

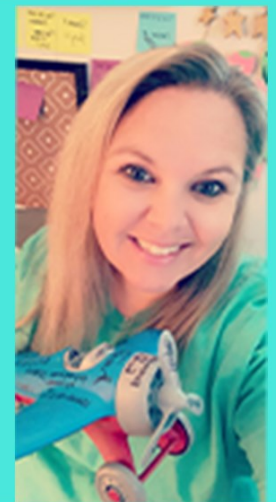
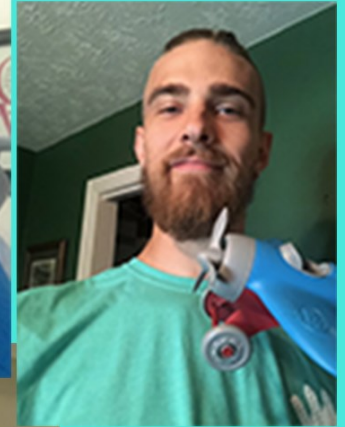
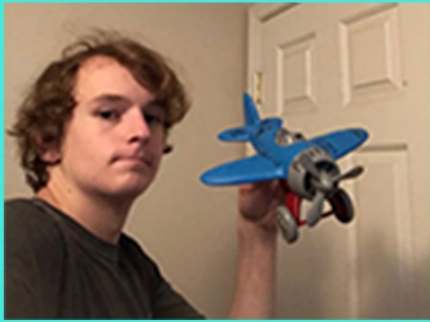
The Living Springs Journal

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

July 2020



LIVING SPRINGS YOUTH?



July Update from Pastor Eric: The Church IS the Church, and God IS at Work!

BOOK OF MONTH = Hebrews THANKFUL TUESDAYS @ 11:00; NO FEAR FRIDAYS @ 11:00

Like many generations before us, now the time has come for our generation to experience, and live through, a tremendous challenge that we have never faced before. At such times, it is important for us to cling to our core identity as people of faith – and the fundamentals that have provided guidance and strength for us as God’s people throughout the ever-changing, ever-unfolding journey of history.

Last month, I wrote about one such fundamental we cling to as Lutheran Christians: the truth that we are simultaneously saints and sinners (*simul iustus et peccator*) – that we as individuals and a society we are called to be honest about our sinfulness, our mistakes, our brokenness, our imperfect pasts – and humbly & repeatedly seek God’s forgiveness. Thus, we begin our worship with the order of Confession and Forgiveness. At the same time, we remember our baptism and celebrate that God is at work through us, calling and setting us apart to bear the light of God’s hope & love in the world, empowering us with the Holy Spirit to carry on the ministry of Christ for others, to fulfill what Scripture requires of us – to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God!

This month, I find myself thinking about the fundamental identity we have as “the church” – and our need to cling to that essential truth in the times of this prolonged (and now worsening) COVID pandemic. Throughout history, the church has played many roles in society and in people’s lives – and yet, we remember that the church is not a social club, a non-profit charity, a community organization, a societal institution. Rather, as Lutheran Christians, we uplift the church as “the community of believers gathered where the Word of God is proclaimed and the Sacraments are rightly administered.” It is also the Body of Christ for the world, carrying out the ministry of God’s Kingdom come near in Jesus – and the embodiment of God’s incarnational presence – Emmanuel, “God with us.”

With all the difficulties and challenges created by the COVID pandemic, we have not been able to do many things that we have been accustomed to doing here at Living Springs. But, I give thanks to God that the Holy Spirit has allowed us to cling to our fundamental identity as “the church.” Albeit in different and creative ways, we have continued to gather every week to proclaim the Word of God – through our streamed Sunday worship, through Bible study groups, through adult/youth/children’s Faith Formation SS classes, through confirmation classes & weekly youth group times, through additional on-line weekly devotional times such as Thankful Tuesday, Wednesday CDC Bible Time, & No-Fear Friday. We have found creative ways to ensure that Holy Communion is available and administered on a regular basis (in our parking lot and on the lawn), that our Baptism is remembered & honored, that the blessing of God’s forgiveness is offered. The Church IS the church, built around Word & Sacrament – and God IS at work!

