

The Living Springs Journal

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

June 2018



Your Summer Theme? - *This Month from Pastor Eric*

The past 4-6 weeks were truly an inspiring time for us as a community of disciples here at Living Springs. We celebrated the great day of Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives —and just as the Holy Spirit lifted the original disciples to experiences beyond their own imagination, so too the Holy Spirit lifted us to amazing experiences: a powerful Women's Sunday and quilt ministry blessing; the inspiring Pentecost Concert of Praise; the Legrand-Lowman auction to provide scholarships & continuing education grants for our college students; the Shannon Long Golf Tournament that enabled us to complete our \$3000 mission partnership grant for Christ Lutheran Mission; inspiring temple talks from our teens headed to the Houston Youth Gathering; the moving Quillow Blessing for our HS graduates



MONTHLY UNITY WORSHIP!

June 10 @ 10:30 am

(Bar-B-Q & activities to follow)

July 1 @ 10:30 am

(Youth Gathering Live Stream)

August 26 @ 10:30 am

(Rally Day & Pot-Luck)

and the welcome of new LS members; many smiling faces greeted at our Sparkleberry Fair booth with "Live Generously" t-shirts; the awesome Sunday afternoon Journey Performing Arts worship experience and our 1st Praise in the Park worship at Lake Carolina; the culmination of our Resurrection & New Life adult faith milestone; the Justice Ministry celebration event; the beginning of a NE Columbia Narcotics Anonymous group; our hosting the Midlands Lutheran Men's gathering – and so much more. Oh, how the Holy Spirit works to carry on the hope and joy of Christ's ministry among his followers!

Every June newsletter, I look forward to some amazing ways the Spirit will work in the summer ahead. On June 10, we have the first of three summer Unity Worship services, as part of our kickoff for SPARK! Your Faith week. On June 17, we kick off our series of 3rd week Summer Hope Sundays, and begin the always joyful pre-worship Summer Hymn Sings. There is Camp Week at Lutheridge (June 17-23) and June 24 will mark our 2nd Praise in the Park event. Then our teens head off to Houston for the Lutheran Youth Gathering (June 26 – July 1), with our 2nd unity worship event on July 1 (including a live stream of the climactic Youth Gathering Worship Service with ELCA Bishop Eaton). There is the summer book collection for our SC Synod's Rich Learning Initiative in Allendale County. Already, preparations are being made for the GraceWorks Lutheran Servant Week (July 15-20), which will include an opportunity for us to participate in the Richland2 summer feeding program.

SPARK Your Faith Camp

June 10-13

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Living Springs Camp Week

Lutheridge, June 17-23

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Houston Youth Gathering Trip

June 26 - July 1

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GraceWorks! Columbia Youth

Servant Week, July 15-20

LIVING SPRINGS SUMMER HYMNS & HOPE & PRAISE

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Summer Hymn-Sings

(10 minutes prior to worship,
starting June 17)

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Summer Hope Sundays

June 17, July 15, Aug. 19

Hope Forums @ 9:30

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Praise in the Park

June 24, July 22, Aug. 26

5:30 - Community Sites TBA

I have many wonderful memories of my own summers as a toddler, staying with my grandmother during the day. She would always make summer fun and meaningful, by creating some type of summer "theme" for us. We spent a lot of time working in her garden, caring for her chickens, and canning food to share with others - so her themes often had a connection to God's creation and helping others, along with some particular Bible verse or story. Certainly, lifestyles have changed a lot over 50 years, but it can still be a good memory-making, life-shaping practice to adopt a "summer theme" for yourself or your family. Based on your own plans and activities, the Spirit might guide you to a special Bible verse or Bible story that will help summer be a special time for you to **Grow In Faith Together**. There are lots of creative possibilities. But if you need some food for thought, perhaps consider one of these options ...

Living Water (John 4:10-14). Spend the summer focusing on God's gift of water and how it provides for joy & life.

Find ways to share the gift of water with others. This is part of the theme for our SPARK week.

