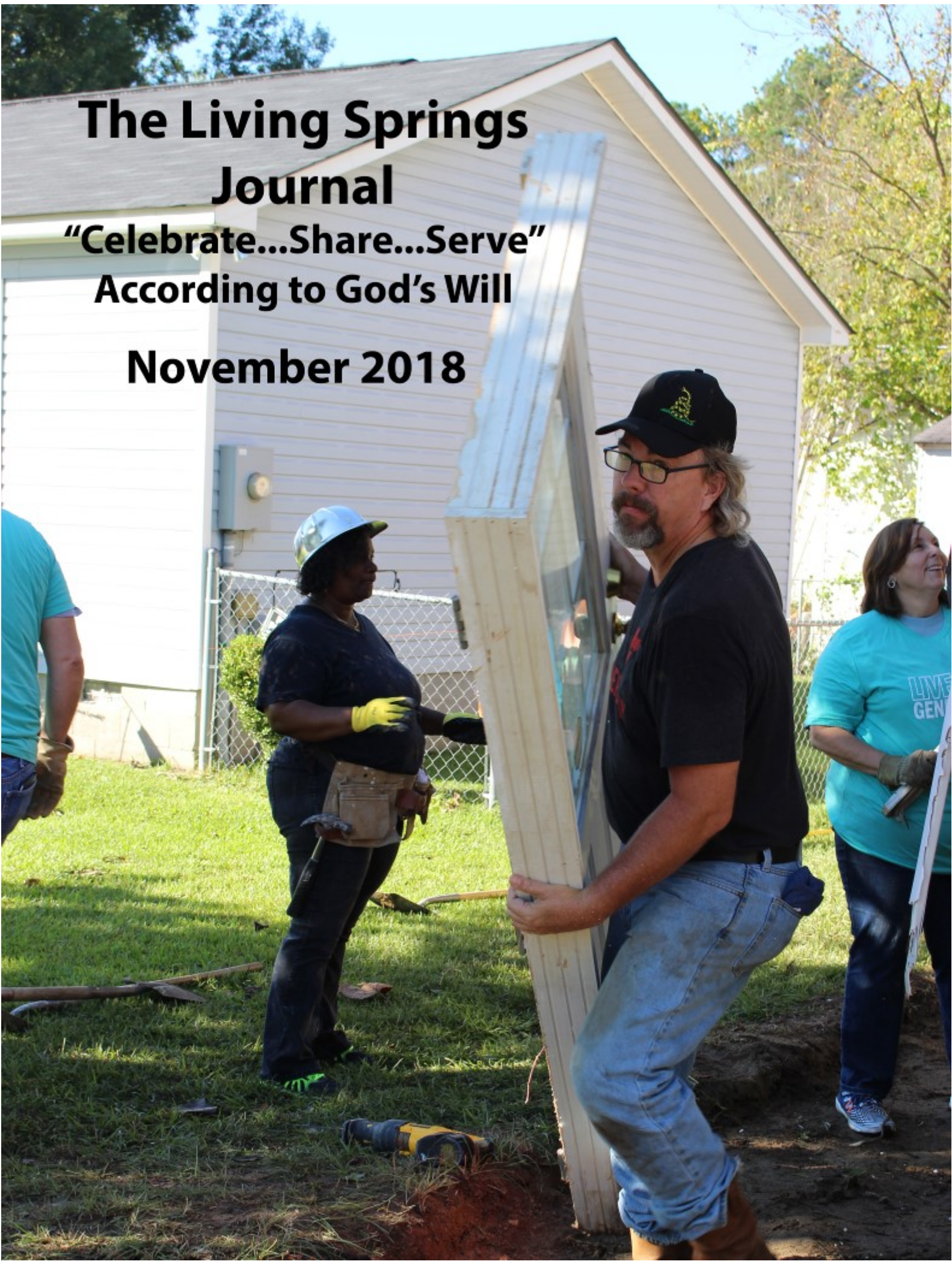


The Living Springs Journal

**"Celebrate...Share...Serve"
According to God's Will**

November 2018



Honor the Lord with Everything - Give God the First-Fruits! (Proverbs 3:9)

LS BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH: November = 1 SAMUEL!

For 2 months now, we have been focusing on our current *Growing in Faith Together* (G.I.F.T.) Theme of "Fruits of the Spirit." Have you found yourself thinking and praying more about these amazing 9? **Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control?**

As we have mentioned, the context of Galatians 5:22-23 highlights that these fruit are *not* self-generated or attainable through our own devices, but rather they are fruit the Holy Spirit produces in our lives as baptized children of God. Just as an apple tree is planted to produce apples for the nurture of others, so too, as people of Christ, God has planted us in the world for the purpose of bearing these specific fruit for others. As people of faith, we live together as a "faith-orchard" of God's fruit-trees, gathered, called, and sent by the Holy Spirit into the world. Here in this part of Christ's faith-orchard called Living Springs, the Spirit has recently been nurturing these fruit through a focus on deeper prayer, through a communal reading & discussion of Bible Books-of-the-Month, through increased opportunities for relational listening, community interaction, and the sharing of God-stories. In our ongoing fall Discipleship Gatherings, we have found the Spirit nurturing its fruit through the practice of "Dwelling in the Word." At our upcoming Annual Meeting, we will introduce the concept of a "Spiritual Life Inventory." (Note: these "Dwelling in the Word" and "Spiritual Life Inventory" tools come to us as one of 10 SC congregations invited to participate in a special 3-year grant pilot project from Luther Seminary, focusing on Innovative Church Leadership for the 21st century).

