

The Living Springs Journal

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

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God's work. Our hands.



I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart! This Month from Pastor Eric

LS BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH: October = EXODUS!

As we move into October, our focus shifts to the 2nd Fruit of the Spirit: JOY! I remember as a toddler, singing the song "I've got the JOY, JOY, JOY down in my heart!" - and how those words have stuck with me for over half-a-century now. Every month here at Living Springs, the Spirit works to bring the fruit of JOY to the depths of our hearts, in all that we share as God's people in this place. For example, ponder some of the JOY-ous occasions we shared just in the past month....

There was so much JOY at the **God's Work Our Hands** supper we shared with Christ Mission Lutheran (our Mission Partner congregation in the Denny Terrace area) - and two weeks later at the installation of Rev. LeRoy Cannon as their first official pastor in the SC Synod. There was so much JOY as those brothers and sisters in Christ received a beautiful prayer cross made from our former cross-oak tree and immediately hung it on the front wall in their fellowship area. There was so much JOY as those meat loaf dinners were shared in Finlay Park, with Meals-on-Wheels clients, with police officers/firefighters, with a home for the elderly in Denny Terrace, and with community individuals showing up in the Christ Mission parking lot to find a healthy meal.

There was so much JOY in the faces of volunteers and displaced families at the **Evacuation Shelter** during Hurricane Florence, when Living Springs disciples showed up with a hot meal and dozens of desserts and towels and toiletries to bring some hope in the midst of despair. There was so much JOY in the face of a mother at the evacuation shelter, whose hurting child was able to get desperately needed medication, because of the offerings of love you give to our LS Family Fund. There was so much JOY in the voice of the Lutheran World Relief disaster kit coordinator in North Carolina, when we called to tell her we were bringing boxes of hope kits that had been assembled here through your response to our 30-hour appeal. There was so much JOY in the voice of one of our toddlers, who whispered as he placed coins in our Sunday children's message **Habitat Project bucket**, "I hope this helps God build that house!"

There was so much JOY in the voice of the elementary school guidance counselor, who showed up on a Friday morning to get the first batch of **Backpack Food** bags for this school year, "Our kids so love to get bags from Living Springs—they need them so much!" There was so much JOY in the face of the Richland2 administrator, as she talked about scenes from a video the district had made showing Living Springs volunteers and GraceWorks youth helping in the Summer Feeding program off Percival Road. There was so much JOY in the eyes of a **JV football** player, as he received the weekly Scripture card we make for them and placed it in a pouch inside his bag, "I'm keeping them all together right here," he said, "so that I don't forget God's message."

There was so much JOY in the smile and laughter of **veterans** in wheelchairs (some missing legs), receiving shirts and quarters from Bingo — then each one, by name, being thanked personally for their sacrifice and told, "You are great!" because Jesus himself said that greatness is to be found in those who sacrifice in service of others. There was so much JOY in the voice of **Irvin Legrand and other residents** at Carolina Gardens Kathwood as they sang "Jesus Loves Me" with children from our preschool and other LS disciples — and then received hugs as we all shared the peace together. There was so much JOY in the tears of a young man lying in a hospital bed, wrapping himself in a Prayer Shawl made by disciples here at Living Springs—and so much JOY in the heart of a woman diagnosed with cancer who received a Pew Bear to remind her that she was not in the journey alone.

There was so much JOY in welcoming **Ellen Girardeau** as our first-ever Associate for Jr. Youth and G.I.F.T. Zone Ministries. There was so much JOY in the face of a young boy who showed his pastor a drawing he had made in the G.I.F.T. Zone to reflect the message he heard about God's love during worship. There was so much JOY in Jr. Youth painting canvases with Ellen to display images of love (and learning about Martin Luther's symbol for God's love, with a cross in the center of a heart). There was so much JOY in our Sr. Youth's laughter and fellowship gathered around a Wednesday night meal. There was so much JOY at our kickoff **Confirmation** session, as teenagers thanked their parents for particular ways those parents had helped them know God—and then as those teenagers and parents prayed together.

There was so much JOY in a members' home, as **parents of college-age students** gathered for fellowship, support, and prayer as they go through the empty-nest transition. There was so much JOY in the 6 men from Living Springs who came back inspired in faith from our **SC Lutheran Men's "One Year**



OCTOBER OPPORTUNITIES

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Book of the Month—Exodus Intro

Oct. 7, 9:30 (Fellowship Hall)

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Women's Retreat

Oct. 5-7 (Isle of Palms)

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LS Habitat House Build Project

Oct. 13, 8am - Noon

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Senior Adult Luncheon

Oct. 14, 12:15 (after worship)

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Community Beer 'n Hymns

Oct. 15, 7:00 (Beef O'Bradys)

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Newberry College Choir Concert

Oct. 17, 7:00 (Living Springs)

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Veterans Ministry—Dorn VA

Oct. 18, 6:15 (carpool 5:30)

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Trunk 'R Treat

Oct. 25, 6:15 pm

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Root Beer 'n Brats

Oct. 28, 5:00 (Doco Park, Blythewood)

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Fall Discipleship Gatherings

Sites & Dates TBA

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JV Football Ministry

Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 - 3:00

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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.

\$50 in 50 Days Mini-Buckets for Hurricane Relief!

Starting this Sunday, we will distribute our Disaster Mini-Buckets for each person or household. You are invited to take home the bucket and place \$1 for each day from Sept. 30 through Nov. 18. Buckets will be collected on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. All donations will go to our [SC Lutheran Disaster Response](#) efforts to assist those whose lives have been devastated by Hurricane Florence and subsequent flooding. We give thanks for the \$1620 in Disaster Response Offerings that have already been lovingly given by the LS family. Other Links:

[ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response](#)

To help with the recent tsunami in Indonesia: [Lutheran World Relief](#)



Hurricane Relief Kits - Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who responded to our 30-hour drive. On Tuesday, we were able to assemble 100+ kits (with another 50 kits worth of items previously delivered to the Evacuation Shelter). Next week, we are delivering our kits to a Lutheran World Relief drop-off site in NC. If you would still like to bring items to the church, it's not too late. We already have plenty of combs and toothbrushes, but we can use more **nail clippers and bath towels (light-weight, dark colors)**.



