

Living Springs Lutheran Church

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

April 2018



Easter Sunday, Only The Beginning! - This Month from Pastor Eric



So it's now the first week of April. Easter has come and gone, right? Perhaps that's what the disciples were thinking as well, after that initial Easter Sunday morning. The tomb was empty, the grave-clothes were neatly folded, and Mary said she had seen the Lord. It was an astounding morning, alright, but the full miracle was that the journey with the Resurrected Jesus was only just beginning.

The Resurrected Jesus would appear to his followers walking on the Emmaus road that afternoon; he would show up in their locked room that evening and return again the following week; he would go ahead to meet them in Galilee (as the messenger at the tomb had said); he would help them with their fishing expedition and cook them breakfast on the beach; he would take them to an amazing mountaintop experience; and just as promised, he would send them the Holy Spirit! Yes, Easter Sunday morning was only the beginning.

Here at Living Springs (as with congregations across the world), Easter Sunday morning was a time filled with much excitement and joyful worship. At our Son-rise service, we focused on Jesus coming to meet us with hope and new life, amidst all the tears of our lives and the world. At our later services, we considered the amazing "bracket" Jesus had to face for all humanity – and how he shocked the powers by emerging from the tomb as the champion of God's love for the world! We thought about the victory and true power of Jesus for our own life-brackets. We marveled how we are called to be more than fans or followers - for by God's grace, we are made *teammates of Jesus on his championship team* (we even took home a "piece of the net" as a reminder of that Good News).

But just as with the original Easter Sunday, our Easter Sunday of 2018 is only the beginning of what God is doing among us in the weeks ahead - because during April, we have some truly amazing life and faith opportunities. The Kilbourne family has had a truly heart-touching experience of how God worked through the people of LS to begin their healing process from the tragic death of their son and brother, Brandon, last fall. With the **Vision of Giving ministry** begun in Brandon's memory, they are on a summer-long trek to visit 100 congregations across the nation and share their story of hope with other families who are going through difficult times (see VisionOfGiving.org). The journey begins here at LS on April 15 with a supper of sending & blessing, co-sponsored by our Men, Women, Youth and other groups. You don't want to miss this powerful story – please invite your neighbors to come share in this experience of hope (especially any parents or families going through their own difficult times of loss or crisis).

Following Easter, the Resurrected Lord empowered his disciples to be part of his Kingdom Team that would go on to fulfill the Lord's vision to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God." On Monday, April 23, we will join with some 1500 brothers and sisters in Christ from across the Midlands for the first incredible **Nehemiah Action Assembly** - to show support for specific, well-researched proposals that can begin to make a transformative difference in 2 community areas identified by God's people at our fall House Gatherings: mental health and education. The inspiration for this type of gathering can be found in Nehemiah 5. Our goal is to have as many present for this one annual night of "doing justice" as we have present at our 52 weekly times of "walking humbly with God" in faithful worship (for LS, approx. 150 people). Most of you have read the recent bulletin insert with the story by our own Adam Woodruff and his positive experience with the Justice ministry. I encourage us all to mark our calendars for the Nehemiah Assembly on April 23 (buses and carpools will begin leaving LS at 5:30 that Monday evening). If you can attend (or have neighbors/friends who would like to go), contact any of our LS Justice Ministry Team Leaders or Network Members (see the poster in the narthex).

Also, in April, the Lifelong Discipleship Team is kicking off our next LS Faith Milestone Series, to be held on 4 Wednesdays at 6:19 (see Hebrews 6:19). Timely for the Easter season, this "**Resurrection & Life**" Milestone will explore Biblical passages about the Resurrection, plus focus on the passage through death to new life, including how we can walk through this journey with loved ones and how we plan for this journey ourselves by offering a witness for others through our funeral worship service and legacy decisions.

This month, our **annual Mission Fund Golf Tournament** will again offer a source of hope for another Lutheran mission congregation (remembering how LS and our own Mission Developer, Rev. Ed Long, was once supported 30 years

SUNDAY, APRIL 15 – 5 PM
Vision of Giving
Living Springs Kilbourne Supper
+++
SUNDAY, APRIL 22 – 5:30 PM
LS Praise in the Park
Lake Carolina Town Center
+++
MONDAY, APRIL 23 – 7 PM
MORE Justice Ministry
Nehemiah Assembly (LS 150!)
+++
SATURDAY, APRIL 28 – 2 PM
Shannon Long Mission Fund
Living Springs Golf Tournament

APRIL 8 – Bell Concert
APRIL 14 – Operation Inasmuch
APRIL 21 – Homeless House Trip
APRIL 26 – Veterans Ministry
APRIL 28 – Sparkleberry Fair
APRIL 29 – Journey Performing Arts

WEDNESDAYS
APRIL 18, 25; MAY 2, 9
6:19 Resurrection & Life
Faith Milestone Series
+++
SUNDAY, APRIL 8 – 9:30
Cong. Road Info Session
+++
SUNDAY, APRIL 15 – 9:30
Next Membership Session

Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly with God - Grow in Faith Together!

Active Discipleship + Ministries of Hope + Community Youth/School Partnerships

2018 Focus Area A: Immerse Our Lives, Ministry, and Community in Deeper, Discerning Prayer.

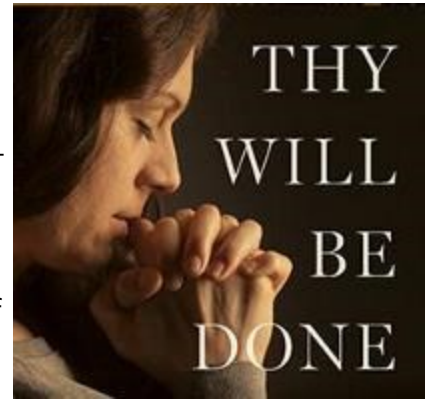
2018 Focus Area B: Increase Opportunities for Relational Listening, Life-God Stories, Community Interaction.

ago by a congregation in Iowa). At the tournament, we will welcome and celebrate folks from our current partner, Christ Mission. If you can't play that day, see any of our Lutheran Men about possibly sponsoring a hole (or getting your employer or other community business to be a sponsor).

On April 22, LS Worship Outreach Task Force is sponsoring our first LS **"Praise in the Park"** at Lake Carolina. Be sure to spread the word and invite your neighbors! There is also the special Bell Concert (April 8) and the inaugural Journey Performing Arts Worship Experience (April 29), both to be hosted here at Living Springs on Sunday afternoons. And don't forget Operation Inasmuch, Veterans Ministry night, Sparkleberry Fair, and the incredible opportunity to travel with our Jr. Youth to visit the Easley location where they (and you, through our \$6000 bucket offering) helped build a "little house" for a transitional homeless person.

