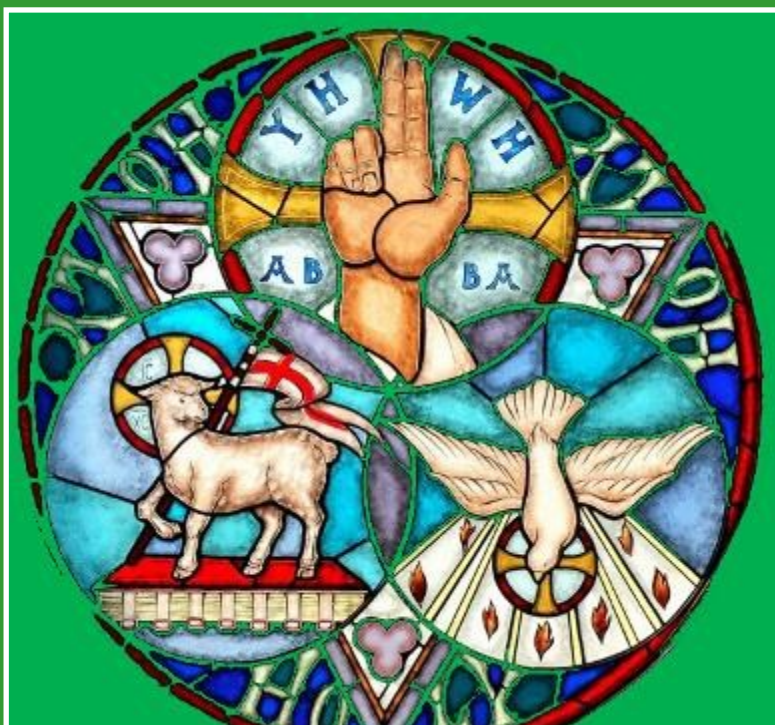




# Living Springs Lutheran Church

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



We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...  
God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit!  
- Romans 5:1,5b

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## Growing in Faith Together (G.I.F.T.) - This Month from Pastor Eric

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. - Acts 2:44-47a

From Jesus' gathering of the first disciples—and from the above description of the early community of faith found in Acts, we see the Holy Spirit calling and gathering persons to **grow in faith together!** We will be hearing more of this wonderful phrase in the weeks and months ahead, as it provides focus for our 2016-17 Living Springs Faith Formation experiences: Sunday morning classes & groups, weekly Bible Studies, Confirmation & Youth ministries, Faith Friends, Faith5 at home, Children/Youth Milestones, Adult Milestones, Preschool/Afterschool Ministry ... and beyond!

In his book, **The Agile Church: Spirit-Led Innovation in an Uncertain Age** (which is being read by our council/staff this year), Dwight Zscheile writes: "How can the church embrace its identity as learners of the Way of Jesus more deeply? ... It is through behaving and practicing Jesus' Way in relationship with one another and our neighbors that we come to see differently, not the other way around. We often assume that if people just get the right ideas about God, transformation will occur. Yet the Biblical narrative suggests a different pattern, in which people experience an encounter with God that leads them into a practice and discovery through which a right understanding emerges much later.... It is more about relationship, experience, trust, and action—all of which bring about a new way of seeing and interpreting life."



As I think back on July, I cannot help but rejoice in the powerful ways that the Spirit called us to grow in faith together. Living Springs youth and adult volunteers joined with nearly 120 other folks from Midlands Lutheran congregations to grow together in faith through the annual Graceworks servant week in Columbia: beginning and ending each day with inspiring worship times; sharing in learning events shaped by Vicar Marty and her planning team; reaching out to wounded veterans, to homeless men/women/children, to children at the Autism Academy & Camp Discovery & Christ Mission & Hannah House; to seniors in adult daycare and assisted living centers; to local law enforcement servants and firefighters; to Meals on Wheels recipients, and more!

We grew in faith together as God's joyful family on LS Night at the Fireflies game, with our LS Disciples of Harmony inspiring the crowd with the National Anthem. We grew in faith together with Rice Estate guests at our LS quarterly supper. We grew in faith together in a visit to experience worship with our Jewish neighbors. We grew in faith together with college students, offering blessings for our Carl Lowman Memorial Scholarship recipients and our Living Springs Continuing Education grant recipients.

Our Sr. Youth grew in faith together on a truly Spirit-filled summer mystery trip—experiencing an amazing outdoor Christian music concert in Atlanta, cheering on the Braves, having conversations with counter workers at the Varsity restaurant, distributing blessing bags in a Birmingham park, walking the bridge in Selma, waving to passers-by while picnicking in a field on the road to Montgomery, writing Scripture lessons and life

We at Living Springs have all grown together in faith this past year with Vicar Marty Wagner and the partnership of theological education we share with our Lutheran seminaries. What a blessing she has been! We are now growing together in faith through the inspiring music brought to us in worship through our new Music/Worship Director, George Donovan, Jr. (If you haven't been to worship in a while, be sure to come and invite a friend to be able to experience George's gifts!)

Every day, children are growing together in faith in our excellent preschool and afterschool ministry—plus all the other ministries of grace that occur in this place and in our community through the Spirit's work in you, God's people of Living Springs. I am excited about all the opportunities for growing together in faith that will come in August and the huge Rally Day event on August 28. I am also excited about the new pictorial directory that will help us get to know one another better as fellow disciples. (If you haven't signed up, please do so—it's not about the pictures or our appearance—but about having a directory that will allow fellow disciples to put faces with names, so that we all may better grow together in faith!)

As we move toward the end of summer, may the Spirit speak to our hearts, that we may each more fully know and experience the wonder of what it means to grow together in faith—as disciples of Jesus, walking the Way to be living witnesses to the hope of God's love for this hurting world!

