



Living Springs Lutheran Church

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

Easter Seasonal Emphasis



Why do you look for the living among the dead?

He is not here, but is risen! Remember! - Luke 24:5b-6a

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

“Christ Is Risen! Christ Is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!”

How wonderful it always is to hear that phrase shouted by hundreds of voices on Easter Sunday, as we gather in worship to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus! As you come to worship this month and throughout the first half of May, you will notice that we will continue to shout that Easter phrase – for although society has already moved past Easter, we in the church continue to celebrate the most significant event of our faith – an event so significant that the early community of faith often identified themselves by saying, “We are an Easter people!”

For Christians, the Easter season has historically lasted a full 50 days. The number 50 is highly symbolic. In Biblical numbering, 7 is the number which represents perfection (e.g., God’s perfect creation of the universe, including the concluding time of rest, is broken down into 7 equal time periods). Thus, seven 7’s (or 7x7) would represent something perfectly perfect (e.g., see Jesus’ admonition to Peter as to how many times we should forgive). And 50 is even 1 beyond this ultimate perfection (50 = 1 + 7x7). *[As an aside, 7 was also used to represent somewhat of an equivalent to the concept of infinity – and thus, in a foreshadowing of modern mathematical notions of “orders of infinity,” 50 was a number that also represented something beyond even the “infinitely infinite.”]*

**50 Days to Celebrate:
We are an Easter people!**

in Christ’s victory over death, we have been ushered into a new realm of existence!

Now, all this numerical symbolism may seem meaningless to our modern minds – but the point is this, a full 50 days of Easter remind us that the central event of our faith (Christ’s resurrection) opened humanity, and the entire cosmos, to a whole new realm of perfection and infinite life. We are an Easter people, because in Christ’s victory over death, we have been ushered into this new realm of existence, where physical death is not the end of life with God, because God’s love is so powerful that nothing in all creation, not even death itself, can separate us from that love in Christ Jesus (cf. the apostle Paul’s beautiful proclamation found in

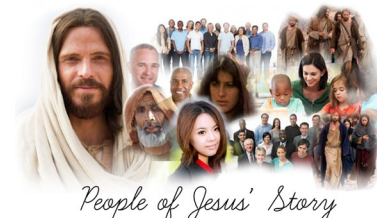
Romans 8). There are old stories of Christians who would gather in constant vigil & prayer around a person who was nearing death – and at the moment the loved one of faith took his or her final breath, those gathered would join hands and shout, “We are an Easter people! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia!” To have such joy in the midst of grief-stricken tears is certainly something worth celebrating a full 50 days – indeed, worth celebrating every day of our lives.

Because Easter Sunday fell so early this year, we have a rather unique opportunity. *(For those who don’t remember – Easter falls on the 1st Sunday after the 1st full moon after 1st day of spring, which in and of itself, has another highly symbolic meaning. If you weren’t able to participate in the Adult Worship Milestone series in January, come see me sometime for the details).* Usually, when Easter Sunday falls in April, the 50 days of Easter overlap most of May and get lost in all the other societal celebrations of graduations, Mother’s Day, Memorial Day, etc. But this year, a bulk of Easter’s 50 days will fall in April before all those other celebrations occur. As Christians, it gives us some extra time and space to more fully celebrate the Easter season and, more importantly, to celebrate what Easter means for us as God’s human family.

Easter Season News:
* **Vocation Faith Milestone Series starts April 10!**
* **Greatest Story Bible Study resumes April 17!**

We have some extra time and space to more fully focus on the truth of God’s Resurrection power – the ability of God to bring life out of death, to bring new beginnings out of endings, to bring forgiveness out of failure, healing out of suffering, and wholeness out of brokenness. With Easter, we celebrate that God’s love extends beyond the confines of finite time and space, and invites us into a new dimension of existence where truly, as Jesus proclaimed, “God’s kingdom is at hand.” In the presence of the risen Christ, God’s reign of forgiveness, grace, salvation, and love remains right here in our midst! We celebrate that we are not alone in this journey of human life, but rather Jesus IS risen (not WAS risen). Jesus need not be described in past tense. Just as he promised, Jesus IS always with us - and continues to walk with us in the present tense! Jesus, Emmanuel (“God with us”) lives – in a mysterious, resurrected form that defies the limits of finite time & space in a way our limited, finite human minds cannot fully grasp. Oh, yes, this is truly worth celebrating - for an entire season which extends beyond a perfectly perfect number of days!

On Easter Sunday at Living Springs, we rejoiced in the Easter truth that *we are people of Jesus’ story!* Through the gift of faith, in the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus’ own story of resurrection and new life has become our story. On Easter Sunday, we also each received two little cards reminding us of that truth. I pray that you will carry one card with you - so it will be a constant personal reminder that YOU are an Easter person, a person of Jesus’ story of victory, hope, new life, and resurrection! I pray too in the upcoming days that the Spirit will guide you to a special person, with whom you can share your 2nd card – so that through you, the Spirit might work to bring the Easter Good News to someone who desperately needs to know that they are not alone. Perhaps there is someone for whom life right now seems as dark as Good Friday, who is suffering internally or externally a pain that seems as great as a cross. In such a circumstance, that person can find hope in knowing that he or she is truly part of Jesus’ Easter story – that the stone can be rolled away and in the power of God’s love, new life awaits. The power of God’s Easter victory of love is for everyone – and, as part of God’s beloved humanity, we ALL are part of Jesus’ story. By grace, through faith, we are always an Easter people! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!



People of Jesus’ Story

With prayers for a blessed and joyful Easter season, *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**

This Month from Vicar Marty

On Easter we often hear, "Hallelujah! He is Risen!"

And from other followers of Christ, we expect this joyful reply, "He is risen indeed!"

As followers of Christ, each year during "the holiest week of our lives," we journey with Jesus through the events of our Lord's last days leading up to his crucifixion. On Maundy Thursday, along with Jesus' disciples we experience again the Passover meal. We hear again the words Jesus spoke when he established Holy Communion for us and all God-followers down through the ages.

