

The Living Springs Journal

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

May 2020



It's Still Easter?! – from Pastor Eric

BOOK(S) OF MONTH = 1&2 Corinthians! THANKFUL TUESDAYS @ 11:00; NO FEAR FRIDAYS @ 11:00

**** In case you missed the earlier e-mailed letter from Pastor sharing updates about our LS Plans from council for the month of May, please [CLICK](#) here for a copy. Thank you—help spread the word!**



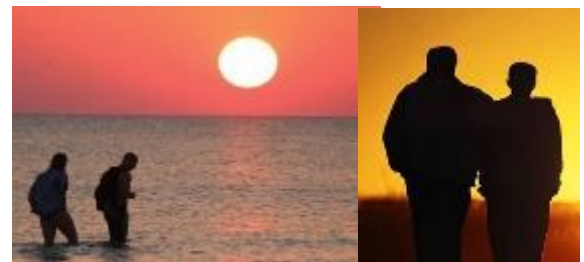
Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Here in the 1st week of May, I walked outside one morning to discover the beautiful sight of an Easter lily blooming in the little flower garden by our house. Over the years, I have always taken home one of the lilies we place in the sanctuary in memory of our departed family members. After the blooms have gone, we plant it somewhere outside. Eventually, it disintegrates & decays to nothing, and I forget all about it. Then, next spring, one or more of them re-appear and come to full bloom. Because they are not being “timed” for Easter Sunday in professional greenhouses, the lilies almost always bloom in the weeks long after Easter Sunday. They serve as a joyful reminder to me that the Easter Season is still going on for 50 days after Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday (this year, May 31). But more importantly, they remind me of the Resurrection victory of God’s love which continues to be celebrated for all eternity!

Occasionally (like this year), the lilies will bloom on the week of Mother’s Day—and they give me pause to stop and give thanks to God for the women who shaped our lives in loving ways, but now have passed to life in the Church Triumphant: Kris’ mother, our 4 grandmothers, my great-grandmother I knew as a little child, our 15 aunts, and various great-aunts ... I rejoice that Easter is still happening for them in the promise of Christ’s Resurrection Hope. I think how for some of them, Mother’s Day was always tinged by sadness, because of miscarriages, children’s deaths, or their inability to have a child. I think of others whom have had difficult or painful relationships with their mothers or children—and yet, those blooming lilies invite me to ponder how God is always at work to bring reconciliation and hope even in the midst of grief, sadness, disappointment, and human brokenness.

Occasionally, one of the lilies will also bloom during the weeks of graduations—and they give me pause to stop and give thanks to God for former many teachers & professors who shaped our lives, but too have now departed from this earth. I think of my first-grade teacher, who was sad around Mother’s Day, because her son was missing in action in Vietnam. I think about beloved Sunday school teachers of my childhood years; about jr. high teachers & coaches who helped me through some difficult early teenage years; about my high school teacher who helped me to a deeper appreciation of how God’s magnificence is revealed through the wonders of science; about college & graduate school professors who helped me to a deeper integration of faith, history, and mathematics; about seminary professors who opened a deeper understanding of the Old and New Testaments. I see those Easter lilies blooming in May—and am reminded of that glorious day to come when all wisdom and knowledge will be enfolded in the full revelation of God’s kingdom upon earth.

I see those lilies blooming in May ... and am reminded that Easter is still happening every week through disciples engaged in virtual worship and devotional streams in new & creative ways. I see those lilies blooming in May ... and am reminded that Easter is still happening through all the amazing on-line gatherings among the disciples of Living Springs—all the support & prayer & ministry that is shared among youth, Sunday School children, Preschool teachers & students, Bible Study participants, Justice Ministry conferences, men’s & women’s groups, choir & handbell groups, and more. Yes, new Easter life of hope and grace continues to be shared in and through God’s people, regardless of any virus!

I see those lilies blooming in May ... and am reminded that Easter is still happening through people in whom the light of God’s all-victorious love



**GOD'S LOVE, OUR HANDS & FACES:
ONE LIFE DEEPER IN 2020!**

God's Love, Our Hearts & Hands: One Life Deeper in 2020!

Build Relationships—inviting, involving, mentoring, discipling relationships, 1 person at a time!

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!