In addition, the Holy Spirit has empowered us to continue to be who we are – the body of Christ, carrying on his ministry of God’s Kingdom hope & grace & love for others: through our COVID helping projects for front-line workers, community seniors, homeless families, and youth in crisis, through our ongoing regular offerings of love for the Lord, through the amazing Youth Virtual Mission Trip experience, through virtual Youth GraceWorks servant experience this month, through the LS Family Assistance Fund, through through the ministry of our Child Development Center (for families in desperate need of childcare and staff in desperate need of income), through care meals & prayer shawls, through continued work on community issues via MORE Justice, through intentional efforts to nurture our racial reconciliation ministry in our relationships with Rehoboth Baptist & Adams Northeast AME, through being a site for the Red Cross blood drive this month, through helping out our Mission Partner, Cristo Rey Lutheran, and the many families they serve, through our Summer “Scatter the Seed” Good News initiative ... the list goes on and on. God IS at work!

As we move forward in July & August, I invite you to join in the prayers of our staff and executive team – that the Holy Spirit would continue to guide and empower us as we navigate these uncharted waters. In difficult and challenging times, may God lead each of us to cling to the fundamental truth of who and whose we are: God’s people blessed with the gifts of faith & grace, Word & Sacrament - so that we might be a blessing for others! We ARE the Church – and God IS at work! Thanks be to God! With much love, *Pastor Eric*

SC Synod Virtual Assembly
July 25.
Please intensify your prayers
for election of our next SC
Synod Bishop

Do Justice! Love Kindness! Walk Humbly with God! - Grow in Faith Together!
Active Discipleship + Ministries of Hope + Community Youth/School Partnerships

WORSHIP UPDATE FOR JULY



We give thanks for the truly amazing response to our Worship Survey sent out in June. We learned from the responses that the vast majority of the Living Springs community is desiring to be very cautious and safe when it comes to the timing for resuming in-person worship. The survey responses were consistent with the very, very low # of people attending our first attempts at an in-person worship experience (the 8:30 outdoor service in June).

Based on this input, we had planned that our next move in a gradual, safe step-by-step process would be to move the 2 outdoor gathering indoors to the sanctuary during July – and see if more people were interested. **However, all this was BEFORE the tremendous COVID resurgence that we are now experiencing, especially here in SC.** The surveys were completed before this resurgence, and given the cautionary nature of the survey responses even before the resurgence, it is that much more prudent for us to be safe in these current weeks. Thus, we are delaying resumption of any in-person sanctuary gatherings for July (or other gatherings in the church facilities).

The Worship Plan for July (as it now stands):

Every Sunday @ 10:00 – On-Line Streaming of Full Worship Service (Facebook & Youtube)

July 5 and July 19 @ 11:30– parking lot Communion Distribution on 1st & 3rd Sundays

July 12 and July 26 – NO outdoor 8:30 experience (due to summer heat & COVID resurgence)

July 22 and July 29, Wednesdays, 6-7pm - parking lot Communion Distribution (new times)

Two Other Important Items:

- For those yearning to participate in worship, there are **various roles you and/or your family can play in recording of the Sunday Worship Stream**: lector, acolyte, crucifer, congregation singer/responder, altar guild, offering presenter, etc. You do not need to be “trained” for this – everyone is welcome. Please use the [church online sign-up](#), or simply call the office. The total # of people must be limited to 10, but this is still a good way to be in the sanctuary if you are deeply missing that presence. The current recording time is Friday @ 12:30, but we are trying to develop some evening times for those who work during the day on Friday. Stay tuned!
- Remember: any individual or family can always **access the sanctuary for prayer, using your keyfob**. We simply require that you follow our safety protocols (masks/sanitizer/gloves are available at the station in the narthex).

LOVE OFFERING & DRIVE-BY THANK YOU FOR DEACON JUSTIN

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 11:30-12:30!

July is Deacon Justin's last month here with us at Living Springs, as he and family prepare to return to Minnesota. ([Click here for full letter from Pastor Eric](#)). At the parking lot Communion Distribution on **July 19 (from 11:30-12:30)**, we will have an additional tent set up – and there will be a **Drive-Thru Celebration**, so that you everyone can wave, share a card/sign, and say thanks to Justin. We will also have a special basket for a **Love Offering** at the drive-thru on the 19th (if you cannot be here for the drive-thru, offerings can also be made via our LS Giveli-fy app – or dropped off at the office ahead of time, checks payable to Living Springs and marked “Rimbo Love Offering.”). As part of the streamed 10am worship service, we will include a Blessing of Farewell & Godspeed for Justin, Angie, Owen, and Zoe. We give thanks to God for the Rimbo family and their ongoing faithful service for our Lord!



VIRTUAL "GRACEWORKS AT HOME"

Support our youth's community helping projects!

