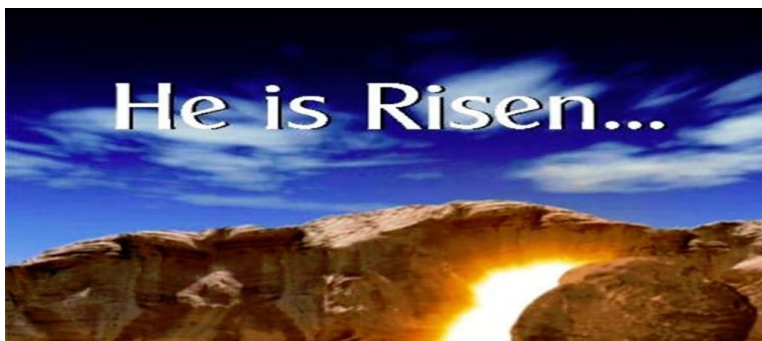
Simon of Cyrene

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



Mary Magdalene

Each week we will learn about persons in the Bible and how these persons can teach us how to be better disciples in today's world. We all need to partner together to share God's amazing love in Jesus to our children and youth, and each other.





Easter Family Night



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
EASTER FAMILY NIGHT
SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH AT 4:00PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL!

CRAFTS, SINGING, EASTER EGG
HUNT,
BLESSING BAG MAKING.....
FUN FOR ALL OF GOD'S FAMILY!



FAITH5

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



SHARE



READ



TALK



PRAY



BLESS

The Power of Family Rituals

by Dr. Rich Melheim, Faith Inkubators Founder

The power of ritual is, it can hold you when you can't hold yourself. Most parents have some form of a nightly ritual with their small children. They brush their teeth, put on their pajamas and sit on the side of the bed to talk about the day. Perhaps there is a story, a song, a prayer, a blessing, a hug. As children age, this child-friendly routine often fades from the schedule. Stories become less frequent. The simple, peaceful songs shared between parent and child give way to isolated smart phones and adolescent attitude music. Hugs and blessings may cease. By the time the child reaches age ten, the ritual might simply be a "goodnight." By the time the teen years roll around, many parents feel lucky to get a "goodnight" - let alone a conversation about the events of their day.



By instilling and installing the simple FAITH5 practice in the home early enough and reinforcing it weekly with the accountability of friends at church, open nightly communication can continue as the norm in family life before the teenage years hit. Children will be used to talking to their parents. Bringing God into the conversation, singing and signing the Scriptures, praying and blessing every night will become a healthy habit. Rather than fading away, these nightly faith rituals can increase in depth, meaning and value as children age. The caring, consistent "every night" faith dialogue may become central to family communication and health.

It can help hold a family together in a world that could tear them apart.

Why My Kids Weren't At Kids Church

FEBRUARY 1, 2016 / CHRISTINA EMBREE

When our oldest daughter was pre-school age, she was obsessed with The Nutcracker Suite. Well, let's be honest, it was the Barbie version, but she loved it. She would dress up like a princess and dance around the house pretending that she was the star of the show. When the Nutcracker came to town for holidays, my husband asked her to go with him. They dressed in their finest; she even got put her hair in an up-do, and off they went.



It was a long show. There were many in attendance, almost all older than her. While she loved being with her dad and seeing the show, she was also a preschooler so she wiggled and squirmed and squealed and giggled. She had to go to the bathroom. She got hungry and wanted snacks. **But when she got home, she beamed.**

I asked her to tell me about it and all she could remember was the scene with The Rat King (Oooo... scary!). I asked Luke to tell me about it and much of what he could remember was her wiggleness. Then I asked if people seemed bothered by her and he said, "No. Actually I had a few people compliment me on bringing her to the ballet."

I posted an adorable picture of their date on Facebook and many similar comments were posted, things like, "So good that you are giving her this experience at such a young age" and "This is exactly what kids should be experiencing."

Surprisingly not one person commented, "Hmm, seems like a waste of money to me. I mean, did she even understand anything?" Nobody criticized us for forcing her to sit through a long performance filled with imagery and dialogue she couldn't follow. No one complained about her fidgeting or her outbursts. And nobody questioned whether this was beneficial for her.

Because everyone recognized, it wasn't about her understanding the "story" of The Nutcracker Suite or her watching the ballet with a critical eye or even her sitting still through the performance.

