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STILL Growing in Faith Together! - This Month from Pastor Eric

O God, your Holy Spirit has called and gathered us from all places and backgrounds and life-experiences ... to be the body of Christ in the world. Thank you for the blessing of allowing us to grow in faith together – and for the honor of serving as disciples of Jesus. Surround us with your Spirit as we gather, that we might share in your gift of faith, in Jesus' name. Amen.

- Opening Prayer from LS Fall Cottage Gatherings

In our fall Sunday gospel lessons, we are now traveling with Jesus and his disciples from their home base in Galilee to the great city of Jerusalem, where the cross awaits our Lord. Along the way, Jesus is opening the hearts & minds of many to the blessing of God's kingdom in their midst and the power of God's reconciling, healing, grace-filled love for their lives. I can only imagine how awesome it must have been to be with Jesus, the disciples, and crowds, experiencing the Spirit's gift of growing in faith together! I can only imagine how awesome it must have been to be among the first communities of believers gathering in their homes after Pentecost, growing in faith together as the newly-born *ekklesia* (church). I can only imagine how awesome it

must have been to be in the German town of Wittenberg 499 Octobers ago, with folks beginning to grow in faith together anew because of the Spirit's work in a young priest and professor, Martin Luther.

Yet, thanks be to God, I do not have to *imagine* what it is like to experience God's life-transforming gift of growing in faith together with Jesus—for as Jesus promised, "where 2 or 3 are gathered in my name, I am there among you." (Matthew 18:20). In September, at our annual "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday, I was awed by the gift of growing in faith together with Jesus and young JV football players, Hannah House Shelter women & children, Lutheran Services' Angel House veterans, MOW recipients, and others in our fellowship meal and worship service of prayer & blessing. I was awed by the gift of growing in faith together with Jesus and brothers & sisters from many churches at the Community Justice Bible Study, reflecting on God's desire for the people as expressed in the books of Micah/Matthew/Deuteronomy. I was awed by the gift of growing in faith together with Jesus and the 18 newest members of the Livings Springs family of faith at our fall membership classes and Welcome Sunday. I was awed by the gift of growing in faith together with Jesus and schoolteachers at our quarterly Living Springs' P.I.E. Gathering (Partners in Education). I was awed by the gift of growing in faith together with Jesus and so many community folks at our September Beer 'n Hymns (it's amazing how many faith conversations are initiated around Beef O' Brady tables as folks are joyfully singing those hymns!). I was awed by the gift of growing in faith together with the Conrad family and all the disciples of Living Springs who showed support with food and prayers at the passing of Paul, our brother-in-Christ.

I was awed by the gift of growing in faith together with Jesus and his 21st-century disciples at our initial fall cottage gatherings in folks' homes (see prayer above) - and I look forward to growing in faith together at the remaining 7 cottage gatherings. I was awed by the gift of growing in faith together with Jesus and his disciples at the 1st session of our "Hearts & Treasures" faith milestone with Micah Velilla—and am greatly anticipating the final 4 installments.

I look forward to all those opportunities we will have to grow in faith together with Jesus and others during October—Sunday morning worship and Faith Alive!, weekly Bible studies, Preschool Celebration Sunday, Reformation Sunday & Confirmation, camping weekend, Trunk-r-Treat, Youth Driver's License & Lord's Prayer Milestones, 4 football devotional meals, Hannah House meal, MOW, Backpack food ministry, monthly Jr. Youth and weekly Sr. Youth, choir, bells, Disciples of Harmony, TELS, Crafty Lady quilters, Good News Walkers, and so much more. I give thanks to God for all those ministry teams, task forces, staff/lay leaders, volunteers, and faithful givers who make possible these life-enriching G.I.F.T. experiences—and most of all, I give thanks to God for the Spirit-filled gift of being able to STILL grow in faith together with others here in the 21st century, so that the hope and joy of God's kingdom in our midst may continue to be shared with each other, our community, and the world!

With continued thanksgiving for the blessing of growing in faith together with you, *Pastor Eric*



Because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing!
- 2 Thessalonians 1:3b

**Preschool – ASC Ministry
Celebration & Staff Blessing
Sunday, Oct. 2 - 10:45**

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**Animal Blessing/Remembrance
Sunday, Oct. 2 - 4:00**

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**"Hearts & Treasures"
Adult Faith Milestone #4
Oct. 2, 9, 16 & 23 - 9:30 am**

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**"Growing in Faith Together"
LS Fall Cottage Gatherings
Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30**

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**Congregational Camping &
Saturday Outdoor Fellowship
Poinsett SP, Oct. 14-16**

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**Community Trunk-r-Treat
Thursday, Oct. 27 - 6:15**

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**Reformation Sunday, Oct. 30
Reformation Celebration - 9:30
Rite of Confirmation - 10:45**

**Meals on Wheels
Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:30**

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**Football Devotional Meals
Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 - 3:00 pm**

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**Backpack Food Ministry
Oct. 6, 20, 27 - 5:00 pm**

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**Hannah House Shelter Meal
Oct. 20 - 5:00 pm**

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**Community Beer 'n Hymns
Monday, Oct. 24 - 7:00**

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

Fall Cottage Gatherings for Everyone!

September 25-October 30

Our Cottage Gatherings over the past few years have been wonderful experiences, and we are excited to assemble our updated In-Touch groups this fall. These gatherings provide opportunity for our LS family of faith to catch up with each other regarding our Spirt-Tugs and God-Stories, as well as offer focus on our G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) Discipleship emphasis. At this year's fall gatherings, everyone will receive a copy of their 2017 G.I.F.T. Discipleship Commitment Card, plus an updated version of the LS Time & Talent sheet. Our commitments will be offered and celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 13 at our big G.I.F.T. Commitment Sunday, which will include the annual Congregational Ministry Meeting brunch, between services. *Invitations are being sent out by each group. If you cannot attend your group's gathering, please find another date on the list and rsvp to the appropriate leader.*

- † **Oct. 9**, Murray group, 5:00 @ Murrays
- † **Oct. 9**, Kranz & Furcron groups, 3:00 @ Kranz/Lummels
- † **Oct. 16**, Buchanan group, 12:30 @ Francks
- † **Oct. 16**, Turnmire & Berger groups, 6:00 @ Turnmires
- † **Oct. 23**, Davidson & Smith groups, 3:00 @ Davidsons
- † **Oct. 23**, Graves group, 3:30 @ Graves
- † **Oct. 30**, Stuart & Bloss groups, 3:00 @ Bloss'
- † Zieche group, gathered on 9/25
- † Tracy group, gathered on 9/25



Living Springs Outdoor Fellowship & Camping Trip

Day of Outdoor Fellowship - Saturday, October 15

Weekend of Camping - October 14-16

The men of Living Springs are sponsoring a camping trip October 14 – 16. Everyone is invited to camp with us at Poinsett State Park in Wedgefield, SC. Please join us for Friday and Saturday nights, or just one night of camping in God's wonderful outdoors. **If camping is not your thing, come join us on Saturday to enjoy the beautiful outdoors.** We will have activities for all ages following a cookout lunch, as well as a devotional time in the late afternoon and plenty of fellowship throughout the day. Please sign up by October 9th on the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall or through [Signup Genius](#), so that we can prepare enough food. There will be plenty of time to enjoy fishing, hiking, kayaking and many other activities available at the park. More information about Poinsett State Park can be found at <http://southcarolinaparks.com/poinsett/poinsett-things.aspx>. For more information on the camping trip, please contact Mike Davidson (mdavidson33@gmail.com) or Bob Turnmire (bob.turnmire@gmail.com).