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



continues to shine, as new life and hope are brought into the darkest of circumstances—even a COVID-19 pandemic. Because of our various COVID helping projects, I rejoice to see Easter in the now 400+ Prisma hospital medical staff receiving box lunches, in 1000 break-time snacks shared with the entire Dorn VA staff, in 40 Palmetto Place youth receiving hot Monday dinners for 5+ weeks, in 70 senior adults receiving a weeks' worth of nutritious meals, in 40 unaccompanied teens receiving grocery gift cards, in 50 children still receiving multiple bags of weekend food, in dozens of thank-you cards posted in front-line medical workers' staff rooms, in hundreds of masks being sown by church-women for our CDC staff, in numerous individuals being helped through your offerings to our Family Assistance Fund. Yes, Easter is still everywhere—because God's love is still victorious in all circumstances, because the light still shines in the darkness, and because the Holy Spirit is still at work in the lives of those who have been marked with the cross and joined to the death & resurrection of Christ to carry the light of God's victorious love into the world! Indeed, I am reminded that it is still Easter every time I behold **the light of God's Easter love blooming in you, the people of Living Springs!**

Christ is Risen! Christ is STILL Risen indeed! Alleluia!

With prayers for strength, joy, and peace for each of you in these ongoing Easter days, *Pastor Eric*

May 2020 Online Schedule

Live Streamed Events via our Facebook Page: [@livingspringscolumbia](https://www.facebook.com/livingspringscolumbia)
& YouTube Channel: bit.ly/3cXld8t-LSYouTube
See contact for meeting invitation link

Sundays:

Sunday Worship @ 10 am - Facebook & YouTube

Adult Class @ 9:00am - Contact [Helen Doerpinghaus](#)

Faith In Action Adults @ 9:30am - Contact [Steve Bloss](#)

Children/Jr. Youth @ 1:30pm - Contact Adriana McMurphy, [Peri Baker](#)

Middle School Confirmation @ 2:30 pm - Contact [Jan Berger](#)

Confirmation/Youth Parents @ 3:30pm—Contact Pastor Eric

Sr. Youth @ 4:30 pm - Contact [Leslie Bloss](#)

Tuesdays:

Thankful Tuesdays @ 11 am - Facebook & YouTube

Ladies Bible Study @ 10 am - contact [Beverly Hoppert](#)

Tuesday Evening Bible Study @ 6 pm - Contact [Steve Bloss](#)

Handbell Group @ 7 pm - contact [Laura Turnmire](#)

Wednesdays:

LS-CDC Chapel/Bible Time @ 10 am - Facebook & YouTube

Choir @ 5 pm - contact [Virginia Herlong](#)

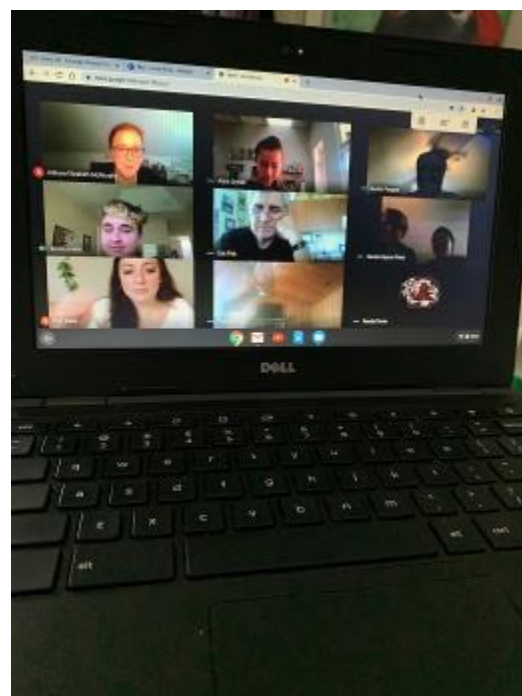
Sr. Youth - @ 6:30 pm - Contact [Leslie Bloss](#)

Thursdays:

"Take Up Your Cross" Devotion Group @ 7:30 pm - Contact [Marshall Hurlbert](#)

Fridays:

No Fear Fridays @ 11 am - Facebook & YouTube



Virtual Worship Views Per YouTube & Facebook (through May 10)

April 19 - Easter 2 - YouTube - 98, Facebook - 264, Total Views= 362

April 26 - Easter 3 - YouTube - 102, Facebook - 396, Total Views= 498

May 3 - Easter 4 - YouTube - 97, Facebook - 257, Total Views= 354

May 10 - Easter 5 - YouTube - 64, Facebook - 133, Total Views= 197

Thankful Tuesdays - 639 total views

No Fear Fridays - 667 total views



God's Corner



The past several weeks at Prisma Health Richland have been difficult. Uncertainty and change have been the new norm but we are wading through like the rest of America. In managing the difficulties of each day, we sometimes forget there are folks that support and care about us. Your gift of food and thank you notes last week was just what we needed. We have displayed the notes of appreciation on a wall in our office to remind us of your support but the food is long gone, security folks have great appetites. There was even enough to share with our partners from the SC Dept. of Corrections too. Again,

From the Security team at Prisma Health Richland, Thank you and God Bless!!!

Warm regards,

Keith Kirchner

Security Program Manager, Security Services, Prisma Health



To all the members of Living Springs,
Thank you all so much for the lunches you provided for us. We were so appreciative for you generosity It was a great treat which we enjoyed very much.

