



Living Springs Lutheran Church

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



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Experience the G.I.F.T! - This Month from Pastor Eric

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When, after prayerful discernment, we were led to this particular Scriptural theme for our 2016-17 Faith Formation year, I found myself reflecting on the excitement that the apostles (Paul, Silvanus, Timothy) must have felt when they originally wrote those words to the community of believers in Thessalonica. How marvelous it must have been for them to have received reports of the Spirit's powerful work among those early disciples in that Greek city, in spite of the many difficulties and persecutions they had been facing.

Nearly 2000 years later, one of the greatest blessings of serving as a pastor remains the gift of beholding the Spirit's still-powerful work among the community of believers in the world. It is certainly true of this community of disciples, which bears the name of Living Springs in NE Columbia. Just last weekend, I marveled at the amazing celebration of faith that took place surrounding Rally Day—powerful stories so many disciples shared regarding the Spirit's work in their lives through our Faith Formation experiences (Faith Milestones series, Sunday morning Faith Alive!, Confirmation, Youth groups, adult Bible Studies, FAITH5 in your homes, SPARK & summer camp, and more). Along with this Rally Day weekend, we joined together for our first installment of this year's "God's Work, Our Hands" efforts. There was a beautiful human chain of disciples unloading thousands of items from the weekend's Stuff-a-Bus project for our Backpack food ministry, Angel's House veterans home, and Transitions homeless ministry. There was one of our

disabled Meals-on-Wheels recipients, sitting on his front porch with tears of joy in his eyes, giving thanks to God for the new ramp that had been built and installed at his home by LS disciples. There were some 85 young men linking arms with Living Springs disciples at a football devotional meal, joining in prayer and declaring that together we are links in a mighty chain, bound together by the strength of God's love in Christ, through which we can accomplish all things (Philippians 4:13). From the previous "Hope Sunday," there was the sight of disciples gathered in the fellowship hall to have our hearts touched by stories of the growing blight of human trafficking here in Columbia and throughout the world—and the invitation for us to be part of a light-filled solution for those girls (and boys) who have fallen victim to this scourge.

I continue to ponder our 2016-17 theme, *Growing in Faith Together*, and how that actually took shape in the lives of the first disciples called together by Jesus: how they grew in faith by spending time together with one another in the presence of the Lord, listening & learning & praying together, reaching out together to proclaim the coming of God's kingdom, serving together to make God's healing hope a concrete reality in people's lives. I look at the opportunities mentioned in the green boxes on this page (and elsewhere in this newsletter) and think how each of them becomes a Kingdom-invitation for us to experience the same thing those first disciples experienced: growing in faith together - by listening, learning, praying, reaching out, serving together in the presence of Jesus. I pray that the Spirit might tug you to several of these this month, as well as to our **foundational "growing in faith" times of Sunday worship & Sunday morning Faith Alive!**, so that we all might more fully *experience the G.I.F.T!* With ongoing thanksgiving for the blessing of growing in faith together with you, *Pastor Eric*



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- 2 Thessalonians 1:3b*

Devotional Supper (6:15)

& Fall Bible Study Kickoff

Tuesday, Sept. 6

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Member Welcome Sessions

Sept. 11 & 18, 9:30 am

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Midlands-Area

9.11 Remembrance Service

Sept. 11, 4:00 (Incarnation)

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LS 3rd Annual

Community Sunday Dinner

"God's Work, Our Hands"

Sept. 18

Football Devotional Meals

Sept. 7, 15, 29 - 3:00 pm

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Backpack Food Ministry

Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29 - 5:00 pm

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Hannah House Supper

(Women & Children's Shelter)

Sept. 15 - 5:00 pm

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P.I.E. Gathering

(Partners in Education)

Sept. 20, 6:00 pm

"Hearts & Treasures"

Adult Faith Milestone #4

Sept. 25 - Oct. 23, 9:30 am

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"Growing in Faith Together"

LS Fall Cottage Gatherings

Sept. 25 - Oct. 30

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"What Does the Lord Require?"

Community Scripture Study

& Justice Workshop

Sept. 27, 6:30 pm

(Reid Chapel AME)

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

For your personal reflection ... from our Aug. 21 and Aug. 28 Sermons

AUGUST 21:

We heard the story of how Jesus, in a synagogue on the Sabbath, noticed a woman bent-over from a crippling spirit for 18 long years. In spite of the leaders' objections and societal obstacles, Jesus reached out to bring healing into the woman's life and transformed that assembly into a gathering of grace (Luke 13:10-17).