It was about giving her an experience, a total package, filled with sights and sounds and smells and stories that could be felt and experienced even if they couldn't be understood or comprehended.



This morning, a mom shared with me that the reason her kids didn't join us in Kids Church is because every now and then she wants to them to get to experience the traditional service at church, to hear the liturgy, to listen to the hymns, to be a part of a service that replicates the services that she grew up in and that have been part of their family's tradition.

You see, for this mom, it's not about her children understanding each word of the sermon or comprehending the history of the liturgy or the meaning of the hymns. **It's about the total package; the experience of being in church, surrounded by the things that have been formational for generations and by the people who make up the body of Christ.** *These children get to be seen, they get to see, and they get to experience church.*

The church experience is much bigger than a sermon.

Big or little, child or adult, the sermon is only part of the whole experience. *Not understanding the sermon in no way negates the rest of the experience.* Seeing the people. Singing the songs. Giving our tithes and God's offerings. Praying, at your seat or at the altar or in small groups or corporately as a whole church. Reading Scripture. Reciting psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Smelling the incense. Tasting the communion elements. Serving. Celebrating. Fellowshiping. Communing with God and with each other.

It's a total package. And much of what is included in that package is not comprehended through the mind, but through the heart.

It's not things that require a certain level of development but things that are experienced through the senses and understood through emotions. A sense of belonging, a place in community, an important part of a body. All of that can be experienced, regardless of age.

As adults, we recognize that there is more to the church service than just the sermon. The same holds true for children too. Giving them the opportunity to experience the total package is a gift; whether they understand parts of it or not.





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

March

- 1 Mark 8:34
- 2 Ecclesiastes 3:1-2
- 3 Luke 13:18-19
- 4 Luke 6:46-48
- 5 Psalm 90:1-2
- 6 Matthew 18:3
- 7 Romans 12:2
- 8 1 Thessalonians 5:15
- 9 Isaiah 43:19
- 10 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- 11 Luke 12:32
- 12 Hebrews 13:8
- 13 Luke 12:34
- 14 Acts 3:19
- 15 John 3:16
- 16 John 3:17
- 17 John 3:20-21
- 18 Isaiah 40:28-29
- 19 Ezekiel 36:26
- 20 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- 21 Psalm 46:1-2
- 22 1 Corinthians 15:51-52
- 23 Luke 12:22
- 24 Deuteronomy 31:6
- 25 Philippians 4:6-7
- 26 1 John 3:2
- 27 1 John 1:9
- 28 Malachi 3:6
- 29 Joshua 1:9
- 30 2 Corinthians 4:18
- 31 Jeremiah 29:11

Grateful ^{to be} *Faithful*
A FAITH5 Devotion Guide

Change is constant in our lives. Change is hard. During this season of Lent, we remember how everything changed when the long-awaited Messiah was arrested and tried, when the crowds shouted "Crucify!" God's love, forgiveness, and grace are some of the few certainties in our ever-changing world. Remember this each night of March with the simple, 5-steps of FAITH5 (Faith Acts In The Home). Share this routine with your family or just keep it between you and God. Begin with "highs and lows" the best and worst moments of your day, read the "change" themed verse of scripture found on the other side of this sheet, pray and end with a blessing, perhaps tracing a cross on the forehead and saying something like "God is with you no matter what."

**CHANGE
AHEAD**

Change is never easy. You fight to hold on,
and you fight to let go.
-The Wonder Years



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:

This Youth Group will gather on Sunday, March 6th at 12:15pm to talk about Spring and "New Beginnings!" Bring your lunch! Feel free to contact our Kind-2 Youth Leaders with questions: Nic and Rachel Peterson (peteron.nicholas3@gmail.com).

Nic and Rachel Peterson, (peteron.nicholas3@gmail.com, rach7@gmail.com)



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

We will gather on Sunday, March 20th to help with crafts and hide Easter Eggs for those who are participating in our Easter Family Craft Night. Arrive at 3:30pm to help set up and we should be done by 5:30pm! Feel free to contact our Club3456 Youth leaders with questions: Tiffany and Gary Ginn (tginn23@gmail.com).



