



# Living Springs Lutheran Church

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## One in the Spirit! - This Month from Pastor Eric



*"...making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all." - Ephesians 4:3-6*

Just this week, I attended our annual Campfirmation planning retreat in NC – and in the midst of all the planning, I found myself reminiscing about attending church camp as a child. There were some things I did not especially like at the time (the mattresses and showers and some of the food – nothing is ever perfect!), but even after 40 years, I still have not forgotten the sense of the Spirit and how those weeks of summer camp had such a great impact on my faith – in many ways I didn't realize at the time. I especially remember gathering with hundreds of other youth for campwide vespers by the lake and all singing, *"We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord! We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord – and we pray that all unity may one day be restored!"*

My trip to camp was one of the first times in life that I had ventured outside my own hometown. There at that campwide vespers, there were young people from so many different states and towns and cities and backgrounds. In contrast to the total uniformity of my small childhood circle of friends and neighbors, those youth did not all speak with the same accent, did not use the same slang words, did not all dress the same way, did not listen to the same music or follow the same sports teams. Of course, this was nothing compared to the larger diversity that exists in our world, but nonetheless it was an eye-opening (and heart-opening) experience for a young boy – to find myself singing *"We are one in the Spirit!"* with folks so relatively different from what I had been accustomed.

Every year, as followers of Jesus, we celebrate 3 great occasions that define our faith: Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost. On Pentecost, we rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit – and how that Spirit empowers everything we do as God's people in the world (even our capacity to believe itself – see the box below, which contains our Lutheran teaching from the Small Catechism regarding the Holy Spirit as the source of our faith). There are so many aspects of the Holy Spirit we can truly celebrate, but among them, there is the wonderful God-given, Spirit-inspired, blessing of the oneness or unity we share in Christ. The original miracle of Pentecost speaks to this, as a great diversity of peoples are united in hearing the message of the Gospel: Parthians, Medes, Elamites, residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews & proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – all in their own languages hearing the apostles speaking about God's deeds of power (Acts 2:9-11). Throughout the rest of the New Testament, there is again and again this focus on the oneness of the Spirit we have in Christ. There is the beautiful passage from Ephesians 4 (quoted at the top of the page). There are more words from the apostle Paul in Romans 12:5, "So we, who are many, are one body in Christ!" There is the great prayer which Jesus himself offers for his disciples (and for us all) in the upper room on

**"I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the HOLY SPIRIT has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true."**

**Luther's Small Catechism  
Explanation of Apostle's Creed, 3rd Article**

the night before his crucifixion, "Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one as we are one ... that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them..." (John 17:11, 23). It is no accident that it is in this same section of John's Gospel that Jesus promises he will send us the Holy Spirit.

I am always excited about the wonderful ways we celebrate Pentecost at our Sunday morning worship experiences on that holy day – and this year will be no exception (come be part of it on May 15!). But this year, we also have a truly wonderful opportunity to celebrate the unity of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Weekend with other brothers and sisters in Christ. I hope that you will come be part of the Pentecost Weekend community picnic on Saturday, May 14 – as we gather with fellow disciples from Rehoboth Baptist, Northeast United Methodist, Adams Northeast AME, Impact Church, and others in our community. The fellowship and fun will be wonderful, the kickoff singing and worship will be uplifting, the hamburgers and hot dogs and desserts will be delicious – but most of all, we will find joy in celebrating one of the greatest blessings God has given us: the unity of the Spirit we all share in Christ, the risen and living Lord.

I truly give thanks for the unity we have in this community of disciples called Living Springs – and for the unity we have with the body of Christ throughout our community and the world. I pray that you may sense the strength and gifts of the Holy Spirit in your life each day, as you continue to sense the Spirit's tugs and encounter many disciple-stories of God's ongoing work in our world, all grounded in the Holy Spirit!

With prayers that the joy of Pentecost will fill your heart and home, *Pastor Eric*

### PENTECOST WEEKEND

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**"United in the Spirit"**

**Community Picnic & Worship  
Saturday, May 14**

**11:00-2:00 (Worship @ 11:15)**

**Sesquicentennial State Park  
Hamburgers & Hot Dogs provided  
LS Members – bring desserts!**

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**Pentecost Worship @ Living Springs  
Sunday, May 15  
8:15 & 10:45 am**

**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

Greetings Easter People! But what does it mean to be Easter people? It means that we are loved with an everlasting love that knows no limits. But how can we share that love with others so that they personally know it is true?

One of the ways Living Springs shares that love is through the weekly Back Pack Ministry. Every week, volunteers donate and pack 50 bags of food so that children who get their meals at the school during the week, will have food to eat on the weekend. I was curious about how much all this donated food costs, and I was shocked to learn that it is about \$500 per week! I know that we have a dedicated group of people who are bringing food in each week, but I wonder if more of us could be a part of this ministry.



When the Back packers have finished packing the bags of food the two grocery carts are rolled into the center of the fellowship hall, and all the workers join hands as Pastor prays for the people who will receive the food, and for the food itself, and especially for the message of hope and love that it will bring. Today when we gathered to pray, I had the sense that we were sending a holy meal, a little like the meal we call communion. That meal brings us hope. It offers peace. It tells us we are loved. It makes us whole. Back packs are not the actual sacrament of communion, but God is there when those meals are prepared for sending.

