



# The Living Springs Journal

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

July 2018

# "This Changes Everything!" - This Month from Pastor Eric



For over a year, our youth have been preparing for the amazing experience of the massive triennial Lutheran Youth Gathering with 30,000+ other youth and leaders – and as you read this, we will either be in Houston or just returning. The site is chosen 3-4 years in advance, with much thought and prayer put into selecting a city where we as Lutheran Christians can have a positive impact both spiritually & economically – through service, hope and witness in carrying the presence of Christ. In recent years, Lutheran youth have gathered in New Orleans (in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina), in Detroit (in the wake of their economic downturn), and now in Houston (in the ongoing aftermath of Hurricane Harvey and other urban issues there).

I give thanks to God for this loving congregation that provides such incredible support for our youth, that allow them to experience the life-transforming journey of faith in Christ! This not only happens through the Youth Gathering, but through all the ways the entire congregation supports our Jr. and Sr. Youth Ministries, Confirmation, Camp Week, GraceWorks, Mystery Mission trips, Sunday morning Faith Alive, SPARK, Christmas Tree Lot, Faith5 Gatherings, and so much more. You all are awesome!

In the closing words of Matthew's gospel, Jesus commands us to "go and make disciples." (cf. Matthew 28:16-20) This was not a command for just the original apostles or for those who would one day be church professionals, but for everyone who would be a believer and disciple of Jesus (i.e., YOU and ME). As disciples of Jesus, we all are called to fulfill our Lord's Great Commission, as our thankful response to everything God has first done for us. So, it is good for each of us to regularly ask ourselves, "What am I personally doing to help make disciples?"

According to research, the biggest impact one can have in disciple-making is to be involved in the life of a child or young person. Last month, we saw many adults step forward to assist with our SPARK VBS experience. This month, another set of adults will step forward to help with the R2 Summer Feeding Program and our GraceWorks servant week (by the way, it's July 15-20 – see Pastor or George if you would like to help out for any part of a day or several days). Many of you are helping with our summer book collection for Richland 2 and the RICH Learning effort in Allendale County. In July, we have an opportunity to help our mission partner church, Christ Mission, with their community children's program in Denny Terrace. Throughout the year, many of you volunteer downstairs with our Preschool Ministry or help with Backpack ministry. In upcoming weeks, we will be contacting individuals to serve as prayer/faith buddies for our Confirmation Students. In a month, we will be making plans for Rally Day to kick off the next year of Faith Formation. I encourage each and every one of us to consider helping out in some way: be a volunteer leader or helper for FaithAlive Sunday School time; be a GIFT Zone adult assistant; help out with the Jr. Youth or Sr. Youth; serve as a confirmation assistant or mentor; volunteer as a preschool classroom helper or an infant rocker; help with children's music or special programs.

As a child, my parents helped with such tasks, but I must be honest, those who shaped my faith-life the most were the many people who gave of their time and love beyond my own parents: loving people of my grandparents' generation, empty-nesters whose own children had gone off to college, folks who had no children of their own, wonderful young adults. Sometimes (as with most aspects of the faith journey), these roles with youth or children require us to move out of our personal comfort zones. But as we see in the Bible, it is outside our comfort zones that growth in faith truly occurs most. The Good News is that in addition to Christ's Great Commission, we have Christ's promise as we step outside those comfort zones, "I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS!" As we've said many times in the past few years, our call is NOT to "stay stagnant in faith alone," but rather to "Grow In Faith Together." Surely, there is nothing more energizing than to grow together in faith with a young person, for as Jesus himself proclaimed, we find the fullest joy of God's kingdom's when we see through the eyes of a child ourselves (cf. Mark 9:13-16).

The theme for our Houston Youth Gathering was "This Changes Everything!" – meaning that our life in Christ is truly meant to change everything about us. The daily themes were: God's CALL changes everything; God's LOVE changes everything; God's HOPE changes everything; God's GRACE changes everything; JESUS changes everything! The reason we make disciples is not just because Jesus commanded us to do so, but also because it is these blessings (God's Call, God's Love, God's Hope, God's Grace, and Jesus himself) that have the power to bring change into our own lives, change into this world, change into our relationships and families and neighborhoods and homes.

So let the seed be planted in your heart! How might the Spirit be tugging you for a change – to do something new and adventuresome, to become involved in the life a young person, to be a change-agent in the world? Pause in these summer months to give thanks to God for all the people who stepped out of their comfort zones and gave of their time and energy to change your life as a young person. And May the Spirit inspire us all to carry on their legacy, so that through us, another generation may know that the grace & love & call & hope of God in Jesus does wonderfully change everything!

With thanksgiving for all the ways you serve our Lord, *Pastor Eric*

[P.S. Check out Pastor's Preschool article on their page.](#)

**"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you!"**  
-JESUS

## GraceWorks Servant Week

Kickoff @ St. Paul's Lutheran  
Sunday, July 15, 5:30  
Daily Sessions, July 16–20  
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## Christ Mission Youth Outreach

July 9-13, 8:30-2:00  
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## LS Summer Feeding Program

July 16-19, 11:30-12:30

## Summer Hymn-Sings

Each Sunday, 8:05 & 10:35  
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## Summer Hope Sunday

July 15 - 9:30 am  
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## Livings Springs Fireflies Game

Friday, July 20



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

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

## Calling all Youth, grades 6-12 ...

Sign up now for GraceWorks, our amazing servant week experience for all Columbia area Lutheran Youth. We will be all over the city being the hands and feet of Jesus in our own community. Our theme this year is *"All Are Called"* and we plan to show Columbia that all are called to serve others as we walk alongside our mission partners and serve together. This is what Jesus asks us to do. Our LS Youth Fund-raisers will cover half of your \$50 fee! **Dates are July 15-20.** Please register by July 1 via <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/graceworks-2018-tickets-46760254179>



## GraceWorks Needs You! ALL ARE CALLED!

**We need adult volunteers:** There is no cost for adult participation so if you have a day or more during that week and can help with this worthy week of mission with our youth, you may register with the same link as the youth. If you have any questions, please call or email Jennifer Ross at [jross@trumc.org](mailto:jross@trumc.org) or 803-237-6551!

