

The Living Springs Journal

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

October 2019



Building Partnerships & Sharing God's Love - "Deeper In Christ, Grace,

OCT. BOOK OF MONTH = JOSHUA! Lunch Discussion—Oct. 8 @ 11:15; Adult SS Class—Oct. 20 @ 9:30



Every January, we gather for our LS leadership retreat and spend much time to prayerfully discern what focus areas God might be uplifting for us as a community of disciples. As the year unfolds, it is always amazing to see how the Spirit leads us to action and growth. For 2019, Focus B and Focus C are:

- *Build partnerships—for the work of God's kingdom in our community and world!*
- *Share God's love—with those who are hurting, alone, marginalized, or feeling unloved!*

And my, how the Spirit has been at work to unfold some incredible opportunities in each of those focus areas.

ITEM 1: God at Work via our Kingdom Vision DOT Tithe! **CONGREGATION INFO GATHERING—SUNDAY, OCT. 13, 9:30-10:30**

Last fall, the congregation participated in a series of Disciple Gatherings to share ideas about what to do with a "tithe" of the DOT funds from the road-widening condemnation. Our council-appointed Kingdom Vision Task Force processed all your input from those gatherings, which led to several consensus points:

- a) The property has never been "ours," but belongs to God - and it was always intended for the work of God's Kingdom in this community.
- b) In order to continue Christ's ministry here in this place, we will need to utilize a majority of funds to re-structure our campus (drives, parking lot, sound barriers, etc.). However, before any of that (just as each of us would do with our own personal financial management)—a tithe (at least 10%) should be given for God's glory to help accomplish God's work beyond ourselves.
- c) Our tithe should prayerfully have a long-lasting impact on people's lives.
- d) Of everything discussed at our disciple gatherings, what came to the forefront was a strong emphasis on children & youth in our community—those experiencing homelessness, lacking food, having no support system, etc.

A summary report of the Kingdom Vision Task Force was shared with the congregation in our Annual Reports and endorsed by council. The council then established an expanded Kingdom Vision Implementation Team to research the best options for our tithe, that would have a long-lasting impact upon the lives of children & youth in greatest need in our community. This team included teachers & other members of our congregation who work directly with youth in our community. After initial research, the Team set up interviews with 3 significant agencies directly involved with ministering to youth here in our community:

- 1) Palmetto Place Children & Youth Services**—which operates 2 homes for youth in crisis in Columbia (they visited LS as part of our Summer Hope series).
- 2) RSD2 Social Work Program**—support directed by frontline local school guidance counselors, who daily deal with youth experiencing homelessness, youth without family support, youth in need of food & basic life necessities, etc.
- 3) Lutheran Services Carolinas**—who provide support, life-skills training, basic necessities for youth transitioning out of foster care.

Our meetings with each of these agencies were truly powerful, with many heart-moving stories about the plight & surprising # of so many youth in our community who live day-to-day in very difficult circumstances. These meetings strongly affirmed what God had spoken through our disciple gatherings—and confirmed that the Spirit was leading us in this direction. We discovered that Palmetto Place has a central role in our community, being used by both the Richland 2 Social Workers *and* Lutheran Services as an important resource to provide housing, support, life-skills training, and more for teens in crisis. As a result, council has received & endorsed a proposal from the Kingdom Vision Implementation

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SPECIAL OCT. HAPPENINGS

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LS "Pets Are A Blessing" Fest

Lake Carolina Town Center
Sunday, Oct. 6, 2:00-4:00

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Congregation Gathering Info Sharing—Road Tithe

Sunday, Oct. 13, 9:30

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Annual LS Trunk 'r Treat (with LM Brats & Hot Dogs!)

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 6:15-7:30

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

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Cristo Rey Mission Partner

Oct. 6, 5:00 (carpool @ 4:15)

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JV Football Ministry

Thursdays @ 3:00

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Backpack Food Ministry

Oct. 3, 10, 16, 30 @ 4:00

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Justice House Gatherings

Oct. 13 @ 5:00 (Woodruff)

Oct. 20 @ 9:30 (Church)

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"TacO 'Bout God"

Oct. 15 @ 6:00 (San Jose)

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Hymn-A-Long @ NHC

Oct. 24 @ 10:00

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Veterans Ministry—Dorn VA

Oct. 24 @ 6:15 (carpool 5:30)

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Community Beer 'n Hymns

Oct. 28, 7:00 (Beef O'Brady's)

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Living Springs "31-ers"

School Reading Ministry

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LS 22:6 CDC Disciples

Share your gifts with LS
Preschoolers or Afterschoolers



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!

DEEPER IN CHRIST + DEEPER IN GRACE + DEEPER IN LOVE

LS "Pets Are a Blessing" Fest
Sunday, October 6, 2 - 4 pm

Come celebrate God's Creation and God's Love for All on Sunday, October 6 at Lake Carolina Town Center Park from 2-4 pm! We gather to rejoice in the blessing that God shares with us through our animal companions.

Bring your dogs, cats, whatever crawls, slithers, or swims around your house! **No pets? You're still welcome to join us!** There will be fellowship with the community as well our annual animal blessing & remembrance. Joining us are:

PETS ARE A BLESSING



Carolina Heat K-9
Richland County Sheriff K-9
Dog Eared Corner
Pawmetto Lifeline

Food available from Philly Phellows, food truck owned by Meredith McKenzie & Brandon Cool!!

Share with your friends as well, this celebration is open to ALL!

We encourage all animals to be on a leash or in a cage/bowl.

If your pet is nervous around people, he/she may remain in the car with the windows down

and we will come to them to give them a blessing.



TRUNK OR TREAT / OKTOBERFEST
Thursday, October 29 6:15 - 7:30 pm



Circle up your trunks again this year on Tuesday, October 29 6:15 to 7:30 pm for a night of fun and activities with our families and community friends! Don't eat dinner at home – our Lutheran Men are providing a Root Beer & Brats Night too! After the gob-lins get their treats, check out the Fellowship Hall, our LS youth groups will have some exciting games!



Dress up in your favorite costume (adults you can be a kid again too), Trick or Treater's circle the trunks to collect their goodies, "bounce" off a little of that candy buzz, treat yourself to a root beer & brat (or hot dog) and then come inside the Fellowship Hall to engage in fun activities. It will be a fun-filled night for all!

Will Martin Luther be there again this year with his door??!! If you are decorating your car trunk, please sign up either [online](#) or sign up sheet in the administration building. It gets pretty competitive, so use those creative juices! Please supply your own candy for your trunk. We will also have a Halloween Candy Basket available for donations.



