

The
Living Springs
Journal

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

April 2019

Lent 2019:
Warming the
Waters



Holy Week & Easter: How Deep DID Jesus Go? - This Month from Pastor Eric

APRIL BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH = GOSPEL OF JOHN (Pastor Sessions on April 7 & 28 @ 9:30 am)

I sit at the base of the baptismal fountain in the sanctuary, waiting for the Pre-school children to arrive for Bible time. I look up and see the growing pile of warming prayer stones, and I think about all the hands of God's people (your hands!) in which these stones have been held at the Communion rails on Sundays and during our Wednesday Lenten services. I think about all the individuals who have been prayed for, and for whom you have thanked God. I think about all those mentoring, discipling, inviting, involving relationships represented by those stones—and all those to whom God is sending us to warm the waters of faith and God's kingdom grace.

In the background, shrouded in purple, I see one of the crosses made from the Cross-Oak Tree that once stood at our Living Springs entrance. I close my eyes and see one of our visitors from Cristo Rey (our 2019 Mission Partner congregation). He is standing in front of that cross, having walked over to see the sanctuary during a Friday Night Fish Fry ministry. He is holding his young son in one arm and grasping a prayer stone from the basket in his other hand. "It is possible for me to pray here, and leave a stone?" he had asked. And so he stands there, with the cross of Jesus by his head, praying quietly in Spanish and clinging to that stone. His stone and his prayer are now mixed in among our stones and prayers—along with the stones & prayers of other Cristo Rey / Sagrada Familia mothers & their children who had separately come into the sanctuary and prayed.

Flowing in the background, the sound of the baptismal waters fill my ears. In my heart, I hear the words of Scripture, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all" (Ephesians 4:4-6). I think about the amazing opportunity we have been given, to share our last Wednesday worship service (April 10) with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Gill Creek Baptist Church. I think about how much the Spirit has been working over the past few years to tug us through boundaries of race, ethnicity, and denomination—to give us a greater glimpse of the great company of saints and the Kingdom of God, to help us more fully understand what the apostle wrote about in those glorious words to the Ephesians.

I look at those stones again, with the cross hanging in the background. I think about the stones under Jesus' feet, as he struggles to carry his cross to Golgotha, before Simon of Cyrene (a man of different ethnicity and culture) helps ease my Savior's burden. I think about all the people throughout the world for whom Jesus carried that cross, and I think about words from the Gospel of John (which we are reading as our April Bible book of the month), "For God so loved **the world**, that God gave God's only Son" (John 3:16)



**Living the Gospel Life
Daily Lenten Devotionals**

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**Lent Prayer Crosses
Warming Prayer Stones
5:04 Prayer Alerts**

(Jesus said to Simon,
"Put out into the deep
water and let down
your nets ..." - Luke 5:4)



The Holiest Week of our Lives...

PALM SUNDAY—APRIL 14

MAUNDY THURSDAY—APRIL 18

GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 19

HOLY SATURDAY—APRIL 20

EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 21



I look above the cross and remember some words that appeared on the visual screen during a Lenten sermon time: "Put out into the deep waters," Jesus said to Simon. But how deep will you go, Jesus? I think about the Holiest Week of our lives as Christians—and all that Jesus endured for me. I think about Palm Sunday shouts of "Hosanna?" turning into Good Friday shouts of "Crucify him!" I think about Jesus in that upper room on Maundy Thursday night, giving bread & wine as a sign of the new covenant of his very own body and blood. I see him getting down on his knees and washing his disciples feet as the lowliest of servants. I think about his being betrayed, arrested, denied, beaten, and nailed to that cross. I think about him going to the depths of death and hell—all for me, all for the world. HOW DEEP!!!! How deep into the waters of amazing grace and total love Jesus went for us all! I think about what it will mean to worship with you, my brothers and sisters, at each of our Holy Week worship services. And I think how amazing it will be to share with you the joy of Easter as we give praise to our Risen Lord, who once walked over the rolled-away stone of a tomb to conquer death, so that you & I and the world might know HOW DEEP God's love truly is ... for us all!

With great anticipation and excitement over sharing the Holiest Week of our lives and Easter together with YOU (and all God's people), *Pastor Eric*



WARMING THE WATERS: God's Love—Our Hearts, Our Hands! 2019 Ministry Focus Areas:

Focus A: Build Inviting, Involving, Mentoring, Discipling Relationships—1 person at a time!

Focus B: Build Partnerships—for the work of God's kingdom in our community and world!

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

Focus D: Share God-Stories—so that we do not remain silent about God's ongoing work in the world!

Lent 2019: Warming the Waters



+ LIVING SPRINGS—GILL CREEK JOINT LENTEN WORSHIP +

Wednesday, April 10 — 6:30 PM @ Gill Creek Baptist Fellowship Supper starts at 5:30 (2116 Cushman Drive)

**Bus & Carpools will leave LS at 5:00 & 6:00, or just drive to Gill Creek on your own!
(Sign-up at church + sign-up for those who wish to donate sandwiches or drinks)**

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LENTEN DRAMA WORSHIP @ LS: APRIL 3, 6:30 PM (Mary & Elizabeth)

LENTEN MID-DAY PRAYER @ LS: APRIL 3 & 10, Noon

Holy Week / Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 14 - Worship Services - 8:15 am & 10:45 am

Our 8:15 and 10:45 Worship services begin on the church lawn, with the inspirational Procession of Palms. We enter the sanctuary to continue worship with the Reading of our Lord's Passion.

Palm Sunday, April 14 - Easter Family Event & Egg Hunt, 4pm

We will have Faith Stations of Fun for ALL AGES! The Easter Story, Easter Service Projects, Easter Crafts and Easter Egg Hunt. To donate candy, see Christopher Girardeau or bring it to church.



Palm Sunday, April 14 - Service of Blessing & Healing, 6pm

Our series of Holy Week Evening Services begins on Palm Sunday night. As part of this worship experience, we receive a special blessing and prayer for God's wholeness and healing in our lives, in whatever form it may be needed.



Maundy Thursday, April 18 - Last Supper, 7pm

We remember our Lord's Last Supper, and how he washed his disciples' feet in the upper room. Worship concludes with the poignant and powerful Stripping of the Altar.

Good Friday, April 19 - Tenebrae Service, 7pm

With increasing darkness in the Tenebrae Service, we recall Jesus' 7 sayings spoken from the cross. Wherever we are this day, we pause in special reverence at 3:00 - the hour Jesus breathed his last.



Holy Saturday, April 20 - Easter Vigil, 7:30pm

We gather by a fire and enter the sanctuary to remember the waiting of that night when our Lord lay in the tomb. We hear foundational stories of Scripture, affirm our identity as God's baptized children, and welcome Easter joy!

+ EASTER SUNDAY, April 21 +

Outdoor Son-Rise Worship @ 6:45 am; Easter Breakfast @ 9:30; Easter Worship @ 8:15 am & 10:45 am

At 6:45, we worship outdoors with our Son-Rise celebration. Easter Worship will be held in the sanctuary at 8:15 and 10:45, with special music & joy. Invite friends & neighbors to worship on this glorious day! Easter breakfast will be hosted by Lutheran Men at 9:30, with donations to support the Legrand/Lowman Scholarship Fund.