So if you are wondering how you can share God's love .... I would suggest that one way might be to come and help to pack the bags, or bring some food for the Back Packs, or try doing both!

Come and See!  
*Vicar Marty*



**Pentecost Weekend!**  
**Community Picnic & Worship Fellowship**  
**Saturday, May 14, 11:00am - 2:00pm**  
**Sesquicentennial State Park – Shelter #5.**

**Sponsored by Living Springs Lutheran, Adams Northeast AME,  
Northeast UMC, Rehoboth Baptist, Impact Church.**

Come join this wonderful time of fellowship, food and worship with our NE Columbia neighbors, sponsored by local churches. The food (hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, baked beans, non-alcoholic drinks and dessert), is being provided through donations from each participating congregation. So we can plan for the food, there is a sign-up sheet in the administration building. Please sign up by May 8. Living Springs is responsible for desserts, so please sign up for that as well. The entry fee into the [park](#) is \$2 for adults, \$1.25 for seniors (15 & under is free). Bring your chairs (and/or any games). There are quite a few activity options available at the park, so it should be a fun event! For information, contact [Jim Zieche](#) or [Karen Kranz](#) and/or [click here for a flyer with event details](#).



To the Congregation of Living Springs Lutheran Church, Thank you so very much for your kindness, thoughts and prayers during a very difficult time in my life. I received your bear some time ago, but wanted to wait until I recovered from my injury to give you the good news that I am starting back to work again this week (April 11). I can't begin to tell you how much your gesture and the adorable bear meant to me. He brought me tremendous comfort, and then my three-year-old granddaughter became ill, so I passed him on to her, and he became a she and was named Sophia. The bear has brought her just as much joy as it brought me. Sophia the bear has been a wonderful minister of the word, and she is now loved greatly and hugged daily by a beautiful little girl. Thank you again for your kindness.

*Warmest regards, Kim*

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Thank you so very much for the beautiful prayer shawl. It was so nice of you all.

**Many many thanks, Cynthia Becker  
(Tiffany Ginn's mother)**

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Dear Members of Living Springs:

Thank you for all your prayers and words of encouragement during my knee surgery! They helped me through this process and I am please with the outcome and painlessness of the surgery. The meal the church provided was very delish and a big help to Bob, my at home nurse. He was busy keeping my meds in order and ice on my knee!

**Thanks again for everything! Laura Turnmire**

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My 5 year old granddaughter had surgery for kidney reflux Tuesday, April 19th. We had a rough night but all smiles this morning. She had some bladder contractions that were very painful, but we made it through them with teddy bear you sent. I don't know who sent this teddy bear to us from the church but I thank you so much because it helped her. She told me this morning, "I stayed up all night." I laughed, I said yes. Who sleeps in hospitals? Right! She is doing good so far this morning, catheter is out now, next up is getting the wound drip out. Everyone please keep praying for her.

**Thank you so very much, Gail**

## **Disciple Dot Stories & Spirit Tugs**

The Spirit led a LS member to attend the SELMA movie showing at Journey UMC recently. Later this person shared at the Tuesday Devotional Lunch that for 2 days that's all she had been thinking about and how there were ways she had participated in racism. She commented that this movie transformed her. What an amazing testament to God's love for everyone.

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At our Easter Craft Event recently, I overheard something that I just had to share! A family was assembling Blessing Bags to be given out to persons who are hungry or in need of hygiene items. As they put in each item, the children were asking who are we giving this to and the parents explained the concept. Then in a shout of joy, the child said, "This IS something we can do." Yes, my child, giving a blessing bag to another person in need is something we ALL can do and that action proclaims God's love!

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This year I was matched with a "Faith Friend." When he received his First Communion I gave him a card with a gift card inside. On Good Friday my Faith Friend gave me a free-hand pencil drawing of Jesus on the cross to thank me. The picture was so beautiful and moving, especially as I sat in the worship service and reflected on Jesus's sacrifice. I'm going to frame the picture and hang it as a constant reminder of Jesus's love.

### **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, on a 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!*





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Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the risen Christ!

St. Paul regularly used his letters as opportunities to thank God for his fellow believers. Romans, Philippians, Colossians, and I Thessalonians all contain words of thanks to God for Paul's fellow believers and their faith: "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the Gospel from the first day until now." (Philippians 1:3-5)

The very first thing we have to share is our faith in Jesus Christ. We give thanks for those with whom we share faith in Jesus Christ. Second, we give thanks to God for your congregation and your 2015 Mission Support giving. Mission Support is undesignated money that your congregation gives without restriction to the work of the South Carolina (SC) Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). God is changing lives through your Mission Support dollars. Because of your generosity the SC Synod and the ELCA are able to respond to mission and ministry opportunities beyond the congregation for Synodical and Churchwide ministries of the ELCA.