OFFERING OF SYMBOLIC "DEEPER" STONES

At the beginning of our new Faith Formation year, each person is invited to prayerfully consider in which area(s) you seek to especially grow DEEPER in the months ahead. As you come forward for Communion on Sunday mornings, you are invited to pick up a glass oval and drop it in the corresponding water container at the base of the baptismal font (gold = Christ, blue = Grace, red = Love). Remembering the gift of your baptism, you may dip your thumb in the water and as the oval drops deep into the water, re-trace the cross on your forehead, offering a prayer, **"God, help me grow deeper in _____ this year."**



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Team: that the title of our DOT receipts (plus interest from the past year) be designated to have a long-term impact upon the lives of youth in our community as served by these 3 entities. The initial monetary title is intended to foster a continuing partnership between these 3 agencies. To this end, (similar to what the congregation did with the Shannon Long Mission Partner Fund many years ago), we will establish a LS Community Youth Mission Team that will continue to uplift the needs of local community youth in crisis & help plan a joint annual event to celebrate these 3 agencies' partnership, with ongoing fundraising/support efforts.

On **Sunday, Oct. 13, from 9:30-10:30**, representatives from Palmetto Place and Lutheran Services, plus Abby Cobb, Richland 2 Lead Social Worker, will be here at Living Springs for an important **Congregational Info Session**. Please plan to be present to hear their powerful stories, as well as learn specific details about the Kingdom Vision proposal. The proposal will need to be ratified by the congregation at our Annual Meeting in November. We give thanks for all those who serve as members of our Kingdom Vision Implementation Team: Council Chair Adam Woodruff, Council Rep. Dea Jones, CDC Board Rep. Todd Gunvalson, Rev. Dr. Wayne Kannaday, Teachers Brantley Smith, Kellee Flores, Leslie Bloss; Guardian Ad Litem Sarah Schultz; Family Connections Kathryn Padgett.

ITEM 2: Welcome to Living Springs Boy Scout Troop 737!

Last month, Boy Scout Troop 737, which has been in existence for years, received news that their congregation in Pontiac could no longer continue their sponsorship, due to various transitions. Through scouting contacts at Living Springs, the troop reached out to our congregation—and council has approved Living Springs formal partnership with Troop 737. The troop has 50 registered youth from schools such as Catawba Trail, Longleaf, St. John Neumann, RNE, Ridgeview, Spring Valley, and Blythe-wood. Their primary leaders have 20-35 years experience in scouting, and the troop has a strong record of Eagle Scouts, community service, and congregational support. The Troop will meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30**. Please make the youth, parents, and leaders feel welcome as you see them on Monday evenings (and occasionally on Friday/Sunday afternoons as they depart & return from weekend camping trips). Our youth in today's society are inundated by so many negative influences, and we pray that our partnership with Troop 737 will be a positive blessing for years to come!



Build partnerships—for the work of God's kingdom in our community and world! Share God's love—with those who are hurting, alone, marginalized, or feeling unloved! Last January, when the Spirit revealed those 2 focus areas at our planning retreat, no one in the room could have imagined a partnership of sharing God's love with youth alone in the world through Palmetto Place, Lutheran Services, and R2 Social Work. No one could have imagined a partnership with a "homeless" Boy Scout troop and 40+ youth meeting here at LS to be positively shaped for life ahead.

But then again, decades ago, no one would have imagined a community of disciples named Living Springs gathering on what used to be the intersection of 2 country farm roads. And over 2000 years ago, no one could have imagined the crucified Son of God conquering death and coming out of a tomb, or the Holy Spirit coming upon a room of fear-filled disciples to change the course of history. Oh, may we ever rejoice that the focus of the church's ministry is not limited by our own vision—but is always driven by the grace-filled, unimaginable vision of God!

With constant thanksgiving for all the ways the Spirit leads us to surprising ventures of the Kingdom, *Pastor Eric*

BONUS ITEM #3: JUSTICE MINISTRY UPDATE

Each year, our Justice Ministry begins a new cycle without any pre-determined issues—and we hold a new set of house gatherings to hear what God might be calling us to address in our community. Over 90 house gatherings are being held throughout 30 congregations here in the Midlands, with hundreds of people of faith in attendance. It is very important that all LS disciples share in a house gathering, so that the Spirit can speak through you, regarding what keeps you up at night and what concerns you in our local community. We have already had 4 house gatherings, but there are 2 opportunities remaining: **Oct. 15 (hosted by Adam Woodruff)**, plus a "make-up" session here at church on Oct. 20. If you have not been able to attend a house gathering—or would like to know more about our Justice Ministry, please see any of our LS Team Leaders: Helen Doerpinghaus, Gail Buchanan, Peg & Jim Zieche, Mike Davidson, Gwen Furcron, Wayne Kannaday, or Adam Woodruff. In addition to these team leaders, we already have commitments from 40 Justice Network Members for the year's cycle ahead—with more to come (our goal is 50+). Everyone in the congregation, please mark your calendar for this year's Nehemiah Action Assembly on **Monday, April 27, 2020**. Our goal is to have 150-160 people from LS in attendance (= average Sunday worship). Micah 6:8 and Matthew 23:23 clearly tell us that God asks each & everyone one of us to do 3 things in response to God's grace for us: justice, mercy, faithfulness. For most of my personal life as a disciple, I focused on faithfulness (worship, Bible study, devotion, etc.) and mercy (helping people in need), but often overlooked God's requirement for me to do justice (actively working to bring change to the community/world so that it might more reflect God's kingdom vision for all people, especially the poor, the widow, the orphan, the stranger among us). If you were like me and overlooked the Lord's call regarding justice, our Justice Ministry is a concrete way to remedy that oversight and respond to God's call for us all. Come be part of this effort!!

What does the Lord require of us? But to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God! - Micah 6:8

Growing In Faith Together: 2019-2020 Adult Faith Formation
Deeper In Christ, Deeper In Grace, Deeper In Love

There are a number of opportunities at LSLC to join with others as we continue our faith journey. Find the right one(s) for you and join in ...

Sunday Faith Formation: 9:30AM Sunday Mornings

*(**if you're a parent or grandparent, **bring the children for their classes as well** - see offerings for all ages of children & youth in our separate listing).*

Adult Bible Class - This class takes a deeper look at scripture readings that are used in the worship service that Sunday. (*On 3rd Sundays, the Book of the Month is discussed.) All are welcome to join as we ask "What is God saying to us in the lesson." *Facilitator – Helen Doerpinghaus*

Brand New Faith Action Group – This is not a class; it's a gathering of adults exploring faith, acting as servants for others, hearing Jesus' words and talking about what Jesus might be saying to us. If you are a person who likes to learn & grow by actively reaching out to make a difference in others' lives, this is the place for you. *Facilitators Mike Davidson and Steve Bloss*

Book of the Month Overview – On the **third Sunday** of each month Pastor Eric will give an overview of the Bible "Book of the Month." This year's "Books of the Month" are:

Oct – Joshua

Nov – Judges

Dec - I Kings

Jan – Jeremiah

Feb - Ezra-Nehemiah

March - Matthew

April - Mark

May - I & 2 Corinthians



June - Galatians & Ephesians

July - Hebrews

August – Daniel

Weekly/Monthly Bible Studies & Groups!