***FRIDAY LENTEN FISH FRY & ENTERTAINMENT
5:30-7:30 (program @ 6:00); Eat-in or Take-out***

4/5—Dancing By Our Stars

4/12—Living Springs Got Talent

Tell your neighbors, friends, family, co-workers to come enjoy a great fish dinner (we also have non-fish and vegetarian options).

This is an important ministry—with \$2000 goal to help Lutheran Campus Ministry, which brings so much hope and support for students. Sign up outside the office for kitchen volunteers, cooks, helpers, set-up, clean-up and **dessert donations** (you may also sign up [on-line](#)).

We encourage everyone to help at least one Friday!

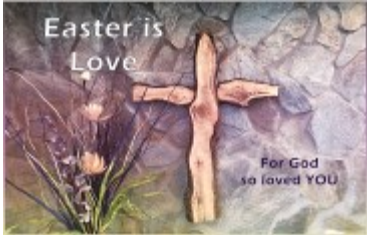
LENT 2019
40 X 40

**Mini Cereal Boxes, Fruit Cups, Meat Items
Diapers, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper**

Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

Easter Family Event/Egg Hunt Sunday, April 14

Join us for an Easter Family Afternoon & Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 14th at 4pm. We will have Faith Stations of Fun for ALL AGES: the Easter Story, Easter Service Projects, Easter Crafts and our Easter Egg Hunt. To donate candy or assist with a Faith Station of Fun, you can drop off a bag anytime during the week or give it to Christopher or Leslie on April 7th or April 14th



2000 Easter Outreach Invitations

Today, each worshipper is asked to take at least 3 outreach invitations to prayerfully share with someone special in the upcoming week. They contain information about our Holy Week and Easter worship.

40X40 LENTEN COLLECTION

During Lent, we again take on the challenge to collect 1600 items: toilet paper, diapers, and paper towels (for St. Lawrence Ministry with the Homeless), mini cereal boxes, Beanie-Weenie/meat items, and fruit cups (for Backpack Ministry). Collection bins are located in the main office lobby and CDC entranceway.



Rush Hour Ministry Tuesday, April 16 @ 6pm (Packing @ 5:30)

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, April 16, at 5:30 pm we will assemble the bags and then distribute at 6 pm - it brings so much joy just to share your smile with someone waiting in traffic.



Beer & Hymns Monday, April 29

Love to sing hymns? Enjoy having a beer or other beverage and fellowshiping with others? Come join us for Beer & Hymns on Monday, April 29th, 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!



Council Clips -March 2019

Council spent its "Dwelling in the Word" time, focusing on Ephesians 4:1-16. Council reviewed our congregation's 4 Ministry Focus Areas for 2019 (Building Relationships, Building Partnerships, Sharing God's Love, Sharing God's Stories). Our Leadership Book for the rest of the year was distributed, "The Scattering: Imagining a Church that Connects Faith & Life." By Dwight Dubois. For each Ministry Team & Group, the Council Liaisons shared the passage their team used for Dwelling in the Word; 2 specific relationships being worked on by team members; 2 exciting things coming up, and at least 1 God-story from the team's ministries.



- † **Pastor's Report:** As a congregation, we are inspired by the example of our youth and all the ways they share their gifts wherever they are (in their schools, teams, groups of friends, and more): all of us never know when God will place us in situations to share God's love and goodness with others. A place for us to experience God's love will be at the joint Lenten worship with Gill Creek Baptist Church on April 10.
- † **Finance:** For those who choose to make their weekly/monthly/annual offerings through Givelify or other electronic means, cards are now in the pew racks, that can be placed in the offering plate so that everyone can participate in the worshipful act of giving.
- † **Kingdom Vision Implementation Task Force:** The Kingdom Vision Implementation Task Force is seeking four additional individuals to assist with discernment & distribution of our tithed amount from DOT settlement funds. Based on congregation input from the fall Discipleship Gatherings, the Kingdom Vision Task Force has recommended funds should be used for community youth and hunger.
- † **Child Development Center:** CDC is pleased with the response to their 22:6 campaign and plan to open it up to CDC parents, grandparents and caregivers. Parents and staff members will be invited to join us for CDC Sunday celebration on May 5. A video is being prepared.
- † **Facilities:** A workday is scheduled for March 30th and will be held along with Operation Inasmuch. We are confident that we will have enough volunteers for both. We are looking for people to help with painting and planting flowers.
- † **Children & Youth Ministries:** All leaders gathered for a productive planning time in March. Annual Egg Hunt & Easter Family Event will be Palm Sunday afternoon. Confirmands are going on retreat in April. SPARK VBS will be held June 9-12.
- † **Hope Team:** Lenten 40x40 collection is taking place. Operation Inasmuch Project will be March 30. VA Ministry continues.
- † **Fellowship & Mutual Care:** Exam boxes are being prepared for all of our college students. Applications for Legrand/Lowman Scholarship and Continuing Education Grants will be distributed.
- † **Lifelong Discipleship:** The 3:31 Ten Commandments Adult Faith Milestone has begun. Milestone Sunday will be held April 7.
- † **Good News Team:** The Good News Team reports that we have received a new camera that will provide better live streaming recordings of our worship services.
- † **Justice Ministry:** The Justice Ministry reminds us that the Nehemiah Action is going to be held May 6, 2019. More details will be forthcoming.
- † **Lutheran Men in Mission:** Midlands Lutheran Men in Mission conference is going to be held at Living Springs on May 13. The men are looking forward to the Shannon Long Memorial Golf Tournament on April 27 and hope that members of Cristo Rey will be able to join us.
- † **WELCA:** The SC Women of the ELCA Annual Convention will be held in Lexington, SC on June 7-8, 2019. They are encouraging all women, especially those under the age of 35, to attend.
- † **Mission Partner Team:** The next visit to Cristo Rey is scheduled for April 7. A volunteer sign-up sheet is in the office hallway. Guests from Cristo Rey (and Sagrada Familia) will be joining us for the Fish Fry on March 29.

Share A God Story!

We are blessed and gifted to see God's work in common everyday places & situations, even in ways we don't anticipate. Where have you seen or experienced God at work in yourself, the world, or the lives of others this week? If the people of past generations did not share their stories of God, we would not have the Bible or even know of Jesus.

What is your God Story?

