

The  
Living Springs  
Journal

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

*Fruits of the  
Spirit*



Galatians 5:22-23

# Welcome Ellen (and Lexanne) - Big News at LS for our 30th Year!

## LS BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH: SEPTEMBER = GENESIS!

What was God doing in your life 30 years ago? Can you recall? How much change have you experienced in those 30 years—or seen in the world?

In September 1988, there were exciting plans being made in NE Columbia for something completely new and different—a Lutheran congregation whose chartering service would take place on October 2. That congregation of disciples would bear witness to the “Living Springs” of God’s grace for all in Jesus Christ—and through 30 years of change and growth, the Holy Spirit has found continually new and surprising ways for this congregation to bear fruit in an ever-changing world.

Several years ago, the Spirit began to tug us toward developing a staff structure that would help us continue ministry in creative ways, adapting to the modern generations and society in which we are called to share Christ’s Good News. 5 years ago, we welcomed Lisa Petty in a newly-defined position of Communications Coordinator / Administrative Assistant. We created a part-time Associate for Sr. Youth Ministry, established a Food Ministry position, and re-structured our Preschool staff roles under the leadership of Tammy Mancuso and Cindy Day. We next embraced a more full-time role for a Director of Worship & Music Ministries, and welcomed George Donovan, Jr. Then, partially meeting Lexanne’s need for reduced hours, we transformed her old position of Faith Formation Director into a more focused part-time position of Minister of Faith & Life for Children and Young Families. At the same time, we created a complimentary position of Minister of Faith & Life for Sr. Youth and Young Adults, welcoming Christopher Girardeau. In all this, the Spirit was leading us to expand the staff team, with multiple individuals being able to dedicate their gifts & energy in more specified areas. Now, in our 30th anniversary year, we are able to continue this direction—as council has unanimously approved 2 new staff positions.

Officially starting August 20, we are excited and blessed to welcome **Ellen Girardeau** as our first part-time **Associate for Jr. Youth and G.I.F.T. Zone Ministries**. Ellen’s position will enable us to continue our dedication to building new and creative ministries for families with younger children. In addition to working with our Jr. Youth Group (grades K - 6th), she will help teach the children’s Faith Alive SS Class on a monthly basis and coordinate our Sunday worship G.I.F.T. Zone, to help this become even more of a focused worship-teaching space for young children with their parents.



If you saw the recent series in the *State* newspaper, you are aware of so many generational changing church/society dynamics. For months, our existing Worship Outreach Task Force had already been contemplating such dynamics and researching creative options—with a particular focus on new E-Outreach Ministries that are connecting with millennial and post-millennial generations who center their lifestyles around social media, smart devices, and internet resources (plus some of us “older” generations who do the same!). Recent workshops at Synod Assembly highlighted the changing nature of e-based faith formation and lifted up creative digital ways to help busy, mobile families make a connection to weekly worship experiences. Based on the Task Force’s work, council has taken the innovative, Spirit-led step to create a new part-time position of **Coordinator for E-Outreach Ministries**. Based on her own developing interests, family callings, and recent Spirit-tugs, **Deacon Lexanne Graves** has excitedly agreed to serve as LS first-ever staff member in this position—with her new ministry role beginning October 1. In addition, Lexanne will currently remain connected with our Child Development Center ministry by leading Preschool Chapel several times per month. The final official day for her old Minister of Faith & Life role will be September 15, with Lexanne moving to primarily conduct her new role from home. With Ellen’s new position, our exciting GIFT Sunday Faith Formation year kickoff, and Lexanne’s diligent work to build a strong Faith Alive SS team for the year ahead, God has placed us in a very good position for the timing of this transition. Indeed, the Spirit is always at work in powerful ways in this congregation—just has been the case for the past three decades! Stay tuned for more details about special Sundays for us to celebrate with thanksgiving both Ellen’s and Lexanne’s ministries. What a wonderful “anniversary gift” God has given us, to be able to announce and celebrate this new venture for God’s kingdom work here among us!



In upcoming months, as we move into the 31st year of Living Springs, we will have the unique opportunity for congregational discernment of what the Spirit’s next step will be in our ongoing staff development. Will the Spirit be calling us to add another Minister of Word & Service? Perhaps another part-time or full-time Minister of Word & Sacrament? God already has a special vision in place for this congregation’s future, just as God had a special vision for Pastor Long and our charter members in 1988. It will be truly awesome to embrace and live out God’s future vision for this congregation, as the Spirit continues to show us creative, growing ways to experience and share the joy of God’s “living springs” of grace for the world in Christ our Lord!

With thanksgiving for the ever-abundant fruit of the Spirit borne in this community of disciples, *Pastor Eric*



### Living Springs Information & Membership Sessions

Sundays, Sept. 16 & 23—9:30am

For anyone seeking to learn more about Christ’s community of disciples here at Living Springs and/or our beliefs as Lutheran Christians. Call the office or contact Pastor Eric (917-2749) if interested.

### SEPTEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

#### “God’s Work, Our Hands”

Sept. 9 - 1:00 @ Christ Mission

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#### Adult Mission Trip Info Session

Sept. 9 (9:30)

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#### JV Football Ministry

Sept. 5, 13, 19, 27 (3:00)

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#### Backpack Food Ministry

Sept. 13, 19, 27 (4:00)

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#### Justice Ministry House Gatherings

Sept. 9, 16, 19, 20

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#### Community Beer ‘n Hymns

Sept. 17, 7:00 (Beef O’Bradys)

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#### Traveling Hymn-a-Long

Sept. 27, 10:00 (Kathwood Gardens)

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#### Veterans Ministry—Dorn VA

Sept. 27, 6:15 (carpool 5:30)

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#### Men’s Sunday

Sept. 30, 8:15 & 10:45

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#### Praise in the Park—Animal Blessing

Sept. 30, 5:30 (site TBA)

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.



# "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday— Sept. 9

Co-sponsored by Living Springs & Christ Mission Lutheran Churches



## OLD-FASHIONED SUNDAY DINNER—1PM

for the Community, our Ministry Partners & Families

Christ Mission Lutheran Church - 1323 Winyah Rd.

**\*\*Bus/carpools will leave LS after 10:45 worship service\*\***

Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, home-made desserts, "make-your-own-sundae" bar!

Everyone's help is needed! Please sign up at church or call the office:

- Many Home-made Desserts (drop off at LS on Sept. 9 or before)
- Cooking team here at LS kitchen (starts at 8am Sunday)
- Servers, Greeters, Ice Cream Bar, Clean-Up (at Christ Mission)
- Meal Deliverers (for Fire/Police Stations, Meals-on-Wheels clients, Finlay Park)

## SUNDAY FAITH ALIVE!

### Returns Today!

9:30–9:45: Faith Alive Music

(Children and Middle School, age 4—grade 8)

9:50–10:30: Faith Alive Groups

Children's Faith Alive (age 4—grade 5)

(arts, crafts, lessons, faith & life applications)



### Introducing ... Living Springs "Bible Book of the Month"

**SEPTEMBER = GENESIS**

**Everyone in the congregation is challenged/invited/encouraged to read the book of Genesis this month!**

Pick a few chapters per day—do a chunk per week—read it all at once. Set aside a special day or time each week to do your reading at home/work. Before bed, morning routine, lunch break. Whatever works for you!