Here Am I, Lord, Send Me! (Isaiah 6:8). Keep track of all the daily and special places you go during the summer. Consider how everywhere you go is a place that God can send you to share love, light, and joy with someone. This is the theme for our summer GraceWorks servant week.

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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.

Outdoor Unity Worship

Sunday, June 10 @ 10:30am

On Sunday, June 10, we invite the entire congregation to worship at our special 10:30 outdoor Unity service. Feel free to bring your lawn chairs or pop-up tents. After, there will be a congregational Bar-B-Q lunch, plus family faith activities. Please sign up in the admin building or on-line at <https://goo.gl/rmZCvA>. We encourage everyone to worship at 10:30, but if you are not able to attend, a brief morning prayer time will occur at 8:15 (no communion).

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.

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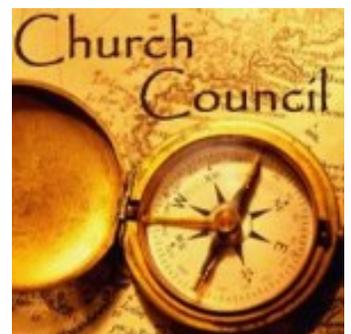
Council Clips

COUNCIL CLIPS – Staff & Ministry Reports May 17, 2018 Meeting

Council Meeting was held offsite at Lutheran Services Carolina. Heidi Rixman, Director of Development, presented the LSC "Love One Another" Capital Campaign.

Council Actions and news (from May 17 business meeting):

- *Facilities: Continue to do many repair jobs around the church. Check the Job-Jar.
- *Good News Team: Planning next Rush Hour ministry. Researching phone app for Living Springs
- *Fellowship & Mutual Care Team: Beer & Hymns will be held on 5/21. The annual LeGrand/Lowman scholarship dinner was held on 5/5 and the scholarships will be awarded on May 20th. The next senior/ Empty Nester lunch will be held on May 20th. Continuing Education applications being accepted through 7/1/18.
- *Sr Youth continue to fundraise for Houston Youth Gathering by selling stocks. They will participate in Grace Works 7/10-7/15.
- *Lifelong Discipleship: Options are being finalized for adult mission experience. "Thanksgiving Moments" continue during worship. Planning Vocation Recognition for college graduates, jobs, marriage. Future milestone partner with Christ Mission.
- *Hope Ministries: VA ministry will continue 5/24. Flower delivery for Mother's Day and Father's Day. LS has committed to Richland 2 Summer Feeding Program 7/16-7/19 at Hunter Ways Apartments. During the summer we will have Hope Sundays with Clay Hunt Veterans Suicide Prevention scheduled for June 17th. Family Promise will be held on June 17th and June 24th.
- *Justice Ministry: Celebration was held on May 24th at Shandon UMC. Gateway House visits scheduled for end of May.
- *Lutheran Men: The next breakfast meeting will be on 5/26. The annual golf tournament was held on 4/28, Pastor Cannon from Christ Mission church participated with ceremonial first putt. Our 2nd \$1500 Mission Support check was presented to Christ Mission. On 5/7, LS hosted the LMM Midlands Conference, which focused on the BeLoved ministry. LMM are exploring offering meeting space and financial support for this ministry. SC Lutheran Men's Mission Breakfast will be held on June 2nd at St. Paul. LS outing will be held on July 20th at Fireflies game, with Disciples of Harmony singing the National Anthem.
- *Women's Ministry: WELCA Convention to be held 6/7-8, with 6 women attending from LSLC. Women are providing screen- printed pillowcases for those attending National Youth Gathering this summer.
- *Preschool: Year-End Celebration to be held June 8th.
- *Worship & Music: Afternoon Praise in the Park services will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month during the summer. We will also have a Unity service at 10:30 am on June 10th to kick off SPARK Camp, as well as a Unity service for the live stream of the National Youth Gathering Service on 7/1 at 10:30, and another unity service on Rally Day (August 26).
- *The Safety Planning Team will be reconvening to finalize plans and procedures for safety Team training sessions and parking lot greeters. The team now has bids for the new Church Lock system, and will proceed after SPARK camp.
- *Bucket Designation starting May 27th to go towards the SC Synod Rich Learning Initiative for Allendale County. We will also place a box for book donations.
- *Living Springs will adopt a non-binding commitment to Lutheran Services Carolina for their "Love One Another" capital campaign, which will run 5-6 weeks in our congregation, with funds raised over a three-year period.
- *A Congregational meeting was held on May 6th, authorizing initial expenditures from the DOT settlement to be used for parking lot, driveways, landscaping, signage, sound improvements, enhancement of Hard Scrabble side of church. Campus Visioning Task Force is in place and has met. Members are: Jan Berger, Todd Gunvalson, Ed Brennan, Karlene Stuart, Randy Sides, Ashley Ramsey, Aaron Smith, Ed Wicker/Laura Cole, Jeff Tenhover, and Pastor Eric Fink. A parallel Kingdom Vision Task Force will be formed, to explore creative ways of using a % of the settlement money for even further work of God's kingdom.
- *From Pastor Eric: COME HOLY SPIRIT COME! The Holy Spirit has truly been at work at Living Springs and in our lives.