I give thanks to God for all who gave such a powerful witness in your offering of time, energy, devotion, Bible Study, and special worship in the Lenten weeks leading up to Easter Sunday. The 40x40 Drive for SisterCare and Backpack Ministry was wonderful, as well as our annual Easter Basket donations for God's Storehouse children – and the Fish Fry series was another tremendous success for our Lutheran Campus Ministry partnership. For that entire journey, we committed ourselves to a time of deeper prayer, focusing upon Jesus' own model of prayer, "Heavenly Father, Thy Will be Done!" Just as God's will came to fruition among the followers of Jesus in the weeks following that first Easter Sunday, so I pray too that God's will may come to fruition among us in these amazing weeks following Easter 2018 ...and that the joy of Easter may continue to resound in your hearts every day!

With thanksgiving to be your fellow teammate on Christ's Kingdom team, *Pastor Eric*



God's Corner



Friends at Living Springs, Thank you so much for your amazingly generous donation. Your generosity will allow us to serve more people who are experiencing homelessness. We cannot wait to show you the tiny house that you paid to finish. You all are such a blessing and we are grateful.

Love, Chris Wilson

Executive Director, [The Dream Center](#)

Thanks for the prayers, cards, visits, and meals as I recover from back surgery. Bob and I feel blessed to have the outpouring of love and support from the Living Springs church family

Nita & Bob

April 2018 Volume 32 Issue 4

This newsletter is interactive. Click any of the page links below in the Table of Contents to be taken to that page!














Message from Pr. Eric	Page 2	Sr. Youth & Young Adults	Page 14
God's Corner	Page 3	God At Work	Page 14
Council Clips	Page 4	Worship & Music Ministry	Page 15
Children & Young Families	Page 5	Journey Performing Arts Ministry	Page 15
Fellowship & Mutual Care	Page 9	Women's/Men's Ministries	Page 16
TELS	Page 9	Upcoming at LS	Page 17
Hope Ministry	Page 10	Ongoing Ministries	Page 18
Justice Ministry	Page 11	Opportunities Outside LS	Page 20
Lifelong Discipleship	Page 12	April Calendar	Page 21
GIFT Opportunities/Faith Milestones	Page 12	April Worship Assistants	Page 22
Preschool News	Page 13	April Birthdays/Anniversaries	Page 23

Council Clips

COUNCIL CLIPS – Staff & Ministry Reports March 15, 2018 Meeting









Continued discussion of 2018 Council book reading, "Stranger God: Meeting Jesus in Disguises" by Richard Beck and Story Sharing: Mike Davidson and Mike Grimmer

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

-  Facilities: The team is waiting for one more bid for security systems. Fellowship hall has been repainted and HVAC unit #7 (Fellowship Hall & Music Rooms) has been repaired.
-  Good News Team: 5:17 email prayer continues through Lent. Easter Invitation Post-cards have been ordered and will be distributed by Good News Walkers. Rush Hour ministry will distribute packages to drivers on Hardscrabble Rd on March 27th. Operation in As Much will be on April 14th & 15th. Flyers and Materials are being prepared for Sparkleberry Fair on 4/28.
-  Fellowship & Mutual Care Team: The next Beer & Hymns will be on 4/16. Spring Exam boxes will be distributed to College Students on Easter Sunday. The annual LeGrand/Lowman scholarship dinner and Auction will be held on 5/5 – Kentucky Derby theme. The next senior/ Empty Nester lunch will be held on May 20th.
-  Lifelong Discipleship: An adult mission experience is being explored for a natural disaster area in the United States. A New Life/ Resurrection Milestone starts April 15th. "Offering Moments" for us to give thanks will begin after Lent.
-  Ministries of Hope: Backpack packing will be held on Wednesdays at 5pm during Lenten focus – 40 X 40 will be donations of milk, fruit and cereal items for backpack project and items for Sistercare. Lenten Fish Fry will begin on 2/16 and run through 3/23. Easter Baskets will be collected for God's Storehouse. The VA ministry will continue 3/22 and quarters are being collected for this event.
-  M.O.R.E. Justice: Network members will meet on 3/19. Nehemiah Gathering will be held on April 23rd at Brookland Baptist.
-  LMM: The next breakfast meeting will be on 3/31 at Living Springs Lizards Thicket. Living Springs men were awarded an Outstanding Unit award at the Annual SCLMM Convention. Easter breakfast will be held on 4/1 at 930am. The annual golf tournament will be held on 4/28 at Northwoods Golf Course to benefit the Shannon Long Mission fund. On 5/7 LSLMM will host Midlands Conference.
-  WELCA, LMM and Youth will be assisting with the Kilbourne Sending supper to be held on April 15th.
-  Women's Group: Women's Sunday will be held on May 6th. Volunteers working at God's Storehouse on the April 9th.
-  Preschool: Assisted with Rush Hour Ministry. Hymn Along will be held 3/22. Bus #1 was renamed "Herb". Todd Gunvalson, Ed Wicker and Laura Cole have been appointed to the road widening committee.
-  Worship & Music: Prayer Station continued during Lent. Praise in the Park to be held 4/22 @ 5pm. Next Hymn a long will be 3/22. Journey performing Arts Worship will be held on April 29th. Southern Bronze hand bell concert will be held 4/8 at 4pm.
-  Narcotics Anonymous will begin meeting at Living Spring.
-  A challenge was made for ministry groups to meet outside of 4224 Hardscrabble Rd at least once a quarter.



From Pastor Eric: Jesus' Journey to the cross brings us total awe over God's total and complete love for each of us.

-  Kneeling in silent prayer, lighting symbolic prayer candles, and bringing forward petitions of prayers
-  Worshippers having their hearts moved at dramatic reflections from Biblical characters ... Moses, David, Mary, and Saul.
-  Call for backpack items and paper products that give witness that Lent is not so much "giving up" something, but about "giving" gifts of love to share the blessings of God to those in need
-  Sharing a ministry of hope with college aged students on our local campuses through our Lutheran Campus Ministry partnership supported by Lenten Fish Fry.
-  Sharing daily devotions with co-workers, passing along daily 5:17 prayer e-alerts.
-  Children, infants and parents growing together in the journey of worship through the GIFT Zone experience.
-  Partners in faith through Christ Mission an Journey Performing Arts Ministry, expressing their overwhelming thank to have a church like Living Springs, willing to open our arms and hearts to grow a partnership which will touch so many more lives with the love of the cross and power of God's kingdom
-  And so much more in the work God does through each of us in our daily lives.



CHILDREN AND YOUNG FAMILIES MINISTRY
 From the Minister of Faith and Life: Children and Families
 Deacon Lexanne Graves
Lexanne@LivingSpringsColumbia.org

do justice
 love kindness
 and walk humbly
 with your
 God
 Mark 9:1

G.I.F.T. ZONE

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP



Children are learning the Lord's Prayer with this magnetic educational tray.



Children packing backpack food for 50 Richland District 2 children who are hungry on the weekends, and then enjoying friendly Bowling Competition!



Children expressing their prayers for others at our Prayer Tower!



Faith Formation/Sunday School



Studying LYDIA!



Studying Saul transforming into Paul on the road to Damascus!



Our Confirmation Students & Future Church Leaders!