Adult Mission Trip to Nichols Postponed

With the devastating flooding in Nichols, we are having to delay our original Mission Trip planned for October. Our contact there will let us know as soon as we can safely come into the area to help (perhaps with day-trip work crews).



LS Habitat for Humanity Build - October 13 - Sign up Today! \$1500 Goal for Worship Bucket Offering Through November

LS has adopted one half-day in a community Habitat for Humanity project. We need to fill at least 15 volunteers spots (age 16+) for the morning of Oct. 13 (8am - noon)! The site is located in the Arthurtown area off of Bluff Rd. Our challenge is also to raise \$1500 for our part of the project via the Sunday big bucket offerings through November. In addition to coins & dollars, if you would like to make a special offering, you can use the pew envelopes and label "Habitat Project" (checks payable to Living Springs).



End of Month Bible Book Discussion, led by Pastor Today – 9:30am (Fellowship Hall) September Bible Book = GENESIS

Bible Book Kickoff Overview, led by Pastor Sunday, Oct. 7 – 9:30am (Fellowship Hall) October Bible Book = EXODUS

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Everyone in the congregation is challenged/encouraged to read the Bible Book of the Month! Pick a few chapters per day—do a chunk per week—read it all at once.

Set aside a special time to do your reading at home/work. Whatever works!

Some Group “Book Discussion” Times ...

2nd Tuesdays: Devotional Lunch Group at 11am

Each Tuesday Evening: Study Group at 7pm

1st & 3rd Thursdays: Men’s Group at 6:30am

October = Exodus; November = 1 Samuel; December = Isaiah

Notes from: *Jr. Youth*

I would like to start by taking a minute to thank you for the love, acceptance, and support that you showed during both services on Sunday the 23rd, the day of my installation in this new role. Your many words of congratulations and welcome mean more to me than I will be able to express. When Pastor Eric asked me which Sunday in September would work best for me to be present for these proceedings, I suggested September 23, without realizing how perfectly the scripture readings would match up with the significance of my position at Living Springs!

After late worship that day, five junior youth and some extra helpful volunteers joined me in creating a fun form of artwork known as a "hot mess canvas." Our designs included the colors and shapes that are found on the Luther Rose. We looked at a printout of the original hand-drawn version and dissected its parts, which together summarize Martin Luther's theology. Additionally, we discussed the significance of the particular colors that are used. When



we talked about the color red, the Gamecocks came to mind for some of us, but not all of us! The children created priceless pieces of artwork which they can display in their rooms or present to a family member as a gift.

It truly is a privilege to work with the youth, families, and staff at LSLC. I believe that the fruits of the spirit can be developed, or "ripened," in adults by interacting with children... The first three examples that come to my mind are the **joy** that comes from watching a baby who has just learned how to clap, **patience** when you may have heard the same story one too many times, and **gentleness** by allowing children the creative space to complete projects in their own unique ways - all being equal in the sight of God.



Thank you for, as Pastor Eric powerfully said it, putting your money where Jesus' mouth was. I am excited to teach these children of God (and also to learn from them) for the rest of this school year. Stay tuned for details about our next monthly event!

Until next month, [Ellen Girardeau](#) Associate for Junior Youth and G.I.F.T. Zone Ministries



Notes from: *G.I.F.T. Zone Ministries*

There continued to be a lot of life in the G.I.F.T. Zone throughout the month of September. The word "wisdom" appeared often in the scripture readings for September 16 and 23, which highlighted to me the importance of educating families on how to "grow in faith together" using this unique area in the sanctuary. The additional emphasis on children from our readings on September 23 was especially meaningful for those children and parents present.

Below, enjoy a few photos of the excellent artwork produced in the G.I.F.T. Zone on a regular basis, from a funny portrait, to one of the neatest coloring jobs I have ever seen, and a great copy of the cross keychain given out at the backpack blessing from the beginning of the school year. Also pictured are some fun with scarves, and two young ladies who will likely be highly sought-after babysitters one day in the near future.



Talk to you in October, Ellen Girardeau
Associate for Junior Youth and G.I.F.T. Zone Ministries





Notes from: *E-Outreach Ministries*

E-Outreach Ministries Coordinator,

Deacon Lexanne Graves,

Lexanne@LivingSpringsColumbia.com

Thank you so much for the Sunday celebration of my eight years of ministry as your Minister of Faith and Life: Children and Families. It has been a joy to serve in this role and to gain deeper relationships with many children and young families here at Living Springs and in our community. Now that I have



a new role as your E-Outreach Ministries Coordinator, I am looking forward to the creative ways we together can get the Good News of Jesus out into our community. With the direction of the our Congregational Council and Pastor Eric, I want to explore how to use digital platforms to grow in faith together with all persons in our community and state. Maybe it's through curating Lutheran Christian podcasts to spark your faith life on your commute to work, or blog posts to spur on deeper biblical study into reading the book of Exodus this month, or providing a link to a TED Talk that will help block out the noise in life and focus on the joy of a fulfilled life that God wants all of us to have. I invite your Spirit filled suggestions and ideas so that we can think outside of the box and reach persons who have never heard the Good News of Jesus. May we all use this technological tool to grow in faith together personally and communally!



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to Live" retreat. There was so much JOY on Men's Sunday, with the sanctuary steps filled by males of every age, making a commitment to live the type of God-love that Scripture describes. There was so much JOY as that image was shared by over 1000 folks outside these walls through our new **E-Outreach Ministry** posting—and so much JOY to install Deacon Lexanne Graves as our first LS Coordinator of E-Outreach Ministries.