We have enclosed a Mission Support "certificate of thanks" in grateful appreciation for your response in 2015. Please share these words of thanks with the members of your congregation and/or post the certificate in a prominent place. In addition to the certificate we have enclosed three South Carolina Synod stories on the work of Mission Support. The total amount shown on the "certificate of thanks" does not include designated giving to such causes as ELCA Disaster Response, Flood Relief and the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. We are very grateful for all of those gifts as well.

Faithfully yours,

Rev. Ozzie Herlong  
Director for Stewardship  
South Carolina Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Raymond L. Hendrix Jr.  
Treasurer  
South Carolina Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

# MISSION SUPPORT 2015



# Thank You

## **Celebrating God's work for Racial Reconciliation**

On Sunday, February 27, over 200 adults and youth gathered for 4 hours in Northeast Columbia to view the movie, "Selma" and engage in a time of shared reflection, prayer, Bible study, and heart-opening dialogue. Hosted by Journey United Methodist Church (UMC), the event was co-sponsored by Adams Northeast African Methodist Episcopal, (AME) Impact Church, Journey UMC, Living Springs Lutheran, Northeast UMC, Pleasant Springs at Christ Mission, and Rehoboth Baptist, along with leadership from the SC Synod Racial Reconciliation Task Force. Individuals from these and other Columbia-area churches were intentionally seated in groups of 6-8 that merged members of traditionally white and African-American congregations. *While these gatherings are the ministries of congregations, lay and rostered leaders, Mission Support creates the connections and context of mission and ministry where God is at work bringing reconciliation and enriching the life of this church. Thank you for your Mission Support!*

## **Reaching Out with the Love of Christ beyond our Congregations**

A Resolution on Public Education was adopted by the 2015 South Carolina Synod Assembly. As a result of the resolution the Public Education Task Force conducted a survey of South Carolina Synod Lutheran congregations. The survey revealed that 28 congregations are involved in Backpack Programs which provides food for hungry children; 19 congregations have members who are serving as mentors with children; 17 congregations are involved in reading to or listening to children read and/or provide tutoring; and 13 congregations are involved in collecting school supplies for their local schools. *The network of ministry and mission formed through (your) Mission Support creates the efficient and effective base where God is making a difference in the lives of children in local communities. Thank you for your Mission Support!*

## **Helping to Bring Relief to Flood Victims and Rebuild the Community**

When the "Thousand Year Flood" hit South Carolina in October of 2015, thousands of our neighbors were impacted in ways beyond our previous imagination. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church experienced the power of God's people responding together as community not only in our witness of those whose homes were destroyed and damaged by the flood, but also in the way that the community came together to support our first responders. Because of significant flooding to the Forest Acres Police Department, the police used Good Shepherd's fellowship space as their base of operations for over two weeks. Additionally a unit from the National Guard set up a base at GSLC with troops sleeping in the youth room, narthex, and every other quiet space. *While the work of Flood Relief is made possible through special gifts, Mission Support creates the connections and context of mission and ministry that makes that work both efficient and effective. In times of disaster, the presence and mission of the church means that we are already present, are still present long after others have left the scene, and the church is able to commit to spending 100% of those specific disaster gifts for their intended purpose alone. Thank you for your Mission Support!*



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# Council Clips

## **Staff & Ministry Reports** - April 21, 2016 Meeting

**Council Devotions:** "The Agile Church" Chapter 3 part 1

### **Council Actions and news (from April 21 business meeting):**

- ✝ Finance Ministry Team: Presented motion for Worship & Music ministry team to begin prioritizing necessary sound system upgrades and worship space repairs. Motion approved by council.
- ✝ Finance Ministry Team: Presented a motion to test digital giving through Givlify with a small group of people. Motion approved by council.
- ✝ Beer & Hymns: Monday May 16
- ✝ Cinco de Mayo: May 7
- ✝ Racial Reconciliation: Picnic event at Sesquicentennial Park to be held on May 14 with area churches.

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

- ✝ The final Lenten Fish Fry, where we heard about the powerful ministry of Lutheran Services' Foster Care – and where we culminated 6 Friday evenings of incredible servanthood so that once again we might share \$2000 to support our vitally important Lutheran Campus Ministry in Columbia;
- ✝ A wonderful group greeting the sunrise on Easter morning, gathered for worship under the picnic shelter with the Good News proclaimed by Vicar Marty – and hundreds more gathered for joyful worship, receiving "People of Jesus' Story" Easter cards and signing the Easter board;
- ✝ FMC Team members delivering exam baskets to our college students – and taking steps to initiate a new LS Continuing Education Grant for up to 4 years of undergraduate education;
- ✝ A carload of Easter baskets to be distributed for children in need; Blessing Bags being assembled on Palm Sunday afternoon; 100 Backpacks of blessed food headed out for students to cover the Easter break, plus 50 more in each of the following weeks; another monthly hot meal being delivered to the women & children of Hannah House; members of our DHD program going to homes to do repairs and uplift disciples in need; donations received for another 7 LTSS Seminary Auxiliary Life Memberships;
- ✝ Through Vicar's Project Abraham, disciples considering what it means to live in a world with people of faith from 3 traditions – all believing in the same God who once spoke to Abraham;

