



Living Springs Lutheran Church

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



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What will be the final word? - This Month from Pastor Eric

In my newsletter article for last July, I asked the question that appears in the above title, "What will be the final word?" It was in reference to the shock we were feeling from the then-recent shooting at Mother Emmanuel AME in Charleston. Since last July, we have walked together through the Columbia flood and its aftermath, as well as subsequent tragedies in Paris, San Bernardino, Orlando, and now Turkey, plus the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Syria (home of some of the earliest communities of Christian believers) and many other places throughout the world. We now hold in prayer, as well, all those suffering from West Virginia floods, California fires, and other disasters.

At our **Service of Prayer, Remembrance & Hope** held at Living Springs on June 12, we lit candles and allowed the promise of John 1:5 to echo in our hearts, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." At times, with all the evil and pain we inflict upon each other as fellow human beings, I must confess that I find myself pondering this promise. And yet, in the midst of the world's darkness, the Spirit continues to reveal God's presence, and I always end up marveling at the Light of Christ's love & grace & forgiveness that continues to shine in this troubled world (just consider the amazing response of forgiveness from the member and families of Mother Emmanuel!)



The power of that Light was truly evident in the month of June, not only at that special prayer service—but in so many other ways we experienced the hope and presence of God shining among us:

- * the incredible outdoor worship service on June 12, where beautiful little Ethan Christy was baptized into the body of Christ, with his baptismal sponsors (godparents) able to join us on screen via Skype from Connecticut!
- * nearly 100 SPARK children praising God with shouts of "Joy, Peace, Love", receiving smiles from snack ladies, craft helpers, story-tellers, drama leaders, and more, all while learning about the pattern of ultimate life-transforming J-O-Y (Jesus-Others-You)!
- * our SPARK youth distributing flowers & hugs to Rice Estate residents, sharing blessing bags with homeless men & women, offering prayers of

thankfulness at the graves of veterans in Ft. Jackson National Cemetery!

* Rev. China of Adams Northeast AME and Rev. Thigpen of Rehoboth Baptist sharing with the SC Lutheran Synod Assembly how they sensed God's reconciling hope at work through the growing partnership with Living Springs and others in NE Columbia!

* that same assembly of nearly 500 Lutherans rising to show acclamation for the LTSS Leadership Award bestowed upon our own Lexanne Graves, for the ways the light of her leadership is shining for God's people in SC!

* LS Preschoolers and traveling hymn-singers sharing the light of Christ in song with Rice Estate residents, literally bringing tears of joy to their eyes!

* Lutheran Men (and women) bearing the sweltering heat to play golf in our annual LS Shannon Long Tournament, all to raise funds to support a mission congregation which will shine the light of Christ in people's lives!

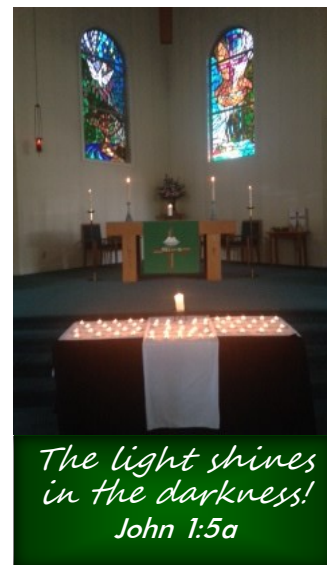
* disciples gathered on our first Summer Hope Sunday, to learn more about breaking through barriers of silence & pain that come with Domestic Violence!

* campfirmation students sharing a life-transforming week at Lutheridge, along with 300 campers, all to nurture the light of Christ in them that will shine hope in this world for generations to come!

In July, the light will continue to shine for many lives through the powerful GraceWorks Columbia-wide Lutheran Youth Servant week, through our Sr. Youth Mystery Mission trip, through LS Summer Food Backpack ministry, monthly Hannah House Shelter meal, quarterly Rice Estate supper, the next Summer Hope Sunday focusing on families in need, the ongoing Pew Bear Ministry, and more. On July 10, we will celebrate the light that will shine through George Donovan as our next Music/Worship Director—and on July 31, we will celebrate the light that Vicar Marty Wagner will shine in Christ's church as she moves forward from her internship year here with us.

I encourage you to keep these life-transforming, light-bearing ministries and servants in your prayers—and to continue to follow-up on the Spirit-tugs in your own journey of faith. Each Sunday this summer, we continue to see a table of candles in our sanctuary that bear witness to the promise that the light of God still shines amidst the darkness of this world. But more than candles on a table, there is something else in our sanctuary (and thousands like it across the world) - disciples such as you, filling the pews each week to be renewed in the power of God's word, to receive the Spirit's message of hope & forgiveness, to be fed with the body and blood of Christ—all so that each of us may remain a living witness to the truth of God: that through all the ways the Spirit works in God's people to share God's love, THE light continues to shine, one life, one day, one ministry, one servant at a time.

And the world's darkness will NEVER overcome it! With thanksgiving for all the ways God's light shines in you, *Pastor Eric*



Summer Food Backpacks, July 7

GraceWorks Week, July 10-15

LS Fireflies Night, July 14

Rice Estate Supper, July 16

Summer Hope Sunday, July 17

Youth Mystery Mission, July 17-20

Hannah House Shelter, July 21

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WELCOME, GEORGE DONOVAN!

July 10—Reception @ 9:30

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THANK YOU, VICAR MARTY!

July 31—Reception @ 9:30

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

Welcome George Donovan, Director of Music & Worship



After much prayer and discernment, we are excited to announce the arrival of our next Director of Music & Worship, Mr. George Donovan. George's first Sunday will be July 3, with formal installation service on Sunday, July 10. From 9:30-10:20 on July 10, there will be a Congregational Reception for George in the Fellowship Hall.

George comes to us from Winchester, VA, where he formerly served at Bethel Lutheran Church and as Music Minister for the Orchard Ridge Lutheran Retirement Community. He has also been involved in various Virginia Synod & ELCA worship programs. George is a gifted keyboardist (both piano and organ), who brings a deep understanding and passion for worship. He describes his calling in this way: "to utilize my experience in multi-styled church music ministry to engage, inspire, and lead others in worship; to share my passion for creating & fostering music and arts ministry that proclaims Christ and welcomes all to his table!"