Building on fruit-imagery, our LS Life-long Discipleship team has adopted a message from Proverbs as the theme for our Annual Discipleship emphasis: **Honor the Lord with everything—give God the first-fruits.** In our congregation's September/October reading of Genesis and Exodus, we found numerous stories of people having been blessed by God—and their first response was then to build an altar and give thanks to God. This heritage of "first-fruits thanks-giving" is even echoed in the traditional American Thanksgiving



Annual Meeting Commitment Sunday November 11

9:15 - 10:30 in Fellowship Hall
Annual Meeting & Votes

8:15 & 10:45 Worship
Annual Discipleship Commitments

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Discipleship Gatherings

Sunday, Nov. 4 - 4pm
Blythewood Park Rec Center

Monday, Nov. 5 - 6:30pm
Beef O'Bradys, Hardscrabble

Thursday, Nov. 8 - 6:30pm
Living Springs Fellowship Hall

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Info Session #2

Sunday, Nov. 4 - 9:30 am
Fellowship Hall

ing story of the Pilgrims' sharing a meal of first-fruits with their native neighbors, as a joint thanksgiving for God's blessing in some very difficult times. As Lutheran Christians, we particularly celebrate that all of life is a response to God's grace.

The concept of "first-fruits" giving has a central place in the identity of God's people throughout centuries. It is an acknowledgement that our lives, our time, our abilities, our resources, our possessions are all ultimately a blessing from God—and that rather than wait to see if we have some "left-overs" of time or energy or resource to thank God, our FIRST response as people of faith is to always give thanks to God. The Biblical image of "first-fruits" reminds us that we are thus blessed to be **God-First-Responders**, who (like courageous First Responders) sacrificially serve and give of ourselves to bring hope to those caught up in the world's suffering. In the wake of ongoing tragedies like those occurring in Charleston, Florence, and Pittsburgh, this world truly needs an orchard of first-fruits, God-first-responders who are empowered to bear the Spirit's fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control!!!

At our fall Discipleship Gatherings, there have been some powerful stories shared by individuals and families who have found great joy, meaning and blessing in "first-fruits" lives of faith. If you have not yet attended a Discipleship Gathering,

\$50 in 50 Days
Hurricane Relief Drive!
Bring your mini-buckets
to worship on Nov. 18



November 4
All Saints Sunday Worship
Holy Communion Milestone
8:15 & 10:45

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November 11
Veterans Day Praise in the Park
4:00-5:00 (Birch Park, Summit)

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November 12
Community Beer 'n Hymns
7:00-9:00 (Beef O'Bradys)

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November 18
(Hurricane Relief Buckets)
LS Veterans Recognition
8:15 & 10:45

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November 19
NE Community Thanksgiving
Worship, 7:00 @ Living Springs

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November 25
Christ the King Sunday

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November 28
Living Springs Advent-Palooza
5:45 - 7:00 PM

Love + Joy + Peace + Patience + Kindness + Generosity + Faithfulness + Gentleness + Self-Control

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.

please take advantage of one of the three still being offered (Nov. 4, 5, or 8). And I look forward to the witness we will all give on **Commitment Sunday, Nov. 11**, as we come to bring our first-fruits commitments of devotion, worship, service, prayer, and giving—to place upon the **Discipleship Cross**.

In this month of Thanksgiving, I truly give thanks to God for all the ways the people of Living Springs ARE an amazing faith-orchard, bearing the Spirit's fruit. In October alone, there was so much Spirit-fruit at the community Trunk-r-Treat, VA ministry night, JV football devotional meals, Hurricane Response emphasis, LS Habitat for Humanity work morning, Preschool visit to Rice Estate, the Newberry College Choir Concert, our fall Senior Adult Lunch, Justice Ministry gatherings, Good News walking trips, Jr. & Sr. Youth events, Confirmation & Communion milestone groups, support gathering for parents of college/young adults, Reformation Sunday Root Beer 'n Brats, E-Outreach Worship ministry, and more. There was so much fruit of the Spirit shared during our time with Worship Director, George Donovan, Jr. - and there is much more fruit of the Spirit to be borne through the next, incredible possibility that God is leading us to (come to the Info Session at 9:30 on Nov. 4 -see below).

On a personal level, Kris and I also give thanks to God for the amazing \$1080 gift you presented to God in our honor on Clergy Appreciation Sunday. We are still prayerfully pondering what ministries of hope you might direct this gift toward, so that it will truly bear the most fruit for the work of God's kingdom in our world—what a joyful blessing!

Indeed, as the New Testament affirms (cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:13, James 1:18), it is you, people of Christ, who are God's "first-fruits" for all creation! With much joy to behold the Spirit's fruit at work in you always, *Pastor Eric*

***Click here to also read Pastor's Nov. article on "gratitude," written for the LS Child Development Center newsletter.*



In the wake of ongoing tragedies, this world truly needs an orchard of **first-fruits, God-first-responders** empowered by the Spirit to bear the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control!!!

Congregation Info Session—Sunday, Nov. 4 @ 9:30

COME MEET OUR CANDIDATE FOR INTERIM DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP & INNOVATIVE CHURCH OUTREACH!
Spending plan summaries, council nominee bios available + Intro to November Bible Book-of-the-Month

Annual Congregation Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 11

9:15-10:30 in the Fellowship Hall

(FIRST BALLOT AT 9:15—PLEASE BE ON TIME)

**Vote on Interim Minister of Worship
 2019 Council Elections & Ministry Spending Plan
 DOT Funds details—update**

Annual Ministry Celebration Slideshow

***Pastries & coffee/juice! Please attend – a quorum is required.
 Spending plan summaries and nominee bios are available at church
 (or via email, upon request).***

2019 Discipleship Commitments—Nov. 11

Please be sure to pick up your special Discipleship Commitment Forms (plus a Time & Talent Sheet) from a member of the Lifelong Discipleship Team in the narthex. On November 11, Commitment Sunday, we come forward to hang our Sealed Envelopes on the Discipleship Cross in the sanctuary. Time & Talent Sheets will be placed in the basket at base of the cross.