With ongoing thanksgiving for all the ways God's light shines in you, *Pastor Eric*

**Blessing of Bookbags,  
Students & Teachers  
AUGUST 14**

**+ + +  
Rally Day  
AUGUST 28**

**G.I.F.T!  
Growing  
in Faith  
Together**



**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

Well, I'd rather be "roasted" than boiled. Ron and I truly enjoyed our last Sunday as your Vicar family, and the great honor you all paid me with the delightful reception and roast and your many heartfelt expressions of your faith, hope, humor, and love for me. I have decided to call my Faith Chest, my Faith, Hope, and Love chest because it was made with those 3 things, and it is filled to overflowing with your humor and most importantly your love and good wishes for me and Ron. Last night I sat down and read every card, and I was filled with a sense of being loved. Thank you! We certainly will enjoy your many gifts. Ron is waiting for me to give a Children's sermon with the Pink Hatted Cowgirl puppet. Each special gift, every hand written note, and every expression of your gospel partnership with us will be something we will cherish for many years to come. We already think the Labyrinth tray could find many uses. The Parakeet quilt is already adorning our couch, and I cannot wait to use some of the neat sticky notes. One thing a seminarian cannot have too many of is coasters, and the awesome youth coasters are new treasures. They will actually contribute to higher grades for me, owing to all the coffee they will hold over the next year. I just hope I don't have to activate my 4<sup>th</sup> phone of the summer, but it's really good to have a spare in case I need it! I will add the Varsity hat to my collection, and when I need to think really hard, I may actually need to wear it. I cannot believe I was worthy to receive a Golden Gophers hat.

The restaurant gift cards will remind us of the many fellowship meals we have shared with you all, and of course of that meal of which our Lord is the host when we are together. When you are communing together here, know that Ron and I are gathered with you in the one great fellowship of all believers. We will always be grateful for the important part you have played in our faith formation. And on that journey, we have grown to love you all, and you will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Living Springs is aptly named, for in you the living waters of the river of life rush through this place, and these people, quickening new life, and new mission. Yet these waters of life wash over us, cleansing us, and feeding us through Word and Sacrament for the sake of the gospel. God's refreshing water of life continually gushes forth, filling every dry and thirsty space. As you go about your daily lives, you carry it with you, pouring it into those thirsty persons you meet, sometimes even when you don't realize it. How cool is that? I look forward to hearing about the new ways God's Spirit continues to make the amazing love of Jesus Christ through the followers of Christ at Living Springs

With Abundant Thanksgiving for Each One of You!  
( NOT THE VICAR ) Marty



## Worship & Music News

*"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with JOY in every one of my prayers for all of you..."*  
(Philippians 1:3-4).

The words "THANK YOU" seem so inadequate as I think about these past few weeks with each of you. You have truly welcomed me into the Living Springs community and the Columbia area. Thank you for your hugs, gift cards, notes, and words of encouragement! It almost seems like this transition has been "too easy!" But because of each of you and your kind words, it has been a great beginning.

I am excited to be sharing in ministry with you all. I am even more excited that we will begin getting our ensembles back together in the coming weeks. I believe in making music that creates COMMUNITY. I don't want to be a showman—my nerves won't have it! So I simply ask you, "Won't you join us?" There are so many opportunities for you to be involved in the music program. Keep an ear out for more opportunities to come—but here are some immediate ways you can become involved.

Our adult choirs are charged with assisting in the leading of worship and song. All voice parts are needed. Commitment is required to attend weekly choir rehearsals (begins August 17th at 7:00 pm!) and sing for worship at either our 8:15 or 10:45 AM worship gatherings. This group is open to high school students through adults. Let's make a joyful noise and celebrate!

Are you an instrumentalist interested in playing regularly or occasionally for worship? I want to meet you! Whether you are interested in playing weekly, or only occasionally, there is a place for you! I am especially on the lookout for a good percussionist or two. Do you play guitar? Trumpet? Flute? Any instrument is welcome!

This is an exciting season in our worship life as we begin a new season together. Come join us as we grow together. Let's renew our worship! Let's create something together!

Blessings,  
George Donovan,  
Director of Music and Worship





## Favorite Hymns & Hope Sundays

### FAVORITE HYMNS

Summer Favorite Hymns Extended...FOREVER!!! If you haven't submitted your favorite hymn or song for us to include in worship, you still have time! We have decided to continue this indefinitely, so that you can continue to have input in our worship and music planning. Hymns can come from our hymnal, but perhaps there is a worship song you have heard on the radio or elsewhere that you want us to begin singing at LSLC. Maybe you have a favorite hymn that isn't in our hymnal. Give us a title and brief blurb as to why this song is so meaningful to you. This information will be included in the bulletin, if your song is selected for use. Worship is built off of the song of the people of the community. Let's expand our repertoire together!



### 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. The **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month** at Living Springs has been designated as "Hope Sunday." During both worship services, we 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 informa-**

**tional 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. **August's topic is Human Trafficking Survivors.** 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.



# Rally Day

To help kick off our Backpack Food Ministry, we are asking everyone to bring at least one item to the Rally Day Kickoff!

**\* Sunday, August 28th!!!**

On August 28th at 9:30am, all adults, children & youth "rally" together to kick off our new Sunday School year.

**\* Fellowship & Mutual Care** will host the 6th annual Just for Fun Potluck following the 10:45 service. Please bring a dish to share F&MC will provide drinks and dessert –

A make-your-own sundae bar!

Bingo with prizes for all ages!