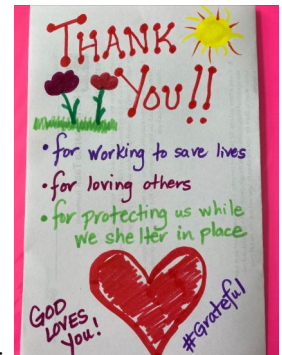
July 13, 14, 15 – 10am & 7pm

Our Midlands Lutheran Youth are creatively carrying out their annual GraceWorks Servant Week for our Columbia-area helping agencies. The youth from local congregations are meeting virtually each morning from 10-12 for a learning, faith time, conducting a servant project from home, and then re-convening at 7pm for a joint worship experience (with family members invited). Because they are not able to serve in-person at the helping agencies, they are raising financial donations that will help our Midlands agencies in their work with seniors, homeless, Autistic youth, at-risk families, children with special needs, first responders, veterans, and more. To make a donation yourself, you can use our LS Givelify app and choose the "GraceWorks youth project" button – or dropped off at the office ahead of time, checks payable to Living Springs and marked "GraceWorks Youth Project.").



ANNOUNCING: LS JULY/AUGUST COVID HELPING PROJECTS!

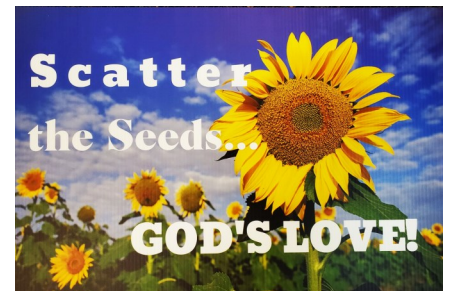
With the COVID resurgence, there is renewed stress on our frontline workers and most vulnerable society members. We had an overwhelming response of love to our April/May COVID Helping Projects, and several folks have been asking about a follow-up opportunity. In July/August, we will receive offerings for more meals for hospital workers, additional assistance for Family Promise ministry (whose homeless families cannot be housed in churches right now), Palmetto Place & R2 youth – as well as other needs being researched by our LS Hope Team.



Donations can be made via our [LS Givelify app](#) (click the "July Covid Projects" button) or brought/mailed to the church office (checks payable to Living Springs, marked "Covid Projects").

NOTE: we still have some funds available in our LS Family Assistance Account. If your family or someone you know has been adversely affected by layoff, employment reduction, health issues, or other crisis, please be sure to contact Pastor Eric.

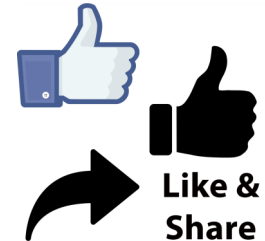
Scatter the Seed of God's Love: 2-PART Congregation Summer Challenge!



#1) LIKE & SHARE

our streamed worship service each Sunday

with all your friends and/ or a special person who might need some encouragement
--- via Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Twitter, email a link – however you choose!



#2) Share 1000 SUNFLOWER SEED PACKS in Our Community!

A sunflower (or "Son-flower") can be a special sign of the love of Jesus, God's Son, shining in our world. We have 1000 sunflower seed packs with special accompanying cards. We ask you to plant 1 pack at your home – and then share 5 packs with someone in your neighborhood or workplace or wherever (you can leave a pack in a neighbor's paper box, put it on their door, hand it so someone personally, however God moves you.)



Get Your Seed Packs as Follows:

1. Pick them up from the Office Entranceway during the week (use your fob).
2. Call the Church Office so a "Good News Farmer" can deliver them to your doorstep.

One Person at a Time...

Deeper in Christ, Deeper in Grace, Deeper in Love.

Our LS theme for 2020! Plant a seed in someone's heart to be a reminder of God's love – that no matter what challenges today may bring, you are special and someone cares!

The COVID pandemic has limited our usual Good News Ministries like Rush Hour, Beer 'n Hymns, Good News Walkers. But we are not letting that stop our mission to share the Good News of Jesus in our community – and we are asking the entire congregation to join us in this 2-part summer effort!

Amazon Smile

Living Springs is now a part of Amazon Smile.

How does AmazonSmile work?

When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization from almost one million eligible organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization.

Click the button to the left to register your Amazon account for Living Springs!

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God's Corner



Dear Living Springs,

Thank you very much for the scholarship. It will, no doubt, help greatly in college.

