

The Living Springs Journal

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

February 2019



We are children of God!



Deeper Waters – This Month from Pastor Eric

WARMING THE WATERS: God's Love - Our Hearts, Our Faces!

2019 Focus Area A: Build Inviting, Involving, Mentoring, Discipling Relationships

2019 Focus Area B: Build Partnerships for the Work of God's Kingdom in Our Community & World

2019 Focus Area C: Share God's Love—with those who are hurting, alone, marginalized, or feeling unloved

2019 Focus Area D: Share God's Stories—don't remain silent about God's ongoing work in the world!

**SOUPE BOWL SUNDAY
DEACON JUSTIN MINISTRY BLESSING**

FEBRUARY 3

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SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION SUPPER

FEBRUARY 9

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PEW BEAR SUNDAY

ALL WORSHIP HELPERS—TRAINING

FEBRUARY 10

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LIVING SPRINGS YOUTH SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 17

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"LOVE ONE ANOTHER" SUNDAY

SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

FEBRUARY 24

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"WARMING THE WATERS" SUNDAY

TRANSFIGURATION DAY, MARCH 3

As we continue to journey in this season of Epiphany, in February worship we will hear the wonderful story of Jesus calling his first disciples who are fishers by trade. **"Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch,"** Jesus tells them **"Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people!"** (Luke 5:4,10).

Jesus' instruction to "put out into the deep water" is much more than fishing advice. It speaks about the entire journey of faith, discipleship and Kingdom-life on which the Spirit leads us, in response to God's free gifts of love and saving grace in Christ. At our annual council retreat, we had much powerful, prayerful discussion about this faith-disciple journey into deeper waters. The Spirit is truly tugging us into deeper waters of faith and Kingdom-life, but all of us find ourselves at varying water-levels. For one person, "deeper waters" might mean just dipping a toe into a 1-inch pool for the very first time. Another person might already be in the water waist-high, so "deeper waters" might mean to going chest-high. Sometimes, those who are at waist-depth fool ourselves into thinking Jesus is not instructing us to go deeper. Sometimes, we overlook another person's challenge to first put just a toe into the water. This can be true in levels of Kingdom-service, giving, worship participation, prayer, Scripture study,

or the daily-life sharing of God's love—whatever aspect of multi-faceted discipleship the "waters" might represent.

Here in the midst of winter, I am always fascinated by people who take "polar bear plunges" into frigid waters—something I could never do! It can be difficult to even put one's toes into water that is frigid cold—and it can be challenging to go into deeper waters, because the deeper you go, the colder the water is. At our council retreat, after much prayer & reflection on all the responses you gave on those "Get-to-Know-You" Sunday sticky notes, the Spirit led us to this image of "warming the waters" - all the amazing ways the Spirit works through us, reflecting God's love in human voices and faces to warm the waters for another person to go deeper in God's grace (no matter what level "deeper" might mean).



At the retreat, council spent hours processing all the input from you and from our ministry leaders - about where we have experienced God at work, about what God is doing here among this particular community of disciples at this particular time in history, about the possible visions God might have for us to enable us to build upon what God is doing. It became clear that for 2019, God is inviting us to "warm the waters"

for others through 4 focus points: **Building Relationships + Building Partnerships + Sharing God's Love + Sharing God's Stories.**

In February, we will share these concepts in ministry groups and other gatherings. Then, in March, on the final Sunday before Lent, we will celebrate with a big "Warming the Waters" Day. Go ahead and mark your calendar for March 3!

In the meantime, here in February, we continue to build excitement about our Lutheran Services Carolinas "Love One Another" campaign, with a culminating

Bible Book Intro & Discussion

Feb. 3 & 24 (9:30)

Bible Book Lunch Discussion

Feb. 12 (11am)

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Rice Estate Supper @ LS

Feb. 2 (5pm)

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CDC Parents Potato Ministry

Feb. 5 (3pm)

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Cristo Rey Mission Partner Visit

Feb. 10 (leave at 4:20)

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God's Storehouse Ministry

Feb. 11 (9:30)

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Rush Hour Ministry

Feb. 12 (4:30, 5:00)

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NE Beer 'n Hymns

Feb. 18 (7pm)

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Justice Ministry Network

Feb. 25 (6:30)

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Hymn-a-Long Ministry

Feb. 28 (10am)

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VA Bingo Ministry

Feb. 28 (6:15)

LS BIBLE BOOKS OF THE MONTH: February = AMOS/MICAH

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

Commitment Sunday on Feb. 24. We look forward to the Ministry Blessing on Feb. 3 for Deacon Justin as our Minister of Worship & Innovative Church Outreach. We will be inspired with Youth Sunday on Feb. 17 and share much joyful fellowship at the annual Scholarship Auction Supper on Feb. 9. The box above lists many, many opportunities to "warm the waters" for individuals in February, including our quarterly Rush Hour ministry on Feb. 12. Take a moment and consider where the Spirit might be tugging you out of a comfort zone to move into deeper waters of faith, discipleship, and Kingdom-Life!

The flame and fire of the Spirit truly burned warmly at our planning retreat in January, through all the ways you had shared God's exciting work among this community of disciples. I encourage you to read through the council clips for other exciting news, including: 1) the Kingdom Visioning Task Force report; 2) the recommendation for our LS Mission Partner Team, identifying Cristo Rey as our new LS Mission Partner for 2019; and 3) the joyful & generous response this community of disciples made through your 2018 offerings to our Lord!

The fruit of the Spirit truly abounds among God's people in this place. May we "warm the waters" for all, so that everyone may find joy in going into deeper waters in this life-giving journey of faith and discipleship and Kingdom-life!

With thanksgiving to God for all the fruits of the Spirit that are borne in each of you, *Pastor Eric*



What wonderful gifts that Jesus continues to share with us!

