

#DeeperInHope



The Living Springs Journal

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

December 2019

#DEEPER IN HOPE— The Journey of Advent!

DEC. BOOK OF MONTH = I KINGS! Lunch Discussion—Wed, Dec. 11 @ 12:30; Adult SS Class—Dec. 15 @ 9:30

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Throughout these fall months, it has been somewhat overwhelming to sense and see the Holy Spirit truly taking us DEEPER as a community of disciples: deeper in Christ, deeper in grace, deeper in love, and yes, deeper in gratitude! I have heard the Holy Spirit speak through the incredible Disciple Moments shared at worship by young Hunter Prest, by Mr. Goldie Harmon, and by our Meals-on-Wheels recipient, Mr. Albert Huggins (with more Disciple Moments still to come in December!). I have seen the Holy Spirit taking us to a deeper awareness of God's work in our world through our Faithful Innovation Guiding team—and the community "neighborhood" photos everyone is beginning to share via GodAmongUs@livingspringscolumbia.org. I saw the Holy Spirit taking us deeper in gratitude through the truly inspiring experience of our NE Community Thanksgiving Service, through the amazing music of

praise offered there, and through all the little cards presented at the Lord's altar—enumerating the blessings of God for which we are grateful. (If you happened to miss this awesome worship service, be sure to catch some highlights through our E-outreach postings at our LS Facebook page). I felt the Holy Spirit taking us deeper during the Annual Meeting, with the powerful Ministry Celebration slideshow—and the decisions made that will bring so much hope to youth hurting and alone in our community.

And now, in December, as a new church year begins, we embark with the Spirit on another journey of DEEPNESS. The overriding theme of Advent is always that of HOPE (in fact, the Advent color is blue precisely because blue is the traditional color of hope). In our Advent worship, we will hear Gospel lessons focusing on: the hope for Christ's great and glorious return; the message of preparation & hope brought to the world by John the Baptizer; and the gift of ancient prophetic hope fulfilled in Christ's birth—Emmanuel, "God with us." We will work on a tree lot and gather to have our hearts touched with hope at various children/youth programs. We will grow deeper in hope via mid-week prayer services & daily e-Advent devotions. We will reach out into the community to bring hope to so many who need to be uplifted in life. We will come forward to a manger and offer our Discipleship Commitments, so that through them, the Spirit might take us deeper as God's conduits of hope for this hurting world.

It is truly amazing to behold the ever-deepening work of the Holy Spirit among this community of disciples—and I pray that the Advent journey ahead will take each of you to a deeper place of hope in your life: deeper in Christ, deeper in grace, deeper in love! With anticipation of joy in being with you this Advent & Christmas, *Pastor Eric*

CONGREGATION ADVENT-PALOOZA

Sunday, Dec. 1, 9:15-10:40

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MID-WEEK ADVENT PRAYER

Wednesdays, 12:00 & 6:30

(Choir Cantata @ 6:30 on Dec. 18!)

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CHILDREN/YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, Dec. 8—5pm

(Spaghetti Supper/Elf Store after)

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LIVE OUTDOOR NATIVITY

Friday & Saturday, Dec. 14 & 15—7pm

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CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight Communion

5:00—Family/Children's Service

7:30—Festival Service (music @ 7:15)

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1ST SUNDAY IN CHRISTMAS (Dec. 29)

10:00—Lessons & Carols Worship

LS Annual Discipleship Commitments may be placed in the Sanctuary Manger

during Advent Worship

on Sundays, Dec. 8, 15, or 22

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Deeper in Christ,
Deeper in Grace,
Deeper in Love,
Deeper in Gratitude!

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Don't miss the powerful Disciple Moments to be offered each Sunday!

Cristo Rey Worship & Supper

Sunday, Dec. 1 - 5:00 & 6:00

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Palmetto Place Youth Supper

Wednesday, Dec. 4 - 4:00

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Sanctuary Family Decorating

Saturday, Dec. 7 - 9:00

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LS Advent/Christmas Party

Saturday, Dec. 7—6:00

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CDC Christmas Program

Thursday, Dec. 12—4:00

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Community Beer 'n Carols

Monday, Dec. 16—7:00

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VA Hospital Caroling & Bingo

Thursday, Dec. 19—6:15

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Congregation Caroling

Saturday, Dec. 21—10:00



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

LIVING SPRINGS ADVENT-PALOOZA: Sunday, Dec. 1 starting @ 9:30

We kick off the Advent Season with Advent singing, home devotional crafts, Advent food box decorating, Good News Candy Cane invitation assembly, Backpack food packing, refreshments, fellowship, and more!

"Deeper In Hope" Midweek Advent Services

Wednesdays, 12:00 & 6:30 (Dec. 4, 11, 18)

We gather midweek to take a break from the hectic holiday pace to find peace in God's house—as we join in a journey of deeper hope to "prepare the way of the Lord" in our hearts, lives, and world! Invite a co-worker, classmate, neighbor, stranger, or friend!



"Joy Has Dawned" LS Choir Cantata Dec. 18 @ 6:30

All singers are welcome!
Join us for practice on Dec. 4 and Dec. 11 after evening Advent worship!

New
Added
Scene
&
Choral
Music!



Living Springs Annual

Outdoor Nativity Drama "Love Is Born!"

December 14 & 15 - 7 pm

Animals, characters, and more...

Pause from a hectic holiday pace to witness a 30-minute living enactment of God's gift of love for you...the birth of a savior, Jesus!



Christmas Eve 2019:

"Silent Night, Holy Night" God's Gift of Christmas Love!

5:00pm Family Candlelight Worship
(special children's message & communion)

**7:30pm Festival Candlelight
Communion Worship**
(special music begins at 7:15)

2019 Advent Hope Boxes

**Set up an
Advent Hope Box
in your home!**



**Add 1 non-perishable food item each
day of Advent (Dec. 1st-24th=24 items).**

You can wrap your box in blue, representing the Advent color of hope, then add Advent symbols (or just use a plain box!) Place it under your tree, near your advent wreath, or by a manger scene. Bring the filled box to worship on Christmas Eve (or drop it off at the LS office the week prior). **Our goal is 2019 total items for our local food pantries—one item for every year of our Lord!**

Christmas Dove Tree

for Youth in Need!