SINCERELY. ELIJAH



Thank you to Pastor Eric, my brothers and sisters at Living Springs for sharing God's love with me, during recovery from my broken arm and surgery.

Your calls, visits, cards and most of all your prayers are a blessing to me!

Thank you!

Shirley Laingen



Thankful for everyone involved in our worship services – Pastor Eric, Lisa, Bob T., Justin/Trad/Virginia, Marshall, Adam, our Council Exec Team, all worship & music volunteers and all those behind the scenes who continue to provide a weekly worship experience.



Dear Living Springs,

Thank you so much for all of your kindness during this past year especially thank you for the food you provided, the kind works and prayers.

Momma loved being part of our church family - it was always such a joy for her to be there - Sunday services, evening services, and beer & hymns!

She loved it all! Thank you!

Patricia Browner & family



Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello and Happy July to our Living Springs Lutheran Church Family,

Here we are – at the end of June and our first month of re-opening the CDC! Our families have been patient, understanding, encouraging and greeted us with smiles as we have established new protocols and procedures to help keep everyone safe and healthy. We continue to work together to make a great team!

I am so proud of our staff and children, they have been committed to making certain that they are safe while still having fun and creating exciting opportunities to share with one another. We have created art from recycled boxes, used different donated and repurposed items to create props for stories, used the old crib rails to learn how to weave, used salad spinners to create spin art, frosted cupcakes, made sun tea, and English muffin pizzas. We have had a great time and look forward to many more opportunities to share and learn together. If you have ideas that you would like to pass on, please feel free to share them with us!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for the children, families and staff of our LSLC-CDC ministry.

Wishing you well, Tammy

Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

PALMETTO PLACE

"Palmetto Place values our partnership with Living Springs so very much." A quote from Ms. Courtney, Palmetto Place Outreach Coordinator. We are blessed to be partners with them also and look forward to planning and delivering a meal the fourth Monday of the month to Campus A (housing & shelter to pregnant and parenting teens). It is so heartwarming to see eyes light up when we deliver the meal – "y'all bring the best meals!" Since last month, they have two more babies (total of 3 and one toddler)– we can't wait to be able to prepare and share a meal and activity with the girls. Our meals contain a meat, starch, and veggie or salad and then we top it off with a dessert. Contact Karen Kranz for information.



Annual Spring Shoe Drive a Huge Success!

From Keep the Midlands Beautiful

We exceeded our goal of 100 bags of shoes by **31%!**



3275 pairs of shoes and counting!



Overflowing collection of shoes and display at the Living Springs Lutheran Church "Shoe Blessing"

Excerpts from Living Spring's thank you note:

Laura, thanks for all of your assistance in Living Springs Lutheran Church's "Give Up Your Shoes for Lent" shoe drive.

Partnering with Keep the Midlands Beautiful Shoe Drive, was the perfect fit for our program, to provide an outlet to get the shoes that were collected to people who truly need them... in our community and throughout third world counties.

That Pandemic Virus thought it could defeat our efforts, but the Lord was not going to allow that to happen. Through the help of the Holy Spirit, our Living Springs members, cleaned their closets and the shoes flowed in.

We hope our efforts of 323 pairs of shoes helped you in your overall campaign.

Blood Drive

Friday, July 17th 10am - 4pm

On Friday July 17 Living Springs will be hosting a blood drive 10 am to 4 pm in the mobile unit that will be parked in our lot, partnering with the **American Red Cross**. Each pint of blood we collect can help save up to three lives and will touch the lives of so many more. What a great way to pay it forward and make an impact on people in our community at this time during the COVID-19 situation. To schedule an appointment online: <https://tinyurl.com/yazgu8fv> or contact Karen Kranz. Lets show our community and the patients in need of blood just how much we can do!



HOPE SUNDAY – RICHLAND 2

Sunday, July 19 @ 9am

This month's Hope Sunday will feature one of our Kingdom Mission Partners – Richland 2 School District. During the school year, we provide (50) backpacks filled with food items for children designated by the social workers at Rice Creek and Joseph Keels elementary schools. Your contributions plus our Stuff a Bus project provide us the opportunity to continue this program that has been in effect since 2011. This will be a Google Meet presentation - look for the meeting link and phone in number in the bulletin. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about their vision and ask questions or give comments.