Announcing:

2019 Living Springs Mission Partner CRISTO REY LUTHERAN MISSION in West Columbia (Pastor Jorge Leone)

Join us on Sunday, Feb. 10 to visit Cristo Rey and worship with our sisters & brothers at their 5:00 service. (Gather here at LS at 4:20)



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Council Clips - January 2019

- † Council spent **Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 19-20** in prayer, worship, and discernment at its annual planning retreat at Lutheridge (taking advantage of a special offer made to congregational councils). Council utilized tools from the Faithful Innovation Luther Seminary pilot project and reviewed our congregation's statement of purpose and council constitutional duties. In order to arrive at specific **Ministry Focus Areas for 2019** (see pastor's page), council spent multiple sessions reviewing all the sticky note input from our congregation "get-to-know-you" session on Jan. 13, plus blue/yellow index card input from the congregation leaders who gathered that afternoon.

Business Session:

- † **Finance:** For 2018, our regular offerings covered all ministry expenses + mortgage principal payments, with an additional \$10,749.35. Council approved Finance Team recommendation that: 1) \$3500 be distributed for additional Mission Support; 2) \$749.35 be transferred to the Family Assistance Fund; 3) \$3500 be utilized to pay forward our 2019 Justice Ministry congregational commitment; and 4) \$3000 be set aside to help implement our 2019 Congregational Ministry Focus Areas.
- † **Finance:** For 2018, we received \$20,907 in Debt & Maintenance Fund offerings. Council approved Finance Team recommendation to transfer \$9500 to Long-Term Maintenance (as planned), and hold \$15,407 in reserve for principal payments or future long-term maintenance needs.
- † **Kingdom Vision Task Force:** Council received the Task Force's report and unanimously endorsed their recommendations, which were based on input from the fall disciple gatherings: 1) Tithes amount (\$58,700) of DOT settlement funds immediately be set aside for further Kingdom Work beyond the campus re-structuring; 2) This amount should address hunger (locally and/or globally), provide for ministry with children/youth in need, and make a lasting impact on the community; 3) council should appoint additional members to join the task force in developing a specific plan for distributing this tithe amount in these areas; 4) that all interest currently earned from the invested DOT funds should be distributed on a regular basis for larger mission support and Kingdom work, as determined by council.
- † **Campus Vision Task Force:** Next version of drawings still on hold until road-widening progresses further. New corner sign is ready for installation, but rain & other road work has delayed the installation.
- † **Safety Task Force:** Next major task is to identify and train a Safety Response team. Office doors still to be equipped with coded locks.
- † **Technology Task Force:** All is complete in the sanctuary except for a small display screen above the sound board (for the GIFT zone). Camera that provides video feed still needs to be replaced, in conjunction with improved video/sound for our E-outreach. In 2019, we will complete Phase II, which focuses on fellowship hall sound system & projection display for fellowship hall (which could also be used outdoors for events like the Nativity).
- † **Mission Partner Team:** Council approved recommendation that Cristo Rey in West Columbia be adopted by the congregation as our Mission Partner for 2019. Pastor Eric will meet with Pastor Leone.
- † **Lutheran Campus Ministry:** Wendy McKenzie continues as our LS rep. on the LCM board, but we can also nominate an additional member for this team. Council identified candidates.
- † **Audit Team:** Council identified candidates to begin the next 3-year term on the Audit team through 2021 (joining Nancy Schwind through 2019 & John Imbert through 2020).
- † **Music Ministry:** We continue to fill the puzzle pieces. We have contracted with individuals to play both piano and organ as part of our instrumental team. We have developed a job description and are advertising for final person to serve as choral director (position will involve 21-25 hours/month).
- † **Facilities Ministry:** It was decided that we will have a work day to clean up the side and back of the church during the construction process. Council approved \$1500 from LTM funds to help with this.
- † **Next Council Meeting:** will be held February 21, 2019.

*Council
Installation*



God's Corner



Thank you to my family at Living Springs for all you thoughts and prayers, kind words and hugs. The beautiful cards with words of comfort for me and my family are sincerely appreciated. It is obvious to me that "God cares for His people through His people."

Thank You
Shirley Laingen



Dear Living Springs Church: Thank you so much for offering my families a chance to receive a Christmas tree this year. Many of my families were really excited about this because this is not an opportunity that they usually receive. Thank you for thinking about them.

Christie Hutchinson
(Rice Creek Social Worker).



Thank you so much for the gift card and note. It meant a lot to know that y'all are thinking of me. The gift card definitely came in handy during finals week! It was great to see all of you over my break and I can't wait to see what is in store this semester!

GO TIGERS!
LAURA STUART



Thank you for the gorgeous prayer shawl and adorable knit hat! The shawl kept me warm in the hospital and our new daughter, Lelah wore her hat home. We are grateful for the kindness and blessings woven into these gifts!

Kellie Snipes

God Moment Stories

At dinner on Saturday night, my family saw a couple eating. The woman had a headscarf and was crying. She appeared to possibly have cancer. She was holding her husband's hands across the table. I immediately felt a Spirit Tug to pay for their meal. When my wife and I discussed it, we decided that we could, but it would mean skipping a movie the next day. Our kids had been really looking forward to the movie and I didn't think they'd agree to skipping it. Nevertheless, we decided to talk to them. At first, they were hesitant to agree. But my daughter quickly said, "I want to pay for them. People are more important than things." My sons immediately agreed. I was so proud of their selflessness and love for a total stranger.



A God Moment, written down by the mother but expressed by her child.....

"Mommy, I prayed to God a lot recently when I had the stomach bug. I was scared and my stomach was doing things I didn't like. But I know that God was with me through it all. God doesn't want me to hurt, but when I do, Jesus is there."

SHARE YOUR GOD MOMENT 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!

GOD loves YOU:
share God's love
everyday!

