

The Living Springs Journal

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

February 2021



**The Holy Spirit shining down on
the Living Springs as we
introduce Pastor Carl Taylor
his lovely family!**

Bithynia or Macedonia? A Journey of Faith! (This Month from Pastor Eric)

FEBRUARY BOOK OF MONTH = PSALMS 1-50 Devotion Stream: Forward in Faith Friday @ 11am

A few years ago, as a congregation, we began the powerful practice of "Dwelling in the Word," as part of our journey with the Faithful Innovation project, sponsored by our SC Synod and Luther Seminary. As you know, Dwelling in the Word can be done with any passage of Scripture. However, the Faithful Innovation project introduces the practice with one specific passage, Acts 16:6-15. The story there is so powerful that some congregations spend an entire year, in every team/group meeting, just visiting and re-visiting that particular passage. In it, you may remember, Paul and his companions attempt to go to Bithynia in order to "speak the word" there. But "the spirit of Jesus did not allow them," and instead, Paul is given a vision during the night of a man "pleading with him" saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." So instead of following their own plan, Paul & Silas & Timothy head to the region of Macedonia—and there by the river outside the city of Philippi, at a place of prayer, they encounter a woman named Lydia. Lydia hears the word, she and her whole household are baptized, and their home becomes a center from which Paul can proclaim the Gospel to all the Philippians—none of which would have occurred if Paul had been able to follow his original plans & direction to Bithynia. And yet, Paul's original mission & purpose had been accomplished—the word had been proclaimed and hundreds of lives had been changed by the Good News of God's love for all in Jesus.

Last February, we were excited to have come out of annual Council/Leadership Retreat with the focus, "God's Love, Our Hands & Faces" with our four ongoing sub-themes: Build Relationships, Build Partnerships, Share God's

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CURRENT WORSHIP OPTIONS
Stay tuned for updates as we move forward into Lent & March
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Sundays, 11AM—Parking Lot
 (remain in vehicle & listen by radio 87.9FM - communion brought to car)
Sundays, 8:15—Sanctuary
 (spaced in sanctuary, Communion)
Tuesdays, Noon—Sanctuary
 (for Sr. Adults, Holy Communion)
Full Worship Streamed
Each Sunday @ 10am
 (view anytime, Facebook/YouTube)

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

- * **Build Relationships**—inviting, involving, mentoring 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 are not silent about God's ongoing work in the world!



It is with great joy and thanksgiving to God that we announce the call of the Holy Spirit!

**Carl D. Taylor
Associate Pastor
Living Springs Lutheran Church**

We are blessed to welcome Pastor Carl,

***spouse LaTynia, daughters Sydnie & McKenzie,
as partners in ministry
with this community of disciples!***



We give thanks to all who made such a special effort to participate in our Congregation Meeting on Jan. 28, with over double the number needed for a quorum. The official vote to call Pastor Taylor was 112-2! On Monday, Pastor Carl responded with a prayerful & resounding "Yes" to the call – and paperwork has been accepted by the Bishop. *Pastor Carl's official starting date will be February 18.*



Saturday, Feb. 27 - Rite of Ordination @ St. Paul, Columbia (participate virtually).

Sunday, Feb. 28 - Service at Installation @ Living Springs (11am Parking Lot worship).

ASH WEDNESDAY February 17



We begin the Lenten journey of prayer that leads us to the cross.

Worship In-person **Noon & 7 pm**

(Spaced w/ Face Coverings in Sanctuary)
Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

Worship Live-streamed @ 7 pm **YouTube & Facebook**

(Pick up your ashes for home use—see below)

Pick up Ashes at end of Worship on Sunday, Feb. 14, to be able to use in your home during the streamed worship service. OR call the office by Feb. 12—and our Sr. Youth can deliver the ashes to you, along with your Shrove Tuesday Pancake kit.