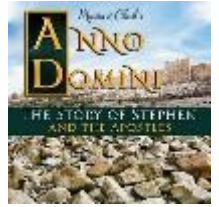
Notes from: *TELS - Traveling Evangelists of Living Springs*



TELS TRIP – ANNO DOMINI

Saturday, October 24 @ 12 pm

The NarroWay dinner show is scheduled for Saturday, October 24 @ 12 pm. The bus will leave at 10:15 am (\$10 transportation charge if taking the bus). The \$35 includes dinner and the show – Anno Domini, the story of Stephen and the Apostles (<https://www.narroway.net/>). The production is like a mini Broadway show and you will not be disappointed – there are still seats available, so contact Jeff Lummel or Karen Kranz if interested.



Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

Justice Ministry has been very active this summer. MORE Justice Network Members from Living Springs and more than 35 other congregations continue to meet and talk with local officials, agencies, and advocates to find solutions to problems we voted to address together: gun violence in our neighborhoods, the need for affordable housing in Columbia, and education support for teachers and students.

Gun violence is a daily concern for many people in the Midlands. MORE Justice has had research visits with Mayor Steve Benjamin, Chief Holbrook, Dr. Derick Wenning from the Children's Emergency Department at Prisma Health, as well as people from Serve & Connect and High Point Community Against Violence. More research visits this summer are scheduled as we build connections with others that are working to address this problem. We are learning more about what is happening in Columbia and solutions to make the city safer for everyone. Group Violence Intervention (GVI) is an evidence-based strategy adopted by dozens of cities to reduce gun violence in communities. GVI is designed to reduce homicide and gun violence, minimize harm to communities by replacing enforcement with deterrence, and foster stronger relationships between law enforcement and the people they serve. We are finding that agencies dealing with gun violence, community organizations, law enforcement, and local officials are interested in learning more about GVI.

Affordable Housing has never been a timelier problem to address than right now given the economic downturn. Prior to COVID, Columbia ranked 8th in the nation in evictions, and affordable housing options remain in short supply. A solution that has worked in over 750 other communities across the nation is an Affordable Housing Trust Fund to allow creation of more safe, affordable housing units. During the MORE Justice Day of Prayer and Action on June 1st hundreds of Network members and others signed a letter to the Richland County Council supporting an Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Several Council members added their names in support, and there is a work group to work on a motion to Council to move this ahead.

Justice Ministry continues to work to strengthen support for teachers and students in our schools. At the MORE Justice Day of Prayer and Action on June 1st hundreds of people of faith signed a letter asking Richland 1 Superintendent Witherspoon and School Board Chairman Devine to meet with us this summer to discuss school climate and discipline policies in the district. We continue to share information, meet with others concerned about these problems, and work toward quality education for all students in the Midlands.

Summer 2020 is an extraordinary time. A pandemic, economic downturn, and civil unrest shape every day in our city, state, and nation. In these extraordinary times we remember God's call – "to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God." (Micah 6:8). The call "to do justice" is more important than ever. If you'd like to get more involved with the Justice Ministry or one of the research teams (Gun Violence, Affordable Housing, Education), talk with one of the team leaders and join us.

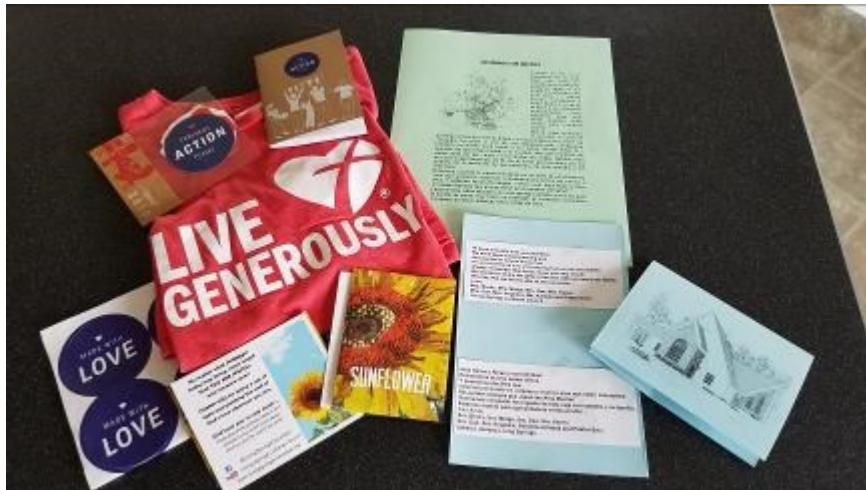
Justice Team Leaders

(Gail Buchanan, Mike Davidson, Helen Doeringhaus, Gwen Furcron, Wayne Kannaday, Adam Woodruff, Jim Zieche, Peg Zieche)