1. What is your reaction to the phrase "Grace Gathering" that Pastor Eric used in his sermon? How might your work place, school setting, or neighborhood be transformed into a Grace Gathering, because you are there with the presence of Jesus?

2. What burdens in life keeps you "bent over" or weighed down? (daily pressures, past mistakes, broken relationships, grief, addictions, destructive habits, fears, grudges, misplaced priorities, a self-focused heart). How is Jesus noticing you (perhaps through others) and reaching out with a hand of healing grace?

AUGUST 28: (Listen to the sermon at: <http://livingspringscolumbia.org/sermon-archive/>)

In his book, "Loving Jesus," the Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell writes: "Thank God for the faith you have—and learn how to use it in ways that will draw you closer to God.... The faith that is a gift from God is something other than a system of beliefs or commitments; it is, I think, a basic capacity to trust God [in all things] ... God does not just "accept us as we are" and then leave us that way. God helps us become better people. [As a church, we engage in faith formation in order to] help people understand what we believe and to find mature & appropriate ways of acting on those beliefs and applying them to our daily lives ... a process by which Christians become increasingly the people who God wants us to be."

1. How are you, and your family, using "the gift of faith you have" to be drawn closer to God and to trust God in all things?

2. In what ways is the Spirit tugging in your life to help you become a better person ... who God wants you to be?



**God's work.
Our hands.**

Old Fashioned Sunday Dinner Sunday September 18 Following 10:45 Worship

Sunday, September 18 after the 10:45 am service, LMM & Hope Ministry are coordinating an old fashioned Sunday dinner in the Fellowship Hall for GWOH. This is the third year we will celebrate this dedicated day of service which builds on the work ELCA congregations do every day, serving the communities in which we live. We are expecting the Ridge View JV Football team, (a food ministry we are providing for the second year), Angels House, Rice Estate, Hannah House (another food ministry started the beginning of this year); and in addition we will be delivering meals to our homebound members, local fire and sheriff stations, and the homeless at Finlay Park. Signup sheets to volunteer will be posted in the administration building or sign up [online](#). Contact [Karen Kranz](#) or [Bob Turnmire](#) for information.



A Special Invitation ... Just for You!

P.I.E. Gathering (Partners In Education)

Tuesday, September 20 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Finger Foods & Desserts (enough for your supper!)

***We gather to reflect on your year in education,
to share joys & challenges, and give thanks to God for you!***

Please RSVP by SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 to 803-736-0661

or reply to pie@livingspringscolumbia.org

(for yourself and any colleagues you would like to invite!)



Adult G.I.F.T. Opportunities

G.I.F.T. means **Growing In Faith Together**. Even as adults we can continue to grow in faith as we continue to learn and share our insights with others.

There are a number of opportunities at LSLC to join with others as we continue our faith journey. Find the right one(s) for you and join in.



Sunday Faith Formation (Sunday School) – 9:30AM Sunday Mornings

- † **Adult Class** – in depth study of the Gospel lesson for the day. Facilitator [Ron Ramsey](#).
- † **LIGHT Class** – (Learning In God’s House Together) – discussions about topics of the day from a Christian perspective. Facilitator [Dewey Landers](#).
- † **First Sundays** – all ages join together to share **Faith Five**. Not only is this an opportunity for adults to support faith formation for our children....many times, we learn from their uncomplicated understanding of faith.

Bible Studies: **Think that you don’t know enough to be in a Bible study? No Bible credentials are needed; just questions and the desire to get closer to the story of Jesus and all the people of God’s story, including all of us. Come join the discussions and the fun.**

- † **Ladies’ Bible Study** – Resumes on September 6 at 10:00AM Tuesday mornings – studying [Unveiling Mary Magdalene](#) – Facilitator [Beverly Hoppert](#)
- † **Men’s Bible Study** – First and Third Thursdays of each month at 6:30AM – explore scripture from a man’s perspective – Facilitator [Mike Davidson](#)
- † **Adult Bible Study** – **all adults are welcome** – Resumes on September 6 at 7:00PM Tuesday evenings – study of the gospel of John and continuing through the new testament – Facilitator [Steve Bloss](#)
- † **Pastor Eric’s Bible study group** – date and time to be announced later.

