

Living Springs Journal

"CELEBRATE...SHARE...SERVE"
ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL
May 2018



A Forgotten Birthday? - This Month from Pastor Eric

One of my roommates and best friends in college was born at Christmas (no, not Jesus—although Jesus was certainly a great “friend” and “roommate” who got me through my college years!). My other friend and roommate, Bryan, always said his birthday got overlooked because of all the Christmas stuff. His birthday and Christmas presents from relatives would sometimes get combined into one. He went his whole childhood without ever having a party on his actual birth day, because none of his friends nor their parents were going to disrupt their family Christmas to attend.



I always think about Bryan this time of year, because of another birthday that all too often gets overlooked. The three greatest days of celebration in our lives as Christians are Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost. It’s almost impossible to overlook Christmas or Easter (although in our modern society, it has become rather easy to overlook their true meaning). But in May or June, Pentecost (this year May 20) can often get overshadowed by all the spring events in our lives (Mother’s Day, Memorial Day, graduations, weddings, end-of-school, etc.). All these things are very important and certainly part of our journey of faith in life. But without Pentecost, our journeys of faith would be radically different—indeed, would not even be reality! For it was on Pentecost that the promise of the Paraclete made by Jesus was fulfilled, that the Holy Spirit descended upon his followers, that the Gospel was first publicly proclaimed, and that the Church was given birth!

40 days after Jesus’ Resurrection, the Risen Lord had gathered with his disciples on a mountaintop and ascended to the Father (speaking of which, the day of Ascension is another day we often forget—it’s always on the Thursday 40 days after Easter Sunday, this year May 10). There on the mountaintop, Jesus had told his disciples to wait in Jerusalem and be prepared for the full coming of the Holy Spirit upon them (see Acts 1:6-11 and Matthew 28:16-20). For 10 days they waited, and then it happened. The room in which they had locked themselves out of fear was filled with the rush of a violent wind, and divided tongues, as of fire, rested on each of them. Acts 2:4 concludes, “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” And so, this cadre of fear-filled, flawed, mistake-prone, doubting, denying, mostly uneducated Galileans were set afire (pun intended) to go into the streets and speak with words that were not their own, but given to them by God through the Spirit. On that day, people first heard the Good News of God’s forgiveness and love for the world through the death & resurrection of Jesus. Lives were changed forever, and by that evening, some 3000 persons had been baptized and touched by the Spirit’s power. Since that Pentecost Day, there has been no turning back—and still today, 20 centuries later, in spite of all our mistakes and flaws, the Church as a community of Jesus’ disciples, continues to bring hope into this world which God so loves. Through ordinary, sin-scarred, imperfect human beings like you and me, the Spirit continues to speak the Good News of God’s love, in words and actions of grace that could never be generated on our own.

I pray that you find much joy in all the celebrations of this month (if you would like to read some of my thoughts about the importance of Mother’s Day, here’s a link to my [pastor’s article in the Preschool newsletter](#). In the midst of all our May celebrating, I pray the Holy Spirit will fill us with a renewed fire of faith—and our life together as God’s people will be filled with joy in never forgetting the miraculous birth of Christ’s Church for the world!

With ongoing awe at the miracle and guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives, *Pastor Eric*

6:19 ADULT FAITH MILESTONE

Resurrection & New Life

Wed., May 2 & 9 - 6:19 PM

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LS SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION

Saturday, May 5 - 6 PM

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MAY DEVOTIONAL LUNCH

Tuesday, May 8 - 11:45

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RUSH HOUR MINISTRY

Tuesday, May 22 - 5:30

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VETERANS MINISTRY (Dorn VA)

Thursday, May 24 - 6:15

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

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

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.



Called Congregation Meeting (Fellowship Hall) SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 9:30 AM

PURPOSE: Take action that will allow Council, Executive Team, and our Campus Visioning Task Force to move forward with plans for necessary restructuring of parking, grounds, and other items, as a result of Road-Widening and DOT settlement.

Thank you in advance for attending – a QUORUM is required!

We ask for your continued prayer, that we may know God's amazing vision for this community of disciples, as we rejoice in the 30th anniversary year of Christ's ministry through Living Springs!



Day of Pentecost - Sunday, May 20

*Festival Worship at 8:15 & 10:45
to celebrate this 3rd most important day in our Christian lives
(along with Christmas and Easter).*

You are invited to wear **RED** to help celebrate the fire of the Holy Spirit

SHARE YOUR DISCIPLE STORY

Has God worked a disciple moment through you or someone else during the week? Pick up a disciple 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

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Council Clips

COUNCIL CLIPS – Staff & Ministry Reports April 19, 2018 Meeting

Continued discussion of 2018 Council book reading, "Stranger God: Meeting Jesus in Disguises" by Richard Beck and Story Sharing: Jan Berger, Midge Gunvalson and Wendy McKenzie

Council Actions and news (from April 19th business meeting):