TRUNK OR TREAT

Thursday, October 27 6:15 – 8:15 PM



Circle up your trunks and join us for this night of fun and festivities with family and community friends! You are invited to decorate your car trunk and hand out candy to all our little "trick or treaters"! We always get some pretty interesting trunk decorations, so ---People...start your creative juices! Please supply your own candy for your trunk and sign up in the administration bldg. or the online signup! After the goblins get their treats, check out the Fellowship Hall - the preschool will be serving chili and there will be some exciting games with prizes, led by our own youth groups and a silent auction that you won't want to miss! Contact Lexanne Graves lexanne@livingspringscolumbia.org or Karen Kranz kbkranz@gmail.com for

information. LS & Preschool Members: we ask you to consider donating candy to be given out to the children. Please put your candy donation in the box located outside Lexanne's office door or in the preschool designated donation barrel.



500th Reformation Anniversary Countdown

A World Turned Inside Out and Upside Down

Friday, October 21 @ 1pm

Martin Luther's Theological and Social Revolution

The Academy of Faith and Leadership welcomes Rev. Dr. Mark Tranvik for "A World Turned Inside Out and Upside Down: Martin Luther's Theological and Social Revolution." The year 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's attack on the sale of indulgences. Luther's reforms continue to reverberate in our age. Dr. Tranvik will explore how Luther's new understanding of God resulted in a new way of being in the world. Dr. Tranvik is Professor of Religion at Augsburg College in Minneapolis and a Senior Fellow in the college's Christensen Center for Vocation. He introduced and edited a modern version of Martin Luther's *The Freedom of a Christian* and recently authored *Martin Luther and the Called Life*. Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (Stavros Hall), 990 Wildwood Avenue, Columbia. This event is free and open to the public. Registration is appreciated as seating is limited. Register at: <https://goo.gl/RTdjzK>

95 Theses. 500 Years. One Faith. - 10/30

At the recent South Carolina Assembly the play 500 YEARS. 95 THESES. ONE FAITH was presented to all in attendance. Now, it is being offered for others to see as well. This play was commissioned in recognition of the upcoming 500th anniversary of the protestant reformation, Rather than simply celebrate Martin Luther this production explores the historical events and raises important questions about the many issues surrounding the reformation and the church today. This nearly one hour play will be presented on REFORMATION SUNDAY, October 30th, at 1:30 at St. Andrew's Lutheran in Columbia. There is no admission fee. An offering will be accepted to defray expenses. There will also be an opportunity to speak with the author, director, and cast following the play.



Ecumenical and Interreligious Witness on the Eve of the Reformation Anniversary Webcast

Thursday, October 27

Please mark your calendars for the next live webcast, "Ecumenical and Interreligious Witness on the Eve of the Reformation Anniversary," on Thursday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. CDT. As Lutherans, we have 499 years of history, but on this day we will explore:

- What was the Reformation, and what does it mean for Lutherans and ecumenical partners?
- What is "Declaration on the Way," and why is it significant for Lutheran-Catholic relations?
- What might ecumenical and interreligious relationships look like in the future, and what does this mean for our faith community?

Tune in to the live webcast on Oct. 27 by visiting ELCA.org/webcast, where a link to the recorded video will be made available after the broadcast. A live stream also will be available at [Facebook.com/Lutherans](https://www.facebook.com/Lutherans). If you would like to submit a question to be considered during the live webcast, please send it to livinglutheran@elca.org and provide your name and your congregation's name, city and state. Check our website for future information concerning our participants and selected resources. We also invite you to participate and join the conversation by using #ELCAwebcast on social media.

Martin Luther Visionary Reformer: Understanding Luther and the Arts in the World Today

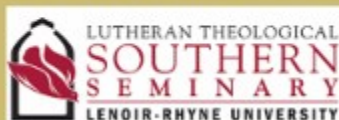
Friday, November 11, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia



Rev. Dr. Scott H. Hendrix

Rev. Dr. Clay J. Schmit

Dr. M. Patrick Graham



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Council Clips

COUNCIL CLIPS – Staff & Ministry Reports September 15, 2016 Meeting

Council Devotions: "The Agile Church" Chapter 5 part 2

Council Actions and news (from September 15 business meeting):

- † Finance Ministry Team: Working to complete 2015 audit for church and preschool. Also working on spending plan for 2017 to be approved at October council meeting and presented at Congregational Meeting on November 13.
- † Facilities: Replaced refrigerator in large kitchen with locking commercial unit. Many items from "job jar" have been completed by congregation members including; cleaned stucco on front of Preschool, cleaned preschool awning, installed mail slots/art wires/message boards outside of each preschool classroom, reinstalled cross in serenity garden, and many more. Check bulletin announcements for additional jobs to be completed.
- † Children/Youth Ministry: Marty Wagner and Adam Carnell will be working with the Jr High and Senior Youth group. Team still looking for a chairperson.
- † Fellowship & Mutual Care Team: More than 30 flu shots were given on 9/11. Ministry team will serve the first quarterly Senior Lunch on November 6th, following the 10:45 service. A soup and salad lunch will be served to those 60 and older. The team is looking for a care meal coordinator to be the contact person when meals are needed. Upcoming events: Beer & Hymns held on Sept 26; Annual Christmas party - Sunday December 4; Live Nativity - December 17 & 18
- † Lifelong Discipleship: Next Adult Milestone: Hearts & Treasures 9/25 – 10/23. G.I.F.T. Cottage meetings: 9/25 – 10/30. A Living Well Retreat will be held at Lutheridge 10/7 – 9.
- † Ministries of Hope: Hannah House Monthly Meal continues on the third Thursday each month. An estimated \$10,000 worth of food was collected during the Stuff-A-Bus on 8/27. Handicap ramp was installed on 8/27 for a Meals on Wheels client.
- † LMM: Bible Study continues on the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month at 6:30 am. LMM Sunday was held on 9/18. Camping trip is scheduled for 10/14 – 16 at Poinsett State Park. Continuing to serve food to Ridge View JV football team each Thursday through October.
- † Women's Group: Women's retreat scheduled for 9/30 – 10/2.
- † Preschool: Occupancy is at 97%. Plan to begin phase 2 of flooring project. In the process of renewing the N.A.E.Y.C. accreditation. Preschool teacher recognition Sunday on 10/2 with a reception to follow 10:45 worship.
- † Worship & Music: A task force has been created to begin working on a Rush Hour Ministry concept to begin on 11/15. Next Assisted Living Hymn Sing-along will be 11/17 at Wildwood. Technology task force is at work awaiting proposals from vendors for audio/video upgrades. Wireless microphones have been purchased and are being used during worship.
- † 2016 Ministry Priorities: College Student Ministry is developing. Worship team is exploring different liturgy during worship.
- † Racial Reconciliation: Justice Bible Study beginning 9/27 @ Reid Chapel AME
- † Congregational meeting will be held on November 13 and will include an Annual Ministry Brunch.