Love, PACU (Adult Recovery), Prisma Health Richland



Gina Vincent
Ashley Baling
Stephanie Shampert RN
Melinda Sheppard, RN
Ernie Goodno
Valery H
Janice
Suzannah
Carole B.
Tecaita
Nicole Torrey
Karen Beyer
Nancy Rudicover
Marcus Welch, RN
Thank you for thinking of us

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for blessing us with a delicious lunch yesterday. Your kindness, generosity and prayers are greatly appreciated. The pictures with the special messages were uplifting and encouraging to us.

Thank you again,
Outpatient Surgery Staff
Prisma Health Richland



Thank you very much for donating food at Prisma Health Richland. I'm one Infectious Diseases Pharmacist and my wife is an outpatient Pharmacist at Richland. We appreciate your kindness and showing God's love in our community.

Brandon & Nicole

I just wanted to say Thank-You for feeding my staff lunch last week. They were so appreciative and enjoyed it so very much. The thoughtfulness of you and your church did not go unnoticed. They especially loved all the Thank You messages from your youth group. Please let us know if we can ever do any thing for you.

Cathy Shealy, NM General OR.



Dear Faithful People of Living Springs,

In the fall, you answered the call for gift cards to help seminarians fill in the gaps where part time jobs and students loans don't quite meet their needs. It has been my privilege to distribute them as needed. Now that most part-time jobs have been eliminated, the need is great. Since most of our students have need and none of them are coming to my office because of social distancing, I'm mailing out cards to those who need some help. I just slipped the ones you gave us into envelopes ~ and they are on their way to seminarians who will be so grateful for that grace in their mail-boxes! I give thanks for you faithfulness, Living Springs!

In Christ's Love, Jennifer Shimota

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

To

Living Springs Lutheran Church
for their financial support of and generosity to the
camping ministries of NovusWay during 2019.

A strong intentional faith community and time spent
in God's creation changes lives and strengthens the church.

Thank you for partnering in ministry with us!

Boyd W. Harris, IV
Executive Director - CEO

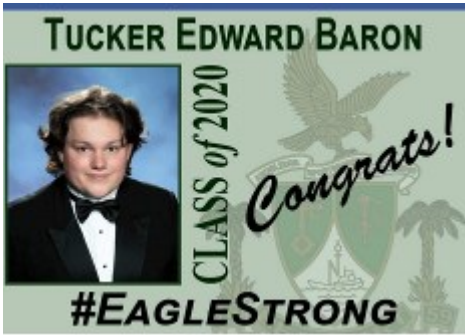
Mitzie Schafer, Deacon
Vice President for Development



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& Thankful Tuesday

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& YouTube Channel: [bit.ly/3cXld8t-LSYouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3cXld8t-LSYouTube)



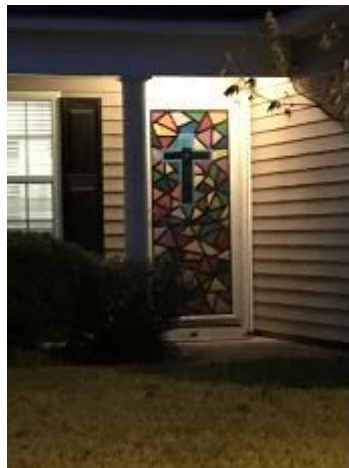
I saw God's love in this billboard that the teachers at Beaufort High School made for my grandson, Tucker. The Seniors went to pick up their caps and gowns, and these signs were outside the school. Sorry, but I don't know how to crop it. Ann-Lynn



In troubled times God's beauty is still there to comfort us. Seeing these 2 beauties together is a sight this longtime birdwatcher has never seen before. Thankful that there is still beauty and comfort all around us.



Enjoying God's beauty this Easter season!



I am thankful for my family. Garrett Flores





I am thankful for my sister who keeps me company.
Hunter Prest

Thankful for new life all around us.
Alyssa Prest



We are thankful for plants and the peace we have received from watching these grow from seeds. If God gives these seeds all they need to grow, He will surely provide for us as well.

Luke 12:24

Consider the ravens: they do not sow or reap; they have no storehouse or barn, yet God feeds them. How much more valuable are you than the birds.

The Smiths



Eliana and Gaby are thankful for their furry companions.

I am thankful that I'm still able to participate in the backpack ministry.



No Fear Friday....
or Any day....
thank you good and gracious Lord!

I can't make out the "credit" but I would like to share this photo. I am so thankful for the little things in life, the things we take for granted every day.



Thankful we are able to help children in need.