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Where will God place
your next Disciple
Dot?

January 14, 2019

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Thank You

Dear Friends in Christ,

Your gifts change everything for children who want to attend camp and a family who may not be able to afford the expense. And now your support is more important than ever as requests for scholarship assistance increase.

Thank you for your recent gift of \$625.00 in support of Lutheridge, Lutherock, Lutheranch and Luther Springs. Please pass on our appreciation to the rest of Living Springs Lutheran Church for this financial support. The faith of thousands of children, youth, adults and families is built and fortified through the power of sharing in a Christ-centered community. Over 3,000 youth attended summer camp or servant camp at Lutheridge, Lutherock, Lutheranch, Luther Springs or a day camp in their local church and community this summer. Every child who requested help received financial assistance, thanks to the gifts of many.

Life changing ministry is a year-round blessing shared at each of our camps. The summer camp season is hectic with youthful energy and every fall we welcome a multitude of guests including Synod Convocations and church retreats. The winter season provides an opportunity to host a myriad of groups and activities where literally thousands will experience a time and place apart.



I know your congregation is asked to support other worthwhile organizations. Thank you for making our ministry a priority. Please know that the lives of campers and guests are being directly impacted for Christ through your support. Thank you and God bless all the members of your congregation.

I also hope members of your congregation will share in one of the many Christ-centered programs available at one of our sites in the coming year.

Sincerely in Christ,

Keith Trout
Development Director



LUTHERIDGE



LUTHEROCK



LUTHERSPRINGS



LUTHERANCH

THE NOVUSWAY FAMILY OF MINISTRIES CONSISTS OF:

LUTHERIDGE (ARDEN, NC) · LUTHEROCK (NEWLAND, NC) · LUTHER SPRINGS (HAWTHORNE, FL) · LUTHERANCH (TALLAPOOSA, GA)

Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

As we head into the second month of the New Year, I can't help but be amazed at the Generosity that freely flows from our ministry and those we serve. We look forward to more awesome opportunities to share God's love, to show God's generosity through our actions, and to be a living example of what it means to live with a Generous Heart.

We invite you to join our CDC children, staff and disciples as we share in song and fellowship during our monthly Hymn-a-Longs at various Senior Facilities around the Columbia area.

We look forward to sharing the Generosity of time and spirit in making table decorations for the Rice Estates "Let it Snow" dinner, Valentine cards for the V.A., Meals on Wheels and Senior Care facilities.

We look forward to sharing the Generosity of song and joy as we celebrate a CDC Fish Fry night during the Lenten Fish Fry events.

We give thanks for the many ways that our children, families, staff and community demonstrate the Fruit of Generosity. A child was sitting at a classroom table when another child approached and asked to play with them. The child looked around, there was little room at the table, but they said "Yes, let's make room first." They moved the toys aside and pulled up a chair. "There, we did it, now let's finish this puzzle."

There were two children sitting in the cozy area enjoying their books. When one child was finished they asked "Can I trade with you?" "Let's read it together first". Scooting closer together they shared the book until the first child was finished and handed it to the other child.

Several children were in a classroom putting away toys so they could prepare the table for snack time. A child bumped into a box with small parts and it fell off the shelf; pieces went everywhere. The child put down their head and sighed. Another child immediately began picking up the pieces, other children joined in to help, the first child looked at them and said "Thanks Friends".

We have so many opportunities to share our Generosity with others on a daily basis. Let's remember to look, pay attention, and tend to those Fruits that grow within us, and make the world a kinder, gentler, more Generous place to live.

Blessings to all –
Tammy



**Hey LSCDC Parents -
LS Fellowship & Mutual Care
invites you to join us for a
BAKED POTATO BAR
Feb. 5th
4:30 - 6pm
Eat in or Take out
Sign-up sheet is on
the CDC front desk.**

Notes from: *E-Outreach Ministries*



From Deacon Lexanne Graves
E-Outreach Ministries Coordinator



Did you miss out on the Martin Luther King, Jr amazing worship service with our Northeast churches? Visit our Facebook page and listen!!!

Do you know someone at work, school, or community who needs to hear an uplifting message? Feel free to SHARE JESUS' LOVE for another by sharing our posts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. We never know when someone needs to hear that Jesus loves them or that you are thinking of them. Social Media is one way you can do that! And when you share it, others may too! Can you imagine if everyone shared our posts??!! WOW, just imagine what our community might become if we choose to share HOPE daily??!!

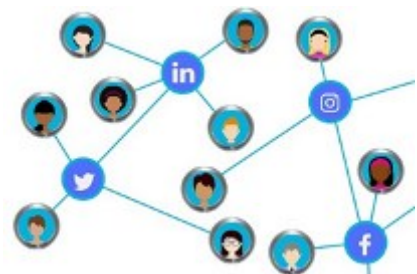


Did you miss out on watching the video about our Love One Another campaign to help foster children, refugees and those with developmental disabilities? Come to our Facebook page and check it out!

HOW CAN YOU SHARE THIS DAILY HOPE AND JOY???

- ⇒ “Like” Living Springs Lutheran Church on your Facebook page (go to facebook; search for Living Springs Lutheran Church, and click on LIKE)
- ⇒ “Follow” Living Springs Columbia on your Instagram (go to Instagram, search for Living Springs Columbia, and click on follow)
- ⇒ “Follow” Living Springs SC on your Twitter page (go to Twitter, search for LivingSpringsSC, & 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.



Notes from: *Fellowship & Mutual Care*

Chili Cook-Off



WINTER WONDERLAND **Legrand/Lowman Dinner & Auction** **Saturday, February 9 @ 6 pm**

The Annual LeGrand/ Lowman Dinner and Auction is being held on Saturday, February 9th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us in "Winter Wonderland." Dinner tickets will be on sale before and after both services at name tag table in narthex on Sundays 1/20, 1/27 and 2/3 - \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 and under. The evening will include food and fun for all ages. We will have both a silent auction and live White Elephant Auction. All proceeds help fund the annual LSLC scholarships awarded to our college students and continuing education grants each year.