God's Corner



To the members of Living Springs Lutheran bear project. Thank you so very much for the bear that was sent me from Living Springs. It sits on my bedside table, the first thing I open my eyes to in the morning, giving me courage for the day and before I close my eyes at night reminding me God is with me and cares for me. Recovery & physical therapy has been long and tough & every now & then I give it a hug. I am now standing and walking & climbing stairs. God is good. I have certain restrictions – the hardest being no bending past a certain point & no squatting. We are rearranging our kitchen and I love to cook & bake. Thank you again for this wonderful ministry of love, concern & caring.

SINCERELY, JOANN



I would like to thank the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful shawl delivered to me after my knee surgery. Even though it makes little sense, my shoulders get cold when I ice my knee. The shawl is perfect for that! And a special thank you to Karen Kranz for picking out the perfect color!

Sarah Schultz



Thank you for the lovely service you did for Mom (Janet Bate), as well as the reception by the ladies and the lovely celebration of the choir in their choices that day. Your support throughout her hospitalization was so comforting to her and meant a great deal to the family. She truly had a strong and loving family at your church and I think that's the biggest part of what kept her going after Mike's passing. It was truly a Godsend to her. And having an outlet for her singing - well, we all know how much she loved and was blessed with that. Thank you, in so many ways, for your caring and assistance as we shepherded Mom onto heaven.

Christie Cunningham & family



Dear Friends at Living Springs,

A beautiful white bear found its way from Living Springs Church to our daughter, and she treasured him until her death in January. Not long after, our church got a request from Lutheran Hospice for stuffed animals for hospice patients. Instead of returning him to you, I have passed him on where I hope he will brighten someone else's life as he did Virginia's. Thank you for this special ministry.

GINNY



To Living Springs Church and the children in the Preschool as well as their teachers,

You made my day! I had just moved to Rice Estate and was so surprised to see the children at my door with a beautiful red rose for me. Thank you so much for the very special Mother's Day gift.



Celebrating Living Springs Disciples and Their Ministry!

Congratulations to one of our new member's, Robin Trauffer. We heard you received the Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award at USC!



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



G.I.F.T. ZONE



Children of all ages gathered together as peers, helping each other grow in faith together! Above pictured is Zander who on his first visit with us wrote "I Love Church!" with a heart drawn by it to share with me that he loved being in church! To God be the glory that our faith community is a safe place for all to experience Jesus' love!

Wet-n-Wild

SPARK! Bible Camp, 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>



Complete registration form and provide \$20 for each child and place in the SPARK Camp workroom box! We still need adult volunteers to help out (either from 9am-1230pm or 1230-300pm). Please get in touch with Lexanne (803-315-3828 or Lgraves910@gmail.com).