- † Facilities: The team is waiting for one more bid for security systems. Then, Security Task Force to be reconvened.
- † Good News Team: Rush Hour ministry will distribute packages to drivers on Hardscrabble Rd on May 22nd. Flyers and Materials are being prepared for Sparkleberry Fair on 4/28. Advertising Praise in Park for 4/22. Website assistance needed.
- † Fellowship & Mutual Care Team: Next Beer & Hymns will be on 5/21. Annual LeGrand/Lowman Scholarship Dinner & Auction will be held on 5/5 – Kentucky Derby theme. Next senior/ Empty Nester lunch will be May 20th. Continuing Education Grant applications now being accepted for our ongoing college students.
- † Sr Youth are fundraising for Houston Youth Gathering by selling stocks, parents night out, breakfast items on May 6th during SS hour for cong. meeting and faith jeopardy. Booth on May 12th at Soda City to raise awareness and donations for Youth Gathering. Givelify has been set up to accept donations.
- † Young Adults /College students are receiving monthly e-news. Monthly lunches are planned.
- † Lifelong Discipleship: Options are being finalized adult mission experience. A 6:19 New Life/ Resurrection Milestone starts April 18th. Offering "Thanksgiving Moments" for us to give thanks have begun during worship.
- † Ministries of Hope: VA ministry will continue 4/26. They will be at Sparkleberry Fair on 4/28. Fish Fry meals were delivered to Family Promise. Fish Fry was a success and raised \$2000 for Lutheran Campus Ministry. Narcotics Anonymous(NA) will begin holding meetings at Living Springs on 5/7 with an open meeting. Lutheran Family Services - Circle of Friends and Foster Care. Summer blood drive being planned.
- † Justice Ministry: The MORE Justice Nehemiah Gathering will be held on April 23rd at Brookland Baptist.
- † LMM: The next breakfast meeting will be on 5/26. The annual golf tournament will be held on 4/28 at Northwoods Golf Course to benefit the Shannon Long Mission Fund. On 5/7, LS Men will host Midlands Conference Gathering.
- † WELCA, LMM and Youth assisted with the Kilbourne Sending supper held on April 15th.
- † Women's Group: Women's Sunday will be held on May 6th. Volunteers working at God's Storehouse on the May 14th. WELCA Convention to be held 6/7-6/8, with 6 women attending from LSLC. Women will be providing screen printed pillowcases for those attending Youth Gathering this summer. Planning to become prayer partners for Preschool parents.
- † Preschool: Request for Authority for Approval of Expenditures was approved and ratified. They are working towards a name update and signage to become Living Springs Child Development Center.
- † Worship & Music. Praise in the Park to be held 4/22 @ 5:30. Journey Missionary Performing Arts Worship will be hosted on April 29th at 4 here at LS.
- † Several ministry groups have met outside of 4224 Hardscrabble Rd.
- † A new Campus Visioning Task Force will be convened, to handle plans for our property following the Road Widening.
- † A Congregational meeting will be called for May 6th for authorization of initial steps regarding Campus Visioning.
- † From Pastor Eric: CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS RISEN, IN DEED! Alleluia! How amazing it is to know the risen, living Lord, Jesus was present with us at every event and ministry.



God's Corner



Thank you for the exam care package. It's always nice to have some treats to get through finals week. It means a lot to us to know that everyone is thinking of us and praying for us.

Maddie and Sam Arnold



What an amazing blessing. Thank you al so much for your generous donation! (40X40 Collection)

Shatoyia Todd
Volunteer & Community Outreach Coordinator
SisterCare



Thank you so much for sending the bear to Mara. It meant so much to her. She took it with her to Charleston yesterday and slept with it all the way there and back. We have found out that she has a aneurysmal bone cyst. These cysts are benign, but they will biopsy to make sure there are no cancerous cells underlying. She will have surgery at MUSC very soon.

Amy



Thank you to all who participated in this weekends LS Golf Tournament through playing, volunteering, and/or sponsoring a hole. Also, a big thank you to all of you who volunteered to work at the Sparkleberry Fair!



Disciple Stories

Praying for someone special in our prayer garden after worship today!



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

I have often said that I learn more about Jesus through teaching little children than anything else. These past few weeks in Chapel have been so invigorating because the children want to know all about Jesus' last days here, his Last Meal, Good Friday events, and of course Resurrection Easter Sunday! And now, we are reading and talking all about Jesus after he rose from the dead and who he visited and what he said! The children love these stories! One child shouted, "I see Jesus in my classroom!" Another said, "I see Jesus in Lowe's!". And another said, "I believe Jesus can be seen in jail." AMEN! Jesus is everywhere we go, in everything we do, and among all people in every nation and circumstance. What I think I miss as an adult with my busy life and unfinished To-Do lists, is that yes, Jesus is everywhere and I need to take a moment and give thanks for Jesus' presence. I need to slow down and see Jesus in Lowe's, in the grocery store, in the eyes of every person I meet. I pray that each of you takes time to see where Jesus is in your midst!



CHILDREN AND YOUNG FAMILIES MINISTRY
 From the Minister of Faith and Life: Children and Families
 Deacon Lexanne Graves
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do justice
 love kindness
 and walk humbly
 with your
 God
 Mark 12

G.I.F.T. ZONE

CHAPEL



Preschool Children in Chapel learning about Jesus' triumphal journey into Jerusalem! They were shouting "Hosanna" as loudly as they could! Praise God for their JOY!

Children and families worshipping together is a beautiful thing to witness. Learning as Brothers and Sisters in Christ that we are ALL made in God's image!



FAITH5 BIBLE JEOPARDY



Holy Communion Milestone: What a blessing to participate in God's holy meal of grace and love! We made unique banners, baked the bread used in communion, and ate a Seder Meal.