These were shared with us last month:

- ✠ 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."
- ✠ The Spirit created an opportunity of conversation when I drove through the Chick Fil A with ashes on my forehead after the noon worship service. The lady asked me, "Is it Wednesday? Yes—it's Ash Wednesday, isn't it? Where did you get those?" I shared with her about Living Springs evening worship so she can get some herself! By this point, 2 other ladies joined in on the conversation that we are dust and to dust we will return. This was cool to witness Jesus' words in action that day in the drive-thru...."wherever 2 or 3 are gathered, I am there."
- ✠ During the "Ashes To Go" morning on Ash Wednesday where we had 2 stations available to drive thru, God provided a teachable moment for me. Thea, the mom, received the ashes and prayer. When we looked over into the passenger seat to see if the son wanted ashes, the mom responded with, "Thank you but, not yet." That phrase—not yet—helped me to hear the hope in her voice, which in turn gave me hope for all of God's children. Soon and very soon, in *God's time*, all will be brought to Jesus.
- ✠ When I was pregnant, I had another panic attack. I worked in a genetics lab. So I knew what could go wrong. I felt a hand on my head and someone say, "It'll be ok. I promise!: I turned to ask my husband how he knew I was having an attack. His back as turned to me and he was snoring. I never had a panic attack while I was pregnant again. I'm forever thankful to God for that much needed calming promise.
- ✠ I have seen God at work through the many new Christian friends that I have made.
- ✠ I have experienced God at work through hearing my grandson talk about Jesus and sharing bible verses.
- ✠ I saw God work in new legislation to increase gun safety which will be a blessing to all in our country.
- ✠ This week, while substituting for a kindergarten class, God continued to bless me as I used my talents to share with not only the children, but other professionals. The children uplifted me through God's spirit and grace. What a joy! And so very thankful for the opportunity. God puts me where I need to be.
- ✠ I keep a journal of things I am grateful for. One day I opened it to find my son had found it and written, "I'm grateful for my mom & dad."
- ✠ I was at an event yesterday having a difficult time. I had tears in my eyes. A young man started talking to me and sharing the struggles he has had in the past month, losing his grandfather and his father being severely injured in an accident made my worries seem not so bad.
- ✠ I experienced God through good news I received after a medical test. The two people in our congregation undergoing surgeries were successful also.
- ✠ I heard God's voice and saw God's love when he "blessed me and marked my forehead with the cross of Christ" through the touch and words of my grandson.
- ✠ I experienced God through forgiving a loved one for a hurt. I forgave her and I feel peace. I also felt God through two texts from friends when needed.
- ✠ Seeing all the natural disasters world wide, we are and have been so blessed in our lives. We've been in fire evacuation. We've been in flood evacuation. We've been in tornadoes. And yet we've never experienced a loss. Praise God!
- ✠ I saw God in a neighbor who spend the day at the hospital helping a friend who had been in a car accident.
- ✠ I experienced God in the blessing of the funeral - promise of eternal life and exhortation to others of all lives, even clay feet are worthy.

***A Picture is Worth
a Thousand Words...***
*Sometimes a picture is the
story in itself..*



- ✝ God worked with my job, helping me make a decision about it.
- ✝ I experienced God through sharing my love with my two granddaughters and my two great-granddaughters. Also God work for my bother-in-law
- ✝ I experienced God through children holding hands and praying together in G.I.F.T. Zone.
- ✝ I experienced God through person from Justice Ministry shared how they received one of the Rush Hour Ministry blessing
- ✝ I saw God in the robins in our front yard in the beautiful world God made.
- ✝ I see God through my Mom who continues to get stronger each day.
- ✝ I experienced God at my job, one of the teachers texted me scripture to begin my workday. It was such a simple reminder to let go and let God.
- ✝ Weeks ago, participants in MORE Justice from churches around the Midlands voted on the issue we would address this year. Affordable housing was chosen. Shortly thereafter the issues surrounding Allen-Benedict Court surfaced into public awareness. Was this coincidence? I don't think so. The Spirit blows where it will. God is active and at work in our community.
- ✝ I experienced God by the Sun coming out and warming the earth
- ✝ I thank God for my son and his volunteer work.
- ✝ I experience God through seeing and hearing the beauty of God's world
- ✝ I see God at work in my yard by watching as the cycle continues.
- ✝ I saw God this week when I had to leave for work before the sun had risen and when the day broke. I had to just stop and look at the splendor of light that God sends us
- ✝ I saw God at work with friends and extended family comforting a grieving family that lost their husband and father to a sudden unexpected death and then hearing the promise of eternal life.
- ✝ I saw God at work through the Disciples of Harmony practice and the Hope Chest Build Gathering.
- ✝ I saw God when an older person offered to pray with me and for me.
- ✝ As one of my daughters was traveling to Columbia, she witnessed a terrible wreck and called 911. I am thankful she was not in that wreck and know God was working over her and over the people in the accident.
- ✝ Every morning, a friend sends Bible scripture via text and I respond to her text. What a wonderful way to begin each day.
- ✝ We had been praying for my neighbor who was having pain trying to pass kidney stones. His doctors office was moving this week and they told him to go to the ER. Last night, I invited him and his wife to dinner. Just before they came over, he passed three kidney stones. One large to two smaller without having to use the machine that breaks them up. Our prayers were answered.
- ✝ I see God in every day life. The beauty of each sunrise, flower, blessing of a child or he speaks each day through nature.

*"I felt a Spirit tug today to take this picture:
Gail and Catherine,
Children of God."*



- ✝ I was directing the Living Nativity and at the end, when London was holding the baby Jesus (little Ian) during "Joy to the World", I noticed that Ian was wiggling his fingers and touching them. It dawned on me that he had discovered his hands. Then it struck me that Jesus must have done that same thing. Then in the space of second, I thought about all the times Jesus' hands were deeply involved in our human story - when he reaches out to Peter on the sea, when he healed the sick and cast out demons, when he held the children, when his hands were nailed on the cross, how we are called to be his hands in the world today. All these images happened in just a few seconds. I was overwhelmed. With tears in my eyes, I treasured this precious time where God helped me understand a little more of the mystery of Jesus' human-ness and what it means for us now.
- ✝ I saw God at work in all the ways our church family and staff supported one of our CDC teachers dies suddenly.
- ✝ Help continues to come to me in the lives, hands, and care of Living Spring shepherds to help me for transportation, care and concerns. I am grateful for each of them. It's kind of overwhelming to have needs answered so readily and lovingly. Thank you, God!
- ✝ I saw God at work in the making of the Faith Chests.