There was so much JOY in the conversations had with neighborhood residents as we sang & prayed together and shared God's blessing upon cats, dogs, and birds at our **Praise in the Park Animal Blessing**. There was so much JOY in the singing that took place with community members at the September **Beer 'n Hymns**. And (believe it or not), there was so much JOY at all the various gatherings where disciples discussed and shared about their reading of Genesis, our first **Bible "Book of the Month."**

The world continues to seduce us in the endless pursuit of empty, fleeting "happiness" based on superficial things (for more on this, [LINK HERE](#) to my monthly article for our LS Child Development Center newsletter). In contrast, the Spirit offers us meaningful, lasting experiences of deep, eternal joy that fill our hearts as we serve others and unconditionally share the love of Christ. In October, we will have many other opportunities to experience this fruit of the Spirit. I am looking forward to the JOY that will be shared with many hurting lives through our "\$50 in 50 Days" Hurricane mini-bucket collection. I am looking forward to the JOY that will be shared at the discussion sessions focusing on Exodus, our October book of the month—and the JOY that will be shared at our fall Disciple Gatherings (dates TBA), as we make preparations for our Annual Discipleship Commitments. I am looking forward to the JOY that will be shared out in the world through the first full month of our E-Outreach Ministries, and the JOY that will continue to grow in our Jr. Youth and G.I.F.T. Zone ministries. I am looking forward to JOY that will be shared at the annual Women's Retreat (Oct. 5-7), at our LS Habitat for Humanity house build (Oct. 13), at the Newberry College Choir concert hosted here (Oct. 17), at the Sr. Youth Marty Party trip (Oct. 21), at our community Trunk 'r Treat (Oct. 25), and at the community "Root Beer 'n Brats" on Reformation Sunday (Oct. 28) - plus all the ongoing ministries of Discipleship, Hope, and Partnership that take place on a monthly basis.

How amazing it is that those words I learned as a toddler continue to take shape every day, as the Spirit works in Christ's church: "I've got the Joy, Joy, Joy down in my heart!" As we **Grow In Faith Together** here and beyond Living Springs, may those words truly be a reality for us all!

With thanksgiving to God for the 31st year we now begin as a congregation—and for the ever-abundant fruit of the Spirit borne in this community of disciples, *Pastor Eric*

Council Clips - September

WELCOME JulieAnn Harris to Council! Starting in August, JulieAnn was appointed by council to fill an unexpired term, as per our by-laws.



Enjoyed viewing the SC SYNOD video entitled "Walking Together in Christ." It is the vision of the Synod that all congregations become tithing congregations toward outreach and mission support. What a joy it is in giving from gratitude and gratefulness!

- ✝ **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Eric spoke of the "bountiful orchard of grace" that we receive when sharing God's love with others. The fruit of the spirit is present when we worship, serve, and share.
- ✝ **Finance:** Finalizing a plan for good stewardship of the DOT dollars received. Looking at several higher interest-yielding options which are insured and secure, until we have plans for Campus re-structuring and other Kingdom work.
- ✝ **Facilities:** The narthex doors will be painted soon (red). A workday is being planned and will include many "small, easy to do" projects. Asking for congregational help. Date will be finalized and advertised.
- ✝ **Children/Young Families:** WELCOME Ellen Girardeau, who will be installed as Associate for Jr. Youth and GIFT Zone Ministries on Sunday, 9/23/18. First Communion Instruction is planned for 10/28 and 11/4.
- ✝ **Senior Youth/Young Adults:** Youth Adults scheduled for a White Water Rafting event at the Charlotte Rafting Center. College students will receive gift cards and a note from LSLC. Sr. Youth meeting on Wednesday nights.
- ✝ **Fellowship and Mutual Care:** Care meals will be prepared and cooked at the church on 10/27.
- ✝ **Good News Team:** WELCOME Lexanne Graves in her new position as Coordinator of E-Outreach Ministries on 9/30.
- ✝ **Hope Team:** Committed to provide \$1500 and 15 participants to assist in the Habitat for Humanity Hope's House project. LSLC will help with the house building on 10/13. Assemble 300 Hope Kits in 30 hours for Hurricane Relief. Mini-buckets will be distributed on 9/30 for \$50 in 50 days. Collecting through 11/18th These buckets are designated for hurricane relief.
- ✝ **Justice Ministry:** House Gatherings are on-going as we look for common themes and next ways to act for justice.
- ✝ **Lifelong Discipleship:** Adult Mission Trip to Nichols, SC has been scheduled for the weekend of 10/19 - 10/21.
- ✝ **WELCA:** The Women's Retreat will be held the weekend of 10/5 - 10/7. The Midlands Region WELCA conference will be held on 9/23 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia.
- ✝ **Lutheran Men:** Monthly breakfast will be held on 9/29. One Year to Live Retreat will be held the weekend of 9/21 - 9/23.
- ✝ **LSLC Child Development Center:** Staff prayer Luncheon will be held on 9/26.
- ✝ **Worship & Music:** Usher/Greeter training will be held 9/23 and 10/07.
- ✝ **Kingdom Vision Task Force:** WELCOME Brantley Smith, Kathryn Padgett, Wayne Kannaday, Todd Gunvalson, and Adam Woodruff (council representative) as team members. This group will work with Lifelong Discipleship to implement teaching/learning opportunities centered around First Fruits Giving.
- ✝ **Love One Another Campaign:** WELCOME Lori Masad as the coordinator for Lutheran Services Carolina's "Love One Another" Capital Campaign. She will attend training in September. We will possibly conduct campaign in January or February.
- ✝ **Sunday School/Education Hour:** WELCOME Sally Catoe as the new Faith Alive Sunday School Coordinator. WELCOME Karlene Stuart as the Sunday School Attendance Secretary and Faith Milestones Coordinator. WELCOME Jeanette Bloss, who will schedule Sunday school teachers, coordinate substitutes, and distribute Children's Message resource links. They will be working with Ellen Girardeau in coordination with our overall ministry for Jr. Youth.