Notes from: *Mission Partnership Team*

CRISTO REY

We miss our mission church children! Pastor Eric has challenged us to think creatively on how to stay connected. We accepted the challenge! Becky Sides, Dee Glander, and Midge Gunvalson put their creative heads together and we are assembling a children's message gift box to be delivered to Pastor Jorge to distribute when they have their first in-person worship service. Here is what is included in the 9x6 white cardboard box: a note to children saying we miss them (English & Spanish); activities (bracelet, stampers to decorate their box, Jesus on a donkey craft); bible story about Jesus riding into Jerusalem (Spanish); Scatter the Seeds of God's Love sunflower seed packets; Thriven t-shirt; small notebook; stickers; pen & pencil; and as we always end our session with a juice box and snack, that will be included also. I am sure the children will feel the love of Living Springs and Jesus!

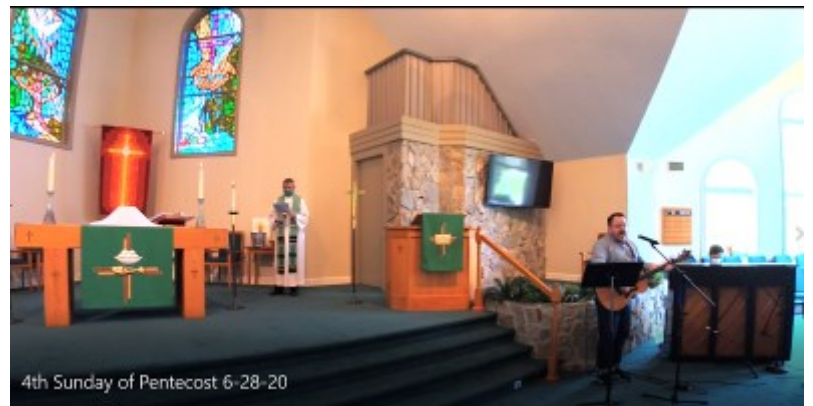


Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

WORSHIP ASSISTANT OPPORTUNITY

As we venture through staying safe and abiding by DHEC guidelines, the worship service is available via online streaming and our two Sunday 8:30 AM outdoor worship services. This is a great opportunity to try out for a worship role without the commitment of a regular schedule – assisting minister, crucifer, lector, singer, children’s message. Some of these can be recorded & sent into Lisa...without even leaving your home! Temporarily, we are back to using Signup Genius until we have a more permanent schedule – an opportunity for everyone, not just chosen members. Contact Karen Kranz with any questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BAEA92FA0F85-sunday1>



Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

In July, we will pick a passage from Hebrews and use the Dwelling in the Word format –

- What catches your attention?
- What questions does this passage create for you?
- What do you think God is saying to you through this passage?

Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

Take Up Your Cross Devotion Group

Thursdays @ 8 pm

Marshall Hurlbert is inviting men to a scheduled Zoom meeting for the Take Up Your Cross Devotion Group. This is a free form group that discusses what ever is on the men's heart. They meet Thursday @ 8PM. Invite others! Contact Marshall for meeting info.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/883346685>

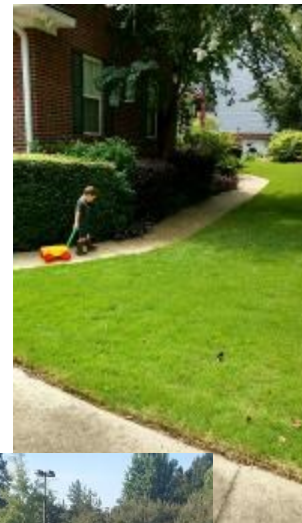
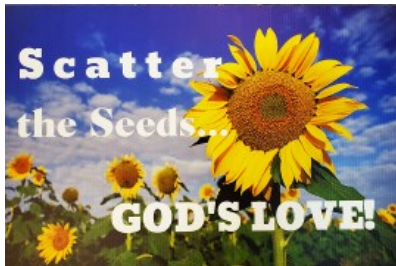
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One tap mobile



God At Work

The Wirth family delivering the sunflower packets of Gods love to their neighbors.



Notes from: *Sr. Youth*

LS Sr. Youth Virtual Mystery Mission Trip "A Journey for Hope!"