**G.I.F.T.**  
Growing in Faith Together

Bible  
Studies

FAITH5  
Devotions

Youth & Adult  
Faith  
Milestones

Youth & Adult  
Faith  
Formation

## 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 [mdavidson33@gmail.com](mailto:mdavidson33@gmail.com) or 699-1498 for additional information.
- ✝ The **Tuesday Morning Women's Bible study** is taking August off. We will resume September 6th, meeting at Beverly Hoppert's for lunch. We meet at 10 AM Tuesdays in the Katie Room. The ladies recently studied the "Bad Girls of the Bible". All women are welcome! . Beverly Hoppert [beverlyhoppert@gmail.com](mailto:beverlyhoppert@gmail.com) is the leader.
- ✝ **Tuesday Evening Bible Study** is taking August off and will resume September 6th. 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.



### 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.**

*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.



Living Springs - Thank you so much for dinner party that ya'll do for our residents here at the Rice Estate. They so much look forward to them.

*Thanks Again,*

*Alex Kamain*

*God's spirit shines through in people like you. So true, so true! It is a joy always to go to your house for a lovely dinner. An you didn't fail us again. Gail also had such apropos games and candies for us. Thank you for your blessings for all of us. We look forward to each evening with you. October isn't far away - yum!*

*Love you all,*

*Kay Malcolm*

## Disciple Dot Stories & Spirit Tugs

Witnessed during a Sunday Worship - the Spirit working through a big brother who took his little sister up for the Children's Message so she can join in; the Spirit leading our Sr. Youth to come forward during a Children's Message so they could encourage other youth and children to come up as well; the Spirit guiding a Living Springs Disciple to sit with a new person, helping them feel comfortable.

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Last fall, I felt a Sprit Tug to attend the Community Thanksgiving Worship Service, involving multiple denominations. It was an amazing service combining different worship styles - all were accepting and it was wonderful. I met many folks from other churches, but I was also able to see several people I knew from work. God was certainly present.

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I have witnessed on several occasions on how the Disciples of Jesus here at Living Springs appropriately spring into action when there is someone in need. Whether it is the Disciples Helping Disciples, a Helping Hands alert, flood victims, our food ministries, anywhere...the Disciples here react within a blink of the eye. This is truly God's Work. Our Hands.

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The Spirit led a person who had received help previously from Living Springs' Disciples Helping Disciples to pay it forward. She was so moved by the Spirit working through these disciples that she volunteered to help a DHD request by a displaced mother. The mother had to move her belongings to storage so the Spirit moved our new DHD disciple to help her pack.

### **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!*

**GOD loves YOU:  
share God's love  
everyday!**



**Where will God place  
your next Disciple Dot?**

## Council Clips

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

#### **Council Devotions:** "The Agile Church" Chapter 4 part 2

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

- ✝ Finance Ministry Team: Working to complete 2014 and 2015 audits.
- ✝ Facilities: Well for irrigation system has been repaired. Awning for preschool has been completed
- ✝ Children/Youth Ministry: Youth participated in GraceWorks and Mystery Tour this month. Team still looking for a chairperson.
- ✝ Fellowship & Mutual Care Team: Four Continuing Education Grants to be awarded on July 23. Still looking for Care Meal Coordinator and additional volunteers.
- ✝ Lifelong Discipleship: Next Adult Milestone will begin on 9/11.
- ✝ Hearts & Treasures: More than Money Matters; A Living Well Retreat will held at Lutheridge 10/7 – 9.
- ✝ Ministries of Hope: Hannah House Monthly Meal continues on the third Thursday each month. School supplies collection will be held 8/7 and 8/14. Family Promise will be at Trinity United Methodist 8/28 – 9/4 and St Martin in Fields 9/4 – 9/11. God's Work Our Hands scheduled for September 11.
- ✝ LMM: Bible Study continues on the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month at 6:30 am. Carl Lowman Scholarships were awarded to two young men on 7/13.
- ✝ Women's Group: Women's retreat scheduled for 9/30 – 10/3.
- ✝ Preschool: Occupancy is at 95% for the summer. Plan to begin replacing some flooring and also painting in August.
- ✝ Worship & Music: August Hymn Sing will be on the road to Carolina Gardens Senior Living at Kathwood (formerly Agape) in August. Choirs will be participating in Service of Remember on 9/11 at Incarnation Lutheran.
- ✝ 2016 Ministry Priorities: Summer Hope Sundays on 3rd Sunday each month during the summer. August 21 will focus on pain and loneliness.
- ✝ Racial Reconciliation: Hope Dialogue meeting to discuss upcoming events.
- ✝ Families are scheduling times to have their portraits taken for the next Pictorial Directory.
- ✝ We will gather at 9:30am on 7/31 to celebrate Vicar Marty's year at Living Springs.



#### **Here are just a few inspiring examples of the Spirit's work since last council meeting, where we have beheld that light, love and hope in many, many ways:**