Faith Formation/Sunday School



Forty Days after Easter is Ascension Day when Jesus rose to his heavenly Father God. Jesus is our king whom we love dearly! So we made a Happy Ascension Day crown with balloons!!



The Holy Spirit being blown into each of us on Pentecost and in our Baptisms ...just like you blow air into a balloon OR blow air up on a balloon to make it rise!



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES:

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 pas-times ever!

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

Each week I am continually amazed at the questions I receive from these children who are hungry to know the Good News of Jesus in their living! They have wonderful questions like: How did Jesus ascend to heaven?, Why is wine used in Jesus' special meal of communion?, and one very poignant question that remains with me right now: *"How did Jesus continue to carry out God's plan, even when it meant he had to die?"* Yes, this came from one of our 4 year olds! So I unpacked this question with the whole group. Jesus first needed to continue to **listen** for God's instructions in his heart & through the prophetic writings from what is now our Bible. We need to do that too! Jesus secondly needed to **ask God for help** while he was tempted by Satan in the desert and mocked and made fun of by the community. We need to do that too! While it is very sad that Jesus had to die, we know today that Jesus' death followed by God's plan of Jesus' resurrection ensures us that our sins (the wrong things that we do) are forgiven. Each day we too die to our old, wrong way of doing things, in order to rise again anew each morning striving to do the right things. When we die to our old selves, we rise in a new way of living....doing what Jesus asks us to do—to **do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God**. We may think it is hard to help carry out God's plan, but when we do we are sharing God's unconditional love to a very hurting world! Thank you, my fellow Farm Friend disciple, for teaching us that even if God's plan is hard, we are still called to do it!

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!



Continued from Pastor Eric

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A Gift of God (Ephesians 2:8). Build a summer record of all the gifts and blessings from God that you see in this world, in your home, in your lives. The Ephesians passage highlights that even our faith and salvation are completely a gift of God. This will be the theme for our nationwide gathering of 30,000+ Lutheran Youth in Houston. Subthemes are: God's Grace Changes Everything! God's Love Changes Everything! God's Hope Changes Everything! God's Call Changes Everything!

Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God (Matthew 5:9). Spend the summer focusing on being a peacemaker at home, in your family, among neighbors and friends. Celebrate servants who work for peace in our society, or look for instances where you witness someone being a peacemaker. This is the theme for our statewide gathering of SC Lutherans, May 28-June 1 in Columbia.

As always, if you would like to talk about an option specifically for you or your family, feel free to drop by the office or give me a call. I truly pray this upcoming summer will be a time of Growing In Faith Together for us all, whatever GOD'S theme may be for you! Many Blessings in Christ, *Pastor Eric*

Notes from: *Fellowship & Mutual Care*

Legrand/Lowman Dinner & Auction



Empty Nester/Senior's Lunch



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

Goat Daddy's Farm



Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

BUTTERFLY CARDS

Our Preschool children made butterfly cards for our Meals on Wheels clients – here is comment from Shirley who was delivering the meals with Nancy that particular day – “So, when we got to Mr. James Murphy, I gave him two cards and told him, that kids in our preschool made them for him. He looked down at the cards and the sweetest ever so slight smile appeared. It was not a big grin from the outside. but it had to be a big one inside, because I could see it in his eyes!!” This is the relationship you find when you participate in a ministry – a simple card and a meal delivered by a caring person made this a significant day for Mr. Murphy.