**Take a Dove off the Narthex Tree
& Return Gift/Donation by Dec. 15**

Most of us have created wish lists and wait with anticipation to see how many gifts are under the tree. We have family and friends to share in the joy of Christ's birth – some, unfortunately, are not as privileged as us. This year the opportunity to share is yours by choosing a dove off our Christmas Dove Tree for Richland 2 homeless youth or Palmetto Place Children & Youth Services. We do not know their names, but God does! Please choose a Dove and purchase the item indicated and return your wrapped gift or gift card by Sunday, Dec. 15. If you would make a monetary donation, please put \$\$ or check (payable to Living

From Your LS Council & Finance Team: Year-End Regular Giving Focus!

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

In this season, we are truly thankful for all God's amazing blessings in our lives—and for the faithful giving of our Living Springs family! We continue to experience a wonderful growth in ministry, touching so many lives with God's grace. This year, we particularly rejoice in the outpouring of love reflected in all the giving for many special efforts, including: Disaster Response for hurricanes/fires; Family Assistance Fund; "Love One Another" Lutheran Services appeal; Youth projects & Mission Trip; Justice Ministry; Music Ministry; Campus Ministry support (fish fry); Shannon Long Mission partnership (golf tournament); Legrand/Lowman Scholarships (auction); Stuff-a-Bus; Dove Tree; School Supplies; Lutheran Men Committee of 100 mission work; Winter Blankets/Socks; Backpack food ministry; Football devotion ministry; Debt & Maintenance Fund; and so much more!

INVITATION FOR FINAL WEEKS OF 2019: Special Focus on Regular Offerings!

As we come to the end of 2019, we are inviting the congregation to join us in focusing on our Regular Offerings, which provide the foundation for all the special life-changing ministries that God makes possible in this community of faith. As leaders, we are especially encouraging this focus for several reasons:

#1) During the first three quarters of 2019, we were blessed and thankful to get "ahead" in our Annual Regular Giving for our spending plan ministry expenses (something we have seldom been able to do). This prepared us for the expected lag in giving that typically occurs in the fall months (a recent trend seen in many churches, where low summer giving has been replaced by low giving in Sept/Oct—perhaps due to education expenses, credit card bills lagging from summer, etc.). We have various major year-end expenses (annual insurance premium, etc.), so as always, we need to close with a strong December regular offering to end the year in a solid position.

#2) By October, we had exceeded our entire yearly goal for the Debt & Maintenance Fund, so we are in great position with giving for that fund, having already reached our \$21,500+ target amount.

#3) As shared at the Annual Meeting, our growing giving trend over the past 5 years has placed us in a financial position to possibly return to a full-time staff position focusing on faith formation, children/youth, young adults/families, and outreach. This could be either a deacon (as with Lexanne) or an associate pastor (as prior to Lexanne). In order to confidently carry out the call process with the Synod, it is essential that we end this year with a strong finish in our Spending Plan "regular offerings" headed into 2020!

At year's end, we all receive appeals from various sources, and we spend lots of money on material gifts that often end up making little difference in people's lives. Once again, the amazing ministry video shared at our annual meeting showed so many faces and stories of lives filled with joy & hope: people growing deeper in Christ, deeper in grace, deeper in God's love, all because a congregation called Living Springs exists here in the NE Columbia community! As we each ponder our year-end giving, we ask you to join with us in remembering Christ's important ministry at Living Springs, and the life-changing impact made through God's work. We are so thankful for the inspired response of God's people during the first part of this year—and pray that the Spirit will continue to inspire our generous response to God's amazing grace as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's true Christmas gift of love!

Consider a special Christmas or year-end gift... remember or honor a loved one with something that truly makes a difference: sharing the hope & love of Christ through LS Ministry!

With prayers of thanksgiving & joy as we continue to Grow Deeper in Faith Together,

We are BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING! When members of Living Springs see or hear about an immediate need, God is already working within and around us to meet those needs. Throughout the history of Living Springs, God's love flows through us, and we are able to support many worthy community projects. We are also called to support our ongoing, foundational congregational ministry, which make all those other ministries possible. We cannot rest knowing that more work is to be done and God has richly blessed us with time, talent, and treasure. During this Advent season of Hope and Expectation, let us look within to continue recognizing and sharing our blessings from God, knowing all we have comes from Him! May we all prayerful consider, finding ways to share your resources for the Kingdom of God. May God continue to bless us to be bold, daring disciples and walk deeper in faith with the Lord!
– Karlene Stuart, Finance Chair

Notes from: *Faithful Innovation Team*

GodAroundUs@livingspringscolumbia.org

Living Springs is part of the Faithful Innovation Learning Project, sponsored by Luther Seminary. In our prayers, reflection, and action we are asked to help discern where God is at work and where God is leading us to explore innovative ideas & visions as God calls us into the future.

During November and December, we are asking that you take part with us by looking for God's movement in your own lives. As you walk (drive or bike) through your "neighborhood" – i.e. the places you spend your time - where you work, live, play, or volunteer, the athletic fields where your kids play, where you shop, volunteer, etc. slow down to look for God's presence and ask yourself what God might be up to. Please take a picture and send it to our project email address, GodAroundUs@livingspringscolumbia.org, along with a brief caption. If for some reason a photo is not possible, please send a brief written summary of what you saw, heard, sensed and felt "God being up to."

For more details, please see any member of the Guiding Team: Angelica Collins, John Imbert, Wes Levitt, Lori Masad, Adriana McMurphy, Aaron Smith.

At an RCSD Administrative Assistant's desk. She changes the message on it regularly. Every week we go by her desk and a new message is posted. – John Imbert



God working through people working in Law Enforcement

A little glimpse of Pentecost as Advent begins. – Helen Doeringhaus



Pentecost tongues of fire remind us of God's Spirit at work.

Anna Graves playing "Armed Forces on Parade" on the flute for 1400 people, veterans, teachers and students at Muller Road Middle School, Blythewood. Veterans Day 2019. – Lexanne Graves



God working through song, words, and a moment of silence we remember all who sacrifice so much for our freedom.