**NE COLUMBIA
 THANKSGIVING WORSHIP
 Monday, November 19 —7:00 pm
 Held at Living Springs**

Service is at 7pm, with fellowship time to follow

Sponsored by Living Springs Lutheran, Adams Northeast AME, Northeast UMC, and Rehoboth Baptist. Living Springs will again be contributing to the worship music, along with musical offerings by the other congregations!

Council Clips - October 2018

- ✦ **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Eric spoke of Jesus beckoning us to "Come follow me". He also gave us an update on the Luther Seminary – SC Synod pilot grant-initiative we were invited to be part of, which focuses on Leadership for Faithful Innovation. This fall we will nurture a congregational focus on the Listen and Reconnect phases of this process.
- ✦ **Finance:** The 2019 spending plan was presented by Rocky Berger, chair of Finance and unanimously endorsed by council to be presented at Annual Congregational Meeting.
- ✦ **LSLC Child Development Center:** The 2019 Child Development budget approved by their board was also presented and unanimously endorsed by council to be presented at the Annual Meeting.
- ✦ Council approved the date of November 11th for **Annual Congregational Meeting** at 9:15 – 10:30am. Informational sessions will be held October 28th and November 4th at 9:30 am.
- ✦ **Nominating Committee** has done an outstanding job of composing a ballot for 2019 council members, Synod assembly Nominees and Nominating Committee. Their hard work is very much appreciated.
- ✦ The 2017 **Audit Report** was presented. Council received the report for presentation at Annual Meeting. The hard work of the Audit Committee is very much appreciated. One member of audit team will be rotating off this year and a replacement will be needed.
- ✦ **Worship & Music:** Motion was made and approved by council to create a **new interim position, Minister of Worship and Innovative Church Outreach**, with unanimous endorsement of recommended candidate for a 13-month term call to fill the position (Dec. 1, 2018 – Dec. 31, 2019). Candidate's information will be presented at the congregation Information Sessions (Oct. 28 & Nov. 4), with formal ratifying vote to be held at the Annual Meeting.
- ✦ **Facilities:** A workday is being planned and will include many "small, easy to do" projects. Asking for congregational help. Date will be finalized and advertised.
- ✦ The next council meeting will be held November 15th at 7pm.



Calling All Living Springs People! Annual Discipleship Gatherings

This year, we are living out our challenge to be God's people who gather in the community. We encourage everyone to pick the option which works for you. Stop by the special Discipleship table and sign up today! Here are the options:

Sunday 11/4, 4:00 PM

Blythewood Park Recreation Center

(126 Boney Rd, Blythewood)

Monday 11/5, 6:30 PM

Beef O'Brady's on Hardscrabble

(feel free to arrive starting at 6 PM to order food)

Additional Gathering Just Announced:

Thursday 11/8, 6:30 PM

Here at Living Springs

Pastor Appreciation Sunday - 5 yr. Anniversary

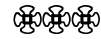


God's Corner



Thanks for selflessly giving your time to help with my build.

Hope (Habitat for Humanity Home Owner)



Dear People of Living Springs: thank you for the wonderful meal. Thank you for being a part of Lutheran Campus Ministry and I look forward to working with you again.

Pastor Michele Fischer



I wanted to thank you so much for donating the school supplies from Living Springs, It was much appreciated as well as everything else Living Springs does for our students.

Thank you, Christie Hutchinson (Rice Creek)



Thank you for your outpouring of love, cards, and gift cards for my 5th anniversary. I am truly the blessed one to be a part of this community doing and sharing God's work.

Lisa Petty



We appreciated the dinner plates and casseroles during my return from the hospital. A special thank you for the cards, hugs and prayers.

Goldie & Delores Harmon

God Moment Stories



Several years back, I moved a rose bush that was my mother's to my front yard. My mother is no longer living and the bush meant a lot to me. Unfortunately the rose bush was over taken by a large tree. This morning, a bud appeared unexpectedly. Seeing the bud breaking through made me feel as though it was a sign or message from God and my mom that even in the midst of challenges and difficulties everything is going to be alright.



I was inquiring about one of the projects I am working on and chit chatted with the office manager for a few minutes. We talked about sharing God's Love in the community and she shared something with me that happened to her. It seems she tripped and fell off a curb, leaving her with a broken nose, and several bruises on her face, arms, etc. – not a very pretty sight according to her. The first response of most people is "what happened to you?" looking for some kind of explanation, but there was this one couple that she had stopped to talk to and the first thing the gentleman said was "can we pray with you" – no questions asked! She had to stop for a minute when she got back in her car because it was so out of context for the conversation and the moment, but how comforting it was knowing that this person that she hardly knew felt moved and took the time to stop and pray with her. This made me think how "out of my comfort zone" this would be for me, but hearing how someone felt on the receiving end, indicates I need to work on this.



SHARE YOUR DISCIPLE DOT STORY

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

Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

What an amazing place to be....