God's Corner



Thank you, Thrivent Members, for directing \$747 Choice Dollars® to Living Springs Lutheran Church in August. Through your membership the congregations, communities and causes you care about are strengthened. We are stronger together!

Thank you for your recent gift of \$190.00 in support of the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts. With generosity and imagination, you have made a gift that will change a life. Through the programs supported by your "Good Gifts," you are reaching out with a tangible symbol of Christ's love - a Bible for a young disciple or a textbook for an emerging leader, cleaning supplies for a family affected by a disaster, a warm meal at a local soup kitchen, a goat or pig to help a family become self-sufficient, a brick that will help build a house of worship. Thank you for equipping others to live lives of abundance and witnessing to the healing and hope we share in Christ Jesus. Your generosity is making a difference!

In God's grace, Christina Jackson-Skelton
Executive Director, Mission Advancement

Disciple Dot Stories

God is at work through me and a developing relationship with my boss – sharing our faith journey and knowing His plan is *intentional*.



So many of us in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, etc. prayed for God to spare us from catastrophic events. Not only did God bless us here in the Midlands, but God blessed us two-fold. While God answered our prayers sparing us and God also gave us a needed gentle rain. *Continued prayers to those who have been effected and may God pass blessings on to them in their time of need.*



On the way to work one morning, I was feeling a little down and very sleepy. I stopped at a gas station to get a drink. As I was standing in line, the lady in front of me asked the cashier, "Do you know Jesus as your Lord & Savior?" The Cashier said, "Yes, I do."

The lady replied, "God is good all the time."

That short exchange changed my mindset for the day. It helped me remember that I have so much to be thankful for and the God is with me all the time. I was so glad I had stopped that morning at that gas station.



On a recent trip, I met a woman who shares God's love by creating simple blankets with prayers sewn in for migrant workers (prayers are in Spanish), the poor, church members in the hospital, and others in need. She is a blessing in her 70's and makes 9 blankets a week. The Spirit has worked through her so far by providing 900 blankets for her church to distribute.

SHARE YOUR GOD MOMENT STORY

Has God worked a disciple moment through you or someone else during the week? Pick up a green welcome slip from the narthex and share the story of God's work - place your slip in the blue-dot basket, the Disciple Dot mailbox 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!

Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*



From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Greetings to all as we enter into the beautiful Autumn Season with changing colors and the anticipation of cooler weather. As we look ahead to the coming months we focus on the growth we see in the Fruits among us.

We witnessed the fruit of Generosity as our families helped to collect items for the victims of Hurricane Florence.

We witnessed the fruit of Kindness as a child shares his piece of paper and pens with his classmates as they gather around to share and color.

We witnessed the fruit of Love as our children visit our senior friends at Kathwood for the Hymn-a-long.

We witnessed the fruit of Patience as a parent waits for their child to choose a book from the lending library. They take a deep breath and sit with their child as they chose a book to read to before bedtime.

We witnessed the fruit of Joy as we welcome a new sibling into the world, another blessing in our Living Springs Family.

We witnessed the fruit of Peace as our staff members talk about God making changes and allowing them to let go of the worries in their lives.

We witnessed the fruit of Faithfulness as our staff led Wednesday morning chapel time.

We witnessed the fruit of Gentleness as our children care for our pet guinea pig Co-Co.

We witnessed the fruit of Self Control, when parent shared with me that her four year old child came to her and said "Mommy, I need to display more Self Control" and then began to sing the newest verse of "Grow in Faith Together".

Please join us as we continue to grow these fruits in and among our children, families, community and selves.

With Love and Blessings,

Tammy and the Living Springs Child Development Center family

*October is time for **SOCK-TOBER!** We will be collecting new socks of all shapes and sizes to create **SOCKS OF LOVE.** The socks will be used in place of bags to hold Blessing Bags items. There will be bin in the lobby for your donations.*

God at Work in our Classrooms:

- ✝ I saw God is our classroom when an after schooler showed an EXTREME amount of patience and calm attitude when having to repeatedly deal another child.
- ✝ We see God as the children learn about the fruits of the spirit and can acknowledge when they witness them being exhibited throughout the day.
- ✝ I see God when watching the children sing their chapel songs with the Residents at Carolina Gardens at Kathwood. At first one of the children was very shy (it was their first field trip) and did not want to shake hands with anyone. A few minutes later, they had made friends with 3 of the residents giving them handshakes and hugs. God is good and our children are amazing! *(See page 11 for photos)*

Letters to God

Dear God - I think about you sometimes even when I'm not praying

Dear God - Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each so much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother.

Dear God - Please send Dennis to a different camp this year.

Dear God - If you watch in church this Sunday I will show you my new shoes.

Dear God - If you let the dinasor not be extinct we would not have a country. You did the right thing.

Dear God - We read Thos Edison made light but in Sun. school they said it was you. I bet he stole your idea.

Dear God - I think the stapler is one of your greatest inventions.

Dear God - You don't have to worry about me, I look both ways.

Dear God - I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that OK?

Notes from: *Fellowship & Mutual Care*

Flu Shots at Living Springs

Sunday, October 7



A representative from Walmart will at Living Springs on Sunday, October 7 beginning after the first service. Signup in the admin lobby to grab a spot. You will need to bring your insurance card. Contact [Trish Davidson](#).

Senior Adult Lunch

Sunday, October 14 @ 12:15

Fellowship and Mutual Care will be hosting a Senior Adult/Empty Nesters Lunch **following the 10:45 service on October 14**. We will be celebrating Oktoberfest. Join us for Food (German Dishes & Brats), Fun, and Fellowship. Sign up in the Admin Building.