**We need musicians and youth singers** for our GraceWorks music team. If you are interested, please contact George Donovan ([george@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto:george@livingspringscolumbia.org))

**We need 4 youth (2 male and 2 female)** to play the roles of Jonah, Esther, Paul, and Mary (mother of Jesus) during our daily GW worship, and to give a short monologue by your character relating the story of God's call on that person's life (we'll help with this, right, LaVone?) If you are interested, please let me know.

**We need cases of bottled water** for water wagon and for Transitions. Drop them off in the office lobby.

**We need postage stamps** for a special project we are doing with the residents at Transitions.

**We need multiple Thrivent Action Cards** (for each day and each project) Every Thrivent member gets two action cards per year. If you would like to use one of your cards for GraceWorks, contact Karen Kranz.

**most of all.....**

**We need prayers** that GraceWorks 2018 will touch many lives in real and meaningful ways, and that we may be faithful in responding to God's call to be sent into the world to serve our neighbors in need.

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## Council Clips

COUNCIL CLIPS – Staff & Ministry Reports June 21, 2018 Meeting

Council Devotions: "Book of Harmony" Chapter 6

Council Actions and news (from June 21st business meeting):

- ✚ Facilities: The Katie Room and Pastor Levon's office have been repainted.
- ✚ Fellowship & Mutual Care Team: Continuing Education applications being accepted through 7/1/18.
- ✚ Sr Youth prepare to go to National Youth Gathering in Houston. They will take 3000 oak prayer pieces to distribute at Gathering in Houston. They will participate in Grace Works 7/15-7/20. High School seniors were given quillows.
- ✚ Lifelong Discipleship: LITE classes are scheduled to begin again in the Fall. Options are being finalized for the adult mission experience. "Thanksgiving Moments" for us to give thanks have continued during worship. Planning Vocation Recognition for college graduates, jobs, marriage, etc.
- ✚ Ministries of Hope: Father's Day flowers were distributed to Rice Home male residents. Living Springs has committed to Richland 2 Summer Feeding Program 7/16-7/19 at Hunter Ways Apartments. During the summer we will have Hope Sundays on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – June 17, July 15 and August 19. Family Promise will be held June 24<sup>th</sup>. VA ministry was held on 6/28 – we continue collecting quarters.
- ✚ M.O.R.E. Justice: Leadership meeting is being scheduled.
- ✚ LMM: The next breakfast meeting will be on 6/30. LMM supported family outing will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup> at Fireflies game.
- ✚ Women's Group (WELCA): 4 women from Living Springs attended SC synod WELCA Convention 6/7-8. Screen printed pillowcases for those attending National Youth Gathering this summer will be presented 6/24. Congratulations to Kristen Snelgrove for being elected to the SC WELCA board.
- ✚ Preschool: Cindy Day served as interim director during Tammy's medical absence.
- ✚ Worship & Music. Praise in the Park services will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month during the summer. We will also have a Unity service at 10:30 for a live stream of National Youth Gathering closing service on July 1.
- ✚ The Safety Planning Team will begin a key fob trial 7/15-8/1. Implementation of key fobs scheduled for 8/1.
- ✚ Campus Visioning Task Force is in place and has met. They are currently waiting to hear back from engineer.
- ✚ We are looking for coordinator for Living Springs Lutheran Services Carolinas "Love One Another" campaign.



### From Pastor Eric:

- ✚ COME HOLY SPIRIT COME! The Holy Spirit has been at work at Living Springs and in our lives.

### 2018 Synod Assembly



# God's Corner



I wanted to say thank you for giving me this amazing scholarship so that my college expenses are a bit more manageable! I'm so very grateful and I hope to make all of you and the congregation proud!

*Thank you again,  
London Mancuso*



Living Springs Members,

Thank you for the wonderful support given to me while I have been recuperating from knee surgery. Thanks to Sue, Nancy, Leena, Cathy and Gay for taking me to therapy, grocery stores and just getting out of the house. Thank you Tuesday AM Bible study for the lovely orchid. Thanks to the prayer shawl knitters for the soft touch. Thank you Pastor Eric and church members for prayers. I feel so blessed with wonderful friends.

*Peace and Blessings,  
Linda Hayes*



It was so much fun opening the large package that arrived from you, and seeing an adorable bear face peering sweetly up at us. And what a sweetheart she is! Once freed from her wrappings, she has taken up residence in our family room where she awaits visits from our 2 year old granddaughter. All of us love her. She has been named "Beary" of course. That's not too creative a name but it does suit her. How thoughtful of you to send her. We appreciate the card that accompanied her, reminding us that she is not only an ambassador from you but also from Living Springs Lutheran Church. Please assure the folks there that she has a mission and ministry here.

May this note find you well and enjoying each day. May you continually find signs of God's great love for you.

LOVE, JOY, PEACE,  
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## A Way to Give, especially While You're Away

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## SHARE YOUR GOD MOMENT STORY

Has God worked through you or someone else during the week? Email your story to the church office. Stories are published anonymously. This isn't about what "we" are doing, but about God's work in the world!

GOD loves YOU:  
share God's love  
everyday!

Where will God place  
your next Disciple  
Dot?