Adult Faith Milestones

- † Five week on-line series on “Lutheran Vocation” offered by Wartburg Seminary beginning August 29. Objectives: 1. To consider God’s call to people in the Bible and to us and 2. To discern the Holy Spirit’s continuing work in the lives of the baptized. Free registration at: www.WartburgSeminary.edu/GraceGathering
- † Discipleship – “Hearts & Treasures: More Than Money Matters” – begins September 25 and continues for five Sunday mornings at 9:30AM. This series explores our relationship with God and how it guides our responses as disciples in daily decisions.
- † Additional Faith Milestones to be announced for Winter and Spring of 2017.



Tuesday Bible Studies Resume September 6 *Kickoff Meals to Celebrate Their Return!*

Tuesday Devotional Supper - We will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 6 to kickoff the return of Adult Bible Study. Continuing in October, we will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Dinner is at 6:15. **Everyone is welcome** to to this dinner and devotions served by Mark & Laura Cunningham, our LS Food Resource persons. Cost \$9 – signup sheet is in the narthex or [sign up here](#).

Ladies Bible Study Brunch- We will be meeting at Beverly Hoppert's home, [701 Summit Square, Columbia](#) for Brunch on the 6th to kick off the new session. **Tuesday Devotional Lunch** will resume 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 Mark & Laura Cunningham, our LS Food Resource persons. Donation \$6 (includes drink & dessert).





Living Springs - Thank you for the education grant I received as a continuing student at Clemson. The money is appreciated, and the support and love attached means so much to me. It was neat to see *Living Springs Lutheran Church* on my financial statement at Clemson. Seeing it in writing reinforced how much Living Springs is still a part of every aspect of my life and always will be.

Maddie Arnold

Lutheran Men in Mission and Living Springs, Thank you for the Carl Lowman scholarship I received in July. Growing up in Living Springs taught me many things about my faith and journey to understanding what it means to be a good Christian. This scholarship money means a lot to me not only for the financial reasons (those are much appreciated!) but also because the place that helped shape me as a Christian is continuing to watch over me and provide for me in a very generous way. Living Springs set the foundation to my faith life and because of this, it will always have a special place in my heart.

Sam Arnold

Thank you wonderful ladies and the entire Living Springs congregation!! We just helped our first family in the food bank today. I wish you all could have seen how excited and thankful she was for a big jar of peanut butter and some Hamburger Helper. She got other things, but those 2 items meant something special to her.

*Brenda O. Creighton, LMSW
School Social Worker*

Thank you for inviting us to photograph your members for your new directories. It has been a blessing to meet each and every one of you, and we pray that these directories and portraits will bring everyone closer together in fellowship and friendship. May God continue to bless both yourself and your congregation.

*With our many thanks,
Josh & Melissa Pierce*



Congratulations to Rachel Hurlbert (daughter of Marshall and Jeannie Hurlbert) on making the cheer-leading squad at Lander University. She is a freshman nursing major there.

Disciple Dot Stories & Spirit Tugs

GWOH COMMUNITY PROJECT – Handicap Ramp
Tears of joy came to Mr. Huggins eyes as he witnessed God’s grace unfolding before his eyes as the men from our congregation and our Thrivent rep, Micah Velilla, built a safe and sturdy ramp for Mr. Huggins to go to and from his house and do what he enjoys most – visiting and socializing at the local fish market and his neighbors. Mr. Huggins and his sister will be joining us on September 18. Thank you to all who participated in this project!



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 At Work Through Living Springs

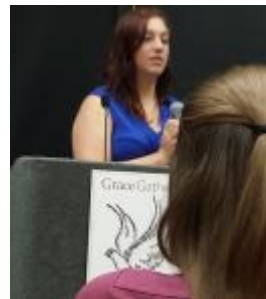
School Bag Blessing



Dropping off School Supply Donations



Grace Gathering - New Orleans Attended by Gail Buchanan & Lexanne Graves



TELS- 2 Gals & a Fork Trip



Beer 'n Hymns



Lutheran Men's Breakfast



God's Work. Our Hands. Building/Installing a Ramp for MOW Client



God's Work. Our Hands. Stuff-A-Bus



Rally Day - G.I.F.T.



Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

Football Food Ministry Thursdays @ 3pm

Living Springs is sponsoring pre-game devotional meals for youth of the Ridgeview JV team. Thursdays (and a couple of Wednesdays) at 3:00, we need: 5-6 VOLUNTEERS (men & women) to help serve the food; plus donated DESSERTS (100 portions total per day). Financial donations are needed—make checks to Living Springs and mark, "Football Food Ministry." We also need one Thrivent Action Team Grant for each week. Dates are **Sept. 7 (Wed.)**, 15, 29; and Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27. Sign-up chart is in the Admin. Building (or call the office). Contact [Bob Turnmire](#) for more information



Backpack Food Ministry Resumes Thursday, September 8

What a blessing it is to experience the outpouring of generosity from our neighbors who thanked US for our support of this program. One lady, a stranger, wanted to know where our church is located because she wants to come and help. Our supply room is full – thank you to all that helped with the stuff a bus project! Thursday, September 8 @ 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Contact [Karen Kranz](#)



Membership Welcome Sessions September 11 & 18

Sessions are now being scheduled in preparation for our next Living Springs Member Welcome Sunday. Find support for life's journey and be part of the exciting work God is doing among this community of disciples! If interested – or if you want to learn more about Living Springs – please contact Pastor (803-917-2749) or Tina Molineu tpmolineu@gmail.com.



Flu Shots at Living Springs Sunday, September 11

Julia Buchanan Bales will be here on September 11 to administer flu shots for anyone in the congregation. The shots will be given beginning after the first service until approximately 1pm. Forms are available in the Admin Building. The form will serve as your signup. Please turn them into the Fellowship & Mutual Care mailbox in the workroom. Medicare and most health insurance covers flu shots.



TELS (Traveling Evangels of Living Springs) Thursday, September 22

We meet new people and make new friends every time the TELS bus leaves the Living Springs parking lot! Next trip is to Mann-Simons Site on Richland & Marion Sts.- home of Celia Mann, a free-black mid-wife in antebellum Columbia. Thursday, Sept. 22 – bus will leave around 9:30 am. Contact [Beverly Hoppert](#)



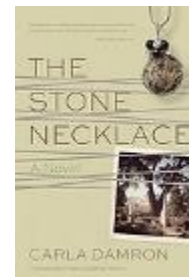
Beer & Hymns Monday, September 26

Had last month singing our favorite hymns at Beef o' Brady's. Don't miss out! Our next time of singing and fellowship will be on Monday, September 26 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.



LADIES BOOK CLUB Monday, October 3

The Stone Necklace, written by Carla Damron, named the 2014 South Carolina Social Worker of the Year, will be attending our Monday, October 3rd book club meeting at 7 pm. The meeting will be held at Linda Giertz, 45 Loggerhead Dr., 29229 ph: 803.834.6587. Copies of the book are available & located in the workroom – please sign out if you borrow one. It's always interesting to hear the different perceptions of the book, but even better is the fellowship. Contact [Karen Kranz](#)



Tech Person Wanted

If you can understand cameras & audio & computers, and you want to use technology to reach people, the Audio/Video Tech Task Team would love to hear from you! Email [Bob Turnmire](#) to volunteer or find out what is involved.

Men's Ministries

Lutheran Men's Sunday *Sunday, September 18*

Sunday, September 18, will be Lutheran Men's Sunday at Living Springs as we celebrate the ministry of men in our congregation.

Men's Breakfast *Saturday, September 24*

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, September 24th** 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*



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), - Contact Gwen Furcron for information.

Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs

Hannah House Food Ministry *Thursday, September 15*



This is a transitional living facility for homeless women and their children whose Vision is to create a self-sufficient woman capable of caring for her children and building a future for her family. Living Springs provides one meal a month, but it is not the meal that is important; but the interaction with the residents as we hear their life stories and offer encouragement to move forward in their journey. When you stop to offer the blessing and a little tot gets excited and asks if she can please say the blessing, you know God is working in their lives. Thursday, September 15 – leave Living Springs @ 5 pm. Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information.

AL LA LU IA!