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**Every 1st Sunday @ 9:30—Book of the Month Kickoff**

**SEPT. 2—PASTOR OVERVIEW OF GENESIS (Fellowship Hall)**

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**Some Monthly Group "Book Discussion" Times ...**

**2nd Tuesday, Sept 11:** Devotional Lunch Group at 11am

**Last Tuesday, Sept. 25:** Evening Bible Study Group at 7pm

**Last Sunday, Sept. 30:** End-of-the-Month Discussion w/ Pastor at 9:30am

**\*\*If you would like to be part of another small group discussion at a time that works for you, there is a sign-up available at church (or call the office).**

Looking Ahead: October = Exodus; November = 1 Samuel; December = Isaiah

## Council Clips

COUNCIL CLIPS – Staff & Ministry Reports August 16, 2018 Meeting

### Council Actions and news (from August 16th business meeting):

- \*Facilities: Reported water heater issues and the removal of trees at preschool.
- \*Fellowship & Mutual Care Team: Continuing education grants to be awarded in August, when award-ees are available.
- \*Sr Youth distributed 3000 oak prayer pieces at the National Youth Gathering in Houston. They held a stockholder dinner to thank supporters and to share their experiences at NYG.
- \*Lifelong Discipleship: Monthly Bible Book Clubs are being planned for the fall. Options are being finalized adult mission experience. "Thanksgiving Moments" for us to give thanks have continued during worship and are looking for volunteers to share a Thanksgiving moment.
- \*Ministries of Hope: Hope Sunday to be held on August 19. Stuff a Bus is being planned for August 25 for Backpack ministry and God's Storehouse. Collection for school supplies has begun. Beer and Hymns to resume on August 20.
- \*M.O.R.E. Justice: Team Leadership met in June. Leaders had their quarterly meeting with the Sheriff & Police Chief to discuss Crisis Intervention training. They will be following up with Richland 1/2 schools. They visited Mental Health House in Greenville
- \*LMM: The next breakfast meeting will be on 8/25. They have offered use of church facilities to Beloved ministry as well as provided financial support. Preseason cookout for the Ridge View JV football team held 8/14 – first game 8/16.
- \*Women's Group (WELCA): God's Storehouse 8/13. Women's retreat to be held October 5th – 7th.
- \*Child Development Center: Board manuals were updated and ratified by Council.
- \*Worship and Music: we will have a Unity service at 10:30 for GIFT Sunday on 8/26. Praise in the Park (with Community Animal Blessing) to be Sept. 30.
- \*The Safety Planning Team - modified scope of work to change church doors from panic bars to magnetic door. Information sessions are being held for key fob system at 9:30 on Sundays. As of 8/16 outside doors will not open with keys. New narthex doors will be installed, and then re-painted red.
- \*Campus Visioning Task Force is in place and has met. They are currently waiting to hear back from engineer on an updated design for the parking lot.
- \*We are looking for Living Springs coordinator(s) for Lutheran Services Carolina's "Love One Another" capital campaign.
- \*Kingdom Visioning Task force is being formed to work with the Lifelong Disciple Team to implement learning opportunity to be good stewards and that "none of this is ours but it all belongs to God" - "First Fruits" Giving.
- \*Staff Positions: Upon recommendation from Executive Committee, motion passed unanimously to create a new part-time staff position: Associate for Junior Youth and G.I.F.T. Zone Ministries. Hired Ellen Girardeau to this position for initial period of August 20 – June 20. Upon recommendation from Worship Outreach Task Force and Executive Committee, motion passed unanimously to create another part-time staff position: Coordinator for E-Outreach Ministries, to begin October 1. This new position will be funded through the special Mission Visioning gift received at the end of 2017. During Executive Session, discussed personnel possibilities for this position.
- \*From Pastor Eric: There has been growth and change of Living Springs leaders and congregation where God has lifted us up as disciples in deeper prayer, sharing and listening to God Stories.



## God's Corner



Thank you for your generous support of ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge. Your generous gifts will be matched dollar for dollar. Your support of agricultural related programs of ELCA's ministry to end hunger poverty makes a difference as we work together toward a just world where all are fed. Blessing to you as you continue to live out God's call to love our neighbor.

### **The ELCA World Hunger Team**



We wish to thank you so very much for the prayer shawl. It is so very much appreciated. Frank started using it right away. This will surely be helpful in his recovery from surgery.

*Many Blessings, Jean & Frank Weick*



On behalf of the students at Killian Elementary STEAM Leaders Magnet, thank you for your generous contribution of school supplies. The students and teachers at Killian will benefit greatly from your contribution both now and in the future. In times of limited resources, contributions such as yours make an incredible difference in what's available to our students. Thank you for all the support you have shown for our faculty, staff and students. Your partnering with us provides numerous resources and opportunities for the positive development of students and encourages the heart. We value your assistance and association with our school.

*Sincerely, Stacey M. Franklin, Principal*



I would like to thank the Disciples Helping Disciples for building me a door ramp. It makes things much easier to get in and out of my home.

*Your sister in Christ, Margaret*



## *God Moments/Stories*

While on vacation, we stopped at a go-kart track that was maintained by an attractive lady. I was going to pass the time (I did not do the go-karts) to check my messages and stand on the sideline, but was curious about this lady running a go-kart business. I started to talk to her and asked how she got into this type of business and it happens her husband bought the business as a fun thing for him to do, but told her she was not a business-type person and to stay out of it (even though she was willing to be involved). She prayed that God would take her before her husband because she knew nothing of their financial status or the go-kart business and the farm they had. As it turned out, her husband had an aneurism – was here one minute and gone the next, so she her prayers were now to ask God to help her through this situation and because of her faith, she has managed to keep the go-kart business and farm going. There is more to this story, but the Fruit of the Spirit is – Faithfulness and Patience.

### **SHARE YOUR GOD MOMENT/STORY**

*Has God worked a disciple moment through you or someone else during the week? Pick up a welcome slip from the narthex, on a table or in a pew and share the story of God's work - place your slip Lisa's mailbox, offering plate, or email your story to the church office. Stories are published anonymously. This isn't about what "we" are doing, but about God's work in the world!*



# Living Springs Child Development Center News

## From Tammy Mancuso, Director

As we head into this school year, we are surrounded by transition, change and growth, all of which are a necessary course for our lives to take as we move forward. Yet, these words that evoke joy and excitement in some, can churn fear and anxiety in others.

As I watch these actions take place, I am reminded of our theme for the upcoming year, the Fruits of the Spirit, and how these Fruits are alive and well in our center. How the LSLC Child Development Center Family gives, receives, nurtures, grows, and feeds these gifts within ourselves and others.

I see Love as children say their morning "good-byes" at drop off, taking one last reassuring hug sending them off with an "I Wish You Well" as they leave.

I see Joy as our children enter in the morning with hearts that are ready to be loved, filled, nurtured and fed with the Fruits of the Spirit by their entire School Family.