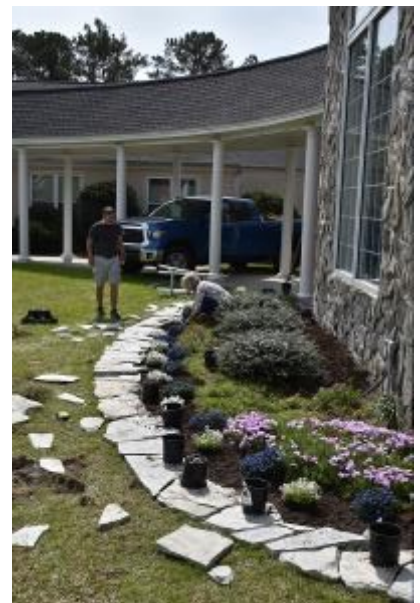
Faith Chest Building



- ✝ God provided peace within me during a very hectic week - awaiting medical test results, an accreditation visit, an event-filled week of Read Across America activities...I felt calm despite the chaos.
- ✝ I experienced God through a friend coming to an exercise class with me just when I needed a friend.
- ✝ I experienced God at work through my piano teacher offering to loan medical equipment.
- ✝ I experienced God at work by taking a wheelchair rental back one day late and the company, not charging a late fee.
- ✝ I gave a new teacher at our school a pew bear one morning before work to simply welcome her. She became tearful and hugged me, telling me she needed to hear that at that moment. She had recently lost her mother and was especially missing her. She said that bear and my sentiments were reminders of God's love and gave her peace.
- ✝ I saw God working at distributing ashes and praying for those who were in a rush early in the morning on Ash Wednesday
- ✝ I have a friend who has been struggling with many things in life. He's been searching for a church. He is craving the word. He attended Ash Wednesday services with me and has been talking about it ever since. He is able to take from our church family a sense of welcome, peace and calm. He intends to visit on a Sunday. I am thankful that this has opened a new door for him.
- ✝ While putting fuel in my truck at a gas station, there was a stack of Daily Bread Books. Reading these often, I said, "Cool, I will take one and keep it in my truck. Later, I stopped at a drive-in and a customer in front of me paid for my meal. Thank you, God!
- ✝ I have been feeling down about life in general and how it always seems like I can't do anything right. Then I noticed some robins cavorting in a yard while driving home from work. I felt this peace come over me. I knew then, that I needed to let my worries go. Just as our Lord takes care of those little birds, surely God will care for me as well. I may not be perfect, but I am a beloved child of a perfect God!
- ✝ Four years ago we saw the Friday Fish Fry sign and decided we should try Living Springs Church. The next Sunday was Easter and our first visit to the church. We have been here ever since! Love Living Springs Church and the people. Praise God!
- ✝ I saw God at work in Children's joy over learning stories of Jesus at Christ the King.
- ✝ I saw God at work in a caring nurse comforting a patient who was not feeling well.
- ✝ I saw God at work in confirmation parents gathering and sharing the blessing of Faith.
- ✝ I was in a place this week that was the work of God. I unexpectedly met up with a friend who needed my help.
- ✝ I saw God at work in a sheriff's deputy receiving ashes and a blessing of safety during Ashes to Go.
- ✝ I saw God in the face of a widow this week when I was on a casualty visit. She has 4 young sons and her husband passed of cancer but she shared with me that God would provide. What a great witness and a great way to see God.
- ✝ I saw God's work seeing all the smiling faces at the fish fry's as LSLC disciples gather to prepare meals for others.
- ✝ I saw God in the comforting words and smile of the hospice worker who came to see Janice at the hospital in Lexington and her reassuring words of comfort.
- ✝ I have seen God bring me comfort and reassurance as I deal with the pain of a herniated disc. I am looking forward to surgery on April 10.
- ✝ The joy of faith shared in our Sr. Youth Sunday School class. God's spirit shines in these young people!
- ✝ Visiting Irvin and Neva who can no longer verbalize the Lord's Prayer. How as we prayed, other ladies in wheel chairs stopped by and prayed. God's presence filled the room.
- ✝ I experienced the love of Christ this past week at a MORE Justice meeting. People of different faiths, colors, and interests coming together to strive for justice.

- ✝ I see God in my four granddaughters and their parents that we visited this past week. I pray that they will always remain grounded in the Lord.
- ✝ We saw our elderly neighbors out for a walk and asked if they wanted to go out for pizza as we were on our way for a quick supper. They said, "Yes!" Ten days later they confessed that the "pizza night" had been his 91st birthday and they didn't have plans. God "synced our calendars" without us knowing!
- ✝ I was moved by the "Dwelling in the Word" at the start of the CDC Board meeting and the focus on children, and starting them on the right path.
- ✝ Sharing daily lives with our family in joy!
- ✝ My friend has been struggling with his depression. His family has not been helping him. He does not trust people enough to talk to his mom or dad. I prayed for him everyday. Nothing happened. But I didn't give up. I kept praying and he finally talked to his mom. It was like God was working through him as I was praying. It was truly a miracle.
- ✝ I saw God at work during our recent Lenten dramas.
- ✝ My daughter shared that at the school where she teaches, on Wednesday at lunch, a group of adults from a nearby church stops by and uses chalk to write positive messages on the walkways so the kids can read them on their way home from school. She said it touches her heart and the kid's too.
- ✝ I saw joy at children & youth playing boomwhackers during Faith Alive SS music - different lives coming together in harmony as we are in Christ.
- ✝ God's presence in the Fish Fry gathering - neighbors & community members meeting strangers and sharing God's joy.
- ✝ Someone shared a God Story that my husband had mentioned about my sone. I was touched that it was shared.
- ✝ We are so blessed to have wonderful people willing to help with our children and youth. Raising children is hard, having church people to help is really seeing Jesus through them as they take their time to help.
- ✝ My son found an old Gideon's Bible in a drawer and it has become his favorite thing. He carries it everywhere and asks if we can read it every night. Out of all his things he wanted to take it to show & tell at preschool. It is amazing to see God's work being done as he grows his faith.
- ✝ I experienced God this week at the Friday Night Fish Fry. A fellow member brightened my day by offering me a word of encouragement.
- ✝ I saw God by seeing my classmate at church.

Spring Work Day



God At Work

Love One Another Celebration



\$32,841 Pledged!



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Pancake Supper



Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello Spring, we welcome you! As we come out of the cloud of pollen we are reminded of the wonders of creation. With the pollen comes new life; new buds on trees beginning to form, birds busily watching over nests as they await their eggs to hatch and the Lenten Roses beginning to show their colors in anticipation of Easter. After a chilling winter, nature begins to warm as it sits in patient anticipation. Often times, we find it hard to be as patient as the creation around us; we are eager, we want to cover the world in bright colors of celebration, but there is much to be said about embracing the cool, the calm, the faith in waiting as the angels roll the stone away.

As we look around the world, let us take a moment to sit in faithfulness, to embrace the gift that we are freely given, to hold tight to the joy and wonders that we see as we walk our journeys of faith. Here at the C.D.C., we are fortunate to see faithfulness lived out in the stories of our children, families and staff.

Faithfulness during an interview with a prospective new team member. When describing our monthly Staff Prayer Lunches and Faith 5, tears were streaming down her face, followed by an apology and an explanation, "I'm sorry, I have just never been at a job where people actually care about how I am doing, where I actually matter".

Faithfulness as a new mom entrusts us to lovingly care and guide her child for the first time in a new center, in a new state with new teachers.

Faithfulness as a toddler hears a teacher begin to sing "Jesus Loves Me" and rocks her body in excitement.

Faithfulness as we see 22:6 disciples visit us to read stories, rock babies and share their time with our children and staff.

Faithfulness as we hear our families ask about the fish fry, eager to take part and join in fellowship.

Faithfulness, in its many forms, is alive and well in our children families, staff and community.

Faithfulness is alive and well even in the cool and calm anticipation of Easter.

Wishing you well,
Tammy and C.D.C. Staff

22:6 Child Development Center Disciple Network

Thank you for the many disciples who shared God's love with the children, families and staff during the month of March!

Signup for April and May opportunities is now available. You can [click here](#) to signup or if you prefer you can use the hard copy signup in the administration building.

There are many opportunities:

Baby Rocker, Mystery Reader, Show & Tell, CDC Pet Caretaker, After School Homework Helper, Hymn Along Helper, Chapel and Bible Time Helper, After School Snack Helper and Caring for God's Creation.

(Prayer Buddies will continue and do not need to sign up again.)



CDC Mystery Reader

Here are some things 22:6 disciples are saying: What a blessing it was today to have a moment to sit and rock a baby. What a joy to see the excitement on the children's face when I came to read. I can't wait to come back and spend more time.