**Think you don't know enough to be in a Bible study? No Bible credentials are needed; just questions and the desire to get deeper into the story of Jesus, and the people of God's story, including all of us. Build relationships of support for life's journey as we grow deeper in faith together. Come join the fellowship & dialogue!*

Ladies Bible Study – Meets 10:00AM Tuesdays. We begin for fall on Sept. 10. *Facilitator Beverly Hoppert*

Men's Early Morning Bible Group – 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 6:30AM – explore scripture from a man's perspective. *Facilitator Mike Davidson*

Adult Bible Study – all adults are welcome – 7:00PM Tuesday evenings – we will study the Bible Book of the Month through in depth reading and discussion. *Facilitator Steve Bloss*

Monthly Devotional Lunch – 11:15PM on 2nd Tuesdays – we share discussion & questions over lunch, as Pastor provides further insight into the Bible "Book of the Month." *Facilitator Pastor Eric*

Ladies Book Club – 1st Mondays of alternate months (Aug, Oct, Dec, etc.), hosted in various homes. We pick interesting books and share insights about what we've read. *Facilitator Karen Kranz*

Monthly Men's Breakfast – Last Saturdays @ 8:00am. We dwell in the Word, share in prayer, and plan for events that help us live out our call to be Lutheran Men in Mission. – *Facilitator Bob Turnmire*

Adult Faith Milestones – various faith & life topics, held periodically throughout the year, as announced (see separate listing for our children/youth faith milestones). *Facilitators - Lifelong Discipleship Team*

I see God...

- ✠ I see God in the new Action Gathering that is working to be the light of Christ in our community.
- ✠ I saw God today as all of the young people lifted up their bibles for a special blessing.
- ✠ God at Work through Sunday School classes of various ages - sharing faith, God's word for our lives
- ✠ I felt God's presence this morning during the 9:30 gathering of the "Faith in Action" group as we talked about God & ways to serve.
- ✠ Teaching Sunday School - boy, do I learn a lot!!
- ✠ Blessed to have our Bible Study back together on Tuesday mornings.

Sunday Morning Faith Alive for Children & Youth! 9:30-10:30.

Amazing things are developing for Sunday morning Faith Formation Time! We have some great teaching teams and leaders in place to help us Grow Deeper in Christ, Deeper in Grace, and Deeper in Love!

Children' Groups (age 3/4 - grade 1, grades 2-5) - everyone gather in "bubble room" on right side of fellowship hall. Music greeting time with Adriana McMurphy from 9:30-9:40, then split into separate age groups for Bible lesson & craft learning activity with our team leaders.

Middle Group (grades 6 - confirmation) - gather at 9:30 with Jan Berger and other leaders in area outside the big kitchen (left end of fellowship hall)

Post-Confirmation Group - gather at 9:30 in Youth Room with Leslie Bloss and other leaders.



October Youth Faith Alive Teachers

Date	Team	
Oct. 6	Audrey Turnmire	Laura Turnmire
Oct. 13	Reagan Prest	Adam Woodruff
Oct. 20	Peri Baker	Karen Kranz
Oct. 27	Alexis Hyyppa	London Mancuso

Living Springs Youth and Confirmation Events

*Weekly Wednesday Night Gatherings (6:30-8:00) See Google Calendar for more details.

Date	Event	Details
10/4-10/6	Fall Retreat	Beach weekend, team building, reflection- Growing deeper in Christ
10/13	Confirmation	12:30-2:15
10/20	Confirmation	12:30-2:15
10/20	Marty Party	Lutheran Churches in the area compete in Reformation themed games
10/29	Trunk or Treat	6:00-7:30 Youth volunteer to help run games

Notes from: *Jr. Youth Ministry*

This month, our Jr. Youth went on a scavenger hunt at Target. We completed a few challenges, took lots of silly pictures, and in the spirit of God's Work Our Hands, collected items for Hurricane Dorian relief. God was certainly at work this month- in all of the giggles and smiles, in fellowship and service, and especially in our collection of items for hurricane relief- we collected hundreds of items for a little over \$50!

Our Jr. Youth shared a collective "God Moment" on our bus ride back from Target: "We had fun serving God and we are excited to see how these items can help our neighbors affected by the hurricane".

Next Sunday, October 13th, our Jr. Youth will be heading to Surge Adventure Park for an afternoon of fellowship and fun. Be on the lookout for an email soon!



A group picture from our scavenger hunt!



A selfie with a Target Employee!

Welcome Peri Baker...LS Children & Youth Associate!

Peri M. Baker was called to Living Springs in August of 2019 to serve as a Children and Youth Ministry Associate. Peri is from West Columbia, South Carolina and is a 2017 graduate of Brookland-Cayce High School. Peri currently attends the University of South Carolina where she is pursuing a BA in Religious Studies and a minor in History.

Peri has a passion for children and youth ministry. In 2016, Peri served as the Saxe Gotha Chapter Representative for SCLCY and in 2017 served as the organization's Chaplain. Peri has served as her campus ministry's Region 9 Representative, Chaplain, and President, and just finished her second summer working as a camp counselor at Lutheridge. Peri currently serves as the Midlands Adult Representative for SCLCY.

She enjoys escaping Columbia's heat and traveling to the mountains, iced coffee and spending time with her two pet dogs, Bueller and Cotton. In her free time, you can find Peri spending time with friends, reading, writing, and making people laugh. Peri is so excited to be here and can't wait to see how The Spirit moves this year!



Notes from: *Sr. Youth*

What an amazing group of youth we have! It is very evident that God is prevalent in their lives! We have been lucky to feel God's presence with our group through the following experiences:

- Anna heard God's call to lead the group in devotions at one of our Wednesday night gatherings. She lead us to discuss how Jesus didn't judge people on the outside but looked more inwardly towards their character.
- Austin visited USC for a college visit. The Holy Spirit is guiding him as he chooses the right school for him and his faith journey.
- Some members of our group headed to Lugoff to watch Dakota play in the Lugoff-Elgin Middle football game.
- Two youth families fed our youth for our Wednesday night gatherings. This allowed us to meet at the church and enjoy each other in a more controlled environment.
- We welcomed new members and adult leaders to our group!
- We have been averaging 15-20 people each week (our weekly gatherings are the highs for many each week).
- Isaac taught us how to meditate and it allowed us to stop and listen. Ms. Leslie shared how she has been using this technique in her classroom and in her daily life to help with anxiety.
- Our youth supported each other through the start of the new school year (some of our youth took it upon themselves to reach out to other members of the group to check in).
- Adult leaders
- We have amazing relationships within our group. This allows the youth to be open to share with each other
- The youth are so willing to be God's presence in the community when our youth meets at a local restaurant and openly pray and share in public.
- Hunter's shared his magic tricks that amazed the youth. It made us reflect on how many are amazed at the miracles that Jesus performed.
- Peri and Isaac were installed as youth leaders for Living Springs.