I see Peace as a teacher guides a child as they "take a deep breath" so that they may find peace within to carry on throughout the day -knowing that they are safe, in this new environment.

I see Patience as a child writes their name on the "reservation list" for the swings. Now they can go play, knowing that their friend will find them when it is their turn.

I see Kindness as one of our new students goes up to a new friend from their class that is crying, reaches down to them and says "Don't cry, will you play with me?" The two of them go to the trikes and a new friendship blossoms.

I see Goodness as our LSLC CDC Board members greet our families on the first day of school year, handing out water, treats, smiles, and reminding one another that we are never alone in our journey.

I see Faith as our staff gathers together for In-Service in the sanctuary to share, commit, and pray together about what Fruit the Spirit is currently growing and nurturing in their life.

I see Gentleness as one of our children sees a friend on the adjoining playground fall. He promptly calls a teacher's name, to alert them so he can be assured that his friend is okay.

I see Self-Control as a child sees a toy they were using, being picked up by a friend. They run toward them, stop, take a deep breath, and say "I was using it, can I have it back when you are finished?"

How full and heavy is our Fruit Filled Tree. How Blessed we are to continue to nurture, prune and feed our Fruit Trees, watching the Spirit constantly bud, bloom and grow within us all.

May you continue to see the Fruits growing among and around you, may you take the opportunity to nurture and feed the Fruits among us, may we all continue to Grow In Faith Together.

Wishing You Well,

Tammy and the Living Springs Child Development Center Family



## ***A Thank You To the LSLCP Summer Campers***

I would like to thank you so much for the military care package you guys sent. The package was received by members of the South Carolina Air National guard located in the Middle East. It means the world to us that people, like the ones at Living Springs Lutheran church, take the time out of the day to think about and support us. God bless all of you! A special thanks to Caroline age 3. Her coloring skills are amazing.



## ***LS Child Development Center Staff Day***





## Notes from: *Fellowship & Mutual Care*

### *G.J.F.T. Sunday Potluck Lunch & Bingo*



### ***Fellowship and Mutual Care (FMC) Ministry Team Members needed***

Our ministry team provides meals and cards for Living Springs members in need ( Birth, sick, passing of a loved one), we organize funeral receptions and other events for the congregation ( senior lunch, Christmas party , refreshments for Live Nativity . We coordinate the Annual Scholarship dinner and auction. We do two mailings a year to our college students. We meet 1 time/ month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7pm. If you are interested in fellowship and mutual care, please contact Wendy McKenzie ([wendy.mckenzie@sc.edu](mailto:wendy.mckenzie@sc.edu) or 603-6145 ) or Trish Davidson ([Tdavidson333@gmail.com](mailto:Tdavidson333@gmail.com)).

### ***Lutheran Campus Ministry is looking for Board members.***

This ministry serves students at the University of South Carolina, Midlands Tech, and Columbia College- "Uniting in Service to Christ". This ministry provides an educational and pastoral ministry to our Lutheran students; proclaims God's good news through Word and Sacrament; a presence in higher education and an outreach ministry to all, regardless of faith. Serving in behalf of Jesus Christ, campus ministry attempts to teach, preach, and heal among all persons in the colleges and universities of the South Carolina Synod. This Ministry provides students a place to share their faith attend worship services with their bonds and create bonds that will last a life time. Meetings are once a Month – the third Monday at 6pm on the USC Campus. If you feel that the Spirit is tugging you to be a part of the faith journey of young adults, please contact Wendy McKenzie ([wendy.mckenzie@sc.edu](mailto:wendy.mckenzie@sc.edu) or 603-6145)



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

### ***TELS to Middleton Place September 14***

TELS (Traveling Evangelists of Living Springs) is a group that visits a different location each month – expanding prayer experiences to other communities that we visit. Our next trip is to Middleton Place Plantation in Charleston on Sept. 14. Bus leaves at 9 am. Schedule and sign-ups are in the administration building – join us on one or more of our adventures. Contact Beverly Hoppert for information.

### ***TELS Visits Laura's Tea Room***





# Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

## *Stuff-A-Bus*

One little boy's mother (he was about 7 or 8 years old) brought some items out to our shopping cart and she said her little boy was very specific about the brand and type of item she picked out to give us, stating how he **knew** what other kids would like to receive in their backpack bag. Fruit of the Spirit – Generosity!



A man that looked like he was homeless and could use a good meal himself took one of our slips (the person handing out the slips was leery about giving him a slip and asking for a donation because of the way he looked). He came out a little while later and said he did not buy any food items, but he had a donation to give and handed a \$20 bill to the volunteer! Fruit of the Spirit – Generosity and Self Control!



Another gentleman did not buy food items, but handed the volunteer a \$100 bill! Fruit of the Spirit – Generosity.

A mother signed up with a Ridge View student that helped with the stuff a bus event - she talked about how she wanted her daughter to experience giving to others because of the many gifts they are blessed with and mentioned they would be interested in packing the backpacks or volunteering for future events like this. Fruit of the Spirit – Kindness & Generosity.



## *Stuff-A-Bus/G.J.F.T. Sunday Unloading*



## School Supply Collection



## VETERANS NIGHT

One of the veterans that is a regular attendee heard Pastor Eric mention Hamburger Hill and stated "I was at Hamburger Hill – got shot four times and I'm still here. God is Awesome"! This man is in a wheelchair, missing both legs, has a towel around his neck to catch drool and yet he is praising and thanking God for being able to be here to share his story. Fruit of the Spirit – Peace, Patience, Faithfulness!

### **September VA Ministry Night** **Thursday, September 14 @ 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.*

## Habitat for Humanity Build !

Thrivent Financial is contributing \$36,000 to help build a Habitat house in Columbia this fall (half the cost). They would like faith congregations to match the \$36,000 and make it a faith build. Living Springs will be sponsoring this build along with five other churches. We are schedule to work on the house for a half a day on October 13th. In order to participate, we will need to raise \$1,500. Sign ups will go out soon, but in the meantime, we will raise the money through our Sunday Bucket offerings. Please bring that change on Sunday so we can help a wonderful lady by the name of Hope!!



## **BACKPACK FOOD MINISTRY START-UP** **SEPT. 13 @ 4 PM**

School has started, our stuff a bus event was a huge success (thank you to all who participated), and we are ready to start packing 50 bags starting Thursday, September 13 @ 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Fruit of the Spirit – Kindness, Generosity, Self-Control!! Join us for one week, every week...whatever fits into your schedule. We will continue to collect supplies – mostly milk and cereal items (please no juice) until we deplete the inventory from our stuff a bus. Put your items in the shopping carts located in the admin building. Contact Karen Kranz for information.