I continue to be grateful to be in a space where I have the opportunity to observe the many Fruits of the Spirit working in our lives in a variety of ways. Here are a few of the ways I was able to see the Spirit working among us at Trunk or Treat:

- ✂ Self Control as children came to make Blessing Bags, taking the time to put one item in at a time.
- ✂ Joy as children were able to go from trunk to trunk visiting and gathering treats.
- ✂ Peace as parents or family members knew that their child(ren) were among a safe community.
- ✂ Patience, having to wait for a turn in the bounce house, that is a tough one sometimes!
- ✂ Faithfulness as people gathered to make cards that will be sent out into the community, letting others know that they are loved and cared for.
- ✂ Kindness as we run out of supplies for our Blessing Bags, because of the eagerness to help our fellow children of God.
- ✂ Gentleness as we see the older youth working with young children, guiding and helping them when they needed it.
- ✂ Goodness as we hear the questions from children and community members asking who and where our blessing bags go.
- ✂ Love as I watch and hear the Spirit moving among our community, sharing smiles, hugs, laughter and comfort.

What a blessing to see God at work among us.

Thank you again for all you do!!

Wishing you well,
Tammy and the Staff at LSLC CDC

CDC God Moments

We enjoy seeing the students get excited when they hear our chapel songs and do the sign language to go along with the songs. It's a very beautiful experience!

Happy November to all! I see God when the students are praying before they have snack. They really take it seriously and understand that God is everywhere.

This month we saw God in each parent who made a special effort to be there on our field trip.

During our transition to naptime, one of our children went over and gently rubbed the back of another child and sang our "goodnight song" to them. It is so sweet to watch them care for each other!

We see God when we see children helping the other children when needed. It is wonderful to see the fruit of the spirit in the classroom.

God Moment - Lexanne Graves

Our CDC staff and myself have been saying "God Loves You" during chapel for some time now. We say it as the children enter chapel, during the prayers, and as we exit chapel. The teachers even bless the children with the baptismal waters and say God Loves You!

One morning as we all sat down to prepare our hearts to worship, one little toddler looked up at me and said excitedly "God wuvs you!" Wow!! THIS is why we are called to this ministry to care for your children.....because God does indeed love you! And we need to be sharing it, just like this toddler openly did!

We hope you will continue sharing this powerful phrase in your home, so that all of God's children will know confidently that God loves all of God's children!

We asked our some of our students to complete the following saying:

You can lead a horse to water but...

- 🦋 You have to drag it
- 🦋 You can't make it swim
- 🦋 It might not be easy
- 🦋 You can't make it drink
- 🦋 You can't make it drown
- 🦋 You can't let it be close to the cows
- 🦋 It will sink
- 🦋 It will fall in
- 🦋 Don't put your nose in it
- 🦋 You might get bitten by a big spider

Child Development Center Bible Time



Butter Braids Fundraisers was a huge Success!

You helped us raised over \$1,000.00 to go towards the construction our new S.T.E.A.M. area on the back playground. More details will be given at a later date. The Mother Goose Room was the winner of the contest (sold the most per student) and will be selecting their prize. Butter Braids will be delivered 11/15/18.

Socktober was another successful event!

You will help keep many toes and feet warm and toasty during the upcoming winter weather.

Publix has updated its "Publix Partners" Program - No more cards to scan

Help Living Springs Child Development Center every time you shop at Publix.

Here is what one of our parents had to say... "I decided to login and see how to do it. It was super easy. After your account is established, go to my account (top left of page) and look for My Publix Partners (bottom of the center column) and select your school (you just type in Living Springs). Looks like you can only enroll to support one school. (Don't worry, I put Living Springs). Scroll to the bottom of the FAQs it appears you do have to re-enroll annually.

Please remember that a percentage of each eligible transaction made using your Publix Partners account is allocated to our school. Publix Partners' schools receive checks up to four times per year based on earnings they accumulate from the purchases you make at Publix.

Notes from: *E-Outreach Ministries*

**FROM DEACON LEXANNE GRAVES
E-OUTREACH MINISTRIES COORDINATOR**



As I write this journal article the news is asking the question: Has the social network been more harmful than helpful? There are many opinions out there, including yours, on the answer to this question. But, I would like to propose that we a faith community at Living Springs work together to weekly share posts that are helpful, spiritual, and inspirational. **#AreYouIn?**

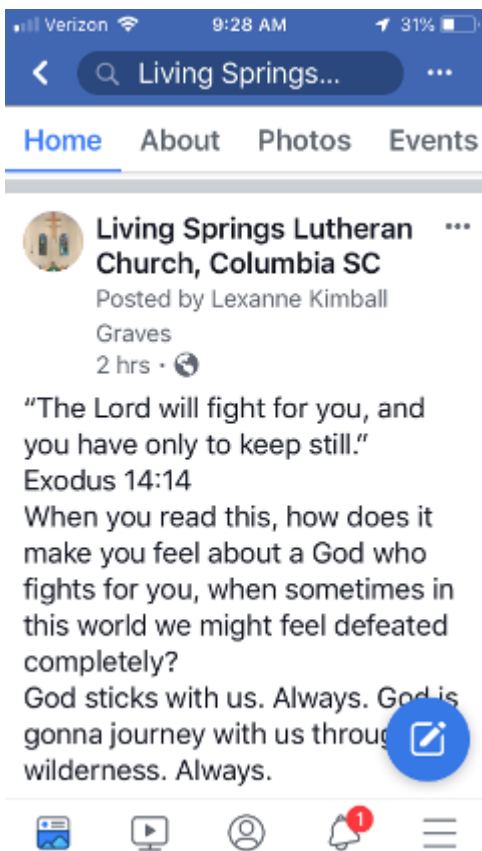
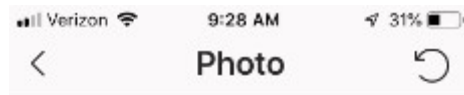
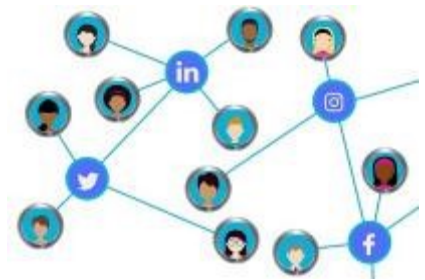
Here's how you can help?