D See God at Work...

- † Presence of God surrounding table at Chick-Fil-A with Sr. Youth during prayer circle.
- † New seminarian!

We can't wait to see how God works through us and where he leads us in October.



Welcome Isaac Taylor...LS Seminarian & Sr. Youth Associate!

Hello! My name is Isaac Taylor, and I am the new LSLC seminary student! I am originally from Farragut, TN and just started seminary school this fall at LTSS. I have spent time as a swimmer and swim coach, youth minister, and most recently as a missionary as a part of the Youth Adults in Global Mission program through the ELCA! I was placed in the Outback of Australia and worked at a boarding school for Indigenous Australian kids there. Some of my interests include sports (I'm a die-hard New England Patriots fan!), music (I play a bit of banjo and guitar), and working with kids in any capacity. My faith is very much based on relationship, and I hope to continue to learn what that means through the context of the LSLC Senior Youth Associate position. I am very grateful to have this opportunity at a church that is already starting to feel like home!

Cheers, Isaac Taylor



Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello and Happy Fall to everyone; although I'm not certain that it feels quite like Fall with the 90* weather. The days are indeed beautiful and full of sunshine and laughter. I love the sound of the children playing outside as the sun is just beginning to warm the playground and children are running, singing and riding trikes. We are fortunate to see examples of our children, families and staff growing deeper in Jesus in a variety of ways.

Our staff are growing deeper in Jesus as they sing songs with our children during music ministry.

Our children are growing deeper in Jesus as they leave chapel time each week asking to be blessed before they leave, a reminder that Jesus is always with them.

Our children and families are growing deeper in Jesus as we go to Hymn-a-longs at our local care facilities, sharing smiles, songs and joy.

Our children and families are growing deeper in Jesus as they join us for Beer-N-Hymns, a time to join together in the excitement and joy of song, food and fellowship.

Our families are growing deeper in Jesus as they join us in collecting supplies for the back pack ministry, and letting others know that they are not alone.

Our staff are growing deeper in Jesus as they work together as a school family, praying together and for one another, supporting each other in highs and lows and being a constant reminder of Jesus' presence in our lives.

Our children are growing deeper in Jesus as they make cards for, and help to deliver food to Meals-on-wheels recipients.

We are blessed in so many ways to see how Jesus is growing in our lives, and how we are growing deeper in Jesus. Thank you for your continued love, compassion and support of our CDC ministry.

Wishing you well, Tammy



Notes from: *Mission Partnership Team*

Last Month at Cristo Rey



I See God At Work...

- † I see God at work as worship books are donated for our friends at Cristo Rey.
- † God was with the children of Cristo Rey as they listened to the story of the Gospel. They were so involved.

Help With Cristo Rey *Sunday, October 6 @ 5 pm*

We are so excited to have Cristo Rey Lutheran in West Columbia as our Mission Partner for 2019! On the first Sunday of each month, we will provide a Bible lesson, crafts, singing, and snacks for their children (at their 5:00 Sunday worship gatherings). We have team leaders, but 5-6 volunteer helpers are needed each month, plus a snack for up to 24-30 children. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex for all future months. Snacks may be dropped off on Sunday mornings. Volunteers will meet at LS at 4:00 and carpool to Cristo Rey. The children speak English, so Spanish fluency is not a requirement. Thanks to everyone who gave offering for the 34 Spanish worship books we are sharing with Cristo Rey. For more info, contact Mission Partner Team members Becky Sides/Midge Gunvalson.

Council Clips - September, 2019



Council opened their September meeting with a prayer led by President Adam Woodruff. After reports & team sharing, we viewed the annual SC Synod DVD, entitled "Stories of God's Abundance." Abundance means loving relationships with God and each other, and sharing God's abundant love with others. We saw powerful stories about how our Mission Support makes a difference in many lives through Campus Ministry, Candidacy Ministry, mission congregations, our Partner Lutheran Church in Japan, and Congregational Vitality projects. God's Abundance and Generosity provides stewardship for all seasons, giving a vision of how we can expand ministry in the future.

Council welcomed Don Gignilliat, the committee chairman of Boy Scout Troop 737 from Pontiac. This troop needs a new home and is seeking to become chartered by LSLC. Gary Ginn, member of Living Springs, is willing to serve as the church representative for the group. Various details were discussed regarding liability coverage, meeting times, security, etc.

Extending a home to the scouts is in keeping with LS 2019 Focus Areas A & B. Council unanimously approved motion LSLC become the new chartering partner for BSA Troop 737. First troop meeting here will be Monday, Sept. 30.

Financial Reports: The Financial Secretary, Bill Franck, reported that for the month of August, 2019, non-designated contributions were \$29,356.09; designated contributions were \$2,167.00; debt/maintenance contributions were \$875.00; for a total of \$32,398.09. The Treasurer, Mike Davidson advised that August Operating Funds include: Checking \$20,617.08 (regular checking plus Givelify account); Money Market Operating Funds \$42,990.19; Total = \$63,607.27. Operating Cash: Total Cash – Total Designated = \$51,003.77.

Bill Franck had provided information concerning a badly-needed update of financial & office administration software to Servant Keeper 8. Council reviewed the expense and unanimously approved moving forward.

Pastor's Report: Isaac Taylor is our new Seminarian and Sr. Youth Associate. Peri Baker is our new Children/Youth Associate. It is wonderful to welcome these servants as we continue to find ourselves Deeper in Christ! Deeper in Grace! And Deeper in Love!

Children & Youth: Our Senior Youth Fall Retreat will be 10/4-5. The Junior Youth Event is 10/13; Confirmation continues on 10/13. The Lord's Prayer Milestone will be 9/29th

Child Development Center: There is a Hymn-a Long on 9/26th at Rice Estates. The CDC always welcomes 22:6 Disciples to help them nurture our children.

Hope Team: VA Ministry will be 9/26th. The Quarterly Rice Estate Supper will be held at Living Springs 10/5.

Fellowship and Mutual Care: LSLC is offering Flu Shots 9/29th. The Seniors Lunch is on 10/13th.

Facilities: There will be a congregational work day on 10/26th.

Finance: For all committees, the Spending Plan is due NOW!

Good News Team: Taco 'bout God will be 10/12th. Beer & Hymns is 9/30th. The "Pets are a Blessing Fest" will be at Lake Carolina on 10/6th. Trunk or Treat is 10/29th.

Justice Ministry: House Gatherings continue. The Community Problems Assembly will be held on 11/4th.

Mission Partner: The next Cristo Rey event will be on October 6th.

Lifelong Discipleships: Parents of College Age/Young Adults (PoCaYa) will meet 9/25th (since re-scheduled).

Worship: Beer & Hymns is on 9/30th, The Pets are a Blessing Fest on 10/6th will have the Carolina Heat K-9 group, Richland County K-9, and Dog Eared Corner (dog grooming and day care).