What joy there is on the faces of residents when they hear the preschool children sing and then get to join in with the adults after! There are many that know the hymns without even looking at the words and you can see that God has touched their hearts. Next hymn-along: November...date and place TBD



Good News Walkers



We start out with a short devotion from The Word in Season and then we deliver Living Springs/Preschool flyers to areas that have new move-ins **and** have a paper box. Meet in the administration building by 8am on Thursday morning – we are usually finished in an hour. 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!



“Job Jar”

Thanks to: Thanks to Kip Farlow for cleaning the shed siding and for trimming the shrubs around the sanctuary, 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:

- † Help clean HVAC condensers
- † Help clean and organize the shed
- † Clean and Organize the utility closet outside the small kitchen
- † Clean up & organize around the shed
- † Connect the downspout by the Kitchen Door
- † Clean the Stucco wall by the kitchen door

Replace damage ceiling tiles in preschool Contact Jim Zieche (jzieche@aol.com) for details.



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 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

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.

Service of Remembrance
15th Year Anniversary of the
September 11, 2001
Terrorist Attacks

Featuring Fauré Requiem
and Homily by Bishop Yoos

Sunday, September 11, 2016 | 4pm

Incarnation Lutheran Church
3005 Devine Street, Columbia, SC

Additional Opportunities

"Understanding Islam & Muslims" Forum @ Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

Thursday, September 8

You are cordially invited to a community forum "Understanding Islam and Muslims." on Thurs, Sept 8, 6-7:30 p.m. Chaudhry Sadiq, president of the Peace and Integration Council of North America (PICNA), will present basic tenants of Islam and address common misconceptions. Rev. Dr. James Thomas (LTSS) and Dr. Carl Evans (USC) will join a panel Q&A. The community is invited to join in afternoon/evening prayer at the beginning and end of the forum. This event will be held in Stavros Lecture Hall on the Lutheran Seminary campus (990 Wildwood Ave.) Register at <https://goo.gl/B5TgX3>

Central Midlands Scripture Study & Justice Workshop

What Does the Lord Require?

Tuesday, September 27

6:30-8:45 p.m.

A forum for Central Midlands clergy and lay leaders from a cross-section of religious congregations to explore the biblical mandate to "do justice" and learn about strategies being used by congregations in the 21st century to live out that mandate. Bring: Your Bible, pen and paper. Reid Chapel AME Church, 704 Gabriel St., Columbia, SC 29203. Rev. Carey A. Grady, Pastor

50 Forward Living Well at Lutheridge

October 7-9, 2016

Gather your 50 (years) & forward friends for an enriching and inspiring weekend in beautiful Western North Carolina. Gain new tools for living well at every age! Retreat features 2 keynote speakers: Jeff Yeager - an entertaining media personality who's been featured on Good Morning America. Author of "How to Retire the Cheapskate Way" and "The Ultimate Cheapskate's Guide to True Riches," among others. Pastor Tom Hafer - author of "Faith and Fitness," "Well planet," and "Aging Grace." He's a physical therapist, certified Athletic Trainer and a national speaker on the connections between faith and fitness. Other retreat highlights include: Entertainment by "Sound Investment," a fun-loving, crowd-pleasing, 4-piece band featuring classic rock of the '60s and '70s A "farm to table" dinner, including a discussion with the chef Saturday workshop options to help you live well, peacefully, and faithfully Optional Saturday afternoon outings, including a microbrewery tour, prayerful walking, painting Instructor led painting class (BYOB) \$30 additional fee. Limited space. You may print a copy of the brochure [here](#) or individual registration form [here](#)

MAYOR'S WALK – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

October 8

Save the date! October is Criminal Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the City of Columbia will host the Mayor's Walk Against Domestic Violence on Saturday, October 8, 2016 – 9 am to 12 noon. The Eventbrite page for the Mayor's Walk Against Domestic Violence is open for registration. Please see the link: MayorsWalkAgainstDomesticViolence.eventbrite.com and register. If there is an interest to form a team representing Living Springs, contact Karen Kranz.

HOW WILL PEOPLE KNOW?

The August Message from Bishop Eaton in the Living Lutheran

On Wednesday, Aug. 10, the voting members of the 2016 [ELCA Churchwide Assembly](#) received the document "[Declaration on the Way.](#)" More than 99 percent of us affirmed this significant ecumenical statement in which Lutherans and Roman Catholics have achieved agreement on 32 issues regarding communion, ministry and the church, declaring that these are no longer church dividing. Fifty years of ecumenical dialogue in the United States and around the world led to this point.