CHAPEL

Megan and Chelsea, preschool teachers, take time to BLESS each child at the baptismal font at the end of chapel. They do this every time. (Be still my heart!). They call each child by name and say "God blesses you"!! They will never forget this. These children are indeed blessed!!





THE OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE is in Easley, SC and is a part of The Dream Center Organization. In 2011, Jim and Chris Wilson found themselves in a place where many Christians end up. They had spent many years filling a church pew and serving only inside the walls of their church. Through studying scripture they realized that God was calling them outside the walls. Read the rest of the story <http://dreamcenterpc.org/our-story/>



WE BUILT A HOUSE FOR A HOMELESS PERSON!
 The congregation is welcome to join the Junior Youth Group on a field trip to Opportunity Village on Saturday, April 21 from 930am-230pm. We will meet the resident, bless the house, & present a Quilt and a Pew Bear! Come join us! See Lexanne with questions!



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES:

Sunday, April 8 at 930am--FAITH5 Jeopardy

Saturday, April 14--Operation Inasmuch at 9am (more details to come, but there will be opportunities to serve in love to those in our community).

Saturday, April 21 from 930am-230pm--We are taking our field trip to **Opportunity Village in Easley SC** to see the Tiny House that our \$6,000 helped to complete the building of a house for a homeless person!!! We will meet the resident and bless the house; present them with a quilt and a pew pear. This will be a very meaningful trip for all. Parents, friends, church members will all be invited to join us! More details to come, but please put this on your calendar! (This event will replace our originally scheduled event on April 22; please remove that date from your calendar!)

May Event--Parents, I will need your help on this one. We had originally scheduled May 20 for an end of the year event, but some have said this date won't work. Please advise what dates are better so that I can plan something. Thanks in advance!

SPARK VBS CAMP, Sunday-Wednesday, June 10-13--WET-n-WILD! Sign up will be available soon for our annual Spark Camp! Please place these dates on your calendar!

FIREFLIES Baseball Game, Friday, July 20! Come join our LS family for one of the greatest pastimes ever!

Children & Young Families

There are many ministries here at Living Springs where children and young families are involved.

We partner with children and parents to Grow In Faith Together during:

FAITH Alive Sunday School, Jr. Youth Group, SPARK VBS Camp, FAITH5 Home Devotions, the G.I.F.T. Zone, Family Outings, Christmas Play and Caroling, Advent and Lent Family Craft Events, Pancake Supper, Easter Hunt and Activities Day, and End of Year Swimming, just to name a few!

Disciple Dot Story

The Lord led one of our Preschool parents to approach me at the Easter Family Craft Event, where her daughter was enjoying backing backpacks, and said, "Thank you so much for your weekly notes home to us. We re-read in our Spark Bible each week the same story you teach and it has really helped me to talk about faith with her. You see that never happened in my home growing up." As we both teared up at this wonderful gift of faith we both were sharing with her daughter, I felt the joy that comes from sharing God's gift of faith and love!

It is indeed a joy to be able to talk about Jesus' amazing love, and it is an even greater joy to see the positive impact it makes upon families! God, you are so good to us, even we don't deserve it!

First Communion Faith Milestone



Parents Night Out *Friday, April 20*

Parent's Night Out! It will be April 20 from 6-9pm. We'd love to watch your child as you take a few hours for yourselves. We will be asking for a free-will donation that will go towards our [National Youth Gathering](#) fund. Please help us spread the word! If you're interested, contact [Leslie](#) or [Christopher](#). Look out for other future opportunities to come that will support the Senior Youth on their way to Houston!

Notes from: *TELS - Fellowship & Mutual Care*

Legrand/Lowman Dinner & Auction *Saturday, May 5 @ 6pm*

Break out the big hats and bow ties to join us for the 144th Running of the Kentucky Derby. Our Annual Legrand/Lowman Dinner & Auction will be held on Saturday, May 5th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall with the Derby as our theme. **Dinner tickets go on sale beginning Sunday, April 8th after both services** - \$10 adults/\$5 for children. We will have both a silent auction and live White Elephant Auction, as well as Kentucky derby themed food fare...fun for all ages!

Silent Auction Items Needed *Due 4/22*

We are in need of Silent Auction items, such as donations from restaurants, or other vendors, hand-made/homemade items, etc for the Legrand/Lowman Dinner. Items to be auctioned off need to be delivered to the church no later than Sunday, April 22 to ensure that they will be included. If for some reason you have an item to be included in the silent auction and cannot have to church until the day of the auction, please contact [Wendy McKenzie](#) or [Trish Davidson](#) by April 22nd.



Notes from: *TELS - Traveling Evangelists of Living Springs*

Bernstein Mass



Trip to McCutchen House & the USC Horseshoe *Friday, April 20*

The TELS group is taking a break from the theatres and will be having a nice relaxing lunch at [McCutchen House](#) and then stroll around the Horseshoe on USC campus – a perfect opportunity to interact with others outside the Living Springs community! On Friday, April 20 the bus will leave Living Springs at 11 am. The cost is \$12 + \$5 for transportation. There is a sign-up sheet in the administration building or contact [Beverly Hoppert](#) for information.



Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

LENTEN FRIDAY FISH FRY

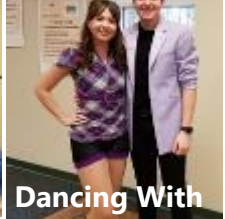
A big hug and a thank you to all who contributed to our Lenten Fish Fry – the last night put us over the top and we achieved our goal for the Lutheran Campus Ministry. Living Springs Got Talent was the most successful night – we all enjoyed Christ Mission's participation along with all our other entertainment nights that contributed to our goal. This event requires a lot of time and energy, but the fellowship, fun, laughter and caring that is experienced during the six weeks – you just can't put a price on it! God's work – our hands.



Lutheran Campus Ministry Night



JuBELLation Handbells/Disciples of Harmony Night



Dancing With Our Stars

Living Springs Got Talent Night (continued on next page)





What a blessing and wonderful opportunity God gives us to serve and do his work. Our Lenten fish fry event coincided with our commitment to participate in a meal served for the [Family Promise](#) week at Trinity United Methodist Church. On March 16, we packed up 6 adult and 9 children meals for the two families Trinity was hosting the week of March 11. The one mother was napping before she went on her night shift of driving for Uber, but the other family was very excited to receive the meals and I was fortunate enough to hear the six year old sing the meal prayer accompanied by her rendition of a piano concerto! We pray that God gives these families peace and strength to find a way to get back on their feet.



Backpack Food Ministry
Packing for Spring Break



HYMN ALONG @ CROSSINGS



DELIVERING
Easter
Baskets to
God's
storehouse



OPERATION INASMUCH

Saturday, April 14

Matthew 25:40: Truly I say to you, Inasmuch as you have done it to one of the least of these my brothers, you have done it to me. Join us for a day of community service on Saturday, April 14. There will be a brief devotional at 9 am and then come join us to play bingo with the Rice Estate residents and sing-along in between or if playing bingo is not your thing and you want to be outdoors, planting spring flowers in their garden beds is another option. Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information. Activities so far include: Rice Estate: plant flowers and play bingo/sing along with residents; God's Storehouse: volunteering to cleanup and sort



Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

Justice Ministry Update: "From My Perspective" **by Adam Woodruff, Living Springs Lutheran Church**

Let me start by saying that I am not much of a writer but I do like to tell good stories. Our Living Springs Justice Team asked me if I would share my perspective and story of the Justice Ministry. I will do my best to share what I experienced on Jan. 26th when, as a Veterans Administration Military Service Coordinator, I was asked by the M.O.R.E. Justice Ministry Research Team to meet with them to discuss my knowledge and perspective on one of their focus areas here in the Midlands, Mental Illness.