...And some things the staff are saying: My kids really enjoyed having someone come in and read to them. I have enjoyed meeting new people and seeing people enjoy our classrooms.

God is at work in and through this partnership!

Consistent with LSLC policy, disciples who work with children are required to have the LSLC Child Protection and Procedure training every other year.

See Gail Buchanan or Trish Davidson for more information about the 22:6 CDC Disciple Network.

God Moments from our very own little Disciples at LSLC CDC

Ocean (Infants) -

- ◆ Some of the babies had a great time when they were able to join in the singing and fun as Pastor Eric blessed our new library—Christopher's Book Nook.
- ◆ Recently, we were singing when we noticed two children dancing and giving each other a high five.
- ◆ One day the babies were fussy so we decided to sing songs (This Little Light of Mine & He's got the Whole World) and everyone got quiet and just looked content.
- ◆ We are blessed every time a one of our special volunteer baby rocker visits with us.

Mother Goose (Toddlers) -

- ◆ Two of our students are becoming great helpers by putting up chairs after eating.
- ◆ The whole class walked and crawled to the new library and sat still for two complete stories!
- ◆ Our little disciples are learning more and more sign language and using it to communicate.

Forest Friends (Young 2's) -

- ◆ We saw our students welcoming a new friend into the room, sharing toys and giving hugs.
- ◆ Just the other day, a student sneezed and we heard another student said "Bless You. Are you Okay?" and went to check on their friend.
- ◆ What a joy it is to see our children help each other getting their chairs out for snacks, and excitedly saying the Blessing.

Backyard Buddies (Middle Age 2's) -

- ◆ Recently one of our students fell and starting crying. A classmate went to their crying friend and asked if they were "Okay", helped the friend up, and gave them a hug.
- ◆ Every day we see students greeting parents as they enter the classroom in the mornings and helping each other find water cups, backpacks, etc. when its time to go home.

Rainforest (Older 2's & Young 3's) -

- ◆ These students are the best cheerleaders! Through their words and actions, they use their power
- ◆ to build each other up by cheering daily from races and games on the playground to opening lunches

Jumping Jungle (3's) —

- ◆ Recently, one of our students woke up and said to his mother, "It's a new day and I get to do my journey with Jesus".
- ◆ At the end of a prayer one of our students said "Thank you for breaking bread".
- ◆ A girl told her classmate that he did a good job playing the part of Jesus at Bible Time.

Farm Friends (Pre-K) —

- ◆ Farm Friends' very own "Welcome Committee" was in full force by helping a new student get adjusted and settled into her new class.
- ◆ A friend was unsure about trying to draw a truck when another friend was encouraging by saying "You can do it, I know you can do anything".

ASC—

- ◆ One student was being pestered by another student. Instead of getting mad and reacting, he collected himself and calmly told the other one that he didn't like it and to stop.
- ◆ We have seen great growth and maturity in our class as they become more attentive, aware, and present with each other.

A mom called and said she wanted to "brag on us a bit". She, her husband and their daughter were reading an Easter book, their daughter touched her finger to her palm. It took them a moment to realize what she was trying to say or do, but she was insistent and saying something but they weren't quite certain what it was. Suddenly they realized she was signing "Jesus".
What a blessing, what a joy!

Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

CAMPUS MINISTRY – FISH FRY UPDATE

As of 3/28/19, we have met \$820 toward our goal of \$2,000 for the USC Campus Ministry. Our 3/29 event is reaching out to our mission church – Cristo Rey – and inviting them to experience our community event and listen to our campus ministry students reflect on the last 100 years of campus ministry history and how this ministry affects them in their daily lives.

Our last two weeks will give you an opportunity to participate in “Dancing with Our Stars” on 4/5 and “Living Springs Got Talent” on 4/12. We welcome all dancers to show off their steps (Christ Mission Phenomenal Dancers will be there) and talents on these last two weeks. There will be a signup sheet in the admin building or contact Karen Kranz.

If you haven't had your Lenten Fish Fry yet – don't miss out! Fish fry \$8 (broiled \$9) / Children \$5 – eat in and enjoy the entertainment or take out at no extra charge.



VA MINISTRY



These veterans are so inspiring to me. We only get around five to eight people, but I always walk out every month feeling very blessed. One gentleman that I asked if he wanted to play bingo had just got settled in bed & said if we had been there 15 minutes earlier, he would have played. He then proceeded to tell me about being in the Navy, losing 1/3 of his brain and one eye in 1945, but was very proud of the fact that he came home and got a job as a meat cutter. He was so excited about the wonderful day we had and what a beautiful view he had sitting out on the patio. Another veteran played bingo, but was so touched by the hymns we sang, Jim had to finish playing for him, as he opted to look through the hymnal booklet. And I think Hunter could have a new friend in another veteran – he definitely warmed up as Hunter played alongside of him. If you have a free Thursday

night on the fourth Thursday of the month, you will not regret spending 45 minutes with these men and women who have given so much of their own lives so that we can enjoy the freedoms we have. The quarters in the helmet are used for the bingo prizes along with the Thrivent Live Generously shirts. We meet at the church at 5:30 to car-pool or at the VA Community Center at 6:15.

Operation Jnasmuck



Notes from: Fellowship & Mutual Care

LS Cinco De Mayo Fellowship Saturday, May 4 @ 6pm

We are celebrating Cinco de Mayo on Saturday, May 4th at 6:00pm at the Hulbert's, [217 Dove Ridge Rd.](#) Columbia. The Hurlberts will provide the Mexican feast - please bring an appetizer or dessert.

Save the Date:
***5/19 after 10:45**
Spring Picnic



Notes from: TELS - Traveling Evangelists of Living Springs



TELS sees "Church Basement Ladies"
@ Newberry Opera House



Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

JUSTICE MINISTRY UPDATE: APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

Spring is here and new life is apparent everywhere. Justice Ministry is no different. My grandmother used to say, "April showers bring May flowers." With Justice Ministry we are finding that April is the season for "Justice to roll down like the waters" and May 6th is when we will see the "flowers of Justice" bloom at the Nehemiah Action (May 6th, 6:30 pm). We have lots of work to do in April to prepare for the Nehemiah Action on May 6th. "April showers bring May flowers" – keep waters of the Justice ministry in your prayers this month!

On Monday, April 1, hundreds of MORE Justice Network members from 35+ congregations gathered at Reid Chapel AME Church for the annual "Rally." More than 40 Living Springs Justice Network members were there to hear final research reports on the three focus areas of Affordable Housing, Mental Illness, and Education. We planned for the Nehemiah Action together. Each Network member is committed to bringing 3+ others with them to the Nehemiah Action and at the Rally LSLC Network members discussed where we are with invitations. We know that "people power" is what enables us to ask for change and be heard. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to be a part of the Nehemiah Action on May 6th, 6:30 pm. (Stay tuned for more details on location, LSLC bus, carpools, etc.)