When asked if declaration was a step closer to eucharistic sharing between Lutherans and Roman Catholics, Bishop Denis Madden, Catholic co-chair of the dialogue task force, answered, "Yes." There were tears of joy. The assembly responded with a standing ovation.

Later that day this question was asked during the press conference about the assembly's action on the declaration: "How would this historic agreement be made known and affect the lives of the ordinary person in the pew?" How does the work of theologians and the decision of a churchwide assembly become part of the lived experience of Lutheran and Roman Catholic parishioners? What is to prevent this significant action from becoming just one of several feel-good moments shared by voting members in August 2016? Continue reading here:

www.livinglutheran.org/2016/08/will-people-know/



Preschool & Afterschool Care News

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello everyone,

We are excited to say that the beginning of our school year has been a busy one!

At our staff training we were able to share and celebrate that we are all continuing to G.I.F.T.- Grow In Faith Together. It is an amazing joy to be among this group of disciples to share in this journey of faith with one another, our children, families and community.

The Lutherans Men's Group was here to welcome students and families to the new school year. There were many smiles and happy faces on children and families alike.

The children will be visiting Carolina Gardens at Kathwood for the Hymn-a-long with Mr. George and church members. We look forward to beginning our Preschool Music enrichment with Mr. George beginning next month.

One thing you have undoubtedly noticed are the continued upgrades we have been blessed to put in place. We have new flooring in the entrance and hallway, we have new paint in these area as well with classrooms soon to come. These changes have made an amazing impact. Our visitors and families alike have commented on how beautiful the center looks, how welcoming it feels and the overall presence of positivity and warmth.

Thank you for your continued support as we continue to grow in God's mission for Living Springs.



**BLESSINGS,
TAMMY AND THE PRESCHOOL STAFF**

G.I.F.T.

With Preschool Staff

Lutheran Men (and Peg Zieche!) Welcoming
Parents on First Day of School



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 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!



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

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**FAITH5 SHARING ON
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF
THE MONTH FOR ALL
AGES IN THE FELLOWSHIP
HALL ON SEPTEMBER 4!**

**TOPIC:
FORGIVENESS**

**SUNDAY MORNING
FAITH ALIVE!**

ON 2ND-4TH SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH:

930-945AM—GATHER & SING (ALL IN SANCTUARY)

950-1030AM—FAITH STATIONS FOR ALL AGES

CHILDREN AGE 3-6TH IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

SENIOR YOUTH (7TH-12TH GR) LUTHER ROOM

ADULTS IN KATIE ROOM AND CHOIR ROOM

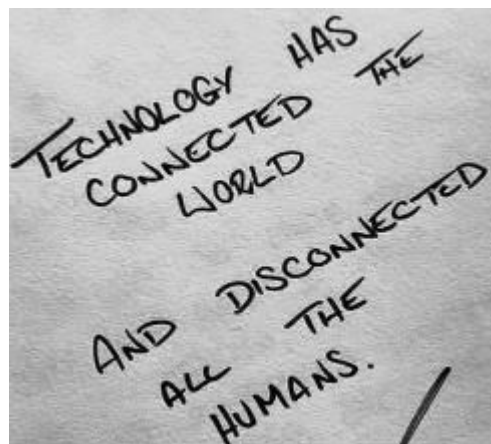
ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

Please complete a Permission Slip and Medical Release Form for each child(ren) and return to Lexanne.
[Click here to complete!](#)



The future of Faith Formation is equipping people with tools to learn about Jesus in the home. Listen to this podcast with Dr. Rich Melheim and Dr. David Lose about making your home a "seminary", or in other words, a "seed bed!"

<https://youtu.be/z1rgNRX66Aw>



FREEDOM BAG MINISTRY

WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Simply put, human trafficking is the buying and selling or trade of human beings. It is generally divided between two categories: labor trafficking and sex trafficking.

Lighthouse for Life is a 501c3 non-profit organization seeking to take steps against sex trafficking. We desire to see everyone joined together to put a stop to the trafficking of our loved ones around us. We also desire to provide grace and restoration to victims being rescued from trafficking. To seek more information visit: <http://www.lighthouseforlife.org/>

Freedom Bags are given to girls who are victims of sex trafficking. They are full of items to make each girl feel valued and cared about, as well as resources of ways they can get help from our community. Each bag is filled with the items below. If the Spirit is tugging you to make a donation, please consider donating the items below. Items may be placed in the bin in the Administration Building.