Congregational Reception For George

Sunday, July 10

From 9:30-10:20 on July 10, there will be a Congregational Reception for George in the Fellowship Hall. Fellowship & Mutual Care will be setting up a refreshment table and provide drinks on the 10th for the Reception for George. If you can provide us a tasty treat, we have a sign up sheet in the lobby of the admin building for anyone who would like to bring cookies or similar items.

House Warming Gift

We are also planning a 'gift card' house warming to welcome George Donovan to Living Spring. If you would like to contribute a gift card or money toward a gift card, please place the card/money in the offering plate or drop it by the office in care of Lisa. Please place the card or money in an envelope and mark it "Welcome George". Any and all cards are welcome, we want to make George feel at home in Columbia! Please have your cards and donations into the church by July 6th so we can present them to him on July 10th.

This Month from Vicar Marty

July first begins my last month here at Living Springs and I am sad because I feel so much a part of this place, this family, this house of God. But just as God scattered his people into all the world to spread the good news, so must I go back to school for my final year of seminary

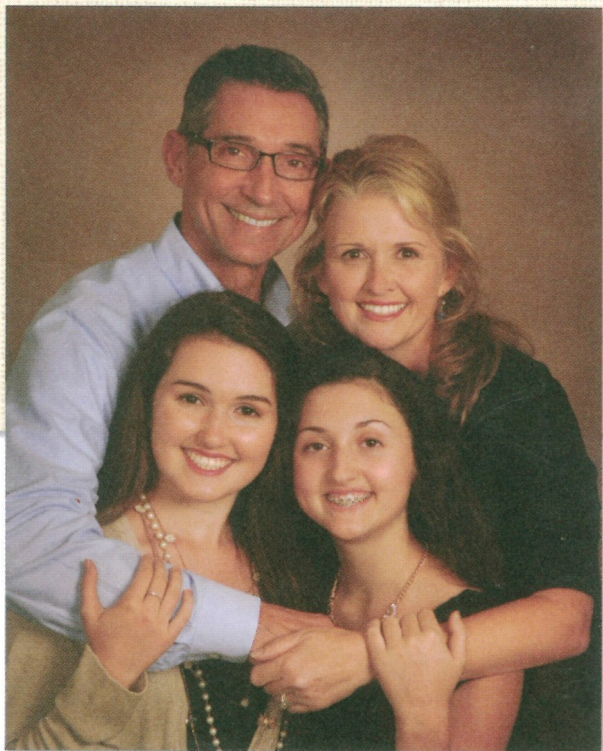
What a wonderful group of youth we have here at Living Springs! It has been a joy to spend this year with the youth, and our two fine Youth Leaders, Leslie, and Adam. Our youth have certainly grown this year, both in stature and wisdom. Last August our youth seemed very different from the people they are now. As this year ends, several of them are now driving, working part time jobs. Some are taking part in activities and competitions and gaining skills they will use their whole lives. God has richly blessed us through each one of them and I feel certain they will carry the grace and love of God everywhere they go.

All this year, you have blessed me with your prayers, your honest feedback, your encouragement, your suggestions, your hugs and your smiles. Each ministry here at Living Springs has taught me many things. I have finally created a file called , "Good Ideas," but I recently realized that file should have been created sooner, and would probably contain much that happens through the ministry of Living Springs.

I guess you all know how blessed you are to have Pastor Eric as your Senior pastor. Someone recently told me they believe he is the finest pastor in the Southeast. I guess if we told Pastor that he would say, "What does that have to do with anything?" It has been an honor and a blessing to learn from Pastor Eric. He has a sharp mind, and it seems everything he does fits the "WWJD"* standard. I have especially appreciated the way he connects the liturgy with life using each experience as a way to reveal God to us. If I had a recording of this year, it would be something I could watch again and again because it has been such a rich experience.

This year with you has been pure joy!
Vicar Marty

*What Would Jesus Do?

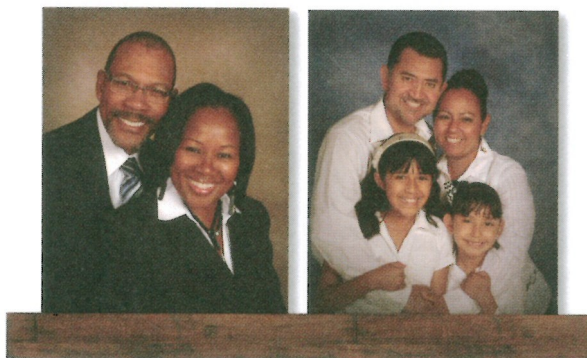


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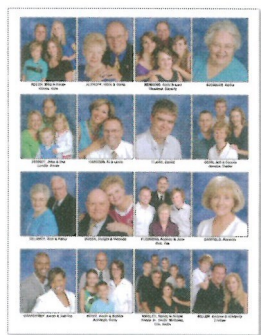
Capture Memories for a lifetime

Book your appointment today!
[Click here to book online](#)



Be a part of our new family directory program. We need YOU to make our new family directory complete!

Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait & directory for participating



We will partner with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our families and tell our story.

Portraits are treasured keepsakes

More information coming soon about scheduling your portrait session.

Convenient

Lifetouch will photograph at our location.

In your one-hour session you will:

- Be professionally photographed
- Immediately view your portraits
- Have an opportunity to purchase portrait gifts

Dates for photos:

Fri. Aug. 5...2-9p
 Sat. Aug 6...10a-5p
 Fri. Aug 19...2-9p
 Sat. Aug 20...10a-5p
 Sun. Aug. 21...9a-4p
 Tues. Aug. 30...2-9p
 Wed. Aug. 31...2-9p



Exclusive products for your
cherished memories

We need a few of people to help with the signup process on Sundays and greeters the day of the photos. If you can help, signups will be available on Sunday in the admin building or contact Gail Buchanan.

Products may vary

A New Way to Give **especially great for the summer when you're away!**



No Checks, No Cash...Givelify

Living Springs has entered into a new era: the age of anytime, anywhere digital giving. We have partnered with Givelify, the free, mobile giving app for churches. Givelify enables individuals to give digitally from anywhere, no checks or cash required; your offerings, tithes, and special gifts can be made right from the palm of your hand. There are no frustrating web forms or text-to-give codes to memorize and better yet, the app is free and totally safe and secure.