Our Justice ministry learned last year just how important "people power" really is. "People power" made a real difference for those affected by Mental Illness in the Midlands. More than 1300 of us gathered at the Nehemiah Action and asked our officials to address problems with Mental Illness in our community. Today we see the "flowers" of that action: More than 100 Columbia police officers now are fully certified in mental health Crisis Intervention Training. Chief Holbrook is instituting a new 911 protocol to enable 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. God was at work through MORE Justice in caring for the mentally ill and for our law enforcement officers.

Spring "flowers" with Education continue to grow. On March 21 MORE Justice held a Forum on Education at Reid Chapel AME Church for the Midlands community. We heard from a panel of teachers, education experts, community members, and others about academic success and school climate. "People power" will be needed this year as we continue to ask for change in Education. And "people power" will be needed when for the first time we ask elected officials to address the problem of Affordable Housing.

We hear the mandate from Scripture for all of us to be involved in three things: "Do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with our God!" These mandates are not connected with an "or". We are each required to do all three. Justice Ministry made a difference in the Midlands last year for those living with mental illness. Justice Ministry will continue to make a difference as people of faith come together to also address problems with affordable housing and education. Living Springs members are all invited to come to the Nehemiah Action on May 6 and to invite others to join us. Transportation will be provided from the church. 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.

Education Forum



Justice Network Blessing



Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*

Grief Adult Milestone

April 7, 28, May 12, 19 @ 2:16 pm

Grief - it's something we all experience, yet something we often avoid discussing or sometimes we avoid facing. We experience grief in many stages in life and in many ways. Too often we grieve silently or alone.

Fortunately, there are resources for help and support. Because God created us to be in community where we can receive comfort, support, and love, Living Spring will be offering a Grief Milestone where we will discuss what grief is, look at what that means in our relationship to God and others, and have time in a safe space to share our grief and receive care and tools for working through grief.

As a capstone to the Milestone, we will have a service to remember those whom we have lost and other ways that we have experienced grief, and also hear the good news that God is with us in the grief and gives us the Spirit and each other.

Our centering verse will be John 14:16 -- And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Comforter, to be with you forever. Because of this verse, we will meet at 14:16 (**2:16PM**) with our sessions on **April 7th, 28th, May 12th, and 19th**. Please let **Christopher** know if you plan on attending this Grief Milestone.



LENTEN WARMING PRAYER STONES



On "Warming the Waters" Sunday, we brought forward warming prayer stones during Holy Communion. These stones are now placed on the Baptismal Fountain. Each stone symbolizes a personal prayer, for EITHER: 1) a specific way the Spirit might warm the waters of my heart and empower me to go into deeper waters of faith and Kingdom-service; OR, 2) a specific person in my life, for whom God might use me to be a living invitation to dip their toes into deeper waters of faith and Kingdom-life. Additional stones are in the basket at the offering table. Please feel free to take a stone, warm it in your hand as you pray, and then place it on the RIM of the baptismal fountain during Communion.

"WARMING THE WATERS" CARDS FOR HOME

On "Warming the Waters" Sunday, we distributed special "Warming the Waters" cards, highlighting 4 Ministry Focus Areas that we prayerfully discerned at our 2019 leadership retreat (based on the responses from the congregation in January). Extra cards are in the narthex. We ask each person to prayerfully read through the focus areas, keep the card in a visible place in your home, and consider how the Spirit might be tugging you personally to Grow in Faith this year through one or more of these ministry focus:

- †**Build inviting, involving, mentoring, discipling relationships, one person at a time!**
- †**Build partnerships for the work of God's kingdom in our community & world!**
- †**Share God's Love - with those who are hurting, alone, marginalized, or feeling unloved!**
- †**Share God-Stories - so that we do not remain silent about God's ongoing work in the world!**

LENTEN 5:04 PRAYER ALERTS

We are sending out daily Lenten "prayer alerts," with the prayer from each day's devotional. Alerts will be sent out at 5:04 PM, reminding us of Luke 5:4, where Jesus instructs Simon to set out into deep waters. May we all go deeper in living out our faith this Lent!





MARCH Bible Book = JOHN

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

May = Acts



Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

Burning of Palms



Askes to Go



Holy Week/Easter Worship Helpers

Plenty of spots available throughout Lent for Worship Assistant positions. Look in the lobby or grab your spot at any of these signup pages: **Mid-Week Lenten Service (Wednesdays)** <https://tinyurl.com/midweeklent>; **Passion Sunday** <https://tinyurl.com/passionsunday>; **Holy Week/Easter** <https://tinyurl.com/lsholyweek>

JuBELLation Choir



Easter Flowers Due by 4/14

If you would like to donate a flower in honor/memory of a loved one, please fill out the form in the narthex & return it to the office or place in the offering plate. The name of your loved one will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. \$12 donation per plant is requested. Due 4/14

Butterflies for Easter Return by 4/19



Butterflies are a symbol of new life in Christ. Once again we will hang butterflies in the church for Easter. Please pick up a butterfly from the narthex – decorate, cut it out and return. Please do not use any food or sparkles.

Living Cross for Easter Sunday Sunday, April 21

On Easter we have a living cross in the front lawn. Please bring live flowers on Easter morning to decorate the cross.



Hymn-Along Thursday April 25

Take an hour out of your morning and join other adults and our preschoolers to visit [NHC Parklane](#). See the residents light up when the children sing *This Little Light of Mine* and we sing old familiar hymns! Start time is 10 am at Rice Estate, 100 Finley Rd, Columbia, Carpool leave at 9:30. Contact Jim Zieche or Karen Kranz.

LS JuBELLation Bell Choir - 25th Year!

2019 is the year we celebrate the gifts of our JuBELLation Bell Choir. 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, April 8 @ 7pm**

We never have to ask for God stories at our book club gatherings – most of the time we are sharing ups and downs in our lives in between discussing the book we are reading. It's that special fellowship that enables us to be comfortable talking about past and current events, domestic situations, problems of the world, and we can even criticize our husbands/significant others without anyone getting offended! April 8 is our next meeting 7 pm at Sue Loveless – [12 Keels Ct. Elgin](#) 29045 ph: 719-424-0777. We enjoy refreshments after discussing our book which is *In the Midst of Winter* by Isabel Allende – please join us!



SC WELCA - Isle of Palms Retreat **4/26-28**

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! Registration form at scwelca.com

SC WELCA Convention **June 7-8**

Ladies the SC WELCA Convention is fast approaching (June 7-8). Living Springs is entitled to two delegates to represent the church. *Delegates expenses are paid as well as first time guest.* Young adults are encouraged to attend.



Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

LMM Conference Supper



Men's Breakfast



Shannon Long Golf Tournament **Saturday, April 27**

LS Annual Golf Tournament will be held at [Northwoods Golf Club \(201 Powell Rd\)](#) on April 27th. Shotgun start will be at 12:30 so be there by 12pm. \$65 entry fee per golfer includes greens fees & fellowship. (Mulligans will be available at tournament check-in for an additional cost!) [Get your registration form here.](#)

We are also looking for business owners or individuals to [sponsor a hole](#) for \$100. All proceeds go to support our LS partnership for a mission congregation.

Contact [Bob Turnmire](#).