**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 16

# Wet-n-Wild



**A  
 WET-N-  
 WILD  
 WORSHIP!**




**FELLOWSHIPING  
 WITH SISTERS/  
 BROTHERS OF  
 CHRIST!**



**WORKING ON  
 FAMILY FAITH AC-  
 TIVITIES THAT  
 WERE ALL WATER  
 AND BIBLE  
 RELATED!**



**WORSHIP!**  




**DEW DRAMA—** “And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds...” Hebrews 10:24



**“The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”  
 John 4:14**

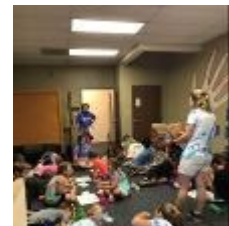




**SPLASHY SCIENCE**



**We got very dirty!  
We got very wet!  
We got hot and sweaty!  
And God loves us so very much!!!**



**FAITH5 FOUNTAIN—What did we do?** Learned the books of the Bible, water conservation, water can be a blessing and dangerous too!, AND we prayed together!



**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES:**

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

**RALLY DAY! AUGUST 26, 2018**—RALLY DAY UNITY WORSHIP & POT LUCK AT 1030AM



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

On the kickoff day of SPARK Camp, a preschooler came with his family to our outdoor worship service, BBQ meal, and family faith activities! As he was leaving he turned to me and said, "Mrs. Lexanne, I am going kayaking today for the first time....and I KNOW that God is gonna be with me!" The Spirit has taken the seeds of God's love and turned them into the gift of faith for this young man. He knows without a doubt that God will be with him. Hallelujah! Who knew that spending just 20 minutes a week, every week, with your children means that their faith will be strengthened. Just imagine if we as parents *invested* just 5 minutes a night, every night in our homes with our children what their faith life could be!! WOW!

**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!

## Notes from: *Facilities*

### **BIG NEWS: LIVING SPRINGS SAFETY PROCEDURES – CHURCH LOCK UPDATE**

Beginning in mid-July, you will notice some new little boxes on our outside church doors. So here's what is happening. With all the sad world events in recent months involving schools and churches, council formed a Safety Task Force to review our church and preschool safety procedures. At the January planning retreat, Council adopted the Task Force's various recommendations, one of which was to update our church locks with a better system. The new lock system has these five purposes:

- 1) *to make our sanctuary safer during worship services;*
- 2) *to make our Preschool safety even better;*
- 3) *to improve safety for groups while they are meeting in the education and office building;*
- 4) *to keep track of who has access to our facilities;*
- 5) *to improve ease of access for congregation members.*

There will be more details in the future, but here is some initial basic information.

Once the new system is operational, there will be no more keys for the exterior doors. Rather, each person will have a plastic key-fob that provides access to three doors: the main sanctuary entrance (under the portico), the main office doors, and the interior double doors leading into the fellowship hall. The plastic key-fobs can be attached to your car-key ring or carried in your purse & wallet. They are programmable for dates and times and individuals.

Some important dates in the lock change-over timeline:

- 1) **July 15 - 30:** The key-fob system will be installed for a trial period with staff and facilities leaders, as we work out any glitches.
- 2) **August 1 – 15:** All congregation members may pick up their own plastic key-fobs.
- 3) **August 16:** All existing outside door keys will not work any longer.
- 4) **July 22, July 29, August 5, August 12:** Info and demonstration sessions will be held on Sundays at 9:30, between worship services.

Here are some examples of advantages to the new system.

- Choir, bells, committees, and groups can keep the outside doors locked and each person can use their keyfob to enter as they arrive. You will no longer be meeting in rooms far away from the door at night, without having any idea if an intruder might be entering because you "had to leave the door open for others to get in." The same is true for events in the sanctuary.
- We can keep the interior fellowship hall doors locked for preschool safety, while allowing congregation members to use their fobs to get in and out of the main administrative doors (even without having to bother Lisa).
- When parents put a child in nursery for Sunday morning, we can give them a temporary programmed "nursery key-fob" that allows the parents to gain access to the nursery area without leaving the nursery area open to just anyone.
- The kitchen door will no longer be a safety hazard that allows anyone with a key to come in from the outside and have direct access to the preschool area downstairs. People can use their keyfob to enter through the main administrative doors and fellowship hall – and then go to the kitchen to load/unload through the door by opening it from the inside.
- If a key-fob is lost and someone moves away, we can simply de-activate that key-fob, so that we do not have dozen of unknown church keys floating around. Also, there will be no more exterior door keys that can be duplicated by just anyone.

There are many, many more examples which we can cover at the info sessions. We have had countless meetings to cover all the options and possibilities to make our facilities as secure and safe as possible for the ministry of God's kingdom. It may take a little "getting used to", but in the end, it will be a great blessing for the people of God in this place. Thanks to all who have put so much effort into this important step forward!

*Note: as part of the lock update, we will also be re-keying all the interior doors, so that a new, better set of keys can be distributed to appropriate ministry leaders, group heads, staff, and others who need them.*



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

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!!!**

**Friday, July 20 @ 7:05 pm**



Friday, July 20 our own Disciples of Harmony will be singing the National Anthem at the Fireflies vs. Augusta ballgame. TELS will be using one of the buses to take you down to the stadium and safely home again. Please use the signup sheet in the admin building and mark "B" after your name if you will be riding in the bus. The bus will leave at 5:30 pm. See [Beverly Hoppert](#) or [Jeff Lummel](#) for information.



## Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

### *Rice Estate Dinner*

Once again the Living Springs committee has given us here at Rice Estate a wonderful evening of delicious food and entertainment. Please pass on the kudos to everyone, including the men who shuffled our "vehicles" on and off the bus and picked us up at our door; to all the chefs who prepared such delicious recipes. Many thanks to each of you.

Sincerely, Carolina S.



### **VETERAN'S NIGHT**

Once again, our small group of bingo players showed up to fill in their evening with some songs, winning quarters for different bingo games, and sharing who they are and their branch of service – how proud they all are – Army, Special Forces, Marines, Navy, Air Force are all represented. This night we had a Army lady that was recovering from knee surgery – she was happy that there was something she could participate in and someone to talk to. Jim shared that Pastor Eric was with 30,000 youth in Houston, but was with us in spirit. Each veteran was given a 4<sup>th</sup> of July picture drawn by our preschool children and thanked for their sacrifice, so that we can enjoy the freedoms we have.