Auction Items Needed:

We are in need of Silent Auction items, such as donations from restaurants, or other vendors, handmade/homemade items, etc. Please let [Wendy McKenzie](#) or [Trish Davidson](#) know if your group is able to donate by 2/3 so we can properly prepare. Please include estimated value of item or basket along with description of item(s).

White Elephant auction items can be brought the day of the auction. Remember one person's "trash" could be another's "treasure." *Please note: White elephant submission is limited to one item per person.*

Senior Adult/Empty Nesters Lunch **Sunday, February 24, noon**

Fellowship and Mutual Care will be hosting a Senior Adult/Empty Nesters Lunch following the 10:45 service on February 24. Join us for Food (hot potato bar & salad), Fun, and Fellowship. Please sign up in the admin building.

Save the Date:

***5/19 after 10:45 Spring Picnic**

***5/4 Cinco de Mayo @ 6pm at home of Hulbert's
bring appetizer or dessert**

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

TELS TRIP TO HERITAGE AT LOWMAN

Wednesday, February 6 @ 10 am

The Heritage at Lowman's exquisite collection of needlepoint tapestries is always on display in the Hoefler Gallery. There are over 60 tapestries in the collection, each one depicting an event in the life of Christ or other Christian themes. These unique works of art are beautifully framed and rich with vibrant colors and extraordinary detail. The tapestries were designed and made by the late Rev. Dr. Richard Carl Hoefler. Sign up in the admin bldg. for Wed., Feb. 6 – bus leaves at 10 am. Contact [Beverly Hoppert](#).



Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

JUSTICE MINISTRY UPDATE: ALL NETWORK MEMBERS GATHER

Monday, February 25

As a result of the fall Justice Ministry House Gatherings, the Spirit led our Justice Ministry to identify safe, affordable housing as our target focus for this year. This was months before all the recent news about housing problems in our community, so we truly believe God was working in this process. Once a problem focus area is identified, the Justice Ministry model works by forming Research Teams of representatives from the various congregations. These teams do extensive research to find a specific, verifiable solution to present to public officials at the annual Nehemiah Gathering.

So we currently have 3 Research Teams in operation: Education (from 2018), Mental Health (from 2018), and Housing (2019). Along with members from 30 other Midlands congregations, our MORE Justice members at Living Springs are actively involved in learning more about problems in our community of, affordable housing, mental health, and school climate.

We now have almost 50 individuals who are Living Springs Network Members - and would like to have 6-10 more. On Monday, February 25th at 6:30, Network Members have committed to attend our next Network Member Gathering here at Living Springs (along with Network Members from Adams Northeast AME and Rehoboth Baptist).

The Justice Ministry is making a difference in this community. There are now nearly 100 Columbia police officers fully certified in mental health Crisis Intervention Training (compared to just 8 one year ago). Chief Holbrook is instituting a new 911 protocol to be able for a caller to request a CIT-certified officer for a mental health crisis. In addition, a Mental Health Clubhouse for Columbia has established its 501c3 incorporation, and a team is meeting regularly with Mayor Benjamin.



We each hear the mandate from Scripture for all of us to be involved in 3 things: "Do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with our God!" (remember that these are not connected with an "or"). If you would like to learn more about the Justice Ministry, or would like to become a Network Member, please contact Peg Zieche mzieche@aol.com or Helen Doerpinghaus helend@sc.rr.com.

Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Honoring Hope!

It turned out to be a beautiful day to dedicate the Habitat House to Hope – “they came in busloads” was the caption on the write-up – and there posted was a picture of Living Springs Bus #3! It was a blessing to be a part of the ribbon cutting ceremony and see the beautiful transformation of this “building” that was torn apart and rebuilt into a “home”, put back together engulfed in the love of so many people. Hope thanked everyone for giving so generously and selflessly of their time and energy in this joint effort to provide a “new normal” for her and her grandchildren.



Crafty Ladies donated a quilt to each of the residents (total of 7) on the cul de sac – one of the owners had just paid off her mortgage and hugged her quilt in celebration! Hope took the other quilts and stated it will be a good way to get to know her neighbors and present them with the quilt. (Habitat worked on all the houses on the cul de sac.)



God's work. Our hands.

A few LS people volunteered to do the Point in Time survey counting homeless in Richland County. We were assigned to the Washington St. Soup Cellar. I will focus on one person – Troy – I sat down and asked him if I could ask him some questions for this survey – he shrugged his shoulders and said ok. He had a little bit of an attitude when I asked him one of the first questions “where did you sleep on Jan. 23”. We got to the next page – “what is your name?” I got a disgusted look from him and “why do you need to know that?” Begrudgingly, he told me his first name. Next question, “what gender do you associate with?” ... well, this definitely upset him! “What kind of stupid question is that?!!!!” These are stupid questions – go away, go away! What a bunch of stupid questions!!!!” Well, this really frustrated me, especially being the first time I did something like this (outside my comfort zone) – I proceeded to start notating on the form “no more questions – person was upset” and started to close up the form and a literal transformation came over Troy and he apologized for being so rude – “I’m sorry, I’m really sorry. it’s not your fault – you didn’t write the questions. Come on, sit back down, we’ll finish the survey.” “Are you sure?” We did finish the survey with even a few chuckles about some of the questions. At the end, I thanked him very much for completing the survey with me and told him to have a nice day. “No, I **did** have a nice day he said - because a very rude person was forgiven today.” A few tears came to his eyes and a few moments of silence, he got up, gave me a hug, and then his words were “Thank you, thank you for your compassion!” I’m still thinking about this moment - it touched my heart and I remember what Adam said in our Hope meeting that sometimes these homeless people are just looking for someone to care about them – I hope that Troy knew and felt in that few minutes it took to complete the survey, that someone cared about him.