On Friday, we look on as Christ is cruelly scourged with a stone imbedded whip, the skin on his back being literally ripped to shreds. We see the hatred and fear of the religious establishment who manipulate Pilate to sentence Jesus to death on a cross. We follow Jesus who stumbles under the weight of his cross as he carries it through the streets of Jerusalem. Outside the city, at the place of the skull, we watch in horror as our humble, loving, teacher, the very Son of the living God is nailed to a cross. We wince in pain as the cross is lifted up and roughly allowed to fall into place. With that jolt, those nails that have already pierced his hands and feet, now cause his own body hold his weight precisely at those fresh wounds. We cannot look. We dare not look away. We see him struggle to breathe, painfully lifting himself to catch a breath. We cannot even breathe ourselves as we watch our beloved rabbi, teacher, and friend dying before our own eyes.

But now Easter morning has come, and along with Mary and the disciples, we have gone to the tomb; someone has moved the stone that closed the tomb. Along with Mary, we have finally gotten the courage to peer inside where we can see the neatly folded cloths from our Savior's head. This cannot mean the body has been stolen. This can only mean that Jesus, our Master has risen! Hallelujah!

But, "What does this mean?" What does it mean ultimately for me in my daily life? Does it really matter? Yes, it matters more than anything else has ever mattered in this life, in this world, in this universe. It matters. It matters because God has defeated the ultimate enemy, death, and all things that lead to death or the diminishing of life: evil and disorder, waste and pollution, and poverty and hunger, anger and war, destruction and injustice, unfaithfulness and despair. All those things have been defeated by God who created us to share in the joy and love already shared by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Don't believe it? Come and See.

Believe it? Go and Tell.

He is risen indeed!

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars

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Monday, April 4th @ 7PM
Beef O'Bradys
4561 Hard Scrabble Road



Phebe's Luau
Phebe Legrand
Scholarship Dinner & Auction
Saturday, April 9th

*ANNOUNCING OUR NEXT
ADULT FAITH MILESTONE,
FOR ALL STAGES OF LIFE:
9:24*

**THE VOCATIONAL JOURNEY
BEGINS SUNDAY, 4/10**



Saturday, April 16
starting at 9am



Fishing Fellowship Day
Saturday, April 23 8-11am
Sesquicentennial State Park



Hymn Sing-Along with LS Preschool
Thursday, April 28 @ 10:30am



Dear Pastor Eric and all of my LSLC family -

I want to thank all of you for your prayers and kindness during John's fall and subsequent death. I know had it not been for that awesome support from all of you, my grief at the loss of my soul mate would have been unbearable. I know God will unite us in our eternal life.

I love all of you and I am so grateful for all of the memories we share when we had John. And to use a phrase from Pastor Eric -

Blessing, Anne Ducate

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Dear Living Springs Family,

I want to thank you so much for the many ways you reached out during the recent Loss of my dear sister, Sandi. The Cards, Pew Bears, Memorial visits, phone calls, messages, FB posts and especially the warm words and Hugs meant the World to Me.

Thank you for everything! It is so wonderful to belong to such a Caring church family.. God is Good!

Blessings, Cathy Lowman

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A big "**THANK YOU**" to all the volunteers, entertainment participants, and those that came out to support the Lenten fish fry event that enabled us to donate **\$2,000** to the Lutheran Campus Ministry. There is a lot of behind-the-scene work involved – cooks, cleaners, people to set up, bakers, servers, walkers to advertise, cashiers, entertainers – without you, a donation to this worthwhile ministry would not be possible.

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THANK YOU from the family that lost their home in a fire

Dear Living Springs Lutheran Church: thank you all for your generosity during our time of need! The items that were donated to our family were invaluable. We had a tragedy, but we were able to pick up the pieces – largely because of the Living Springs family! Our family is settling into the house, but do not know where we would be without your help and support. We are very thankful and wish your church family a Happy Easter and a fabulous rest of the year!

With Love, Aisha, Brittani, Loretta, & Bryan

Note: this family is still in need of two dressers (without mirrors) – contact Karen Kranz if you can help.

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Dear Living Springs Lutheran Church,

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me (Psalm 51:10).

During Lent, Scripture reminds us to look inward and take stock of our relationship with God. Oftentimes, this Lenten Journey is difficult because it shows us something is unbalanced - most often, our relationship with God. Thankfully, this is when God shows up.

Your gift to the ELCA Fund for Leaders is an example of God showing up, allowing our future leaders to focus on what truly matters - relationship with God, community and themselves, rather than financial burdens.

During the 2015-2016 academic year, the ELCA Fund for Leaders is supporting 235 students with varying scholarships totaling \$1.6 million. These 235 students will graduate from seminary with significantly lower debt and will know that the ELCA is supporting them every step of the way.

Thank you for your gift of \$410.57, which will continue to remind each of us to focus on what truly matters - A God who shows up and creates space for the sacred, even in the midst of chaos. Thank you for your generous commitment to our future.

Sincerely,

Rich Duncan

Director, Mission Funding

Disciple Dot Stories & Spirit Tugs

There are times in our lives when we sometimes have to wait a long while for a question to be answered, and I recently received a letter from a former member that answered such a question for me. The letter said that this person had received CARE packages from Living Springs Lutheran Church during exam weeks when he was in college. He related that, because they meant so much to him, he was inspired to start this at his current church. I must admit I have always been doubtful that these boxes, sent over the years to many students, were appreciated. But now, knowing that this one person appreciated our efforts, has been such a blessing. Because of this ministry at Living Springs, others in a different time and place will also know of God's love for them at a significant and challenging time in their lives.

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They say that God speaks in mysterious ways sometimes. In Adult Sunday School class, we were discussing that we constantly and continually sin. After a time, we realized this is all true, but that there is also Good News: Jesus forgives our sins when we ask for forgiveness -- and wipes our slate clean! Just as this was spoken, I gestured toward the normally filled dry erase board. It was totally clean!