LMM: The Ridgeview High JV Football Ministry home games are 9/26 and 10/3, 17, 24, and 31. Root Beer and Brats will be held on 10/29, as part of Trunk or Treat.

WELCA: The Midlands WELCA Conference will be held at Living Springs on 10/19th.

Kingdom Vision Implementation Team made its recommendations to Council concerning distribution of our tithe from the road-widening condemnation settlement. A motion was unanimously approved to accept & endorse the team's recommendation, for presentation & ratification by congregation at the Annual Meeting on Nov. 10. A congregation info session will be scheduled.

Faithful Innovation Guiding Team has been assembled for LS ongoing participation in the Synod's 3-year pilot project with Luther Seminary. Team is: Wes Levitt (Council representative), John Imbert, Lori Masad (Convener), Adrianna McMurphy, Angelica Cox, Aaron Smith. They will attend their first conference with pastor on 9/22.

The Faith Formation Discernment Team is being convened by Council Vice-President Jan Berger, and includes Julie Ann Harris, Emma Harris, Lindsey Pittman, Kelly Powell, Allison Levitt, Adriana McMurphy, Kelly Flores and Walker Flores. Their task is to develop a vision for our next staff position focusing on Faith Formation.

God's Corner



Good folks at Living Springs,

It is with great joy that I write this note to give you thanks for your generous gift to the Fresh Start Ministry. Your donation will be used to support those from Allen Benedict Court who are currently still displaced. Please know your kindness will be felt by many.

Your sister in Christ,

Deacon Deanna

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

D See God At Work...

- † After church on Sunday, our son asked us if we thought Pastor Eric's story about the rock on the football field was really true. We told him yes, Pastor tells the truth; he doesn't make up things. Then Monday morning in the car rider line he asked out of the blue, "when do you think Pastor Eric will run out of stories to tell?" I told him I didn't think he would because 50+years times 365 times at 5 stories a day....probably never!! Our son's reply, "Good! I like his stories!" Amen! I do too!
- † I saw God this week as the sun was rising on the coastal marsh.
- † This morning I watched the morning birds fight over the feeder. I saw the goose in the local pond revel with his friends, the Canada Geese. I looked for my favorite horse (who looks like he is wearing pajamas) in the field we pass along the way to church. Thank you, God, for blessing us with your creatures!
- † Presence of God in JV Football Ministry
- † My sister works in a garden center. She brought caterpillars home from the plants. For the last month, we have had 15 caterpillars at home go into the chrysalis state then come out as beautiful butterflies. Everyone we release I think of the new life we have been given through God.
- † I saw God everywhere within Baptist Hospital through the staff, the doctors and in my dad. I could see him getting stronger and being determined to get better.
- † The ELCA declaring itself to be a sanctuary church body!
- † God gave me the ability to grow my hair long enough to donate to someone whom needed it more than I. Thanks be to God!
- † I saw God in all the care and concern shared by friend and family as my family suffered several setbacks over the last six weeks or so. Their spirit-led love reminded me of God's never-ending love!
- † I see God at work, looking at my life partner, 25 years shared. We've grown and changed, individually and together. We've experienced grace, forgiveness, and abundant life in this journey - "church words" made real everyday at home. What a blessing!
- † God's presence on the Synod bus to Selma
- † Thank God that He is with us. He said He would be.
- † I saw God at work when three churches were represented as we built a handicap ramp for person in need.
- † Walking through a parking lot, I spotted a dollar bill. My first thought was "lucky me," but then I thought this would be a perfect offering for the bucket.
- † I was driving up to the NC mountains and noticed that some leaves are starting to change into their fall colors. Thank you, God, for your majesty!
- † I see God's healing in my life internally and externally.
- † When my son was asked to bring a book to school for reading after a test, he picked his bible. He was even asked to read a portion of it.
- † I felt God in my life this week when I agreed to take on more work to help out a colleague an my organization. By myself I wouldn't be able to do it, but with God's help to guide and strengthen me, I know I can accomplish what needs to be done!
- † I heard a story of two friend having a conversation. One came to the other with questions about faith and whether he should become a Christian. His friend simply said, "I can't bear the thought of a being in Eternity without you." That's all it took and the first man dedicated himself to Christ and he's been a Christian ever since.

SHARE YOUR GOD STORY

Has God worked a disciple moment through you or someone else during the week? Email lisaoffice@livingspringscolumbia.org and share the story of God's work - you can also use a green welcome slip in Sunday's bulletins. Stories are published anonymously. This isn't about what "we" are doing, but about God's work in the world!

Notes from: *Hope Ministry*



Dear Living Springs, Thank you for all the ways you support Lutheran Campus Ministry! And a special thank you for tacos on Sunday 9/8! God bless you!

Pastor Michele, Erin, Dan, Clair, & Peri

Dear Living Springs Members, thank you so much for the school supplies that were donated to Rice Creek Elementary. I really appreciate that you thought about our babies! I have already gave most of them out. They were very helpful ♥ Christie Hutchinson

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS

This event confirmed that some things you just need to put in the hands of the Lord. It is an outreach to the community – how and what do we do for the community, but involve all members of our congregation? Make cookies (our goal was 800 – we had over 1,000), make lunches, make a meal for students who want to find the love, grace and forgiveness of Jesus – how simple is that!? AND it all came together on Sept. 8 where everyone was able to decorate cookies (or bake them), assemble “Because YOU Matter” lunch bags with a bottle of water, a sandwich, apple, and fresh baked cookies, and in partnership with our confirmation class we made a meat taco sauce, shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes which was enjoyed by both the confirmation class and our campus ministry students. The cookies were delivered to three fire stations, the sheriff headquarter station, both Palmetto Place Children & Youth Service homes, included in the lunch bags, and were the dessert for the campus ministry students. “Because YOU Matter” lunches were delivered downtown to the homeless. A huge THANK YOU to all that participated.



I see God...

- † God's presence with cookie assembly line for God's Work. Our Hands. And leaders at children's Faith Alive
- † I saw God at work this past week while making cookies and delivering them to first responders
- † A woman rings the doorbell at church and is standing at the door with a bag of groceries for the backpack ministry. It turns out, she saw the “stuff a bus” and had called the office to find out more about our program and how she can help. “It doesn't matter what church – God's never-ending love is for all of us”. She took some copies of the flyer of the items we use for the backpack program and is going to distribute them to her friends and neighbors and since she knows the day and time we assemble, we might find her show up at the door again! God is definitely dwelling in this woman's heart!
- † I work with a friend whose two children went to our Preschool. They worship at a nearby church. The kids remembered our backpack project. They donated items this past week. What a joy to see the love, service, learning fro, the re-school continuing in the world. Thank be to God!

VA MINISTRY

This ministry is such a blessing – you think that one hour would not make a difference in your life; but this night that we spend with some very special people (both men and women) who sacrificed arms/legs/life with their families/whatever, for our freedoms that sometimes we take for granted. It makes you very appreciative of what you have.