Givelify simply provides an alternative format for giving; it is not intended to replace our more traditional means for regular giving...offering envelopes, pew envelopes, or your own bank's direct bill pay*.

While we plan to officially launch Givelify later this year, you can now check it out and give it a try, or utilize it this summer while you are away.

To get started simply download the free Givelify app onto your Android device or iPhone; follow the instructions to create your account, securely enter your payment information and complete your first mobile donation. Make Living Springs your home church for quick, one-tap access and, the next time you utilize the app you can save time by using the "Tap Give Now" button since your payment information was entered with your first gift.

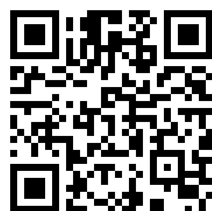
Several familiar offering types or "envelopes" are currently set up in the app...Congregational Offering, Children's Backpack Food Ministry, Debt / Maintenance Appeal, Disaster Response, Preschool Donations, World Hunger and Youth Ministry.

The app is free to anyone, but LS pays a nominal fee of 2.9 percent plus 30 cents per transaction. If you would like to add a dollar or two to help cover the fee, please feel free to do so – but this is not required. Givelify provides an alternative method for giving, however it is not necessarily intended to replace your current method of giving if it meets your needs. The app simply provides an alternative means for giving if you forgot your checkbook or envelope or if you do not have cash. It also provides an opportunity for giving while you are away or, perhaps a special gift.

Download the free Givelify app and give it a try!

Any questions, feel free to contact Steve Bloss, Gail Buchanan, Bill Franck or Karlene Stuart.

***Using your own bank's direct Bill Pay option, you can have your bank or credit union send a check to the church with no fees; you simply specify the amount and the frequency of your gift.**



App Store



Google Play



I was pleasantly surprised you gave Mrs. Cox a flower for me for Father's Day. You are very kind and thoughtful. It is beautiful. With the other father's here at the Rice Estae, thank you for reaching out and sharing God'd love. May God bless each of you each and every day!

Sincerely,
Mr. Norman Cox

Disciple Dot Stories & Spirit Tugs

Life is full of surprises, and I would like to share one of the "warm fuzzy" kind of surprises that came my way. A dear friend and I frequently go to a local donut shop for coffee and conversation. We have been at it for so long that some of the folks who work there start preparing our order when we walk in the door and generally make us feel very much at home. One day, after an absence of a couple of months, we started our weekly visits again. When we walked in the door, we heard joyful shouting: "The sisters are back! The sisters are back! I'm going to call my manager and tell her you're OK! We were afraid something had happened to you." She came from behind the counter and there were hugs all around, and she asked someone to take pictures of the three of us. Over the months since then, the hugs have continued, and one day, she brought me a piece of paper with her phone number written on it, saying that we might need her some time. I thank God often for this unexpected friendship and for the welcoming spirit of this young woman who continues to warm our hearts and make our days brighter.

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My husband and I recently stopped at a local restaurant for lunch. He had just been to see his doctor and was tired, but the restaurant was not out of the way and had been advertising something delicious-sounding that we wanted to try. During the course of our conversation, we talked about our thankfulness because a possible surgery had been avoided. As we were getting ready to leave, we stopped to talk with the folks sitting next to us. The lady at the table had heard the word "surgery" and expressed her concern. We were happy to be able to clarify that my husband would not need to have any surgery. She could have just said "good-bye" and "have a nice day," but instead, this woman, a total stranger, asked if she could include us in her prayer list – a powerful reminder that God's love comes into our lives daily in so many different and unexpected ways.

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!



Summer Hymns & Hope Sundays

SUMMER HYMNS – through AUGUST 21

Do you have a favorite hymn you would like us to sing during worship this summer? We are asking individuals to share their favorite hymn with the congregation. We ask that the hymn come from any of our current/former Lutheran music books and that you share 2-3 sentences why the hymn is important to your journey of faith. Please use the Summer Hymn Form in the narthex, or contact the office or Jim Zieche. Praise to the Lord in Song!



MONTHLY HOPE SUNDAYS

As we read the Scriptures, we find many difficult situations in which the prophets called for justice, and in which Jesus worked to bring hope and healing. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to carry the torch of hope into these difficult situations of life. Starting in June, the **3rd Sunday of each month** at Living Springs will be designated as "Hope Sunday." During both worship services, we will have a brief, **3-4 minute Awareness Moment** to help us become more aware of the dynamics of particular issues – and there will be a **special prayer** for those affected by that issue. Then, between services, **from 9:30-10:30, there will be an**

informational session in the fellowship hall (with guest leader), where we can talk more about the issue and learn about opportunities and resources for hope. Hope Sundays can address any issue in which we have a Spirit-tug to shine Christ's light of hope, including some areas that we often find difficult to talk about. Possibilities include: domestic violence, Alzheimers, bereavement & grief, alcoholism & substance abuse, care for aging parents, human trafficking, homelessness, chronic poverty, veterans support, etc. If there is a particular hope area in which you feel a Spirit-tug, please pass it along to a member of the Hope Ministries Team, so that we can consider for our planning.

Council Clips

Staff & Ministry Reports - June 16, 2016 Meeting

Council Devotions: "The Agile Church" Chapter 4 part 1

Council Actions and news (from June 16 business meeting):

- ✝ Finance Ministry Team: Digital Giving will be available through Givelify. Announcement planned after summer months.
- ✝ Children/Youth Ministry: Spark Camp was a huge success with more than 100 participants. GraceWorks is scheduled for July 10 – 15. The Mystery Tour is scheduled for July 17 – 20.
- ✝ Fellowship & Mutual Care Team: Continuing Education Grant deadline is July 1. Still looking for Care Meal Coordinator and additional volunteers.
- ✝ Good News Team: Researching and planning Worship Information sheets for pews.
- ✝ Lifelong Discipleship: Planning next Adult Milestone for fall.
- ✝ Ministries of Hope: Backpack ministry plans to continue through the summer for a private school. God's Work Our Hands scheduled for September 11.
- ✝ LMM: Fireflies game on July 14 for entire congregation and preschool.
- ✝ Women's Group: Women's retreat scheduled for 9/30 – 10/3.
- ✝ Preschool: Preparing for summer programs.
- ✝ Worship & Music: Summer Hymn program presented for congregation members to request a favorite hymn to be used during worship. We welcome George Donovan as Director of Worship and Music on July 1.
- ✝ 2016 Ministry Priorities: Summer Hope Sundays on 3rd Sunday each month during the summer. July 17 will focus on homelessness.
- ✝ Racial Reconciliation: Hope Dialogue meeting to discuss upcoming events.