### **The Holy Spirit has gifted this community of disciples to:**

- ✝ Share their faith and passion for the Lord at our First Communion Milestone instruction day. The 7 young people engaged in a 6 hour class of storytelling from Exodus and the Gospels, bread making, chalice decorating and class discussion on the elements and communion ware. The Spirit breathed life and thought provoking questions into our young people and their parents.
- ✝ Be diligent in work and the Word to boost our Preschool Ministry to maintaining 100% occupancy for nearly 4 months!
- ✝ Faithfully meet and ask questions of 2 very qualified musicians for our Music and Worship position. Our church staff really is a team and we desire someone who is a team player!
- ✝ Engage in discussions about our weekly "person" of God's story. The young people and some adults are enjoying meeting a new person each week and seeing how Jesus transformed their lives and how Jesus can transform our lives. These different persons have really helped our young people in dealing with some difficult daily life stuff. Very powerful.
- ✝ Attend a Seminary workshop on Human Sex Trafficking where we heard that this is a very large problem right here in Columbia. We are praying that the Spirit provides a clear path for LS to participate in some form of ministry for this horrific issue.



# God At Work Through Living Springs

## Phebe's Luau

Phebe Legrand Dinner & Auction







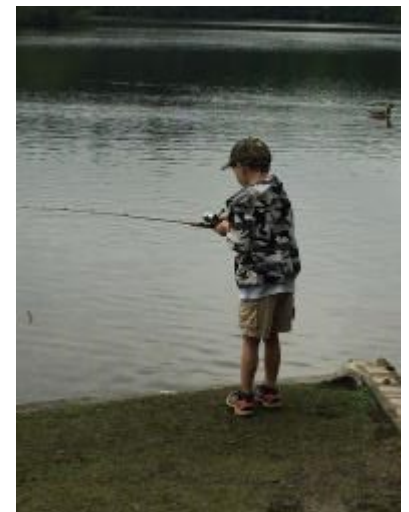
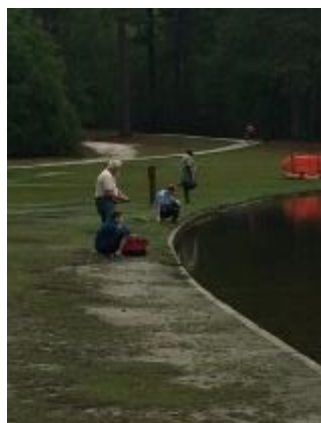
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Serving the Community as One



# TELS visits Brookgreen Gardens



# Fishing Fellowship Day



## Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

### Cinco De Mayo

*Saturday, May 7*

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

### Mother's Day at Rice Estate

*Saturday, May 7*

In keeping with the tradition, we will be honoring all the women at the Rice Estate with a flower in a bud vase on the Saturday before Mother's Day (May 7). We will meet in the administration building and commute to the Rice Estate at 10:00 am (or meet us at [Rice Estate](#)). The folks at Rice Estate especially enjoy the cards that the preschool children create and love when the children deliver them in person, so an invitation goes out to all our parents with small children to come join us for a very rewarding experience. If anyone has bud vases, we would greatly appreciate them. Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information.

### Membership Sessions

*Sundays May 15 & 22 @ 9:30*

Sessions are being held in preparation for our next Membership Sunday. Find support for life's journey and be part of the exciting work God is doing among this community of disciples! If interested – or if you want to learn more about Living Springs – please contact Pastor (917-2749) or Tina Molineu [tmolineu@gmail.com](mailto:tmolineu@gmail.com).



### Beer & Hymns

*Monday, May 16*

Our next joyous time of singing and fellowship will be on Monday, May 16. We will be taking the summer off so come join us. 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.

### TELS (Traveling Evangels of Living Springs)

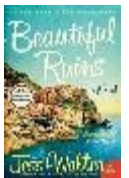
*Saturday, May 28*

On Saturday, May, 28 the TELS group is going to the [Iris Festival](#) at Swan Lake in Sumter, SC. The 3-day festival includes concerts, arts & crafts, plants & flowers, antique & classic car shows, and a number of contests and lots of children's activities. Wear your walking shoes. The bus will leave Living Springs at 9 am. There is a sign-up sheet in the administration building or contact [Beverly Hoppert](#) for information.

### Ladies Book Club

*Monday, June 6*

Our next meeting is on Monday, June 6 @ 7 pm. Peg Zieche will be hosting at [745 Long Pointe La. 29229](#) Ph: 497-3239. The book we will be discussing is *Beautiful Ruins* by Jess Walter. This book is available as a book club set from the library – let Karen know if you would like a copy. Refreshments will be available – please feel free to bring a guest or just come and enjoy the fellowship. Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information.



### Golf Outing

*Saturday, June 25*

This year's golf outing is on June 25<sup>th</sup> at Crickentree Golf Club in Columbia, South Carolina. All proceeds will benefit the Living Springs Mission Partnership Fund in Memory of Gary Shannon Long. Cost per player is \$60.00 and includes a picnic dinner after the event. Donations are welcomed and will go 100% to the Mission Partnership Fund. You don't have to be a golfer to participate. We need volunteers to help the day of the tournament with registration, raffle drawing, taking photos, and driving the refreshment cart. Anyone who would like to help obtain raffle prizes would be welcomed. **Sign up at the table in the Administration Building.** Contact [Bill Franck](#), [Mike Davidson](#), [Jeff Day](#) or [Jim Zieche](#) with any questions.