- ✝ The reports on local news about our Lutheran youth Columbia GraceWorks only scratch the surface when it comes to the impact and Spirit-power of those days. 18 agencies and hundreds of lives felt the power of God's light and love through the devoted work of some 80+ Lutheran youth and 40+ adults. Every day, 2 Living Springs' buses & LS drivers (Mike, Bill, Jeff) helped to deliver those disciples into the mission field. Our congregation was responsible for coordinating Meals on Wheels visits, and ministry with disabled veterans at the VA Community Life Center, as well as an afternoon of Cookie Appreciation for the Columbia Police and Fire Depts. Vicar Marty headed up a team of youth which did a wonderful job of planning each day's learning faith experience. The theme for the week was Walking the Way – and our youth delved deeper into Romans 12, with a focus on community, unity, humility, trust, and God's reality.
- ✝ Our LS Mystery Mission Trip was truly an amazing experience – one worthy of being paired with those powerful Spirit-filled events of Scripture, where missionaries went out into the world to have their hearts and eyes opened to the power of God's reconciling love unfolding for the world. "Do Justice, Love Kindness, and Walk Humbly with the Lord" (Micah 6:8) provided a backdrop for all the youth shared. In Atlanta, Montgomery & Selma, Birmingham and back in Atlanta, our LS youth and leaders experienced the Spirit, with 4 days of prayer, worship, Scripture, sharing blessing bags, moving out of our comfort zones, meeting people from sister Lutheran congregations, ministering to the homeless, seeing God in ballgame attendants & restaurant servers, and being overwhelmed by the joy of Christ in an outdoor Christian music concert with Hillsong United (and Laura Daigle).
- ✝ We have felt the presence of the Spirit in our Sunday worship with the arrival of George Donovan as our Director of Music & Worship! What wonderful occasions we shared at the Choir/Worship Team fellowship and his congregational reception!
- ✝ The Spirit was there in the sounds of songs being sung by our Preschoolers and Adult Choir Members at the Rice Estate traveling hymn-sing – and again in our fellowship hall at the quarterly Rice Estate supper.
- ✝ There was the amazing night at the Columbia Fireflies Game, with some 65 LS folks enjoying the love of Christian fellowship and the entire ballpark being blessed with the sound of LS' own "Disciples of Harmony." Oh, yes, the Spirit was truly there!

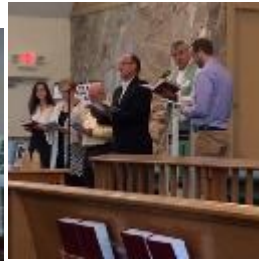


## God At Work Through Living Springs

### Hymn-Along @ Rice Estate



### Welcome George Donovan, Jr! LS Dir. Of Music & Worship



### GraceWorks





## Fireflies Ballgame with Disciple of Harmony Singing the National Anthem



## Youth Mystery Mission Tour



## Vicar Marty Celebration



## Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

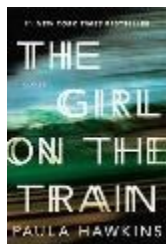
### 2016-2017 Pictorial Directory



You are invited to participate in a new pictorial directory! Living Springs is making a concerted effort to assemble a pictorial directory of everyone who is part of our Living Springs Church family (NOT limited to "official" members). We have partnered with Lifetouch to make the professional photographs for the directory. **Each household photographed will receive a free 8X10 portrait and a directory.** You will be able to immediately view your portraits and will have an opportunity to purchase portrait gifts or bundles. However, purchase is NOT a requirement - you still get your free 8X10 and directory! Sign up at the table by the name tags, or you can go online to <https://goo.gl/w3IAT3>

### 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.](#)



### 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.

### Bookbag Blessing

**Sunday, August 14**

Blessing of the Bookbags Milestone Celebration is August 14th at both services. School children & youth, preschoolers, college students, teachers, adults...ALL are invited to place your school/work bags at the altar prior to worship or during the first hymn. There will be a special time during the service for blessing them and you!



### 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 ([click here for a supply list](#)) 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](#) for information.



### Beer & Hymns

**Monday, August 22**

It is time to go back to our favorite watering hole and joyously belt out our favorite tunes! Our next time of singing and fellowship will be on Monday, August 22nd at 7pm. We will gather at Beef o' Brady's at 4561 Hardscrabble Road. Folks are welcome to arrive earlier if they wish to eat prior to the merry singing.



### 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 setting up different restaurants. There is a sign-up sheet in the administration building or contact [Beverly Hoppert](#) for information.





## Stuff-a-Bus: a part of "God's work. Our hands"

**Saturday, August 27**



On Saturday, August 27 (9 am to 1 pm), all three LS buses will be sitting in supermarket parking lots – Bi-Lo at Sandhills, IGA on Main St. in Blythewood and Wal-Mart on Killian Rd. A list of items for our backpack program will be handed out by volunteers, collected, and sorted to be blessed on Sunday, Sept. 11. There is an opportunity for everyone to pour yourself out most freely to others because Christ's life is overflowing in you! Signup posted in the administration building – contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information.

## AL LE LU JA!

**Thursday, September 1**

If you have a voice, you can join us to bring joy to residents of Carolina Gardens Senior Living at Kathwood (formerly Agape). Our own Irvin LeGrand resides here with his friend Faye and I know he will be one proud Lutheran! Our preschoolers warm the residents up before the adults do a sing-along (actually they enjoy the preschoolers better). The program starts at 10:30 am and lasts no longer than 45 minutes. Thursday, Sept. 1 – address is 4520 Trenholm Rd 29206 | ph: 803-787-1234. You can meet at the church to car pool or directly at Carolina Gardens. Contact Jim Zieche or Karen Kranz for information.



## "Job Jar"

*Thanks to: Marshall for helping remove the broken playground equipment, Bill for spraying the preschool weeds, to our secret gardeners who keep our annuals looking good, to David Abromaitas for replacing the ceiling tiles, Bill Frank for finishing trimming the Preschool lot line, Peg Zieche for mulching the Preschool entryway, David Abromaitas for cleaning the three ovens in the kitchen, Bill Franck for spraying for weeds, to Kip Farlow for trimming the shrubs around the administration building and Jean Weick and Rocky Berger for cleaning the elevator doors, to Bill, Nancy, Jan, Cindy and Peg for painting the hallways in the Preschool*

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. Check the Enews every week to see the updated list. We have the following items in the Jar:

- † Weed and prune Serenity Garden, reinstall cross
- † Rehabilitate a Preschool Toy
- † Help clean HVAC condensers
- † Clean siding on front of shed
- † Help clean and organize the shed
- † Clean and Organize the utility closet outside the small kitchen

Contact Jim Zieche ([jzieche@aol.com](mailto:jzieche@aol.com)) for details.