Here are just a few ways that we have seen God's grace and love which the Spirit has given us in just the past 4 weeks.

- ✝ The sight of LS disciples in our fellowship hall at the NE Community Bridge-Building Event – singing, praying, sharing Scriptures, and having deep conversations with law enforcement, fellow disciples of white and African-American congregations, our Lutheran Bishop, and members of the Jewish/Muslim faith communities (May 26);
- ✝ The sight of Nick, Tyler, Sam and Rachel receiving the Quillowing blessing of their parents and the entire congregation upon their HS graduation – and sharing how the Spirit is inspiring them to shine God's light in the world as they move onto their college years (May 29);
- ✝ The sight of processional doves leading our youth in a joyful worship experience of song and dance, with those youth sharing how they have experienced God at work in their lives and the entire congregation gathered in a circle around the sanctuary to share our Lord's Supper – all part of a truly inspirational 5th Sunday worship experience that left us all with the light of Christ's joy beaming in our hearts (May 29);
- ✝ The sight of LS disciples joining with other Lutherans at our annual Synod Assembly, to bolster the partnership of faith we share across this state and across the ELCA – which brings hope and light to literally thousands and thousands of lives through efforts such as our Always Being Made New campaign, World Hunger, Disaster Response, Campus Ministries, Lutheran Homes, Lutheran Hospice, Lutheran Foster Care, Lutheran Services, Newberry College, Lutheran Retreat Centers, Novusway camps, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Luther Men/Women/Youth ministries, global missionaries, and so much more (June 9 – 11);
- ✝ The sight of Pastor Adam China (Northeast Adams AME) and Pastor Ivory Thigpen (Rehoboth Baptist) addressing that entire assembly of SC Lutherans, to share the joy that their congregations were finding in building deeper relationships through our NE Columbia reconciliation partnership (June 11);

WOW, did you get to experience the JOY from the Spirit in any of the following?:

- ✝ The warmth and love and connection on our Spark Sunday worship service on the lawn was unprecedented. The Spirit knit people together on this day in amazing ways. We worked together while setting up, learning 2 new songs, being a part of God blessing a child, and experiencing a new way to praise God in creation.
- ✝ A preschool child singing a Chapel song called, We Love Because God FIRST Loved Us!, and then verbalizing that that's why he loves others!! WOW! This kid gets it!
- ✝ Attending Southern Seminary's Alumni Day and hearing a profound speaker speak on liturgy, especially Lutheran liturgy, and how the Spirit uses the same words week after week and yet breathes new life into these words to proclaim the grace for ALL.
- ✝ The Spirit graciously gifted me with time, creativity and knowledge to write the JOY curriculum for our games, drama and crafts stations! Some churches pay for their curricula and theme, but ours was designed specifically for our community of disciples here and it spoke to our disciple dot stories that we have been discussing for many months now.
- ✝ Seeing our PSC/ASC teachers working together with our church volunteers at SPARK! The Spirit gifted us all to collaborate together to pull off a very successful SPARK camp. AMAZING!

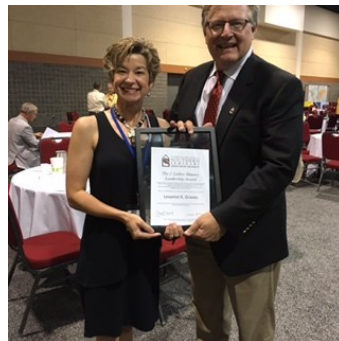


God At Work Through Living Springs

TELS visits the Iris Festival in Sumter



2016 Synod Assembly



Our very own, A.I.M. Lexanne Graves, Dir. Of Faith Formation and SC Synod Vice-President being awarded the J. Luther Mauney Award from the LTSSeminary!! Congratulacions Lexanne!



Thank You...

To Nancy Amundson. For stepping in to be our interim organist.



Summer Backpack Food Ministry





Check all the amazing fun at last weeks Spark! Your Faith Bible Camp, including last Sunday's Outdoor Worship, BBQ Lunch & Family Fun Activities.



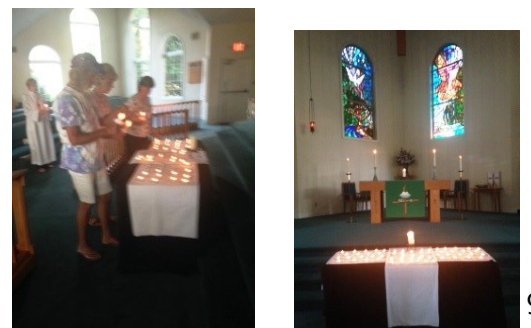
Sr. Youth Visiting the graves at Jackson Cemetery of Pr. Simmons who was one of the victims from Emmanuel AME and Gregory T. Norton, the veteran that was found in his car during the flood last year.

TELS visits Savannah



Service of Prayer, Remembrance & Hope

We live together in the aftermath of the Orlando shooting AND remembrance the 1-year anniversary of the shooting at Mother Emmanuel AME (June 17). As we have been praying for the victims and families of these two tragedies, we offered a service of prayer and worship last Wednesday evening here at Living Springs. *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it! - John 1:5*



This Week at Campfirmation



Living Springs Golf Outing



Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

Columbia Fireflies Outing

Thursday, July 14

Living Springs LMM are inviting all congregation members and their families and friends, as well as preschool families and friends to join us at the Columbia Fireflies baseball game on Thursday July 14 at 7:05. Plan to arrive early to hear our own Disciples of Harmony perform the Star Spangled Banner before the start of the game. Tickets are available at a reduced rate of \$8.50 per person. Signup sheets will be available in the fellowship hall and in the preschool office or go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4baea92fa0f85-columbia/13639458> Deadline for pre-ordered tickets is July 3. For more information, please contact Bob Turnmire at 513-7533 or bob.turnmire@gmail.com.