Setting aside time to learn the Bible in Jesus' house in a fun game of Jeopardy! And then, doing FAITH5 and blessing one another! God's love overflowing through God's children!



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/>



The Spirit led us safely on a glorious trip to the Opportunity Village and the Dream Center in Easley, SC. Our members and junior youth group kids packed up 3 cars and headed north to share God's love and hope to homeless persons. As you can see in the pictures, we blessed the house and the quilt. We prayed for the incoming resident. We left 2 pew bears on the bed for the new resident to ensure that the new resident would be greeted "properly". It was so cool to see the fruits of our labor and what \$6,000 can do to give a



hand up to a homeless person, instead of a hand out! The Tiny House address is 111K Hillcrest Drive. On the drive home the youth tried to come up with different "K" words that we could use to always remember this special holy place. KINDNESS. KING. "KOURAGE". "KALM". KINGDOM. KAIROS. KISS. KEYS. KINDRED. I know that I will always

WE BUILT A HOUSE FOR A HOMELESS PERSON!

The Dream Center is a **HUGE** operation with 5 full-time employees, 5 part-time employees, and over 500 volunteers who provide a soup kitchen, educational classes (parenting, drivers education, financial planning, resume building, etc), a dental/doctor clinic for homeless persons so as to be a **HAND UP** instead of a **HAND OUT**. The Dream Center is housed in an old school building and the Opportunity Village of soon to be 23 Tiny Houses on its adjacent property.

remember that a little child came up with this idea and with a lot of work, and God's timing (Kairos), it became a reality.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES:

May Junior Youth Group 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!

PENTECOST SUNDAY WORSHIP! Come join the joy we will share together in our 815am and 1045am worship!



Last day of Faith Alive Sunday School for children age 3-18 is Sunday, May 20th.

SPARK VBS CAMP, Sunday-Wednesday, June 10-13--WET-n-WILD! Sign up sheets are available in the Administration Building and on the Living Springs Website!

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!

Wet-n-wild @ SPARK

Sunday-Wed, June 10-13, 2018

Sunday, June 10 Special worship @ 10:30am

Followed by BBQ potluck lunch & family faith activities

Sign up here to attend lunch at 11:30am at:

<https://goo.gl/rmZCvA>

Mon, June 11-Wed, June 13

Camp Style from 9:00am-3:00pm

(bring your own lunches and wear clothes that can get wet and dirty!)

DramaDressUp, Science/Arts, & FAITH Stations

Cost is \$20.00 per person

SPARK! Bible Camp is for Children and Youth ages 3-18!

If you desire to help on one of the days, please contact:

Deacon Lexanne Graves (Lexanne@LivingSpringsColumbia.org; 736-0661).

Registration form are available in the Admin Lobby or [click here](#).

Make checks payable to Living Springs Lutheran Church

And return the form along with check to Spark Camp mailbox in the work room!

Many adult volunteers and helpers are needed.

Help make this a wonderful event for our children and youth. Please contact Lexanne Graves.

Notes from: *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 on sale** - \$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!



Senior Adult/ Empty Nesters Lunch ***Sun., May 20 @ 12:15pm***

Fellowship and Mutual Care will be hosting a Senior Adult/Empty Nesters Lunch **following the 10:45 service on 5/20**. We will be having a picnic theme. Join us for Food (soup & salad), Fun, and Fellowship.



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

TELS @ McEntchen House



Next Trip....Goat Daddy's Farm ***Fri., May 4 @ 10:30am***

The TELS group is visiting the Goat Daddy's Farm!! on **Friday, May 4** – the bus will leave @ 10:30 am. Lunch will follow after our visit with the goats. From what I understand, there is meat, chicken, and eggs available for sale. There is a sign-up sheet in the administration building or



Notes from: *Hope Ministry*



"Thank you very Much for coming today. Where it may have seemed as if we had a small volunteers, I received the greatest blessing. Yes, we gave food to people but I was spiritually fed today. God answers prayers and gave me such wisdom. Miss Shirley is like having a team of guardian angels around. She really blessed me today. God used her and you mightily. You let me know I wasn't alone.

*Thank you, again
Smiley"*

On Saturday, April 14 we participated in Operation Inasmuch at Rice Estate and God's Storehouse. Rice Estate thanked us for making their courtyard beautiful and for engaging the residents in their favorite pastime – playing bingo for the prize - a piece of candy!

At God's Storehouse, we sorted food items, packed lunch bags, disposed of outdated produce, stacked baked goods on racks, and tried to keep our ailing Father Ed out of the working area. There were a couple of other boys volunteering from USC moving the heavy stuff around.

All in all it was about 2-1/2 hours to 3 hours out of our Saturday – we accomplished our mission. What was our mission? I came home & received the above message from Smiley and the mission was totally turned around for me. God does use us – we just have to let him.



VETERANS MINISTRY NIGHT



HOPE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Mother's/Father's Day Flowers

Friday, May 11 @ 10am

All women at Rice Estate will receive a flower for Mother's Day. The preschool will help deliver the flower with a card that they made especially for Rice Estate ladies. Please join us!

Friday, June 15 @ 10am

To go along with that and not to forget about the gentlemen of Rice Estate, the preschool and anyone else that wants to join us will deliver a flower with a card to the men of Rice Estate on Friday, June 15.