## Hope Sunday -

### **Dr. Michelle Andra/Dorn VA Medical Center**



August's guest was Dr. Michelle Andra who is a Psychologist at Dorn VA Medical Center and the lead for our local Clay Hunt initiative. *Dr. Michelle Andra is a graduate of the Clinical-Community Psychology doctoral program at the Univ. of SC. She currently serves as the Local*

*Recovery Coordinator, champion for recovery-based services, at the WJB Dorn VA. Michelle is a master trainer of the VHA HOP program, an intervention for self-stigma, and co-authored its manual. She is the co-chair of the Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention Outreach team at the Dorn VA and is currently detailed to VA Central Office (VACO) to implement this program nationally. Michelle is passionate about all the components of recovery but especially stigma awareness and reduction, suicide prevention, veteran-to-veteran services.*



## Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

### ***Justice Ministry Annual Listening Process Begins with Fall House Gatherings***

*"What does the Lord require of you – but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God!"*

What an amazing 1<sup>st</sup> year we had with our Justice Ministry – partnering with 30+ congregations of varying traditions, breaking down all sorts of barriers, and culminating with over 1300 people gathering on a rainy April night for our 1<sup>st</sup> Nehemiah Assembly. One unique and powerful aspect of this Justice Ministry model is that rather than being agenda or issue-based, it is grounded in Scripture and prayer, trusting that God will speak through God's people in our community.

Each year, a new annual cycle begins with a Listening Process based on hundreds of congregation members gathering in homes across the Midlands and prayerfully responding to 2 simply profound and personal questions: ***"What keeps you up at night?" "When you think about our local community, what community problem makes you most angry and why?"*** At each house gathering, stories are shared and relationships are formed as we share our answers to those 2 questions – and we prayerfully listen to what areas God might be calling us to address in our local community, solely as a result of the responses to those questions.

Last year, all those house gathering responses from across the Midlands led us to address areas of mental health and education – and our Steering Committees continue to work diligently on the next steps in those areas with our local officials. This year, we do not know what areas God might be calling us to address as God's people here in the Midlands. It could be something connected to mental health and education – or it could be totally different areas. ***It all depends on your responses to those 2 questions at our upcoming house gatherings – so it is vital to have your participation!!!***

This year, the following disciples have heard the call to serve as Living Springs Justice Team Leaders: Gail Buchanan, Mike Davidson, Helen Doerpinghaus, Wayne Kannaday, Shelia Kowalski, Adam Woodruff, Jim Zeiche, and Peg Zeiche – with Sarah Schultz and Gwen Furcron serving in support roles. Once again, we hope to build a team of 50-60 Network Members, with the goal of having 150 LS Members and friends attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nehemiah Assembly set for May 6, 2019.

Initial LS House Gatherings are set as follows:

**Sunday, Sept. 9 – 4:30, hosted by Helen Doerpinghaus & Wayne Kannaday**

**Sunday, Sept. 16 – 4:00, hosted by Mike Davidson & Gwen Furcron**

**Sunday, Sept. 16 – 4:00, hosted by Gail Buchanan & Shelia Kowalski**

**Wednesday, Sept. 19 – 6:30, hosted by Adam Woodruff**

**Thursday, Sept. 20 – 7:00, hosted by Jim & Peg Zeiche**

We look forward to seeing you at a house gathering in September. If you have not received an invitation in the new few weeks and would like to participate, please feel free to contact coordinator Helen Doerpinghaus or any of our LS Team Leaders.



## 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:**

- ☞ **Sun. Oct. 28 from 12:30-2pm—First Communion Pt. I (ages 5-18) Bring \$25 for chalice painting**
- Sat. Nov. 3 from 9am - 12:30 - First Communion Pt. II**

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.

# Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*

## *G.I.F.T. Sunday "Get-To-Know-You" Fellowship*



I have been deeply moved and blessed today (G.I.F.T. Sunday) by all the references to and activities provided to make the Holy Spirit more visible in my daily life.



### ***Want To Know More About The Bible?***

If your answer is "yes", please plan to join one (or more) of our Bible Study groups.

- ✦ Tuesday mornings at 10:00AM – starting on September 11, will be reading and sharing insights on the book "Pew Sisters". Coordinator – Beverly Hoppert (803) 348-4412 or [beverlyhopprt@gmail.com](mailto:beverlyhopprt@gmail.com)
- ✦ Tuesday evenings at 7:00PM – starting on September 11, will start from the beginning, the book of Genesis. We'll read, share insights, and gain understanding. It doesn't matter if you are just beginning to learn about the Bible or are a Bible scholar, we all belong in this group and we will learn from each other's questions and observations. Coordinator- Steve Bloss (803) 467-8287 or [sbloss1947@gmail.com](mailto:sbloss1947@gmail.com)
- ✦ First and third Thursdays at 6:30AM – starting on September 6, study of scripture with discussion of applicable questions for men. This study uses the Lutheran Men's Bible. Coordinator – Mike Davidson (803) 699-1498 or [mdavidson33@gmail.com](mailto:mdavidson33@gmail.com)
- ✦ Book of the Month Club – please see page 2 about this congregation-wide scripture reading opportunity. Also, discussion groups are being formed. There is a sign up sheet in the hall of the administration building.



### ***LS Adult Mission Trip - Info Session Sunday, September 9***

On Oct. 19-21, we will travel to the impoverished Nichols, SC region to help with needed projects in areas still recovering from recent floods and storms. All are invited to participate - construction skills are not necessary. Come meet with us next Sunday at 9:30 in the fellowship hall - to find out more about this weekend of meaningful service, fellowship, devotions, and growth in faith.



# Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

## *G.J.F.T. Sunday Worship*



### *Backpack Blessing*



### *Sunday Worship Soloists - London Mancuso & Anna Graves*



### *Sunday's Children's Message*



## *Praise in the Park/Animal Blessing* *Sunday, September 30*

There will be a time of worship and fellowship with the community as well as we will have our annual animal blessing & remembrance. Bring your dogs, cats, and whatever crawls, slithers, and swims around your house! Come celebrate God's Creation and God's Love for All, as we gather to rejoice in the Word and sing God's praises on Sun, Sept. 30 at 5:30 (place is still to be determined). Bring your friends as well. This celebration is open to all! We encourage all animals to be on a leash or in a cage/bowl. If your pet is nervous around people, he/she may remain in the car with the windows down!





## Beer & Hymns Monday, September 17

Love to sing hymns? Enjoy having a beer or other beverage and fellowshiping with others? Come join us for Beer & Hymns on Monday, September 17, 7 pm at Beef O'Brady's on Hard Scrabble Road. We sing boldly. We laugh. We share Jesus in a unique way. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend or two and experience a great hymn sing in the least likely place!



1) **HELP WANTED:** We are currently seeking help from individuals to run sound and media for our Worship Services. No experience is necessary and training will be provided. Please see George Donovan if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

2) **COME JOIN OUR MUSIC & ARTS MINISTRY!** Our music and arts ministries provide many opportunities for folks to be involved. Do you play an instrument? Can you carry a tune in a bucket? Or do you have a flair for visual or dramatic arts? There is a place for you! Some opportunities for involvement include:

• *The Joyful Noise Choir* - rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 in the Choir Room. This ensemble sings for our 8:15 Worship Gatherings weekly. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 22nd. No audition is required, just come join!

• *The Grace Chorale* - rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 in the choir room. This ensemble sings for our 10:45 Worship Gatherings weekly. Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, August 22nd. No audition is required, just come join!



• *The Disciples of Harmony* - Our men's ensemble rehearses on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:45 pm in the choir room. A fun, painless audition with the Director of Music is requested.