Walker is thankful for his teammates

Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello, and blessings to everyone as we continue to move through this time that is likely dissimilar to any other that we have personally witnessed in our world,

Some may see this as a time for concern, worry or fear; fear of what comes next, how do we find our "new normal" and where do we go from here? There are many open-ended questions that we yearn to answer, so many unknowns and chances for fear to creep in. Yet, with all the changes, conversation, and commotion, it is amazing to see God's hands at work in the world; clear waters, cleaner air, some people taking up yoga, dance or cooking, while others share old stories or favorite pastimes with children, still others finding time to slow down and embrace this time with one another.

A friend has recently shared with me that she is leery of going back to work in the office. Not for the fear of COVID-19 and the exposure (although she is cautious and careful), but rather of once again "losing herself" in her work. She has found a sense of peace amid the confusion, she has found solace among the chaos, she has found joy in the simple things. She has found herself again.

It is this peace, this realization that we are enough, that we can do more with a little less, that we are a community coming together to help our neighbors, to reach out and care for the known and the unknown, this is where I see God at work.

May you find your own sense of serenity in this chaotic time and I continue to wish you and your loved ones well.

Love, Tammy

Sunday, May 3rd was "Good Shepherd Sunday" and we were reminded that God is the Shepherd and we are the sheep. As I thought about how little I could do to resolve the Coronavirus pandemic and its impact on the Child Development Center, I was reminded that I am only a sheep and God is the shepherd. I saw how God is caring for this ministry and providing a path forward. While the "in person" Center has been closed since March 16th, **God continues this ministry in and through many people---**

- Our staff, some with limited online skills, are providing basic virtual learning for their students and continue to connect with their students and families via phone
- Pastor Eric continues weekly Chapel Time and provides spirit led guidance for this ministry
- Beginning in March and continuing through April, Mike Davidson with the support of Sherry Forsgren, worked untold hours and persevered through what seemed like endless updates, to finalize an application to gain assistance through the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) which will help with payroll for CDC staff for a short period of time. The Small Business Administration issued their approval on April 30th
- In April, CDC families generously supported a 50% tuition cost sharing contribution which made a 2-week payroll for every CDC staff possible, while all additional payrolls and ongoing expenses were able to be covered through the CDC reserve fund
- Eight women of the congregation volunteered to cut out and sew cloth face masks for our CDC staff so that they will be available, when the Center is able to re-open
- Members of our congregation, who work in the law and personnel fields, continue to provide ongoing support to help us understand the myriad of new federal programs which Congress continues to create, as well as the guidance, that agencies responsible for implementation, create and continually update
- Our Center Director, Tammy Mancuso, continues to provide leadership and shares ideas and plans through a consortium of faith based child development program directors, in the Columbia area--- planning for the "new" normal operation of the Center when it re-opens
- The prayers that are being lifted up by so many people
- All the many other known and unknown ways that God continues to be our Shepherd.

Gail Buchanan

**We congratulate Tammy Mancuso who completed her bachelor's degree in
Early Childhood and Family Studies at Southern Wesleyan University.**

She graduated with honors on May 8th!!!

Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

"7x70" Covid Helping Project

We continue to give thanks for the overwhelming response to our Living Springs Holy Week Covid Helping project. We received over \$5,900, far exceeding our initial challenge of 7x70x\$5. In addition, we had several LS Thrivent members donate their \$250 Community Project cards.

Your donations have provided 200 supper meals for youth at both Palmetto Place Houses, with plans for additional meals in May. We are working with Carolina Deli to deliver 300 box lunches to front-line Prisma hospital workers, and provide \$200 in meal vouchers for Prisma medical staff who can walk across the street to the Deli. On Monday, we will deliver 1000 juice/snack packets to Dorn VA for use by the staff there during their shift breaks. We've also provided a week's worth of meals for 70 senior

adults via Senior Resources (Meals on Wheels). After hearing needs from our Richland 2 School Lead Social Worker, we have now provided 40 gift cards for her greatest at-need youth and will be preparing 200 bags of weekend food for the backpack ministry children.

We truly give thanks to God for all those who gave offerings of love for these projects, through your checks or GIVELIFY app donations!

Dorn VA Delivery for Covid Help Project



Backpack Food Ministry

Our Richland2 Social Worker has asked if we can continue to provide weekend backpack ministry food bags for the neediest children. We have set up a sanitized process (gloves, masks, sanitizing spray) and schedule that allows 2-3 backpack ministry members of the same household to come pack the bags each week during May.