### Muggers Wanted

Does anyone have a spirit tug to be the possible first impression of Living Springs? Hopefully all of our newer members have received a welcome mug following their first visit to Living Springs – our goal is to deliver a Living Springs mug filled with information about our church, and a copy of the Live Nativity DVD – all beautifully wrapped up by Gwen Brantley. This entails some driving to surrounding areas and we try to deliver the week following the visit. For information, contact [Karen Kranz](#).



## Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs

### Tuesday Devotion Lunch @ Living Springs

*Tuesday, May 5*

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, May 17*

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, May 19*

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

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

We are winding down, but the shelves are bare after each week. On May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm, we will pack 100 bags! Come join us for a great fellowship time. Parents are invited to bring your children to come share God's love for other children who are in need. One social worker tells how some children look forward to the bag from Living Springs – full of interesting goodies that show a little extra love! She said for some of her children, this is like Christmas! Thank you for your continued support – **we are in need of all items:** [Click here for a shopping list](#) contact [Karen Kranz](#).



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

### Disciples Helping Disciples

LSLC is establishing a team of volunteers to perform small household tasks for those members unable to complete them. The team will do minor tasks in the areas of mechanical, electrical, plumbing, IT (computer-related), transportation and other minor home repairs depending on the skills of the team. The team will suggest contacts for jobs beyond the scope of the team skills. Everyone is encouraged to participate. For details contact Bob Gill (788-6788), Jim Zieche (497-3239), Bill Franck (331-7871) or Pastor Eric (736-0661). If you would like to be a member of this team, please sign in the narthex



## Women's Ministries

### Women's Sunday

*Sunday, May 1*

Sunday, May 1, will be Women's Sunday at Living Springs as we celebrate the ministry of women of all ages (men, too!) in our congregation. We will bless the quilts that are sent on to Lutheran World Relief and other social agencies closer to home as well as honor seven members with Life Memberships in the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary Auxiliary. Living Springs has now honored 134 of our members with \$100 gifts given in their honor. If you happen to be a former honoree, try to wear your Seminary Auxiliary pin that Sunday and greet these seven new members. Refreshments will be served after both service to honor the work of all our hands. This is also the Sunday when we women are all invited to promote the Women of the ELCA (WELCA) church wide with an offering that we can share with our congregation, our SC Synod women and the ELCA church wide projects. This includes scholarships for women, Lutheran World Relief projects, programming, the magazine Gather, the emagazine CAFÉ (free on the internet), Bible Studies, and more needs we project for here at Living Springs.

### 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

### Lutheran Men In Mission Quarterly Meeting

*Monday, May 9*

We wanted to invite you to our next quarterly meeting on Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> at Living Springs Lutheran Church. We will begin at 6:30. The program following dinner, will be a presentation on the Pee Dee Indian Tribe fundraising efforts sponsored by SCLMM. Pee Dee Indian Tribe Sunday is May 15.

### Carl Lowman Scholarship

*Apply by May 15*

Living Springs Lutheran Men are now accepting applications from male high school seniors who will be entering college for the 2016-17 school year. Applications are available by contacting [Bob Turnmire](#). **Scholarship applications need to be returned by May 15.** Scholarships will be awarded in June.

### Men's Breakfast

*Saturday May 21*

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, May 21<sup>st</sup>** 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.

### Living Springs LMM News

**Saturday May 7** – Skeet Shoot in Swansea

**Monday May 9** – Living Springs hosting Midlands Conference meeting

**October** – Camping trip is being planned

Contact [Bob Turnmire](#) for more information



## Youth Faith Milestones

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



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

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

✝ **On Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:beverlyhoppert@gmail.com) is the leader. The ladies are studying the “Bad Girls of the Bible”. All women are welcome!
- ✝ **Tuesday Evening Bible Study** has begun its study of The Gospel According to Matthew. This group meets for one hour beginning at 7 PM in the Katie Room. Come, be enlightened and enjoy our fellowship.
- ✝ **Men’s Bible Study** - 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month at 6:30 AM. Get your day started with the study of God’s word! Contact Mike Davidson at [mdavidson33@gmail.com](mailto:mdavidson33@gmail.com) or 699-1498 for additional information.
- ✝ **Greatest Story Bible Study** - Sunday @ 6:30 pm - Everyone is invited to join us as we resume our study about the ministry and writings of Paul.

## Preschool & Afterschool Care News

### **From Tammy Mancuso, Director**

Hello and welcome to the springtime sneezy season!

It is wonderful to be able to enjoy the sunshine and fresh air, even if we have to take in a little pollen along the way. The children staff and families enjoyed celebrating NAEYC's Week of the Young Child. We had a St. Jude Trike-a-thon, collected items for the local A.S.P.C.A., had a messy day, water play, art day and enjoyed a schoolwide picnic on the lawn.