• *The Worship Band* - our primary instruments for worship include a basic rhythm section (Piano, Percussion & Guitar) however other instruments are invited to join us! If you are interested in being a part of this team, please speak with George Donovan. We also provide music for other events, such as Beer & Hymns, and other worship gatherings. A fun, painless audition is required. We are especially interested in adding musicians for our Sunday 8:15 worship.

• *JuBELLation Handbells* - Under the leadership of Laura Turnmire, this ensemble provides special music for worship and other events monthly. While some musical training is helpful, anyone can play with a little patience and time! We rehearse on Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 8:00 pm (beginning September 4th) in the Handbell Room. See Laura Turnmire or George Donovan for more information! New and returning handbell ringers are needed!



• *FaithAlive Singers* - We meet at 9:30 AM on Sundays (beginning in September) to kick off our Sunday school hour with a time of singing. We share songs in worship periodically. Your child will learn the Word through song! This is open to ages 2-Confirmation age.

• *Worship Arts* - Our visual arts team helps to bring the Gospel to life with artwork and seasonal displays. Creativity and imagination are key to this ministry. Please see George Donovan or

Jim Zieche for more information.

• *Dramatic Arts* - from our annual Live Nativity to Advent and Lenten Dramas and the Journey Performing Arts Ministry, this team is always seeking folks to join our team. Be on the lookout for more dramatic presentation opportunities at Living Springs!





Notes from: *Women's Ministry*  
**WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
**OCTOBER 5-7, 2018**

*Bad Girls of the Bible:*

We have much to learn from our biblical sisters. Women everywhere marvel at the "Good Girls" in Scripture. We admire the faithfulness of Ruth, the courage of Esther, and the humility of Mary. Yet, when we look in our hearts, the story of Eve, has had a more profoundly negative impact on women throughout history than any other biblical story, The Woman at the Well, and The Sinful Women. We will share valuable insights, practical lessons, and memorable stories. At this retreat, we will also share good food, fellowship and fun! Sign up now – the sheet is in the admin building!



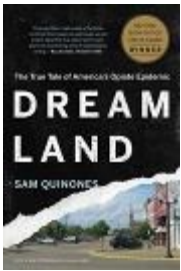
**Location: Isle of Palms – Retreat Center      Registration Deadline: September 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Cost: \$100 for the weekend (includes room (double so pick a roommate), 2 breakfasts meals, Lunch-Saturday, and Saturday dinner)*



**Ladies Book Club**  
**Monday, October 1**

Monday, October 1 @ 7 pm, we will meet be at Beverly Hoppert's house, 701 Summit Sq. 29229 Ph: 803.348.4412. Peg Fox will be bringing the goodies. (This is a change from what is on our schedule) Our book is Dreamland: the True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic by Sam Quinones. It is available at the library, but it looks like Richland library only has one regular print book version.



**Mark your calendar**

- ◇ **9/23** Midland Conference @ Redeemer in Lexington st 2:30 pm
- ◇ SCWELCA Retreat- **2-8-19 to 2-9-19** Camp Kinard All women are welcome There is a registration fee
- ◇ **4/26-4/28** Coastal Retreat Isle of Palms

Contact Gwen Furcron



Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

**JV Football Food Ministry Cookout**



## **Football Food Ministry** **Thursdays, August 16 - October 25**

Living Springs is again sponsoring pre-game devotional meals for youth of the Ridgeview JV team. This has been a truly uplifting ministry for the past two years. **Each Thursday beginning August 16**, we need:

- ⇒ 5-6 VOLUNTEERS (men & women) at 3:00 to help transport the food from LS, serve the food at Ridgeview, and visit/interact with team members;
- ⇒ Donated DESSERTS (80 portions total per week) - they can be dropped in the kitchen earlier in the day.
- ⇒ Financial donations – make checks to Living Springs and mark, "Football Food Ministry."
- ⇒ One Thrivent Action Team Grant for each week. Needed dates would be: Sept. 5 (Wed.), 13, 19 (Wed.), 27; Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25. ALL Thrivent members have two free grants of \$250 that you can personally designate for church ministries during the year. Please see [Karen Kranz](#) to donate one of your grants for a particular date.

Sign-up chart for volunteers and desserts can be found in the Admin. Building (or call the office). Contact [Bob Turnmire](#) for more information.

## **One Year To Live Retreat** **Sept. 21-23** **Tracy's Camp, Pinewood, SC**

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

Join us and be...

- ✦ Adventurous and courageous
- ✦ Genuine and spiritual

Look forward to...

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

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

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



## **Men's Breakfast** **Saturday, September 29**

We continue to form our Lutheran Men's circle of prayer where each man is praying for a brother in Christ. Next breakfast gathering will be **Saturday, September 29** at 8:00 am at Living Springs. Meal is being served by Mark & Laura Cunningham, LS Food Resource Persons. \$7.00 per person. We meet on the last Saturday of each month. Contact [Bob Turnmire](#) at 803-513-7533.



## **Lutheran Men's Sunday** **Sunday, September 30**

Sunday, September, will be Lutheran Men's Sunday at Living Springs as we celebrate the ministry of men in our congregation and community. Contact Bob Turnmire to help with worship.

## **Hunters in the WORD** Nov 9-10, 2018



Lutheran Men in Mission in partnership with Tracy's Camp invite you to a weekend of fellowship and hunting

\$100 includes deer hunt,  
lodging and meals

[tracyscamp.com](http://tracyscamp.com)





## Notes from: *Jr. Youth & G.O.F.T. Zone*

### ***Introducing Ellen Girardeau, Associate for Junior Youth and G.I.F.T. Zone Ministries***

Ellen grew up in St. Petersburg, a city on the Gulf Coast of Florida. She attended Florida State University, where she studied communication disorders, Spanish, and education. She went on to pursue a doctorate in audiology from Auburn University, but her life changed drastically when she met a South Carolinian named Christopher Girardeau halfway through that academic pursuit.

In the six years they have been married, Christopher and Ellen have supported each other throughout Christopher's two Air Force deployments, academic studies at Clemson, and now his ministry preparation at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.

Ellen has held a variety of roles in her past employment experience, including church secretary, youth group leader, Spanish teacher, childcare provider, tutor, and camp counselor. She shares that she is "thrilled to have a new opportunity to serve God, young people, and their families through this position at Living Springs."



I enjoyed meeting several junior youths and their parents as we enjoyed the church-wide potluck luncheon and played Fruits of the Spirit Bingo after late worship this past Sunday. It was great to begin to get to know some of the students' personalities. Some kids take bingo very seriously! Now that I think about it, that shouldn't have been a surprise, considering the awesome table of prizes available. I look forward to lots more fun and learning throughout this school year with such a special group of young individuals.