## Men's Ministries

### Wild Game Supper Family Event

**Sponsored by South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission**

**August 13, 2016 5:00 p.m.**

**St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 119 N. Church St. Lexington, SC 29072**



Guest Speaker: Philip Howard, Executive Director of Tracy's Camp. Admission: Canned food donation for Lexington Interfaith Community Services (LICS). Cash donations will support the Nehemiah Project, an organization that works with the youth in Lexington County. Prizes: There will be a drawing for a number of nice prizes: Yeti Cooler, Hand crafted Turkey Call, Hand crafted Wildlife Quilt, Rod & Reels, And various other prizes. \*Please bring a dish of your favorite wild game to share. Contact: Ron Redd [Rredd7848@gmail.com](mailto:Rredd7848@gmail.com) or 803-360-0241 with questions or for more information.

### Men's Breakfast

**Saturday, August 27**

We continue to form our Lutheran Men's circle of prayer where each man is praying for a brother in Christ. Next breakfast gathering will be **Saturday, August 27th** at 8:00 am at Living Springs. Meal is being served by Laura Cunningham, LS Food Resource Person. \$7.00 per person. We meet on the last Saturday of each month. Contact Bob Turnmire at 803-513-7533.





## Women's Ministries

### LS Women's Retreat

**September 30 - October 2 - Money is Due by August 30th!!!**



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), due by 8/30. - Contact Gwen Furcron for information.

## Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs

### Tuesday Devotion Lunch @ Living Springs

*Resumes in October*

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 September 16*

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, August 18*



What a wonderful opportunity to listen to women and children tell their story of where they were and where they want to be with the help of people like you. Every third Thursday, Living Springs provides a dinner – usually the entrée provided by our food ministry, a side dish, a bread item, and a dessert. We also provide the utensils and paper products to go along with the meals. They love fresh salads and fresh fruit! We leave Living Springs around 5 pm and return around 7:30. There are usually around 20 – 25 women and children join us for dinner. Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information.

### Good News Walkers

We are resuming our weekly walks on August 4th. Meet in the administration building by 8am on Thursday morning – we are usually finished in an hour. Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information.



### Backpack Food Ministry

We will be collecting backpack food items for the month of August to build our inventory for the school year. Food items are: milk, juice, applesauce or fruit cups, meat items, individual size puddings and cookies, snacks (raisins, peanuts, granola bars), individual cereal boxes. Thank you for your support of this ministry that helps stamp out hunger. 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 in 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](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

## 2016 Altar Flowers

Are you looking for a way to honor or memorialize someone near and dear to you? Make a contribution for altar flowers and let Lisa know who or what it is that you are celebrating **OR** maybe you just want to thank God for the many blessings you receive! There is a signup in the narthex or go to <http://goo.gl/mVVrGE>. To order flowers from our preferred florist, contact Blythewood Florist at 691-1820.

## "ALWAYS BEING MADE NEW" – BUCKET EMPHASIS



Starting in 2015, congregations of the ELCA are joining together in a churchwide emphasis to provide funding for important ministries that we share together. Through Rally Day, the bucket is designated for our churchwide Disability Ministries. Special offering envelopes will be available in

the narthex for those who wish to make additional contributions.

From Ephesians 4:7: But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. This passage accounts for many of the gifts for ministry in the body of Christ and then indicates why the inclusion, participation and contribution of all worshipers counts. In Ephesians 4:12-13 we read: To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. The ELCA's Disability Ministries program is dedicated to ensuring that the body described in Ephesians makes full use of the gifts of people living with disabilities. This is an exciting time for Disability Ministries: The long awaited Braille Edition of Evangelical Lutheran Worship is available through Augsburg Fortress, as of June 1. Planning has started for the 2018 youth event, the tAble, formerly known as DAYLE (the Definitely Aabled Youth Leadership Event), which is headed by team leader the Rev. Sarah Flatt. One goal of Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA is raising \$4 million for Disability Ministries. [To read more, click here to get the first newsletter recently put out for the ministry by it's program directory, Rachel Bouman.](#)

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



Living Springs has entered the age of anytime, anywhere digital giving. We have partnered with Givelify, the free, mobile giving app for churches. Givelify enables you to give digitally from anywhere; your offerings, tithes, and special gifts can be made right from the palm of your hand. 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. Available at the App Store and Google Play



## Preschool & Afterschool Care News

### From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello everyone, I trust you are finding some relief in this summer heat!

We have been finding fun and creative ways to beat these record temps. Sprinklers, splash pads, water parks and water balloons to name a few.

We've been busy with lots of field trips and activities in the Preschool. Some of the hi-lights have been singing with the Living Springs Disciples of Harmony at various venues in the community, Fort Jackson water park, Fort Jackson Museum, The SC Farmers market, Richland County Main Library and Sesquicentennial Park.

As we are certain you have noticed, we are busy with "sprucing things up" in the Preschool areas. We are so grateful to all of our volunteers, these improvements would simply not be possible without them!

We look forward to many more opportunities for improvement in the coming year. We continue to be blessed by the community we serve and are proud to be a part of the ministry here at Living springs.

If you would like to come and enjoy some time with us, we would LOVE to have you! The children really enjoy when we have visitors. You can help with lunches, read a story, enjoy an outdoor activity or simply be here and enjoy the smiles, laughter and hugs!