First let me say that what I thought was going to be a meeting of myself and 3-4 people turned out to be a meeting of 10-12 people. The first thing that struck me and let me know that the Justice Ministry will truly have effects is the diversity of people at the table. There were 7 different denominations of God's children gathered and they were all at varying stages of life from Young Professional to Retired. There were men, women, black and white. I truly felt God's presence in that conference room...[Read the full article here](#)

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? - Micah 6:8 (see also Matthew 23:23)

FOR ALL CONGREGATION MEMBERS & COMMUNITY GUESTS

**** BIG NEHEMIAH ACTION ASSEMBLY ****

Monday, April 23rd, 7:00 pm @ Brookland Baptist, West Columbia

Many congregations have strong faithfulness ministries like worship and Bible study, and most have strong mercy outreach like our Backpack ministry and Meals on Wheels. But we also need a way to fulfill our Biblical mandate to "do justice" (Micah 6:8) – to address the causes behind the symptoms and to have fair treatment for all, especially those who are often overlooked. We listened to stories from across the Midlands and this past November more than 550 people from 30+ congregations met to form the Midlands Organized Response for Equity and Justice – MORE Justice. The topics raised at our house gatherings were shared – and **we voted to prioritize Education and Mental Health as the community problems to address this year.** Since December, we have been doing intensive research on these issues. We are finding out about school disciplinary and academic achievement concerns - and learning more about needs regarding Mental Health care. On April 23, at our first community Nehemiah Assembly, we will bring together more than 1,500 people of faith to ask Midlands-area officials to implement our specific, well-researched proposals to help address these problems. Come share the joy of making a difference for people's lives in our community!

(Living Springs Goal=150 attendees!! See a Network Member to get your name on the list!)

+ + +

LIVING SPRINGS JUSTICE TEAM LEADERS & CLERGY

Gail Buchanan	Sally Catoe
Mike Davidson	Helen Doerpinghaus
Gwen Furcron	Wayne Kannaday
Sarah Schultz	Jim Zieche
Peg Zieche	Rev. Eric Fink

LIVING SPRINGS JUSTICE NETWORK MEMBERS

Pat Bartucca	Jan Berger	Leslie Bloss	Steve Bloss
Patricia Brouwer	Ann Lynn Caughman	Trish Davidson	Cindy Day
Cynthia Edney	Kris Fink	Anita Gabbard	Gary/Tiffany Ginn
Midge Gunvalson	Todd Gunvalson	Dea Jones	Marshall Hurlbert
Barbara/John Imbert	Shelia Kowalski	Shirley/Paul Laingen	Alison/Wes Levitt
Cathy Lowman	London Mancuso	Nancy Schwind	Roger Schwind
Bob Turnmire	Laura Turnmire	Debbie Zvejnieks	Mary Anderson
Bill/Ginny Eiwien	Karen Hardy	David Jones	Eva Miller



He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? - Micah 6:8 (see also Matthew 23:23)

Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*

Monday Night Faith Class?

[Christopher Girardeau](#), our Seminarian, is looking to teach a monthly class on a Monday Night. There are few ideas he's bouncing around, but he would love some input on what other folks would like to learn about. The ideas are: Studying the Apocrypha; Studying major World Religions; Diving into the Enneagram of Personality. Go to the following google form where you can vote on the 3 options:

<https://goo.gl/forms/JFLkrGpQdEHeTGoB2>

6:19 Resurrection & Life Faith Milestone! *Wednesdays April 18, 25 & May 2, 9*

We always gather on Wednesdays during Lent - but this year, we invite you to come Grow in Faith Together on 4 Wednesdays of Easter! Resurrection Faith Milestone will be held April 18, 25 and May 2, 9 at 6:19 pm. We explore what the Bible teaches about the Resurrection and learn about our passage from death to new life, plus how walk with others through that journey. We will consider funeral worship services for ourselves and loved ones, as well as the witness we leave to continue our discipleship beyond death. Sign up in the office lobby!

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.

† **First Sundays** – all ages join together to share **FAITHS**. 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** – Meets 10:00AM Tuesday mornings. 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** – 7:00PM Tuesday evenings – Facilitator [Steve Bloss](#)

† **Adult Faith Milestones**– 6:19 Resurrection



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:

✠ April 15th at 930am—Apostle's Creed

We will offer our Apostles' Creed milestone class for children and one parent to attend, who haven't taken this milestone class. We will bless and gift each child in worship the following Sunday, April 22nd at both services.

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

Preschool & Afterschool Care News

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Greetings as we welcome and celebrate the beauty of spring. I hope this finds you joyfully awaiting the rebirth that spring brings, serving as a reminder of Jesus' undying love.

Little signs of spring and promise abound; from the cherry trees at our entrance beginning to show their leaves and blooms, to the bulbs persistently pushing their way up to the sunshine and warmth and the leaves of the hydrangea slowly unfurling as if to say "I am worth the wait".

As we move through this season, I am grateful to have the opportunity to witness Jesus in our children, families and one another.

We witness Jesus as families bring in items to donate to the 40 x 40 Lent collection.

We witness Jesus as we walk down the hallway. Children's artwork covers the walls and bears witness to The Love of Jesus and the Journey to the Cross.

We witness Jesus as a children visit residents of Senior Facilities to share, sing and smile.

We witness Jesus as members of our faith family gather together to share a meal at eh Friday Night Fish Fry.

We witness Jesus as children and families drop coins into the bucket during Lutherans School Week. So that we may collectively make a purchase from Heifer International.

We witness Jesus as a big brother counts out the fruit snacks left over from his lunch to share with his sister.

We witness the Lenten Roses at our doorway lifting up its delicate pink petals in honor of our season, a gentle reminder of the everlasting love we are given.

We witness Jesus as children plant and tend to our garden spaces outside.

We witness Jesus as a child feels safe and sleeps on her mat, with a photo of Mom close by.

We witness Jesus as a child shares a warm hug with a teacher.

We witness Jesus as siblings enjoy the sunshine and God's creation.

We witness Jesus in many ways each and every day. Let's remind one another to slow down, and take in the ways we witness Jesus all around us.