**July's visit will occur during GraceWorks week – next VA night will be August 23 – we leave Living Springs at 5:30 pm. Come out and join us!**



### **Hope Sunday Sunday, July 15**

LS' Summer Hope Sundays are designed to shed light on issues of life and society where hope is badly needed. This month's guest is Rev. Bill Taber, who serves as director of Crisis Services from Cooperative Ministry, The entire congregation is invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 10:15 on the 15th for a presentation.



## 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? Place in shopping carts in admin building. Contact Karen Kranz.*



## HYMN ALONG

**Thursday, July 26 @ 10 am**

*Grow in Faith Together!!* Join our preschool children as they performed for the residentat NHC (National Healthcare) on Parklane Rd. at 10 am on Thursday, July 26. The whole program lasts for about 45 minutes and you get to meet and greet some pretty neat people. A professional voice is not required – make a joyful noise!

## STUFF-A-TRUCK - SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR RICHLAND 2

This year we have another opportunity to collect school supplies for Richland Two students (not to be confused with our stuff-a-bus event the end of August). If you wish to volunteer, please sign up at the link below or send me an email with the time slot you wish to volunteer. Please Sign Up At: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094ba8a829a57-stuffatruck>. Dates: Saturday, **August 4th 9:00 to 5:00** (9 to 11, 11 to 1, 1 to 3, and 3 to 5) and/or Sunday, **August 5th 1:00 to 5:00** (1 to 3 and 3 to 5).

Location: **Wal-mart on Two Notch Rd.** (10060 Two Notch Rd. Columbia, SC 29223). If you have any questions, please let me know. [kbkranz@gmail.com](mailto:kbkranz@gmail.com) or 803.699.9566.



## HOPE MINISTRY - SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, August 25** – Stuff a Bus at three locations ... Kroger Marketplace on Killian, Wal-Mart on Killian, and IGA in Blythewood. We will be collecting food items for our backpack program and paper products for God's Storehouse & Transitions.

**Sunday, September 9** – God's work. Our hands.

## ☪Ministry Highlight: Mugging Ministry ☪



*It is always fun to start off with "I've come to "mug" you" and see the look on some people's face. Immediately, I explain it is one of our ministry programs at Living Springs and we are thanking them for visiting with us. Recently, one person just started to ask all sorts of questions about the different ministries we had at Living Springs and how sweet it was for us to reach out to them as they have just moved here and are in the process of finding a new church home.*



A coffee mug filled with a few goodies and information pamphlets, and a copy of the Live Nativity DVD – made all pretty by Gwen Brantley – welcoming and building relationships with our neighbors!

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: **Our Mugging Ministry in a Nutshell:** Therefore, go and make disciples :  
: of all nations...Jesus' command was intended not only for his first :  
: disciples, but also for us today. Living Springs mugging program was :  
: created to make a favorable contact with first time visitors. The contact :  
: is with people unfamiliar with our church and possibly the Lutheran :  
: Church. We want to convey to them that we appreciated their visit, and :  
: welcome them into our fellowship. Any interaction beyond introductions, :  
: a few words about their visit, and handing of the mug is at your :  
: discretion. We are not on a selling mission, but on a contact :  
: mission. Surveys say that contact in the first 24-48 hours is vital to :  
: evangelism efforts of new visitors. :  
: Contact Karen Kranz if you have a tug to be involved with this ministry. :  
:.....

# Preschool & Afterschool Care News

## From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Greetings everyone, what a beautiful time to be a part of the Living Springs Community. What a beautiful time to witness the ministry that is who we are.

- ✂ Witnessing children and families sharing a lunch on the front lawn in the love and light of God's creation.
- ✂ Witnessing God's love shown to the residents at Rice Estates with hand written cards, notes and pictures as our children visit.
- ✂ Witnessing staff coming together for lunch and fellowship with laughter, food and fun.
- ✂ Witnessing families showing thanks and appreciation to our staff during Teacher Appreciation Week with notes of thanks, surprise breakfast and a Love Offering.
- ✂ Witnessing the beauty of God's creation blooming in the sun and brightening up our entrance.
- ✂ Witnessing children work together as they build with blocks. "I'm building a pool at school." "Well I think we need more room PJ and Coco (school bunny and guinea pig)". "Ok, maybe we can move this over here." Cooperation, communication and working together, the work of God's kindness abounds.
- ✂ Witnessing the journey our children and families take as we join for our End of the Year Celebration with songs, prayers and the fellowship of our School Family.
- ✂ Witnessing as children hear about the love of God during our shared time together at Wet and Wild SPARK Camp! Cooperation of water relays, washing babies as we are cleansed with the love of God, group painting and working together to fill our buckets as many hands working together can accomplish great things.



I am grateful to have the opportunity to share these moments and witness how God's love is alive and abounds within our children, families, staff and community.

Wishing you well,  
Tammy



## "Preparing for That!" - This Month from Pastor Eric

Quite often, I will see one of toddlers growing up quickly and make a comment to mom or dad - something like, "Before long, they'll have their driver's license ..." To which the reply will inevitably come, "Oh, pastor, I'm not prepared for THAT!" Yes, it is hard to imagine these precious young preschoolers or afterschoolers becoming teenagers. It will happen all too quickly!

At the end of June, I traveled with our Living Springs teens to a massive gathering of some 30,000+ Lutheran Youth in Houston. The nation-wide gathering happens every 3 years and is filled with many life-changing experiences. In preparing for this year's gathering, Youth Ministry author Morgan Schmidt shared research that has identified three central desires of teens: **1) someone to become; 2) somewhere to belong; 3) something to do [that changes the world]**. In many ways, I believe these three central desires begin to take shape in us long before our teenage years.