**WITH MUCH LOVE AND MANY BLESSINGS,  
TAMMY AND THE PRESCHOOL STAFF**



Thank you to Bill, Nancy,  
Jan, Cindy, Jim and Peg for  
painting the hallways in  
the Preschool

### From Lexanne, Director of Faith Formation:

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

- N.A.E.Y.C. Accredited Program <https://www.naeyc.org/accreditation>.
- 8 age appropriate, hands-on classroom environments for children ages 6 weeks to 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 715AM-6PM year-round.
- Inviting atmosphere for parents and children
- Encourage members and guests to come be a Mystery Reader, Lead or assist with a crafting project (quilting, painting, sewing, gardening, arts and crafts, etc.), Play an instrument, Sing some songs, Help with lunch or snack time, or Share your faith story. There is no required time commitment; just a love of God and a desire to share!



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

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



## From the Director of Faith Formation

Lexanne K. Graves

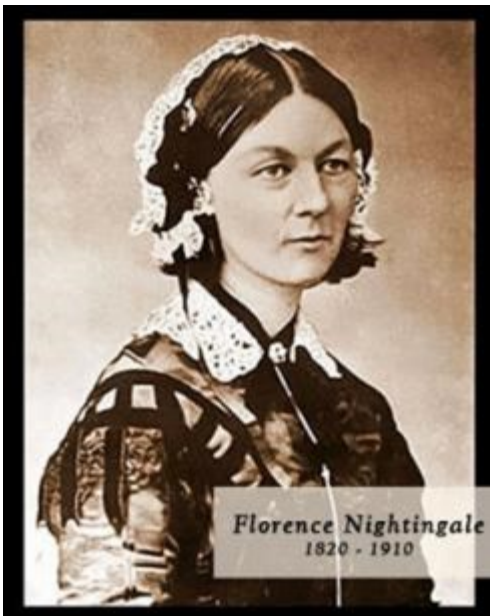
[Lexanne@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto:Lexanne@livingspringscolumbia.org)

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.

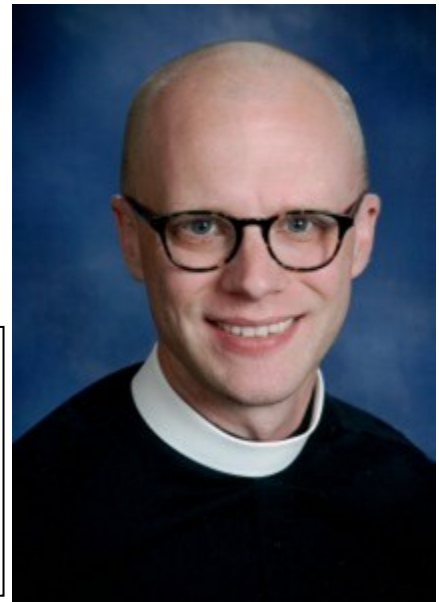
Each week we will learn about persons in the God's Story and how these persons can teach us how to be better disciples in today's world. We all need to partner together to share God's amazing love in Jesus to our children and youth, and each other.

Our August Faith Formation theme is:

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



**Pastor  
Michael  
Fick,  
Present  
Day**



**Erin  
Strybis,  
Present  
Day**

**OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES  
TEAM NEEDS YOU TO VOLUNTEER TO EN-  
GAGE CHILDREN IN THE FAITH DURING OUR  
SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION HOUR.**

**CONTACT LEXANNE  
([LEXANNE@LIVINGSPRINGSCOLUMBIA.ORG](mailto:LEXANNE@LIVINGSPRINGSCOLUMBIA.ORG)).**



SHARE



READ



TALK



PRAY



BLESS



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

### **Kindergarten-2nd Grade Youth Group**

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

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](mailto:Lexanne@LivingSpringsColumbia.org)) know!



## **RALLY DAY AUGUST 28**

Join us on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>TH</sup> AT BOTH  
WORSHIP SERVICES**





# SR YOUTH in July and upcoming...

**BIRMINGHAM CHURCH** where girls our teen's age were  
killed

**"LOVE OVER HATE!" S.E.L.**





ATTENTION YOUTH: Prepare to resume restaurant gatherings in September: Bottomless fries!

## GRACE WORKS 2016 JULY 10- 15



FRIDAY PRAYER WALK: 4 TEAMS WALKED THE CITY AND PRAYED OUT LOUD FOR EACH OF THE 18 AGENCIES AT VARIOUS STOPS. SOME OF OUR PARTNER AGENCIES CAME ALONG WITH US! IT WAS AWESOME INDEED!

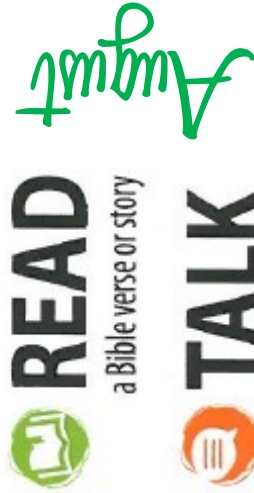
## GW is a Week- long service event

**3 LIVING SPRINGS YOUTH AND 5 LS Adults participated**

ALONG WITH 80 COLUMBIA LUTHERAN YOUTH AND 30 ADULTS FOR THIS ANNULA WEEK LONG SERVICE EVENT CARRYING OUT VARIOUS PROJECTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH 14 AREA LUTHERAN CHURCHES SERVING 18 OF Columbia's SERVICE AGENCIES. SOME OF THOSE WERE HANNAH HOUSE, COLUMBIA ADULT DAY CARE on both Main St and Rosewood, AUTISM ACADEMY, CAMP DISCOVERY, ST LAWRENCE PLACE, CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, AND MANY MANY MORE **EVERYONE WORKED VERY HARD TO SERVE NEIGHBOR IN WHOSE FACE WE SAW THE FACE OF JESUS. IF YOU DIDN'T DO GRACE WORKS THIS YEAR, THERE IS ALWAYS NEXT YEAR. YOU CAN SERVE EVERY DAY OR JUST SOME OF THE DAYS. IT IS ONE OF THE WAYS WE CAN REALIZE THAT WE ARE INDEED "BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING!"**