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Thursday, I went with a group from our church to Hannah House, a residence for homeless women and children. We were talking a meal to share with them. There was a very small, four year old, adorable little girl running around. She had cute little pastel butterfly barrettes on her braids. She was interacting with everyone, giggling, jumping up and down and talking to anyone who would listen. All of our group, including the children that were with us, interacted with her.

One of our group began to give the blessing. As she started, I could hear someone mumbling or talking. I'm thinking, who is talking during the blessing. (Guess I was not as focused as I should have been.) Anyway, I looked around and saw that tiny head covered in pastel butterflies. Her head was bowed, hands folded with her little face pressed against her hands. Her eyes were closed and her face was intense as she repeated out loud every word of the prayer as it was being said. It was like a soft little echo to the adult's voice. I was moved. I know for sure is part of God's story.

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

GOD loves YOU:
share God's love
everyday!



Where will God place
your next Disciple Dot?



Council Clips

Staff & Ministry Reports - March 17, 2016 Meeting

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

Council Actions and news (from March 17 business meeting):

- ✝ Finance Ministry Team: Researching digital giving opportunities
- ✝ Church work day held on March 19
- ✝ 2 baptisms scheduled for April (Sorial and Evans)
- ✝ McManus family transferring to Ebenezer Lutheran Church
- ✝ Beer & Hymns: Monday April 4
- ✝ Phebe LeGrand Scholarship Auction – April 9
- ✝ Operation Inasmuch: Saturday April 16
- ✝ Community Fishing Day: Saturday April 23
- ✝ Cinco de Mayo: May 7

Here are just a few ways that we have seen people of Jesus' story in just the past 4 weeks.

- ✝ People of Jesus' story walking neighborhoods, greeting strangers with smiles and extending invitations for them to worship God at Easter;
- ✝ People of Jesus' story representing a diversity of races, some 200+ gathered around tables to break down barriers and bring hope, after viewing together the movie, Selma;
- ✝ People of Jesus' story at Evening services, acting out dramatic reflections of Disciple Dot moments shared by the people of Living Springs – to bear witness to the ongoing work of Jesus in the world;
- ✝ People of Jesus' story working in a kitchen to serve snacks and food for youth of diverse backgrounds;
- ✝ People of Jesus' story singing the praise of God and the glory of Jesus' cross at Beef O' Brady's on a Monday night – with so much joy that the staff there yearn for those events, so that they might directly feel the "power of the Spirit" in that place;
- ✝ People of Jesus' story traveling to Keels Elementary to take time to read to elementary children and allow them to see positive adult male role models who value education;

The Holy Spirit has gifted this community of disciples to:

- ✝ Gather at Hannah House (*Shelter for Women and Children: To give hope to women and children who are without and to help transition a dependent woman to a place of independence and self-sufficiency, capable of caring for herself and her children.*) and share the gift of food and time with moms and their children. To see a child's face lessen with fear as we talked and colored... and the warmth of Jesus' Spirit is felt – this is what it means to be the church. Very. Powerful. Evening.
- ✝ Be diligent in work and the Work to boost our Preschool Ministry to maintaining 100% occupancy for nearly 3 months!
- ✝ Share written prayers to others on Social Media posts when they are having surgery, having a bad day, or simply need encouragement. This is being Jesus' hands and heart for others!
- ✝ Courageously write down names of people in Jesus' story. Pray for them. Name them in worship. This simple notebook is encouraging us to step out of our comfort zones and seeing our neighbors as a part of our community even if we don't know their name.
- ✝ Open the hearts of our preschool and LS children to sing of Jesus' love and share it on a Friday evening at our Fish Fry. So many were grateful for that simple 15 minutes of joy – we are blessed to have this preschool ministry; we are blessed to have the parents who trust in us to care for their most awesome gifts; we are blessed to have leadership who sees the importance of creating a safe space for children in our community to be wrapped in God's love.
- ✝ Encourage parents to participate with their children in our Faith Milestones Ministry which teaches the tenets of our faith (the Apostles' Creed, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Lord's Supper, etc.). AND, that there are leaders who are Spirit filled and willing to share their time to teach these tenets of our faith. Again, this community continues to be blessed to be a blessing!

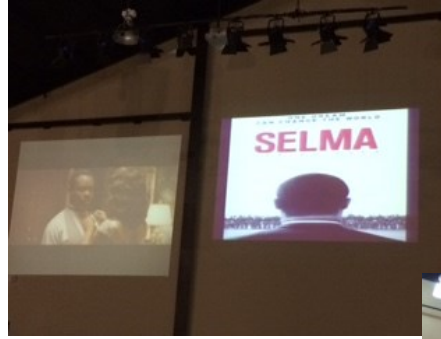


God At Work Through Living Springs

Evening Lenten Dramas



NE Columbia "Selma" Viewing & Dialogue



Living Springs partnered with our SC Synod and NE Columbia churches to sponsor this effort in breaking through society's racial barriers to bring reconciliation & hope.



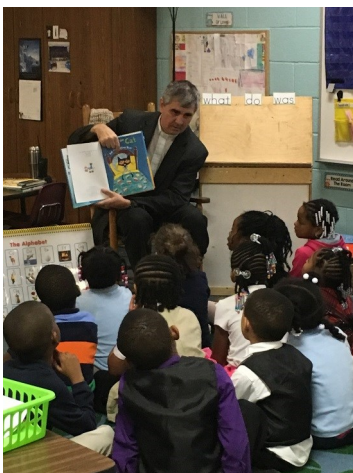
Fish Fry - Lutheran Campus Ministry



Fish Fry - Preschool Night



Real Men Read at Joseph Keels



Faith Friends Gathering



Children's Message Mary of Bethany





*Apostle's Creed
Faith Milestone*



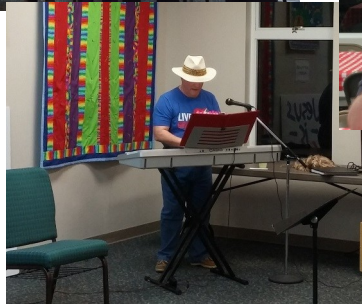
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Congregational Neighborhood Walk