Schedule

4/28: Prest Family
5/5: John & Barb Imbert
5/12: Leah Linger & Emerson
5/19: Kim & Daniel Hampton
5/26: Kathy McDonald, Karen & Jeff



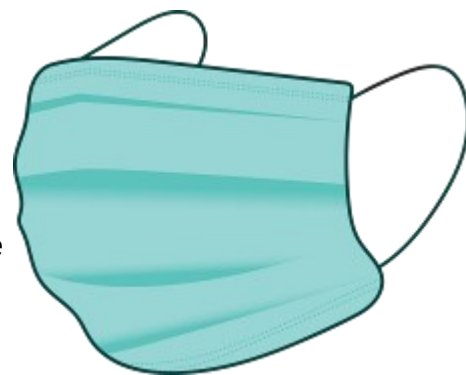
Palmetto Place Dinner

Thank you to McNulty's in Blythewood for the meal for both campuses and one gallon of sanitizer



MASK CHALLENGE – DAY OF ACTION

Rehoboth Baptist Church has initiated a designated day of action on Saturday, May 16 inviting area churches in zip codes 29223 & 29229 to distribute disposable masks to any person without a mask. Living Springs will be distributing at the two gas stations across from us – AM/PM Market and BP. If you would like to participate, [please sign up on the google doc](#). Our goal will be to distribute 150 masks within a two hour timeframe having not more than five people at one spot. Let's meet at church around 9:45 am on May 16 to help support the "be safe" action! Contact [Karen Kranz](#) for information.



LENTEN SHOE DRIVE



Your shoes will be given a second chance to help communities in developing countries in addition to preserving our environment – what better way to acknowledge Earth Day! Our deadline date is June 1 – please drop off any new or gently-used shoes in the bin located in the admin hallway. Unfortunately, our "Barefoot Sunday" will not happen, but there will be a special blessing on June 7 before the shoes will travel to children and adults in developing nations. Thank you all for your overwhelming support.



Notes from: *Fellowship & Mutual Care*

Blessings to all of you. While we are somewhat confined during this time, we will be thinking of our church family and we will have or senior luncheon scheduled again when it is safe. Our high school seniors are encouraged to fill out the application for the Legrand/Lowman scholarships which we will be awarding sometime in June. Our current college students are encouraged to reflect on their year in the application for the continuing ed grants which will be awarded in July.

Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

In May there will be 2 opportunities for Living Springs Justice Ministry “get togethers”!

- This first week in May our Living Springs Justice Ministry Team Leaders will have a virtual meeting to share information about what is going on with their teams and talk about how we might “stay strong” during this time when we can’t get together in person.
- In mid-May we will have an online gathering of all 55 LS Justice Ministry Network Members – a big crowd! We will find out where we are with research and actions on the problems of crime and neighborhood gun violence, affordable housing, and mental health care.
 - Everyone should “stay tuned” for more information on the date and time for this collective 55-member LS Justice Ministry Network Member meeting!

Here are very brief updates on the community problems we are working on this year:

CRIME AND GUN VIOLENCE IN NEIGHBORHOODS:

The urgency of addressing this problem hit home this week as a 7-year old boy was killed and a 13-year old girl was wounded in their neighborhood. Law enforcement, community organizations, schools, and our neighbors -- all want this to stop! The recent MORE Justice research meetings with local law enforcement, community agencies, and other organizations concerned about gun violence have been very productive. We meet online rather than in-person of course, but we are sharing information and finding out what we might do together. We have identified a tool that other communities have found successful in stopping the violence: Group Violence Intervention (GVI). You will be hearing more about this at the LS online mid-May Network Member gathering!

AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

We continue to work toward the creation and funding of an Affordable Housing Trust Fund to provide more choices for middle- and lower-income families unable to afford a place to live. The MORE Justice Housing Committee met with Richland County Councilwoman Joyce Dickerson and she voiced her support for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. MORE Justice has also been asked by Columbia City Councilwoman Tameika Isaac-Devine to serve on the City's Affordable Housing Task Force and we have agreed to do so. **Jim Zeiche (from Living Springs)** will be MORE Justice's representative to this important Task Force. We are looking forward to being a part of the City's efforts to combat the affordable housing crisis in our community. At the LS mid-May Network Member gathering, you will hear more about what's happening and how you can make a difference.

MENTAL HEALTH:

MORE Justice has made a difference for the safety of law enforcement and for those they encounter dealing with mental illness. Asking for more officers to be trained in Crisis Intervention Training has made Columbia safer for law enforcement and citizens alike. We have recently received an update from Chief Holbrook of the Columbia Police Department on Crisis Intervention Training. We are excited to share that **154 CPD officers have been CIT certified!** We applaud the CPD for all that they are doing. Three years ago, there were less than 10 CIT-trained officers.

In Micah 6:8 we read, “What does the Lord require of you but to do Justice, to love Mercy, and to walk humbly with God.” Even in the current pandemic, God’s people continue to work for Justice!



Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*

The Ladies Bible Study is continuing our study of “Anonymous” (Discovering the Somebody You Are to God). We will be meeting online during the month of May to conclude our study and keep in touch with each other.

The Tuesday evening Bible Study is studying 1st and 2nd Corinthians during the month of May.