Here at LSPS, I witness staff helping to nurture healthy responses to these "three central desires" everyday. Led by the Spirit and power of faith, they are helping each child become the special person God created her or him to be, with unique gifts and qualities. They seek to build a loving, inclusive environment where each child feels as if he or she belongs. Finally, they begin the journey for each child to know that he or she has a purpose in this world - that as human beings, we do not find true, deep joy in living for ourselves, but rather we find joy in doing things that positively affect the lives of others and thus change the world.

In living out your sacred calling as a parent, I invite you to consider how you might already be assisting your child to fulfill those budding three central desires. Every day, through your words, actions, and love, help your child know that he or she is becoming someone special, that he or she always has a loving place to belong, and that he or she has a purpose in life - something to do that makes a difference to others. For young toddlers, this may occur on a very simple scale, in the core relationships they have with immediate family or friends or in the ways you help them see life each day. Those teenage years will be here soon enough, but in the meantime, know that God is working in you to help prepare your precious son or daughter (or grandchild) for what lies ahead - a life filled with a full sense of uniqueness, belonging, and purpose. Thank you for helping them be prepared for THAT!

May you continue to sense God's guidance and wisdom for you in your daily parenting - and may you find many blessings in these summer weeks, as your family continues to Grow In Faith Together! *Pastor Eric*

Notes from: *Sr. Youth & Young Adults*



## GOD AT WORK LS YOUTH AT THE 2018 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

**"THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING" JAMES KOCIAN/JUDI TYLER**

*When the walls around me crumble  
When the ground beneath me shakes  
When the skies above me rumble  
or when my heart breaks*

*You're there, with me, with me  
Oh God, You never leave*

*This changes everything, everything  
This changes everything, this changes everything, everything  
This changes everything, everything  
This changes everything, everything*

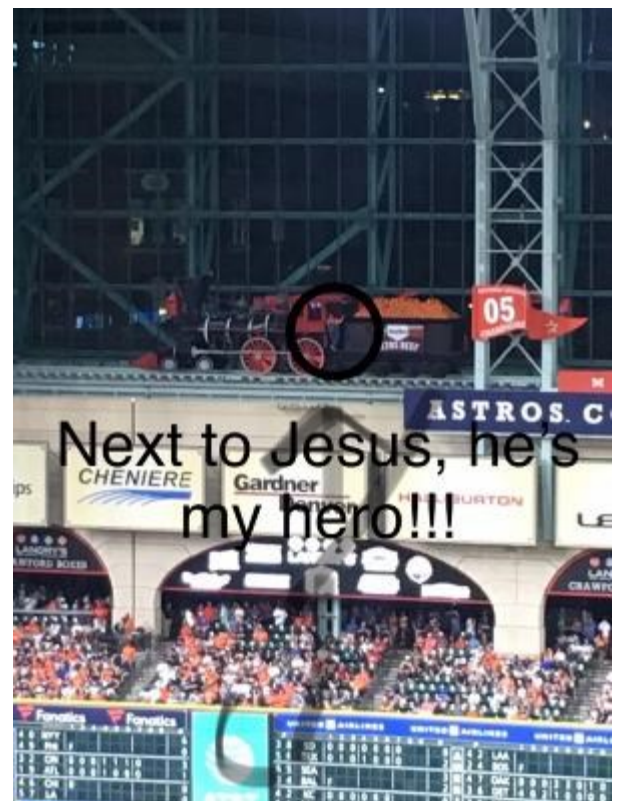
*Now we're learning to surrender  
In our weakness, You are strong  
When we're desperate for a breakthrough  
We find hope in You alone*

*You're there, with us, with us  
Jesus, You never leave*

*It's by grace we are saved, we belong to Jesus  
It's by grace we are saved, we belong to Jesus*



On our first night in Houston we visited the Minute Maid Stadium to see the Astros take on the Toronto Blue Jays. We got to see two home runs and the Astros won 7-0! Chase's friend who works for the Astros stopped by and we got to see her World Series ring! Pastor got really excited about the Home Run train that blows its horn and moves down the track! Pastor has this to say about the Astro train conductor, "next to Jesus, he's my hero!" On our way back to the hotel Pastor met his twin or long lost brother, you choose! Laura almost stepped on a roach and Caroline tried to catch it as a pet. I can't wait to see what tomorrow has in store for us! P.S. Chase really loves being back "deep in the heart of Texas".



## Wednesday

Today we joined with St. Paul and Incarnation to visit the Houston Space Center. Pastor was amazing and scored us reserved group passes. We got to tour the campus, including mission control and the training facilities. There were lots of other groups with NYG there from all over the country. It's hard to imagine that NASA started with no computers or calculators! Only the minds of their engineers and a few slide rules!



We all are broken and we live in a world where we are so quick to judge people and label them by their weakest moment. People will not change their actions if we define them by their actions. Justice requires us to step out of our comfort zones and to have conversations.

Words cannot even begin to describe our experience tonight, but I will try! We sang, we danced, we embraced the stories that were shared. We met youth from all over and laughed, joked, and listened to each other.

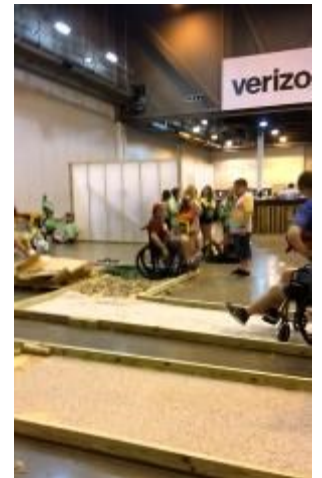
Our featured speakers shared how one of God's calls transformed their lives. On the way back to the hotel each youth shared how the speakers brought today's theme to a new light for them, where they saw God today, and what was something amazing they saw or experienced today. The youth openly volunteered their answers and all spoke about different things. One youth talked about how she had talked with many people about NYG but it wasn't until she was in the middle of it that she truly understood the impact it can have. Another youth shared about how Gods call not only affects the person being called, but so many other people and creates a trickle effect. After all, God's call changes everything!