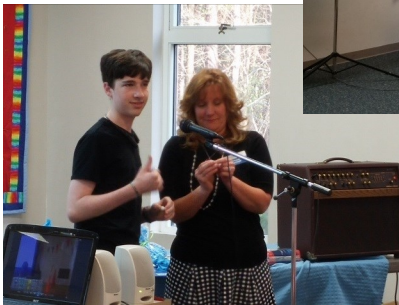
Friday Fish Fry - Open Mic Night



*Lutheran Services
Foster Care @
Friday Fish Fry*



First Communion Class



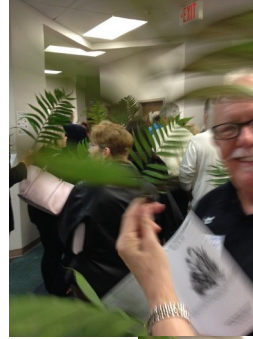
*Easter Baskets for
God's Storehouse*



**Backpack Food
Ministry Packing for
Spring Break**



**Palm Sunday
Processional**



Easter Family Event



Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

BEER & HYMNS

Monday, April 4

Our next joyous time of singing and fellowship will be on Monday, April 4th. We will gather at Beef o' Brady's on Hardscrabble Road. Folks are welcome to arrive earlier if they wish to eat prior to the merry singing.

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. 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 are available for purchase Sunday, April 3 after both services., from the office during the week or at the door. 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 ca not 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.

OPERATION INASMUCH

Saturday, April 16

"And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'" Matthew 25:40 (NKJV)

Each spring, congregations across the South Carolina Synod participate in an "Operation Inasmuch" day of service. On Saturday, April 16, we will meet for a short devotion at 9 am and then you will have your choice of different projects to serve your neighbors in need. It's a time for everyone to do hands-on ministry outside the walls of their buildings. Look for details in the e-news and announcements.

TELS (TRAVELING EVANGELS OF LIVING SPRINGS)

Thursday, April 21

On Thursday, April 21, the TELS group is visiting Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet SC. This trip will entail a lot of walking, but the grounds are beautiful and it will be well worth it. There is a place for lunch on the grounds – cost is approximately \$15 entrance fee plus whatever your lunch is. The bus will leave Living Springs at 7:30 am. There is a sign-up sheet in the administration building or contact [Beverly Hoppert](#) for information.

FISHING FELLOWSHIP DAY

Saturday, April 23

All members of Living Springs and Spring Valley Presbyterian Church are invited to the First Annual Fishing Fellowship Day to be held on April 23, 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, ljasad@gmail.com. [Click here for a flyer with all the details and FAQs](#)

HYMN SING-ALONG

Thursday, April 28

We were a hit at our first hymn along---in fact, we have been asked to come back, but they will have to wait their turn! Join us at our next gathering at NHC HealthCare, 7601 Parklane Rd. on Thurs., April 28 at 10:30 to 11 am. The preschool children will sing along with us. No singing ability necessary – just willing to make a joyful noise for some very appreciative folks. Contact [Jim Zieche](#) or [Karen Kranz](#) ...or just show up at the church and ride over with us.

CINCO DE MAYO

Saturday, May 7

We are celebrating Cinco de Mayo on Saturday, May 2nd at 6:00pm at the Hurlberts, 217 Dover Ridge Rd, Columbia. The Hurlberts will provide the Mexican feast - please bring an appetizer or dessert. Contact: [Wendy McKenzie](#)

Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs

TUESDAY DEVOTION LUNCH @ LIVING SPRINGS

Tuesday, April 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, April 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). . Cost \$9 – signup sheet is in the narthex or contact the office before 11 am on Monday.



HANNAH HOUSE FOOD MINISTRY

Thursday, April 17

Thursday, April 17 – meet at church 5:15 to carpool to Hannah House (downtown). The meal for April 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.



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

Wow! 100 bags went out on Tuesday, March 22 - each one had an Easter treat and faith message which hopefully will give a few or even one child a reason to find hope. On the other side, 100 bags of food wiped our shelves clean and we will need all items to replenish our closet! Our next day to pack will be Thursday, April 7 at 5 pm – it is a great experience for the younger ones and fellowship time for the adults. 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!



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.

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



Women's Ministries

WOMEN'S CHOIR

Sing on Women's Sunday, May 1

Women, let's make a joyful noise to our God by coming together to sing on May 1, 2015. God loves hearing from us. Contact Gwen Furcron at 216-561-5754 to practice.

WOMEN'S SUNDAY AT LIVING SPRINGS

Sunday May 1

May 1 will be Women's Sunday. In addition to serving as worship leaders that morning, help is needed also for a reception honoring new life members for LTSS Auxiliary after the 10:45 worship. Contact Adele Lindberg (803-736-1359)

MOTHER & OTHER'S(SISTERS, DAUGHTERS, FRIENDS) TEA

Saturday, May 21

Please join us for a festive afternoon on Saturday, May 21 from 2-4pm in our the fellowship hall. All women of all ages are invited to participate. Join in enjoying an afternoon of tea plus goodies. \$5/person. Tickets will be available in April. Please bring a teacup from home to use and we will tell one another about why it is significant to us. If you have a tea pot or tea set, as well, we would love to display it that afternoon. Let Ginny Devereaux (803-699-2598) know if you can help with this. Also, take part in bringing in your wedding picture to put into a Bride's Gallery to share that day. We truly have brides of all ages and it is always fun to see and share. More so...Do you have your wedding gown from that day? Can you wear it, or let someone borrow it to model it that afternoon??? The oldest one we know about comes from 1956!!! Can you beat that? Please let Adele Lindberg (803-736-1359) know if you are willing to help in these ways. Any question may be directed to Alice Renaud (803-699-8995)

LS WOMEN'S RETREAT - 9/30-10/2

WELCA is planning a weekend women's retreat at the Coastal Retreat Center at Isle of Palms for Sept. 30 - Oct. 2. We would gather around 5 pm on Friday, have a detailed program with presenter on Saturday, worship on Sunday morning and be home that afternoon. Shared rooms are \$70/night (plus small extra expense). Sign-up sheet is in the Admin. Building if you are interested in attending a faithful experience with your fellow sisters in Christ. Once we have enough interest, we will move forward with more details. Contact Gwen Furcron (216-561-5754).