TELS (Traveling Evangels of Living Springs)

Thursday, July 14

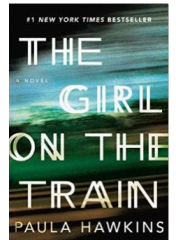


On Thursday, July 14 the TELS group is going to the Fireflies baseball game at Spirit Park in downtown Columbia. This event is sponsored by the Lutheran Men, and is open to all – this is your chance to catch a game at the new stadium. The bus will leave Living Springs at 5:30 pm – the game starts at 7:05 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the administration building or contact [Beverly Hoppert](mailto:Beverly.Hoppert) for information.

Ladies Book Club

Monday, August 1

The next book club is going to be at Beverly Hoppert's house, 701 Summit Square 29229 ph: 348-4412 on Monday, August 1 @ 7 pm. Our book is *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins. After our discussion, we end the night with goodies provided by one of our members. Please join us and bring a friend.



Paper, Pencils & Pens, Oh My!!!

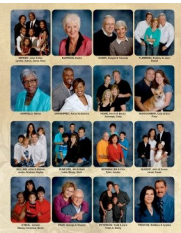
July 31-August 15



Who's talking about school already!!!!? Hope Ministry team will begin collecting school supplies for students that cannot afford to buy their own – the items will be distributed to four elementary schools within Richland District 2. The collection box will be in the narthex (the item list will be posted on the box) for you to drop off your donations. Donations will be accepted July 31 through August 15 (school starts August 17). We thank you in advance for your willingness to help the less fortunate children in our community. Contact [Karen Kranz](mailto:Karen.Kranz) for information.

Feed the Need - Save on Your Directory Photos by Donating

Lifetouch understands the importance of reaching out to the community in times of need. Donate items to one of two Living Springs Hope Ministry drives: Backpack Food Ministry or Freedom Bags for human trafficking victims. Bring the items the day of your photos and you will receive \$5 off your photo order! [Click here for items needed.](#)



Church Directory Team Members Wanted

Our pictures need updating! We have partnered with Lifetouch to publish our new directory. They will house their portrait studio at Living Springs for multiple dates in August so that portraits can be made. The whole process has become more automated but we still need a few people to help with the signup process on Sunday and greeters the day of the photos. Signups will be available on Sunday in the admin building or contact [Gail Buchanan](mailto:Gail.Buchanan).

TELS (Traveling Evangels of Living Springs)

Thursday, August 25

The TELS group is taking a historic walking & tasting tour in the Vista with Two Gals and a Fork on Thursday, August 25 (4 to 6:30 pm). The cost is \$30 each + \$5 for transportation - The bus will leave Living Springs at 3:15 pm. All restaurants will be in close proximity, so total walking distance will be under a mile. We did this back in September of 2015 and we all enjoyed the experience – the gals are going to try to use different restaurants. There is a sign-up sheet in the administration building or contact [Beverly Hoppert](mailto:Beverly.Hoppert) for information.



“Job Jar”

Do you have an extra hour or two to help with our building maintenance and landscaping? We are listing items that need attention in the Job Jar. We have the following items in the Jar:

- † Replace damaged or stained ceiling tiles
 - † Clean stainless steel elevator doors
 - † Clean 3 ovens
 - † Weed and prune Serenity Garden, reinstall cross
 - † Rehabilitate a Preschool Toy
- Help clean HVAC condensers Contact Jim Zieche (jzieche@aol.com) for details.



Women’s Ministries

Summary of WELCA Convention in Greenville, SC



At the 2016 SC Convention, there were 199 in attendance and a total of \$10,205 was collected in offerings. The convention projects included Books for the State (1,492) and Books for Lutheran Services Carolina (4,106) at a value of \$5,096.50. Your contributions to the Mothers and Others tea made it possible for us to raise \$301 to purchase books for the State and Living Springs Preschool – **THANK YOU!** Our own, Gwen Furcron, was elected a Board member and a 2017 Triennial Voting Member – congratulations Gwen!

LS Women’s Retreat

September 30 - October 2

Virtuous women living their lives in response to the Gospel! Join us as we explore spiritual discipline, intimacy with God, practicing the right discipline at the right time, and our own personal reflection. Martha Beahm, former member and Certified Life Coach and an Ordained Minister in the Church of the Brethren, will be our program leader. Martha has led a couple of our other women’s retreats and we are blessed to have her back as we seek to be closer to Jesus. This retreat is being held at the Coastal Retreat Center at Isle of Palms – cost of the room is \$70 (2 occupants). \$35 will be due August 15 and \$35 on Sept. 15. More details to follow - Contact Gwen Furcron for



Additional Opportunities

Formation Trip to Germany

August 28-September 8, 2017

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church is hosting a trip to the “Lands of Martin Luther”. This trip is booked through Luther Tours and is specifically designed by Pastor Tony Metze. This will be his 5th trip to Germany and the second time he is doing a reformation trip, so I am confident that (and assured by Pastor Tony) that it will be a historical, spiritual, cultural, and fun adventure. Each day will start off with devotions, so what can be better than that in guaranteeing a good trip! Dates are Aug. 28 to Sep. 8, 2017. Details are in the brochure – register by June 15 to save \$200 off tour price. Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information.



Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs

Tuesday Devotion Lunch @ Living Springs

Resumes in September

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

Resumes in September

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, July 21

This month our meal serving falls on Thursday, July 21. We will be serving tacos, so here is an opportunity to provide fresh fruit, water & a fruit juice, & dessert and if you would like to participate, we leave Living Springs around 5 pm and return around 7:30. There are usually around 20 – 25 women and children join us for supper – last month one of the little girls wanted to say the blessing. Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information.



Good News Walkers

We are taking July off. We will resume in the beginning of August. 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

Thursday, July 7

Thursday, July 7 @ 5 pm will be our last pack for our summer backpack program. Please continue to add an item to your grocery list, so we can establish an inventory for our school-year program in September. 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

We are taking the summer off. Look for us to resume around August or September. 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



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.

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.
- ✝ **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 m Davidson33@gmail.com or 699-1498 for additional information.
- ✝ The **Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible study** is taking July & August off. We meet at 10 AM Tuesdays. Beverly Hoppert beverlyhoppert@gmail.com is the leader. The ladies recently studied the “Bad Girls of the Bible”. All women are welcome!
- ✝ **Tuesday Evening Bible Study** is taking July & August off. This group meets for one hour beginning at 7 PM in the Katie Room. Come, be enlightened and enjoy our fellowship.
- ✝ **Greatest Story Bible Study** - Is taking the summer off. Sunday @ 6:30 pm Everyone is invited to join us when we resume our study.