How incredible it is each and every month to consider the multiplicity of ways the Spirit allows us to **experience the G.I.F.T. of Growing In Faith Together** within and through this community of disciples. Just think of what we have witnessed in the past 4 weeks:

- † 80-85 JV football players, arms linked together with coaches & LS disciples in prayer, all growing in faith together at the first 4 **football devotional meals** (thanks be to God for all who have given of their time, energy, food resources, desserts, Thrivent cards, etc.)!
- † A congregation filled with smiles (and some tears) as **newly baptized toddler, Eric Nelson**, walked out into the aisle, bearing the light of Christ among us, as a living reminder that in God's baptismal grace, we are made one to grow together in faith!
- † Preschoolers growing together in faith with Irvin Legrand and Faye and the other residents at Carolina Gardens, sharing songs of praise and hugs of love at our **Traveling hymn sing!**
- † Folks from around the community growing in faith together in song and fellowship at our **fall kickoff Beer 'n Hymns** – and at the many grace-filled practices of our growing **adult choir**, our **handbells**, **Disciples of Harmony**, and George's new **Pre-school Music Ministry!**
- † So many LS disciples growing together in faith through their dedicated work on **Ministry Teams & Groups, Task Forces, Pre-school Board, Council, staff, weekly servant roles**, and more

Wow—Did you get to experience how the Spirit is moving in our faith community through:

- † Our Rally Day and Growing In Faith Together (G.I.F.T.) experience? Many children, youth and adults gathered to create images of growth, faith, and togetherness with the backpack donations given. Lots of fun and smiles were had by all ages
- † Listening to persons share stories of faith in action in our faith formation programs? This is why we are who we are.....persons are learning about Jesus' deep love for all of God's people through SPARK Camp, Faith Alive, Bible studies, FAITH5, Youth Group, Milestones, etc, and it's positively changing them! Awesome!
- † Brainstorming how we might engage people throughout the week with deep questions of faith that related to the sermon/worship from the previous Sunday?
- † Gathering faith-filled minds to brainstorm ways to Grow In Faith Together? We had a great Children and Youth Ministries meeting where we discussed our new approach with the Junior Youth Group children and how we might engage more persons in our faith formation opportunities!
- † Our children singing on Sunday mornings?? George and I taught them the Books of the Old Testament song this past Sunday, and they were craving more! I love it! We might actually have kids who know the 39 books of the Old Testament here in less 3 weeks. How many adults can say that?!! LOL!





Dear Friends, The Board of Directors of God's Storehouse thanks you for your generous gift of \$1,080. Your contribution will benefit those in our community who are in crisis, in the form of food, clothing, and household items, free of charge. The generous support of you and others, during these very difficult times, makes it possible for God's Storehouse to exist and to improve our community. Sincerely,

Ron Morgan

Chairman of the Board of Directors

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On behalf of Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC), thank you for your generous in-kind gift of toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, and cleaning supplies on August 20, 2016 to support Angels House. As a result of your compassion, LSC is bringing healing and hope to women who have served our country and now need our help. We are exceptionally grateful to you for your gifts, which allow us to serve today and to prepare for the future. Thank you again for your support. Yours in Christ,

Ted W. Goins, Jr.

President

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I would like to thank you for all the cards and prayers you sent during my dad's passing.

Jean Weick

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A simple thank you doesn't seem enough to say for all the prayers, words of concern, and cards that were sent my way during my recent surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Eric for his visits and prayers, for the beautiful shawl from the Prayer Shawl Ministry and for the comforting Pew Bear given to me by Adele. Ron and I are blessed to be a part of the caring and loving congregation of the Living Springs. God has truly blessed this church and the wonderfully giving people and I know He will continue to bless the church's missions that are done in His name. Love and thanks to everyone,

Deborah Smith

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Thank you for your recent donation. The starting of a school year is a special time of year as well as a stressful time for some of our families and your donation made it special for many Rice Creek families. We appreciate everything that you do for our school and for our community. Living Springs Lutheran Church is an outstanding organization and we look forward to our continued relationship. Kind regards,

Karen Thompson

Social Worker at Rice Creek Elementary

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To my Living Springs family, Thank you for all of your prayers, well wishes and thoughtful cards. The beautiful prayer shawl Pastor Eric delivered to me at the hospital, (in the middle of the tropical storm) was a blessing and a comfort when I needed it most. Thank you.

Shirley Laingen

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Thank you so much for the 8 book bags! We are always needing these for our kids each year. We will make sure that someone will benefit from your kindness and generosity! Love always...

North Springs Elementary

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To all who volunteered and participated in God's work. Our hands. Sunday. It was a very rewarding day honoring our guests – Ridge View JV football team, Hannah House, Angels House, Mr. Albert, our Meals on Wheels client who has a new handicap ramp, and our takeouts to the fire stations, sheriff department, Meals on Wheels clients, and the homeless in Finlay Park – quote an undertaking and God's work through our hands!

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Beloved Church @ Living Springs, Thank you for generously offering your selves, your time and in many cases your possessions (food, books, gifts, smiles, hugs, stories, wisdom, etc.) to me this past year. God has gifted you with a beautiful spirit of joy in His presence. Keep on sharing it. These crosses are a small gift for the Assisting Ministers and Acolytes to wear as they serve. Peace & Joy,

Marty Wagner



Disciple Dot Stories & Spirit Tugs

God's Work. Our Hands. This expression about God using us became so meaningful when the children from the Epworth Center came and taught our adults how to make rainbow loom bracelets. The Living Springs adults were on blankets on the church lawn, playing with the children. What a gift those children were to us...and we hope that we were a gift to them, too! God provided a safe place for dialogue and an opportunity for the kids to be with adults who truly wanted to make a connection with them. It was a beautiful experience.