For this year's Mystery Mission Trip, our Youth provided an example for all of us by being witnesses to the truth that Christ's church is not closed, but simply carrying on our ministry in just new & creative ways! Since we couldn't travel in-person for a summer mission trip, the youth picked mystery locations from somewhere in the world where hope has been shining brightly. The youth reached out to special hope sites and met virtually with ministry leaders. A summary e-mail was sent out to the congregation each day, but in case you missed them, you can use the links below to see their visits.

Here's how you can help! Since we couldn't do volunteer work at the actual ministry sites, the Youth are taking \$\$ they raised for travel and donating it to the Hope Ministries in their worldwide cities. To make a donation to support their efforts, simply use the "Youth Mission Projects" button on our LS [Givelify](#) App (or drop off a check at the church office, payable to Living Springs and labeled for "Youth Mission Projects").

LS Mystery Mission Trip Day One: Youth Arrive in Adelaide, Australia!

Our Mystery Mission Youth Trip participants arrived in Adelaide, Australia for the first stop in their 3-day virtual mission trip. Click the photo to watch the presentation, *including FoodBank Australia, Lutheran Community Care, Australia Zoo, and Wittunga Botanic Gardens.*

Thanks to Isaac Taylor, Peri Baker, Anna Graves, Hunter Prest, Lauren Bloss, and Daniel Hampton for planning today's Stop!

<https://youtu.be/olxndaQjh8o>



LS Mystery Mission Trip Day Two: Youth in New York City!

Our Mystery Mission Youth Trip traveled roughly 10,600 miles from Adelaide, Australia to arrive in Bayonne, NJ and New York City. Click the photo to watch the presentation, *including Bayonne Hunger Free, Bayonne Tear-drop Memorial, Statue of Liberty, Twin Towers 9-11 Memorial, and Advent Lutheran Church in upper westside Manhattan.*

Thanks to Walker Flores, Ben Arnold, Preston Ginn, Garrett Flores, and Leslie Bloss for planning today's Mystery Stop!

<https://youtu.be/oqddbDiqKbw>



LS Mystery Mission Trip Day Three: Youth in New Zealand!

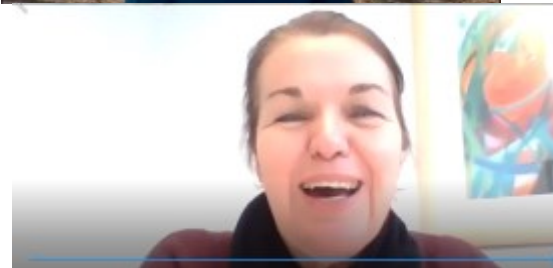
Our Mystery Mission Youth Trip traveled from New York City back across the continent and the Pacific, to visit the cities of Auckland & Christchurch in New Zealand. They have logged a total of 38,108 miles in 3 days! Click the photo to watch the presentation, *including Auckland City Mission, New Zealand native Haka dance, and St. John's Lutheran in Christchurch*

Thanks to Austin Padgett, Emma Harris, Lina Mooney, Elijah Harris, and Steve Padgett for planning today's Mystery Stop!

<https://youtu.be/6-hHwUO3CxE>



Highlights of the People We "Met" on the Virtual Mystery Tour!



Sr. Youth Weekly Meetings

We have decided to scale back our weekly meetings a bit for the month of July, We will meet Wednesday nights at 6:30. The only exemption being, Wednesday, July 15 due to Graceworks worship), but we are hoping to see our youth at the virtual worship instead! So, we will no longer meet Sunday afternoons for the time being. (Confirmation will still meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11:30).



GRACE WORKS @ HOME 2020 July 13-15

<https://graceworks2020registration.eventbrite.com>

Join with church youth from around the Midlands and serve in the name of Christ! (All activities will be completed virtually this year!) We will work with agencies who serve vulnerable children and adults, as well as for the betterment our community. Activities will take place between 10am - 12:30pm.

Note: Evening worship starts at 7:00pm each night.

Our days begin with praise and end with worship and learning. All middle- and high -school students welcome! Please give payment to your youth leader.

All the youth can register directly on-line using the link above. The "fee" is \$15, which we are using to fully make donations to the agencies and their ministries this year. You can pay your registration fee straight to Living Springs through check or by using the link, Graceworks Youth Projects on Living Springs' Givelify page.

We will write one check from Living Springs. Once a youth or adult is registered, just have them forward their confirmation email to Pastor or Leslie, so we will know how much to write the check for.

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!



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 \(or see website link\)](#). 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.