Living Springs VA Ministry Night *Thursday, February 28 @ 6:15 PM*

On 4th Thursdays from 6:15 - 7:00 pm, we host a time of fun, singing, support, and care at the Dorn VA's Community Life Center. Everyone is invited to come be part of this special time for disabled or older veterans who are undergoing therapy or now residing at the center. If you would like to make cards or donate thank-you items to be distributed, those are welcome, too! If you would like to carpool or follow in your car, please meet at the church at 5:30. We are collecting quarters for bingo prizes. Look for the helmet today through next Thursday to drop off your quarters.

COMING UP IN MARCH...

Our annual Lenten Fish Fry starting Friday, March 8 through April 12, 5:30 to 7:30 pm with entertainment at 6 pm. If you have a suggestion or idea for the entertainment, contact [Karen Kranz](#). Come out – spread the word and support our campus ministry!

LSC "Love One Another" Capital Campaign at Living Springs!



Temple Talks—February 3, 10, 17

** Commitment Sunday—February 24 **

Celebration Gathering—March 3 @ 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall

On Sunday, Feb. 24, we are all invited to make our 3-year commitments to this important emphasis. If you cannot attend worship on Feb. 24, copies of the Commitment Form are available on the special LSC narthex table. Our congregation goal for the 3 years is \$9,705. This is a very realistic goal for our generous congregation—something that will make a huge difference in the lives of many individuals.

LIVING SPRINGS GOAL = \$9705 over 3 years!

The challenges in our state and communities have never been greater. As members of Living Springs and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, our desire to help address those challenges by serving our neighbor is in our blood. We have heard Christ's command to "love one another" and we *want* to help, but sometimes we are not sure how.



One way you can help your neighbors is through our partnership with **Lutheran Services Carolinas, or LSC**, one of the six institutional affiliates of the South Carolina Synod. Formerly known as Lutheran Family Services, LSC is a mission-based human services organization whose professional staff members are skilled in assisting individuals facing a variety of life challenges. In South Carolina alone, LSC provides more than \$9 million in services each year on our behalf to serve our neighbors.

LSC has been approved by the Synod Council of the SC Synod of the ELCA to conduct a capital campaign in congregations between January 1, 2018, and December 31, 2019. As you may know, this opportunity rotates among the affiliated organizations of the Synod and LSC has not had an opportunity to launch such a campaign in South Carolina since 1998. LSC kicked off its \$1 million **Love One Another campaign** at the 2018 Synod Assembly and announced 2 additional challenge goals totaling \$200,000 bringing the total goal for the Campaign to \$1.2 million. Efforts are now underway to share the message about LSC's work and what it hopes to accomplish next in South Carolina. Please know that all funds raised during this campaign will be used for services in South Carolina and will not be used for administrative fundraising expenses.

The campaign will concentrate on raising funds to support three primary service areas: Guiding Young People Transitioning Out of **Foster Care** across the state; Welcoming the Stranger through **refugee services** in the Charleston metro area and the Midlands; and Encouraging **Individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)** with a focus on the Upstate and Rock Hill areas. Our two exciting challenge goals will include an emphasis on developing customized employment options for our current clients with I/DD and a new case management program for **Veterans**.



Here, at Living Springs, our "Love One Another" LSC Emphasis will take place from January 27 - March 3. We urge you to listen carefully and to open your hearts to God's call to serve. For our society to heal and flourish, it is imperative that we love one another. Surely all of us can find something among these goals that speaks to our hearts. As you will learn, our Synod has had a long partnership with Lutheran Services Carolinas. With the success of this campaign, we can be assured that LSC will remain a vibrant partner in ministry for years to come.

Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

Burning of the Greens



Baptism of Our Lord Sunday



NE Community MLK Worship Service



Children's Messages



Sunday Worship



Ministry Blessing for Justin Sunday, February 3

Calling the entire Living Springs family! Today each worship service, we offer a special Ministry Blessing for Deacon Justin Rimbo, as our Interim Minister of Worship & Innovative Church Outreach. Come "officially" welcome Justin and his family (Angie, Owen, and Zoe) - and be part of this special service!



All Worship Helpers! Training Sunday, February 10

This is a personal invite to all disciples of Living Springs – Are unsure of what exactly is involved to be a worship assistant? What does a greeter do? Am I tall enough to be an acolyte? Do I have to say anything to be a torchbearer? **All our guidelines have been reviewed and updated with significant changes.** We will be training Assisting Ministers, Lectors, Communion Assistants, Ushers, Greeters, Acolytes, Crucifers, Torchbearers and Worship Technicians. The training is Sun., Feb. 10 @ 9:30 in the sanctuary. Contact [Jim Zieche](#) or [Karen Kranz](#).

Beer & Hymns Monday, February 18

Love to sing hymns? Enjoy having a beer or other beverage and fellowshiping with others? Come join us for Beer & Hymns on Monday, February 18, 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!