*Until next month, **Ellen Girardeau***

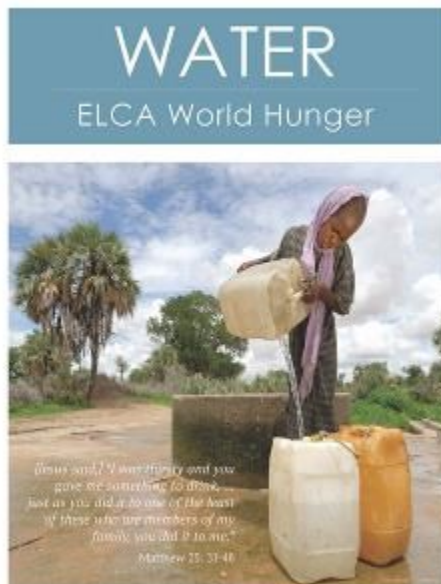
*Associate for Junior Youth and G.J.F.T. Zone Ministries*

# Wet-n-wild

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A Huge THANK YOU to our congregation members and SPARK CAMP participants!!! Back in June 2018, we all raised \$190.00 in a mere 4 days to purchase **one irrigation canal and three water filters** to ensure that persons around the world will have access to clean water, something we may take for granted. THANK YOU!!!



Greetings! As this is first journal article submission, I will just take a minute to share some observations from my experience in the G.I.F.T. Zone from this past Sunday! I sat in the G.I.F.T. Zone during the 10:30 a.m. service. The ages of the individuals present ranged from infants, elementary school students, middle school students, and parents. In one relatively small area of the sanctuary, there was such an interesting variety of activity going on at one time. Elementary-aged children were busily working on crafts by the time I arrived. The older children were entertained by a cheerful infant scribbling on a dry-erase board. I learned that we will have to continue working on whisper voices with some children, but I enjoyed watching one child spontaneously take a posture of prayer on a kneeler, and noticed a few times with a child would get up to stand with the rest of the congregation during the singing of hymns on their own volition. Some may be rule-followers, while others might be more rebellious. The good news is that all of them can get a lot out of the G.I.F.T. Zone. I welcome your prayers as I begin the process of learning how to best help families worship together in this space!



### ***G.I.F.T. Zone Worship-Learning Area For Parents***

We offer the parent-friendly G.I.F.T. Zone (in the left-hand transept of the main sanctuary) so that parents may share the worship experience with their children in a meaningful, stress-free way. This parent-friendly worship experience is located in the left-hand side area of the sanctuary. **Every child in the G.I.F.T. Zone should be accompanied by a family adult**—as the purpose is to provide an area for parents to help teach their children the routines and meaning of worship (until they are old enough to worship in the pews for the entire service).

For families who wish to take advantage of the G.I.F.T. Zone, there is child-friendly worship furniture plus adult chairs for parents. Feel free to sit in the special area throughout the service with your child - or come to the area with your child following the Children's Message. Parents and children use guided activities to help our youngest worshipers follow the readings, sermon, hymn, creed, and prayers. This is an awesome way for parents to share the rhythm of worship and have children/parents engaged together in worship with the whole congregation, while learning the liturgy. At the 10:45 service, our nursery is also available for ages 0 - 3 (for children who have not yet reached the point to focus and benefit from the G.I.F.T. Zone activities).



## Notes from: *Sr. Youth*

Hey folks! It's back to school time, which also means it's time to get back in the swing of things with Senior Youth Group. This year, our senior youth is going to include 7th-12th grade! We're super excited to see where and how God is calling us to work, learn, and play this upcoming year! It will be wonderful to see everyone and to hear all about your summer experiences from National Youth Gathering to GraceWorks to Camp to vacation and beyond.

Our midweek gatherings started on Wed 29th. We will be doing midweek gatherings every week, usually alternating between going out somewhere and being at Living Springs the next week. We will continue our shoebox questions, but will also be following along with the rest of the congregation for the "Book of the Month Club." For the month of September, we will be focusing on Genesis. Youth and parents, please discuss this book at home; youth, please bring any questions (however off-the-wall you may think they are) about Genesis to Youth Group on Wednesday and we'll discuss them. Genesis is a book that is FULL of amazing stories that show how much God loves us.

During Faith Alive hour, there will be a middle school class and a high school Sunday school class. For the middle school youth, there will be a discussion every week on how we see God moving and being in our modern world with relevant social and cultural issues. For high school youth, a big part of our curriculum will be to bring the Gathering here to Living Springs. We are going to be (re)engaging with some of the speakers from the Gathering and having a discussion on what they talked about. We may even have a couple of guest appearances along the way!

Here are some key dates to keep in mind and put on your calendars:

- \* **Remember the Titans movie** event is being held at Antioch Baptist church on Sunday, September 9th at 3:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to watch a profound movie and then have an even more profound discussion and fellowship with our African-American sisters and brothers.
- \* **Marty Party** is October 21 at St. Stephen's in Lexington
- \* **Trunk or Treat** is October 25
- \* **Trees** will be delivered on Nov 20 and the tree lot starts Friday the 23rd
- \* **Adventpalooza** is November 28th

If you have any questions about what's going on or coming up, please don't hesitate to ask [Leslie](#) or [Christopher](#).

## Notes from: *Young Adults*

### *College Blessing*



This year, Living Springs is recognizing the Spirit's tug to continue to put an emphasis on Young Adult ministry. Here are some things in the works:

The Enneagram class is still going!!! It's not too late to hop right in! Our next meeting is on September 18th at 6:00 pm. Please come out and learn about yourself and others!

There is a trip to the U.S. Whitewater Center in the works! Stay tuned for that!

Also coming this fall is Books and Beverages! We will be meeting at a local drinking establishment (most likely a brewery or bar) to have a book discussion. Right now I'm considering a few books: *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber, *95 Prostheses* by Frank Honeycutt, and *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans. If you have any opinion on these or other books, I'd love to hear from you.



# God At Work

**Child & Youth Protection Training**



**Church Lock Information Session**



**Public Safety Forum**



**DOH @ Fireflies Baseball Game**



**Rush Hour Ministry**



## Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

### **Membership Inquiry Sessions Sunday, September 16 & 23**

Come meet with Pastor on Sun, Sept. 16 & 23 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 info- contact [Pastor Eric](#) or call the office.

### **Parents of College & Young Adults Get-Together Sunday, September 23**

As we begin (or return to) this time of children leaving our homes for college or work, we invite you to a new form of fellowship and support. Join us at the Levitt's home for a casual dinner and conversation on 9/23 @ 6:30 pm.

### **Pictorial Directory We Have added a Third day! Tuesday 9/25 4pm - 9pm**

*Did you miss out on our last photography sessions? Do you want an updated photograph?*

Two Easy Ways to Schedule a Portrait Session :

1. Click on the Link in the weekly ENEWS

2. Visit the signup table on Sunday morning (before and after each service)

Free 8 X 10 for those taking new/updated pictures this year. **Everyone** that has taken a picture whether this year or in 2016 will get a new updated directory.

Need to update your contact info? Stop by the table and check over your information.

Contact Gail Buchanan or Kathy McDonald.



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## Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs

### ***Tuesday Devotion Lunch @ Living Springs*** ***Tuesday, September 11 @ 11:00 AM***

The Tuesday Devotional Lunch returns Sept. 11. Lunch is offered on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 11 am, with devotions by Pastor Eric, to include the "Book of the Month" - Genesis. Everyone is welcome! To reserve a spot for you and your friends, sign up in the office lobby or contact the office before 11am on the Monday prior. Donation \$6 (includes drink & dessert).