We celebrated our Buddy Mr. Jims 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday by adding a Buddy Bench near our front entrance in his honor. He has been a wonderful Buddy to the preschool by helping with various handyman tasks around the school.

We also celebrated our Super Hero Ms. Cindy on Admin Professionals day. She has "Saved the Day" on more than one occasion!



We look forward to celebrating and honoring our Teaching Staff during Teacher Appreciation week May 9-13.

For more information on these events or to see what we are up to please check out our Face Book Page or website @ [www.lslcps.org](http://www.lslcps.org)

**HAVE A BLESSED SPRING!**

**TAMMY AND THE PRESCHOOL STAFF**

### **From Lexanne, Director of Faith Formation:**

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

- N.A.E.Y.C. Accredited Program <https://www.naeyc.org/accreditation>.
- 8 age appropriate, hands-on classroom environments for children ages 6 weeks to 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:Lexanne@livingspringscolumbia.org)

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

Our Faith Formation theme is:

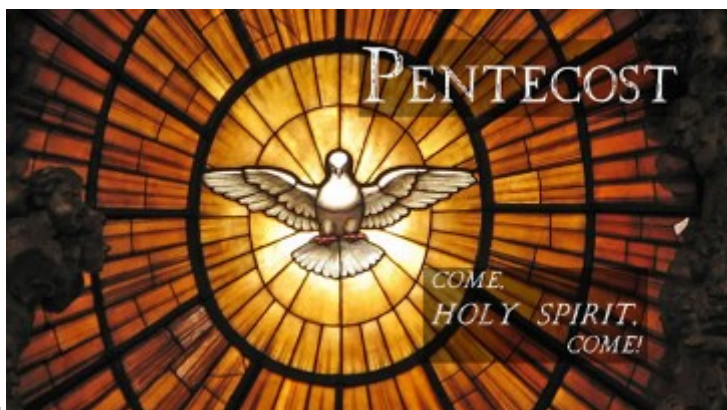
***People of God's Story;  
Blessed to be a Blessing!***



**LYDIA**

**MATTHIAS**

**SILAS**



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.





# SPARK! Your Faith Bible Camp

Sunday, June 12 (special worship that day)  
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 Disciple leaders are needed—  
please contact Leslie Bloss ([LBloss3306@hotmail.com](mailto:LBloss3306@hotmail.com))  
or Lexanne Graves ([Lexanne@LivingSpringsColumbia.org](mailto:Lexanne@LivingSpringsColumbia.org))  
[For Registrations forms Click--](#)



**SPARK BIBLE CAMP**





## **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:**

Feel free to contact our Kind-2 Youth Leaders with questions: Nic and Rachel Peterson ([peterson.nicholas3@gmail.com](mailto:peterson.nicholas3@gmail.com)).



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

This youth group will gather on Sunday, May 22 from 12:30pm – 2:00pm for our last gathering of the school year! . Feel free to contact our Club 3456 Youth leaders with questions: Tiffany and Gary Ginn ([tginn23@gmail.com](mailto:tginn23@gmail.com)).

### **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](mailto:Lexanne@LivingSpringsColumbia.org).



## **Confirmation Class meeting dates: 7th-8th graders**

Sunday, May 1 & 22 @ 12:15 pm



Our general pattern is Confirmation class meets after 10:45am worship for 1 ½ hours. This pattern may be adjusted to a later time on Sunday afternoon/early evening if it suits families who may have other obligations on certain weekends. Please let Pastor Eric or Jan Berger know of

any date above that will conflict with the general pattern of meeting after worship. Then, that change will be communicated to all families each month to confirm everyone knows what time class will be!

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



## Sr Youth May Calendar

May 1- WORSHIP  
MAY 4 - 6-8 CHURCH  
MAY 8- WORSHIP  
MAY 13 LOCK IN  
MAY 15 WORSHIP  
MAY 18- YOUTH  
MAY 22 WORSHIP  
MAY 25 YOUTH  
MAY 29 Youth Sunday



Senior Youth have been busy this past month. We resumed meeting on Wed nights. We unloaded 475 bales of pine straw and then we were really hungry AND thirsty. Connor actually said he needed a shower more than food !!! No way. Yes way.



SENIOR YOUTH HAVE BEEN BUSY THIS SPRING PLAYING BALL, BEING IN DANCE COMPETITION AND PAGEANT COMPETITION, BUT AT LAST A WHOLE LOT OF THE YOUTH GATHERED ONCE AGAIN AT "WELCOME TO MOE'S" AND THIS PAST WEEK WE WENT TO ZAXBY'S AND ENJOYED SOME FREESTYLE DRINKS. THIS WEEK WE ENJOYED VISITING THE NEW CHIK-FIL-A ON KILLIAN RD. YUM!

WE'VE ALSO BEEN BUSY SELLING PINE STRAW AND NOT TOO MANY DAYS PASS WITHOUT ADAM GIVING A SHOUT OUT FOR PINESTRAW DELIVERY HELPERS. WE'VE LEARNED THAT WEARING A LONG SLEEVED SHIRT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED WHEN WORKING WITH THE STUFF. GLOVES ARE NOT A BAD IDEA EITHER.