Upcoming Dates to mark on your calendars:

April 10 – 12:30pm – 2:00pm

May 22 – 12:30pm – 2:00pm

Our leaders this year are Tiffany and Gary Ginn (Tiffany.Ginn@td.com and garyginn10@gmail.com)

ATTENTION YOUTH:

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETING DATES: 7TH-8TH GRADERS

Sunday, March 6 & 20 @ 12:15 pm



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.



MARCH SR YOUTH NEWS



Living Springs March 2016 Sr Youth Pages

March 2016

FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

What a busy month! Thank goodness we will begin daylight savings time in March because this group needs extra time in the day so they can fit everything in.

FEB OVERVIEW-

FEBRUARY WAS ANOTHER BUSY MONTH FOR OUR SR YOUTH

FEB 7, WE HAD YOUTH SUNDAY

Our Youth filled virtually every role in worship except consecrating the elements for communion.

FEB 9, on Shrove Tuesday, YOUTH SPONSORED A PANCAKE SUPPER.

We found out many of our youth are good cooks. And the fellas can even wash dishes.

FEB 19-21 OUR SR YOUTH WENT TO WVA FOR A SKI TRIP

Everyone who strapped on skis learned how to ski.

FEB 28, OUR YOUTH ATTENDED THE GRACEWORKS GATHERING AT EBENEZER LUTHERAN IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA.

Whew no wonder we're all pretty tired....

What's up with giving up stuff for Lent? Hey, what if we give up something that is bad for me for Lent?"

Our youth worked on this very concept during their ski trip. Then during Sunday worship, they learned firsthand what it means to be forgiven. We had wonderful discussion and lots and lots of fun. Thanks to Leslie, Adam, our PARENTS, and Vicar for making this trip possible.



In This Issue

February Happenings

- Plans for March
- Pictures of our youth family, where EVERYONE is strong, good looking, and above average. That's because they are all God's children.

NOT MUCH OUR YOUTH CANNOT DO: PANCAKE FLIPPER, PREACHER, COMMUNION ASSISTANT, SKIIER, POTENTIAL GRACE WORKS PARTICIPANT, YEAH!!!

**ReMix
Concert:
URBAN
DOXOLOGY:**

**People of all
ages welcome!**

March 12th our youth along with many other church youth in Columbia will sponsor and attend this concert at Redeemer Lutheran. In addition to be an awesome band, Urban Doxology specializes in working with their audiences to promote community across lines of race and difference.

Upcoming events:

March 2nd– Lenten Supper, Youth, & Worship

March 4th– Fish Fry Entertainment Sponsored by Youth and PreSchool

March 6– Worship & FF

March 9th– Lenten Supper, Youth, & Worship

March 12th– Urban Doxology Concert at Redeemer Lutheran

March 13– Worship, & FF

March 16– Lenten Supper, Youth & Worship

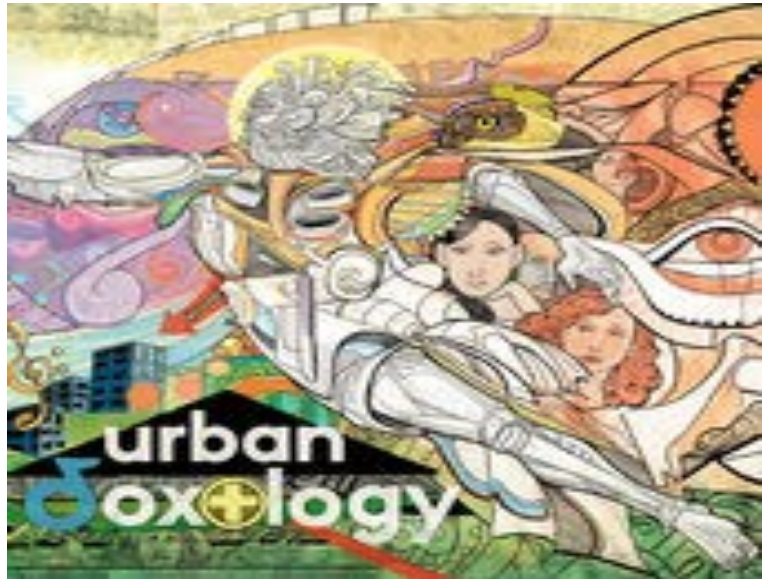
March 20 Worship & FF

March 24 Maundy Thursday

March 25– Good Friday

March 26th– Easter Vigil

March 27– Hallelujah!
The Resurrection of Our Lord!