Notes from: *LS Parents of College Students & Young Adults*

September Gathering of LSLC Parents of College Students and Young Adults

The new "Parents Group of Young Adults" met for the first time in September. What a great evening of sharing stories and enjoying fellowship with others at similar stages of life! Some of us were long-time friends and others new acquaintances, but the informal small group setting made it easy to get to know each other better. We talked about where our children are now as well as where we ourselves are on our own life journeys during this time of change. We laughed as we remembered family stories from earlier years, shared our joy in seeing our children grow, and talked about the bittersweet feeling of watching our families change. Near the end of the evening we listened to a thought-provoking reflection and shared prayer. <https://bridgechristian.wordpress.com/2016/07/05/putting-the-basket-in-the-water-trusting-god-in-the-next-phase-of-your-childs-life/> We all really enjoyed the time together and decided to continue to get together regularly. We will meet on the 4th Sunday evening of the month and welcome others to join us. We are looking for a name for our new group ...so stay tuned!

Invitation to All LSLC Parents of College Students and Young Adults

Sunday, October 28 @ 7 pm

Parents of college students and young adults are invited to join a new Living Springs faith fellowship to share conversation and our faith journeys at this transitional stage of life. Some of us are long-time LSLC members and others are newcomers -- all are welcome! We meet on the 4th Sunday evening of the month and our next meeting is Sunday, October 28, at 7:00 pm at Beef O'Brady's. If you would like more information please talk with [Alison Levitt](#).



Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

Disciples Helping Disciples

Thank you to those that took time out of their Saturday to help move my mother into her independent living apartment at Rice Estates. I really Appreciate your hard work and fellowship. Blessing to you and your families and thank you.

On Behave of Mrs. Sylvia Hurlbert and Me thank you. Brother in Christ, *Marshall*



GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

It starts with an idea – what if we partner with our mission church to do a service project for the community? What can we do? They are approximately 30 miles r/t – how are we going to pull it off? Always put your trust in the Lord! A few phone calls, a couple of planning sessions – Living Springs will do the meatloaf and Christ Mission will do the potatoes, green beans, and gravy and it will be held in their Fellowship Hall – AND it worked!! What a wonderful fellowship gathering – Christ Mission was presented a wooden cross carved from our oak tree which was immediately – I said “immediately” placed on the wall in their Fellowship Hall.



So you say...what is the big deal? The people in the kitchen were like robot machines – someone slicing the meatloaf, someone scooping mashed potatoes & putting the gravy on, someone spooning the green beans, one lady slicing our donated desserts – all in takeouts – how many? – about 125 takeouts went out to Meals on Wheels, local Columbia Police & Fire Departments, a Christ Mission Family that could not make it to the gathering, Walter’s Residential Care, Finlay Park and we had enough left to serve the JV Football team the week after.

Now for my story...Julie Ann who delivered meals to the police and fire departments, returned with some dinners because the station must have been out on a call. We didn’t want to leave food, so what are we going to do with them – everyone had just about left. Pastor Eric and Pastor Cannon loaded the takeout meals into Pastor Cannon’s car and were going to take the extra’s to a youth event. In the meantime, a couple of women came running into the Fellowship Hall that there were three homeless men that saw the sign out front “free meal today” – wait!!! Where is Pastor Eric & Pastor Cannon? – they have the extra meals!!! Just as Pastor Cannon was about to pull out, we stopped him and said we have a home for those takeout meals. End of story – God’s story! These three men were very thankful for some good meals that day!

God’s work through many, many hands!

Thank you to all the volunteers!





VA MINISTRY

It seems like I can always come away with a story from the VA Night! Mr. Hobson has been a favorite of Jim's – the last two times we've been there, he has been waiting in the area where we play bingo. He is the one we frequently talk about – he is in a reclining chair, is sort of hard to understand, wears dark glasses – to see him, he just sort of lays in his chair and you think he doesn't know what's going on. Jim always plays a bingo card for him, even if he's in his room, Jim plays and if he wins, he puts the quarters (see we actually use the quarters that you donate in the helmet) in his little pouch on his chair. Last month, Jim is playing the card and Mr. Hobson's is sort of squirming around and looking like he is uncomfortable. I say he must want the pillow fixed under his head, so we adjust that; but he is still squirming as we start the next game. I won't drag this out...what Mr. Hobson was squirming about is, Jim had the card behind Mr. Hobson and once he moved it to Mr. Hobson's chest so he could see Jim playing his card, he was fine! I think about Mr. Hobson and the other men and women that probably will never come out and I always come away feeling so grateful for the sacrifices they made for the freedoms we enjoy. May God continue to bless them!

Living Springs VA Ministry Night Thursday, October 18 @ 6:15 PM

Usually on the 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. **Due to Trunk or Treat on the 25th, this month's night will be on the 18th!** 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 the 14th through the 18th to drop off your quarters.*

Delivering Dinner to Hurricane Shelter Volunteers



Hurricane Relief Kits



Backpack Food Ministry



Hymn Along @ Carolina Gardens



Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

Justice Ministry Team Assembly



Justice Ministry Team Blessing



Justice Ministry Annual Listening Process Begins with House Gatherings

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. Remaining LS Justice House Gatherings are:

Sunday, Oct. 7 - 4:00, hosted by Mike Davidson & Gwen Furcron

If you have not received an invitation and would like to participate in a justice house gathering, please feel free to contact coordinator [Helen Doeringhaus](#) or any of our LS Justice Team Leaders.



Notes from: *Mission Partnership Team*

Dr. Cannon of Christ Mission Installation



Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

Children's Messages in September



Usher/greeter Training *Sunday, October 7*

Due to updates for ushers and greeters, we are holding a "required" training for all who serve as ushers and greeters, plus anyone who might be interested in these roles. There will also be refresher training for all who are interested in serving at all other positions (assisting minister, communion assistants, crucifer, etc.) Please attend on Sun., Oct. 7 at 9:30 in the sanctuary.

Beer & Hymns in September



Beer & Hymns *Monday, October 15 @ 7 pm*

Love to sing hymns? Enjoy having a beer or other beverage and fellowshiping with others? Come join us for Beer & Hymns on Monday, October 15, 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!