HYMN ALONG @ Rice Estate

Jeff was driving a busload of preschool children to Rice Estate for our Hymn Along that we do every other month and he overhears the conversation of two little ones. “Where are we going?” one little girl says. “Oh, we are going to sing to the **old** people” says her partner! Yes, they are old people, but the joy and delight you see in their eyes and faces when they watch and listen to the children sing their Jesus songs are priceless. **Our next Hymn Along is scheduled for Thursday, July 26 at 10 am at NHC Healthcare on Parklane Rd. – come out and join us as we sing *Grow in Faith Together!***



Veterans Ministry Night



SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM

Sodexo Food Services, in partnership with Richland School District Two, is excited to expand their Summer Food Program. This summer, lunch meals will be offered to children in their neighborhood environment, to provide consistent access to nutritious meals throughout the summer. Living Springs is coordinating with GraceWorks week (July 16 – 19) to provide activities at the Hunters Way apartment site at 325 Percival Rd. Volunteer signup sheet [Summer Feeding](#) or hard copy in admin bldg. *Anyone have any games, coloring books, crayons, chalk, board games, books, art and/or craft supplies they would like to donate? Container will be located in admin building. Contact Karen Kranz.*

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

Were you ever at a point in your life where you thought you had everything in order and then the rug got pulled from under you? You had no one to turn to and nowhere to go? Family Promise of the Midlands helps families that are in these types of situations by providing a place to stay and help getting them back on track with different resources.



One family was trying to get settled – the wife taught salsa lessons in the fellowship hall of the host congregation in thankfulness for helping them. They ended up getting permanent jobs and were able fully sustain their independence in a home of their own.

There are 16 churches in Columbia that provide temporary shelter to families, including meals and companionship. Living Springs is a support congregation for St. Martins in the Fields (June 16-24) and Trinity UMC in Blythewood (June 24-July 1). If you are interested in volunteering at either of these churches, contact Karen Kranz for ways you can help.

Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

May Justice Ministry Gathering



Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*

6:19 Resurrection and New Life Milestone

What a tremendous time we shared, as we grew in faith together with our 6:19 Adult Faith Milestone during the Easter Season. A number of folks asked if they could get a copy of Pastor's PowerPoint Slides, so here is a link to each:

Session 1: [Resurrection & New Life Biblical Foundations](#)

Session 3: [Planning a Service of Worship to Celebrate Our Birth into New Life](#)

Session 4: [Extending Our Ministry Beyond Physical Death](#)

Session 2 was led by Lutheran Hospice Chaplain Karen Young. It was truly powerful. [Here is a link to our Lutheran Hospice Ministry page](#)

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.

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** – Taking the Summer off. We will return in the fall at 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** – Taking the Summer off. We will return in the fall at 7:00PM Tuesday evenings – Facilitator [Steve Bloss](#)



Preschool & Afterschool Care News

From the Classrooms

Ocean Room - Wishing all fathers a Happy Fathers' Day. We share the love of God on our daily buggy rides - singing songs in His praise and enjoying the beauty of nature.

Mother Goose - This month we will be learning about farm animals and continue to work on new sign language skills throughout the summer. We love to hear the children say "Amen" at the end of our blessing.

ASC - Recently we have been learning about Baptism and being washed clean and we thank God for that!

Farm Friends - During circle time, we discussed the purpose of Red Nose Day and the class decided that they wanted to help by collecting items to be distributed to the homeless.

Jumping Jungle - Soon we will be learning about ocean life, sharks, the solar system and much more! The children have had fun learning our new song "All God's Creatures have a place in the Choir". Also, we have had fun finding all the new spring creations God has made for us all.



Notes from: *Sr. Youth & Young Adults*

Senior Youth

This is it! The National Youth Gathering is here! Our Youth have done so much to prepare for the Gathering - from washing cars to selling Christmas trees, from sharing with the rest of the congregation to devotionally preparing. The Youth want to thank you for your support - spiritually, financially, and emotionally. Please continue to keep the Youth in our prayers as they make final preparations in these last few weeks!

June also brings us to the close of another school year! It's an exciting time for the youth as they look forward to summer activities like the Gathering, GraceWorks, Lutheridge, and so much more! Christopher will be reaching out to the Youth to plan activities for the Summer and to prepare for a theme for next school year!

We will be continuing with our Rob Bell Nooma series. Recently, we've dealt with Job and the magnificence and sovereignty of God.