ONGOING SAFETY PROCEDURES AT LIVING SPRINGS

It is important to know that our Zip Code in NE Columbia (29223) continues to be a top location of COVID-cases in the state of SC - with several surrounding zip codes (29229, etc.).

In our NE Columbia area, all religious leaders have been asked to impress upon our NE congregations the absolute urgency of adhering following all 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 and masks 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 mask is important.*



Opportunities Outside Living Springs

THRIVENT ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES

As you know, quite a few of our activities at Living Springs are funded through Thrivent Action Team funds. In addition to providing their financial members with the Action Team funds, they offer online webinars and workshops to anyone interested. Here is the link to the Thrivent Member Network Online Events:

<https://www.thriventfinancial.com/member-network/southeast/events/>

Plus the available workshops that can be hosted virtually: Parents, Kids, and Money Matters; Building Your Retirement Foundation; Social Security: Timing is Everything; ID Theft: What you Need to Know; and CARES Act Workshop Supplement (PDF) to name a few. Contact Karen Kranz for more information.



Poll Workers Needed

Before us as there is a great need for poll workers in the upcoming November election. Traditionally, these positions have been filled by elderly and retired persons, but due to this population's increased vulnerability to COVID-19 the working staff has decreased by 50%.

We have been asked to see if our faith community can help by recruiting workers. For more information on qualifications, responsibilities, and training visit the link below. Please share.

[CLICK HERE](#)

<http://richlandcountysc.gov/Government/Departments/Voter-Registration-Elections/Election-Workers>



**Weekly
Prayer
Gatherings**

**Each Thursday
at 10:00 a.m.**

The Rev. Gisele Aebischer
Assistant to the Bishop

The Rev. Rick Corfer
Director for Evangelical Mission

The Rev. Herman Fook
Bishop



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July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 9A Adult Class 930A Faith in Action 10A Sunday Worship Streaming 1130A Parking Lot Holy Communion 130P Children/Jr. Youth 3P GraceWorks Team 430P Sr. Youth	6 3P Worship Discernment 630P Exec Team	7 10A Ladies Bible Study 530P Finance 6P Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7P Handbell Group	8 930A LSCDC Chapel Time 5P Choir 630P Sr. Youth	9 630P LSCDC Board 8P Take Up Your Cross Devotion Group	10 11A No Fear Friday	11
12 9A Adult Class 930A Faith in Action 10A Sunday Worship Streaming 1130A Middle School/ Confirmation	13 630P Exec Team	14 10A Ladies Bible Study 11A Thankful Tuesday 6P Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7P Handbell Group	15 930A LSCDC Chapel Time 5P Choir	16 7P Council Meeting 8P Take Up Your Cross Devotion Group	17 11A No Fear Friday 11A - 4 pm Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)	18
19 9A Hope Sunday 10A Sunday Worship Streaming 1130A Parking Lot Holy Communion/Justin Drive-By Thank You	20 Palmetto Place Meds 630P Exec Team	21 10A Ladies Bible Study 11A Thankful Tuesday 6P Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7P Handbell Group	22 930A LSCDC Chapel Time 5P Choir 6P Parking Lot Holy Communion 630P Sr. Youth	23 8P Take Up Your Cross Devotion Group	24 11A No Fear Friday	25 9A Virtual Synod Assembly
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GraceWorks @ Home 2020
7/13, 7/14, 7/15 10A & 7P

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

July 1	Jim Grimmer	July 16	♥ Weston & Vickie Crapps
July 4	Susan Bradham	July 18	Evan Turnmire
	♥ Rhett & Melody Hair	July 21	Hailey Stoutland
July 5	Delores Harmon	July 22	Kathy Brennan
July 7	Gail Buchanan	July 23	Kari Arnold
July 8	♥ Charles & Melissa Christy	July 24	Katherine Nelson
July 9	Ashley Eichler	July 27	Jan Epperson
July 10	William Collins	July 28	Sally Catoe
	Richard Kopec		Barbara Creighton
July 12	♥ Todd & Midge Gunvalson		♥ Ryan & Kristen Harmon
July 14	Abbie Zvejnieks	July 29	Logan Mancuso



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!



July 3	Lauren Bloss	July 21	Audrey Turnmire
July 6	Annika Hyyppa	July 27	Caroline Moore
July 12	Carter Peterson	July 28	Jennings Owens
July 13	Mike Loveless	July 29	Fiona Peterson
July 14	McKenna Allmann	July 30	Connor Kilbourne
July 18	Beverly Hoppert		

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