Posted on the outside of an RCSD investigator's cube. – John Imbert



God at work keeping those safe who protect us from those who would do us harm.

"Devotion in Motion" class opening with prayer at Jeep Rogers Family YMCA, Lake Carolina – John Imbert



"Where 2 or 3 are gathered in my name there I am with them..." (Matthew 18:20)

A beautiful start to a new day with brilliant fall colors- Lake Carolina



God at work: "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

God's Corner



To the Congregation of LS,
Thank you so much for all the thoughts and prayers during my time of healing. The power of prayer is amazing and without people like you supporting my recovery and God's might grace I don't think I would have made it.

Thank you,
Brittany Dudley
Daughter of our landscaper

Dear Living Springs,

I want to share with you my deep sense of gratitude for your generous giving to Mission Support through our partnership together in the South Carolina Synod. In 2 Corinthians 9:11-12, Paul writes words that describe your response to God's abundance: "You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with the many thanksgiving to God." There are so many signs of God's abundance that we celebrate together here in the South Carolina Synod: including five vibrant worshiping communities with our Latino brothers and sisters, breaking ground for building the new house of worship for Cristo Rey, three different leadership paths for congregational vitality, dynamic youth leadership opportunities through weekend retreats and serving camps, partnership with young adults in thirteen campus ministry settings, six young adults in global Mission, thirty-five seminarians being supported in the preparation to become pastors and deacons, building relationships for racial justice around our state through thirty Selma Events, new congregation models in partnership that promote year-round giving. Isn't it amazing to see these many signs of the abundant life through Jesus Christ? Thank you for conversation, consideration and prayer about your Mission Support and the difference your tithes and offerings make in the lives of others. Together all of us are sent to share God's abundant love and grace!

In Jesus' Name,
Rev. Dr. Herman R. Yost, III
Bishop



Notes from: *Fellowship & Mutual Care*

Annual Adult Fellowship and Mutual Care Christmas Party

Maybe Christmas He thought doesn't come from a store.

Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more. The Grinch

Join us for a WHO-BILATION

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH AT THE HOME OF RANDY & BECKY SIDES

308 Crickentree Drive Blythewood

6 PM

BRING AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT

Soft drinks will be provided but you may bring your own adult beverage if you would like.

*****Also please bring a gift card for groceries or gas which will be donated to LTSS to benefit seminary students. Your heart will grow just like Mr. Grinch**

as we let these dedicated students know how much we support them.***

Call or text Becky at 608-5558 or email her at beckysides@earthlink.net for more information.

o See God At Work...

- † God is working at my job making it possible for us to move back to Iowa to be closer to our families.
- † Seeing the joy on children's faces at Trunk or Treat was so uplifting!
- † God was and is present and very evident during the changing of the seasons.
- † I saw God at work in the people who walked and ran in the Hemophilia Turkey Trot as everyone came together in support of those affected by hemophilia in their families.
- † I saw God at work at the funeral of a former colleague where the people worshipped and glorified God's holy name while celebrating her life and her entry into God's kingdom.
- † Thanks be to God for the actions and words of children. I saw that this past week.
- † God's work through the staff at Children's Hospital
- † God's presence in lives of college students supporting each other through Campus Ministry.
- † I see God in the work of service members and First Responders who are called to serve others they don't even know and do so willingly.
- † I saw God at work in the joy and gratitude the students at my school shared with veterans in our community at our parade through our hallways. Smiles and cheers and some tears on the faces of the veterans showed God's grace and love.
- † I was overwhelmed with how much God is at work in our church & congregation during the annual meeting. Thanks be to God for all of the amazing ministries we are blessed to be a part of!
- † A friend of mine had a massive heart attack last week immediately after chairing a meeting. She was rushed by rescue to the hospital where doctors discovered she had a couple of blood clots that traveled to the heart. After inserting a couple of stents, she is resting and on the long road to recovery. Doctors say she should make a full recovery. God was there surrounding her with friends who were able to get the help needed quickly and He saw her through the surgical process afterward. How Great God is!
- † As I was driving home yesterday on a cloudy, rainy, bleak day, I saw a rainbow in the sky reminding me of God's hope & promise.
- † I saw God at work through the life of Robin McMillin, especially her gift of music.
- † I saw God this week in the actions and words of a friend of mine as he battles a disease that affects his mobility.
- † I saw God this week in the remembrance stories of an old friend at the service for the celebration of her life.
- † While shopping this week, I started talking to a man looking at gloves. I made the remark that he needed those this morning. He said he was a crossing guard at one of the elementary schools. That morning, one of the children had asked him if he had an extra pair of gloves. He did not but he was purchasing a pair to surprise the child at dismissal time. God at work!
- † I saw God at work as someone came into my office to let me know that my tire was going flat. They, as well as another gentleman, jumped up to help me change my tire.
- † I heard God at work as my son, who is a college student on a tight budget, told me that during the week he had stopped at a fast food restaurant to get himself lunch. Two gentlemen were there and had asked if he had some spare change to help them get some food. My son went in and bought them both full meals.
- † I'm very thankful for Pastor visiting my sister and praying with us before her surgery.
- † I saw God in the 2nd -5th graders at Rice Creek's Covey Club. The Holy Spirit was present in their excitement when they played "Jingle Bells" on the chimes. They were even more excited about "Joy to the World."
- † The love shared for families in times of loss & grief as a sign of God's comfort & healing power.
- † God was present in the joy of one of our former youth (now a grown adult) as he shared his fond memories of Living Springs and it's people!
- † A bag boy at the grocery store told me he liked my sweater vest. It was so spontaneous. It made me feel positive all day.

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: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Greetings to all as we head into the Christmas Season, with much to celebrate as we Grow Deeper in Hope and reflect on the past month and our experiences.

We Grow Deeper in Hope by sharing with others as we collect items to distribute to Oliver Gospel Mission.

We see our children Grow Deeper in Hope as they make and share cards with the residents of Rice Estates and the V.A., letting them know that they are seen, valued and cared for.

We Grow Deeper in Hope as our children visit Senior Friends to share in joy, love and hope through smiles and song at the Hymn-a-Long.