Men's Ministries

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday April 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, April 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](mailto:Bob.Turnmire@lsc.org) at 803-513-7533 if you have any questions.

Additional Opportunities

BISHOPS LEADERSHIP DAY

You are invited to attend a workshop led by Dr. Mark Tidsworth based on his book, [Shift: Three Big Moves for the 21st Century Church](#). The cost is \$15.00 per person which will cover a barbecue dinner catered by Hudson's. The time is from 3:30 to 8:00 pm at the Family Life Center of Zion Lutheran Church, 226 Corley Mill Road, Lexington, SC 29072. You may register online at www.scsynod.com or you may call the synod office at 803-765-0590 with the number of people who will be attending. Payment may be made online at <http://bit.ly/scsynodgiving> or by sending a check for \$15.00 per person made payable to: South Carolina Synod, 1003 Richland Street, Columbia, SC 29201. All are welcome to hear and explore the kinds of Shifts that are happening across the church in living out the good news of Jesus.

LUTHERAN SERVICES – FOSTER CARE

Sometimes because of abuse or neglect or because their parents have become unable to care for them, children are left without the love and support they need to lead happy and productive lives. Foster and treatment parents guide and support children through unimaginable struggles and challenges. With supervision and support from LSC, loving families provide care to approximately 500 children across the Carolinas each year. There are many ways to help support this ministry – a helping hands alert was sent out for wish list items (fire extinguishers and carbon monoxide detectors) or monetary donations (indicate Foster Care in the memo section). Another non-urgent request came from Gregory (foster care musician) for a trampoline because his got destroyed in a wind storm and I understand they need car seats and cribs. Check the website www.LSCarolinas.net or contact Chase Pennell, Foster Parent Recruiter, Lutheran Services Carolinas, Phone: 864-967-4355, Email: cpennell@LSCarolinas.net.



Adult Faith Milestones

9:24 The Vocational Journey: Growing Deeper in Daily Life Callings Adult Faith Milestone: The Vocational Journey: Growing Deeper in Our Relationship with God Through our Daily Life Callings (First Job, New Job, Retirement, Family Roles, Community Roles, and Other Roles in Our Daily Life!) At 9:24 AM beginning Sunday, April 10th, a four part series focusing on the vocational journey will be offered by Pastor Eric and the Lifelong Discipleship Team. The series will include a discussion on the Biblical roots of vocation and it's Christian history, including a visit from Martin Luther himself! There will be round table discussions by some of our members, representing a variety of roles and different points along the journey of life. These members will share how they serve God and their neighbor in their daily life callings. The final session will be a lab focusing on our personal response to God's call to serve God and our neighbor in our daily life.



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

Youth Faith Milestones

"Come to Jesus Christ. He is the living stone that people have rejected, but which God has chosen and highly honored. ⁵ And now you are living stones that are being used to build a spiritual house. You are also a group of holy priests, and with the help of Jesus Christ you will offer sacrifices that please God. ⁶ It is just as God says in the Scriptures, "No one who has faith in that one will be disappointed."
1 Peter 2:4-6

Our **Passing on Faith Milestones Ministry** team provides instruction and resources to equip families, children, youth, and adults to pass on faith and live well in Jesus Christ. By paying attention to the milestones of our lives, we create rituals and traditions that shape us and nurture us in our faith. The promises we make at Baptism point to the spiritual milestones in our children's lives.

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

✝ **On Sunday, 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.

Join us on June 1st at worship service to celebrate the continuing faith journeys of our High School Graduates with a special blessing and a quillow presentation for the following young adults:

Samuel Arnold, Nicolas Creticos, Tyler Evans, and Rachel Hurlbert

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. - 1 Timothy 4:12

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.
- ✝ Sunday Bible Study—6:30 PM "The Greatest Story—Paul" Led by Pastor Eric Begins again on Sunday April 17.
- ✝ 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

Hallelujah! Singing praises for sunny days, warm weather, children running, jumping, playing and singing! We are blessed to have so many joyful experiences happening within our ministry.

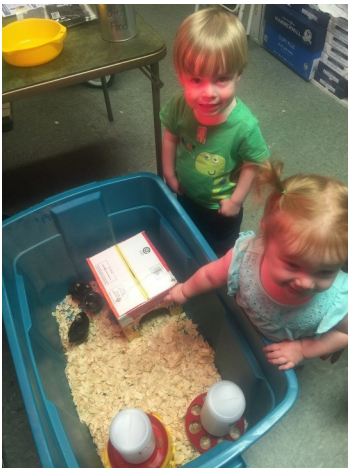
We had a wonderful time sharing in many Lutheran School Week activities. We painted a mural, enjoyed a wet and messy play day, had a fellowship and friendship picnic on the lawn, we conducted a book drive, the children and music ministry group visited The Rice Estates to sing for the residents and the Fish Fry dinner was a singing success enjoyed by many of our families and staff.

The children were able to spend some time learning about baby chicks. The Kowalski's brought in 6 chicks to visit with our families and staff. The children were able to watch them eat, drink, start to fly and grow each day.

We continue to be blessed with the many opportunities to share God's love throughout the community in the ministry we do.

Each day is a new day to share the vision of Living Springs.

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



*Baby Chicks in
the LS Preschool*

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.



THOMAS



SAUL

Our Faith
Formation theme is:



LYDIA

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



CORNELIUS

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.



Sin by Peter Marty

It's what keeps us from becoming the people God wants us to be

Permanent ink on a white shirt is no fun. I purchased a stain remedy not long ago. It boasted of being able to remove virtually every cloth stain on the planet. When it didn't do the trick on my collared shirt, I read the fine print on the bottle. Asphalt, blood, grass and wine stains all made the list, but not ink.