Animal Blessing/Praise in the Park



The Newberry College Singers & Madrigals in Concert

Wednesday, October 17th @ 7:00 pm



The Newberry College Singers and Madrigals will be presenting their Fall Tour program, "Longing for the Melody," at Living Springs Lutheran Church on Wednesday, October 17th at 7:00 pm. The concert explores the many ways music can reach us and the mystery that involves. In doing so, the selections span from the 16th century to modern day; from the USA to Estonia, Kenya, Sweden, and Germany; from Lutheran favorites to the Beatles.

Newberry College Singers, created in 1931 as the state's first a cappella choir, began touring the region the following year. More recently, Singers participated, along with Lenoir-Rhyne, in the joint SC/NC Reformation Celebration in Charlotte in September 2017, and joined forces with the Augusta Symphony and others choirs in a performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony to reopen the historic Miller Theater.

Newberry fall choir tour, October 17th-20th, has stops in Columbia, Florence, Murrell's Inlet, and Camden. For more information about the tour or the Department of Music, contact Dr. Chris Sheppard, Chair and Director of Choral Activities, at 803-321-5176 or chris.sheppard@newberry.edu.

Host Homes Needed

Host homes are needed for Newberry Choir students following their concert at Living Springs on Wednesday night, October 17th. There are a total of 32 students and 2 adults (one male, one female). Please sign up in the office entrance way if you can host students (minimal of two people per host home). Host families can pick up their guests following the concert. The guests will need to be returned to Living Springs for breakfast on Thursday morning, October 18th. Please see [George Donovan](#) if you have any questions.

Praise in the Park Oktoberfest - 10/28

Mark your calendar and plan to join us on Sunday, October 28th, 5:00 pm for Beer & Brats, sponsored by Lutheran Men. Bring a friend, BYOB, and a lawn chair. This event is FREE! Location to be determined.

LIVING SPRINGS' LIVING NATIVITY: LOVE IS BORN December 15 & 16

SIGN UP IN OCTOBER!

All congregation members are encouraged to sign up on the board in the narthex to participate in this year's living nativity drama. Remember, no speaking is required by the actors! There is a role for everyone: cast, lights, sound, scenery, props, costumes, music, animal keepers, and refreshments. Rehearsals begin on October 14th following the 10:45 service. The rehearsal schedule will be provided on the sign up board, in the church bulletin and during announcements before Sunday services.

What a special opportunity for you and your family to celebrate the birth of our Lord with the congregation and community!

Questions??? Contact: [Dea Jones](#)



Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

Men's Sunday



JV Football Food Ministry

October 4, 11, 18, & 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, 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. Upcoming dates are: Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25. Sign-up chart for volunteers is in the Admin. Building (or call the office).
- *Financial donations – make checks to LS and mark, "Football Food Ministry."

Contact [Bob Turnmire](#) for more information.



Youth Faith Milestones

"Come to Jesus Christ. He is the living stone that people have rejected, but which God has chosen and highly honored. ⁵ And now you are living stones that are being used to build a spiritual house. You are also a group of holy priests, and with the help of Jesus Christ you will offer sacrifices that please God. ⁶ It is just as God says in the Scriptures, "No one who has faith in that one will be disappointed." 1 Peter 2:4-6

Our **Passing on Faith Milestones Ministry** team provides instruction and resources to equip families, children, youth, and adults to pass on faith and live well in Jesus Christ. By paying attention to the milestones of our lives, we create rituals and traditions that shape us and nurture us in our faith. The promises we make at Baptism point to the spiritual milestones in our children's lives.



You are invited to remember, celebrate and uphold your Baptismal promises by participating in our Faith Milestone events:

- ☿ **October 28 @ 12:30 —First Communion Part 1 (ages 5-18) Bring \$25 for chalice painting.**
- ☿ **November 3 @ 9:00 am - First Communion Part 2**
***First Communion to be celebrated on All Saints Sunday.**

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



TRUNK OR TREAT

Thursday, October 25 @ 6:15 pm

We will start circling up our cars/trucks/SUV's around 5 pm – start time for the little goblins will be 6:15 pm. The bounce house will be available again this year and of course, games and activities by our Child Development Center. Something new added to the joyous festivities – a table will be set up to assemble blessing bags – Blessed to be a Blessing!



Notes from: *Sr. Youth*

Hey folks! We've had a wonderful month with our new senior youth group, which includes grades 7-12. We've had meaningful conversations, great food, lots of laughs, and some pretty profound moments

During one of our midweek gatherings, Adam Woodruff hosted us for a Justice Ministry House meeting. Youth, Parents, and other adults attended this meeting. After eating some delicious food, we sat in a group and talked about how we see the world. One of the questions that we were asked to answer is: "What keeps you up at night?" It was amazing to see these youth discuss how they see sin manifesting in the world today in very profound ways. Anyone who says that "our youth are the church of tomorrow" is dead wrong; our youth are the church of today!

We've been discussing Genesis in youth group as well. Christopher led an overview of Genesis at the beginning of the month and we have continued to wrestle with some things found in Genesis like: two creation narratives, Sodom and Gomorrah, Abraham about to kill Isaac, and we also talked about how some of our different names have Hebrew origins! Next week we will look at how God liberates God's people through Moses and leads them to the promised land.

During Faith Alive hour, there are middle school class and a high school Sunday school classes. 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. In September, we relistened to Nadia Bolz-Weber's speech from the Gathering and talked about how grace is for everyone. In October, we'll be looking at Ginny Owens speech from the first day. Here's the [link to the video](#)

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

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



Notes from: *Young Adults*

The trip to the Whitewater Center has been canceled due to numbers.

Hopefully, we can do something like that soon!

We're going to be starting a monthly meeting where we'll be reading Rachel Held Evans' new book [*Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*](#). About this book: "Drawing on the best in recent scholarship and using her well-honed literary expertise, Evans examines some of our favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations, retelling them through memoir, original poetry, short stories, soliloquies, and even a short screenplay. Undaunted by the Bible's most difficult passages, Evans wrestles through the process of doubting, imagining, and debating Scripture's mysteries. The Bible, she discovers, is not a static work but is a living, breathing, captivating, and confounding book that is able to equip us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world."