In addition, the Faith in Action class has been meeting at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. We are reaching out to Living Springs members thorough telephone calls and our social media contacts.

Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

We're thankful for the staff and executive team that have kept us safe and continued our Sunday worship on YouTube, with the opportunity for communion no less. We're excited to have held our first virtual team meeting to begin discussions on what lies ahead. Optimism abounds, but be assured that safety will always be our priority as we discuss the future. Our choirs continue to meet via the internet thanks to Virginia and Laura and they continue to innovate ways we can safely practice and offer anthems during our services. We are disciples of God, and look forward to the time when we can worship together side by side.



1st & 3rd SUNDAY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *Next Distribution - May 17th*

Worship will be streamed at 10 am. After the streaming, worship will conclude with an optional distribution of Holy Communion in the church parking lot. You can arrive at any time between 11:30 and 12:30 in your vehicle. We will utilize sanitary-packaged individual communion elements, which have been consecrated during the worship service.



There will be an "usher" in the parking lot to direct vehicles to the distribution altar, and the pastor will be there, wearing mask and gloves (he will change gloves after each vehicle). Everyone MUST remain in your vehicle throughout the process. Once it's your turn, drive up and put your vehicle in park. The pastor will come to your car window(s) to distribute Holy Communion. AFTER you have consumed the elements, the Pastor will offer a blessing – and then you can pull away.

While in the parking lot, everyone should be in prayerful worship-mode, as you represent God's people gathered to continue the worship experience from the morning service. Think of this in the same way you would think about "walking up to the altar rail for distribution" during an ongoing sanctuary worship service.



Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

The Ladies Bible Study is continuing our study of "Anonymous" (Discovering the Somebody You Are to God). We will be meeting online during the month of May to conclude our study and keep in touch with each other.

The Crafty Ladies have suspended meeting to tie quilts for the time being. Instead we are sewing face masks for the staff of our Child Development Center to use when they open the facility again.

Update on SC WELCA 2020 Convention

The SC WELCA Board met on April 23rd via Zoom to discuss the 2020 convention and have made the following decisions:

1. The convention has been moved to Saturday, August 8th. It will be a one-day event at St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Newberry. Registration will start at 8:00 and the convention will begin at 9:00.
2. Updated [Registration Form for voting members](#) and visitors and Nomination Form for YWG/FTG . Registration is \$20 for voting members and \$10 for visitors and \$15 for lunch. If you have already registered, you will be contacted about your plans for this change.
3. For our Local project, SC Network of Children's Advocacy Centers, we are asking for gift cards. We will not be collecting supplies for the SCNCAC.
4. "Call for Action" from the Action Team about making face masks for SCNCAC.
5. For our Global project, Lutheran Disaster Response, we are asking for monetary gifts, especially during this time of world-wide pandemic, to support the work of Lutheran Disaster Response.
6. The silent auction to benefit Lutheran Disaster Response has been cancelled.
7. Our agenda will include items required under our constitution – election of a president, treasurer and 4 Board members, adoption of budget for our next fiscal year, reports from Board officers and committees and greetings from other organizations.
8. Our Keynote Speaker will be Thomas Knapp, Executive Director of SCNCAC.
9. There will be no banquet. However, our lunch will be a "modified" banquet meal.
10. Because of our limited time there will be no Banner Procession during Opening of Convention and no workshops. However, there will opportunities for celebration and worship throughout the day. Your convention offering and joy offering will be received during the convention or you can mail them to the SC WELCA treasurer if you are not able to attend.
11. There will be a reception in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women following our closing worship service, beginning at 4:00.
12. As Christians, we are always asking ourselves "where is God in all this?" We are putting together a video with all of the pictures you have sent in and would love to include many more that show God in action. Send pictures of how you are worshiping now, how people are serving others and acts of kindness during these odd and hard times to ksnelgrove2005@yahoo.com or Kristin Snelgrove at 912 Riverwalk Way, Irmo, SC 29063 by July 7, 2020.



Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

LS Lutheran Men will be meeting virtually for their monthly meeting on May 30th at 8am. [Bob Turnmire](#) will be sending out the meeting invites. Get your breakfast ready to eat with the others!

Notes from: *Jr. Youth*

This month, our Jr. Youth have been meeting once a week online for Faith Alive and sharing highs and lows. We miss each other very much but have found new and unique ways to stay connected with one another. Things we are looking forward to in May include a Netflix streaming party and playing online games with one another!

A collective God Moment from our Jr. Youth this month has been the opportunity to still gather despite the chaos that surrounds us. We would also like to lift up those who are working to keep us all safe and healthy!

We have added a show and tell time to our weekly gatherings. Here is Alyssa showing us one of her Disney Lego figures!



Here's us making silly faces!