## Thursday

Today we spent the day at the NRG center participating in Interactive Learning Stations.

- ✧ We created flowers and talked about loved ones we've lost. We also reflected on burdens that are weighing us down.
- ✧ We learned about the water walk and how wells help improve the lives in Africa.
- ✧ The youth learned about the Global Farm challenge and bought a rooster and a goat.
- ✧ We discovered what kind of personalities we have as spiritual beings.
- ✧ Some of us conquered the high ropes swing and zip line.
- ✧ We built parts of a habitat house.
- ✧ We learned about the global mission projects.
- ✧ We got to hear Rachel Kurtz!!!
- ✧ The youth met so many people from all over the United States.
- ✧ The youth learned about living with a disability and experienced time in a wheelchairs and with walkers.



Wow! You could really feel the Spirit at the gathering tonight. Tonight we embraced how God's Love changes Everything! We heard from several speakers who shared how God's Love changed their lives. Caroline Meeker shared how she struggled with anorexia at a young age. She saw God's Love in a her lowest time through her doctors, family, friends, and church. She reminded us to love ourself like God loves us. We also heard from Aaron Fuller who is a pastor, member of the Navy and a wrestling coach. He encouraged us to have courage in faith and commitment to others. Erin Power shared about the living water that was offered by Jesus to the Samaritan women. She talked about how people need to feel welcomed and that they belong and that because the love of God changes us, the love of God changes everything. Our last speaker was Marlon Hall. He shared how we were born to make an indelible mark on the world that cannot be erased. He also shared how God's Love can rise from the ashes of the things we don't believe can happen like a phoenix rises from the ashes. He said that God's Love is a virtuous circle that never ends and challenged us to Reclaim gods love! Lastly, he reminded us that God doesn't want you to run to him, just turn to him.



## Friday

Today we participated in and helped lead South Carolina Synod day. Our youth served as greeters, ushers, communion assistants, and gave baptismal blessings. It was a great experience seeing how many people from our state are here for the same reason we are. We met even more people from all over the country and handed out tons of prayer pieces. It was amazing to see how something as simple as a wood chip can put a smile on the face of many people. God's grace is changing everything here in Houston and all over the world. We can't wait to see what the last two days have in store for us.



God's GRACE changes everything!!!

With each passing night the messages get louder and shout out to us! Tonight we got to hear from several speakers and jam out with Tauren Wells and the House Band sang some of our favorite songs including Oceans, What a Beautiful Name it is, and This is Me!!!

Our first speaker was Elizabeth Peters and she shared about stereotypes and how they sometimes haunt us, define us and follow us no matter how much we try to shake them. Lucky for us God pulls us in and seeks us and shatters any stigmas. He accepts us, loves and makes us feel included and lets you know that you matter and that there is no limit to Gods grace.

Our second speaker was Michaela Shelley from our home state!!! Michaela battles a mitochondrial disease. Michaela uses beads to represent medical procedures she has had to help her in this battle. Her chain contains over 4000 beads and is about 45 feet long. These beads represent a moment in her battle to get through it with God's guidance. God worked through her to help others work through their tragedies and at the same time they were helping her tackle hers. God was using her to be a lighthouse for others.

Will Starkweather opened up to us and shared about how he cut himself to relieve stress and when life wasn't going well. He shared how his first experience with sharing this within the church did not go well and how he ended up walking away from the church for a while. After getting back into church and sharing his struggles again he received this response: "there's grace for that". He shared how It's only because of God's grace that he was able to stand here and share that grace. He also shared how Our God is in the business of bringing beauty out of brokenness.

Our final speaker was Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber. She shared that your current reality is not your ultimate reality and how What others intend for evil, God intends for good. When we trust in grace we aren't afraid of the truth, good or bad. The jagged edges of our life are the failures that connect us to God and one another. She shared how we tend to have this other version of ourselves in my head and how Your ideal self is a moving target, no one ever becomes their ideal self, it doesn't exist. The self God has a relationship with and loves is your actual self and that's what we call grace. You are magnificently imperfect. The accusing voice in our head is not the voice of God. Grace is the only place of true rest. Grace is for me and those who hurt me.

Later that night one of our youth shared that We are unworthy of Gods love but he gives it to us anyway because of his grace!

Thank God for his Amazing Grace!



# Saturday

Today we spent our day doing service learning. We were at a local elementary school helping prepare it for the next school year. The school serves such a large population, that they have two campuses. We were doing everything from cleaning our classrooms, setting up classrooms, painting steps, to sweeping the floor. We also were able to hand out the last of our 3,000 wood chip pieces!!



The group and their leaders are exhausted! There are more pictures to come. This is a "To Be Continued..." series!

In the meantime, we back at home celebrated Sunday Worship with you:





Sr. Youth -

# Wet-n-Wild

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## Message from Christopher Girardeau - Min of Faith & Life for Sr. Youth and Young Adults

I'm sure you're excited for your youth to get home from Houston! They've had such a blast and I'm sure their hearts are on fire!

Another easy they can keep that flame going is through **Graceworks**: the joint servant week for all Lutheran youth here in the Columbia area. There will be a Kickoff Worship & Supper on Sunday, July 15 downtown at St. Paul Lutheran (Bull Street). Then, we hold Graceworks on Monday-Friday from 8:45-5:00. Most often, a group meets here at Living Springs around 8:15 each morning to ride our LS bus down to St. Paul. Please check your email for more information about Graceworks! If you have any questions, please contact [Christopher](#), [Leslie](#), or [Pastor Eric](#)!