With Blessings and love, Tammy and Staff

A recent God Moment.....by Deacon Lexanne Graves, Chapel Leader

The Spirit has been calling us at our church and preschool to reach out in love and hope to persons in our community. One way we do this by visiting people in our community that need to hear the message that Jesus loves them and hasn't forgotten about them. Recently, Farm Friends and Rainforest Classes went to Crossings Community Retirement/Nursing Facility and sang their little hearts out to the residents. What a joy it was to see their smiles, hear their shouts of glee, and experience their willingness to share Jesus' love in song and in hugs! I sat back afterwards and recognized that in the past 18 months we have been doing this, these youngsters have grown so much in their faith, in relationship building, and in their courage. THIS is why our preschool and staff are awesome! THIS is why we love being with your children every day! THIS is how God is calling us to teach your children. Anybody can teach a child their numbers, colors, and sight words; but to teach relationship building with people of ALL ages—that is something that has to be experienced and felt with the heart in order to be the whole person that God has created us to be. I am grateful for this special time with your children. I stand in awe of their strong faith, and now, see their openness to share their faith with a huge smile on their face. To God be the Glory!



Notes from: *Sr. Youth & Young Adults*

Senior Youth

As Pastor Eric announced on Palm Sunday, the Senior Youth are going to Houston this summer for the National Youth Gathering! You will be hearing from them leading up to the event about what they'll be experiencing and how that will change everything! If you have any questions about the [National Youth Gathering](#), one of our Senior Youth will be happy to answer those for you!

To help us raise money to get there, we will be providing a Parent's Night Out! It will be April 20th from 6-9pm. We'd love to watch your child as you take a few hours for yourselves. We will be asking for a free-will donation that will go towards our National Youth Gathering fund. Please help us spread the word! If you're interested, contact [Leslie](#) or [Christopher](#). Look out for other opportunities to support the Senior Youth on their way to Houston!

Spring Break is coming up soon for the Senior Youth, so we won't be having youth group at a regular time during Spring Break. The week after that (April 11) we will get back into the regular swing of things with our Wednesday being at church and hosted by the Stuarts!



Young Adults

For our April Young Adult meeting on Sunday, April 22nd, we will be lunch at [Red Bowl in Sandhills](#) after worship. If that doesn't suit you or you have another suggestion, please let Christopher know.



God At Work

40X40 Lenten Collection

To date, we have 5,630 baby wipes/diapers; 473 rolls of toilet tissue/paper towels (for [SisterCare](#)); and 1,178 mini cereal boxes, non-refrigerated milk boxes, and fruit cups (for Backpack Ministry). Thank you for your loving generosity. Items will be delivered next week. If you'd like to still bring stuff in, please drop them by the office over the next few days.



Fellowship Hall Painting



Rush Hour Ministry



Easter Family Event



Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

Mid-Week Lenten Dramas



PALM SUNDAY



Southern Bronze

Handbell Ensemble

"RINGING that Ole Time Religion"



Southern Bronze Handbell Concert Sunday, April 8

LS Music & Worship Ministry presents the Southern Bronze Handbell Ensemble "*Ringing that Old Time Religion*" on Sunday, April 8th at 4pm. The Concert program will include some old favorites like "Holy, Holy, Holy!" with organ, Gospel favorites and other jazzy as well as classical arrangements of well known hymns.

LS Praise in the Park - 4/22, 5:30 PM

Living Springs will host a time of worship and fellowship @ [Lake Carolina Town Center Park](#) on Sunday, Apr. 22 at 5:30. Come celebrate God's Creation and God's Love for All, as we gather to rejoice in the Word and sing God's praises. Spread the news - and bring your friends. This celebration is open to all!



THE WOMEN

THE GOSPEL THROUGH THE EYES OF
PROPHETS, QUEENS, SERVANTS, & MAVENS
AN ECUMENICAL PERFORMING ARTS WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

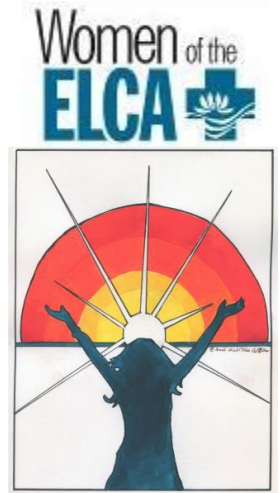
SUNDAY, THE 29THND OF APRIL AT 4 PM

Living Springs Lutheran Church
4224 HardScrabble Rd, Columbia, SC



Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

Crafty Ladies



2018 South Carolina Women of the ELCA Convention "Christ, Be Our Light" *June 8-9, 2018*

Join your sisters from all areas of South Carolina for our Annual SC WELCA Convection. This years convention will be held June 8-9 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia (525 St. Andrews Rd.) We encourage women of all ages, especially first time attendees and young women to get involved. Rev. Jacqueline Utley will be the Convention Chaplain. Keynote speaker this year is Rev. Mary M. Finklea. Workshops include a Craft/Service Project Workshop with Ella Shumpert; "Bridging the Gap" with Kristin Snelgrove; "Sharing Our Light: Wea are the Church Together" with Rev. Eric Wolf; "Bad Girls of the Bible - what we can learn from them" with Rev. Jane Mitcham; "Thrivent: Generous Living with Elements of Living Wisely" with Micah Velilla; "In the Potters Hand" with Roger Clark; "Lutheran Catholic Dialogue" with Rev. Mary Finklea; as well as Churchwide Representative, Ann Sarver will be doing a bible study on John 3:16-17 and a time of sharing. The Friday night entertainment will be Contemporary Christian Artist, Cindy McKeowen. Go to <https://www.scwelca.com/2018-convention> for more info or to get the registration form.



Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

Shannon Long Golf Tournament *Saturday, April 28*

LS annual Golf Tournament will be held at [Northwoods Golf Club \(201 Powell Rd\)](#) on April 28. Shotgun start will be at 2:30 so be there by 2pm. We are also looking for business owners or individuals to sponsor a hole for \$100. All proceeds go to support our LS partnership for a mission congregation. Contact [Bob Turnmire](#).



One Year To Live Retreat *Sept. 29-Oct. 1* *Tracy's Camp, Pinewood, SC*

Men of ALL AGES yearn for real friendships and a closer relationship with Christ.

Join us and be...

- 🔧 Adventurous and courageous
- 🔧 Genuine and spiritual

Look forward to...

- 🔧 Banding together and being challenged
- 🔧 Examining your life and making decisions



Be prepared for a spiritual boot camp. This 44-hour event is not for the faint of heart!

Registration: \$150. Includes 2 nights lodging, 6 meals & retreat materials. [Click here to get a registration form.](#)

Upcoming events:

Bible Study - April 5 and 19 @ 6:30am
Vision of Giving Kick-off Dinner - April 15
OYTL Retreat - April 20 - 22

Shannon Long Golf Tournament - April 28 @ 2:30pm
SC LMM Skeet shoot - May 12

Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

Congregational Info Session

Sunday, April 8 @ 9:30

Mark your calendars for this information session regarding our road widening mediation. We will gather in the fellowship hall between services.

FAITH5 Congregation Gathering

Sunday, April 8 @ 9:30am

All Ages are invited to join us for FAITH5 Bible Jeopardy next Sunday at 9:30am! George Donovan, Director of Worship & Music will be leading, and it's bound to be educational and hilarious!