Youth SPARK Events, June 11-13

All youth (gr. 6-12), don't miss out on our water-focused teen SPARK fun. We have a tour with the Columbia City WaterWorks and Canal Park, plus another surprise water outing. We'll also visit with our Meals-on-Wheels recipients and deliver flowers to the senior men at Rice Estate (for Father's Day week). Sign up now! See Pastor for more info.

Wet-n-Wild

Help Prepare 3000 Prayer Oak Pieces for Houston!

Our Youth are taking 3000 LS prayer oak pieces to distribute in Houston! The pieces are made of wood from the Welcome Cross Oak tree that stood at our entrance. In between services during June, come to the fellowship hall and help draw special crosses on several pieces. As you draw, pray a prayer for the unknown youth or person who will receive your piece in Houston!



SUPPORT OUR YOUTH GROUP HOUSTON OFFERINGS!

We give thanks for all the amazing LS folks who have invested in a young disciple and the growth of God's kingdom! You can still invest \$5 per share to sponsor one of our youth to attend the Lutheran Youth Gathering in Houston, June 26-July 1. We are also focusing on donations to add to our youth's offering for three Youth Gathering projects (Houston Literacy, World Hunger Global Farm Challenge, Prison & Global Missions). See any of our youth by the nametag table, after each worship service.



Young Adults

Christopher starts an internship at Palmetto Richland this Summer and doesn't yet know what dates he'll be available for young adult activities. Please keep on the lookout for the monthly young adult news next week after Christopher learns what his schedule will look like.

If you haven't been getting the emails or if you have any suggestions on activities, please let Christopher know.

Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

Pentecost Sunday



Pentecost Concert of Praise



Quillow Milestone



Congratulations 2018 HS Graduates!

We rejoice and give thanks with the Quilling Milestone for London Mancuso and Laura Stuart. We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for all 2018 graduates and their families.

Beer & Hymns



Children's Message



Music & Worship Ministry Spring Fellowship & Dessert Social

Wednesday, June 6th, 7:00 pm

PLEASE JOIN US for the *Living Springs Music & Worship Ministry Spring Fellowship & Dessert Social* on *Wednesday, June 6th, 7:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall. This fellowship opportunity is for anyone involved with our Music & Worship Ministry (Choirs, Handbells, Musicians, Worship Assistants, etc.). Spouses, friends and children are welcome! Please bring a dessert to share. Beverages will be provided.

Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

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! The next book club meeting will be Monday, August 6 at Ann Lynn Caughman' house – the book is *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information.



Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

Lutheran Men Midlands Gathering



God At Work

Blessing of Quilts



Congregational Meeting



Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

Membership Inquiry Sessions

Sunday, June 3 @ 9:30am

Come meet with Pastor today at 9:30 in the fellowship hall to find out more about Living Springs, the Lutheran church, and being part of God's work in this community of faith. Find support for life's journey. For more information – contact [Pastor Eric](#) or call the office.

HELP WITH Spark Your Faith Camp

June 10-13

Many adult volunteers and helpers are needed. Help make this a wonderful event for our children and youth. Camp Style from 9:00am -3:00pm. Please contact Lexanne Graves.

Book Collection for RICH Learning Summer Arts Camp

We will be collecting NEW or GENTLY USED books appropriate for children ages 3-8 to be given to needy children in Allendale County during the RICH Learning Summer Arts Camp. These children will get to read these books during their quiet time at camp 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!"



Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs

Backpack Food Ministry

Off for Summer - Please help with the Summer Feeding Program

Backpacks ended May 31 for this school year, but opportunities are still available for the Richland 2 summer feeding program at Hunter's Way Apartments on Percival Rd. Last year the interactions with all the children were priceless – singing songs, playing games, making crafts! During the week of July 16 through the 19, between 11:00 am and 1 pm, Living Springs will host activities and games with the children in this neighborhood complex. The lunch is provided by Sodexo – we just have to be there to interact with the children and demonstrate how we are all God's children. Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information.