We see our Families Grow Deeper in Hope as they join their child(ren) for a Stone Soup Celebration with their class. A story of sharing and creating something wonderful when you think you have nothing.

We are excited to watch our children, families and staff Grow Deeper in Hope as we have our Christmas Program, knowing that we celebrate the birth of Jesus and the Hope that is bestowed upon us.

We Grow Deeper in Hope as we have the opportunity to witness the Live Nativity through our Living Springs Disciples as they recreate the moment that a young, unwed girl immersed herself in the HOPE of Jesus and in God's promise.

As we continue to celebrate our Gratitude by giving thanks for the Love that is shared, the Grace that is shown and the Hope that gives us light may we continue to also Grow Deeper in Christ, knowing that what we do and who we are matters in the world.

Hymn Along @ CM Tucker



I See God At Work...

- † The caring of nursing home staff & the residents of CM Tucker
- † I saw god in the smiling faces of the residents at CM Tucker during the Hymn Along



22:6 Child Development Center Disciple Network

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

Signup for December, January and February opportunities is now available. You can click here <insert button w/link> 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, Caring for the CDC Facility and Caring for God's Creation.

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

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.

Lisa, here is the link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4bafa62fa6f58-2262>



Child Development Center Partnership with Publix and Kroger Earn Money for the Center When You Shop for Groceries!

Remember to login to your Publix and/or Kroger account to choose the Living Springs CDC as your designated school. Then when you shop for groceries at these stores, funds will be contributed to the CDC. Recently Publix contributed \$273!



Kroger is a new partner, so remember to designate the Living Springs CDC for Community Rewards on your Kroger account and start earning funds for the center!

Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

READING PROGRAM – LITERACY 31 BLITZ

I have to admit I was a little leery about signing up for this program. You know what I mean ... stepping out of my comfort zone! I love to read, but that's for my own enjoyment, not to some little elementary students – after all, isn't that the teachers job? I went through the very easy process of watching a couple of videos and submitting my social security number for background check and then touching base with the school's reading coach. I am official and even have a valid ID that I just need to strut right into the school like I am a highfalutin official! This is only two weeks into this volunteering program, and I have a new respect for teachers and their responsibilities and trying to retain order in a class of 1st & 2nd graders! Most of the time I am listening and assisting with sounding out the words the child is struggling over, but this last week, this little boy was reading about Toad and Frog at Christmas and he just started bubbling over his last Christmas and that he thought he just got clothing for a present and then his mother told him to look around the back of the tree and there was his most favorite toy in the world – Lego's! It was so joyful to see his face light up when he told his story – I am hoping the reading experience will have a positive impact on him. Another boy in another classroom was having trouble with "pump and pedal" – he would sound it out on one page and have trouble with the same word on the next page. This is where I can see volunteers can give that one-on-one help that is so critical in the learning stages of the students.



Family Promise Night



VA Ministry Night - Disciples of Harmony



Backpack Food Ministry

Well, folks – you heard me tell about a lady that was touched by our stuff a bus project and dropped off some food items last month and now I am here to report this same lady came back again with items for our backpack ministry! I am always in wonder how God works in our lives – the stuff a bus project was just an event to collect food and paper items; but no, it is much greater than that! It brought this woman into our lives – a stranger moved to contribute to something that tugged at her heart. Is that a God Story???

We have depleted our supply of a few items and our inventory could use a little help:

Cereal (individual boxes)
Cookies
Snacks

Items can be dropped off & placed in our shopping carts anytime during the week. If you would like to see what this program is all about – stop in on Thursday at 4 pm and help set up and pack for weekend supplement for children at Rice Creek and Joseph Keels elementary schools. Contact [Karen Kranz](#) if you would like to be put on our contact list.



Notes from: *Mission Partnership Team*

CRISTO REY CELEBRATION SUPPER

Sunday, December 1

In thanksgiving for our mission partnership, the people of Cristo Rey have invited Living Springs to join them for a fellowship celebration supper with Bishop Yoos tonight, after their 5:00 worship service at St. David's, West Columbia. For those wishing to carpool, we will meet here at LS at 4:15. It is not expected, but if you like, you can bring a dish or dessert. Sign-up sheet is located outside the office. *Note: our Mission volunteers will also help with the Children's Lesson during the worship service, as usual.*

Volunteers Needed to help Build Cristo Rey

on Saturdays, Dec. 7th and 14th

Help us build together Cristo Rey on Saturdays, Dec. 7th and 14th. Grab your work gloves and your hammers, maybe an 8 or 10 foot Step Ladder and come out to the site of Cristo Rey at 545 Oak Drive in Lexington off highway 1. The ELCA Mission Builders are here. [Get the volunteer form here](#)

[See more wall raising photos here.](#)



Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

On Monday November 4th, forty five members of Living Springs Lutheran church Justice Ministry team traveled, to Reid Chapel AME. Along with over 550 people from congregations around Columbia we gathered to lift our voices and share our concerns for God's beloved community. We also welcomed two new congregations to the our organization!

Over the last two months at 75 house meetings and additional listening sessions, people shared concerns about neighborhood safety, broken relationships, the rising cost of health care, human trafficking, worries about family members and the elderly. A daughter told of the unsafe conditions her mother suffered in an elder care facility. A Father talked about the difficulty of getting proper affordable medication for his ten year old son. And tragically, we heard the story of a 25 year old young man who is paralyzed from a gunshot wound.

We continue to lift these stories in prayer, and in that prayer we asked for guidance and discernment. These are big problems and we know that only with God's help and his people's action will we be able to find ways to address them. This year those gathered, by an overwhelming vote, chose to address crime and gun violence. Over the next months there will be research to action meetings and we will prayerfully consider a course of action.

These were serious conversations yes, but there were also joyous conversations. Members greeted members. Hugs were shared. We checked in on each other's lives. These connections are just as important as the problems we are addressing. We truly are God's beloved community.



I See God At Work...

- ✝ I saw God at work this past week at the MORE Justice gathering...so many folks gathered to work on problems in our community.
- ✝ I saw God at work at the Community Problems Assembly where 540 people of different faith, race and age gathered to discern the community problem that God is leading us to focus on this year - Crime & gun violence
- ✝ I saw God at work at the MORE Justice Problems Assembly. God was definitely present among his people from all faiths 7 walks of life coming together for a common goal.



Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*
Living Springs 2020 Discipleship Commitments
*Deeper In Christ, Deeper In Grace, Deeper In Love and
Deeper In Gratitude!*

Christ has deeper love for us than we can comprehend. Its depth has no limits. How can we show our gratitude?

Over the next month some of our fellow disciples will share their stories. Stories about their relationship with Christ and their grateful response for Christ's amazing gift of Grace that frees us from sin and death. Consider how you should respond to such love.

We will have an opportunity to respond on several Sundays in December as we place our sealed discipleship commitments in the manger. Commitments sealed so that only God and we know what is in them.

Hunter Prest, Deeper in Christ

I grew deeper in Christ this year by taking up a position as chaplain's aide in my Scouts BSA Troop. I really enjoyed sharing my faith and beliefs to other scouts in my Troop. I think that serving this position out to the fullest has helped me grow deeper because it encourages me to read my Bible and pray often.

My favorite memory as chaplain's aide was a camping trip to Lee State Park where I did a sermon out on a dock. We were able to look across the water and enjoy God's creation while listening to the word.

Serving as chaplain's aide has been one of best faith-building experiences that I have ever done.

I am thankful for your offering that enable Boy Scout troop 737 to use our space so others can have experiences like mine.

Goldie Harmon, Deeper in Christ's Love and Grace

I grew deeper in Christ's Love and Grace thru...

My experience with my heart doctor and my hospitalization. I was having dizzy spells and my family wanted me to see a heart doctor. I went and the doctor ran all sorts of tests and had me wear a heart monitor. One day his office called and said I needed to come in because my heart had stopped beating for several seconds, multiple times.

The heart doctor told me I needed a pacemaker. I was supposed to go the hospital to have a pacemaker put in, spend the night and go home the next day. There were complications with the procedure and then infection set in and I had to remain in the hospital.

I asked my wife to bring me my Bible so that I could search thru Word and prayer every day for God's will. When I pray, I always know what my desire is, but I ask God to show me his will and the Holy Spirit comes in me and helps me hear what God might be saying to me.

The pacemaker had to be removed due to the infection and I spent 8 weeks in the hospital. I continued to pray for God to show me his will. Each day Pastor Eric would visit me and pray with me.

After I left the hospital, I decided to change doctors and the new heart doctor did more study and monitoring of my heart. He asked if I had any more dizzy spells or chest pains and I had not. Based on what he found, he said that I did not need a pacemaker.

When I left it in God's hands, God healed me and I could feel the power of the Holy Spirit, God's Love and Grace.

I thank you for your offerings so that I and many others can grow deeper in faith thru worship, Sunday School and Bible studies.

Praise be to God!

Albert Huggins, Deeper in Love

Albert Huggins is physically disabled, but he is spiritually strong. He is not financially well off, but he is rich in friends who love him and look out for him. He is one of the happiest people you could ever meet. Why?

Albert is grateful for everything that God does for him. "God is everything to me. He wakes me up in the morning and puts me to bed at night."

Albert came from a big family and being one of the youngest he now finds that he is one of the few family members still living. His father died at a young age and Albert is emotional when he recounts his father's death from a heart attack in the back yard of their home. His mother had to fill both roles for him and she passed away a few years ago. "I had two of the sweetest parents in the world. They believed in doing what is right and treating people the way we want to be treated."

Albert is always happy to see us when we deliver the meal to him. It's not just the food. He loves us, too. "I love to see the people come." Just look at the smile on his face in the photo. That is what we see every time we visit him. He especially loves when we take young people to visit him from our Spark Camp or our Child Development Center. "They bring me cards.....I say, y'all give me a hug." He also loves for them to sing. The children leave Albert's house happier than when they entered it, because he has that effect on people. We all leave His house happier than before we arrived there. His love of God and his fellow humans is infectious.

The LSLC Meals on Wheels team all are blessed to know Albert and the other folks we have the joy of serving. Thank you for your offerings that support all our congregation's ministries that provide opportunities for witness and service.

O See God At Work...

- † God was present as the Faith in Action group delivered cookies to the businesses across the street from Living Springs (the Food Mart, Waffle House, & the BP Station). We offered up our prayers to the employees who work near us.
- † I saw God in the faces of our neighbors in the community as we handed out homemade cookies & prayer cards.
- † I am continued to be in awe of our youth. Today, Hunter Prest was highlighted in the Discipleship Commitment then read the lessons, beautifully. God is working through our youth!
- † I saw God on Sunday when Hunter Prest spoke in front of the church about how he grew Deeper in Christ. It was so special!
- † God's presence in Adult SS Class.
- † I saw God this week when they played the video of Mr. Albert Huggins. He is a true saint!
- † I saw God this week when Mr. Goldie shared his empowering story of how he grew Deeper in Christ, Grace and Love. Amazing!



Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

VETERAN'S RECOGNITION DAY

This year it was a little tricky setting up the Quilt of Valor presentation seeing that the honoree was going to be someone on our Hope Ministry team! A couple of months ago, it was on the agenda and in discussing who would be receiving a quilt and when we would have the service, and the need to see if any new people need to complete the military questionnaire. In finding out it was going to be Gary Bradham for his 25 years of service, I enlisted the help of Susan to (1) make sure they attend the day of the service and (2) go along with me when I sort of skip over the "presentation details" on the agenda. It worked! Gary was very surprised and honored to be presented with the Quilt of Valor this year. A small flag was given to all recognized veterans in appreciation of their service to our country.

Thank you to Jeannie Hurlbert who is a member of the Quilts of Valor Region 8 group of women that it is their mission to cover all service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. Many hours of time and labor go into the making of a QoV – each one unique and special.



NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULER PROGRAM

Be on the lookout for an emails from Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) with an introductory email to the program, a chance to update your profile, enter dates if you are not able to serve, dates you can assign for yourself and the big plus... a list of people you are able to ask to sub for you if you are unable to serve any given day. This is somewhat similar to the program signup genius that we have been using, – but a bit more sophisticated than the signup genius that has had comments about difficulty with logging in and finding signups, etc. This is a learning curve, so be patient and in the long run, it should make the worship scheduling a much smoother process. Please contact [Karen Kranz](#) with any questions.