- ✓ "Like" Living Springs Lutheran Church on your Facebook page (go onto your Facebook page, search for Living Springs Lutheran Church, and click on LIKE)
- ✓ "Follow" Living Springs Columbia on your Instagram (go onto your Instagram, search for Living Springs Columbia, and click on follow)
- ✓ "Follow" Living Springs SC on your Twitter page (go onto Twitter, search for LivingSpringsSC, and click follow)

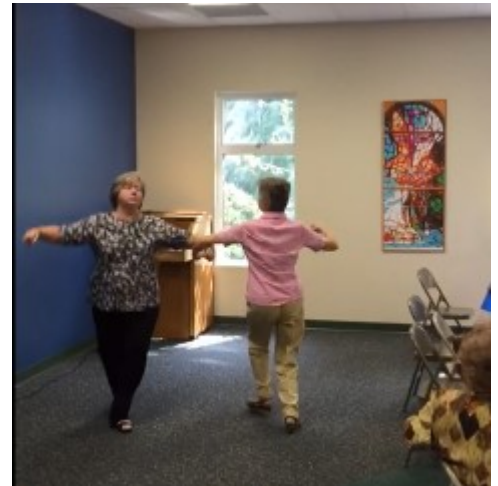


Now each time Living Springs Lutheran posts anything on these three social media sites, it will automatically be in your "feed". Then, here comes the cool part.....you can share these amazing, Spirit filled worship and fellowship experiences on your own social media feeds.

Now you might ask "Why would I want to share this?". Just imagine.....if we as Jesus' disciples choose to share spirit-filled messages for all to see, wonder how we might lift another's spirit, or provide hope where one might feel hopeless, or better yet, give someone Jesus' love and help them feel worthy and accepted. This is what Jesus calls us to do and this is but one way we can do that. **#AreYouIn?**



Notes from: *Fellowship & Mutual Care*
Senior & Empty Nester Lunch



At the Senior Lunch in October everyone was eating and enjoying the fellowship. All at once the Confirmation students popped up over the room partition and sang out, "I have Jesus, yes I do! How about you?" The Senior lunch participants joyfully responded back with the same words. The Confirmation class and Seniors chanted, back and forth: "I have Jesus, yes I do! How about you?" What a great interaction across a room partition and across the generations!

Christmas Fellowship Party
Sunday, December 2 @ 6:30

Please join us for an evening of food, fellowship and fun. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Soft drinks will be provided. Bring your own adult beverage.

Sunday December 2nd at 6:30 PM at the Sides Home (308 Crickentree Drive, Blythewood) Call Becky if you need directions (608-5558)



Notes from: *TELS - Traveling Evangelists of Living Springs*
TELS - sees Lord of Light @ Narrowway



Notes from: *Hope Ministry* Habitat House

I thought that "Hope" was the ministry that Habitat for Humanity had labeled for the house we were promoting to help build in early October. "Hope" is the name of the person that Habitat is rebuilding the home for. Notice I say home because that is the feeling we felt as we pulled shingles off, hammered house wrapping all around the outside, pulled boards down inside, loading up the dumpster with rotted out windows, broken toilets, - I think you get the picture! This house is located on a cul de sac and not only are they rebuilding the home for Hope, the other homes on this cul de sac are getting their basement walls sealed with a coating of paint, porches and railings are receiving a new coat of paint, weeds and bushes trimmed – it is a little mini community rebuild. We all had a chance to talk to Hope as she worked alongside us, cleaning up dropped nails, picking up pieces of shingle, helping clear the mess created by us skilled workers and the joy it will be for her to see it all come together in December. Your weekly bucket donations are being matched by Thrivent to give this lady, named Hope, a chance to have a home she can call her own. Thank you to all that contributed. Look for a message indicating the date the house will be dedicated – our Crafty Ladies will be donating a quilt for each of the houses that were worked on.



BACKPACK CHRISTMAS TREES

As we were mulling over our upcoming projects and commenting on our backpack program, Adam brought up the thought "what if we ask our backpack families if they would want a real live Christmas tree of their very own to celebrate the coming of Christ – free to them, but sponsored by our Living Springs Family. So, one of the items on our Dove Tree will be a 6-7 ft. tree that has been ordered by one of our backpack families from Rice Creek and Joseph Keels that you can sponsor. Please feel free to attach a personal note to the Dove and it will be presented to the family when they get their tree delivered. The cost will be the preorder price of \$45. The annual Dove Tree will be displayed in the Narthex starting Dec. 2.



TRUNK OR TREAT

Community Trunk or Treat was another successful event! Forecast was a little chilly and they were predicting rain, but we were blessed with half way decent weather and the Batmen, Superhero's, Princesses, & Dalmatians came out to collect their treats. Pastor Eric had his Reformation Door available to tack up Love, Grace, etc., trunks were decorated – some very original and then there is Shirley, the witch and Paul the farmer, our steady trunker's every year (they always seem to end up with the fake witch next to them). Inside our Fellowship Hall, chili and sandwiches were available, games and activities managed by our senior youth, a blessing bag table was new this year – Tammy commented on how many children came up asking what is this table for, why are we giving this stuff to people, how come they don't have their own? Questions coming from little ones and an opportunity to share that not everyone in this world has a toothbrush & toothpaste, soap to wash themselves, socks to keep them warm in these upcoming colder temperatures, shampoo/conditioner – necessities that we take for granted. What a blessing to share all this with our neighboring community!