### Young Adults:

Young Adults are encouraged to join our third Enneagram class. In our first class, we did an overview of the Enneagram of personality and took a test to determine what our individual Enneagram numbers are (I can send you those test anytime so you can catch up). In our second class, we went over the Enneagram numbers 1 (The Reformer), 2 (The Helper), and 3 (The Achiever). In our next class, we will be going over numbers 4,5, and 6. That class will be July 16 at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. Hope to see you there!

# Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

## *Unity Outdoor Worship*



### ***Maria Sorial Baptism***



### **Hope Sunday Sunday, July 15**

LS' Summer Hope Sundays are designed to shed light on issues of life and society where hope is badly needed. This month's guest is Rev. Bill Taber, who serves as director of Crisis Services from Cooperative Ministry. The entire congregation is invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 10:15 on the 15th for a presentation.



## Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

### Thanks yous For Women's Sunday Worship Services from LS WELCA:

- ✦ Thank you to all Living Springs Women and Women's Ministries.
- ✦ Thank you to all whom participated in Woemn's Sunday Worship Services as worship assistants.
- ✦ Thank you for the donation of the altar flower arrangement.
- ✦ Thank you to the Crafty Ladies for the quilt donation. The quilt will be brought to the SC WELCA Convetion's Si-lent Auction. We will partner with other woment of the ELCA to purchase furniture for the girls dormitory in Tan-zania that was destroyed by fire.
- ✦ Thank you for your monetary donations. LS WEL:CA will buy gift cards for the Lutheran Services Carolinas Foster Care, Group Home3s, and Refugee Ministries.

We greatly appreciate your help to support WELCA's mission.

*Your Sister's in Christ,*



## Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

### Columbia Fireflies Outing

**Friday, July 20 @ 7:05pm**



Living Springs LMM are inviting all congregation members and their families and friends to join us at the Columbia Fireflies baseball game on Friday July 20th at 7:05. Plan to arrive early to hear our own Disciples of Harmony perform the Star Spangled Banner before the start of the game. Tickets are available at a reduced rate of \$8.50 per person. Signup sheets will be available in the fellowship hall. Deadline for pre-ordered tickets is July 8. Tickets will be distributed July 15 For more information, please contact Bob Turnmire at 513-7533 or [bob.turnmire@gmail.com](mailto:bob.turnmire@gmail.com).

### One Year To Live Retreat

**Sept. 29-Oct. 1**

**Tracy's Camp, Pinewood, SC**

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

Join us and be...

- θ ✦ Adventurous and courageous
- θ ✦ Genuine and spiritual

Look forward to...

- θ ✦ Banding together and being challenged
- θ ✦ Examining your life and making decisions

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

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

See [Marshall Hurlbert](#) with any questions.



## Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

### God's Storehouse

**Monday, July 9 @ 9:30 AM**

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

### Enneagram Class

**Monday, July 16 @ 6:30 pm**

In our first class, we did an overview of the Enneagram of personality and took a test to determine what our individual Enneagram numbers are (I can send you those test anytime so you can catch up). In our second class, we went over the Enneagram numbers 1 (The Reformer), 2 (The Helper), and 3 (The Achiever). In our next class, we will be going over numbers 4,5, and 6. That class will be July 16 at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. Hope to see you there!

### Volunteer to help at Christ Mission - Our Mission Ministry

In July, Christ Mission sponsors an amazing 2-week program for the children of Denny Terrace. During the 2nd week, GraceWorks youth will be involved, but they also need adult help for the 1st week, **July 9-13 (8:30-2:00 each day)**. Our adults could volunteer to help for all or part of any day. It will be an experience to change your life. Contact Pr. Eric.

### 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!"



### Calendar Planning Meeting

**Sunday, August 16 @ 4pm**

All current committee leaders and group heads, please attend this important gathering on August 16 at 4:00. We share ministry plans for the year ahead and place major dates on the calendar through the beginning of next year!

### 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.

### 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.

## 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](#).
- ✧ **First Sundays** – (starting up again in the fall) 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. Off for the summer, we begin for fall in Sept. 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 – We are finishing studying of the book of Revelation then will take the summer off – Facilitator [Steve Bloss](#)
- ✧ **Adult Faith Milestones** - TBA



## Youth Faith Milestones

*“Come to Jesus Christ. He is the living stone that people have rejected, but which God has chosen and highly honored. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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:**

- ✧ Off for the summer check back in the fall for our next Milestone

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

**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.



# July 2018

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 815A Prayer Time 930A Choirs 1030A Unity Worship/ National Youth Gathering Worship Live Stream	2 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First NA Group	3 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Adult Bible Study	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 630A Men's Bible Study	6	7 10A GraceWorks Planning (St. Paul)
8 930A Choirs	9 930A God's Storehouse 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First NA Group	10 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Finance 7P Adult Bible Study	11 930 PS Chapel	12	13	14
15 Hope Sunday 9:30A Sumer Hope Sunday (Cooperative Ministry) 930A Choirs 5P GraceWorks Kick-Off Supper (St. Paul)	16 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Exec Team 7P Recovery Comes First NA Group	17 1030A Meals on Wheels	18 930 PS Chapel	19 630A Men's Bible Study 10A PS Music Time 7P Council	20 Disciples of Harmony @ Fireflies Game	21
	Sr. Youth @ GraceWorks 8A-5P (St. Paul Lutheran)					
	Summer Feeding Program @ Hunters Way					
22	23 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First NA Group	24 1030A Meals on Wheels	25 930 PS Chapel	26 10A Hymn Along (NHC)	27	28
29 10:45A Peterson Baptism	30 10A Staff Meeting 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First NA Group	31 1030A Meals on Wheels	1 930 PS Chapel 6P Hope Ministry	2 630A Men's Bible Study 10A PS Music Time 7P Lifelong Discipleship	3	4