Hymn-Along

Thursday, May 24 @ 10am

Take an hour out of your morning and join George, Lexanne, and the preschool to visit at the NHC. See the residents light up when the preschool children sing *This Little Light of Mine*. As adults. We sing along old familiar hymns with the residents! Start time is 10 am at the [NHC, 7601 Parklane Rd. Cola](#). Contact [Karen Kranz](#).

RICHLAND 2 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Help Richland Two spread the joy of reading by participating in the R2 Ready to Read Campaign. The district hopes to collect 35,000 books to give to students in **Pre-K through second grade**. Research shows that children who are exposed to books at an early age are more likely to be successful during their educational careers – the goal is to be able to give at least four books to their youngest students for their home library to read over the summer with their parents. The bin is located in the administration building.



BACKPACKS

As we wind down the last few weeks of the school year, we will need milk, juice, fruit (diced fruit/applesauce cups, real fruit), snack items (peanuts, crackers, raisin boxes, protein bars), pudding cups and cookies. Y'all have been awesome in giving contributions – thank you! Contact Karen Kranz for information.

SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM

Richland Two and Sodexo Food Services are continuing our partnership with the Summer Food Program. We know that children need access to food services; however, during the summer they are many times unable to access due to lack of transportation and supervision. We are addressing these barriers by providing the lunch meal program in their neighborhood. **Living Springs has committed to July 16 through 19 at Hunters Way (same property as last year).**

We need volunteers to coordinate activities with the children. Those activities could be anything from arts & crafts, leading a group in a dance/song/reading time, doing a health presentation/demonstration, playing soccer, blowing bubbles, etc. Anything that you can do to play and have fun with children is what we are looking for. We are also seeking donations of things like water games, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, board games, hula hoops, balls etc. Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for more information.



Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*

6:19 Resurrection & Life Faith Milestone!

Wednesdays May 2 & 9 @ 6:19

In this ongoing Easter season, we celebrate the promise of Resurrection and New Life that in Christ, extends our journey with God beyond physical death. Join us at 6:19 PM Wednesday in the sanctuary. Remaining topics are:

May 2 - Planning our Funeral Worship Service to Celebrate Resurrection & New Life;

May 9 - Testimony & Legacy: How Your Ministry as a Disciple Continues Beyond Death!



Monday Night Faith Study

Begins Monday, May 14 @ 6:30 pm

The surveys are in! We will begin our Monday Night Faith Study, led by [Seminarian Christopher Girardeau](#) on May 14th at 6:30. We will be looking at the Enneagram of Personality and how that helps us to be the Body of Christ.

Notes from: *Justice Ministry (from Pastor Eric)*

As we continue to move through our Justice Ministry journey, here is an update ... and a few thoughts.

- 1) Even with some very bad weather, there were nearly 1300 folks from the Midlands Faith Community who turned out for the first Nehemiah Action Assembly, including 116 from Living Springs (or invited by LS Network Members). What an awesome response! The next gathering will be on Monday, May 14 at Shandon UMC at 6:30 pm (this is not another Assembly to address public officials, but a gathering for all Network members and others interested).
- 2) There were some aspects of the Nehemiah Assembly and its process that need addressing and improving. This is our 1st year, and as one of our network members said, "Just because a toddler falls occasionally, it doesn't mean you should give up on her walking!" MORE Justice committees are composed of ordinary church/synagogue volunteers who, out of their passion, give of their time to engage in research, study possible solutions, and attend many meetings with officials as ordinary citizens. We are all learning how to do things better, as we grow.
- 3) In spite of any rough spots, I pray we do not lose fact of some mighty things that God has worked, all because of our Justice Ministry partnership.
 - I wish everyone could have felt the Spirit's energy at the assembly as we joined in praise of our God!
 - I wish everyone could have talked with the Vietnam veteran who had been invited by a LS member, who said he just stood in the parking lot weeping – giving praise to God that people of faith of all colors and backgrounds could come together in SC in a way he believed he would never be blessed to see before he died.
 - I wish everyone could have heard the testimony of Mike, whose life and family were changed by a Mental Health Clubhouse (please, please ask someone who was there to tell you his story).
 - I wish everyone could have heard the words from Sheriff Lott's letter – echoed by Police Chief Holbrook: "the work you are doing is greatly needed and we are honored to be a partner in your efforts. It is long overdue for our Columbia religious community to come together and work as a team to address the issues we all face."



There were some unexpected challenges and mis-steps in the Education focus area. **But do you realize what God has worked for the Mental Health situation here in the Midlands, all because you were willing to respond to God's call to do justice?** The Sheriff and Police Chief have made a public commitment that *every police officer and deputy in Richland County and Columbia will be certified in Crisis Intervention Training by 2021* – a win/win for our safety officials and all citizens they encounter in mental health crises. The Mayor and other officials have committed to take *some first steps needed to pursue a Mental Health Clubhouse here in the Midlands*. Just as God worked in Nehemiah to change the landscape for God's people long ago, so too God has worked in you to bring hope and change to the people of this community! We ask for your continued prayers for resolution (and healing) in the Education area. In the meantime, we all must never forget our LS legacy of support for our public school teachers and students, through our many ministries (backpacks, summer book collection, DoveTree, school supply drive, summer feeding program, helping hands alerts, and more). If you have any questions about Justice Ministry, or just want to talk, please feel free to let me know (or contact any of our LS Justice Team Leaders). *For a few more thoughts, please use this link*

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](#)



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, May 28th** - we will join with our High School seniors and their parents for our Quillowing Ceremony at both worship 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

Ms. Tammy is out of the office for the next few weeks recovering from surgery. In her absence, the children

of LSLCPS/ASC would like to express some of their thoughts and feelings about Ms. Tammy. Hang on, here we go –



We love Ms. Tammy because she...