God's Storehouse

Monday, June 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, June 28 @ 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.*

Recovery Comes First

Mondays 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). This is an "open" group, meaning that anyone affected (directly or indirectly) by narcotic/opioid addiction is welcome to attend.

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 admin building.

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?

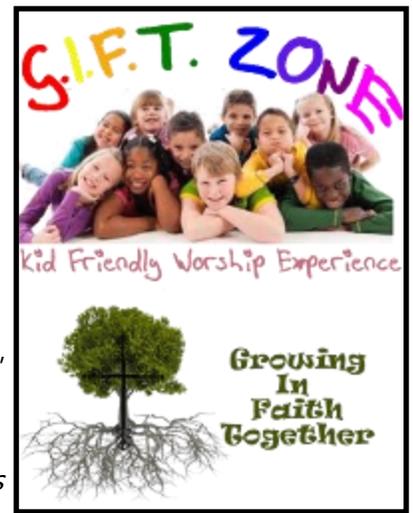
Nowhere in modern society are young children asked to sit still for a hour. Even in school, children no longer sit at individual desks like we once did, but they are constantly working in centers. In recent years, this has had the effect of worship being more uninviting for children and becoming a negative, 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.



June 2018

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 930A God's Storehouse 930A Members Session	4 10A Staff Meeting 1030A Meals on Wheels 5P Worship Task Force 7P Ladies Book Club (Skiba)	5 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 5P Good News Team	6 5P Hope Ministry 7P W&M Spring Fellowship & Dessert Social	7 630A Men's Bible Study 10A PS Music Time 7P Lifelong Discipleship	8 930A PS End of Year Celebration	9 930A Crafty Ladies 5P Rice Estate Dinner (setup at 3P)
10 815A Prayer Time 930A Choirs 1030A Outdoor Unity Worship 12P Spark! Kickoff BBQ	11 930A God's Storehouse 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First NA Group	12 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Finance	13	14 10A PS Music Time 630P Preschool Board	15	16
	SPARK! Your Faith Camp - 6/11-6/13					
17 9:30A Sumer Hope Sunday 930A Choirs	18 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Exec Team 7P Recovery Comes First NA Group	19 1030A Meals on Wheels	20 930 PS Chapel	21 630A Men's Bible Study 10A PS Music Time 7P Council	22	23 930A Crafty Ladies
Camp Week @ Lutheridge - 6/17-6/23						
24 <i>Youth Gathering</i> <i>Blessing Sunday</i> 930A Youth Gathering Meeting 930A Choirs 530P Praise in the Park (TBA)	25 1030A Staff Communion 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First NA Group	26 1030A Meals on Wheels	27 930 PS Chapel	28 10A PS Music Time 615P LS Veterans Ministry Night (carpool 530)	29	30 8A Men's Breakfast
National Youth Gathering in Houston - 6/26-7/1						
Sunday, July 1 - Unity Worship Service @ 10:30 (Youth Gathering Live Streaming)						