Notes from: *Sr. Youth*

On Wednesday night the Sr. Youth did a virtual Google meet.

Seminarian Isaac Taylor prepared a devotion for the youth. We reflected for about 20 minutes about what's going on in our lives, then we wrote poems, created word mosaics, or just drew pictures. It was a wonderful faith experience. One of our youth wrote, *"I wait for the new normal but I'm trapped in the web of the beast, fear, doubt, anger, sadness, they control me. The jaws of the beast close in, I struggle to break free but it is not possible. The darkness comes over me, I feel like I can't breathe. Yet in the midst of it all, in the webs of fear, doubt, anger, and sadness a great light shines through, it breaks my chains and it restores my hope, my gladness, my peace, my joy; it gives me strength! Surely God is with me through all my trials and I rejoice and praise his name!"*



Notes from: *Boy Scout Troop #737*

The leaders have set up virtual meetings for the scouts and working on their merit badges. They are doing their scoutmaster conferences also online. They will not know about Scout Camps until after May 15, 2020. They are hoping some of the them will be able to go on their Philmont trip that is one of a scouts biggest events. Hope all are well and God Bless!!



Opportunities at Living Springs



Wrapped Pew Prayer Bears Available

Several folks have asked about our Pew Prayer Bear Ministry for those who are sick, alone, in need, or struggling. The Bear Team has prepared several "wrapped" bears and placed them at the end of the frontmost pews. If you need a bear to share with someone, you may pick one up from the sanctuary (use your keyfob) or call the office. Please do NOT take any unwrapped bears: take only a wrapped bear from the end of the frontmost pews. As always, we invite a donation (suggested \$10) to help replenish the bears for others. We give thanks for this ongoing ministry which shares the light & love of Christ!



Opportunities Outside Living Springs

The Rev. Harmon Foss
Bishop

The Rev. Ginny Aebischer
Assistant to the Bishop

The Rev. Rick Carter
Director for Evangelical Mission

**Live Daily
Prayer
Gatherings
10:00 a.m.**



[Join Them on Facebook](#)

Giving Opportunities at Living Springs

LS Family Assistance Fund & COVID Check Tithes

We have received several gifts for the LS Family Assistance Fund in the past weeks. These funds are available to help individuals or families who are in crisis (due to lay-offs, COVID issues, health issues, etc.). If you could use some extra support right now (or know someone), please be sure to notify Pastor Eric.

NOTE: Several people asked how they could give a special tithe of their Government COVID checks, in addition to their regular church offerings. Council passed a motion that any COVID check tithes should go to the Family Assistance Fund to help others in crisis (rather than go to our own operating fund).

Offerings for this fund can be made via the LS Givelify app OR send your check to the church office (payable to Living Springs Family Assistance Fund).

Tornado Disaster Response

In the midst of the ongoing COVID pandemic, we do not forget those affected by recent tornadoes & storms. Our LS Sunday "bucket" offerings for Lent & Easter seasons (thru end of May) are designated for ELCA Disaster Response. We invite you to continue collecting your coins & dollars in a small bucket or basket at home. They can be dropped off at the church after our state "stay-at-home" is rescinded. Disaster Response gifts can also be made via the LS Givelify App.

THANKS TO ALL YOUR AMAZING OFFERINGS OF LOVE FOR GOD, WHICH CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH!

The Executive Team wants to thank you for all the many offerings of love that continue to be given in these days – what an amazing response in spite of all the challenges of these days! We invite you to continue to worship and give thanks to God with our weekly tithes and offerings. Offerings may be mailed to the church OR dropped off at the office during the week. This is a great time to give your offerings from home via our [GIVELIFY app \(or see web-site link\)](#). Please call the office if you need assistance in setting up the app. Various members have also set up direct drafts through their banks, which is another good alternative. You can also call the office if you need assistance.



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ONGOING SAFETY PROCEDURES AT LIVING SPRINGS

It is important to know that our Zip Code in NE Columbia (29223) continues to be the #1 location of COVID-cases in the state of SC - with several surrounding zip codes (29229) in the top 5. **At Living Springs, we remain in shut-down mode by action of Executive Team & church council at least through May (with the exception being 5-9 people needed to come to church to provide worship streaming).** During the stay-at-home order, Lisa is working primarily from home – but will be in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday mornings. Sherry (our bookkeeper) is checking in at the office on Monday & Thursday mornings, to take care of some things that cannot be done from home. Pastor Eric is doing a lot of work via phone, e-conferences, but continues to stop by the church daily.