Preschool & Afterschool Care News

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello and Happy Summer to Everyone!

The heat, the bugs and the smell of sunscreen are making it evident that summer is no longer "approaching" but has certainly arrived! We are excited to see our children and staff enjoying summer fun. Water play on Fridays, picnics on the lawn, field trips and SPARK your faith camp to name a few.

The children and staff have enjoyed the Hymn-a-longs with our church members. What a wonderful way to share the gifts that God has given us. This gives our children a chance to visit and make friends on a different level. We all have so many gifts to share and this is one way we can bring a smile to others and share God's love through song.

We look forward to making some updates in the center and on the playgrounds to better serve our children families and community.

If you have the time or a "Spirit Tug" please feel free to stop by and visit anytime we always welcome you to share a story, a special game or just some time with us. Remember to stay cool, wear your sunscreen and drink plenty of water!

WITH LOVE

TAMMY AND THE PRESCHOOL STAFF



From Lexanne, Director of Faith Formation:

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

- N.A.E.Y.C. Accredited Program <https://www.naeyc.org/accreditation>.
- 8 age appropriate, hands-on classroom environments for children ages 6 weeks to 5th 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.

Each week we will learn about persons in the God's Story 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.

Our July Faith Formation theme is:

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



**JAN HUSS
1369-1415**



**SUE HAND
Present Day, 2014**



**DELMER CHILTON
Present day, 2015**



**BIRGITTA OF SWEDEN
1303-1373**

**VICAR MARTY
WAGNER, 2016**





South Carolina Lutheran Church Youth

RESOLUTION AGAINST SEXUAL ORIENTATION INJUSTICES

WHEREAS sexual orientations continue to be stigmatized and senseless violence is too often a consequence of prejudice

AND WHEREAS on June 12th, 2016 49 people were martyred at Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Florida because of their sexual orientation;

AND WHEREAS we, as children of God are called to Break Chains and Rise Up Together, aiding and befriending all of our neighbors in their every need...

BE IT RESOLVED that the organization of the South Carolina Synod Lutheran Church Youth, ELCA challenges its members to improve their efforts and continue to

- Stand in support of inclusiveness, embracing diversity, and loving all through Christ;
- Participate with other community leaders in our home congregations, schools, and other community members to enforce policies of equality without regard to sexual orientation;
- Extend comfort by lifting up victims of prejudice, their families and perpetrators to demonstrate Christ's unconditional love through prayer and testimony;
- Search for outreach opportunities in all Christian churches to mature together in the body of Christ.

Drafted by the following youth at the 2016 SCLCY Convention:

1. Peri Baker, 2015- 2016 Saxe Gotha Representative, Cabinet
2. Ben Bernstein, 2015 - 2016 President, Executive Council
3. Cheryl Heintz, 2015-2016 Chaplain, Executive Council
4. Ally McDonough, 2015-2016 9/10th Grade Representative
5. Collin Neel, 2016 Convention Participant
6. Emily Friedrichs, 2016 Convention Participant
7. Jannie Kurtz, 2016 Convention Participant
8. Kirkland Burkett, 2015-2016 11/12th Grade Representative, Vice President, Executive Council
9. Courtney White, 2016 Convention Participant

It is the further will of this body that this resolution be used to promote justice, diversity, and equality by disseminating it to the SC Synod of the ELCA and its congregations, the ELCA, the SC State Legislative Bodies, and other bodies where it may have a positive impact on intentional conversations and calls to action.



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.

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.

Kindergarten-2nd Grade Youth Group

The Children and Youth Ministries team is looking for Leaders for this youth group. If you are interested in hosting one event a month for this youth group, please let Lexanne Graves (Lexanne@LivingSpringsColumbia.org) know!

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

Stay tuned for our Kick Off Event in September! Enjoy your blessed summer!



RALLY DAY AUGUST 28

Join us on Sunday, August 28th at 930am in the Fellowship Hall where we will hear all about our upcoming Faith Formation opportunities on Sunday mornings!!

TICKET to get in: a donation for our Backpack Ministry (crackers, milk, cereal, juice boxes, fruit cups, applesauce, protein bars, etc).

**BOOKBAG BLESSING, SUNDAY,
AUGUST 14TH AT BOTH
WORSHIP SERVICES**



SENIOR YOUTH HAVE BEEN BUSY THIS JUNE WITH PAGEANTS, SPORTS CAMPS, SPARK YOUR FAITH CAMP, CAMPFIRMATION, AND EVEN OCCASIONALLY SLEEPING IN. YESSS!!!

YOUTH JUNE 2016



"GA GA BALL!"
WHAT DOES THIS
MEAN?