- ✂ A bag-- could be a large purse, small or medium tote, backpack, or small sports bag.
- ✂ Toiletry items (excluding hotel samples because it reminds them of their recent tragic experiences)
- ✂ Hair brushes and accessories
- ✂ Nail polish and products
- ✂ Jewelry
- ✂ Make-up
- ✂ Socks
- ✂ Clean underwear
- ✂ Scarves
- ✂ New pajamas
- ✂ Journals and pens
- ✂ A bible (not chocolate or anything that might melt).
- ✂ Gum, candy, and a note of encouragement



RALLY DAY "G.I.F.T.s"



Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

September 2	David Mattos Sophia Skipper	September 13	Sadonia Grimmer
September 3	♥ Bob & Laura Turnmire	September 14	♥ Paul & Lauren Hensley
September 4	Steve Bloss Peg Fox	September 15	♥ Jerry & Marge Appleton
September 6	♥ Ryan & Christie Fulkerson Coleman Fulkerson Karlene Stuart	September 16	Chris Collins
September 7	Emily Villaflor	September 17	Anita Dye London Mancuso
September 9	♥ Steve & Elouise Niemeyer	September 18	Collin Flores Nancy Franck
September 10	Helen Horan	September 19	♥ Bill & Nancy Franck ♥ Don & Tina Molineu
September 11	Samuel Bailey Anne Ducate Sarah Schultz	September 23	Bill Anderson Nikki Collins Scott Graves Midge Gunvalson
September 12	♥ Mike & Beverly Wyka Helen Doerpinghaus Jack Fakoury Matt O'Donnell Bob Turnmire Andrey Wyka	September 28	Sarah Hurlbert Cathy Lowman Mary Hajducsek Hilary Keppery
		September 29	Andrew Tilton ♥ Chris & Helen Horan



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!



September 7	Bob Gabbard	September 25	Gail Buchanan
September 9	Ed Brennan Harrison Keppery Savannah Shaver	September 26	Josey Johnson Candice Johnson Bryson Lay
September 10	Jordan Shaver	September 28	Jeffrey Brouwer Gary Ginn
September 15	Meredith McKenzie	September 29	Ginny Devereaux
September 18	Vickie Crapps	September 30	Herb Brantley Trey Fulton
September 19	Rachel Drafts Preston Ginn		
September 24	Mike Davidson		

September 2016

**8:15am Worship, 10:45am Worship
9:30am Faith Alive Sunday School**
(every Sunday unless otherwise noted)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5 Labor Day - Office Closed	6 930A PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 615P Devotional Dinner 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	7 815A Zumba 930A PSC Chapel 3P Football Food Ministry 6P Disciples of Harmony 7P Choirs	8 830A Good News Walkers 5P Backpacks 615P Preschool Board 7P Lifelong Discipleship Team	9 815A Zumba	10 930A Crafty Ladies
11 915A Flu Shots 930A Membership Gathering 4P Service of Remembrance @ Incarnation	12 815A Zumba 1030A Meals on Wheels 10A Staff Meeting 430P Worship Task Force 6P Worship & Music 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care 7P Council Exec	13 930 PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 1215P PSC Lunch 4P ASC Bible Time 6P Finance 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	14 815A Zumba 930 PSC Chapel 6P Disciples of Harmony 615P Safety Task Force 7P Choirs	15 630A Men's Bible Study 830A Good News Walkers 3P Football Food Ministry 5P Backpacks 515P Hannah House 7P Council	16 815A Zumba	17
18 Lutheran Men's Sunday 930A Membership Gathering 930A Sunday School Faith Milestone 1215P Old Fashioned Community Meal	19 1030A Meals on Wheels	20 930 PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 6P P.I.E. Gathering 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	21 815A Zumba 930 PSC Chapel 6P Disciples of Harmony 7P Choirs 7P Good News Team	22 830A Good News Walkers 930P TELS 5P Backpack Food Ministry	23	24 8A Men's Ministry 930A Crafty Ladies
25 930A Hearts & Treasures 930A Sunday School Faith Milestone 1215P WELCA Cottage Gathering	26 815A Zumba 10A Staff Meeting 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Beer 'N Hymns	27 930 PSC Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 630P Joint Community Bible/Justice Study 7P Handbells	28 815A Zumba 930 PSC Chapel 1230P Zumba 6P Disciples of Harmony 7P Choirs	29 830A Good News Walkers 3P Football Food Ministry 5P Backpacks	30 815A Zumba	Women's Retreat