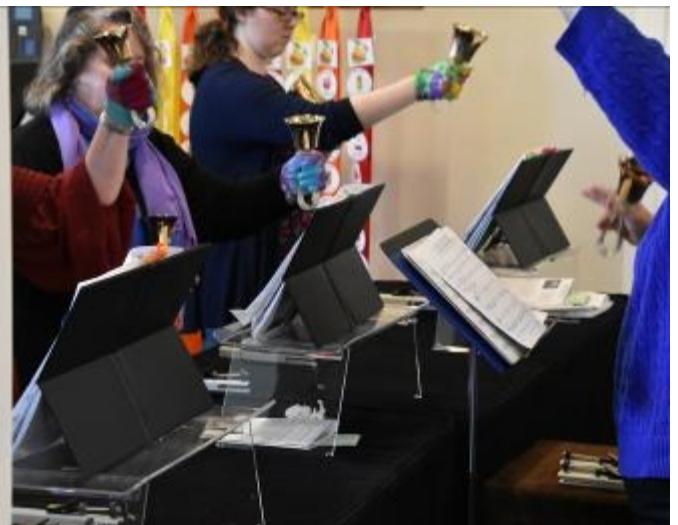


LS Choral Director Search

As part of our staff re-organization, we have completed Phase 1 by welcoming Deacon Justin Rimbo to a newly defined position as our interim Minister of Worship & Innovative Church Outreach. Now, we turn to Phase 2, to identify and hire someone for the revised part-time position of Choral Director (to work specifically with developing and directing the adult choir). If you know someone whom might make a good candidate, please pass along information to Worship Chair [Jim Zeiche](#) or [Pastor Eric](#).

LS JuBELLation Bell Choir - 25th Year!

As we begin 2019, we celebrate the gifts of our JuBELLation Bell Choir and give thanks for their joyful worship at both services today. During the Easter season, we will have a special "Adopt-A-Bell" donation drive to fund the badly-needed refurbishing and repair of our bells. Go ahead and mark your calendars for a big Spring Bell Concert planned for Sunday afternoon, May 19.



Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

Ladies Book Club Monday, February 4

The Sacred Romance: Drawing Close to the Heart of God by John Eldridge And Brent Curtis is the book our book club is reading. The kickoff meeting will be held at Karen Kranz, [235 Founders Ridge Rd. 29229](https://www.google.com/maps/place/235+Founders+Ridge+Rd,+Leesville,+SC+29229) ph: 803.699.9566 on Monday, February 4 at 7 pm. Join us as we pick our 2019 reads and also have some fun and fellowship. We welcome all - (even if you don't read the book).



WELCA Women's Retreat February 8-9

If you are attending Camp Kinard Retreat on Feb. 8th & 9th for "How Lutherans Interpret the Bible", please call or leave a message with Ginny Devereaux so that we can carpool from the church.

SC WELCA - Isle of Palms Retreat April 26-28

The Isle of Palms retreat will be held at the Isle of Palms on April 26 - 28, 2019. There will be meals, a dynamic Bible Study, fellowship time, and time for personal reflection. You don't want to miss it! [Click here for the registration form.](#)



Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

Men's Breakfast Saturday, February 23

We continue to form our Lutheran Men's circle of prayer where each man is praying for a brother in Christ. Next breakfast gathering will be **Saturday, February 23** at 8:00 am at Living Springs. We meet on the last Saturday of each month. Contact [Bob Turnmire](mailto:Bob.Turnmire@lutheranmen.org) at 803-513-7533.



SC Lutheran Men In Mission 76th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Wittenberg Lutheran Church, Leesville

Saturday, February 16th, 2019

Key Note Speaker: Perry Orth
Journey from Walkon to Scholarship QB
Workshops, Worship & Banquet

[Registration and more information here](#)



*Lutheran Men in Mission
Wings & Bonfire @ Pilgrim
One Year to Live Get-Together*



Notes from: *Sr. Youth*

When's the last time you sat around your dinner table and had a conversation about what it means to be the Body of Christ? During our Ski Trip in January, the youth had "dinner church" as a form of worship. In the middle of worship, we ate delicious lasagna and had great conversations about what it means to be the Body of Christ in our world today. I'd like to invite you to join in our conversation with your family around the dinner table. Here are the questions:

- † What does it mean that we are part of the body of Christ?
- † How does disrespecting, hating, hurting, and not loving others affect us and God?
- † How do you see others being made to feel alone or less-than?
- † How can we show others that they are children of God and connected to us?



Our Senior Youth, by and large, mostly meet around a table - mirroring the early church where breaking bread together was an integral part of their community. The Youth look forward to bringing that aspect of their faith life to Youth Sunday. The message will be the Youth discussing how they live out their vocation as children of God and how they see God moving.

They would also like to invite everyone to join them at Beef 'O' Brady's for lunch - at 1230 after the second service - to continue the conversation that was started during worship. Come, break bread together, and discuss how God is moving in their lives as well as yours.

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 February, 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:

- † **Youth Lock-In** is Feb 15th
- † **Youth Sunday** is Feb 17th
- † **Pancake Supper** is Mar 5th

Souper Bowl Sunday Sunday, February 3



Today is the Youth's annual "Souper Bowl of Caring." Soup will be on sale (eat in or take out) after both worship services. The Youth also will collect coins and dollars at both worship services. God's Storehouse will benefit from your generosity!



Notes from: *Young Adults*

We will have our second 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." Our second meeting for this will be **Tuesday, Feb 19th at 630** at Beef O' Brady's. Please come having read the first chapter.

Notes from: *Jr. Youth*

This month, our junior youth Sunday school leaders began using a new seasonal book of lessons. This age group is blessed to have Sunday school teachers who have continued leading sessions from last season to this one. I love sitting in on other adults' lessons on weeks when I am not scheduled to teach. An unexpected joy that I have found on multiple Sundays in this new season of lessons has been being stumped by two junior youth group members who already know more Bible stories than I do. They always give me grace if I don't know the answer to their questions.

Their parents do an excellent job of exposing them to the people and places of the Bible on a regular basis. Many of the tidbits that their guardians have shared with them or scenes from a biblical movie they recently watched come up in conversation during our Sunday school lessons. Every time they are reminded of a story which they remember their parent discussing with them, the lesson is validated and the bonds between the parent, child, and Sunday school teacher are reinforced.