A friend then put me on to rubbing alcohol: "Just blot it on there gently, Peter. Don't rub it in. Keep doing it over and over." Given my impatience with this frustrating blemish on the pocket of one silly shirt, I wanted to skip the blotting technique and go straight for the rub. Never mind that rubbing a stain in fabric only tends to embed it further. I just wanted to be done with it. But I blotted, which takes patience and time, and was eventually rewarded with a gleaming white pocket.

The psalmist turns to language of the laundry room when addressing human sin. Here is his Introduction to Stain Removal 101: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love ... blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin ... wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow" ([Psalm 51:1,2,7](#)).

God the launderer, who covers us with the fabric of steadfast love and abundant mercy, has the patience to lift that "sin stain" from the most complicated threads of our life. Blotting out, not rubbing in, is the Lord's way. No casual over-the-counter stain remedy will undo the ugly stubbornness of our deep-down sin.

God, with soapsuds everywhere, busy obliterating the grime of sin, makes for a striking image. The only caveat to keep in mind with this image is fair warning that we not reduce sin to mere external behaviors. This is a favorite habit of ours, cataloging sins according to their juiciest appearance, as if Christianity is really a cover for moralism stuffed with "dos" and "don'ts."

We seem especially adept at noticing the saltiness of other people's sins, perhaps because, as theologian Barbara Brown Taylor puts it, that exercise "takes the heat off the rest of us." Exposing someone else's sin to light is a clever trick for avoiding a candid look at the soiled or unseemly self that resides darkly within us.

What if we were to pay more attention to what goes on in that out-of-the-way chamber of our own heart — the duping, the self-deception, the covering of lies — than on the fascinating wickedness we like to point out in others? Jesus cares mostly about this internal character to sin. "But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart," he said ([Matthew 15:18](#)).

It might help to think of sin as a condition as inescapable as our nationality or blood type. Best intentions will not eradicate sin. "For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate," laments Paul ([Romans 7:15](#)). Only dying and rising with Jesus, to borrow his language, will keep sin from becoming our defining feature.

Note my persistent use of the word sin. The Bible does not focus on the bag of tricks we are capable of deploying. "Mistakes were made." "I used poor judgment." "It was an unfortunate lapse of good sense." The Bible does not depict God forgiving mistakes, poor judgments or lapses of one kind or another. God forgives sin. And sin is what keeps us from becoming the people God wants us to be.

The varieties of words for sin in biblical Hebrew are mind numbing in number. Yet all of them point to a hardness of heart or stiffness of neck that cause us to miss the mark, stray from the fold or overstep a line. However nasty or disrespectful we may be to an unsuspecting neighbor, stranger or friend, every sin is fundamentally a sin against God. "Against you, you alone, have I sinned," utters the psalmist ([Psalm 51:4](#)).

Perhaps this is what hurts most about sin — the daily rupturing of an otherwise precious relationship with the living God. So unintended in consequence, yet so personal. Only a gift as big as forgiveness can rectify the mess.





Mark your calendars now for another amazing.....

SPARK! Your Faith Bible Camp

Sunday, June 12 (worship at 10am)

followed by Lunch & family faith activities

Mon, June 13-Wed, June 15 Camp Style from 9:00am-3:00pm

SPARK! Your Faith Camp is for Children and Youth ages 3-18!

Adult Volunteers are needed—please contact Leslie Bloss

(LBloss3306@hotmail.com) or Lexanne Graves

(Lexanne@LivingSpringsColumbia.org)

FAITH5

F a i t h 5
F a i t h 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



Living Springs Youth

Pine Straw Sale

Order Form

Name: _____ Phone# _____

Address: _____



Number Bales Ordered	Price Per Bale	Total
	\$4.50	



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

Paid by: cash _____ check# _____ Total: _____

Pickup _____ Delivery _____

Free delivery (Minimum 10 bales required)

Youth Representative: _____

All Proceeds are used to fund Youth events throughout the year

Support our Living Springs Children/Youth Ministries!
 Pine Straw Fundraiser - \$4.50 each
 (free delivery for 10+ bales)

Youth will distribute order forms starting this Sunday and additional copies can be found in the Narthex of Church Workroom or click the form to the left for a pdf.



Every night in every home



highs and lows



a Bible verse or story



about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows



for one another's highs and lows



one another

April

People of God's Story:

Blessed to be a Blessing!

- 1 Luke 24:10
- 2 Luke 24:1-10
- 3 **John 20:24-29**
- 4 John 20:25
- 5 John 20:26
- 6 John 20:27
- 7 John 20:28
- 8 John 20:29a
- 9 John 20:29b
- 10 **Acts 9:1-9; 17-19**
- 11 Acts 9:3-4
- 12 Acts 9:8-9
- 13 Acts 9:17
- 14 Acts 9:18
- 15 Acts 9:19
- 16 Psalm 146:8
- 17 **Acts 9:36-42**
- 18 Acts 9:36
- 19 Acts 9:37
- 20 Acts 9:39
- 21 Acts 9:40
- 22 Acts 9:41
- 23 Acts 9:42
- 24 **Acts 10:1-8**
- 25 Acts 10:2
- 26 Acts 10:3-4
- 27 Acts 10:5-8
- 28 Acts 10:22-23
- 29 Acts 10:42
- 30 Acts 10:45-46, 48

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!!



As you and your family continue to live in the promise of Jesus' resurrection for eternal life and forgiveness of sins, may you consider this as your daily devotion-al every night. Imagine for a moment if our Living Springs families took 5 minutes a day and brought God into the conversations around the dinner table, at the ball field, or all piled up in a bed before bedtime. How awesome would that be if in every home, every night God was talked about and invited into our daily joys and struggles! This is the relationship that God desires from each of us.

So, how can that be done you might ask? It's quite simple with FAITH5 when you SHARE. READ. TALK. PRAY. BLESS. with those closest to you. FAITH5 can be done over the phone, on FaceTime, or face-to-face!

Would you consider gathering around scripture and experiencing FAITH5? Through reading, sharing, talking, blessing and praying this month, may we all "show" each other God's love in his Son born for ALL of us! So, why don't you give FAITH5 a try this week and see how awesome God is?!!