OH YES, AND SOME OF GROUP HAVE NEW JOBS!!! AND SOME OF OUR GROUP ARE TAKING DRIVING TRAINING.

THIS SUMMER THERE WILL BE LOTS OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

SPARK CAMP	JUNE 12-16
CAMPFIRMATION	JUNE 19-25
GRACE WORKS	JULY 10- 15
MYSTERY TRIP	JULY 17-23

EACH YOUNG PERSON AT LIVING SPRINGS IS INCREDIBLY SPECIAL, EACH ONE GIFTED IN THEIR OWN UNIQUE WAY, EACH ONE A MASTERPIECE OF GOD'S CREATION. IT IS PURE JOY THAT WE GET TO SPEND TIME WITH THEM WORKING, LAUGHING, PLAYING, AS WE WATCH THEM GROW INTO THEIR GIFTS.

Peace in Christ,  
Vicar, Leslie, and Adam





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



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

- 1 **Acts 16:13-15**
- 2 Acts 16:13
- 3 Acts 16:14
- 4 Acts 16:15
- 5 I Chronicles 16:11
- 6 Psalm 4:1
- 7 Psalm 145:18
- 8 **Acts 16:16-33**
- 9 Acts 16:23
- 10 Acts 16:25
- 11 Acts 16:26
- 12 Acts 16:31
- 13 Acts 16:33
- 14 Acts 16:34
- 15 **Acts 1:21-26**
- 16 Acts 1:21-22
- 17 Acts 1:23
- 18 Acts 1:24
- 19 Acts 1:26
- 20 Acts 2:2
- 21 Acts 2:3



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 devotional 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

## Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

May 2	Harrison Keppery	May 19	Lori Masad
May 3	♥ Patrick & Shelby Sheldon	May 20	Ashley Fakoury
May 4	Lindsey Davidson	May 21	Alison Levitt
May 5	Jacob Villaflor	May 22	Garrett Anderson
May 6	Judy Lawrence	May 23	♥ Pr. Eric & Kris Fink
May 7	Janet Bate	May 24	♥ Will & Nikki Collins
May 9	♥ Christopher & Sarah Hinchee	May 25	♥ Steve & Kathryn Padgett
May 11	Lisa Grimmer	May 26	Sandra Dixon
May 12	Greg Evans	May 27	Don Molineu
May 13	Trey Allmann	May 28	Samuel Skipper
May 14	Peter Creighton	May 29	♥ Leon & Gwen Furcron
May 15	Charles Pollard	May 30	Kelsey Anderson
May 16	♥ Trey & Theresa Fulton	May 31	Nichole Allmann
May 18	Caroline Moore		Braydon Hensley
	Jackson Evans		Sharon Evans
	Sheila Kowalski		Wes Levitt
	Tina Molineu		♥ Harold & Bunie Talbert
	Melissa Lindstedt		



### 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!



May 1	Jane Evans	May 11	Ben Arnold
	David Giertz	May 14	Al Jordan
	Sally Moore		Ruth Pollard
	Jim Zieche	May 16	Catherine Fulkerson
May 3	Caroline Berger	May 17	Todd Gunvalson
	Amber Jorgensen	May 20	Ron Ramsey
May 5	Savannah Creticos	May 24	Andrew Drafts
May 7	Janet Bate		Sam Prizer
	Teagan Lindstedt		Luke Prizer
May 8	Karl Schmidt	May 26	Collin Flores
May 10	Liam Keppery	May 29	Kelsey Anderson

# May 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>1 Women's Ministry Sun. Quilt Blessing LTSS Auxiliary Honorees 924A Vocational Journey 1215P Confirmation 630P Greatest Story</p>	<p>2 1030A Meals on Wheels 1245P Zumba 6P Worship &amp; Music Team</p>	<p>3 930 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 7P Handbells</p>	<p>4 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba 6P Sanctuary Choir 6P Hope Team 7P Chancel Choir 7P Sr. Youth</p>	<p>5 630A Men's Bible Study 830A Good News Walkers 5P Backpacks</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 6P Cinco de Mayo</p>
<p>8 Mother's Day</p>	<p>9 10A Staff Meeting 1030A Meals on Wheels 1245P Zumba 630P Lutheran Men's Supper 7P Fellowship &amp; Mutual Care</p>	<p>10 930 PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 1215P PSC Lunch 4P ASC Bible Time 6P Finance 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>11 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir 7P Sr. Youth</p>	<p>12 830A Good News Walkers 630P Children &amp; Youth Ministries 7P Lifelong Discipleship Team</p>	<p>13 9A Zumba</p>	<p>14 930A Crafty Ladies 11A - 2P Community Picnic &amp; Worship Fellowship (Sesqui Park - Shelter 5)</p>
<p>15 Pentecost 930A Member Class 1215P WELCA 630P Greatest Story</p>	<p>16 1030A Meals on Wheels 1230P Zumba 7P Beer &amp; Hymns</p>	<p>17 930 PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 615P Devotional Dinner 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>18 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir 7P Sr. Youth</p>	<p>19 630A Men's Bible Study 830A Good News Walkers 5P Backpacks 515P Hannah House 615P Preschool Board 7P Council</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 8A Men's Breakfast 2P Mothers &amp; Other's Tea</p>
<p>22 Vacation Sunday 930A Member Class 1215P Confirmation 1230P Club 3456 130P Confirmation Parents 630P Greatest Story</p>	<p>23 10A Staff Meeting 1030A Meals on Wheels 1245P Zumba</p>	<p>24 930 PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>25 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir 7P Sr. Youth</p>	<p>26 830A Good News Walkers 4P Preschool Graduation 5P Backpacks 7P Community Safety Meeting @ Living Springs</p>	<p>27 830A Zumba</p>	<p>28 9A TELS</p>
<p>29 Quillow Blessing 630P Greatest Story</p>	<p>30 Memorial Day Office Closed 1030A Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>31 930 PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>				