Quilts Donated to Family Shelter

OUR MISSION
To love and care for the poor, to help the needy, to provide a safe place for the homeless, to provide a safe place for the elderly, and to help our children find the path to a better future.

What are your goals?
Make your dreams your reality.

FAMILY PROMISE

As our contribution to the Family Promise program, we offered dinner and participation in the games and activities on Trunk or Treat night. By the time the week to help Trinity UMC came, two of the families were able to leave the program and go out on their own – what a wonderful blessing! The one remaining family was a woman with two older teenage children, so the trunk or treat was not a preferred activity, but they did enjoy posting a theme on Pastor Eric's Reformation door. Laura, from Trinity was very impressed with our church and was seriously hinting that we should consider being a host church – something to consider – what do you think? Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information.



Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

Justice Ministry Update – Our first Justice Ministry community-wide gather, the Community Problems Assembly, for all Network Members is Nov. 5th. It has been amazing to see God working here in our community! Over the past two months more than 700 people from over 30 congregations in the Midlands held house gatherings, focusing on Scripture’s call to “do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.” Congregations represent many faith traditions: Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Quaker, Church of Christ, Unitarian, and Jewish Synagogues. At Living Springs, we now have 45 people committed to serving as Justice Network Members! At the Team Leader Assembly on Oct. 18, stories were shared from our house gatherings about “what was keeping folks up at night” and “what community problems make us angry.” Based on what we heard at the house meetings, three chief areas of concern emerged this year: Elder Care, Affordable Housing, and Crime and Gun Violence. On Monday, Nov. 5th, at 6:30 pm, our first Community Problems Assembly will be attended by all Network Members, who will vote for one area of concern to focus on this year. The problem that we choose will be the one we believe God would have us address to make our community more just for everyone. The next step will be a Research-to-Action phase, where committees will prayerfully focus on the chosen concern area. Then intensive research will be done to identify a tested, verifiable solution to propose to local community officials who have the authority to enact the solution. Everything will culminate at the big Nehemiah Action Assembly (based on Nehemiah 5) on May 6th – to which each Network Member will bring 3 additional attendees from their faith community. At this Assembly, local officials will be asked to make a public response regarding the proposed solution in front of thousands of God’s people. Each congregation’s goal is to bring the same number of people to the Nehemiah gathering as our average Sunday worship attendance (Living Springs’ goal = 160 people).

***If you have not yet been able to attend a house gathering, but feel a Spirit-tug to be part of this ministry (or would like to attend the Nov. 5th Assembly to find out more), please contact one of our LS Justice Ministry Team Leaders: Gail Buchanan, Sheila Kowalski, Mike Davidson, Gwen Furcron, Adam Woodruff, Helen Doerpinghaus, Wayne Kanaday, Jim Zieche, and Peg Zieche. Our Justice Ministry is part of a longstanding ministry model used for decades among various congregations in their local communities. It is not tied to a particular issue or national politics, but every year, seeks to prayerfully discern a local community problem to address, based on stories lifted up by God’s people at their annual house gatherings. There will be no protesting or marching or mere complaining. Rather, it is a serious response with a particular solution having a track record of success, all grounded in prayerful discernment of God’s vision for a just community. We invite everyone to keep our Justice Ministry in your prayers as together we all seek to “do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God!”

October Justice Team Assembly



Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*

November Bible Book = 1 SAMUEL



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!

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“Book Discussion” Times ...

1st Sundays: Bible Book Kickoff Overview, led by Pastor at 9:30am

2nd Tuesdays: Devotional Lunch Group at 11am

Each Tuesday Evening: Study Group at 7pm

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

Last Sundays: Discussion, led by Pastor @ 9:30am

December = Isaiah

Temple Talk - Lifelong Discipleship



Ladies Bible Study



Parents of College Students & Young Adults



For October’s meeting, we met at Beef O’Brady’s. Join us for our November meeting! On Sunday, November 25 at 6:30 pm, we will meet at Helen Doerpinghaus & Wayne Kannaday, [246 Southlake Road, Columbia.](https://www.google.com/maps/place/246+Southlake+Road,+Columbia,+SC+29204) Contact [Alison Levitt](https://www.google.com/search?q=Alison+Levitt)

Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

e-Outreach Ministries Blessing



JuBELLation



Celebration Choir & JuBELLation



London Mancuso & Dea Jones



Sunday's Worship Leaders - Family Team Work!



***Animal Blessing/
Praise in the Park***



Children's Message



Newberry College Singers





Sunday, November 11 - 4:00PM

Birch Park in The Summit

210 Rolling Knoll Dr.
Columbia, SC 29229
(Bring a chair)

Come join us for a time of fellowship and singing, as we pay tribute to all veterans. We would like to show appreciation for the courage and patriotism of all men and women who have served in the military.

Thank you to all that have sacrificed for this great nation.

- Patriotic Music featuring Living Springs Disciples of Harmony •
- Fellowship • *FREE* Food •

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more information call 803-736-0661



George Donovan shared his new contact info:

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Worship Tech Team

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 [Bob Turnmire](#) if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

Veterans/Active Military Blessing Sunday, November 18

On Sunday, Nov 18, we would like to honor those of our Living Springs family that have served or are still serving in our armed forces. We kindly ask that if you have served, please call the office with your info or [fill in this online form](#).

We thank you for your service!