The first meeting for this will be **Thursday, Oct 11 at 630** at Living Springs.

In Christ,
Christopher

Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs

Tuesday Devotion Lunch @ Living Springs

Tuesday, October 9 @ 11:00 AM

Lunch is offered on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 11:45, with devotions by Pastor Eric. Everyone is welcome! We will discuss the October Bible Book of the Month - Exodus. Meal is served by Laura & Mark Cunningham, our LS Food Resource persons. To reserve a spot for you and your friends, sign up in the admin building or contact the office before 11am on the Monday before. Donation \$6.

Backpack Food Ministry

Thursdays @ 4pm

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

God's Storehouse

Monday, October 8 @ 9:30 AM

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

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.

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.

Living Springs Pew Bear Ministry

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

Helping Hands!!

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

Disciples Helping Disciples

LSLC has 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 Ann Lynn Caughman (803-708-2543) or Cathy Lowman (803-917-8523) If you would like to be a member of this team, please sign in the admin building or contact one of the above.

Opportunities Outside Living Springs

Oktoberfest Columbia at Incarnation Lutheran!

October 12-14

[Oktoberfest at Incarnation, Columbia](#) (3005 Devine St, Columbia) on October 13-15th from 11a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Authentic German food, bier, music, and lots of fun! Join us at the corner of Devine and Sims at the gray stone church with the red doors. Enter at the main entrance on Devine Street. Lots of street parking available. Please leave our four-legged friends at home. No pets at the festival!

***Oktoberfest Beer & Hymns @ Incarnation Lutheran Church
Sunday, October 14th, 6:00 PM.***



ELCA Discernment Event

November 16-18

Savanna Sullivan, Program Director for Young Adult Ministry for the ELCA, is hosting a discernment event for Lutheran young adults age 18-30ish at Lutheridge from November 16-18!

"The retreat will consist of conversations about vocation and discernment, opportunities for community building, and worship. We believe that no matter our job, we are all called to live out the Gospel. Young people discerning seminary, discerning other educational and vocational paths, or who don't know where the heck they're headed are ALL WELCOME! (So, no, you don't have to be going to seminary!)"

If this sounds like you, make sure to follow this [link](#)!

The Synod has some funds set aside if anyone needs help in making the \$50 registration fee.

What a great opportunity!



Living Well Retreat
Oct. 19-21, 2018

Simple Enough: Living More with Less

Spend the weekend in Asheville with a group of your 50 and older friends.

Groups of 5 or more,
just \$200/person,
incl. lodging & meals

Event Highlights:

- * Inspiring speakers on topics, including life transitions; decluttering; living close to the land; setting priorities & more
- * Engaging Christian worship
- * Lively entertainment
- * Outdoor adventures
- * Autumn beauty in the Asheville-area mountains



Keynote Speaker: Bob Sitze
"Simple Enough" blogger and author of Starting Simple: Conversations about the Way We Live

For details & to register, visit
50forwardlife.org

October 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 |
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| | 1 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Ladies Book Club 7P Recovery Comes First NA Group | 2 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells | 3 930 PS Chapel 6P Hope Ministry 6P Disciples of Harmony 630P Sr. Youth (LSLC) 7P Choirs | 4 630A Men's Bible Study 830A GN Walkers 10A PS Music Time 3P JV Football Ministry 4P Backpacks 4P ASC Music Time 5P Worship Task Force 6P Worship & Music Team 7P Lifelong Discipleship | 5 | 6 |
| | 8 930A God's Storehouse 1030A Meals on Wheels 12P Staff Meeting 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care Team 7P Recovery Comes First NA Group | 9 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 11A Devotional Lunch 4P ASC Bible Time 6P Facilities Team 6P Finance Team 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells | 10 930 PS Chapel 6P Disciples of Harmony 630P Sr. Youth (5 Guys) 7P Choirs | 11 830A GN Walkers 10A PS Music Time 3P JV Football Ministry 4P Backpacks 4P ASC Music Time 630P Child Development Board 630P Young Adults Bible Study | 12 | 13 830A Habitat for Humanity Build 9A Journey Performing Arts Board Retreat 930A Crafty Ladies |
| 14 10A Music Rehearsal 121.5P Nativity Rehearsal 121.5P Sr. & Empty Nester Lunch 121.5P Confirmation Class | 15 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Exec Team 7P Beer 'n Hymns 7P Recovery Comes First NA Group | 16 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 1230P CDC Prayer Lunch 4P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells | 17 930 PS Chapel 530P Newberry College Choir Dinner 630P Sr. Youth (LSLC) 7P Newberry College Choir & Madrigal Concert @ Living Springs | 18 630A Men's Bible Study 8A Newberry College Breakfast 830A GN Walkers 10A PS Music Time 3P JV Football Ministry 4P Backpacks 4P ASC Music Time 61.5P LS Veterans Ministry Night (carpool 530) 630P Justice Team Assembly (Forest Lake Presb.) | 19 | 20 10A TELS - "Lord Of Light" |
| 21 10A Music Rehearsal 121.5P Confirmation Class 4P Sr. Youth Marry Party (St. Stephens) | 22 930 PS Bible Time 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First NA Group | 23 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells | 24 930 PS Chapel 4P ASC Bible Time 4P Backpacks 6P Disciples of Harmony 7P Choirs | 25 830A GN Walkers 10A PS Music Time 3P JV Football Ministry 4P ASC Music Time 6:1.5P Sr. Youth @ Trunk or Treat 6:1.5P Trunk or Treat | 26 | 27 8A Men's Breakfast 930A Crafty Ladies 930A Care Meal Making |
| 28 Reformation Sunday 930A Exodus Discussion 10A Music Rehearsal 121.5P Nativity Rehearsal 1230P 1st Communion Class 5P Root Beer & Brats/Praise in the Park 7P Parents of College Student's (Beef O'Brady's) | 29 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First NA Group | 30 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells | 31 930 PS Chapel 6P Disciples of Harmony 630P Sr. Youth (Bloss') 7P Choirs | 1 630A Men's Bible Study 830A GN Walkers 10A PS Music Time 4P Backpacks 4P ASC Music Time 7P Lifelong Discipleship | 2 | 3 9A 1st Communion Class 5P Rice Estate Dinner (3P Set -up) |