Every night in every home



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

- 1 Luke 12:13
- 2 Luke 12:14-15
- 3 Luke 12:16-17
- 4 Luke 12:18
- 5 Luke 12:19
- 6 Luke 12:20-21
- 7 **Luke 12:32**
- 8 Luke 12:33
- 9 Luke 12:34
- 10 Luke 12:35-36
- 11 Luke 12:39-40
- 12 Luke 12:48a
- 13 Luke 12:48b
- 14 **I Corinthians 1:10**
- 15 Colossians 3:13
- 16 Colossians 3:14
- 17 Psalm 133:1
- 18 I Peter 3:8
- 19 I John 4:12
- 20 Romans 12:16
- 21 **Ephesians 2:14**
- 22 Galatians 3:26
- 23 Galatians 3:27
- 24 Galatians 3:28
- 25 I Corinthians 12:12
- 26 I Corinthians 12:13
- 27 Ephesians 4:16
- 28 **John 13:35**
- 29 Philipppians 2:1
- 30 Philipppians 2:2
- 31 Philipppians 2:3

We are blessed to be a blessing to others, AND to know that God loves all of God's children, no matter what! May this month's FAITH5 devotions remind us all that we are ONE in the Holy Spirit which is a gift from God, and that's not based on our skin color, our level of education or in which neighborhood we live.

We need to start speaking LOVE in our homes each and every day. These FAITH5 devotions will help any person speak God's love. 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!

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!"



UNITY IN OUR COMMUNITY



Grateful <sup>to be</sup> Faithful  
A FAITH5 Devotion Guide

## Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

**August 1**

Barbara Collins  
♥ Ted & Gail Buchanan  
Jackson Bottar

**August 2**

**August 3**

**August 4**

**August 5**

**August 6**

Ryan Bottar  
♥ Michael & Lisa Grimmer  
Trish Davidson  
♥ Marc & Lynn Coppotelli  
♥ Goldie & Delores Harmon

**August 7**

**August 8**

Laurie Drafts  
Irvin Legrand  
Olivia Hinchee

**August 9**

**August 10**

**August 13**

**August 14**

**August 15**

♥ Randy & Becky Sides  
Anita Gabbard  
Mike Schultz  
Ed Brennan  
Pr. Eric Fink  
Kyan Fulton  
Lauren Hensley  
Josey Johnson

**August 16**

**August 20**

**August 21**

**August 22**

**August 23**

**August 24**

**August 25**

**August 26**

**August 27**

**August 29**

**August 30**

**August 31**

♥ Bob & Anita Gabbard  
Cindy Day  
Kris Fink  
Colleen Franks  
Ginny Devereaux  
♥ Eric & Emily Johansson  
Jacob Newton  
♥ Ron & Deborah Smith  
Kellee Flores  
Chase Moody  
♥ Scott & Lexanne Graves  
♥ Marlene & Bob Jorgensen  
Ann Lynn Caughman  
Jen Necker  
Bob Gabbard  
Jeanette Bloss  
Ron Smith  
♥ Nichole & Robert Allmann  
♥ Randy & Lori Masad



### 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!



**August 1**

Sally Catoe  
Trish Davidson  
Jacob Villaflor  
Adam Woodruff

**August 6**

**August 7**

**August 13**

Michell Griffith  
Isla Johansson  
Sara Levitt

**August 22**

**August 23**

**August 25**

**August 29**

**August 31**

Logan Mancuso  
London Mancuso  
Kathy Brennan  
Katherine Wollpert  
Courtney Murray  
Jessica Bazemore  
Trey Allmann  
Julia Tenhover



# August 2016

**\*8:15am Worship, 10:45am Worship  
9:30am Summer God Stories  
every Sunday unless otherwise noted**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10A Staff Meeting 1030A Meals on Wheels 430P Worship Exp. 6P Worship & Music Team 7P Ladies Book Club	2 1015A PSC Chapel 1030A Meals on Wheels	3 6P Hope Team	4 630A Men's Bible Study 8A Good News Walkers	5 2P - 9P Photo Sessions	6 2P - 9P Photo Sessions
7	8 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care	9 1015A PSC Chapel 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Finance	10 7P Good News Team	11 8A Good News Walkers 615P Preschool Board	12 PSC Training	13 5P LMM Wild Game Supper @ St. Stephen's
				ELCA Grace Gathering - New Orleans, LA		
14 Bookbag Blessing 930A Child & Youth Protective Training 1215P Child & Youth Protective Training	15 10A Staff Meeting 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Council Exec	16 1015A PSC Chapel 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Lifelong Discipleship	17 Preschool Begins 1230P Zumba 7P Choir	18 630A Men's Bible Study 8A Good News Walkers 5P Hannah House 7P Council	19 830A Zumba 2P - 9P Photo Sessions	20 10A - 5P Photo Sessions
21 9A - 4 P Photo Sessions 930A Summer Hope Gathering 930A Child & Youth Protective Training 1215P Child & Youth Protective Training	22 1030A Meals on Wheels 1245P Zumba 7P Beer & Hymns	23 1030A Meals on Wheels	24 1230P Zumba 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir	25 8A Good News Walkers 3P Football Food Ministry 4P TELS	26	27 8A Men's Breakfast 9A Stuff-A-Bus
28 Rally Day 1145P Potluck	29 1030A Meals on Wheels 1245P Zumba	30 930 PSC Bible Time 1030A Meals on Wheels 2P - 9P Photo Sessions 4P ASC Bible Time 7P Handbells	31 2P - 9P Photo Sessions 6P Sanctuary Choir 7P Chancel Choir	1 630A Men's Bible Study 8A Good News Walkers 1030A Hymn Along 3P Football Food Ministry	2	3