Begin with sharing "highs and lows", the best and worst moments of your day, read God's word found on the other side of this sheet, talk together about how God's word connects with your daily highs and lows, pray together, and end by blessing each other, with a cross (+) traced on the forehead with 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:

This Youth Group will gather on Sunday, April 24th at 12:15pm. Bring your lunch! Feel free to contact our Kind-2 Youth Leaders with questions: Nic and Rachel Peterson (peterston.nicholas3@gmail.com).



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

This youth group will gather on Sunday, April 10 from 12:30pm – 2:00pm. Feel free to contact our Club3456 Youth leaders with questions: Tiffany and Gary Ginn (tginn23@gmail.com).

Upcoming Dates to mark on your calendars:
May 22 – 12:30pm – 2:00pm



ATTENTION YOUTH:

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

Lexanne@LivingSpringsColumbia.org.

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETING DATES: 7TH-8TH GRADERS

Sunday, April 10 & 24 @ 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.





He is risen..... He is risen indeed!

SPRING HAS SPRUNG, THE GRASS IS RISEN, AND THE WEATHER IS GETTING VERY NICE. DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME HAS COME, AND SPRING ACTIVITIES HAVE BEGUN. WE HAVE YOUTH PLAYING BASEBALL, DOING PAGEANT COMPETITIONS, DANCE COMPETITIONS, AND BEING ACTIVE IN CHORUS, BAND, AND ORCHESTRA. AND NOW IT'S SPRING BREAK!

So during the season of Lent, we have not seen our whole group together for quite some time. Now that Easter is here, we will resume our midweek restaurant gatherings beginning the week of April 10th thru 16th. On April 7th, we will gather in the Youth room for food, fellowship, some bible time, and to meet with another candidate for the Living Springs Music ministry. Youth, your input is important and valuable. Bring your thoughts about things you would like to see us do or try here at church within the context of music and ministry. Newsflash: There were no organs during Jesus' day. Worship has always changed to reflect the culture of its day. Worship changes, but the God we worship does not change. God is the same yesterday and today and forever. Worship is something we do as a community to show our love for God and to hear once again the stories of God's merciful dealing with his people through the ages. Worship changes us!



IMPORTANT DATES IN APRIL

- 4/3 WORSHIP & SS
- 4/7 SR YOUTH AT CHURCH
- 4/9 USC SPRING FOOTBALL GAME
- 4/9 PHOEBE LE GRAND AUCTION
- 4/10 WORSHIP & SS
- 4/13 SR YOUTH RESTAURANT
- 4/17 WORSHIP & SS
- 4/20 SR YOUTH RESTAURANT
- 4/24 WORSHIP & SS
- 4/27 SR YOUTH RESTAURANT





SUNDAY SCHOOL/ aka FAITH FORMATION

WE HAVE BEGUN A NEW SERIES CALLED "HONORING YOUR NEIGHBOR'S FAITH: a Lutheran Perspective on Faith traditions in America. It covers 32 different faith traditions. Our plan is to study about 3 different churches and then try and visit one of them on the fourth Sunday. This would have to flex to fit the schedules already in place such as confirmation. We welcome 2 new youth to our group: Emily and Elijah Harris who also received first communion this past Maundy Thursday.

This Sunday, April 3rd, our Senior Youth will help to lead all Sunday school folks in Faith 5 under the leadership of Leslie Bloss. Y'all come on out. It will be fun!



Oh yeah, the youth room has a new modern tv- Whaaat? I know, right? This means we can plug in a laptop computer device and access youtube videos, and other online video content. Got an idea for a good short video for us to watch. Bring it!

RE MIX HAD ITS SECOND EVENT: A GREAT BIG FREE CONCERT

Featuring area talent and the band, Urban Doxology from Richmond, Va. They were good, but so was the local talent. Many thanks to Pastor Ginger Litman-Koon of Mt Horeb Lutheran for leading the ReMix group. We have learned a great deal as we work with churches that are different from us. What we have learned along the way is that we have much in common, and the most important thing is our common faith in the One, Lord Jesus Christ. We may worship slightly differently, but our goal is the same, to show our love to our Lord. Laura Stuart, Karlene Stuart and Vicar Marty have been to these meetings and as we get to know the other church folks we have noticed that we are regarding one another as beloved family members. Of course in Christ, we already were united, but this experience has helped us to see that unity and to live it out. Thanks be to God!

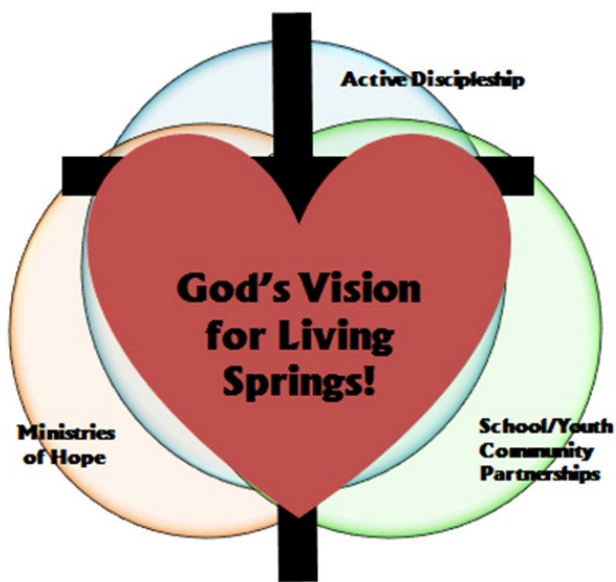


Living Springs provided the refreshments for the Urban Doxology Concert. The free Hot Dogs, Sodas, and Popcorn were much appreciated!