Women's Retreat - Isle of Palms
October 5-7

Worship Assistant Schedule - October 2018

| | Assisting Minister | Lector | Communion Assistant | Ushers | Greeters | Acolyte | Crucifer | Torchbearers | Counters | Children's Message | Council Person |
|-------|--------------------|-----------------------|--|---|---|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 10/7 | 8:15 | Helen Doeringhaus | Christopher Girardeau | Nowell Ramsey Jan Epperson | Marj Appleton Jerry Appleton | Debbie Smith | Ron Smith | Wesley Graves | Jan Epperson | Helen Doeringhaus | Mike Grimm |
| 10/7 | 10:45 | Christopher Girardeau | Anna Graves Cindy Day Pat Bartucca | Karlene Stuart Stephen Padgett Austin Padgett Lauren Bloss | Jeanette Bloss | Mike Davidson | Walker Flores | Jeff Day | Alison Levitt Wes Levitt | Helen Doeringhaus | Austin Padgett |
| 10/14 | 8:15 | Rev. Griffin | Wayne Kannaday | Ashley Ramsey Saundra Dixon | Jeff Lummel Sadonia Grimmer | Kathy McDonald | Jerry Appleton | Cody Shannon | Jim Zieche | Dea Jones | Midge Gunnalson |
| 10/14 | 10:45 | Alison Levitt | Sarah Schultz | Rev. Griffin Wendy McKenzie | Wes Levitt Jan Berger Randy Masad Mike Davidson | Alice Renaud | Wes Levitt | Mike Davidson | Adam Woodruff | Dea Jones | Jeff Tenhover |
| 10/21 | 8:15 | Saundra Dixon | Lori Masad | Karen Kranz Hank Cox | Shirley Lainingen Paul Lainingen | Nancy Franck | Bill Franck | Lucas Shannon | Karen Kranz | Christopher Girardeau | Vickie Crapps |
| 10/21 | 10:45 | Steve Padgett | Jeff Day | Audrey Turnmire Laura Turnmire | Steve Bloss Jeanette Bloss Walker Flores Marshall Hurlbert | Linda Hayes | Marshall Hurlbert | Jan Berger | Leslie Bloss | Christopher Girardeau | Ann Lynn Caughman |
| 10/28 | 8:15 | John Imbert | Nowell Ramsey | Scott Graves Karen Kranz | Sue Loveless Mike Lovelless | Sue Hyman | Nancy Schwind | Bill Franck | Nancy Schwind | Pastor Eric | Bill Franck |
| 10/28 | 10:45 | Mike Davidson | Cathy Lowman | Gail Buchanan Trish Davidson | Adam Woodruff Austin Padgett Steve Padgett Karlene Stuart | Martlene Jorgensen | Adam Woodruff | Lauren Bloss | Pat Bartucca | Pastor Eric | Adam Woodruff |
| | | Name Tag 8-15 | | Name Tag 10-45 | Flowers | Muggers | | Coffee | | Refreshments | Altar Guild |
| 10/7 | | Ashley Ramsey | Alice Renaud | | Powell's | Kathy McDonald | | Charles Tracy | | Sue Hyman | |
| 10/14 | | Marj & Meg | Gay Walker | | Walter | Charles Tracy | | Todd Gunnalson | | Saundra Dixon | |
| 10/21 | | Karen Kranz | K.Kranz | | Gunvalson's | Karen Kranz | | Bill Franck | | Judy Lawrence | Gail Buchanan |
| 10/28 | | Roger Schwind | K. Kranz | | | Vickie Crapps | | Karen Kranz | | Karen Kranz | |

SIGN UP FOR FOURTH QUARTER – WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

The online signup for October is ready to be populated – whatever slots are open by October 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 Petty 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. Fourth quarter: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4baea92fa0f85-20183>

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

October 1

♥ Jesse & Karen Bazemore

October 20

Eleanor Christy

October 3

Wesley Graves

Jason Crapps

Bryson Lay

Anne Leigh Graves

♥ Ed & Kathy Brennan

Bunie Talbert

October 5

Vickie Crapps

Rachel Wyka

October 6

Darrell Compas

October 21

Jerry Appleton

October 7

Lee Collins

Baylee Owens

Lydia Prizer

October 22

Rachel Sorial

♥ Jim & Peg Zieche

October 23

♥ Paul & Sharon Evans

October 8

Amber Dye-Helms

Dea Jones

October 9

Eddie Newton

October 24

Beau Owens

October 10

Catherine Ruff

October 25

Kevin Shaver

♥ Mike & Sarah Schultz

October 26

Candice Johnson

October 11

Chuck Kowalski

Laura Stuart

October 12

♥ Rocky & Jan Berger

October 27

Paul Evans

October 13

Eric Johansson

August Snipes

October 16

Melissa Christy

October 28

Gray Harmon

October 17

Andrew Bottar

♥ Jack & Ashley Fakoury

October 19

Aaron Smith

October 30

♥ Peter & Sally Moore



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!



October 1

Jerry Appleton
Preston Franks
Coleman Fulkerson

October 15

Mike Schultz

October 2

Ashley Ramsey

October 20

Nowell Ramsey

October 7

Alex Kopec

October 24

Matthew Landers

October 13

Abbie Zvejnieks

October 28

Chase Moody

October 14

Eric Fink

Delaynee Harmon

Abigale Harmon

Jan Epperson

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Laura Turnmire – Director of Handbell Choir

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