POINSETTIAS AND CANDLES

Due December 18

If you would like to donate a set of 5 Moravian candles or have a poinsettia placed in the sanctuary on Christmas Eve in honor or memory of loved ones, please fill out the forms in the narthex. You may place in the offering plate or turn into the office. Deadline is December 18.

Interested in Playing Bells?

The JuBELLation Handbell Choir has 1 bass position open now and one open in mid-December. If you have any interest in playing, come to practice (Tuesdays from 7-8), see what we're about and give it a try. The bell ringers and director say you need to come to 2-3 practices to see if it's really for you. And if you get 3-4 notes in the first practice, you're doing great! Please call or email Laura Turnmire if you have any questions - 803-361-1143 or scturnmires@yahoo.com.

o See God At Work...

† I saw God this week in the song sung by the choir. He has blessed them with a great talent and they are using these talents to lift up our God.

Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

POETRY NIGHT – LADIES BOOK CLUB

Our annual holiday meeting is going to be held at Blue Fin restaurant in Sandhills on Monday, December 2 at 7 pm. A new twist to our usual book discussion – this year we are inviting all to bring in their favorite poem; or if you just want to enjoy some fellowship with a nice group of ladies, come join us. Contact Karen Kranz if you are attending – 716.998.1157.

SAVE THE DATE:

Women's retreat – Oct. 16-18, 2020 at Lutheran Retreat Center in Isle of Palms.

Filler needed for Crafty Ladies

If you have any old worn out mattress pads or blankets, please consider donating them to the Crafty Ladies. We use these for filler for our quilts. Thank you.



Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

Men's Breakfast



Notes from: *Jr. Youth*

CHILDREN/YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday December 8 @ 5PM

Time has come to prepare for this year's awesome Children/Youth Christmas Program, to be held on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 5:00. There is a spot for all ages (toddlers to teens) as we share the story of the "Noisy Shepherds" who celebrate Jesus' Birth. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex for both speaking and non-speaking parts. Practices will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30. For more info, contact Peri Baker, Kellee Flores, or Adriana McMurphy.



Notes from: *Sr. Youth*



Our Sr. Youth saw God in November:

- in God's creation in Lutheridge.
- through the reconnection of friends at our confirmation retreat.
- through the open arms of Cody's family who welcomed us into their home for a Wednesday night gathering!
- through honest discussions within our youth group.
- through our listening ears as we continue to learn more about each other and strengthen our bonds together.
- through the generosity of our congregation as they continuously show up to support our youth group through tree sales!
- through God's healing hands as he continuously wraps them around our loved ones.
- through the laughter of one another as we gather each week!

We know that December will bring us many opportunities to be present in the community and we look forward to seeing God work through us and others in this awesome time as we celebrate the birth of our savior!

Spaghetti Dinner & Elf Store

Friday, December 8 Following the Christmas Program

Following the Children/Youth Christmas Program, join us in the fellowship hall for a Spaghetti Dinner and the Elf Store. Our Elf Store is a unique little shop we create for your children or "elves" to enjoy shopping for gifts for Mom and Dad and the rest of the family. This rare youth fundraiser provides toddler and elementary age children with a fun, real life learning opportunity of giving to others! Your children will learn how to budget their money (or your money!) while they shop for gifts under \$5 for Mom, Dad and others in your family! Seeing the joy of giving from the eyes of your youngster is one of the best gifts ever!!!

Living Springs Christmas Tree Lot

Christmas Tree Lot is now open! Spread the word! Lot hours: Fridays 5 - 9 pm; Saturdays 10 am - 9 pm; Sundays 12 - 8 pm. Tree Prices are from \$50-\$100. Wreaths are \$25. We encourage all LS members to volunteer for at least one slot during this season to support our Youth Ministries. Please sign up in the admin building for some times to work or <http://bit.ly/2MwbDw-treelot> Contact Leslie Bloss lbloss3306@hotmail.com

D See God At Work...

- † The joy of Christ among the Sr. Youth and the SS Faith Alive team.
- † I saw God this week when we dropped the confirmation kids off at Lutheridge.
- † God's love was greatly shared in the prayer circle of confirmands and their parents before heading up to the glorious mountains of NC! I remain amazed at our youth's willingness to grow deeper in Christ, Love & Grace.



God At Work

Beer & Hymns



See God At Work...

✠ Thank you to all Beer and Hymns band members for sharing your God-given amazing talents with us every month at Beef O'Brad-y's. Our community is blessed to experience the joy of music that you bring into our lives.

Christ the King Sunday/Commitment Planting



Thanksgiving Service



Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

2000 CHRISTMAS OUTREACH INVITATIONS!

Today, each worshipper is asked to take at least five outreach invitations to prayerfully share with someone in upcoming days. They contain info about our Outdoor Nativity and Christmas Eve worship. Don't forget to look for our billboards on Two Notch (south of Clemson), on Clemson (at Earth Rd), and on I-277 (near Fontaine)!

Daily Advent E-Mail Devotions

Beginning tomorrow, our Daily Advent Email Devotions will be arriving in your mailboxes. Theme & Scripture passage are assigned for each weekday during Advent. This is a wonderful way to focus your heart on an Advent message of hope and joy to share with others! A sign-up sheet is in the admin building. You can sign up as an individual, couple, or family.

Decorate Day

Saturday, December 7A 9AM

Join us for this joyful time of fellowship as we decorate the Sanctuary in preparation for celebrating Christ's birth on Saturday December 7th starting at 9:00 AM. Invite a friend, children are welcome! Come drop in and help for as much as you are able. Contact Kathy Brennan or Jim Zieche.

Taco 'Bout God

Tuesday, December 10 @ 6 PM

Each month, everyone is welcome to gather at El Jimador in Sandhills to eat dinner and have conversations around a specific topic. 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. Bring a friend, and spread the word!