Worship Assistant Schedule – June 2018

	Assisting Minister	Lector	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters		Acolyte	Crucifer	Torchbearers	Counters	Children's Sermon	Council Person
					Inside	Outside						
6/3	8:15 Saundra Dixon	Nowell Ramsey	Bill Franck Karen Kranz	Sue Loveless Mike Loveless	Debbie Smith	Ron Smith	Wesley Graves	Jim Zieche			Christopher Girardeau	Mike Grimmmer
6/3	10:45 Alison Levitt	Adam Woodruff	Kellie Flores Wendy McKenzie	Wes Levitt Karlene Stuart Adam Woodruff Mike Davidson	Linda Hayes	Mike Davidson	Karlene Stuart	Pat Bartucca	Jeanette Bloss Ginny Devereaux	Ann Lynn Caughman Trish Davidson Mark Stuart	Christopher Girardeau	Ann Lynn Caughman
6/10	8:15	Minister Griffin			Irene Tracy	Jeff Lummel						Bill Franck
6/10	10:30 Minister Griffin	Anna Graves	Pat Bartucca Audrey Turnmire	Austin Padgett Steve Padgett Laura Stuart Walker Flores	Jeanette Bloss	Marshall Hurlbert	Lauren Bloss	Wes Levitt	Leslie Bloss Alison Levitt	Mike Grimmmer Scott Graves Marshall Hurlbert	Lexanne Graves	Adam Woodruff
6/17	8:15 John Imbert	Midge Gunvalson	Gwen Furcron Beverly Hoppert	Kathy McDonald Sadonia Grimmer	Marj Appleton	Jerry Appleton	Jim Zieche	Karen Kranz			Pastor Eric	Midge Gunvalson
6/17	10:45 Jeff Day	Lori Masad	Jeanette Bloss Cindy Day	Gary Ginn Preston Ginn Randy Masad Adam Woodruff	Alice Renaud	Adam Woodruff	Walker Flores	Steve Bloss	Gail Buchanan Cynthia Edney	Jan Berger Leslie Bloss Laura Turnmire	Pastor Eric	Wendy McKenzie
6/24	8:15 Jan Berger	Christopher Girardeau	Ashley Ramsey Bob Gill	Sue Loveless Mike Loveless	Kathy McDonald	Nancy Schwind	Bill Franck	Nancy Schwind			Jan Berger	Jan Berger
6/24	10:45 Jan Berger	Sarah Schultz	Pat Bartucca Christopher Girardeau	Leslie Bloss Lauren Bloss Karlene Stuart Laura Stuart	Tiffany Ginn	Austin Padgett	Steve Bloss	Steve Padgett	Austin Padgett Laura Stuart	Steve Bloss Jeff Tenhover Vicki Crapps	Jan Berger	Jan Berger
		Name Tag 8:15	Name Tag 10:45	Flowers	Muggers		Coffee		Refreshments		Altar Guild	
6/3	Patricia Brouwer	Karen Kranz	Jerry Mancuso	Karen Kranz			Bill Franck	n/a				June Sue Loveless
6/10	Ashley Ramsey	Ashley Ramsey	Eric Fink	Charles Tracy			Todd Gunvalson	n/a				
6/17	Karen Kranz	Karen Kranz	Ruth Pollard	Karen Kranz			Karen Kranz	n/a				
6/24	Roger Schwind	Gay Walter	Sue Hyman	Charles Tracy			Charles Tracy	n/a				

SIGN UP FOR THIRD QUARTER – WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

The online signup for October is ready to be populated – whatever slots are open by June 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. 3rd quarter (July - September) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4baea92fa0f85-20182>

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

June 2	Brantley Smith Elise & Ronnie Gerald	June 14	Sam Gordan Charles & Ruth Pollard
June 3	Patrick O'Donnell	June 17	Carter Peterson
June 4	Beverly Hoppert	June 20	Adam Woodruff
June 5	McKenna Allmann Jeff Day Dylann Keppery	June 21	Bryan Drafts Angie Dyches Nancy Baldwin
June 6	Rosie Kowalski	June 22	Kristen Gott
June 9	Karen Bazemore Connor Kilbourne	June 23	Gracen Tiltan Paul Laingen
June 10	Elijah Harris Hany & Rachel Sorial	June 24	Graham & Tara Bartholomew Pierce O'Donnell
June 11	Marlene Jorgensen Jim & Sadonia Grimmer	June 26	Nowell Ramsey Michael & Kellie Snipes
June 12	Brien Lay Irene Tracy	June 28	Ashley Ramsey
June 13	Jennings Owens	June 30	Preston Ginn Sara Levitt



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!



June 1	Margaret Blank Alison Levitt Peter Zvejnieks	June 12	Ethan Christy
June 3	Corin Wiggins	June 18	Ethan Wirth
June 9	Maddie McCormick	June 20	Zach Colflesh
June 11	Elijah Harris	June 28	Anita Gabbard
		June 30	Marlene Jorgensen Irene Tracy

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