### ***God's Storehouse*** ***Monday, September 10 @ 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.

### ***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.

### ***Good News Walkers*** ***Thursdays @ 8:30 AM***

We start out with a short devotion from The Word in Season and then we deliver Living Springs/Preschool flyers to areas that have new move-ins **and** have a paper box. Meet in the administration building by 8am on Thursday morning – we are usually finished in an hour. Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information.

### ***2018 Altar Flowers***

Are you looking for a way to honor or memorialize someone near and dear to you? Make a floral contribution by ordering altar flowers and let the office know who or what it is that you are celebrating **OR** maybe you just want to thank God for the many blessings you receive! There is a signup outside Lisa's office for 2018 or go to <http://goo.gl/mVvrGE>. To order flowers from our preferred florist, contact Blythewood Florist at 691-1820.

### ***Living Springs Pew Bear Ministry***

Each bear is a minister of God's love as they leave here to be a blessing for others. You may take a bear to anyone who is in need of God's love: hurting from illness, loneliness, depression, grief, or any other reason. When you take a bear, please place \$10 or a free-will offering in a pew envelope and mark it "Pew Bears." Donated funds are needed to replace the bears. Thank you for praying for this ministry. We are blessed to be a blessing!

### ***Helping Hands!!***

Currently there are about 450 students a week getting a backpack in the Richland 2 school district! As part of this program (McKinney Vento Advisory), a chain link was set up to send out to committee members...an email alert to an immediate need of an unaccompanied youth, families that are without housing, etc. In support of this, ESO has labeled this Outreach "**Helping Hands**". We send out an email blast when the message is received that there is someone in need. We ask that you respond if you can or are able to fill the need of the request. Contact Karen Kranz at [kbkranz@gmail.com](mailto:kbkranz@gmail.com)

### ***Disciples Helping Disciples***

LSLC has establishing a team of volunteers to perform small household tasks for those members unable to complete them. The team will do minor tasks in the areas of mechanical, electrical, plumbing, IT (computer-related), transportation and other minor home repairs depending on the skills of the team. The team will suggest contacts for jobs beyond the scope of the team skills. Everyone is encouraged to participate. For details contact Bob Gill (788-6788), Jim Zieche (497-3239), Bill Franck (331-7871) or Pastor Eric (736-0661). If you would like to be a member of this team, please sign in the admin building or contact one of the above.



# Opportunities Outside Living Springs

## **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** *Saturday, September 22*

Rehoboth Baptist Church is inviting us to participate in their blood drive coming up on Saturday, Sept. 22 - 9 am to 2 pm. There will be a sign up sheet in the admin building – the Red Cross does not need blood – patients do. Every two seconds someone in America gets a blood transfusion. We hope to make this a successful event for Rehoboth, our partner in Christ.

## **Grief Support Group**

Are you struggling with grief? Are you looking for a support group to help accompany you on your journey of grief? Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be offering two grief support groups, one will be a grief support group that meets on Tuesday afternoons and one will be a book study on "It's Okay that You're Not Okay" by Megan Devine/grief support group that meets on Monday evenings. The beginning dates are September 3rd and 4th. The time for the Monday evening group will be at 7:00p.m. and the Tuesday afternoon group will meet at 2:00p.m. If you are interested in being a part of either group, please contact Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 803-781 -3900. Bethlehem Lutheran Church is located on 10,000 Broad River Rd. Irmo, SC.



## Join Us for these Upcoming Programs

... faith-based learning for a community of active adults

### **Simple Enough: Living More with Less**

**Oct. 19-21, 2018**

*Spend the weekend at Lutheridge,  
located just south of Asheville, and  
enjoy autumn beauty in the mountains.*



**Join keynote Speaker Bob Sitze**  
and other leaders for workshops,  
including life transitions; decluttering;  
living close to the land; setting  
priorities and more. Enjoy engaging  
Christian worship & lively entertainment.

**\$249/person**, incl. meals & lodging,  
**\$200/person** groups of 5 or more.

### **Parenting in the 50Forward Years**

**March 22-24, 2019**

*Spend the weekend at Lutheranch,  
located located one hour west  
of Atlanta in Tallapoosa, GA.*



**Join Pastor Tim Canniff-Kuhn**  
and family services professionals.  
Two tracks will offer support  
and resources for those faced  
with parenting their parents or unsure  
how to best parent adult children.

**\$230/person**, incl. meals &  
lodging at our new retreat center.

### **Backpacking on the Appalachian Trail**

**April 25-28, 2019**

*Spend 2 days hiking on beautiful trails;  
2 nights camping; then finish with  
a celebration meal & hot springs soak.*



**Hit the trail from Allen Gap**  
to Hot Springs, NC, hiking 6-8 miles  
each day, enjoying spring beauty  
in the mountains. Set up camps at  
Rich Mountain (3,600') &  
alongside the French Broad River.

**\$249/person**, incl. most meals and  
all equipment, except for personal gear.

For details & to register for events, visit [50forwardlife.org](http://50forwardlife.org)

# September 2018

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 930A Genesis Book Study 10A Music Rehearsal	3 Labor Day - Office Closed	4 930 PS Bible Time 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 7P Handbells	5 930 PS Chapel 3P JV Football Ministry 4P ASC Music Time 6P Hope Ministry 6P Disciples of Harmony 630P Sr. Youth (LSLC) 7P Choirs	6 630A Men's Bible Study 830A GN Walkers 10A PS Music Time 4P ASC Music Time 7P Lifelong Discipleship	7	8 12P Directory Photo Sessions
9 God's Work. Our Hands. 930A Adult Mission Trip Info Session 10A Music Rehearsal 1P God's Work. Our Hands. (w/Christ Mission) 3P "Remember the Titans" Youth Movie Event 430P Justice House Gathering - Kannaday/Doeringhaus	10 930a God's Storehouse 1030A Meals on Wheels 12P Staff Meeting 5P Worship Outreach 6P Worship & Music Team 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care Team 7P Recovery Comes First NA Group	11 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 11A Devotional Lunch 4P ASC Bible Time 6P Finance 6P Facilities Committee 7P Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7P Handbells	12 930 PS Chapel 4P ASC Music Time 6P Disciples of Harmony 630P Sr. Youth (Blaze Pizza) 7P Choirs	13 830A GN Walkers 10A PS Music Time 3P JV Football Ministry 4P Backpacks 4P ASC Music Time 630P Preschool Board	14 9AM TELS (Middleton Place)	15
16 930A Member Info Session 10A Music Rehearsal 1215P WELCA 4P Justice House Gathering - Davidson 4P Justice House Gathering - Buchanan/Kowalski	17 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Exec Team 7P Beer 'n Hymns 7P Recovery Comes First NA Group	18 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 6P Enneagram Class 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	19 930 PS Chapel 3P JV Football Ministry 4P ASC Music Time 6P Disciples of Harmony 630P Sr. Youth (LSLC) 630P Justice House Gathering - Woodruff 7P Choirs	20 630A Men's Bible Study 830A GN Walkers 10A PS Music Time 1215P CDC Prayer Lunch 4P Backpacks 4P ASC Music Time 7P Council 7P Justice House Gathering - Zieche	21	22 9A Blood Drive @ Rehoboth 930A Crafty Ladies
23 930A Member Info Session 10A Music Rehearsal 2P Christ Mission Installation 230P WELCA Midlands Conference (Redeemer Lutheran) 630P College Parents Fellowship (Levitt's)	24 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First NA Group	25 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P Directory Photo Sessions 4P ASC Bible Time 7P Genesis Book Discussion 7P Handbells	26 930 PS Chapel 4P Directory Photo Sessions 4P ASC Music Time 6P Disciples of Harmony 630P Sr. Youth (Salsarita's) 7P Choirs	27 830A GN Walkers 10A Hymn Along @ Carolina Gardens 3P JV Football Ministry 4P Backpacks 4P ASC Music Time 615P LS Veterans Ministry Night (carpool 530)	28	29 8A Men's Breakfast
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One Year to Live Retreat - Tracy's Camp 9/21-9/23						