Urban Doxology is a ministry that writes the soundtrack of reconciliation in the racially diverse and gentrifying neighborhood of Church Hill, Richmond, VA. They are an active part of East End Fellowship, a community that endeavors to be a faithful presence seeking God's joy and justice for their neighborhood out of love for Christ.

CONCERT ON MARCH 12TH REDEEMER LUTHERAN GYM 5 to 7pm ABSOLUTELY FREE!

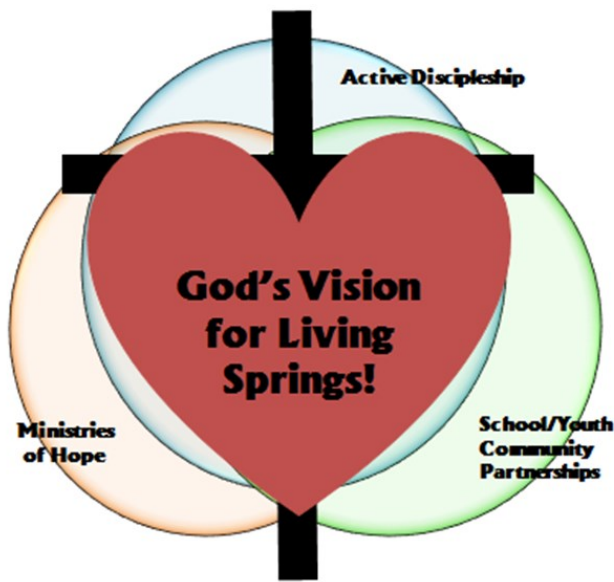
Lent will fill most of March, and this

**month
of lent
will give
us
some
time to
spend
with our
Lord,
Jesus**



in the wilderness....

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



March 2016

***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>6 930A Apostle's Creed Faith Milestone Class 121 5P Confirmation 121 5P K-2nd Gr. Youth 130 Confirmation Parents</p>	<p>7 1030A Meeds on Wheels 1245P Zumba 6P Worship & Music Team</p>	<p>1 930 PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meeds on Wheels 1145A Devotional Lunch 4P ASC Bible Time 6P Good News Team 7P Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>2 930 PSC Chapel 12P Prayer Service 1230P Zumba 545P Backpacks Pocking 545P Lenten Meal 6P Sanctuary Choir 6P Hope Ministries Team 7P Lenten Service 7P Sr. Youth 745P Chancel Choir</p>	<p>3 630A Men's Bible Study 830A Good News Walkers</p>	<p>4 5-730P Fish Fry (Program @ 6P)</p>	<p>5 930A Crafty Ladies 5P Sr. Youth - Urban Doxology</p>
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<p>20 Palm Sunday 121 5P Confirmation 4P Easter Family Afternoon & Egg Hunt 6P Healing Service</p>	<p>21 10A Staff Meeting 1030A Meeds on Wheels 1245P Zumba</p>	<p>22 930 PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meeds on Wheels 345P ASC Bible Time 530P Backpacks 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>23 930 PSC Chapel 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Sr. Youth 7P Chancel Choir</p>	<p>24 830A Good News Walkers 7P Maundy Thursday/1st Communion</p>	<p>25 7P Good Friday Worship</p>	<p>26 8A Men's Breakfast 930A Crafty Ladies 745P Easter Vigil Worship</p>
<p>27 Easter Sunday 645A Sunrise Service 815A Easter Service 930A Easter Breakfast 1045 Easter Service</p>	<p>28 Easter Monday - Office Closed 1030A Meeds on Wheels</p>	<p>29 930 PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meeds on Wheels 345P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>30 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir 7P Sr. Youth</p>	<p>31 830A Good News Walkers</p>		