**THIS
MIGHT LOOK
NICE HERE AT
CHURCH!!!**

**FIREFLIES
GAME**

**SPARK YOUR
FAITH CAMP**

**DON'T FORGET YOUR COOL
JULY EVENTS**

**GRACE WORKS JULY 11-15
(8am-5pm)**

Kickoff Supper Sunday, July 10 @ 5pm

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MYSTERY TOUR JULY 17-20



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

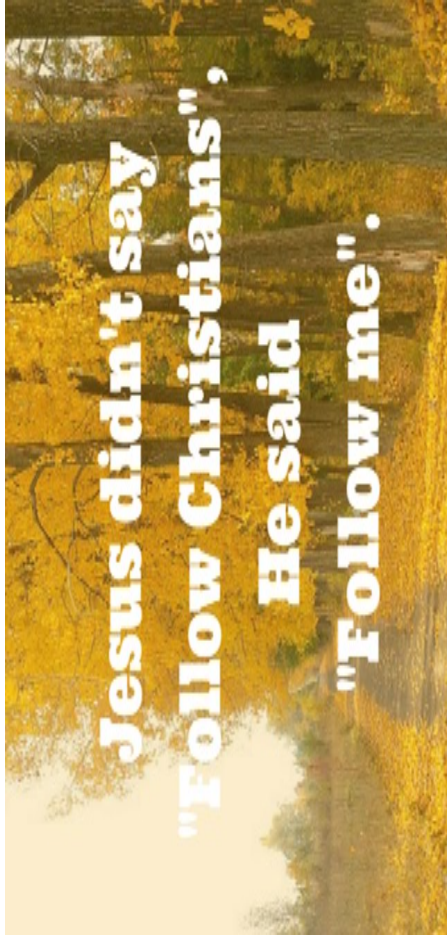


BLESS
one another



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

- 1 John 8:12
- 2 John 10:27
- 3 **Proverbs 31:8**
- 4 Psalm 82:3-4
- 5 I Corinthians 11:24
- 6 I Corinthians 11:25
- 7 I Corinthians 11:26
- 8 John 6:33-34
- 9 John 6:35
- 10 **Ephesians 4:32**
- 11 2 Corinthians 5:18
- 12 Matthew 18:15-17
- 13 Romans 5:10
- 14 Hebrews 12:14
- 15 I Peter 4:8
- 16 Colossians 3:13
- 17 **Luke 10:38**
- 18 Luke 10:39
- 19 Luke 10:40
- 20 Luke 10:41
- 21 Luke 10:42
- 22 Deuteronomy 15:11
- 23 Luke 3:10-11
- 24 **Luke 11:1**
- 25 Luke 11:2
- 26 Luke 11:3-4
- 27 Luke 11:5-6
- 28 Luke 11:9
- 29 Luke 11:10
- 30 Luke 11:13
- 31 **John 15:12**



We give God thanks for Jesus' invitation to follow him, and not follow the world. For Jesus came to show the way and the light for us to follow and the Spirit was gifted to us so that we would not be left alone to make our own decisions. Thanks be to God for the Spirit who calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes us holy for the sake of God's church.

So, how does the Holy Spirit call, enlighten and gather us? One way that has helped many a family and individual here in our community is FAITH5. FAITH5 is a simple, brief way for the Spirit to work in you to bring about God's love for all people. In FAITH5, 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 through the Spirit given to ALL of us! So, why don't you give FAITH5 a try this week and see how awesome the Holy Spirit 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

July 1	Jim Grimmer	July 17	♥ Kevin & Melissa Shaver
July 2	Nancy Faulisi	July 18	Al Jordan
	Judy Jordan		Evan Turnmire
July 4	Brianna Hinchee	July 22	Kathy Brennan
	Blake Lindstedt	July 23	Kari Arnold
July 5	Delores Harmon		Christopher Hinchee
	Melissa Shaver	July 24	Jane Evans
July 7	Gail Buchanan	July 25	Greyson Fakoury
	Jake Jacobs	July 27	Jan Schmidt
July 8	♥ Charles & Melissa Christy		Jordan Shaver
July 9	Ashley Eichler	July 28	Sally Catoe
July 11	Aiden Villaflor		Barbara Creighton
July 12	♥ Todd & Midge Gunvalson		♥ Patricia & Jeff Brouwer
July 13	Kayla Brockoff		♥ Ryan & Kristen Harmon
July 14	David Cox	July 29	Logan Mancuso
	Abbie Zvejnieks		
July 16	Catherine Fulkerson		
	♥ Weston & Vickie Crapps		



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!



July 1	Colleen Franks	July 21	Kayla Brockoff
July 3	Lauren Bloss		Audrey Turnmire
July 4	Melissa Lindstedt	July 22	Zach Landers
July 11	Kris Kenline	July 26	Graham Sheldon
July 12	Carter Peterson	July 27	Carolina Moore
July 13	Mike Loveless	July 28	Judy Jordan
July 14	McKenna Allman	July 30	Connor Kilbourne
July 15	Abigail Fox		Gracen Tilton
July 18	Beverly Hoppert		

July 2016

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Office Closed in observance of Independence Day	5 101.5A PSC Chapel 1030A Meals on Wheels	6	7 630A Men's Bible Study 5P Summer Backpacks 6P Preschool Finance	8	9
10	9:30A Congregational Reception 5P GraceWorks Kickoff Supper	11 1030A Meals on Wheels 430A Worship EXP Team 6P Worship & Music Team	12 101.5A PSC Chapel 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Finance 6:45P Choir Fellowship Supper @ Bob Gill	13 7P Good News Team	14 630A Men's Bible Study 7:05P Fireflies Game	15 5P Rice Estate Dinner (Set up at 3P)
Sr. Youth @ GraceWorks 8A-5P (St. Paul)						
17	930A Summer Hope Gathering	18 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Executive	19 101.5A PSC Chapel 1030A Meals on Wheels	20 21 630A Men's Bible Study 10A Staff Meeting 51.5P Hannah House 7P Council	22	23 1p Baby Shower
Sr. Youth @ Mystery Tour						
24	930A Worship Training	25 1030A Meals on Wheels	26 101.5A PSC Chapel 1030A Meals on Wheels	27 7P Hope Mission Visionaries	28	29 308A Men's Breakfast
31	930A Vicar Marty Celebration 4P Calendar Meeting	1 10A Staff Meeting 1030A Meals on Wheels	2 101.5A PSC Chapel 1030A Meals on Wheels	3	4 630A Men's Bible Study	5 6