## Worship Assistant Schedule – September 2018

	Assisting Minister	Lector	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torchbearers	Counters	Children's Sermon	Council Person
9/2	8:15 John Imbert	Nowell Ramsey	Ashley Ramsey Karen Kranz	Kathy McDonald Barb Imbert	Inside Debbie Smith	Outside Ron Smith	Cody Shannon	Karen Kranz		Christopher Girardeau	Midge Gurnvalson
9/2	10:45 Mike Davidson	Sarah Schulz	Laura Turrmire Audrey Turrmire	Karlene Stuart Walker Flores Wes Levitt Steve Bloss	Jeanette Bloss	Marshall Hurlbert	Walker Flores	Leslie Bloss Gail Buchanan	Bob Turrmire Steve Padgett Doug Danner	Christopher Girardeau	Doug Danner
9/9	8:15 Rev. Griffin Gurnvalson	Midge Gurnvalson	Helen Doeringhaus Saundra Dixon	Sue Loveless Mike Loveless	Kristen Mattson	Jerry Appleton	Wesley Graves	Jan Epperson		Lexanne Graves	Mike Grimmmer
9/9	10:45 Jeff Day	Rev. Griffin	Cindy Day Kellee Flores	Jan Berger Tiffany Ginn Gary Ginn Preston Ginn	Linda Hayes	Adam Woodruff	Tiffany Ginn	Jan Berger	Trish Davidson Mike Davidson	Wendy McKenzie Karlene Stuart Sue Hyman	Lexanne Graves Wendy McKenzie
9/16	8:15 Jan Berger	Anna Graves	Karen Kranz Scott Graves	Shirley Laingen Paul Laingen	Judy Lawrence	Jeff Lummel	Anna Graves	Karen Kranz		Jan Berger	Jan Berger
9/16	10:45 Jan Berger	Adele Lindberg	Alison Levitt Steve Bloss	Lauren Bloss Jeanette Bloss Karlene Stuart Adam Woodruff	Alice Renaud	Mike Davidson	Lauren Bloss	Pat Bartucca	Cynthia Edney Leslie Bloss	Adam Woodruff Ed Brennan Angie Dyches	Jan Berger Jan Berger
9/23	8:15 Saundra Dixon	Beverly Hoppert	Bill Franck Ashley Ramsey	Sue Loveless Mike Loveless	Sadonia Grimmmer	Nancy Schwind	Lucas Shannon	Nancy Schwind		Pastor Eric	Bill Franck
9/23	10:45 Alison Levitt	Christopher Girardeau	Pat Bartucca Steve Padgett	Randy Masad Leslie Bloss Adam Woodruff Steve Bloss	Cathy Lowman	Wes Levitt	Lina Mooney	Austin Padgett	Jeanette Bloss Gail Buchanan	Ann Lynn Caughman Trish Davidson Mark Stuart	Pastor Eric Gay Walter
9/30	8:15 LUTHERAN	MEN	SUNDAY								Vickie Crappos
9/30	10:45										Mike Davidson
	<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>				
9/2	Ashley Ramsey	Karen Kranz	Bloss Family	Karen Kranz	Todd Gurnvalson	Judy Lawrence				September	
9/9	Marj & Meg	K. Kranz	Karen Kranz	Charles Tracy	Karen Kranz	n/a				Linda Hayes/Nancy Baldwin	
9/16	Sue Loveless	K. Kranz	Franck's	Kathy McDonald	Karen Kranz	Saundra Dixon					
9/23	Roger Schwind	Gay Walter	Judy Lawrence	Karen Kranz	Bill Franck	Ashley Ramsey					
9/30	Karen Kranz	Alice Renaud	Adele Lindberg	Vickie Crappos *	Charles Tracy	Kellee Flores					

### SIGN UP FOR THIRD & FOURTH QUARTER – WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

The online signup for October is ready to be populated – whatever slots are open by September 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 (August - September) <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4baea92fa0f85-20173>  
 Fourth quarter: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4baea92fa0f85-20174>

## Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

**September 1** ♥ Gary & Susan Bradham  
**September 2** Sophia Skipper  
**September 3** ♥ Bob & Laura Turnmire  
**September 4** Steve Bloss  
 Peg Fox  
**September 6** Karlene Stuart  
**September 7** ♥ Steve & Elouise Niemeyer  
**September 10** Anne Ducate  
 Sarah Schultz  
**September 11** Christina Rauer  
 ♥ Mike & Beverly Wyka  
**September 12** Helen Doerpinghaus  
 Jack Fakoury  
 Chris Kannaday  
 Matt O'Donnell  
 Bob Turnmire  
 Andrew Wyka

**September 13** Sadonia Grimmer  
**September 15** ♥ Jerry & Marj Appleton  
**September 16** Chris Collins  
**September 17** Anita Dye  
 London Mancuso  
**September 18** Collin Flores  
 Nancy Franck  
 ♥ Bill & Nancy Franck  
**September 23** Scott Graves  
 Midge Gunvalson  
 Emma Harris  
 Sarah Hurlbert  
 Cathy Loman  
**September 27** Logan Smith  
**September 28** Hilary Keppery  
**September 29** Andrew Tilton



### *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!



**September 4** Eric Nelson  
**September 7** Bob Gabbard  
**September 9** Ed Brennan  
 Harrison Keppery  
 Savannah Shaver  
**September 10** Jordan Shaver  
**September 15** Meredith McKenzie  
**September 18** Vickie Crapps  
**September 19** Rachel Drafts  
 Preston Ginn  
**September 24** Mike Davidson  
**September 25** Susan Bradham  
 Gail Buchanan  
**September 26** Josey Johnson  
 Candice Johnson  
 Bryson Lay  
**September 28** Gary Ginn  
**September 29** Ginny Devereaux



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Ellen Girardeau - Assoc. for Jr. Youth & G.I.F.T Zone

Tammy Mancuso- Preschool/ASC Director

Lisa Petty – Admin. Assist/Communications Coor.

Laura & Mark Cunningham - Food Resource Persons

Sherry Forsgren – Bookkeeper

Laura Turnmire – Director of Handbell Choir

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