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The Beer & Hymns celebrations have been wonderful! It's been such a great opportunity to sing praise to God and be in fellowship with other Christians. On one occasion there was a lady there in the parking lot, coming to get her pizza. She heard our singing and came in to find out what was happening. How great that our "joyful noise" was a witness to God's love in our lives!

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One day I went to Lexanne to ask what Bible story she would be sharing with the preschool. She told me that it was the story of Sarah becoming pregnant. I started to cry and both Lexanne and Marty came to be with me. I asked, "Where is my Isaac?" because I had been struggling with wanting another child and not being able to conceive. Lexanne and Marty talked with me and listened, sharing their caring and love at a time that I really needed it. Through them I felt God's love and presence. A month later I was pregnant.

Last fall after Columbia's "great flood" I experienced God at work. The Living Springs Youth, along with some community members who just happened to call the church, were all looking for something to do to help those hurt by the flooding. We took the bus to deliver doughnuts to first-responders and their helpers. While we were out Pastor Eric received a call from Lisa in the Church Office that Colleen Francks had fallen and was at Providence Hospital. We were just a few miles away so we went to visit her in her hospital room. We participated impromptu in prayer, songs and devotions. I could see God at work as all of us -- the church Youth and our community neighbors -- came together to support Colleen.

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A "Disciple Moment" for me happens late on the Christmas Tree Lot at church every year. The youth, youth leaders, congregation, and youth parents, all come together to raise money to support the Living Springs youth programs. When the shipment of trees is delivered no instructions are needed -- everyone pitches in! It is simply people helping people. You can see God at work on the Christmas Tree lot as we all come together as a team to support this ministry.

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Recently I went to a nursing home to visit a 92-year old resident there. When I arrived it was clear that she was pretty agitated. I wasn't sure what to do to calm her down. Two sisters started singing old hymns to her and it worked wonders: she began to calm down. I knew that she was enjoying the singing when she said, "Yes, yes!" God was at work through these sisters: they were not only inspired to sing but led to remember the words of these familiar hymns from long ago. All of us were blessed to see God's work in this everyday place.

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Last year I saw God at work in many ways through the community response to the flood. The Northeast church communities as well as the entire state all became involved to help people in need. God was present not only in these stressful times but also in the time of celebration we then shared at our community Thanksgiving service at Rehoboth Baptist Church. In times of trouble and in times of thanksgiving, God is there with us!

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The Living Springs live nativity program is a highlight of the year for me. We invite church members and the entire community to come at Christmas and share the retelling of the story of Jesus's birth. I heard one visitor say that next year she will bring "all" of her kids so that they will be able to know God's love. I hope that she will -- what better Christmas gift is there!

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God is present in simple acts of caring that can happen at anytime and anywhere. A child at church noticed that a staff member had a "boo-boo" on her hand. He leaned over and kissed her hand and said, "I make you feel better." In everyday places and situations and through the acts of kindnesses others share, God is there for us!

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

God At Work Through Living Springs

Hymn Sing-A-Long w/Preschool @ Carolina Gardens



Lutheran Men's Breakfast



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



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



Angels House Delivery of Quilts & Baskets



Lutheran Men Sunday



GWOH Old Fashioned Community Dinner



TELS
Traveling Evangelists of Living Springs

TELS recently visited the Mann-Simmons House. They also lunch at delicious places!

Faith Alive - 9/25

Pictures of Joseph and his Dreamcoat



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



- † 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.



Youth Faith Milestones

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



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

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

- † **On Sunday, October 16, at 930am**, we will host our Driver's License Milestone class for any youth, who will in the future be receiving their restricted driver's license, and one parent/adult. The class will last 1 hour so we invite you to worship at either worship on this days. We will bless and gift each youth at worship when they notify Lexanne Graves that they have received their restricted driver's license.
- † **On Sunday, October 23, at 930am**, we will host Lord's Prayer Milestone class for 3rd and 4th graders, or any older youth who hasn't taken the class, and one parent/adult. We will bless and honor each child at 1045 worship on October 23 or 815am worship on October 30.
- † **On Sunday, October 30th**, we will bless and gift our Confirmands at our Confirmation Milestone worship service on Reformation Sunday at 1045am.

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

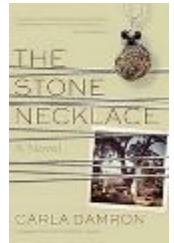
Please contact Karlene Stuart (kstuart@sc.rr.com), Faith Milestones Coordinator, if you would like to sign up to attend these milestones.

Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

Ladies Book Club

Monday, October 3

Carla Damron, author of *The Stone Necklace*, and 2014 SC Social Worker of the Year, will be attending our Mon, Oct 3 book club meeting at 7pm. The meeting will be held at Linda Giertz's home, 45 Loggerhead Dr., ph: 803.834.6587. Copies of the book are available & located in the workroom – please sign out if you borrow one. Contact Karen Kranz



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

TELS (Traveling Evangels of Living Springs)

Friday, October 14

We are going to pick some apples in NC! Friday, Oct. 14 the bus will leave Living Springs at 8:15 am and head up to Henderson NC to Grandad's Apples n' Such – barnyard animals, corn maze, apples, pumpkins, baked goods...well – maybe we won't pick the apples, but I'm sure there will be plenty to buy at their stand. There is a sign-up sheet in the admin building – we plan to be back by 5 pm. Contact [Beverly Hoppert](#)



Beer & Hymns

Monday, October 24

A joyous time was 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, October 24 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.

Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 30

Don't forget to wear Red! On Reformation Sunday at 10:45, we rejoice and offer prayers of blessing for our youth affirming their faith at their Confirmation Milestone. At 9:25, everyone gather in the fellowship hall for special Reformation Celebration Activities before we head to our Faith Alive SS classes.



All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 6

It is our tradition to remember those who have died in the past year in our prayers on All Saints Sunday, November 6. If you would like us to remember a friend or family member, please let Lisa Petty in the office know or fill out a form that will be out soon on the table in the back of the narthex by October 31

Ministry Celebration & Congregation Meeting

Sunday, November 13

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, Nov 13 at 9:15. We elect Council members, Nominating Committee, SC Synod Assembly delegates, and adopt our congregation's 2017 Spending Plan. A quorum is required. Voting members are all confirmed members who have communed and contributed on record in either 2015 or 2016. Pastry Items will be served and we will view the 2016 version of our Living Springs Ministry slideshow.