- ♥ braids my hair and puts sparkles in it
- ♥ talks to me when I am sad or mad
- ♥ dresses up funny
- ♥ gives good hugs and kisses
- ♥ always says "goodbye" to me
- ♥ loves unicorns
- ♥ took care of me when I was a baby
- ♥ does the right thing
- ♥ loves to go outside
- ♥ loves Disney and Harry Potter
- ♥ stops me from running out the door
- ♥ is so nice
- ♥ loves me
- ♥ does school work, just like me
- ♥ is nice and beautiful
- ♥ makes me happy
- ♥ smiles a lot
- ♥ listens to me
- ♥ keeps me safe
- ♥ has lots of books in her office
- ♥ brought us a bunny



- ♥ taught me how to breathe (breathe in the flowers, blow out the candles - relaxation technique)

From the entire Preschool/ASC Staff and Families - we miss you and love you, we send you hugs and kisses, we are praying for you and a for a speedy recovery!

News from the Classrooms

ASC - God has shown us just how awesome He is - often times we pray when things aren't looking great, but we've learned to simply say "Lord, I love you. Thank You for being God".

Jumping Jungle - We will be making an indoor plant garden (low light). The class will be learning about plant, flowers and healthy foods like fruits and vegetables. For a field trip we would like to take the class to the Sandhills Farmers Market. The children are interested in all the new spring changes God has created. They were picking some wild flowers near the playground entrance when one of the children picked a flower and brought it to me and said "God planted this flower for my Mommy."

Farm Friends - The Week of the Young Child was awesome! Our Farm Friends definitely enjoyed it. Messy day was our favorite activity day. It was such a blessing to see all the families bonding together at our Friday picnic. We are planning a "Muffins with Mom" drop in for May 11th. This month we will be studying our earth and the solar system per student request.

Backyard Buddies - We have had so much fun planting different seeds and flowers. During circle time we sing songs we've learned in Chapel and the children go back to Ms. Lexanne and ask to learn more songs. The other day we were outside and a fire truck went by. A student came up to me and said "we wish them well" so we stopped and prayed for our first responders.

The Superman Table Blessing

THANK you God for giving us food,
THANK you God for giving us food!
For daily bread....that we may be fed,
THANK you God for giving us food! (ba ba ba bop!)

Notes from: *Sr. Youth & Young Adults*

Senior Youth:

This April, the Youth started selling shares of stock for the National Youth Gathering! Hopefully, you've seen them standing in the portico after worship the past few Sundays. Not only can you help support the youth by talking to them after worship, but you can contribute financially through the Givelify app. There's a folder designated specifically for the Gathering.

There are multiple events happening for the Youth during May to help raise awareness and support for their trip to Houston.



On Sunday, May 6, we will be having our National Youth Gathering devotion after the second worship service.

On Saturday, May 12, from 9am - noon, the youth and their families will set up a booth at Soda City Market to raise awareness and money for National Youth Gathering.

Also, please keep the Kilborne family in your thoughts and prayers as they travel this summer to share their story and the work that God is doing in their lives.



Young Adults:

We will be meeting for **coffee at Starbucks** after the second service on May 13.

Help support our Living Springs Youth National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX 2018

What is the National Youth Gathering?

The National Youth Gathering is a unique opportunity for the members of our youth to have an experience they will never forget. The youth will fly to Houston, TX to join over 30,000 youth from across America in a quest to grow in faith and get closer to God.

When are the youth going on the trip?

The youth are going on this trip the week of June 26- July 1.

How can I help?

The youth are selling "shares" for \$5 a piece. You can purchase them after each service on Sunday, or you can make a pledge with different payment options using the link below. The money raised will help pay for travel, food, and lodging expenses.

<https://goo.gl/forms/Iz2XWqcZRG34RvVA3>

What do I get for my "shares"?

For purchasing "shares", you will receive emails, texts, or phone calls (your choice) from one or more of the youth during their trip to let you know how they are growing with God. You will also receive an invitation to our Shareholders Dinner in late July.



Thank you for your help!!

Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

Praise in the Park

Praise in the Park is a new worship outreach ministry of Living Springs. On April 22nd we gathered in the community at the Town Center Park at Lake Carolina. We sang songs of praise and thankfulness to God and worshipped with new faces who wandered into the park that evening sharing in fellowship together. Even a few sprinkles of rain could not dampen our worship. Our aim was not to make Living Springs known, but to make God known by simply singing, hearing the Word proclaimed and sharing the love of God with anyone in ear shot. Be on the lookout for future Praise in the Park dates and locations. Our hope is that this expression of worship becomes a convergent experience for our community, reaching out to those who may not step in our doors on Sunday mornings.



Southern Bronze Handbell Concert



Children's Message



Faith Alive Singers

All kids are invited to join Mrs. Lexanne and Mr. George at 9:30 am on Sundays in the G.I.F.T. Zone for a time of music and singing. At 9:45 am we will then go to our Faith Alive classes.