LS Kilbourne Sending Supper

Sunday, April 15 @ 5pm

Having been inspired by God's people during the tragic loss of their son, the Kilbourne family has created a Vision of Giving ministry in Brandon's memory (see VisionOfGiving.org). Starting in May, Mike & Randi will travel to 100 churches across the nation to share their story of hope and offer support for families going through crises. On April 15 at 5:00, LS Men, Women, Youth (and other groups) will host a sending blessing & supper. Invite your friends and neighbors to come hear this powerful story. Sign-up sheet is in the office lobby.

Membership Session

Sunday, April 15 @ 9:30am

April, we gather at 9:30 in the fellowship hall. 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 – contact [Pastor Eric](#) or call the office

Beer & Hymns

Monday, April 16 @ 7pm

Love to sing hymns? Enjoy having a beer or other beverage and fellowshiping with others? Come join us for Beer & Hymns this Monday, April 16, 7 pm at [Beef O'Brady's on Hard Scrabble Road](#). We sing boldly. We laugh. We share Jesus in a unique way. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend or two and experience a great hymn sing in the least likely place!



Parents Night Out

Friday, April 20, 6-9pm

Parent's Night Out! It will be April 20 from 6-9pm. We'd love to watch your child as you take a few hours for yourselves. We will be asking for a free-will donation that will go towards our [National Youth Gathering](#) fund. Please help us spread the word! If you're interested, contact [Leslie](#) or [Christopher](#). Look out for other future opportunities to come that will support the Senior Youth on their way to Houston!

Living Springs VA Ministry Night

Thursday, April 26 @ 6:15 PM

On 4th Thursdays from 6:15 - 7:00 pm, we host a time of fun, singing, support, and care at the Dorn VA's Community Life Center. Everyone is invited to come be part of this special time for disabled or older veterans who are undergoing therapy or now residing at the center. If you would like to make cards or donate thank-you items to be distributed, those are welcome, too! If you would like to carpool or follow in your car, please meet at the church at 5:30. *We are collecting quarters for bingo prizes. Look for the helmet today through next Thursday to drop off your quarters.*

Sparkleberry Fair

Saturday, April 28, 9am-5pm

Again this year, we have an opportunity to be disciples at the [Sparkleberry Fair](#)! Living Springs will be have a booth at the fair – we need volunteers (one hour increments) to man (or woman) the booth to greet and welcome our community neighbors and answer any questions they might have about Living Springs. Signups to come. Date is April 28, 9 am to 5 pm. Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information.



Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs

Tuesday Devotion Lunch @ Living Springs

Tuesday, April 10 @ 11:45 AM

Lunch is offered on the 2nd 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 the 9th. Donation \$6.

Backpack Food Ministry

Thursdays @ 4pm

What a blessing you and also our helpers from Adams Northeast AME church, who contribute and help pack each week, are to our backpack program. Our inventory is still good on juice and pudding, but meat, fruit cups/ applesauce, & snacks are much needed items.

God's Storehouse

Monday, April 9 @ 9:30 AM

Join us as we carry out our mission to serve others at God's Storehouse. This ministry opportunity meets on the second Monday of each month. We gather at church by 9:30am to carpool and work at God's Storehouse from 10am until noon. This is a WELCA sponsored ministry for both men and women. For more information, please contact [Ginny Devereaux](#).

Good News Walkers

Thursdays @ 8:30 AM

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.

2018 Altar Flowers

Are you looking for a way to honor or memorialize someone near and dear to you? Make a floral contribution by ordering altar flowers and let the office 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 outside Lisa's office for 2018 or go to <http://goo.gl/mVvrGE>. To order flowers from our preferred florist, contact Blythewood Florist at 691-1820.

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 established 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 [Ann Lynn Caughman](#) (708-2543) or [Cathy Lowman](#) (917-8523). If you would like to be a member of this team, please sign in the admin building or contact one of the above.

G.I.F.T. ZONE Update We continue to tweak and work to improve our G.I.F.T. Zone Children's Worship Area experiment. Thanks to everyone who has provided suggestions and insight. For those who missed the April newsletter, below is a summary of information shared there. May the Spirit continue to guide us in our efforts to make worship meaningful for our younger families & children!



+ + +

G.I.F.T. Zone (*Growing In Faith Together Zone*) is an area in the front, left transept of the Sanctuary, specifically set aside for families of younger children. The Zone consists of child-appropriate, worship-oriented materials, with parent/child-friendly worship furniture laid out in a way to help children participate in worship. It is not a "play area," but a space where children & parents are invited to participate in guided activities that help them focus—and find meaning in the Scripture Readings, Sermon, Prayers, and more! Parents are expected to accompany their children in this area. *G.I.F.T. Zone does NOT replace our 10:45 nursery for infants, nor does it replace our Children's Message. Parents are not "required" to use the G.I.F.T. Zone, but it will be a meaningful option for them.*



Why is Living Springs offering this G.I.F.T. Zone?

Nowhere in modern society are young children asked to sit still for a hour. Even in school, children no longer sit at individual desks like we once did, but they are constantly working in centers. In recent years, this has had the effect of worship being more uninviting for children and becoming a negative, anxiety-creating experience for parents. Some other traditions have addressed this challenge by creating a totally separate worship site, where all young children are totally removed from adults and the main worship experience. However, our Lutheran tradition has always emphasized the importance of families worshipping together, of children experiencing & learning the rhythms of our life-giving liturgy, and of the joy we experience in having disciples of all ages worshipping, praying, and communing as one. It is important to have children together with us in worship! As you may have seen in the Lutheran magazine, some churches are creating a more child/parent-friendly space and experience *within* worship. The G.I.F.T. Zone is one model that has been successfully implemented. As Lutherans, one of our greatest gifts of the Reformation was the emphasis on putting worship in the modern "language of the people." If you were a child or young parent in today's world, what would such meaningful "language" or space look like for you and your 21st-century child? Our experiment during Easter Season is to create a space where children can experience worship with their parents, grow in faith together as family, and use all of their senses to learn positively our flow of worship liturgy. One of our most important callings is to reach out to young families to experience the power of Christ in their lives. When children and parents feel welcomed and know that they belong, they will return to experience the Spirit moving in their lives!

Why does it matter that we pay attention on how we integrate children in worship?

It matters because of Ephesians 4:4-5 where Paul writes: *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.* Kids are part of the body of Christ, and we all have something to offer and gifts to share. Sometimes we just need to go the extra mile and pay attention to the details that matter to the various age groups so that worship is meaningful for all.

Why is the G.I.F.T. Zone at the side of the sanctuary (rather than the back)?

Research has shown that children actually learn more when they can see what's going on (they're too short to see from the back)! We are blessed with a perfect design in our sanctuary, with the left transept available to give a direct sight-line to the altar, pastor, font, etc. Also, this puts the G.I.F.T. Zone off to the side of other worshippers, so that it is not right behind someone's pew or in someone's sight-line. Rather than fidgety children creating distractions in the middle of the pews, children now have something that helps parents keep them engaged with what is happening in worship in a meaningful way. Again, we are blessed with a wonderful sanctuary design, so that no one has to sit immediately next to the G.I.F.T. Zone if they wish to be further away—and can choose their pews accordingly.