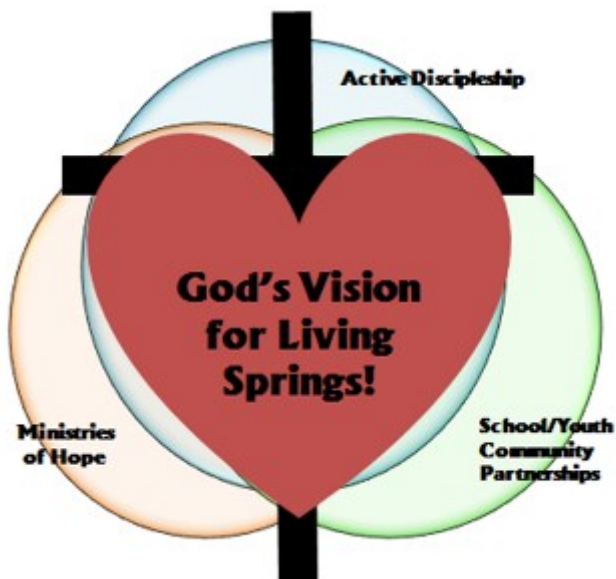
Worship Assistant Schedule – July 2016

	Assisting Minister	Lector	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torchbearers	Counters	Children's Sermon	Council Person
7/3	Gwen Furcron	Janet Bate	Ashley Ramsey Nowell Ramsey	Mike Loveless Sue Loveless	Sadonia Grimmmer	Caroline Moore	Karen Kranz			Pastor Eric	Gwen Furcron
7/3	Mike Davidson	Bob Gabbard	Leslie Bloss Jeanette Bloss	Karlene Stuart Laura Stuart Steve Padgett Austin Padgett	Katie Prizer	Lauren Bloss	Jan Berger	Gail Buchanan Rocky Berger	Leslie Bloss LC Laura Turmire Jan Berger	Pastor Eric	Leslie Bloss
7/10	Saundra Dixon	Peg Zieche	Scott Graves Karen Kranz	Jeff Lummel Kathy McDonald	Marj Appleton Jerry Appleton	Anna Leigh Graves	Karen Kranz			Vicar Marty	Beverly Hoppert
7/10	Alison Levitt	Sarah Schulz	Jeff Day Cindy Day	Jan Berger Rocky Berger Adam Woodruff Wendy McKenzie	Trish Davidson	Michael Landers	Mike Davidson	Andrew Levitt Sara Levitt	Beverly Hoppert LC Karen Kranz Wendy McKenzie	Vicar Marty	Rocky Berger
7/17	Vicar Marty	Gwen Furcron	Herb Brantley Saundra Dixon	Sadonia Grimmmer Mike Grimmmer	Judy Lawrence	Ben Arnold	Jim Zieche			Dea Jones	Bill Franck
7/17	Vicar Marty	Ed Brennan	Trish Davidson Mike Davidson	Hany Sorial Audrey Turmire Bob Turmire Cindy Day	Alice Renaud	Walker Flores	Brantley Smith	Steve Bloss Tiffany Ginn	Rocky Berger LC Mike Davidson Brantley Smith	Dea Jones	Gail Buchanan
7/24	Lexanne Graves	Anna Leigh Graves	Ashley Ramsey Scott Graves	Mike Loveless Sue Loveless	Nancy Franck	Wesley Graves	Jim Zieche			Lexanne Graves	Scott Graves
7/24	Adam Woodruff	Bob Turmire	Brantley Smith Alison Levitt	Steve Bloss Leslie Bloss Karlene Stuart Laura Stuart	Laura Turmire	Collin Flores	Karlene Stuart	Ed Brennan Brenda Grohman	Ed Brennan LC Adam Woodruff Angie Dyches	Lexanne Graves	Ed Brennan
7/31	Saundra Dixon	Nowell Ramsey	Connor Kilbourne Beverly Hoppert	Paul Laingen Shirley Laingen	Kathy McDonald	Michael Landers	Karen Kranz			Pastor Eric	Gwen Furcron
7/31	Steve Padgett	Jeff Day	Steve Bloss Gail Buchanan	Sara Levitt Randy Masad Andrew Levitt Rocky Berger	Jeanette Bloss	Austin Padgett	Rocky Berger	Ginny Devereaux Trish Davidson	Aaron Smith LC Trish Davidson Dewey Landers	Pastor Eric	Aaron Smith
			Flowers		Muggers	Nursery (10:45)		Refreshments		Altar Guild	
7/3			Jeanette Bloss		Karen Kranz	n/a					
7/10			I. Tracy & K. Wollpert		Charles Tracy	n/a					July Kathy Brennan
7/17			Laura Turmire		Herb Brantley	n/a					
7/24			Judy Lawrence		Kathy McDonald	n/a					
7/31			Barb & John Imbert		Laura Turmire	n/a					

SIGN UP FOR 3rd Quarter – WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

The online signup for August through September is now ready. Whatever slots are open by July 20th will need to be manually filled in for the month of July. Go to: <http://goo.gl/h4PIUe> If you have not been assigned (or 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.

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



The Ministry Goals below represent visions the Spirit spoke through you, the disciples of Living Springs. Our task is to spread these visions all over the place, like seed of God's kingdom being sown over all types of soil.

Which of these visions tug at your heart personally as a disciple of Jesus?

If you have not yet done so, fill out a Spirit-tug sheet from the narthex – or just call the office or send an e-mail and say, "I think I've got a Spirit-tug for #__." We will network folks who have similar Spirit-Tugs and see where the Spirit will lead, either in daily life out in the world or in something together here at LS. As an example, we already have folks following up on Spirit-Tugs for D1, D2, D7, H3, H5, H10, P4, P6. Where is your call?

**A Vision for...
ACTIVE DISCIPLESHIP**



- D1. Daily life ministry – discipleship lived out in everyday situations 19
- D2. Lifelong equipping of faith (education, Bible study, faith in homes) 14
- D3. Disciple partners/groups/networks (for men, women, families, etc.) 9
- D4. Pervasive culture of prayer in our congregation & our homes 18
- D5. Worship as Core (Word & Sacrament) - variety of opportunities/styles 15
- D6. Expanded music ministry - various forms for all ages 14
- D7. Christ's caring presence for each other in the family of faith 21
- D8. Fellowship events & communications to build relationships 12

- H1. Hope Team - children and youth in need or alone 23
- H2. Hope Team - homeless 17
- H3. Hope Team - veterans, military & families 15
- H4. Hope Team - hospitals, care facilities, those who suffer 17
- H5. Hope Team - food and clothing ministries 34
- H6. Grace & Inner Peace - struggles with the stress of life 11
- H7. Grace & Inner Peace - God's forgiveness 14
- H8. Grace & Inner Peace - healing ministries 10
- H9. Grace & Inner Peace - for all who feel alone in life 13
- H10. Grace & Inner Peace - specific life crises (grief, divorce, other) 11
- H11. Hope Awareness - sharing our Lutheran identity of grace 12
- H12. Hope Awareness - sharing our exciting LS ministry & mission 9

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



**A Vision for...
COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS
(Youth/Schools)**

- P1. Public events for congregation, preschool, community, families 12
- P2. Extending Milestones to preschool, community youth, etc. 13
- P3. Music ministry for preschool and youth 6
- P4. Building relationships of faith among preschool/congregation 10
- P5. Life-transforming experiences for youth 13
- P6. Partnerships of caring with local schools / college campuses 11



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Coordinator

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Laura Turnmire – Director of Handbell Choir

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