Notes from: Jr. Youth

This month, Laura and Bob Turnmire have given of their time at the beginning of most Sunday school classes playing boomwhackers with junior youth, confirmands, and even some senior youth. There are many benefits to learning how to read music, mainly working towards the time when kids are able to follow along with hymns during worship. My hope is that an additional benefit of practicing a song as part of a multi-age group is that it may encourage these children to join choirs in the future.

After music time, we are still using the "All Together Now" curriculum for Sunday school classes, which was created for kids of all ages. No two sessions are exactly alike, but there are always many opportunities for active participation in each lesson, plus lots of roleplaying as Bible times people. The children have shown a good amount of enthusiasm when playing these roles, often dressing in costume and putting themselves in the shoes of these people. We love having the bubble classroom as our dedicated Sunday school space.

When attendance is slim, we make the most of our time by visiting other spaces around Living Springs to join forces with confirmands or senior youth group. These brief interactions with older children offer various opportunities to set a positive example for younger children, so they can imagine being active youth group members when they get a little older. I am so grateful for the emphasis that Living Springs places on faith formation for this age group!

Smiles,
Ellen Girardeau

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



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

In March, God faithfully led new families to Living Springs, who have taken notice of the G.I.F.T. Zone, and started visiting it regularly. I would love to see more parents and older siblings sitting with their young ones in the G.I.F.T. Zone next month - the whole gang is always welcome! One question I have heard which I hope to clear up is that there are no restrictions on what time families may visit the G.I.F.T. Zone during each service.

The G.I.F.T. Zone continues to bless our community by offering opportunities for children to become familiarized with aspects of worship including corporate prayer and communion in a non-intimidating manner. Our young ones have enjoyed several new items in the space this month, including a matching card game, and a set of wooden figurines, hand-painted by a seminarian at LTSS, featuring several men and women from the Bible. These new toys help freshen the space and maintain the kids' interest. If you ever come across educational items that children might be able to enjoy (relatively quietly) during worship, please send them my way!

Peace,

Ellen Girardeau

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



Notes from: *Sr. Youth*

During Youth Sunday, the youth helped us learn about "Warming the Waters" for one another and shared stories about spreading God's radical love in radical ways.

Throughout this season of Lent, we have been reading the Gospel of Luke, where we hear stories of how God is a Mother Hen who protects us and is with us, even when being faithful is unsafe; we've also heard about how God runs out to meet us, despite our unfaithfulness, like a loving Father. Our youth are participating in lots of Spring activities this semester and though it's hard to not be together every week like we're used to, we know that God is with us where we are and we are able to share God's love where we are. We are also thankful for technology that keeps us in touch with one another and lets us share highs and lows and support and care for one another even when we aren't physically together.

On Sunday, April 14, the youth will be leading an Easter egg hunt for the younger children of Living Springs and the community. We'd love to be able to give the children some treats to take home. So, if you are so moved, **we welcome candy donations to distribute** to them during the Hunt. You can drop off a bag anytime during the week or give it to Christopher or Leslie on April 7th or April 14th! Thanks so much!

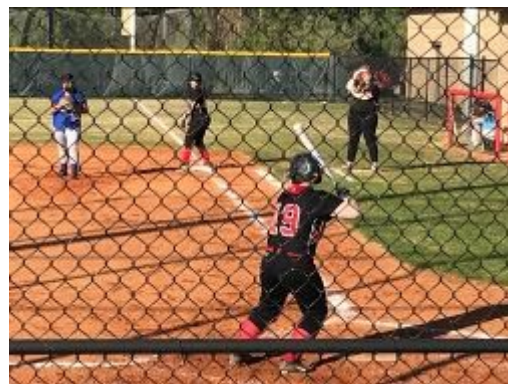
During Faith Alive hour, there are middle school class and a high school Sunday school classes. For the middle school youth, there will be a discussion every week on how we see God moving and being in our modern world with relevant social and cultural issues. For high school youth, a big part of our 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 April, we'll be watching the ELCA Director of Young Adult Programs and Clemson Alumna Savanna Sullivan's speech. You can watch her video here.

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

Easter Egg Hunt is April 14 at 4pm

Campfirmation is Jun 16-22

Mystery Tour is Jun 23-28



Anna Graves & Emma Harris

Notes from: *Young Adults*

We are going to try to go back to having coffee hour after worship where we can discuss current events, our Easter joy, and where we've seen God in our lives. We'll be meeting after worship on the 28th of March at **Starbucks on Killian Rd (in front of Kroger) at 1230. Hope to see you there!**

Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs

Tuesday Devotion Lunch @ Living Springs *Tuesday, April 9 @ 11 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! This month we will be doing a bag lunch. Please feel free to bring your own food, there will be some soup as well for those that desire some or forget their lunch!

Backpack Food Ministry

Every week during the school year, we pack bags of food for children in need at two of our local schools to take home to eat over the weekend. The food is easy items for the kids that don't need cooking. [Click here for a list of items for donation](#). There are buggies in the lobby to drop your items off in. **Our social workers have a conference the first week of May, so we will pack 100 bags on Thursday, April 25 at 4 pm. There will be no backpacks on the following week – May 2. This week, Wednesday April 3, we pack at 5 pm. Next week Tuesday April 9, we pack at 1 pm – 100 bags. No backpacks the week of spring break 15-19.**

God's Storehouse *Monday, April 8 @ 9:30 AM*

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

Living Springs VA Ministry Night *Thursday, April 25 @ 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.*

Good News Walkers *Thursdays @ 8:30 AM*

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

Recovery Comes First *Mondays 7pm-8pm @ Living Springs*

A Narcotics Anonymous Group is being formed here in the NE Columbia area! "Recovery Comes First" will meet every Monday, 7-8 pm, at Living Springs Lutheran Church (Katie Room). This is an "open" group, meaning that anyone affected (directly or indirectly) by narcotic/opioid addiction is welcome to attend.

Living Springs Pew Bear Ministry

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

2019 Altar Flowers *Lots of dates left!*

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.