SIGN UP NOW! Living Springs Living Nativity "Love Is Born"

December 17th AND 18th



Sign up now on the board in the narthex to participate this year. Remember, no speaking is required by the actors! There is a role for everyone: cast members, lights, sound, scenery, props, costumes, music, animal keepers, and refreshments. Rehearsals begin in November after the Sunday 10:45 service. What a special opportunity for you and your family to celebrate the birth of our Lord with the congregation and community! Questions? Contact Dea Jones or [Anita Gabbard](#)





Crafty Ladies

In November, we will be honoring our veterans – if you know of anyone that would like to help make the quilts we present to the female veterans at Angels House, contact beverlyhoppert@gmail.com. We meet on the second and fourth Saturday at 9:30 am. If you can thread a needle, you are eligible to be a quilt maker at Living Springs!

Technology Team

A Technology Task Force has been formed to upgrade the sound and video capabilities at Living Springs, in order to enhance the worship experience for congregation members as well as our many visitors. You may have already noticed the recently upgraded wireless microphones. More changes will be coming in the near future. In order to maximize these upgrades as we move forward, we are creating a Technology Team to monitor and run the Audio/Video systems. If you have any technical experience or would like to learn how to run the technical equipment, please contact Bob Turnmire (bob.turnmire@gmail.com). By forming a technology team, we will be able to spread the responsibilities among the group and each individual may only need to run the equipment once a month. Our goal is to have someone working with the equipment for every worship service in the sanctuary. If you have any questions at all, please contact Bob Turnmire for more information.

Worship Arts Team

Have you noticed the changes in the narthex area? How can we improve to create a more welcoming atmosphere to visitors and members? Do you have a creative artistic spirit tug? **WE WANT YOU** for our Worship Arts Team to enhance our worship experience with art and decorations! If you are interested, please contact George Donovan, LS Worship & Music Director @ george@livingspringscolumbia.org.

Calling All Musicians

I want to meet YOU! Do you play guitar? Drums? Piano? Organ? Flute? Sax? Trumpet? Do you play the SPOONS?! I want to meet you! As we begin a new season of ministry together, I want to include you in our music program. Are you sensing God's call to share your gift in our worship? Let's talk! How can we build up our music program together? Let's dream, jam, and see what could become. See me (George Donovan) before or after worship, email me, (george@livingspringscolumbia.org) or call me at church.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

We are starting off our new year of Faith Formation and we need adults to serve as caring adults for our children age infant to 3 years old on Sundays from 9:30-12:15PM. If you are able to volunteer please contact Lexanne Graves, Dir. Of Faith Formation

Military Questionnaire

We are updating our records. We would like to honor those of our Living Springs family that have or still are serving in our armed forces. We kindly ask that if you have served, please go to the following link and fill in our questionnaire. You may also call the office with your info if you prefer. We thank you for your service!

<https://goo.gl/forms/deuPJgoDkK2Hmtp1>



Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs

Tuesday Devotion Lunch @ Living Springs

Tuesday, October 4

Lunch is offered on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 11:45, with devotions by Pastor Eric. Everyone is welcome! Meal is served by Laura & Mark Cunningham, our LS Food Resource persons. To reserve a spot for you and your friends, sign up in the admin building or contact the office before 11am on the Monday before. Donation \$6.



Tuesday Night Devotion Dinner

Tuesday, November 17

On 3rd Tuesdays, LS Food Ministry offers dinner at 6:15, with devotions by Pastor. Meal is served by Laura & Mark Cunningham, our LS Food Resource persons Cost \$9 – signup sheet will be the admin bldg or contact the office before 11 am on the Monday prior.



Backpack Food Ministry

Thursdays

Join us on Thursday between 4:30 and 5 pm to pack 50 bags of food items for children who need food on the weekend. The Jr. Youth will be packing on Sun. October 9 so we will be taking Thurs., October 15 off. Contact kbkranz@gmail.com for information.



Hannah House Food Ministry

Thursday, October 20



Who wants to say the blessing? A little girl shouts "I will, I will" and proceeds to sing the blessing she was taught. How rewarding it is to hear the innocent eagerness of a child thanking the Lord! We serve a meal on the third Thursday (October 20 this month), leaving Living Springs at 5:15. Laura & Mark make the entrée and we supply the side dishes, dessert and drinks. There is a sign-up sheet in the admin building if you would like to donate an item or join us. Contact Karen @ kbkranz@gmail.com for information.


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Thursday, November 17

Make a joyful noise!! 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: Thursday, November 17 – start @ 10 am. Wildewood Downs Retirement, [731 Polo Rd, Columbia, SC 29223](http://731PoloRd,Columbia,SC29223) Ph:(888) 509-7094. Meet at the church @ 9:30 if you would like to carpool.



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](mailto:karen.kranz@gmail.com) 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!



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 has 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.

Men's Ministries

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, October 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, October 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](mailto:Bob.Turnmire@gmail.com) at 803-513-7533.

Additional Opportunities

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.

Unity Through Reconciliation - Youth Theater Project

October 8

The REMIX Youth Reconciliation Ministry invites you to join other youth and adults from around the Midlands to participate in a theater project exploring themes of Christian unity and racial reconciliation. The program will begin with a workshop on Sat. Oct. 8th at St. Andrews Lutheran Church and will continue with ongoing rehearsals to prepare a One Act Play for the community. Participants will present the play at various host churches around the area and then facilitate conversation with the audience after each performance. Everyone interested in creating or acting in the One Act Play should plan to attend the Open Workshop on Oct. 8th. Contact Pr. Ginger Litman-Koon at gin-ger.litmankoon@gmail.com

THRIVENT MEMBERS

Think about an unmet need in your community (handicap ramp for Mr. Albert) and how you could help. Apply to lead your volunteer team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event that can be completed within 90 days. Benefit members are allowed two Action Team projects per year – that is \$250 toward an event that is close to your heart (Live Nativity, Trunk or Treat, domestic violence, trafficking, quilting, backpacking, Hannah House meal, JV football devotion meal)! Your Thrivent advocates are: Karen Kranz, Gwen Furcron, Jan Schmidt, Ruth & Charles Pollard.



Gold Card privileges for senior citizens

Senior citizens in Richland Two are really going places. They're enjoying free athletic events, shows and more by using their Richland Two Gold Card! Effective immediately, Gold Cards will be issued everyday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the District Office at R2i2, located at 763 Fashion Drive, Columbia, 29229.

Gold Cards are offered to anyone 60 years or older living in the district and to all Richland Two retirees. Proof of residence will be requested. Those interested in obtaining a card can come in to register. The cards have no expiration date, so current card holders do not have to renew their cards.