Bible Discussion Lunch

Wednesday, December 12

Lunch is offered this month following the Advent Prayer Service on Wednesday, December 11 (service is at noon), with discussion of monthly bible book, I Kings, led by Pr. Eric. Everyone is welcome! Light meal provided by Living Springs Food Ministry. To reserve a spot for you and your friends, sign up in the office lobby. Donation \$6

Beer & Carols

Monday, December 16 @ 7 PM

Love to sing Christmas Carols? Enjoy having a beverage and fellowshiping with others? Come join us for Beer & Carols Monday, December 16, 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!

LIVING SPRINGS' LIVING NATIVITY: LOVE IS BORN

December 14 & 15

**We need more men!!!
The Town of Bethlehem has 11 women
and 1 male as townspeople.**

Definitely not what happened as Joseph and Mary traveled through the town!! Anita and Dea would really appreciate more male volunteers. Do you know someone outside the church that may like to join in the fun!?! If interested, please email [Anita Gabbard](mailto:Anita.Gabbard@living-springs.org) or sign up on the table in the narthex.

Living Nativity Rehearsal Schedule

**All rehearsals are held after the 10:45 service,
approx. 12:15**

December 1 - Shepherds, Angels, Narrator, Mary, Joseph

December 8 - OFF!

December 12 - Time TBD - Tech Rehearsal

December 13 - 6:30 pm - Dress Rehearsal EVERYONE in costume

December 14 and 15 - Living Nativity - Dressed and ready by 6:30!

Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs

Backpack Food Ministry

Thursdays @ 4pm

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

Living Springs VA Ministry Night

Thursday, December 19 @ 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 collection helmet 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.

2020 Altar Flowers

Are you looking for a way to honor or memorialize someone near and dear to you? Make a floral contribution by ordering altar flowers and let the office know who or what it is that you are celebrating **OR** maybe you just want to thank God for the many blessings you receive! There is a signup outside Lisa's office for 2020 or go to <http://goo.gl/mVvrGE>. To order flowers from our preferred florist, contact Blythewood Florist at 691-1820.

Living Springs Pew Bear Ministry

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

Helping Hands!!

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

Disciples Helping Disciples

LSLC has establishing a team of volunteers to perform small household tasks for those members unable to complete them. The team will do minor tasks in the areas of mechanical, electrical, plumbing, IT (computer-related), transportation and other minor home repairs depending on the skills of the team. The team will suggest contacts for jobs beyond the scope of the team skills. Everyone is encouraged to participate. For details contact Ann Lynn Caughman (803-708-2543) or Cathy Lowman (803-917-8523) If you would like to be a member of this team, please sign in the admin building or contact one of the above.

Opportunities Outside Living Springs



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to you and your loved ones. Together, we can do more than we ever could alone, making a huge collective impact on the needs of our church and the world. *Good Gift Catalogues are available in the narthex and the admin lobby. There are also ornaments and note cards to share with your loved one.*

Gift Card Drive for Seminary Students



We have learned of a very significant need in our Synod and invite you and your congregations to join in this Fall Gift Card Drive to benefit Seminary Students at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. Seminary students are focused on completing assigned readings, writing papers, working in local parishes, and engaging in the various ways the Spirit is forming them at LTSS. Unfortunately, many of them are also focused on the financial stress of mounting loans, and very often, the funds they are allowed to borrow do not stretch far enough to cover all the costs of life. Our congregations can make a significant

difference and we hope you will join in this Gift Card Drive by collecting and sending us gift cards for our seminarians. If you feel called to help a student buy some groceries or fill their gas tank, you may buy a gift card to Food Lion, Publix, or Shell and drop them off at our LS office. We'll bring your gifts to students who need them.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 - 5:00 TO 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 - 3:30 TO 7:30 P.M.



ALL ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED & AFFIRMED HERE!

December 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
1 915A Adventpalooza 930A Program Practice 12P Tree Lot (Confirmation) 1215P Nativity Rehearsal 1220P Conf. Parents 5P Cristo Rey 6P Cristo Rey Supper	2 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Worship & Music Team 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop #737 7P Ladies Book Club (Blue Fin)	3 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study/St. Nicholas (Hoppert) 1030A Meals on Wheels 1230P LSCDC Prayer Lunch 4P ASC Bible Time 6P Bible Study 630P Justice Min. Research Kickoff (Rehoboth UMC) 7P Handbells	4 930 PS Chapel 12P Advent Worship 530P Disciples of Harmony 6P Hope Ministry 630P Advent Worship 630P Sr. Youth (LSLC/Wendy's) 7P Choirs	5 630A Men's Bible Study 830A GN Walkers 10A PS Music Time 11A Good News Team 1215P Staff Meeting 630P SC Synod Racial Reconciliation Event (Christ Mission) 7P Lifelong Discipleship	6 5P Youth Lock-in 5P Tree Lot	7 9A Sanctuary Decorating 10A Tree Lot 2P Children's Program Practice 6P Adult Fellowship Christmas Party (Sides')
8 930A Program Practice 12P Tree Lot 1215P Nativity Rehearsal 5P LS Christmas Program, Spaghetti Dinner & Elf Store	9 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care Team 7P Boy Scout Troop #737	10 930A CDC Practice 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P CDC Practice 6P Finance 6P Taco 'Bout God 6P Bible Study 7P Handbells	11 930A CDC Practice 12P Advent Worship 1230P Devotional Lunch 530P Disciples of Harmony 630P Advent Worship 630P Sr. Youth (LSLC/Zaxby's) 7P Choirs	12 830A GN Walkers 10A PS Music Time 4P LSCDC Christmas Program 4P Backpacks Food Min. Time TBD Nativity Tech Rehearsal 630P LSCDC Board	13 5P Tree Lot 630P Live Nativity Dress Rehearsal	14 930A Crafty Ladies 10A Tree Lot 7P Live Outdoor Nativity
15 12P Tree Lot 7P Live Outdoor Nativity	16 1030A Meals on Wheels 630P Executive Team 7P Beer & Carols (Beef O'Brady's) 7P Recovery Comes First	17 930 PS Bible Time 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P ASC Bible Time 4P Backpacks Food Min. 6P Bible Study 7P Handbells	18 930 PS Chapel 12P Advent Worship 615P Choirs 630P Advent Choir Contata 630P Sr. Youth (LSLC/Sonic)	19 630A Men's Bible Study 830A GN Walkers 615P LS Veterans Ministry Night (carpool 530) 7P Council	20 5P Tree Lot (if trees still available)	21 10A Congregation Caroling 10A Tree Lot (if trees still available)
22 12P Tree Lot (if trees still available) 12:30 Confirmation	23 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First	24 Christmas Eve 5P Christmas Eve Family Worship 730P Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship (Special music @ 715)	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26	27	28
29 10A Lessons & Carols	30 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First	31 1030A Meals on Wheels	1 New Years Day Office Closed	2 630A Men's Bible Study 830A GN Walkers 7P Lifelong Discipleship	3	4