April 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>7</p> <p>930A Book of Month Intro (John) 1215P Children's Communion Milestone Session 216P Grief Milestone</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels 630P MORE Justice Rally (Reid Chapel AME) 7P Recovery Comes First</p>	<p>2</p> <p>930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>3</p> <p>930A PS Chapel 12P Lent Prayer Service 4P ASC Music 5P Backpacks Food Min. 545P Lent Supper 6P Disciples of Harmony 630P Sr. Youth (Church) 630P Lent Drama Worship 720P Choirs</p>	<p>4</p> <p>630A Men's Bible Study 830A GN Walkers 10A Preschool Music 11A Worship Outreach Task Force 7P Lifelong Discipleship</p>	<p>5</p> <p>530P Lenten Fish Fry (Dancing with Our Stars @ 6)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>530P Lenten Fish Fry (Dancing with Our Stars @ 6)</p>
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<p>14 Palm/Passion Sunday</p> <p>230P Confirmation 4P Egg Hunt & Easter Family Event 6P Healing Service</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First</p>	<p>16</p> <p>930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 6P Rush Hour Ministry (packing @ 530) 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>17</p> <p>930A PS Chapel 4P ASC Music 6P Disciples of Harmony 6P CDC CPR Training 7P Choirs</p>	<p>18</p> <p>630A Men's Bible Study 830A GN Walkers 10A Preschool Music 7P Maundy Thursday Worship</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7P Good Friday Worship</p>	<p>20</p> <p>730P Holy Saturday Worship</p>
<p>21 Easter Sunday</p> <p>645 Easter Son-Rise Worship 815A Easter Sunday Worship 930A Easter Breakfast 1045A Easter Sunday Worship</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Office Closed 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First</p>	<p>23</p> <p>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>24</p> <p>930A PS Chapel 4P ASC Music 6P Disciples of Harmony 630P Sr. Youth (Newton's) 7P Choirs</p>	<p>25</p> <p>830A GN Walkers 10A Hymn Along (NHC Parklane) 4P Backpacks Food Min. 615P LS Veterans Ministry Night (carpool 530)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>930A Crafty Ladies 12P Living Springs Long Memorial Golf Tournament (Northwoods)</p>
<p>28</p> <p>930A End of Month Book Discussion (John) 1215P Children/Youth Ministry Team 216P Grief Milestone 4P Parents of Young Adults</p>	<p>29</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Beer & Hymns</p>	<p>30</p> <p>930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 7P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>1</p> <p>930A PS Chapel 6P Hope Ministry 6P Disciples of Harmony 630P Sr. Youth (Church) 7P Choirs</p>	<p>2</p> <p>630A Men's Bible Study 830A GN Walkers 10A Preschool Music 11A Worship Task Force 4P Backpacks Food Min. 7P Lifelong Discipleship</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6P Cinco de Mayo Fellowship (Huribert's)</p>
						<p>Middle School LCY Retreat @ Camp Kinard 4/26-4/27</p>

Worship Assistant Schedule – April 2019

	Assisting Minister	Lector	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torchbearer	Counters	Children's Message	Council Person
					Inside	Outside					
4/7	8:15 John Imbert	Anna Graves	Bill Franck Julie Ann Harris	Sadonia Grimmer Mike Loveless	Debbie Smith Dea Jones	Eliana Collins Steve Bloss	Ron Smith Mike Davidson			Alison Levitt	Bill Franck
4/7	10:45 Adam Woodruff	Bob Turmire	Trish Davidson Gail Buchanan	Karlene Stuart Austin Padgett Steve Padgett Lauren Bloss	Mike Davidson	Steve Bloss			Karen Kranz (L) Sarah Schultz Midge Gunvalson	Alison Levitt	Mike Davidson
4/14	8:15 Gwen Furcon	Lori Masad	Karen Kranz Scott Graves	Jeff Lummel Jerry Mancuso	Nancy Schwind	Gaby Collins	Gary Bradham			Pastor Eric	Midge Gunvalson
4/14	10:45 Steve Padgett	Adele Lindberg	Jeanette Bloss Leslie Bloss	Walker Flores Mike Davidson Austin Padgett Adam Woodruff	Linda Hayes	Jan Berger	Marshall Hurbert		Bob Turmire (L) Steve Padgett Doug Danner	Pastor Eric	Doug Danner
4/21	6:45 HOLY WEEK	SIGNUP									
4/21	8:15 SEE HOLY WEEK	WEEK	SIGNUP							Lexanne Graves	Vickie Crapps
4/21	10:45 SEE HOLY WEEK	WEEK	SIGNUP						Karlene Stuart (L) Wendy McKenzie Dea Jones	Lexanne Graves	Wendy McKenzie
4/28	8:15 Sandra Dixon	Beverly Hoppert	Jerry Mancuso Helen Doeringhaus	Marj Appleton Jerry Appleton	Kristen Mattson	Wesley Graves	Jeff Lummel	Nancy Schwind		Christopher Girardeau	Julie Ann Harris
4/28	10:45 Mike Davidson	Hunter Prest	Kathryn Padgett Kellee Flores	Randy Masad Marshall Hurbert Preston Ginn Gary Ginn	Cathy Lowman	Walker Flores	Adam Woodruff	Gail Buchanan Trish Davidson	Adam Woodruff (L) Ed Brennan Angie Dyches	Christopher Girardeau	Jeff Tenhover

	Name Tag 8-15	Name Tag 10-45	Sound Tech	Muggers	Flowers	Coffee	Refreshments	Altar Guild
4/7	Susan/Gary Bradham	Karen Kranz	Bob Turmire	Karen Kranz	Tammy Mancuso	Todd Gunvalson	Judy Lawrence	April Kathy Brennan
4/14	Roger Schwind	Gay Walker	Rocky Berger	Charles Tracy	Karen Kranz	Charles Tracy	Sandra Dixon	
4/21	Ashley Ramsey	Ashley Ramsey	Bob Turmire	Bob McDonald	Easter	Karen Kranz	Easter Breakfast	
4/28	Robin & Mike Trautler	Karen Kranz	Rocky Berger	Vickie Crapps	Jan Berger	Bill Franck	Ashley Ramsey	

SIGN UP FOR Second Quarter & Holy Week – WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

The online signup for May is ready to be populated – whatever slots are open by April 20 will need to be manually filled in. If you have not been assigned OR the opposite – have been getting assigned without wanting to be, let Lisa or Karen Kranz know. Time and Talent sheets are available all year round – you can still fill one out if you have had a spirit tug towards serving. 2nd quarter (April - June) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4bbaea92fa0f85-20191>
 Passion Sunday: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4bbaea92fa0f85-passion3>; Holy Week: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4bbaea92fa0f85-holy>

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

April 1	♥ Chuck & Sheila Kowalski	April 12	Emily Johansson
April 2	Graham Bartholomew		Jeff Tenhover
	Sherry Forsgren	April 13	Sally Moore
	Nicolas Kopec	April 16	Gary Ginn
	Mike Wyka		Meredith McKenzie
April 3	Karen Kranz	April 20	Rachel McGahee
April 4	♥ Mark & Karlene Stuart	April 21	Karl Schmidt
April 5	Corin Wiggins	April 25	Tammy Mancuso
	♥ Ashley & Brandon Eichler		Debbie Zvejnieks
	♥ Cheryl & Mark Jenkins	April 26	Delaynee Harmon
April 6	Callie Evans		Abigale Harmon
	Todd Gunvulson		Julia Tenhover
April 7	Bill Franck	April 27	Isla Johansson
April 8	Maddie McCormick		Elouise Niemeyer
April 9	David Giertz		Harold Talbert
April 11	Mike Davidson	April 28	Mark Stuart
	Jim Zieche	April 30	♥ Peter & Debbie Zvejnieks

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!



April 1	Gary Bradham	April 14	Melanie Mooney
	Tammy Mancuso	April 15	Ted Buchanan
	Jerry Mancuso		Bill Franck
April 3	Luke Sorial		Retha Murray
April 8	Samuel Skipper	April 19	Sam Arnold
April 10	Callie Evans		Sophia Skipper
	Nicholas Kopec	April 22	Patrick O'Donnell
	Becky Sides		Pierce O'Donnell
	Peg Zieche	April 23	Laura Turnmire
April 11	Wayne Kannaday	April 24	Mallory Padgett
April 12	Jan Berger	April 25	Judy Lawrence
April 13	Bob Gill	April 26	Dylann Keppery
	Andrew Levitt		Betsy Shank
	Charles Pollard	April 28	Austin Padgett

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