When we first started doing this, we had to go room to room to entice the veterans to come to the community room, and now we find them waiting for us – our fellowship, our time, and the fact that we care! One female that has been joining us for the past 3-4 months was transferred to another unit in another building; but she knows the night we come to the Community Center -- she left her dinner in her room with a note stating “do not take – I will be back to eat” so she could join us for our bingo hour! She is such an uplifting person to talk to and you can see her nodding her head in agreement as Pastor Eric reads scripture and ties it into their service to our country and how thankful we all are for their service.



We have another fellow that talks so softly and must be paralyzed a little you can't understand what he is saying, but you can see his lips move to the hymns that we sing in between our bingo games. God has played a role in all of these veterans lives – maybe we can help a little by spending an hour of our time once a month!

Next VA Bingo Night - Thursday, October 24 @ 6:15

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 the week prior to drop off your quarters.*



HYMN ALONG



The community room at Rice Estate was packed! “Where did they all come from?” – the receptionist replied that the residents all love it when the children come sing (us adults should be offended because we weren't mentioned at all!!!, but we understand). The CDC children put on a good show and Mr. Justin gets as much a kick out of them as the residents. How cute is it listening to the children sing This Little Light of Mine and watching the residents with their fingers lifted and singing right along with them. I think we might have to hire an agent because the Child Development Center is becoming a much-requested engagement! We visit one of our nursing facilities the fourth Thursday of the month at 10 am to 10:45 – if you want your day to start off joyful, come join us!



Next Hymn Along - Thursday, October 24 @ 10 am at NHC Healthcare

Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

"All Are Welcome!"

This morning the song **"All Are Welcome"** is running through my mind. Know it? It's a beautiful tune with memorable words that seem fitting as I reflect on Justice Ministry work at Living Springs this month. Here are some of the lyrics from the song that stand out for me:



"Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive." I remember our Justice Ministry work together last year on Affordable Housing. News reports late in the year told us about the deaths at Benedict-Allen neighborhood and the need for 400+ families to find a place quickly where they could **"safely live."** We helped with that through MORE Justice by moving our public officials to start an Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The song goes on: **"Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek, to dream God's reign anew."** Work with MORE Justice is sometimes about confrontation, something I dislike and am not comfortable with. But the song reminds me that we are called to speak in ways that are **"strong and true"** and to **"dream God's reign anew."** Together with hundreds of other people of faith we have done that to make the Midlands safer for those with mental illness and for law enforcement through Crisis Intervention Training. Our community truly is a safer place than it was 2 years ago for those involved in disputes and arrests involving people with mental illness now that hundreds of officers are trained for this work.

Where I hear the most **JOY** with Justice Ministry at Living Springs throughout the year is how this ministry truly touches us, makes our lives richer, as we have the opportunity to work closely and walk shoulder-to-shoulder with so many other people of faith -- across races, denominations, social boundaries, neighborhoods, and faiths! Many of us have longed for the "unity" in "comm-unity" for a long time! In the song "All Are Welcome" I hear the words **"Here the love of Christ shall end divisions"**! That happens week after week with Justice Ministry!

In September we at LS have been meeting in homes, talking about what keeps us awake at night and what in our community makes us angry. So many important stories have been shared and heard. We at LS are concerned about neighborhood violence, services for our seniors and veterans, childhood food poverty, education, health care, and many other problems. Lifting these concerns at our house meetings is bringing us together as Living Springs Christians and unites our hearts with those of hundreds of other people of faith here in the Midlands. In the coming weeks we will meet with other congregations, listen, and choose which problem to address this year. Stay tuned...!

If you haven't yet been a part of a Justice Ministry House Meeting, there are several more opportunities ahead. I'd encourage you to take an hour or two and invest in the conversation! Experience the fellowship and the joy of fulfilling our Lord's command: **"Do Justice, love Mercy, and Walk humbly with God."** (Micah 6:8)



Upcoming House Meetings:

October 13, 5:00 pm, Adam Woodruff

October 20, 9:30 am, LS Church.

As the song says, **"ALL ARE WELCOME!"**

Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

"Churching Out"

The fall is a great time for welcoming people "back to church," as so many of us travel during those months. One thing we strive to remember, though, is that we're the Church no matter where we are. We worship as one body in different congregations, and even in times of holy rest. This can be particularly meaningful now that we're all "back together" on Sunday mornings - we aren't just church for a few hours each week. We're the body of Christ no matter where we go!

Two events have started up this fall that are great examples of worshiping outside of the walls of Living Springs. One is familiar; Beer & Hymns. It's more fun than ever to sing together at Beef 'o' Brady's and make new friends in an inviting way. The newest addition to "churching out" for Living Springs are our Taco 'Bout God dinner conversations on Tuesdays once a month. We meet and chat over a variety of questions, and you get bonus points if you bring someone who we wouldn't otherwise see on Sundays.

Remember, YOU are the church, not the walls around us. We're called to invite others into relationships, and we're not waiting for them to come and visit us. It makes me think of a hymn I recently came across. Here's the first verse:

*The Church of Christ cannot be bound
by walls of wood or stone.
Where charity and love are found,
there can the church be known.*

Handbell Blessing



I see God...
† The members and friends of LSLC for supporting the handbell fundraiser. We are blessed by all the generous donations!



LS Pets Are a Blessing Fest

Sunday, October 6 2-4pm

Lake Carolina Town Center Park

Taco 'Bout God

Tuesday, October 15 @ 6 pm

Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 27

Wear Red!

Beer & Hymns

Monday, October 28 @ 7 pm

Beef O'Brady's

Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

You helped. We needed your help and you came. You came with your skills and your willingness to make a ramp so someone could live a more complete life.

For us, it was a "shot in the dark." We (Good Shepherd's Ramp Builders) knew Living Springs had made some ramps and we had a big project and a small response from our usual pool of volunteers. We needed 2 or 3 and you came with 5 or 6. Now there was a combined team that was full measure, pressed down and overflowing.

As we gathered, we prayed for fellowship and safety and the blessing of our work to help fulfill another's needs. And then things started to breakdown. So we pulled out our backup saw. And it would not work either.

One of the team (from LS) who lived near enough by, went home for HIS mitre saw and we were back in business. One of the team (again, from LS) figured a way to get the broken down saw back to work. (And there was much rejoicing.)

Some of the team might not have noticed there were problems. They were working side-by-side on platforms, ramp portions, and post hole digs.

When the run to Lowes returned with the rest of the material to complete the ramp, the nut that had crippled our main mitre saw was replaced and product returned to normal. We turned around a couple of times and we were done. Pictures taken. Thanks from the client. Hands shaken with new friends and co-workers.

That's what I remember. And mostly, I write to say THANKS. Without your yes to our call for help that 42 foot ramp would not have been completed so quickly. And I am proud that I am one of you — a member of Living Springs — Growing In Faith Together.