## Worship Assistant Schedule – August 2016

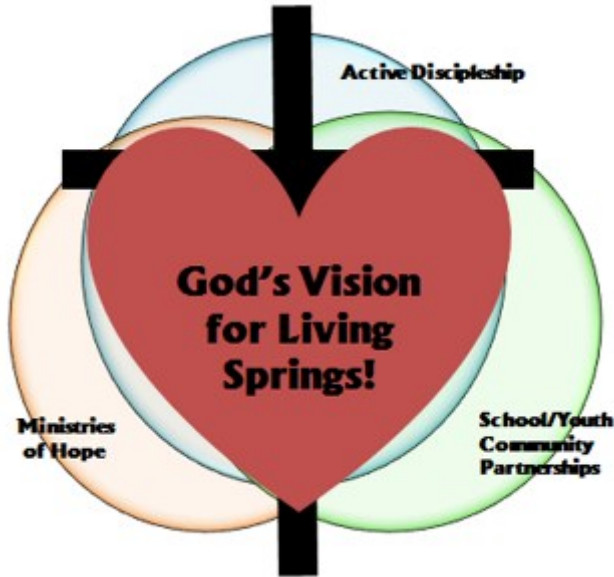
	Assisting Minister	Lector	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torchbearers	Counters	Children's Sermon	Council Person
8/7	Lexanne Graves	Bob Gill	Don Molineu Tina Molineu	Peg Fox Bill Fox	Herb Brantley Gwen Brantley	Caroline Moore	Karen Kranz			Alison Levitt	Scott Graves
8/7	Jeff Day	Katie Prizer	Kathryn Padgett Cindy Day	Steve Bloss Leslie Bloss Karlene Stuart Laura Stuart	Lauren Bloss	Matthew Landers	Andrew Levitt	Steve Bloss Sara Levitt	Scott Graves LC Marshall Hurlbert Steve Padgett	Alison Levitt	Rocky Berger
8/14	Sandra Dixon	Midge Gunvalson	Ashley Ramsey Nowell Ramsey	Sue Loveless Mike Loveless	Kathy McDonald	Wesley Graves	Jim Zieche			Lexanne Graves	Beverly Hoppert
8/14	Mike Davidson	Lori Masad	Steve Bloss Laura Turmmire	Randy Masad Steve Padgett Austin Padgett Rocky Berger	Austin Padgett	Walker Flores	Steve Bloss	Adam Woodruff Ginny Devereaux	Alison Levitt LC Karlene Stuart Sarah Schultz	Lexanne Graves	Alison Levitt
8/21	Gwen Furcron	Anna Leigh Graves	Sandra Dixon Bob Gill	Kathy McDonald Mike Grimmer	Mari Appleton Jerry Appleton	Ben Arnold	Karen Kranz			Pastor Eric	Gwen Furcron
8/21	Allison Levitt	Bob Gabbard	Jan Berger Bob Turmmire	Wendy McKenzie Adam Woodruff Mike Davidson Sara Levitt	Linda Hayes	Collin Flores	Karlene Stuart	Jan Berger Gail Buchanan	Gwen Furcron LC Steve Bloss Karen Kranz	Pastor Eric	Bob Turmmire
8/28	Jan Berger	Sandra Dixon	Bill Franck Beverly Hoppert	Sue Loveless Mike Loveless	Nancy Franck	Michael Landers	Karen Kranz			Lexanne Graves & Pastor Eric	Bill Franck
8/28	Jan Berger	Cathy Lowman	Gail Buchanan Ed Brennan	Bob Turmmire Audrey Turmmire Cindy Day Jeff Day	Alice Renaud	Lauren Bloss	Rocky Berger	Brantley Smith Trish Davidson	Leslie Bloss LC Laura Turmmire Jan Berger	Lexanne Graves & Pastor Eric	Leslie Bloss
	Care Meals		Flowers		Muggers	Nursery (10:45)		Refreshments		Altar Guild	
8/7					Laura Turmmire	n/a	n/a			August Jan Berger	
8/14					Karen Kranz	n/a	n/a				
8/21			Anita Gabbard		Charles Tracy	n/a	n/a				
8/28					Herb Brantley	n/a	n/a				

## SIGN UP FOR 3rd Quarter – WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

The online signup for September is now ready. Whatever slots are open by August 20<sup>th</sup> will need to be manually filled in for the month of September. 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... 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



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





### **CHURCH STAFF**

People of Living Springs - Ministers

Rev. Eric Fink – Senior Pastor

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

Tammy Mancuso- Preschool/ASC Director

Lisa Petty – Administrative Assistant/Communications

Coordinator

Laura Cunningham - Food Resource Person

Sherry Forsgren – Bookkeeper

Laura Turnmire – Director of Handbell Choir

### **CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Gail Buchanan - President

Alison Levitt - Vice President

Bob Turnmire - Secretary

Jerry Appleton - Treasurer

Bill Franck – Financial Secretary

Rocky Berger

Leslie Bloss

Ed Brennan

Gwen Furcron

Scott Graves

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