This example showed me the importance of keeping faith alive at home during the week. A lot can happen in the life of a child between each Sunday worship service. When our junior youth transition from elementary school to middle school, they can experience trials and tribulations of all kinds. Self-esteem is hard to come by during this phase in their lives. Cyber bullying and peer pressure are just the beginning of the threats against them. **The (not-so-distant) future leaders of our church are counting on adults like you and me to guide them, as they navigate the delicate balance between their responsibilities in school, extracurricular activities, family, youth group, and more.**

Looking ahead to this summer, when Christopher and I will presumably be leaving the Columbia area for a year-long internship placement, Living Springs will be preparing for new youth group leaders. If you don't already regularly attend a Sunday school class, please consider talking to me about sitting in on a junior youth Faith Alive meeting. There is no obligation to join us on a regular basis. Even if you've never felt like you had the "right stuff" to lead a Sunday school class before, caring enough about this ministry to read this article shows me that you are probably a good candidate to try it. Building relationships with these young people will change you in ways that you did not imagine. Their innocent world view, joyful exuberance, and maybe even their movie suggestions will certainly make a positive impact upon your life.

Ellen Girardeau
Associate for Junior Youth and G.I.F.T. Zone Ministries

Junior Youth Group Monthly Gathering

Sunday, February 10th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Beginner yoga class, lunch, and kid-friendly pillow-making community service project
Please bring comfortable clothes, socks, and sneakers!
1-2 parent volunteer helpers are needed.



During this month in the G.I.F.T. Zone, I have marvelled at...

- † Young boys gently showing infants how to match the words of the Lord's Prayer.
 - † Children sharing resources like building blocks and Play-Doh.
 - † Families worshiping together, just as if they were standing in a pew.
 - † Youth using their bulletins and referring to the hymn board.
 - † Toddlers standing up with the rest of the congregation.
 - † Singing together, and sometimes even dancing, if the Spirit moves us!
- Come join us sometime!



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FEBRUARY Bible Book = AMOS/MICAH



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

March = Luke

God At Work

"Get-To-Know-You" Fellowship



Beer & Hymns

Council Retreat



Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

Rush Hour Ministry

Tuesday, February 12 @ 4:30 pm

Bring some light into someone's life during the busy twilight time of the day. Share a gift of kindness and spread the good news of God's love to commuters stopped in traffic on Hard Scrabble Road. On Tuesday, February 12, at 4:30 pm we will assemble the bags and then distribute at 5 pm - interested members will engage stopped commuters with a small give-away and a ton of smiles!



Youth Sunday Lunch

Sunday, February 17 @ 12:30

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Senior Resource Guide

Are you a senior or the caregiver of a senior? Lutheran Homes of SC gives us guides quarterly with all sorts of resources from Adult Day care, Elder Law to Transportation Assistance. These guides are packed with info! They are available in the magazine racks in the admin lobby.



Year-End Giving Summaries

Giving Summaries and Thank-You's are now in the narthex. For questions or corrections, contact Bill Franck at bfranck@sc.rr.com.

Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs

Tuesday Bible Discussion Lunch

Tuesday, February 12 @ 11:00 AM

Lunch is offered on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 11 am, with discussion of monthly bible book led by Pr. Eric. Everyone is welcome! Light meal provided by Living Springs Food Ministry. To reserve a spot for you and your friends, sign up in the office lobby or contact the office before 11am on Monday. Donation \$6 (includes drink & dessert).

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, February 11 @ 9:30 AM

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

Good News Walkers

Thursdays @ 8:00 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.

2019 Altar Flowers

Are you looking for a way to honor or memorialize someone near and dear to you? Make a floral contribution by ordering altar flowers and let the office know who or what it is that you are celebrating **OR** maybe you just want to thank God for the many blessings you receive! There is a signup outside Lisa's office for 2019 or go to <http://goo.gl/mVvrGE>. To order flowers from our preferred florist, contact Blythewood Florist at 691-1820.

Living Springs Pew Bear Ministry

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

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.

February 2019

**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>3 Souper Bowl Sunday 930A Book of Month Intro (Amos/Micah) 1215P Confirmation</p>	<p>4 1030A Meals on Wheels 1030P Worship Task Force 6P Worship & Music Team 7P Ladies Book Club (Kranz) 7P Recovery Comes First</p>	<p>5 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 3P LSCDC Parents Baked Potato Bar 4P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>6 930 PS Chapel 10A TELS (Lowman Tapestries) 6P Hope Ministry 6P Disciples of Harmony 630P Sr. Youth (Church) 7P Choirs 7P Lifelong Discipleship</p>	<p>7 630A Men's Bible Study 830A GN Walkers 4P Backpacks Food Min. 630P LSCDC Board</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2 5P Rice Estate Dinner (3P setup)</p>
<p>10 930A Worship Helpers Training/Review 1P Jr. Youth Gathering 5P Worship @ Cristo Rey (Car pool 420)</p>	<p>11 930A God's Storehouse 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care Team 7P Recovery Comes First</p>	<p>12 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 11A Devotional Lunch 4P ASC Bible Time 5P Rush Hour Ministry 6P Finance 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>13 930 PS Chapel 4P Backpacks Food Min. 6P Disciples of Harmony 630P Sr. Youth (Sonic) 7P Choirs</p>	<p>14 830A GN Walkers</p>	<p>15 6P Youth Lock-In</p>	<p>16 SC Lutheran Men Convention (Wittenberg, Leesville)</p>
<p>17 Youth Sunday 1215P Confirmation 1230P Congregation Lunch w/Sr. Youth (Beef O'Brady's)</p>	<p>18 President's Day - Office Closed 1030A Meals on Wheels 630P Executive Team 7P Beer & Hymns 7P Recovery Comes First</p>	<p>19 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 1230P LSCDC Prayer Lunch 4P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>20 930 PS Chapel 6P Disciples of Harmony 630P Sr. Youth (Zaxby's) 7P Choirs</p>	<p>21 630A Men's Bible Study 830A GN Walkers 930A Staff Meeting 4P Backpacks Food Min. 7P Council</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 8A Men's Breakfast 930A Crafty Ladies</p>
<p>24 Love One Another Sunday 930A End of Month Book Discussion (Amos/Micah) 1215P Empty Nester/Senior Lunch 6:30P Parents of College Age Adults</p>	<p>25 1030A Meals on Wheels 630P Justice Network Members 7P Recovery Comes First</p>	<p>26 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>27 930 PS Chapel 6P Disciples of Harmony 630P Sr. Youth (Church) 7P Choirs</p>	<p>28 830A GN Walkers 10A Hymn Along (The Crossings) 4P Backpacks 5P Synod Leadership Night 615P LS Veterans Ministry Night (carpool 530)</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">WELCA Retreat - Camp Kinard</div>						