During Lent in the G.I.F.T. Zone, we have had different activities helping children to grow deeper in prayer. On this white board the child can write or draw a picture of something they are sorry for. Then they can wipe it off, representing how Jesus is grace works for all of us. We confess our sense, and Jesus forgives them!!



Opportunities Outside Living Springs

Meet LSC (Lutheran Services Carolina) at the Ballpark.

Sunday, June 10

Come out to Spirit Communications Park in Columbia for LSC Friends and Family Day on Sunday, June 10. Spend your afternoon with LSC and cheer on the Columbia Fireflies as they take on the Augusta GreenJackets.



2018
RBC CAREER WORKSHOP
Off the beaten path,
explore non-traditional careers and education

THE REVEREND DR. IVORY T. THIGPEN, PASTOR

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018
9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

9:00 A.M. - CAREER WORKSHOP 10:00 A.M. - CAREER INTERVIEWS / FAIR*

*Attendees interview individuals in the fields of their interest as well as learn more about non-traditional occupations.

REHOBOTH BAPTIST CHURCH - FAMILY LIFE CENTER
4646 HARD SCRABBLE RD., COLUMBIA, SC 29229 ~ PHONE: (803) 788-3397
WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.REHOBOTH-BAPTIST.ORG/](https://www.rehoboth-baptist.org/) ~ FOLLOW US:

barber pastor
journalist
photographer
navy web
artist
marine army

The purpose of this Career Workshop is to enlighten and give the gift of awareness to teenagers and young adults (ages 13-25) as well as parents regarding opportunities for careers and education.

"RBC 2018 Career Information Workshop, Off the beaten path, explore non-traditional careers and education"

This event will take place April 28, 9am – 12pm in our Family Life Center, 4642 Hard Scrabble Rd. Cola, SC. 29229

SCHEDULE:

9:00 am – 10:00 am – Educational Sessions. Participants explore the multiple options for researching, careers, jobs, salaries, cost of living as well as examine skills to correlate skills, talents, interest and hobbies with careers and jobs.

10:00 am – 12:00 pm – Career / Job Fair Expo. Participants will explore various careers and job as presented by individuals currently in the field. Attendees will be able to use the tools they've just learned to speak with professionals from at least 20 different career fields based on their interests. The presenters will be prepared to discuss the education path required, median salary range, and what it's actually like to do their job.

Light refreshments will be served.

For more information please contact VeShannah Lovelace at MissVLovelace@yahoo.com

Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His resurrection? Have you ever noticed this passage?

The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was nearly folded, and was placed separate from the grave clothes. Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, that one whom Jesus loved. She said, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!" Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side. Was that important? Absolutely! Is it really significant? Yes! In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition. When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it....The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table, until the master was finished. Now, if the master were done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table. The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, 'I'm done.' But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because..... The folded napkin meant, 'I'm coming back!' He is Coming Back!

April 2018

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 930A Congregational Info Sessions 930A FAITH5 Bible Jeopardy 4P Southern Bronze Handbell Concert	9 930A God's Storehouse 10A Staff Meeting 1030A Meals on Wheels 5P Worship Task Force 6P Worship & Music Team 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care Team	10 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 1145A Devotional Lunch 4P ASC Bible Time 6P Finance 6P Facilities 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	11 930 PS Chapel 6P Disciples of Harmony 6P Hope Ministry 630P Sr. Youth (LSLC) 7P Choirs	12 830A GN Walkers 10A PS Music Time 4P Backpacks 4P ASC Music Time 630P Preschool Board 630P Journey Rehearsal	13	14 9A Operation Inasmuch 930A Crafty Ladies
15 930A National Youth Gathering Devotions 930A Apostles Creed Faith Milestone 930A Membership Session 5P Kilbourne Sending Supper	16 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Exec Team 7P Beer 'n Hymns	17 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 1230P PS Prayer Lunch 4P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	18 930 PS Chapel 6P Disciples of Harmony 619P Resurrection Adult Faith Milestone 630P Sr. Youth (Moe's) 7P Choirs	19 630A Men's Bible Study 830A GN Walkers 10A PS Music Time 4P ASC Music Time 630P Journey Rehearsal 7P Council	20 1130A TELS - (McCutchen House)	21 930A Jr. Youth (Operation Village)
22 1215P Confirmation 1215P Young Adults Lunch (Red Bowl) 5:30P Praise in the Park	23 10A Staff Communion 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Justice Ministry Nehemiah Action (Brookland Baptist)	24 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	25 930 PS Chapel 6P Disciples of Harmony 619P Resurrection Adult Faith Milestone 630P Sr. Youth (LSLC) 7P Choirs	26 830A GN Walkers 10A PS Music Time 4P Backpacks 4P ASC Music Time 615P LS Veterans Ministry Night (carpool 530) 630P Journey Rehearsal	27	28 9A Sparkleberry Fair 930A Crafty Ladies 12P Long Golf Tournament
29 4P Journey Performing Arts - The Women	30 1030A Meals on Wheels	1 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	2 930 PS Chapel 6P Hope Ministry 6P Disciples of Harmony 619P Resurrection Adult Faith Milestone 630P Sr. Youth (Five Guys) 630P PS Staff Development 7P Choirs	3 630A Men's Bible Study 830A GN Walkers 10A PS Music Time 4P Backpacks 4P ASC Music Time 7P Lifelong Discipleship	4 830A TELS	5 6P LeGrand/Lowman Dinner Auction