Root Beer & Hymns/ Celebration for George



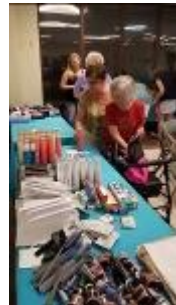
Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

Women's Retreat



Human Trafficking Freedom Bags Blessing & Delivery

Women of LS Gathering
Sunday, November 18
 All women are invited for a luncheon on Sun., Nov. 18th at 12:15. We will be having a dialogue on potential projects for the community. We look forward to seeing you there!



One Year to Live Women's Retreat *January 4-6, 2016*

Isle of Palms Retreat Center, 2101 Palm Blvd., Isle of Palms, SC

This is not your typical women's retreat. In the hustle and bustle of life, as women we often are caring for others. This retreat is a gift to yourself. As part of the retreat, you will have:

- Time to be still
- The opportunity to connect authentically with yourself and other women
- A clearer sense of your purpose and where God is calling you.

Be prepared for a once in a lifetime experience and connect in a circle of sisters. Follow-up sessions to deepen the experience and relationships are available after the retreat.

[Click here for more information and registration form.](#)



Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

Men's Ministry Sunday



Notes from: *Jr. Youth*



For the junior youth group's October event, I was inspired to plan an outing to Sesquicentennial State Park, thanks to a recommendation made by the mother of one of our youth. Our community is truly blessed to have this beautiful site right in our backyard. Five young ladies were brave enough to join me on a particularly chilly morning. We started off by competing in two Reformation-themed team games. The first game helped us learn about the lightning storm that Martin Luther experienced as a young man. In the second game, we learned about Johann Tetzel, who charged lots of money for people to purchase their way out of purgatory.

Needless to say, our junior youth's responses to the concept of selling indulgences showed what great Lutherans they are growing up to be! Next, we hiked around a beautiful lake. The two mile journey tested the endurance of some of us. Thankfully, the anticipation of food helped us power through it. For lunch, we used a camp stove to boil water for hot chocolate and hot dogs. We all really enjoyed this opportunity to see some of God's creation, and build relationships with each other. Thank you to all the parent chaperones, and special thanks to Charlotte the dog who accompanied us as well!



Already looking forward to writing to you next month,
[Ellen Girardeau](#)
Associate for Junior Youth and G.I.F.T. Zone Ministries



The picture I have chosen to include for this month's journal entry may appear to be just a typical, low-quality candid shot of children and adults sitting in the G.I.F.T. Zone during worship. To me, this photo is incredibly exciting! We had so many children at the late service on October 21 that we didn't have enough small chairs for them all to sit in at one time! Several parents and grandparents also joined us on that day, and it was great to see so many families using the space together.

Whether there is just one child or one hundred present on any given Sunday, we will continue to learn how to participate in worship. We are specifically working on noticing those times during a worship service when we should pay attention, answer back to the pastor, stand, find a hymn in the ELW to sing together, and more. Thank you for supporting all that we are accomplishing!

Blessings to all in the month to come,
[Ellen Girardeau](#)
Associate for Junior Youth and G.I.F.T. Zone Ministries



Notes from: *Sr. Youth*

Have you ever been paired up with a stranger to complete a certain set of tasks, only to find out that you work really well together? That's what happened to our Senior Youth at Marty Party this year. We were a small (but mighty) group and were paired up with youth from Redeemer Lutheran Church. Our group (which we lovingly called Living Redeemer) got off to a bit of a slow start with the "Luther in the Lightning Storm" game, but began to pick up steam as we made the rotation of games at Marty Party. We were tops in multiple games including "Tetzel's Pretzels" and "Devil Demolition." All of these smaller games culminated in a wild game of life-size "Hungry, Hungry Hippos." Our team did so well that we made it into the finals with three other teams. After a pep-talk and strategizing, Living Redeemer got to work! With great communication and hustle, Living Redeemer won the big game of "Hungry, Hungry Hippos." As the final scores were announced, we were flabbergasted to hear that we had come in second place, behind only the host church - St. Stephens.



While the competition was fun and we wish we could have won it all, we recognise that the fun we had and the connections we made with other youth is even more important. It was wonderful to celebrate our Lutheran heritage and all the youth groups present donated money and items to make baskets for folks experiencing homelessness at [Transitions](#). All in all, we had a great time and can't wait to go back next year and have lots of fun - and hopefully bring home the Marty!

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 watched Marlon Hall speak about how amazing God's love is! In November, we'll be watching (Clemson Alumna) Rev. Tuhina Rasche's speech. You can watch her video [here](#).

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

Trees will be delivered on Nov 20 and the tree lot starts Friday the 23rd

Adventpalooza is November 28th

Speaking of Trees!!! You can now pre-order your trees! Please see a youth for more information!



Notes from: *Young Adults*

We will try again to have 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, Nov 15 at 630** at Beef O' Brady's

Contact [Christopher Girardeau](#)

Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

Beer & Hymns Monday, November 12

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



Adventpalooza!

Wednesday, November 28

5:30pm – 7 pm Come Any Time!

For all Living Spring folks of every age! Help set the tone in your heart & home as we prepare for the Advent season.

We will prepare to kickoff the season with singing, projects, and an Advent devotional craft for the home. Soup and sandwiches will be served.



Campus Ministry Dasher Dinner

Friday, November 30

Campus Room of the Capstone House at USC The year's honorees: Campus Pastors Andrew Weisner (Lenoir-Rhyne University) and Ernie Worman (Newberry College). As one of LCM's partner congregations, LS is sponsoring two tables. If you would like to attend this special dinner, please contact Pastor Eric by Nov. 19. Dinner is \$50/person. There will be a Silent Auction as well! If you are unable to attend, you can also donate a monetary contribution or Silent Auction item to support this ministry that serves Midlands Tech, Columbia College and USC students! Contact LCM Board Member Wendy McKenzie (803-603-6145 or wendybee416@gmail.com).