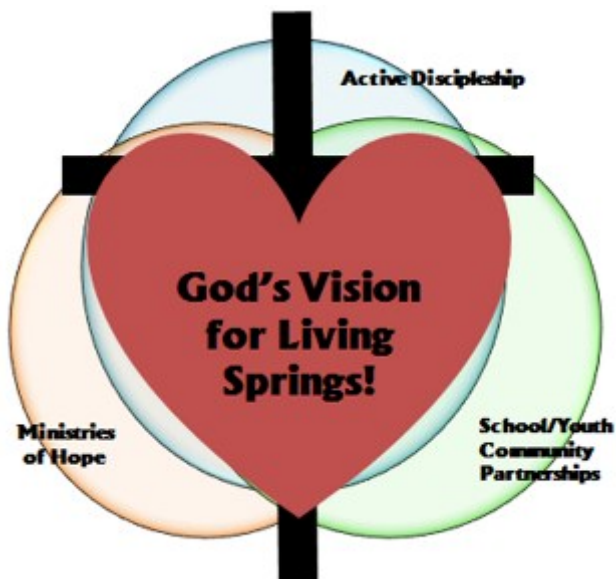
Worship Assistant Schedule – September 2016

	Assisting Minister	Lector	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torchbearers	Counters	Children's Sermon	Council Person
9/4	Gwen Furcron	Nowell Ramsey	Ashley Ramsey Herb Brantley	Jeff Lummel Sadonia Grimmer	Judy Lawrence	Wesley Graves	Jan Schmidt			Laura Turnmire	Gwen Furcron
9/4	Steve Padgett	Peg Collins	Leslie Bloss Laura Turnmire	Karlene Stuart Laura Stuart Adam Woodruff Hany Sorial	Trish Davidson	Austin Padgett	Rocky Berger	Ginny Devereaux Tiffany Ginn	Rocky Berger LC Mike Davidson Brantley Smith	Laura Turnmire	Rocky Berger
9/11	Sandra Dixon	Peg Zieche	Scott Graves Karen Kranz	John Imbert Mike Grimmer	Jeff Lummel	Anna Leigh Graves	Karen Kranz			Lexanne Graves	Beverly Hoppert
9/11	Adam Woodruff	Katie Prizer	Jeanette Bloss Alison Levitt	Steve Bloss Rocky Berger Tiffany Ginn Randy Masad	Dea Jones	Preston Ginn	Karlene Stuart	Steve Bloss Brantley Smith	Beverly Hoppert LC Karen Kranz Wendy McKenzie	Lexanne Graves	Gail Buchanan
9/18				Mike Loveless			Jim Zieche			Pastor Eric Graves	Scott Graves
9/18	10:45	LMM							Ed Brennan LC Adam Woodruff Angie Dyches	Pastor Eric Graves	Ed Brennan
9/25	8:15	Sandra Dixon	John Imbert	Peg Fox Bill Fox	Kathy McDonald	Ben Arnold	Karen Kranz			Bob Gill	Bill Franck
9/25	10:45	Jeff Day	Jan Berger	Jan Berger Steve Padgett Austin Padgett Karlene Stuart	Laura Turnmire	Matthew Landers	Steve Bloss	Mike Davidson Trish Davidson	Aaron Smith LC Trish Davidson Dewey Landers	Bob Gill	Aaron Smith
		Care Meals		Flowers		Muggers		Refreshments		Altar Guild	
9/4			Karen Kranz		Karen Kranz					September Linda Hayes	
9/11				Charles Tracy							
9/18			Judy Lawrence	Herb Brantley				GWOH			
9/25				Kathy McDonald							

SIGN UP FOR 4th Quarter – WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

The online signup for October through December is now ready. Whatever slots are open by September 20th will need to be manually filled in for the month of October. Go to: signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4baee921a0f85-20163 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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