**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!! ALLELUIA!!!
ALLELUIA!!!! ALLELUIA!!!!! Alleluia!!!!!!**



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

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



- 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...
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



April 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
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3	4 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Ladies Book Club 7P Beer & Hymns	5 930 PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 1145A Devotional Lunch 4P ASC Bible Time 6P Good News Team 7P Adult Bible Study	6 930 PSC Chapel 6P Hope Ministries Team	7 830A Good News Walkers 5P Backpacks 6:30 Combined Choirs 7P Handbells 7P Sr. Youth	8 830A Zumba	9 930A Crafty Ladies 930A Sr. Youth/USC Spring Football Game 6P Phebe LeGrand Auction
10 9:24A Vocational Journey 1215P Confirmation 2P Club 3456	11 10A Staff Meeting 1030A Meals on Wheels 1245P Zumba 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care Team	12 930 PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 6P Finance 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells 7P Facilities	13 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir 7P Sr. Youth	14 830A Good News Walkers 5P Backpacks 615P Preschool Board 7P Lifelong Discipleship	15 830A Zumba	16 9A Operation Inasmuch
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Worship Assistant Schedule – April 2016

	Assisting Minister	Lector	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torchbearers	Counters	Children's Sermon	Council Person		
4/3	Saundra Dixon	Janet Bate	Beverly Hoppert Connor Kilbourne	Marj Appleton Jerry Appleton	Sadonia Grimmer	Ben Arnold	Jim Zieche			Pastor Eric	Bill Franck		
4/3	Alison Levitt	Bob Gabbard	Jan Berger Bob Turmire	Karlene Stuart Laura Stuart Austin Padgett Steve Padgett	Katie Prizer	Collin Flores	Jan Berger	Trish Davidson Brantley Smith	Alison Levitt LC Karlene Stuart Steve Bloss	Pastor Eric	Alison Levitt		
4/10	Vicar Marty	Bill Franck	Helen Doeringhaus Scott Graves	Sadonia Grimmer Mike Grimmer	Nancy Franck	Anna Leigh Graves	Karen Kranz			Bob Gill	Scott Graves		
4/10	Vicar Marty	Lori Masad	Mike Davidson Kathryn Padgett	Randy Masad Adam Woodruff Wendy McKenzie Audrey Turmire	Dea Jones	Walker Flores	Karlene Stuart	Alison Levitt Sara Levitt	Leslie Bloss LC Laura Turmire Jan Berger	Bob Gill	Rocky Berger		
4/17	Gwen Furcron	Vicar Marty	Herb Brantley Saundra Dixon	Peg Fox Bill Fox	Jeff Lummel	Caroline Moore	Jan Schmidt			Lexanne Graves	Gwen Furcron		
4/17	Steve Padgett	Vicar Marty	Peg Collins Trish Davidson	Jan Berger Rocky Berger Jeff Day Cindy Day	Jeanette Bloss	Austin Padgett	Mike Davidson	Jeanette Bloss Leslie Bloss	Gwen Furcron LC Trish Davidson Aaron Smith	Lexanne Graves	Aaron Smith		
4/24	Lexanne Graves	Helen Doeringhaus	Tina Molineu Don Molineu	Sue Loveless Mike Loveless	Patricia Brouwer	Michael Landers	Karen Kranz			Vicar Marty	Beverly Hoppert		
4/24	Mike Davidson	Ed Brennan	Cindy Day Jeff Day	Karlene Stuart Laura Stuart Bob Turmire Steve Bloss	Linda Hayes	Jan Berger	Leslie Bloss	Ginny Devereaux Gail Buchanan	Beverly Hoppert LC Karen Kranz Wendy McKenzie	Vicar Marty	Bob Turmire		
Care Meals			Flowers			Nursery (10:45)			Refreshments			Altar Guild	
4/3	Pat Bartucca		Karen Kranz	Charles Tracy		Misty O'Donnell	Jan Schmidt						
4/10				Karen Kranz		Jenny Skipper	Marlene Jorgensen						
4/17				Herb Brantley		Angie Dyches	Shawn Hamilton						
4/24				Karen Kranz		Misty O'Donnell	Judy Lawrence						

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.

<http://goo.gl/HL5Ym>

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

April 1	♥ Chuck & Sheila Kowalski	April 18	♥ Kyle & Amber Fletcher
April 2	Sherry Forsgren	April 20	Rachel McGahee
April 3	Mike Wyka	April 21	Meredith Bottar
April 4	Karen Kranz		Melinda Brouwer
April 5	♥ Mark & Karlene Stuart	April 24	♥ Karl Schmidt
	Corin Wiggins	April 25	♥ Doug & Sherri Staudt
April 6	♥ Ashley & Brandon Eichler		Tammy Mancuso
	♥ Mark & Cheryl Jenkins	April 26	Debbie Zvejnieks
April 7	Callie Evans		Delaynee Harmon
	Todd Gunvalson	April 27	Abigale Harmon
April 8	Morgan Anderson		Julia Tenhover
April 9	Bill Franck	April 28	Isla Johansson
April 11	Maddie Arnold	April 29	Brion Kenline
	David Giertz		Elouise Niemeyer
	Mike Davidson	April 30	Harold Talbert
	Savannah Shaver		Mark Stuart
	Jim Zieche		James Griffith
April 12	Emily Johansson		Matthew Landers
	Jeff Tenhover		Doug Staudt
April 13	Sally Moore		♥ Peter & Debbie Zvejnieks
April 16	Gary Ginn		
	Meredith McKenzie		

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!



April 1	Tammy Mancuso	April 20	Christopher Hinchee
April 5	Jeffrey Brouwer	April 22	Ryan Bottar
April 8	Samuel Skipper		Pierce O'Donnell
April 10	Becky Sides		Patrick O'Donnell
	Peg Zieche	April 23	Laura Turnmire
April 11	Wayne Kannaday	April 24	Mallory Padgett
April 12	Jan Berger		Wade Smart
April 13	Bob Gill	April 25	Judy Lawrence
	Andrew Levitt	April 26	Dylann Keppery
	Charles Pollard		Betsy Shank
April 15	Ted Buchanan	April 27	Brion Kenline
	Bill Franck	April 28	Austin Padgett
	Retha Murray		
April 19	Samuel Arnold		
	Ken Flynn		
	Sophia Skipper		

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