Gold cardholders enjoy:

- A discount on adult education courses;
- Free admission to concerts, plays and other events sponsored by Richland Two schools;
- Free admission to all regular season athletic events (playoff games and tournaments are not included);
- Lunch in any school cafeteria, any day, for the regular adult price of \$3.45.

"Don't Forget To Laugh" to be held on October 13, 2016

You're invited to join us Thursday, October 13th for "Laugh, Learn & Lunch" - a day of learning, fellowship, and fun at Camp Kinard. The theme for the day will be "Don't Forget to Laugh" and features Rev. David Coffman leading Bible study and guest speaking on understanding dementia. In addition to serving on the SCLRC Board of Trustees, Rev. Coffman currently works as Director of Operations of the Midlands with Agape Hospice. He has worked with Agape Hospice since 2013 as Volunteer Coordinator/Bereavement Coordinator in the Aiken area and later joined the Columbia office to serve as Chaplain, Lead Volunteer and Bereavement Coordinator. Rev. Coffman was ordained in 2001 after attending Newberry College and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. His



passion is caring for people in life's transitions and educating groups and individuals about the growing epidemic of dementia. or more information about this event, please contact our main office at [\(803\) 532-3183](tel:8035323183). Space is limited so register early. We look forward to seeing you here!

Preschool & Afterschool Care News

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Greetings to all as we head into fall. We are so happy to share with you that we are blessed to have had a wonderful beginning to our school year thus far. Children are singing, playing, learning and experiencing new adventures along the way!

We are pleased to have started our **Music Ministry** with Mr. George. The children had the opportunity to go on a Hymn-a-long to Carolina Gardens at Kathwood. The children are excited to enjoy **Bible Time** with Pastor Eric and **Chapel** with Ms. Lexanne and we welcome back our Wednesday morning **Story Teller** Ms. Adele.

We have two wonderful ministry events coming up in October, we hope you will join us!

We will celebrate Preschool Sunday, on **October 2nd**. Our families will have the opportunity to Feed their Soul and learn about Faith 5 as well as having the opportunity to Feed their Body by hearing ideas about how to pack their child a Healthy Lunch during our Feed your Soul Feed Your Body sessions.

The children will be singing a few songs during the service followed by a reception on the Portico. We look forward to seeing you there.

We also look forward to seeing you at our Annual Trunk-or-Treat **Oct 27th 6:15-7:30 pm**. The LMMM Group will making Chili!

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry.

BLESSINGS,

TAMMY AND THE PRESCHOOL STAFF



From Lexanne, Director of Faith Formation:

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

- N.A.E.Y.C. Accredited Program <https://www.naeyc.org/accreditation>.
- 8 age appropriate, hands-on classroom environments for children ages 6 weeks to 5th grade
- We serve 102 children and families in our community, giving love, nourishment and compassion to God's children, year round.
- 25 talented, trained, dedicated teachers and staff
- Open Monday through Friday from 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

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

From the Director of Faith Formation

Deacon Lexanne K. Graves

Lexanne@livingspringscolumbia.org

FAITH5 SHARING ON THE 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FOR ALL AGES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL ON OCTOBER 2!

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



Think about the last time you had a large family gathering. Maybe it was for Thanksgiving. Maybe it was Christmas, or a family reunion, or a birthday party. Can you think about what it's like to get everyone together?

Family events are often exciting. There's a sense of belonging. Often there's hugging, and laughter, and a time to share stories. Sometimes there's sorrow and tears. We take time to talk to people of different ages. We give children special things to do to help get ready—whether that's helping to set the table, or creating place cards for everyone. We often fall back on tradition—using grandma's china plates, saying a traditional prayer, or playing that same card game we play every time we get together.

Family events are also messy. It's loud. It's sometimes a little chaotic. Not every child (or adult for that matter) cooperates with the plan. Someone is late. Someone is in a bad mood. Perhaps it's clear that someone needs a nap. In the midst of our celebrations, our dysfunction as human beings often comes to the surface the most when we're with our families—because we know, no matter how chaotic life is, family is where we have a place to belong. No matter our age, or shortcomings, our personal issues, family is a place where we experience love.

Now think about worship. Consider: when we worship, we are celebrating a family meal at God's table.

When we come together as a church family, we will often find many of the same things that we do when our families celebrate. There's some basis in tradition. There's usually some chaos. We have those who are excited, those who are happy, those who are cranky, and even those who could clearly use a nap. **But it's a place where we all belong.** No matter our dysfunction, we look for ways to work together and be God's family when we are gathered.

That's what cross+generational ministry is all about, which is our goal on the 1st Sundays of every month. All members of God's family coming together. The next time you're at church, approach it like a family meal. Who will you make sure they feel welcome? How will you show love to another member of our church family?



WHAT IS THE GOSPEL TEXT ON REFORMATION ALL ABOUT ANYWAY??!!

John 8:31-36:

31 Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33 They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free?" 34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. 36 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

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By Dr. David Lose, theologian and President of Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia



“This text..... it’s about freedom.

Jesus says that we are no longer second-class citizens in the Kingdom of God. Which was a crazy thing to say in the first century, because there were totally second-class citizens everywhere. Except they weren’t called citizens at all, but slaves. Jesus knows this. He’s knows people are going to have a hard time believing that someone can move you from being a slave to being free. That can only be done by the king or the heir of the king. And that’s what Jesus does because that’s who Jesus is. He is the heir, the one who can pronounce freedom. The one who can invite people to leave their chains behind and claim the abundant life and freedom God offers. That is the truth that makes you free: that God has *already* made you free and called you a beloved child.

It’s about freedom.

The whole Reformation--From Paul’s declaration that we have all been justified by grace to Luther’s hammering his theses against the Wittenburg Church door to remind us that grace reigns supreme, the whole Reformation-thing was intended to tell us that, in the end, we don’t need to do anything, earn anything, say anything, accomplish anything, or buy anything to earn God’s love. That we already have it, and that most of the Church’s problems – and, indeed, the world’s problems – start when we forget we already have love and worth and dignity as a gift from God and try to earn it or take it from someone else.

It’s about freedom.

The Gospel. Yeah, the good news of what God has done in Christ for us and all the world. It’s about freedom, too. From time to time, we might wonder what the biblical readings have to do with our lives today, and we might wonder if the words and deeds of the Reformers 500 years ago matter, but it’s finally all about freedom. We are not trapped. No matter what we may have done, no matter what may have been done to us. None of these things define us. We are free and the future is open.

Look, I know that can be really, really hard to believe. Some of what’s happened to us seems so huge, so important, so all-encompassing, but it’s not. Not to say that these things don’t matter. They do. Illness, disappointment, hurt, whatever. They matter and they may, in fact, be *descriptively* true of us. But they do not *define* us. Nothing we have done or has been done to us captures who we are completely. Only one thing can do that: God, the creator and sustainer of all. And God has chosen to call us beloved children, holy and precious in God’s sight. That’s what defines us.