Worship Assistant Schedule – December 2019

	Assisting Minister	Lector	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters	Greeters	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torchbearer	Counters	Children's Message	Council Person
12/1	Isaac Taylor	Peg Zieche	Lexanne Graves Julie Ann Harris	Marj Appleton Jerry Appleton	Kristen Mattson	Jerry Mancuso	Bill Franck	Jim Zieche			Laura Turnmire	Midge Gunvalson
12/1	Jan Berger	Isaac Taylor	Wendy McKenzie Steve Padgett	Gary Ginn Preston Ginn Karlene Stuart Wes Levitt	Lauren Bloss	Steve Bloss	Mike Davidson	Steve Bloss	Tiffany Ginn Jeanette Bloss	Karlene Stuart (L) Wendy McKenzie Sue Hyman	Laura Turnmire	Wendy McKenzie
12/8	8:15 Minister Griffin	Beverly Hoppert	Helen Doeringhaus Gwen Furcron	Jeff Lummel Jerry Mancuso	Debbie Smith	Ron Smith	Lucas Shannon	Karen Kranz			Isaac Taylor	Bill Franck
12/8	10:45	Allison Levitt	Dea Jones	Jan Berger Austin Padgett Steve Padgett Leslie Bloss	Trish Davidson	Mike Davidson	Walker Flores	Wes Levitt	Jan Berger Gail Buchanan	Adam Woodruff (L) Angie Dyches Sarah Schultz	Isaac Taylor	Adam Woodruff
12/15	8:15	Helen Doeringhaus	Midge Gunvalson	Karen Kranz Scott Graves	Sue Loveless Mike Loveless	Barb Imbert	Jeff Lummel	Wesley Graves	Jan Epperson		Lexanne Graves	Julie Ann Harris
12/15	10:45	Mike Davidson	Gathy Lowman	Trish Davidson Gail Buchanan	Walker Flores Steve Bloss Jeanette Bloss Marshall Hurlbert	Linda Hayes	Adam Woodruff	Alison Levitt	Karlene Stuart Adriana McMurphy	Mark Stuart (L) Trish Davidson Julie Ann Harris	Lexanne Graves	Mike Davidson
12/22	8:15	John Imbert	Susan Bradham	Minister Griffin Jan Epperson	Nancy Schwind	Gary Bradham	Eliana Collins	Nancy Schwind			Pastor Eric	Jan Berger
12/22	10:45	Steve Padgett	Hunter Prest	Jan Berger Alison Levitt	Marshall Hurlbert Leslie Bloss Walker Flores Lauren Bloss	Cathy Lowman	Lauren Bloss	Mike Davidson	Jan Berger Cynthia Edney	Marshall Hurlbert (L) Scott Graves Wes Levitt	Pastor Eric	Wes Levitt
12/29	10:00	Adam Woodruff	John Imbert	Beverly Hoppert Kellie Flores	Barb Imbert Walker Flores Mike Loveless	Sue Hyman	Bill Franck	Adriana McMurphy	Ginny Devereaux Austin Padgett	Laura Turnmire (L) Leslie Bloss Dea Jones		Dea Jones
	Name Tag 8:15	Name Tag 10:45	Sound Tech	Muggers	Flowers	Coffee	Refreshments	Altar Guild				
12/1	Sue Loveless	Gay Walter	Bob Turnmire	Karen Kranz	Judy Lawrence	Charlie Tracy	Advent Palooza					
12/8	Sue Hyman	Karen Kranz	Rocky Berger	Karen Kranz	Christmas Tree	Karen Kranz	Sandra Dixon				December	
12/15	Jean Weick	Karen Kranz	Bob Turnmire	Karen Kranz	Christmas Tree	Todd Gunvalson	Karen Kranz				Kathy Brennan	
12/22	Roger Schwind	Jeanette Bloss	Rocky Berger	Kathy McDonald	Christmas Tree	Bill Franck	Judy Lawrence					
12/29	Ashley Ramsey	n/a	Bob Turnmire	Charles Tracy	Christmas Tree	n/a	n/a					

SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP – WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

The online signup for Christmas Eve is ready to be populated. Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4baea92fa0f85-20194>. Contact Karen Kranz.

NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULER PROGRAM

See the [Worship pag](#) for information about our new Worship Assistant Scheduler program.

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

December 1	Megan Compas Michael Snipes	December 24	Matthew Brouwer
December 2	Lisa Petty	December 25	Nic Creticos
December 5	Elise Gerald	December 26	Lexanne Graves Linda Hayes
December 6	Peg Zieche	December 28	Savannah Mancuso Leena Skiba
December 9	Lucas Shannon		♥ Barbara & Peter Creighton
December 11	Jessica Bazemore	December 29	Goldie Harmon Jeannie Hurlbert
December 14	Peggy Collins		♥ Marshall & Jeannie Hurlbert
December 16	Lilah Snipes		♥ Mike & Sue Loveless
December 17	Jessica Jorgensen Teagan Lindstedt	December 31	Melanie Mooney Jeremy Niemeyer Randy Sides
December 19	♥ Lee & Barbara Collins		
December 21	Addie Peterson Ron Ramsey		
December 22	Christian Grohman		



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!

December 1	Anne Ducate Chris Kannaday Bob Turnmire	December 24	Jack Arnold
December 2	Brantley Smith	December 29	Scott Graves
December 6	Marj Appleton Evan Turnmire		
December 9	Kellie Snipes		
December 10	Sarah Schultz		
December 17	Jessica Jorgensen		
December 22	Lexanne Graves		
December 23	Karen Kranz		



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