In our NE Columbia area, all religious leaders have been asked to impress upon our NE congregations the absolute urgency of adhering to the stay-at-home request and other precautions (wear masks in public to protect others if you must go out, wash your hands to protect yourself, ongoing social distancing in all situations, self-isolating if you have any symptoms). We do not live in fear, but it is possible for each of us to be carrying the virus and not even know it. For the health of everyone, please follow precautions as if this is the case - no one of us wants to be responsible for infecting someone else! *If for any reason you must come to Living Springs, plastic gloves are located inside the entrances. Please make sure you put on a pair before touching (or picking up) any of the items at the church. Wearing your home-made mask is also a good practice.*

May 2020

All Worship Services/Meetings/Activities are conducted online.
Please see the online schedule page for contact information.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>3 9A Adult Class 930A Faith in Action 10A Sunday Worship Streaming 1130A Holy Communion Distribution 130P Children/Jr. Youth 230P Middle School/Confirmation 430P Sr. Youth</p>	<p>4 Palmetto Place Meals 6:30P Exec Team</p>	<p>5 10A Ladies Bible Study 11A Thankful Tuesday 6P Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7P Handbell Group</p>	<p>6 10A LSCDC Chapel Time 5P Choir Group 6P Hope Team 630P Sr. Youth 7P Call Committee</p>	<p>7 430P Justice Team Leaders 8P Take Up Your Cross Devotion Group</p>	<p>1 11A No Fear Friday</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>10 Mother's Day 9A Adult Class 930A Faith in Action 10A Sunday Worship Streaming 1130P Sr. Youth 130P Children/Jr. Youth</p>	<p>11 Palmetto Place Meals 6:30P Exec Team</p>	<p>12 10A Ladies Bible Study 11A Thankful Tuesday 530P Finance Team 6P Tues Eve Bible Study 7P Handbell Group 7P Campus Vision TF</p>	<p>13 10A LSCDC Chapel Time 5P Choir Group 630P Sr. Youth 7P Call Committee</p>	<p>14 630P LSCDC Board 8P Take Up Your Cross Devotion Group</p>	<p>15 11A No Fear Friday</p>	<p>16 10A - Noon: 29223/29229 Day of Action</p>
<p>17 9A Adult Class 930A Faith in Action 10A Sunday Worship Streaming 1130A Holy Communion Distribution 130P Children/Jr. Youth 230P Middle School/Confirmation 330P Confirmation Parents 430P Sr. Youth</p>	<p>18 Palmetto Place Meals 6:30P Exec Team</p>	<p>19 10A Ladies Bible Study 11A Thankful Tuesday 6P Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7P Handbell Group</p>	<p>20 10A LSCDC Chapel Time 5P Choir Group 630P Sr. Youth 7P Call Committee</p>	<p>21 7P Council Meeting 8P Take Up Your Cross Devotion Group</p>	<p>22 11A No Fear Friday</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 9A Adult Class 930A Faith in Action 10A Sunday Worship Streaming 130P Children/Jr. Youth 230P Middle School/Confirmation 430P Sr. Youth</p>	<p>25 Memorial Day Palmetto Place Meals</p>	<p>26 10A Ladies Bible Study 11A Thankful Tuesday 6P Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7P Handbell Group</p>	<p>27 10A LSCDC Chapel Time 5P Choir Group 630P Sr. Youth 7P Call Committee</p>	<p>28 630P Justice Network Members 8P Take Up Your Cross Devotion Group</p>	<p>29 11A No Fear Friday</p>	<p>30 8A Lutheran Men</p>
<p>31 PENTECOST SUNDAY Sunday Worship Streaming - TBA HS Graduate Quilting - TBA Faith Alive/Adult Classes/Youth - TBA</p>	<p>1 Shoe Donation Deadline LSCDC "Soft" Classroom Reopening 6P Worship Team</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 6P Hope Team</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

May 4	Lindsey Pittman	May 21	Alison Levitt
May 6	Judy Lawrence	May 23	♥ Eric & Kris Fink
May 12	Trey Allmann	May 24	♥ Will & Nikki Collins
	Peter Creighton	May 25	♥ Steve & Kathryn Padgett
May 13	Charles Pollard	May 26	Saundra Dixon
May 14	Caroline Moore		Samuel Skipper
May 15	Jackson Evans		♥ Maddie & Matthew McCormick
May 16	Sheila Kowalski	May 29	Nikki Allmann
May 17	Everett Snipes	May 30	Sharon Evans
May 18	Melissa Lindstedt	May 31	Wes Levitt
May 19	Melody Hair		♥ Harold & Bunie Talbert
	Lori Masad		



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!



May 1	Gay Walter	May 14	Ruth Pollard
	Jim Zieche	May 17	Todd Gunvalson
May 3	Caroline Berger	May 20	Ron Ramsey
May 7	Teagan Lindstedt	May 24	Andrew Drafts
May 8	Kristen Mattson		Sam Prizer
	Karl Schmidt		Luke Prizer
May 9	Rachel Hurlbert	May 26	Collin Flores
May 11	Ben Arnold		

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