And so we are free. Free to risk and serve and help and care and try and struggle and laugh and all the rest. We are free, that is, to love, just as God loves us.

It’s about freedom.

It’s what our whole ministry in the Kingdom of God is about – **freedom**. So hear this: You are FREE.....free from your past, free from regret, free from fear, free from self-limitation, free from old hurts and mistakes. You are free. You. Are. Free. I know it’s hard to believe. It takes a while to get used to this truth. It takes some practice. Tell yourself you are free, and then come and worship to hear this same good news week after week, because the world will often try to convince us otherwise and so the freedom that sets you free, well, it takes a little while to sink in.

You are free, free to be what God has called all of us to be.”



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



Further information on which business industries might be involved in human trafficking: <https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/what-human-trafficking/human-trafficking/traffickers>

FAITH 5

-  Sharing highs and lows across tables. Across beds. Across towns and time zones. Into nursing homes and dorm rooms and desert tents via skype or Facetime or cell phones.
-  Every elder. Every child. Every young adult. Every teen. Every family. Every household gathering together most every night for a few minutes of intentional Cross+Generational faith encounters.
-  Committing. Convening. Conversing. Reading the Bible together. Asking "what does this mean... for me? For us? For our world?" Talking about how it applies to their highs and lows.
-  Praying for one another's highs and lows. Praying for people in your school, neighborhood, workplace, sanctuary.
-  Blessing one another before turning out the lights on the day.

Together.





Every night in every home



highs and lows



a Bible verse or story



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



for one another's
highs and lows



one another

OCTOBER

Grateful ^{to be} Faithful
A FAITH5 Devotion Guide

- 1 Mark 4:30
- 2 **Mark 4:31-32**
- 3 John 15:8
- 4 John 15:9
- 5 John 15:10
- 6 John 15:11
- 7 John 15:12
- 8 John 15:13
- 9 **John 15:14**
- 10 John 15:15
- 11 John 15:16
- 12 Matthew 13:24-25
- 13 Matthew 13:26-27
- 14 Matthew 13:28-29
- 15 Matthew 13:30

- 16 **Luke 12:16-17**
- 17 Luke 12:18-19
- 18 Luke 12:20-21
- 19 I Corinthians 3:7
- 20 I Corinthians 3:8-9
- 21 Ephesians 4:15
- 22 Ephesians 4:16
- 23 **2 Thessalonians 1:3**
- 24 John 15:1
- 25 John 15:2
- 26 John 15:3
- 27 John 15:4
- 28 John 14:5
- 29 John 4:10
- 30 **John 4:11**



This year our Faith Formation Focus is on **G.I.F.T.** or **G**rowing **I**n **F**aith **T**ogether!

One very easy way to **G.I.F.T.** is through the use of FAITH5. It is a great way to bring God and Jesus into your every day conversations with your family, friends, and loved ones far away. This can be done face to face, over the phone or on Skype/Facetime! Bringing God into our daily lives helps us to remember our baptismal promises that no matter what God is there for and with us. This is a

message that we don't hear in our society today. Wouldn't you want your loved ones to know this Good News??!!

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.

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!"

"...because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing."
2 Thessalonians 1:3b

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

October 1
October 3

♥ Jess & Karen Bazemore
Wesley Graves
Bryson Lay

October 5
October 6
October 7

♥ Ed & Kathy Brennan
Vickie Crapps
Darrell Compas
Lee Collins
Lydia Prizer

October 8
October 9
October 10

♥ Jim & Peg Zieche
Amber Fletcher
Eddie Newton
Catherine Ruff

October 11
October 12
October 13

♥ Kris & Rebecca Cox
♥ Mike & Sarah Schultz
Chuck Kowalski

October 16
October 17
October 19
October 20

♥ Rocky & Jan Berger
Anna Bailey
Eric Johansson
Melissa Christy
Andrew Bottar
Aaron Smith
Jason Crapps
Ryan Fulkerson
Anna Leigh Graves
Bunie Talbert
Rachel Wyka

October 21

Jerry Appleton

October 22

Baylee Owens

October 23

Rachel Sorial

October 24

♥ Paul & Sharon Evans

October 25

Dea Jones
Reagan Hensley

October 26

Beau Owens
Kevin Shaver
Rachel Tustin
Thomas Bailey
Christie Fulkerson
Candice Johnson

October 27

Laura Stuart

October 28

Paul Evans

Kelsi Cox

Gray Harmon

October 30

♥ Jack & Ashley Fakoury

October 31

♥ Peter & Sally Moore
Jason Villaflor



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!



October 1

Jerry Appleton
Preston Franks
Coleman Fulkerson
Aiden Villaflor

October 2
October 6
October 13
October 14

Ashley Ramsey
Olivia Hinchee
Abbie Zvejnieks
Pr. Eric Fink
Delaynee Harmon
Abigale Harmon