Worship Assistant Schedule – February 2019

	Assisting Minister	Lector	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torchbearer	Counters	Children's Message	Council Person
2/3	8:15 John Imbert	Anna Graves	Hank Cox Robert Gill	Shirley Laingen Paul Laingen	Debbie Smith	Ron Smith	Wesley Graves	Karen Kranz		Christopher Girardeau	Midge Gunvalson
2/3	10:45 Jan Berger	Adam Woodruff	Steve Bloss Gail Buchanan	Karlene Stuart Mike Davidson Austin Padgett Steve Padgett	Linda Hayes	Adam Woodruff	Lucas Shannon	Steve Bloss	Karen Kranz (L) Jeff Tenhover Vickie Crapps	Christopher Girardeau	Jeff Tenhover
2/10	8:15 Rev. Griffin	Julie Ann Harris	Karen Kranz Helen Doeringhaus	Mike Lovelless Jeff Lummel	Kristen Mattson	Paul Laingen	Bill Franck	Jan Epperson		Pastor Eric	Julie Ann Harris
2/10	10:45 Jeff Day	Kelly Powell	Cindy Day Rev. Griffin	Marshall Hurlbert Randy Masad Mike Davidson Wes Levitt	Trish Davidson	Marshall Hurlbert	Mike Davidson	Karlene Stuart	Pat Bartucca Alison Levitt	Pastor Eric	Mike Davidson
2/17	8:15 YOUTH	SUNDAY									Bill Franck
2/17	10:45 YOUTH	SUNDAY							Bob Turmire (L) Steve Padgett Doug Danner		Doug Danner
2/24	8:15 Sandra Dixon	John Imbert	Bill Franck Jan Epperson	Mike Lovelless Jerry Marcuso	Nancy Schwind	Jeff Lummel	Jim Zieche	Karen Kranz		Adam Woodruff	Vickie Crapps
2/24	10:45 Christopher Girardeau	Bob Gabbard	Kellie Flores Jan Berger	Lauren Bloss Jeanette Bloss Leslie Bloss Karlene Stuart	Cathy Lowman	Steve Bloss	Walker Flores	Wes Levitt	Gail Buchanan Cynthia Edney Karlene Stuart (L) Wendy Mckenzie Sue Hyman	Adam Woodruff	Wendy Mckenzie

	Name Tag 8:15	Name Tag 10:45	Sound Tech	Muggers	Flowers	Coffee	Refreshments	Altar Guild
2/3	Marina Cox	Karen Kranz	Bob Turmire	Karen Kranz		Charles Tracy	Judy Lawrence	
2/10	Robin & Mike Traufler	Karen Kranz	Rocky Berger	Charles Tracy	Sue Hyman	Bill Franck	Sandra Dixon	February Shirley Laingen
2/17	Susan & Gary Bradham	Karen Kranz	Bob Turmire	Kathy McDonald		Karen Kranz	Karen Kranz	
2/24	Roger Schwind	Gay Walter	Rocky Berger	Vickie Crapps		Todd Gunvalson	Kellie Flores	

SIGN UP FOR first & Second Quarter – WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

The online sign up for March is ready to be populated – whatever slots are open by February 20 will need to be manually filed in. If you have not been assigned OR the opposite – have been getting assigned without wanting to be, let Lisa or Karen Kranz know. Time and Talent sheets are available all year round – you can still fill one out if you have had a spirit tug towards serving. First quarter (January-March): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4bbaea92fa0f85-2019>; Second quarter (April - June): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4bbaea92fa0f85-20191>

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

February 1	Shirley Laingen
February 2	Caroline Berger Peter Zvejnieks
February 4	Andrew Levitt
February 7	Diana Abromaitis Jean Weick
February 8	Marina Cox Otto Esslinger Julie Owes
February 9	Waylon Fender
February 10	Ted Buchanan Fiona Peterson
February 11	Jan Berger Charles Christy
February 12	Margaret Blank Garrett Flores Aiden Miles Bryanna Nelson
February 14	Maria Sorial ♥ Darrell & Lora Compas

February 15	Alice Renaud
February 16	Marshall Hurlbert
February 17	Walker Flores Peter Moore
February 18	Troy Newton
February 19	Sam Arnold Weston Crapps
February 20	Beverly Wyka
February 22	Gary Bradham Patricia Brouwer Will Collins Stephanie Joyner
February 23	Hank Cox Rachel Drafts Bob Gill
February 25	♥ Preston & Colleen Franks
February 26	Jerry Mancuso
February 27	♥ Charles & Irene Tracy
February 28	Inge Lowery



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!



February 1	Patricia Bartucca	February 15	Wesley Graves
February 6	Laura Stuart	February 17	Goldie Harmon
February 7	Jacob Newton	February 19	Katie Prizer
February 10	Marina Cox Mike Wirth	February 21	Andrew Tilton
February 13	Wendy McKenzie	February 24	Rocky Berger
February 14	Addie Peterson		

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