## Worship Assistant Schedule – July 2018

	Assisting Minister	Lector	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torchbearers	Counters	Children's Sermon	Council Person
7/1	8:15 Prayer	service			Inside	Outside					
7/1	10:30 Wayne Kannaday		Tina Mollineu Beverly Hoppert Jeanette Bloss	Steve Padgett John Imbert Kathy McDonald Mike Davidson	Gail Buchanan	Marshall Hurlbert	Jan Berger Steve Bloss	Karlene Stuart Adam Woodruff	Sarah Schultz Karen Kranz Doug Danner		Mike Davidson
7/8	8:15 Minister Griffin	Ron Ramsey	Nowell Ramsey Karen Kranz	Jeff Lummel Barb Imbert	Kristen Mattson	Nancy Schwind	Bill Franck	Nancy Schwind		Alison Levitt	Bill Franck
7/8	10:45 Mike Davidson	Minister Griffin	Bob Turnmire Audrey Turnmire	Austin Padgett Laura Stuart Karlene Stuart Walker Flores	Alice Renaud	Walker Flores	Karlene Stuart	Adam Woodruff	Bob Turnmire Steve Padgett Midge Gunvalson	Alison Levitt	Doug Danner
7/15	8:15 John Imbert	Nowell Ramsey	Karen Kranz	Sue Loveless	Debbie Smith	Ron Smith	Anna Graves	Karen Kranz		Pastor Eric	Midge Gunvalson
7/15	10:45 Jeff Day	Lori Masad	Wendy McKenzie Trish Davidson	Bob Turnmire Steve Padgett Leslie Bloss Randy Masad	Lauren Bloss	Adam Woodruff	Walker Flores	Wes Levitt	Jeanette Bloss Steve Bloss	Pastor Eric	Wendy McKenzie
7/22	8:15 Helen Doeringhaus	Anna Graves	Wayne Kannaday Saundra Dixon	Shirley Laingen Paul Laingen	Sue Hyman	Jim Zieche	Wesley Graves	Jim Zieche		Lexanne Graves	Mike Grimmer
7/22	10:45 Jan Berger	Bob Gabbard	Gail Buchanan Kellee Flores	Jeanette Bloss Preston Ginn Gary Ginn Lauren Bloss	Tiffany Ginn	Mike Davidson	Jan Berger	Steve Bloss	Wes Levitt Alison Levitt	Lexanne Graves	Jeff Tenhover
7/29	8:15 Saundra Dixon	Jim Zieche	Ashley Ramsey Scott Graves	Marj Appleton Jerry Appleton	Sadonia Grimmer	Mike Grimmer	Jan Epperson		Ann Lynn Caughman Trish Davidson Mark Stuart	Christopher Girardeau	Vickie Crapps
7/29	10:45 Adam Woodruff	Sarah Schultz	Cindy Day Jeff Day	Wes Levitt Bob Turnmire Mike Davidson Marshall Hurlbert	Linda Hayes	Marshall Hurlbert	Lauren Bloss	Karlene Stuart	Trish Davidson Gail Buchanan	Christopher Girardeau	Gay Walter
	<b>Name Tag 8:15</b>	<b>Name Tag 10:45</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Muggers</b>			<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>		<b>Altar Guild</b>	
7/1		Karen Kranz		Karen Kranz		n/a	n/a		July		
7/8	Roger Schwind	K. Kranz		Karen Kranz		Todd Gunvalson	n/a		7/1- Kathy Brennan		
7/15	K. Kranz	K. Kranz		Karen Kranz		Karen Kranz	n/a		Remaining – Shirley Laingen		
7/22	Sue Loveless	Gay Walter		Charles Tracy		Charles Tracy	n/a				
7/29	Jean Weick	A. Ramsey		Charles Tracy			n/a				

### SIGN UP FOR QUARTER – WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

The online sign up for August is ready to be populated – whatever slots are open by July 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/10c0e4baea92fa0185-20182>



## Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

<b>July 1</b>	Jim Grimmer	<b>July 17</b>	♥ Kevin & Melissa Shaver
<b>July 4</b>	Susan Bradham Blake Lindstedt	<b>July 18</b>	Evan Turnmire
<b>July 5</b>	Delores Harmon Melissa Shaver	<b>July 22</b>	Kathy Brennan
<b>July 7</b>	Gail Buchanan Jake Jacobs	<b>July 23</b>	Kari Arnold Phillip Lowman
<b>July 8</b>	♥ Charles & Melissa Christy	<b>July 24</b>	Katherine Nelson
<b>July 9</b>	Ashley Eichler	<b>July 25</b>	Greyson Fakoury
<b>July 10</b>	William Collins Richard Kopec	<b>July 27</b>	Jan Epperson Jordan Shaver
<b>July 12</b>	♥ Todd & Midge Gunvalson	<b>July 28</b>	Sally Catoe Barbara Creighton
<b>July 14</b>	David Cox Abbie Zvejnieks	<b>July 29</b>	♥ Patricia & Jeff Brouwer ♥ Ryan & Kristen Harmon Logan Mancuso
<b>July 16</b>	♥ Weston & Vickie Crapps		



### 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!



<b>July 1</b>	Colleen Franks	<b>July 21</b>	Audrey Turnmire
<b>July 3</b>	Lauren Bloss	<b>July 26</b>	Graham Sheldon
<b>July 4</b>	Melissa Lindstedt	<b>July 27</b>	Caroline Moore
<b>July 12</b>	Carter Peterson	<b>July 28</b>	Jennings Owens
<b>July 13</b>	Mike Loveless	<b>July 30</b>	Connor Bazemore
<b>July 14</b>	McKenna Allmann		Connor Kilbourne
<b>July 15</b>	Abigail Fox		Gracen Tilton
<b>July 18</b>	Beverly Hoppert		

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