Zeke Hanford

PS If you would be willing to join Good Shepherds Ramp Build volunteer list, send a "put me on the list" email to Mike Weaver <mt23weaver@aol.com>. You will get the occasional call to join a build via email. You reply Yes, if available. Then you get the date and location.

Men's Ministry Sunday



Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

LADIES BOOK CLUB

Monday, October 7 @ 7 pm

Our next read is Me Before You by Jojo Moyes – the first in series of three. After you read this, you will want to continue to read After You, and then Still Me. They are all available at the Richland library. I also see there is a DVD available, *Me Before You* released in 2016 which looks like a tear jerker, so have your box of tissues handy.



Our next meeting is Monday, October 7 @ 7 pm – Gwen Brantley will host and Judy Lawrence will provide the goodies. Gwen's address is [503 Summit Square](#) (in the Summit) – ph: 757.592.3777. This group is not exclusive to Living Springs members – do you love to read?, do you like to fellowship with other women? do you enjoy light refreshments and maybe even a glass of wine? This is the place for you! Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information.

Do you like to sew?

Beverly Hoppert is looking for someone to take over the making of our Quillows, a milestone given to HS graduates. Beverly tells me the highlight of this ministry is watching the families come together and being surrounded by God's love through the symbolism of the quillow. To join this ministry, please contact [Beverly](#).



God At Work

Pew Bear Prepping



Rush Hour Ministry



Do see God At Work...

✝ During rush hour, one lady commented that when we hand out the blessing bags, it makes a happy day for her.

Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs



Special Disaster Response Offering

*"God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble"
(Psalm 46:1)*

Our Sunday bucket collection is for Lutheran Disaster Response (through end of November). In addition to giving your bucket change and dollars, checks may be made payable to Living Springs and placed in a regular pew envelope (write Disaster Response on the envelope) the Givelify app or [click here](#).

Lutheran Disaster Response is communicating with the Florida-Bahamas Synod, the South Carolina Synod, the North Carolina Synod, Lutheran Services Carolinas and other partners, who are assessing the immediate needs and initiating a response. While the extent of the damage is not yet known, we will accompany impacted communities from immediate relief through long-term recovery. This is our commitment as a church. As of October 1, we have raised \$2,244.83.

Senior Adult/Empty Nester Lunch

Sunday, October 13 @ 12:15

Fellowship and Mutual Care will be hosting a Senior Adult/Empty Nesters Lunch following the 10:45 service on October 13. We will be celebrating Octoberfest. Join us for Food (German Dishes & Brats), Fun, and Fellowship.



Football Ministry

Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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

- * 5-6 VOLUNTEERS (men & women) at 3:00 to help transport the food from LS, serve the food at Ridgeview, and visit/interact with team members;
 - * Donated DESSERTS (75 portions total per week) - they can be dropped in the kitchen earlier in the day.
 - * Financial donations – make checks to Living Springs and mark, "Football Food Ministry"
- Sign-up for volunteers and desserts can be found in the Admin. Building (or call the office). Contact [Bob Turnmire](#).



I see God...

- ✝ Response of many people reaching out to help those in the Bahamas. All the ways disciples faithfully do God's work in this place of LS.
- ✝ I saw God's blessings in the eyes of my family members who found shelter in my home during the hurricane.
- ✝ God was obviously present and blessed my family in Charleston during Dorian. No danger, no hard, just God's blessings.

Congregational Fall Cleanup & Work Day

Saturday, October 26 @ 8:30am

It's time to spring clean our sanctuary and church property! We need your help on Oct. 26 at 8:30 AM. Bring your ladders and cleaning supplies.

Veterans/Active Military Blessing

November

In November, we would like to honor those of our Living Springs family that have served or are still serving in our armed forces. We kindly ask that if you have served, please call the office with your info. We thank you for your service!



LS Literacy Blitz 31 - Join the "31'ers!"

If you were not able to attend this past Hope Sunday and would like to volunteer 30 minutes of your time, here is the information to sign up:

- Go to www.richland2.org/volunteer
- Click the GREEN BOX
- Watch the three videos (this is a requirement – takes about 45 minutes total)
- Fill out the short contact form and check off that you've watched the videos
- Follow the prompts to complete the background check application (note: sign up as a mentor or tutor)

The three schools participating in this program are Killian Elementary, Bridge Creek Elementary, and Windsor Elementary. Our goal is to have 31 volunteers to match Living Springs's 31st year – will you pray about this? Think about how important it is to have reading skills throughout your life and how you will be helping these 1st to 3rd graders keep up with the rest of their class and go on to succeed in the career goals.



October 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>6</p> <p>930A Lord's Prayer Milestone 2P Pets Are A Blessing Fest 5P Cristo Rey (carpool 415)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Ladies Book Club 7P Boy Scout Troop #737</p>	<p>1</p> <p>930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 6P Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>2</p> <p>930A PS Chapel 4P ASC Music 530P Disciples of Harmony 6P Hope Ministry 6:15P Choir 630P Sr. Youth (LSLC)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>630A Men's Bible Study 830A GN Walkers 10A PS Music Time 1P Staff Meeting 4P Backpacks Food Min. 7P His Heart Beat Ministries (Sanctuary) 7P Lifelong Discipleship</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7P His Heart Beat Ministries (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Sr. Youth Retreat 10/4 - 10/6 (Edisto)</p> <p>One Year to Live Retreat 10/4 - 10/6 (Tracy's Camp)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5P Rice Estate (Set-up at 3:30)</p>
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<p>930P Cong. Info Session 1215P Senior Adult Lunch 1215P Jr. Youth Gathering (Surge Adventure Park) 1230P Confirmation 145P Confirmation Parents 5P Justice House Gathering (Woodruff)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Worship & Music Team 630P Executive Team 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care Team 7P Boy Scout Troop #737</p>	<p>15</p> <p>930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 1230P LSCDC Prayer Lunch 4P ASC Bible Time 6P Bible Study 6P Taco 'Bout God 7P Handbells</p>	<p>16</p> <p>930A PS Chapel 4P ASC Music 4P Backpacks Food Min. 530P Disciples of Harmony 6:15P Choir 630P Sr. Youth (LSLC)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>630A Men's Bible Study 830A GN Walkers 10A PS Music Time 11A GN Worship TF 1P Staff Communion 3P JV Football Ministry 7P Council</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9A WELCA Midlands Conference (LSLC)</p>
<p>930P Justice Gathering 1230P Confirmation 2P Innovation Guiding Team 3P Marty Party (Zion, Lexington)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop #737</p>	<p>22</p> <p>930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 6P Bible Study 630P Justice Team Assembly (St. Peters Catholic) 7P Handbells</p>	<p>23</p> <p>930A PS Chapel 4P ASC Music 530P Disciples of Harmony 6:15P Choir 630P Sr. Youth (Zoe's) 7P My Father's House Ministries (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>830A GN Walkers 10A Hymn Along (NHC Healthcare) 3P JV Football Ministry 6:15P LS Veterans Ministry Night (carpool 530) 7P My Father's House Ministries (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7P My Father's House Ministries (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8A Men's Breakfast 830A Congregational Work Day 930A Crafty Ladies</p>
<p>27 Reformation Sunday 1045P Holy Baptism PoCAYA (TBA)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Beer & Hymns (Beef O'Brady's) 7P Boy Scout Troop #737</p>	<p>29</p> <p>930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 6:15P Trunk or Treat</p>	<p>30</p> <p>930A PS Chapel 4P ASC Music 4P Backpacks Food Min. 530P Disciples of Harmony 6P Hope Ministry 6:15P Choir 630P Sr. Youth (LSLC)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>830A GN Walkers 10A PS Music Time 3P JV Football Ministry</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>