G.I.F.T. Zone Experience

Today, the rhythm of worship was progressing along and right at the moment of the words of institution, Ezra and Sawyer Peterson marched up to the communion rail in the gift zone. I was astonished that they felt the rhythm of worship and knew instinctively when it was time to get on their knees and receive God's grace! And when Pastor was reading about the wonderful blessing of this meal of grace, Ezra said "Yay"! All of this was God; no one prompted these words or actions! Very cool to witness this!



Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

Women's Sunday

May 6

We celebrate God's blessings to serve, as our Living Springs women lead worship on May 6. Envelopes will be in the pews for your donations. We will partner with other women of the ELCA to purchase furniture for the girls dormitory in Tanzania that was destroyed by fire. We will also buy gift cards for Lutheran Services Carolinas Foster Care, Group Home, and Refuge Ministries.

LADIES BOOK CLUB

Monday, June 4 @ 7pm

Our next book for discussion is *The Lost Girls of Camp Forevermore* by Kim Fu. We will meet at Leena Skiba's home at 13 Stone Pine Ct. 29229 ph: 803.419.5832. The book will be discussed and then fellowship and refreshments will follow. Please join us on Monday, June 4 at 7 pm – everyone is welcome! Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information.



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 Convention. This year's 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: We 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 McKeown. Go to <https://www.scwelca.com/2018-convention> for more info or to get the registration form.



Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

LMM SHANNON LONG GOLF TOURNAMENT DONATION TO CHRIST MISSION



Lutheran Men

Conference Meeting

Monday, May 7 @ 6pm

On Monday May 7th, we are hosting the Midlands Conference LMM meeting at Living Springs. We will begin with fellowship at 6:00 with the meal being served at 6:30. We will then have devotions, followed by our guest speaker, John Ferry with BeLoved ministries.

God At Work in April

Easter Sunday



Kilbourne Sending Supper



Journey Performing Arts Worship Experience - The Women



Seminarian Christopher Girardeau

Delivering Sunday's Message

Sparkleberry Fair



Beer & Hymns



Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs



FAITH5 Bible Jeopardy Sunday, May 6 @ 9:30am

Join us for FAITH5 Bible Jeopardy next Sunday, at 9:30am! We will meet in the bubble area.

SC Synod Assembly Worship Opportunities Thursday, May 31 & Friday, June 1

All are welcome to attend two wonderful SC Synod worship experiences: Thursday, 7:00 pm @ Columbia Convention Center and Friday, 6:00 pm @ Mt. Tabor Lutheran. We invite your prayers for our 2018 Assembly attendees: Jan & Rocky Berger, Ron Ramsey, Ashley Ramsey, Deacon Lexanne Graves, and Pr. Eric - and all other participants. May the Spirit guide our annual SC Synod assembly May 31 - June 2 (Thursday-Saturday).

Rush Hour Ministry Tuesday, May 22 @ 5:30pm

Share a gift of kindness and spread the good news of God's love to commuters stopped in traffic on Hard Scrabble Road. On Tues, May 22, interested members will engage stopped commuters with a small giveaway and a ton of smiles! We'll meet at 4:30 pm to piece together this month's gifts. We'll start handing out around 5:30 pm. Contact [Karen Kranz](#).



Congratulations 2018 High School Graduates!

We rejoice and give thanks to God with a Quillowing Milestone on Sunday, May 27th. We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for all 2018 graduates and their families.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Dear Living Springs Members,

The week of May 7th is teacher appreciation week at Living Springs Pre-School (Child Development Center). Children, parents and members of our school board will be celebrating and honoring our staff. We are so thankful for the hard work, creativity, and love that they share with students and families five days a week!

If you would like to join in on this celebration, we are encouraging members to drop of a card either to the school office or to my mailbox. If you would like to sign up to volunteer as a baby rocker, guest reader or errand runner that is another great way to show appreciation! You can contact me at mzieche@aol.com.

We love our teachers!

Peg Zieche

Board Chairperson

Pentecost Sunday Concert of Praise

Sunday, May 20 @ 4pm

Celebrate the Birthday of the Church! Join us for a special Pentecost Sunday Worship Experience featuring the Celebration Choir, JuBELLation Handbells, Instrumentalists and special guest musicians on Sunday, May 20th at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary. A love offering will be received to benefit the Living Springs Music Ministry.



Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs

Beer & Hymns

Monday, May 21 @ 7 PM

Love to sing hymns? Enjoy having a beer or other beverage and fellowshiping with others? Come join us for Beer & Hymns this Monday, May 21, 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!



Tuesday Devotion Lunch @ Living Springs

Tuesday, May 8 @ 11:45 AM

This will be our last monthly gathering before we take a break for summer. Lunch will begin at 11:45, with devotions by Pastor Eric. Everyone is welcome! Meal is served by Mark & Laura Cunningham, our LS Food Resource persons. To reserve a spot for you and your friends, sign up in the office lobby or contact the office before 11am on Monday the 7th. Donation \$6 (includes drink & dessert).

Backpack Food Ministry

Thursdays @ 5pm

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, May 11 @ 9:30 AM

Join us as we carry out our mission to server 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.

Living Springs VA Ministry Night

Thursday, May 24 @ 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.*

Good News Walkers

Thursdays @ 8:00 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!