Men in Mission One Year to Live Re-

Worship Assistant Schedule – March 2016

	Assisting Minister	Lector	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torchbearers	Counters	Children's Sermon	Council Person
3/6	Vicar Marty	Wayne Kannaday	Nowell Ramsey Karen Kranz	Marj Appleton Jerry Appleton	Jeff Lummel	Anna Leigh Graves	Jim Zieche			Vicar Marty	Beverly Hoppert
3/6	Vicar Marty	Anne Ducate	Jeanette Bloss Anne Ducate	Steve Bloss Steve Padgett Wendy McKenzie Jan Berger	Jeanette Bloss	Lauren Bloss	Pat Bartucca	Steve Bloss Karlene Stuart	Beverly Hoppert LC Karen Kranz Wendy McKenzie	Vicar Marty	Aaron Smith
3/13	Jan Berger	Peg Zieche	Saundra Dixon Gwen Furcron	Scott Graves Jan Schmidt	Sadonia Grimmer	Michael Landers	Karen Kranz			Pastor Eric	Scott Graves
3/13	Jan Berger	Sarah Schultz	Steve Bloss Peg Collins	Jeff Day Cindy Day Rocky Berger Tiffany Ginn	Katie Prizer	Walker Flores	Leslie Bloss	Gail Buchanan Jeanette Bloss	Ed Brennan LC Adam Woodruff Angie Dyches	Pastor Eric	Ed Brennan
3/20	Saundra Dixon	Helen Doeringhaus	Don Molineu Tina Molineu	Paul Laingen Shirley Laingen	Judy Lawrence	Ben Arnold	Jan Schmidt			Alison Levitt	Gwen Furcron
3/20	Alison Levitt	Jan Berger	Steve Padgett Trish Davidson	Jan Berger Mike Davidson Laura Stuart Karlene Stuart	Nancy Baldwin	Collin Flores	Jan Berger	Pat Bartucca Ginny Devereaux	Rocky Berger LC Mike Davidson Brantley Smith	Alison Levitt	Rocky Berger
3/27	PER SEPARATE SIGNUP										Beverly Hoppert
3/27	PER SEPARATE SIGNUP										Lexanne Graves
3/27	PER SEPARATE SIGNUP	Pat Bartucca	Cindy Day						Scott Graves LC Marshall Hurlbert Steve Padgett	Lexanne Graves	Leslie Bloss
Care Meals											
3/6			Flowers	Muggers	Nursery (10:45)	Refreshments	Altar Guild				
			Jeanette Bloss	Charles Tracy	Angie Dyches	Jan Schmidt					
3/13			Bob Gill	Karen Kranz	Misty O'Donnell	Karen Kranz	March				
3/20			Laura Turmme	Herb Brantley	Jenny Skipper	Judy Lawrence	Kathy Brennan				
3/27			Judy Lawrence	Karen Kranz	Angie Dyches	Easter					

(Changes)

**** Ushers need to be at the church 15 min. before scheduled time of service.**

SIGN UP FOR 2ND QUARTER – WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

The online signup for April is ready to be populated – whatever slots are open by Mar.. 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.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR PASSION SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK

There are still slots open to help with worship on Passion Sunday and during Holy Week. Go to

Passion Sunday: <http://goo.gl/XBbiIk>

Holy Week: <http://goo.gl/sThcBb>

or there are sign ups are in the lobby of the admin bldg.

<http://goo.gl/HLS5Ym>

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

March 1 March 3	Marj Appleton Lauren Bloss Ruth Pollard	March 18 March 19	Michael Grimmer Kellie Barrier Tyler Evans Randy Masad Betsy Shank Audrey Turnmire
March 5 March 6 March 7	Laura Turnmire ♥ Wes & Alison Levitt Bill Fox Debra Wilson	March 20	Jeffrey Brouwer Katherine Wollpert Angela Clifton Edward Tustin Patrick Lay Mallory Padgett
March 8 March 9 March 10 March 11	Austin Padgett David Abromaitis ♥ Hilary & Jason Keppery Steve Dye Courtney Murray	March 21 March 22 March 23	Retha Murray ♥ Lisa & John Petty Sam Drafts Ann Marie McManus Patrick Sheldon Ryan Staudt
March 12 March 13	Steve Niemeyer Ben Arnold ♥ Gary & Tiffany Ginn	March 24	
March 15 March 16 March 17	Gwen Furcron Lora Compas Abigail Fox Ryan Harmon	March 26 March 27 March 28 March 31	



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!



March 1 March 7 March 12 March 13 March 15 March 17 March 18	Alice Renaud Jean Weick Megan Compas Lydia Prizer Olivia Fox Nancy Baldwin Patricia Brouwer Linda Hayes	March 23 March 24 March 25 March 28 March 29 March 30	Walker Flores Patrick Lay Rachel Sorial Sarah Hinchee Garrett Flores Leslie Bloss Tiffany Ginn
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