## Worship Assistant Schedule – May 2016

		<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Communion Assistant</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Crucifer</b>	<b>Torchbearer</b>	<b>Counters</b>	<b>Children's Sermon</b>	<b>Council Person</b>	
5/1*	8:15	Vicar Marty	Sheila Kowalski	Helen Doeringhaus Saundra Dixon	Sadonia Grimmer Shirley Laingen	Judy Lawrence	Anna Leigh Graves	Karen Kranz	5		Jan Berger	Gwen Furcron	
5/1*	10:45	Vicar Marty	Dea Jones	Trish Davidson Brantley Smith	Jeanette Bloss Karlene Stuart Wendy McKenzie Laura Stuart	Linda Hayes Alice Renaud	Lauren Bloss	Leslie Bloss	Gimmy Devereaux Gail Buchanan	Ed Brennan LC Adam Woodruff Angie Dyches	Jan Berger	Ed Brennan	
5/8	8:15	Saundra Dixon	Bob Gill	Scott Graves Gwen Furcron	John Imbert Michael Grimmer	Tina & Don Molineu	Ben Arnold	Jim Zieche			Pastor Eric	Scott Graves	
5/8	10:45	Adam Woodruff	Adele Lindberg	Kathryn Padgett Audrey Turmire	Randy Masad Mike Davidson Rachel Sorial Rocky Berger	Laura Turmire	Matthew Landers	Steve Bloss	Karlene Stuart Laura Stuart	Rocky Berger LC Mike Davidson Brantley Smith	Pastor Eric	Rocky Berger	
5/15	8:15	Gwen Furcron	Wayne Kannaday	Sally Moore Herb Brantley	Sue Loveless Mike Loveless	Sadonia Grimmer	Caroline Moore	Lexanne Graves			Lexanne Graves	Beverly Hoppert	
5/15	10:45	Jan Berger	Vicar Marty	Bob Turmire Leslie Bloss	Steve Padgett Austin Padgett Adam Woodruff Steve Bloss	Katie Prizer	Walker Flores	Mike Davidson	Brenda Grohman Jeanette Bloss	Scott Graves LC Marshall Hurlbert Steve Padgett	Lexanne Graves	Bob Turmire	
5/22**	8:15	Saundra Dixon	John Imbert	Karen Kranz Bill Franck	Michael Grimmer Jeff Lummel	Marj & Jerry Appleton	Michael Landers	Karen Kranz			Vicar Marty	Bill Franck	
5/22**	10:45	Jeff Day	Katie Prizer	Cindy Day Jeanette Bloss	Jan Berger Hany Sorial Bob Turmire Audrey Turmire	Dea Jones	Collin Flores	Rocky Berger	Sara Levitt Brantley Smith	Allison Levitt LC Karlene Stuart Steve Bloss	Vicar Marty	Gail Buchanan	
5/29	8:15	Lexanne Graves	Herb Brantley	Ashley Ramsey Nowell Ramsey	Sue Loveless Mike Loveless	Jeff Lummel	Anna Leigh Graves	Karen Kranz			Adam Woodruff	Gwen Furcron	
5/29	10:45	Alison Levitt	Ed Brennan	Steve Padgett Peg Collins	Cindy Day Jeff Day Karlene Stuart Laura Stuart	Trish Davidson	Preston Ginn	Steve Bloss	Leslie Bloss Mike Davidson	Leslie Bloss LC Laura Turmire Jan Berger	Adam Woodruff	Leslie Bloss	
		<b>Care Meals</b>		<b>Flowers</b>		<b>Muggers</b>		<b>Nursery (10:45)</b>		<b>Refreshments</b>		<b>Altar Guild</b>	
5/1		Karlene & Jeanette		Bob Gill		Karen Kranz		Jenny Skipper		WELCA		May Shirley Laingen	
5/8				Paul & Shirley Laingen		Charles Tracy		Angie Dyches		Shawn Hamilton			
5/15				Judy Lawrence		Herb Brantley		Misty O'Donnell		Judy Lawrence			
5/22				Beverly Hoppert		Karen Kranz		Jenny Skipper		Karen Kranz			
5/29						Charles Tracy		Angie Dyches		Sally Moore			

### SIGN UP FOR 2nd Quarter – WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

<http://goo.gl/HL5Ym>



# 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
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COMMUNITY  
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