Worship Assistant Schedule – Month 2019

	Assisting Minister	Lector	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torchbearer	Counters	Children's Message	Council Person
10/6	8:15 John Imbert	Julie Ann Harris	Jan Epperson Saundra Dixon	Barb Imbert Bill Franck	Debbie Smith	Jim Zieche	Nancy Schwind			Helen Doerpinghaus	Julie Ann Harris
10/6	10:45 Steve Padgett	Isaac Taylor	Keliee Flores Wendy McKenzie	Gary Ginn Preston Ginn Steve Bloss Wes Levitt	Lauren Bloss	Walker Flores	Adriana McMur-ray	Tiffany Ginn Jan Berger	Karlene Stuart (L) Wendy McKenzie Sue Hyman	Helen Doerpinghaus	Wendy McKenzie
10/13	8:15 Minister Griffin	Susan Bradham	Julie Ann Harris Gwen Furcron	Jeff Lummel Mike Loveless	Judy Lawrence	Emma Harris	Karen Kranz			Ashley Ramsey	Vickie Crapps
10/13	10:45 Isaac Taylor	Adam Woodruff	Audrey Turmire Laura Turmire	Steve Padgett Austin Padgett Lauren Bloss Walker Flores	Jeanette Bloss	Steve Bloss	Leslie Bloss	Gail Buchanan Cynthia Edney	Adam Woodruff (L) Angie Dyches Wes Levitt	Ashley Ramsey	Adam Woodruff
10/20	8:15 Saundra Dixon	Peg Zieche	Lexanne Graves Bill Franck	Gaby Collins Angelica Collins	Sue Hyman	Eliana Collins	Jim Zieche			Isaac Taylor	Midge Gunvalson
10/20	10:45 Alison Levitt	Lori Masad	Steve Bloss Jeanette Bloss	Randy Masad Karlene Stuart Wes Levitt Leslie Bloss	Linda Hayes	Lauren Bloss	Mike Davidson	Adriana McMurphy Trish Davidson	Mark Stuart (L) Trish Davidson Julie Ann Harris	Isaac Taylor	Mike Davidson
10/27	8:15 Jan Berger	Anna Graves	Isaac Taylor Karen Kranz	Shirley Laining Paul Laining	Jan Epperson	Nancy Schwind	Nancy Schwind			Pastor Eric	Bill Franck
10/27	10:45 Jan Berger	Kelly Powell	Trish Davidson Gail Buchanan	Marshall Hurlbert Scott Graves Walker Flores Steve Padgett	Laura Turmire	Adam Woodruff	Karlene Stuart	Ginny Devereaux Leslie Bloss	Marshall Hurlbert (L) Scott Graves Sarah Schuitz	Pastor Eric	Jan Berger
	Name Tag 8:15	Name Tag 10:45		Sound Tech	Muggers	Flowers	Coffee		Refreshments		Altar Guild
10/6	Mike Loveless	Karen Kranz		Bob Turmire	Karen Kranz	Gay Walter	Karen Kranz	Sue Loveless			
10/13	Ashley Ramsey	Karen Kranz		Rocky Berger	Vickie Crapps		Charlie Tracy	Saundra Dixon			October
10/20	Mari & Meg	Gay Walter		Bob Turmire	Charles Tracy		Todd Gunvalson	Susan Bradham			Jan Berger
10/27	Roger Schwind	Karen Kranz		Rocky Berger	Karen Kranz		Bill Franck	Judy Lawrence			

SIGN UP FOR FOURTH QUARTER – WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

The online sign-up for October is ready to be populated – whatever slots are open by October 20 will need to be manually filled in. If you have not been assigned OR the opposite – have been getting assigned without wanting to be, let Lisa 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. 4th quarter (October - December) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4b9aa92fa0f85-20193>

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

October 1

♥ Jesse & Karen Bazemore

October 21

Jerry Appleton

October 3

Wesley Graves

Baylee Owens

Bryson Lay

October 22

Rachel Sorial

♥ Ed & Kathy Brennan

October 23

♥ Paul & Sharon Evans

October 5

Vickie Crapps

October 24

Dea Jones

October 6

Darrell Compas

October 25

Beau Owens

October 7

Lee Collins

October 26

Adriana McMurphy

Lydia Prizer

Laura Stuart

♥ Jim & Peg Zieche

October 27

Paul Evans

October 8

Amber Helms

August Snipes

October 9

Eddie Newton

October 28

Gray Harmon

October 10

♥ Mike & Sarah Schultz

♥ Jack & Ashley Fakoury

October 11

Chuck Kowalski

October 30

♥ Peter & Sally Moore

October 12

♥ Rocky & Jan Berger

October 16

Melissa Christy

October 19

Aaron Smith

October 20

Eleanor Christy

Jason Crapps

Anne Leigh Graves

Bunie Talbert

Rachel Wyka



Celebrate Your Baptism

Don't forget to check the bulletin to see if we will be celebrating your Baptismal Anniversary during this month's Sunday worship services. Immediately below the Gathering Music, there are printed the names of those who are celebrating a baptismal anniversary *in that week*. When the gathering music begins, individuals can quietly come forward to meet Pastor Eric at the baptismal fountain. There, he will re-trace the cross with the water on your forehead and offer a special prayer of blessing for you (children may be accompanied by parents). There is nothing to be anxious about - everything is done quietly while the music is being played. For those who know only the month of your Baptism, you can join us on the first Sunday of the month (if you prefer some other Sunday, please let us know). **If you do not know your baptismal information, then please pick a month when you would like to celebrate this gift of God's grace in your life – and notify the office**, so that we can add you to the celebration list (we'll simply mark the choice of your month with an asterisk). Even if you don't know the exact date, it's important to celebrate this special gift of God's grace in your life. Again, we encourage everyone to research your Baptismal date and find out as much information as you can – let us know if we can help!

October 1

Jerry Appleton

October 15

Mike Schultz

Preston Franks

October 20

Nowell Ramsey

Melody Hair

October 24

Chase Moody

October 2

Ashley Ramsey

October 28

Jan Epperson

October 7

Alex Kopec

October 13

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October 14

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