Opportunities Outside Living Springs

Recovery Comes First

New meeting starting May 7th at 7pm-8pm @ Living Springs



A Narcotics Anonymous Group is being formed here in the NE Columbia area! "Recovery Comes First" will meet every Monday, 7-8 pm, at Living Springs Lutheran Church (Katie Room), starting May 7. This is an "open" group, meaning that anyone affected (directly or indirectly) by narcotic/opioid addiction is welcome to attend.



RICH Learning Summer Arts Camp In Allendale and Williamsburg Counties!

Would you like to be God's Hands and Feet of love and compassion?! We hope so! Over the next 2 months, the SC Synod will be collecting NEW or GENTLY USED books appropriate for children ages 3-8 to be given to needy children in Allendale and Williamsburg counties this summer during the RICH Learning Summer Arts Camp. These children will get to read these books during their quiet time and then be able to take home their very own book. Some of these children don't have books in their home and through YOU we can make that happen! Feel free to drop off your donations at the Synod Office (1003 Richland Street, Columbia) or Living Springs Lutheran Church. Help us get books into the hands of needy children to increase their literacy!!



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FATHER'S DAY GIFTS**



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Honor Mom and Dad with a gift that will go on to change lives.

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Donate by midnight on May 3, 2018,
to guarantee delivery in time for Mother's Day.

Donate by midnight on June 7, 2018,
to guarantee delivery in time for Father's Day.

See if your company will match your gift.



A Concert for Emmy.

Featuring Jim Sonefeld (of Hootie and the Blowfish), Soda City Brass Band, Willie Wells & the Blue Ridge Mountain Grass: Special Guests Clay Carlyle, Sarah Rosebrock, Clayton King, Saran & Kevin Hasinger, Anthony Charles, Eve Ross, and Jondra Harmon.

Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-concert-for-emmy-tickets-45392403902>

Emmy Reeves needed a life-saving pancreas transplant. Being a Type 1 diabetic 13-year-old girl allergic to ALL insulins gave her no options. After trying many different options, a panel of specialists from many different fields unanimously agreed that this is the best option for her quality of life & to prolong her life.

The transplant took place and things are looking up. But medical costs have topped \$75,000. Help us help her.



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!

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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 (and 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.



May 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
		<p>1 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>2 930 PS Chapel 4P Backpacks 5P Hope Ministry 619P Resurrection Adult Faith Milestone 630P Sr. Youth (Five Guys) 7P Choirs</p>	<p>3 630A Men's Bible Study 830A GN Walkers 10A PS Music Time 4P ASC Music Time 7P Lifelong Discipleship</p>	<p>4 1030A TELS (Goat Daddy's Farm)</p>	<p>5 6P Legrand/Lowman Scholarship Dinner & Auction</p>
<p>6 Women's Sunday 930A Congregational Meeting 930A FAITH5 1215P National Youth Gathering Devotions 1215P Confirmation</p>	<p>7 930A God's Storehouse 1030A Meals on Wheels 5P Worship Task Force 6P Worship & Music Team 6P LMM Midlands Mtg (LSLC) 7P Recovery Comes First</p>	<p>8 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 1145A Devotional Lunch 6P Finance 4P ASC Bible Time 7P Handbells</p>	<p>9 930 PS Chapel 619P Resurrection Adult Faith Milestone 630P Sr. Youth 7P Choirs</p>	<p>10 830A GN Walkers 10A PS Music Time 4P Backpacks 4P ASC Music Time 630P Preschool Board</p>	<p>11 10A Mother's Day Flowers (Rice Estates)</p>	<p>12 930A Crafty Ladies Sr. Youth @ Soda City</p>
Living Springs Preschool Teacher Appreciation Week						
<p>13 1215P Young Adults Coffee Time (Starbucks)</p>	<p>14 1030A Meals on Wheels 630P Monday Faith Study 630P Justice Ministry (Shandon UMC) 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care 7P Exec Team 7P Recovery Comes First</p>	<p>15 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 1230P PS Prayer Lunch 120P PS Prayer Lunch 4P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>16 930 PS Chapel 630P Sr. Youth 7P Choirs</p>	<p>17 630A Men's Bible Study 830A GN Walkers 10A PS Music Time 4P Backpacks 4P ASC Music Time 7P Council (carpool at 6:30)</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 Day of Pentecost 1215P Sr. Adults/Empty Nester Lunch 4P Concert of Praise</p>	<p>21 1030A Meals on Wheels 630P Monday Night Faith Study 7P Beer 'n Hymns 7P Recovery Comes First NA Group</p>	<p>22 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 530P Rush Hour Ministry (430P Assembling) 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>23 930 PS Chapel 630P Sr. Youth 7P Choirs</p>	<p>24 830A GN Walkers 10A Hymn Along (NHC) 4P Backpacks 4P ASC Music Time 615P LS Veterans Ministry Night (carpool 530)</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 8A Men's Breakfast 930A Crafty Ladies 4P Arnold Wedding</p>
<p>27 Quillow Milestone 1215P Confirmation</p>	<p>28 Memorial Day Office Closed 7P Recovery Comes First NA Group</p>	<p>29 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>30 930 PS Chapel 630P Sr. Youth 7P Choirs</p>	<p>31 830A GN Walkers 10A PS Music Time 3P Backpacks 4P ASC Music Time 7P Synod Assembly Celebratory Worship (Cola Metro. Convention Center)</p>	<p>1 6P Synod Assembly Worship - A Prayer for All Nations (Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church)</p>	<p>2</p>