Worship Assistant Schedule – April 2018

	Assisting Minister	Lector	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torchbearers	Counters	Children's Sermon	Council Person
					Inside	Outside					
4/1	6:45 John Imbert	John Imbert		Shirley Laingen	Jean Weick	Jim Zieche	Karen Kranz				
4/1	8:15 Sandra Dixon	Christopher Girardeau	Bill Franck Jan Berger	Marj Appleton Jerry Appleton	Sue Hyman	Wesley Graves	Jan Epperson			Lexanne Graves	Bill Franck
4/1	10:45 Alison Levitt	Jeff Day	Leslie Bloss Jan Berger	Jan Berger Wes Levitt Karlene Stuart Laura Stuart	Linda Hayes	Dakota Shannon	Caroline Berger	Gail Buchanan Pat Bartucca Bible: S. Bloss	Adam Woodruff Ed Brennan Angie Dyches	Lexanne Graves	Ann Lynn Caughman
4/8	8:15 Minister Griffin	Jim Zieche	Saundra Dixon Helen Doeringhaus	Sue Loveless Mike Loveless	Debbie Smith	Anna Graves	Nancy Schwind			Alison Levitt	Midge Gurnalson
4/8	10:45 Christopher Girardeau	Sarah Schultz	Minister Griffin Wendy Mckenzie	Austin Padgett Steve Padgett Randy Masad Wes Levitt	Cathy Lowman	Lauren Bloss	Mike Davidson	Jeanette Bloss Leslie Bloss	Ann Lynn Caughman Trish Davidson Mark Stuart	Alison Levitt	Wendy Mckenzie
4/15	8:15 Jan Berger	Beverly Hoppert	Karen Kranz Scott Graves	Peg Fox Bill Fox	Nancy Franck	Wesley Graves	Karen Kranz			Pastor Eric	Jan Berger
4/15	10:45 Jan Berger	Anna Graves	Jeanette Bloss Steve Bloss	Tiffany Ginn Gary Ginn Marshall Hurlbert Walker Flores	Trish Davidson	Karlene Stuart	Steve Bloss	Cynthia Edney Pat Bartucca	Mike Grimmer Scott Graves Marshall Hurlbert	Pastor Eric	Jan Berger
4/22	8:15 Gwen Furcron	Lori Masad	Nowell Ramsey Ashley Ramsey	Sue Loveless Mike Loveless	Kristen Mattson	Jim Zieche	Jan Epperson			Christopher Girardeau	Vickie Crapps
4/22	10:45 Jeff Day	Cathy Lowman	Audrey Turnmire Pat Bartucca	Jan Berger Lauren Bloss Leslie Bloss Laura Stuart	Austin Padgett	Steve Bloss	Wes Levitt	Jan Berger Trish Davidson	Jan Berger Leslie Bloss Laura Turnmire	Christopher Girardeau	Gay Walter
4/29	8:15 John Imbert	Adam Woodruff	Gwen Furcron Karen Kranz	Barb Imbert Jeff Lummel	Kathy McDonald	Anna Graves	Karen Kranz			Adam Woodruff	Mike Grimmer
4/29	10:45 Steve Padgett	Bob Turmire	Kelise Flores Trish Davidson	Cindy Day Jeff Day Karlene Stuart Steve Bloss	Alice Renaud	Walker Flores	Alison Levitt	Austin Padgett Laura Stuart	Steve Bloss Jeff Tenhover Vicki Crapps	Adam Woodruff	Austin Padgett
	Name Tag 8:15	Name Tag 10:45	Flowers	Muggers	Nursery (10:45)	Refreshments	Altar Guild				
4/1			Karen Kranz	Karen Kranz		n/a					
4/8	Roger Schwind	Nancy Baldwin	Tammy Mancuso	Charles Tracy		Sandra Dixon					April Kathy Brennan/Sue Loveless
4/15	Karen Kranz	Gay Walter	Judy Lawrence	Karen Kranz		Karen Kranz					
4/22	Marj Appleton	Alice Renaud		Charles Tracy		Sue Hyman					
4/29	Ashley Ramsey	Ashley Ramsey	Bob Gill	Karen Kranz		Ashley Ramsey					

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

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

April 1	♥ Chuck & Sheila Kowalski	April 13	Sally Moore
April 2	Graham Bartholomew	April 16	Gary Ginn
	Sherry Forsgren		Meredith McKenzie
	Mike Wyka	April 20	Rachel McGahee
April 3	Karen Kranz	April 21	Meredith Bottar
April 4	♥ Mark & Karlene Stuart		Melinda Brouwer
April 5	Corin Wiggins		Karl Schmidt
	♥ Ashley & Brandon Eichler	April 25	Tammy Mancuso
	♥ Cheryl & Mark Jenkins		Debbie Zvejnieks
April 6	Callie Evans	April 26	Delaynee Harmon
	Todd Gunvulson		Abigale Harmon
April 7	Morgan Anderson		Julia Tenhover
	Bill Franck	April 27	Isla Johansson
April 8	Maddie Arnold		Elouise Niemeyer
April 9	David Giertz		Harold Talbert
April 11	Mike Davidson	April 28	Mark Stuart
	Savannah Shaver	April 29	James Griffith
	Jim Zieche		Matthew Landers
April 12	Emily Johansson	April 30	♥ Peter & Debbie Zvejnieks
	Jeff Tenhover		

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!

April 1	Gary Bradham	April 15	Ted Buchanan
	Tammy Mancuso		Bill Franck
	Jerry Mancuso		Retha Murray
April 3	Luke Sorial	April 19	Sam Arnold
April 8	Samuel Skipper		Ken Flynn
April 10	Callie Evans		Sophia Skipper
	Becky Sides	April 22	Ryan Bottar
	Peg Zieche		Patrick O'Donnell
April 11	Wayne Kannaday		Pierce O'Donnell
April 12	Jan Berger	April 23	Laura Turnmire
April 13	Bob Gill	April 24	Mallory Padgett
	Andrew Levitt	April 26	Dylann Keppery
	Charles Pollard		Betsy Shank
		April 28	Austin Padgett

CHURCH STAFF

People of Living Springs - Ministers

Rev. Eric Fink – Senior Pastor

George Donovan, Jr. - Director of Music & Worship

Dea. Lexanne Graves – Min of Faith & Life for Children
and Families

Christopher Girardeau – Min of Faith & Life for Sr.
Youth and Young Adults

Tammy Mancuso- Preschool/ASC Director

Lisa Petty – Admin. Assist/Communications Coor.

Laura & Mark Cunningham - Food Resource Persons

Sherry Forsgren – Bookkeeper

Laura Turnmire – Director of Handbell Choir

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

[Jan Berger](#) - President

[Adam Woodruff](#) - Vice President

[Wendy McKenzie](#) - Secretary

[Mike Davidson](#) - Treasurer

[Bill Franck](#) – Financial Secretary

[Ann Lynn Caughman](#)

[Vickie Crapps](#)

[Doug Danner](#)

[Michael Grimmer](#)

[Midge Gunvalson](#)

[Rachel Peterson](#)

[Jeff Tenhover](#)

Gay Walter

[Austin Padgett](#), Youth Rep.

LIVING SPRINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

4224 Hard Scrabble Road

Columbia, SC 29223

Phone: 803-736-0661

FAX: 803-865-8252

contact@livingspringscolumbia.org

www.livingspringscolumbia.org

 www.facebook.com/livingspringscolumbia

MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

Children/Youth Ministries

Fellowship & Mutual Care

Trish Davidson & Wendy McKenzie

Good News Team

Hope Ministries

Karen Kranz

Lifelong Discipleship

Steve Bloss

Worship & Music

Jim Zieche

Preschool

Peg Zieche

Facilities

Ed Brennan

Finance

Rocky Berger

Archives/Pew Bears

Judy Lawrence

Staff Email:

pastoreric@livingspringscolumbia.org

Pastor Eric

george@livingspringscolumbia.org

George Donovan, Jr.

lexanne@livingspringscolumbia.org

Lexanne Graves

Christopher@livingspringscolumbia.org

Christopher Girardeau

tmancuso@lslcps.org

Tammy Mancuso

lisaoffice@livingspringscolumbia.org

Lisa Petty

laurafood@livingspringscolumbia.org

Laura & Mark Cunningham

sherry@livingspringscolumbia.org

Sherry Forsgren

prayer@livingspringscolumbia.org

Prayer Requests