October 15

Mike Schultz

October 20

Nowell Ramsey

October 22

Andrew Barrier

October 24

Matthew Landers

October 28

Chase Moody

Jan Schmidt

October 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
2 930A Hearts & Treasures 10A PSC/ASC "Food For the Body" 1045A Sunday Worship/PSC Celebration 1215P PS Reception 4P Animal Blessing	3 815A Zumba 1030A Meals on Wheels 430A Worship Task Force 6P Worship & Music Team 7P Ladies Book Club	4 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 1145A Devotional Lunch 4P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	5 815A Zumba 930 PS Chapel 6P Disciples of Harmony 7P Choirs 7P Sr. Youth	6 630A Men's Bible Study 830A Good News Walkers 930A PS Music Time 3P Football Food Ministry 4P ASC Music Time 5P Backpacks	7 815A Zumba	1 9A Mayors Walk Against Domestic Violence 9A WELCA Midlands Conf. @ Good Shepherd 930A Crafty Ladies 11A Unity Through Reconciliation Workshop
9 9:30A Hearts & Treasures 1215P Confirmation 1215P Jr. Youth 3P Kranz/Furcron Cottage 5P Murray Cottage 530P Confirmand Supper	10 815A Zumba 10A Staff Meeting 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care	11 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 1215P PS Prayer Lunch 4P ASC Bible Time 6P Facilities 6P Finance 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	12 930 PS Chapel 6P Disciples of Harmony 615P Safety Task Force 7P Choirs 7P Sr. Youth	13 830A Good News Walkers 930A PS Music Time 3P Football Food Ministry 4P ASC Music Time 615P Preschool Board 7P Lifelong Discipleship Team	14 815A TELS - Apple Trip	15 <div>Living Springs Camping Weekend 10/14-16 Poinsett State Park</div>
16 930A Hearts & Treasures 930A Drivers License Faith Milestone Class 1230P Buchanan Cottage 6P Turnmire/Berger Cottage	17 815A Zumba 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Executive Team	18 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 615P Devotional Supper 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	19 815A Zumba 930 PS Chapel 6P Disciples of Harmony 7P Choirs 7P Sr. Youth	20 630A Men's Bible Study 830A Good News Walkers 930A PS Music Time 3P Football Food Ministry 4P ASC Music Time 5P Backpacks 515P Hannah House Meal 7P Council	21 1P Martin Luther: A World Turning Upside Down @ LTSS	22 930A Crafty Ladies
23 930A Hearts & Treasures 930A Lord's Prayer Faith Milestone Class 1215P Confirmation 145P Confirmation Parents 3P Davidson/Smith Cottage 330P Graves Cottage	24 815A Zumba 10A Staff Meeting 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Beer & Hymns	25 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 345P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	26 930 PS Chapel 6P Disciples of Harmony 7P Choirs 7P Sr. Youth 7P Hope Mission Visionaries	27 830A Good News Walkers 930A PS Music Time 3P Football Food Ministry 4P ASC Music Time 5P Backpacks 615P Trunk or Treat 8P ELCA Webcast	28	29 8A Men's Breakfast
30 Reformation/Confirmation Sunday 930A Reformation Celebration 130P Reformation Play @ St. Andrews 3P Bloss/Stuart Cottage	31 815A Zumba 1030A Meals on Wheels					

Worship Assistant Schedule – October 2016

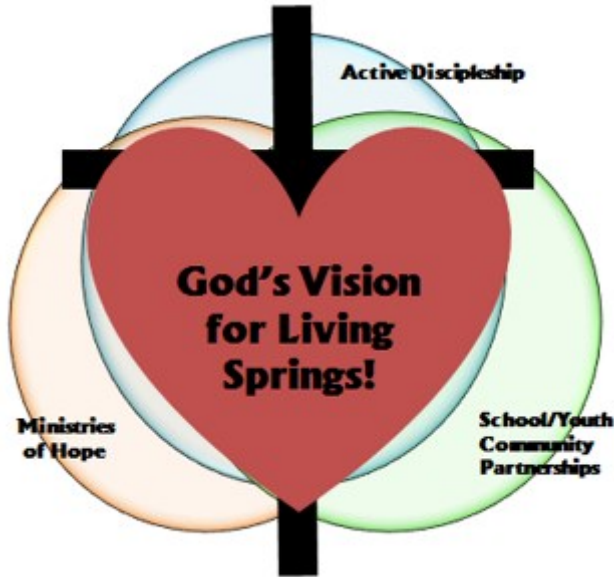
	Assisting Minister	Lector	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torchbearers	Counters	Children's Sermon	Council Person
10/2	Saundra Dixon	Ken Flynn	Bill Franck Ramsey	Sue Loveless Mike Loveless	Sadonia Grimmer	Caroline Moore	Jim Zieche			Lexanne & George	Scott Graves
10/2	Steve Padgett	Anna Leigh Graves	Leslie Bloss Brantley Smith	Laura Stuart Karlene Stuart Steve Bloss	Cathy Lowman	Austin Padgett	Jeff Day	Brenda Grohman Jeanette Bloss	Scott Graves LC Marshall Hurlbert Steve Padgett	Lexanne & George	Gail Buchanan
10/9	Saundra Dixon	Midge Gunvalson	Herb Brantley Helen Doeringhaus	Kathy McDonald Jeff Lummel	Nancy Franck	Ben Arnold	Jan Schmidt			Bob Gill	Bill Franck
10/9	Mike Davidson	Sarah Schultz	Kathryn Padgett Gail Buchanan	Jan Berger Adam Woodruff Bob Turnmire Wendy McKenzie	Tiffany Ginn	Preston Ginn	Rocky Berger	Laura Stuart Sara Levitt	Alison Levitt LC Karlene Stuart Sarah Schultz	Bob Gill	Leslie Bloss
10/16	Lexanne Graves	Beverly Hoppert	Ashley Ramsey Nowell Ramsey	Sue Loveless Mike Loveless	Gwen Furcron	Michael Landers	Karen Kranz			Lexanne Graves	Gwen Furcron
10/16	Jeff Day	Adele Lindberg	Cindy Day Pat Bartucca	Steve Padgett Austin Padgett Lauren Bloss Jeanette Bloss	Alice Renaud	Walker Flores	Leslie Bloss	Ginny Devereaux Karlene Stuart	Gwen Furcron LC Steve Bloss Karen Kranz	Lexanne Graves	Aaron Smith
10/23	Saundra Dixon	Bob Gill	Sally Moore Scott Graves	John Imbert Sadonia Grimmer	Judy Lawrence	Wesley Graves	Jim Zieche			Dea Jones	Beverly Hoppert
10/23	Alison Levitt	Bob Gabbard	Laura Turnmire Bob Turnmire	Rocky Berger Karlene Stuart Laura Stuart Hany Sorial	Katie Prizer	Matthew Landers	Steve Bloss	Brantley Smith Trish Davidson	Leslie Bloss LC Laura Turnmire Jan Berger	Dea Jones	Alison Levitt
10/30	8:15 Jan Berger	Wayne Kannaday	Tina Molineu Don Molineu	Marj Appleton Jerry Appleton	Kathy McDonald	Anna Leigh Graves	Jan Schmidt			Pastor Eric	Rocky Berger
10/30	10:45 Jan Berger	Lori Masad	Ed Brennan Trish Davidson	Randy Masad Wendy McKenzie Cindy Day Jeff Day	Linda Hayes	Collin Flores	Mike Davidson	Gail Buchanan Bob Turnmire	Rocky Berger LC Mike Davidson Brantley Smith	Pastor Eric	Ed Brennan
10/2				Laura Turnmire			Judy Lawrence			October Cindy Day & Jan Berger	
10/9				Charles Tracy							
10/16				Herb Brantley				Ashley Ramsey			
10/23				Karlene Stuart				Sally Moore			
10/30			Jan Berger	Kathy McDonald							

SIGN UP FOR 4th Quarter – WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

The online signup for October through December is now ready. Whatever slots are open by October 20th will need to be manually filled in for the month of November. Go to: signuugenius.com/go/10c0e4baea92fa0f85-20163 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... 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



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Tammy Mancuso- Preschool/ASC Director

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Laura Cunningham - Food Resource Person

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Adam Carnell & Marty Wagner - Youth Associates

Laura Turnmire – Director of Handbell Choir

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