Worship Assistant Schedule – May 2018

	Assisting Minister	Lector	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torchbearers	Counters	Children's Sermon	Council Person
5/6	8:15 Saundra Dixon	Beverly Hoppert	Karen Kranz Ashley Ramsey	Kathy McDonald Shirley Lalingen	Inside Debbie Smith	Outside Ron Smith	Anna Graves	Midge Gunvalson		Laura Turnmire	Midge Gunvalson
5/6	10:45 Alison Levitt	Adele Lindberg	Pat Bartucca Kathryn Padgett	Cynthia Edney Karlene Stuart Laura Stuart Melanie Mooney	Nancy Baldwin	Steve Padgett	Lauren Bloss	Jan Berger	Ginny Devereaux Jeanette Bloss	Wendy Mckenzie Karen Kranz Midge Gunvalson	Laura Turnmire Jeff Tenhover
5/13	8:15 Minister Griffin	John Imbert	Saundra Dixon Gwen Furcron	Sue Loveless Mike Loveless	Patricia Brouwer	Ken Flynn	Bill Franck	Jan Epperson		Christopher Girardeau	Bill Franck
5/13	10:45 Minister Griffin	Bob Gabbard	Kelcee Flores Audrey Turnmire	Austin Padgett Steve Padgett Mike Davidson Walker Flores	Marlene Jorgensen	Mike Davidson	Lauren Bloss	Karlene Stuart	Trish Davidson Alison Levitt	Bob Turnmire Steve Padgett Doug Danner	Christopher Girardeau Mike Davidson
5/20	8:15 Jan Berger	Bob Gill	Karen Kranz Scott Graves	Peg Fox Bill Fox	Nancy Schwind	Roger Schwind	Wesley Graves	Nancy Schwind		Pastor Eric	Pastor Eric Jan Berger
5/20	10:45 Jan Berger	Jeff Day	Jeff Day Cindy Day	Laura Stuart Karlene Stuart Randy Masad Marshall Hurlbert	Gail Buchanan	Marshall Hurlbert	Steve Bloss	Adam Woodruff	Pat Bartucca Steve Padgett	Wendy Mckenzie Karlene Stuart Sue Hyman	Pastor Eric Jan Berger
5/27	8:15 John Imbert	Christopher Girardeau	Helen Doeringhaus Saundra Dixon	Marj Appleton Jerry Appleton	Kristen Mattson	Jeff Lummel	Jim Zieche	Karen Kranz		Lexanne Graves	Vickie Crapps
5/27	10:45 Christophe r Girardeau	Dea Jones	Mike Davidson Trish Davidson	Steve Bloss Adam Woodruff Gary Ginn Preston Ginn	Cathy Lowman	Steve Bloss	Walker Flores	Wes Levitt	Leslie Bloss Gail Buchanan	Adam Woodruff Ed Brennan Angie Dyches	Lexanne Graves Adam Woodruff
	Name Tag 8:15	Name Tag 10:45	Flowers	Muggers		Nursery (10:45)	Refreshments		Altar Guild		
5/6	Sue Loveless	Linda Hayes	Ann Lynn Caughman	Karen Kranz			WELCA		May		
5/13	Jean Weick	Gay Walter	Judy Lawrence	Charles Tracy			Saundra Dixon		Linda Hayes (5/6)/Tiffany Ginn		
5/20	Roger Schwind	Karen Kranz	Worship Arts	Karen Kranz			Karen Kranz				
5/27	Patricia Brouwer	Alice Renaud	Kari Arnold	Charles Tracy			Judy Lawrence				

SIGN UP TO BE A WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - June & July - September!

The online sign up for June is ready to be populated – whatever slots are open by May 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>

Third Quarter: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4baea92fa0f85-20182>

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

May 2 Harrison Keppery
May 3 Amber Jorgensen
 ♥ Patrick & Shelby Sheldon
May 4 Lauren Grimmer
 Lindsey Pittman
May 5 Jacob Villaflor
May 6 Judy Lawrence
May 9 Lisa Grimmer
May 12 Trey Allmann
 Peter Creighton
May 13 Charles Pollard
May 14 Caroline Moore
May 15 Jackson Evans
May 16 Sheila Kowalski
 Tina Molineu
May 17 Everett Snipes

May 18 Melissa Lindstedt
May 19 Lori Masad
May 20 Ashley Fakoury
May 21 Alison Levitt
May 23 ♥ Eric & Kris Fink
May 24 ♥ Will & Nikki Collins
May 25 ♥ Steve & Kathryn Padgett
May 26 Sandra Dixon
 Don Molineu
 Samuel Skipper
May 29 Nichole Allmann
 Braydon Hensley
May 30 Sharon Evans
May 31 Wes Levitt
 ♥ Harold & Bunie Talbert



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!



<p> May 1 Jane Evans David Giertz Sally Moore Gay Walter Jim Zieche May 3 Caroline Berger Amber Jorgensen May 7 Teagan Lindstedt May 8 Kristen Mattson Karl Schmidt May 9 Rachel Hurlbert </p>	<p> May 10 May 11 May 14 May 16 May 17 May 20 May 24 May 26 </p>	<p> Liam Keppery Ben Arnold Ruth Pollard Catherine Fulkerson Todd Gunvalson Ron Ramsey Andrew Drafts Sam Prizer Luke Prizer Collin Flores </p>
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