Living Nativity Rehearsal Schedule All Rehearsals are after 10:45 Services at the Church!

- November 4** - Mary Joseph InnKeeper Midwife
- November 11** - Mary Joseph Innkeeper Midwife
- November 18** - Townspeople, Mary, Joseph, InnKeeper, Midwife
- November 25** - OFF! Thanksgiving break
- December 2** - Shepherds, Angels, Narrator, Mary, Joseph
- December 9** - Make Up Rehearsal - Townspeople, shepherds, angels
- December 13** - Time TBD - Tech Rehearsal - all tech crew
- December 14** - 6:30 pm - Dress Rehearsal - EVERYONE in costume
- December 15 and 16** - Living Nativity - Dressed and ready by 6:30!



Sign up now! 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 follow 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](#)

Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs

Tuesday Devotion Lunch @ Living Springs

Tuesday, November 13 @ 11 AM

Lunch is offered on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 11am, with devotions by Pastor Eric. Everyone is welcome! We will discuss the November Bible Book of the Month - 1 Samuel. 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, November 12 @ 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. Contact Ginny Devereaux.

Living Springs VA Ministry Night

Thursday, November 15 @ 6:15 PM

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, this month we will gather on November 15th. Normally 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. 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 week of the ministry night to drop off your quarters.*

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 at the YMCA by 8:30am 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

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 All Saints Sunday 930A Book of the Month Intro 930 Ann. Meeting Info Session 10A Music Rehearsal 12P TELS (Enoree Winery) 1215P Nativity Rehearsal 1215P Confirmation Class 145P Confirmation Parents 4P Discipleship Gathering (Blythehood Recreation)</p>	<p>5 1030A Meals on Wheels 630P Discipleship Gathering (Beef O'Brady's) 630P Justice Community Problem Assembly 7P Recovery Comes First</p>	<p>6 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>7 930 PS Chapel 1230P CDC Prayer Lunch 6P Hope Ministry 6P Disciples of Harmony 630P Sr. Youth (Chick-Fil-A) 7P Choirs</p>	<p>8 830A GN Walkers 4P Backpacks 4P ASC Music Time 630P Preschool Board 630P Discipleship Gathering (LSLC)</p>	<p>9 930A Crafty Ladies 1030A Family Reunion in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>10 9A First Communion Class 5P Rice Estate Dinner (3P Setup)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> Daylight Savings Time Ends - Fall Back! </div>
<p>11 915A Annual Congregation Meeting & Ministry Celebration 1215P Nativity Rehearsal 4P Praise in the Park Veterans Tribute (Birch Park)</p>	<p>12 930A God's Storehouse 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Worship & Music Team 7P Beer & Hymns 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care Team 7P Exec Team 7P Recovery Comes First</p>	<p>13 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 11A Devotional Lunch 4P ASC Bible Time 6P Finance 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>14 930 PS Chapel 6P Disciples of Harmony 630P Sr. Youth (Moe's) 7P Choirs</p>	<p>15 630A Men's Bible Study 830A GN Walkers 10A Hymn Along (CM Tucker) 4P Backpack Food Ministry 615P Veterans Ministry Night (Dorn VA) 630P Young Adult Book Study (Beef O'Brady's) 7P Council</p>	<p>16 11A CDC Stone Soup</p>	<p>17 9A Scrapbook Group</p>
<p>18 Veteran's Recognition Sunday 10A Music Rehearsal 1215P Confirmation Class 1215P Nativity Rehearsal 1215P Women's Ministry Gathering</p>	<p>19 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P Backpack Food Ministry 7P Recovery Comes First 7P NE Community Thanksgiving Service (LSLC)</p>	<p>20 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>21 930 PS Chapel 6P Disciples of Harmony 7P Choirs</p>	<p>22 Thanksgiving Day Office & CDC Closed</p>	<p>23 Office & CDC Closed 5P Tree Lot</p>	<p>24 930A Crafty Ladies 10A Tree Lot</p>
<p>25 Christ the King Sunday 930A End of Month Bible Book 10A Music Rehearsal 1230P Tree Lot 630P Parents of College & Young Adults(Doerpinghaus/ Kannaday)</p>	<p>26 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Recovery Comes First (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>27 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>28 930 PS Chapel 530P 15 Adventpalooza 6P Disciples of Harmony 7P Choirs</p>	<p>29 830A GN Walkers 4P Backpack Food Ministry</p>	<p>30 5P Tree Lot 6P Dasher Dinner (Capstone House/USC)</p>	<p>1 8A Sanctuary Decorating 10A Tree Lot</p>

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

November 2 Ray Long
November 3 Mike Wirth
November 5 Eric Nelson
November 7 Andrew Drafts
November 10 Jack Arnold
November 11 ♥ Blake & Melissa Lindstedt
November 12 ♥ John & Kari Arnold
November 13 Jonas Maher
November 14 Preston Franks
 ♥ David & Diana Abromaitis
November 15 Sue Hyman

November 19 Becky Sides
November 20 Brenda Grohman
November 21 Luke Prizer
 Sam Prizer
November 23 Tiffany Ginn
 Grady Smith
November 24 Wayne Kannaday
 ♥ Mike & Trish Davidson
November 26 Steve Padgett
 Hany Sorial
November 29 Kellie Snipes



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!



November 1 Eric Johansson
November 9 Emma Harris
November 11 Ann Lynn Caughman
November 13 Evelyn Long
November 16 Catherine Ruff
November 18 Aaron Smith

November 22 Everett Snipes
 Karlene Stuart
November 26 Logan Smith
November 27 Rosie Kowalski
November 29 Helen Doeringhaus

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