"Ashes-to-Go"
8AM—10AM & 4PM -6PM
tents located at LS Parking Lot
and Lake Carolina Family Center

Shrove Tuesday February 16 6:30 LiveStream



Blessing of Your Home Pancakes **& Burning of Palms Prayer Liturgy**

Pancake Kits Available from LS Youth
Sunday, Feb. 14, 11:45-1:00

Sign-Up Info Below
(pick-up at church, or youth can deliver -
support Youth Ministry with your donations)

COVID has made this years' Shrove Tuesday pancake supper a little bit different. This year we are making pancake packets with all the ingredients so that you can make them at home and your family will be safe! *The kits can be picked up at church on Sunday, February 14th from 11:45 - 1pm (immediately after worship) or from the office through Tuesday, February 16. You can also request delivery to you doorstep on February 14th.*

If you would like a kit, (either pick-up or delivery), please sign up using the link below by Feb. 12—or call the office.

<https://forms.gle/LmyV4HxSCApaMQDY9>

All donations for our youth ministry are welcome!

"SOUP"-er Bowl Sunday

Drop off through Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th

The Youth will be participating in "Soup"-er Bowl of Caring in a new and creative way this year, and they need your help! Do you love a bowl of classic chicken noodle or do you crave a creamy potato soup when the weather gets cold? "Vote" for your favorite soup by donating cans for those in need. Labeled bins (chicken noodle, potato, tomato, vegetable, other) will be set up in the Admin. building. Donations can be dropped off through Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th. The Youth will count the cans, announce the winning soup, and distribute them to local food pantries. If you are unable to come by the church, you can order through Amazon and have it delivered directly to the church. We will have a "soup bowl" at the worship check-in table on the 7th, for your hunger donations of coins and dollars. Monetary donations are also welcome via the Givelify app. Contact [Leslie Bloss](#) with any questions. Thanks in advance for your support!



LENTEN FISH FRY

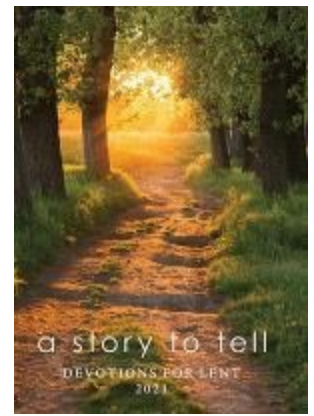
It was in the middle of our Lenten fish fries that we had to close down because of COVID, but we still managed to make our goal of \$2,000 toward our campus ministry with the help of our faithful congregation members, CDC parents, our community, and Thrivent cards.

Because safety is our main priority and we are not able to socialize in the fellowship hall, the fish fry will be available through Fishin' Fellas, a food truck stationed in Blythewood that many of you are probably already familiar with. Of course, the fellowship, tired bodies, sore feet and entertainment will be greatly missed by all our many workers who made it possible for our success.

The price of \$10 for each adult meal at Fishin' Fellas is a choice of: Flounder & a side; 10 ct. Shrimp & a side; Shrimp Taco & a side; or Fish (Flounder) Taco and a side. Sides: Fried Okra, Hush puppies; or Fries (adult meals include a water). Kids add-on: 4 ct. Shrimp & a side (\$5).

The truck will be parked on our property every Friday in Lent (order directly from your vehicle), starting Feb. 19 and ending the Friday before Easter week Mar. 26. Time will be 5 pm - 7 pm.

LENT 2021... A Story to Tell: God Is Love!



MID-DAY LENTEN WORSHIP

Tuesdays @ 12:00, Feb. 23 - Mar. 23

LENTEN DRAMA WORSHIP

Wednesdays @ 6:00, Feb. 24 - Mar. 24

SPECIAL LENTEN DISCIPLE GROUPS

(meet virtually)

& ONGOING BIBLE STUDIES

"A Story to Tell"

Daily Lenten Devotions

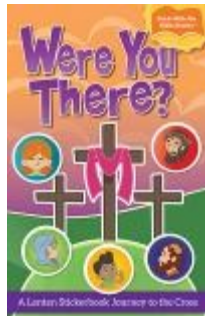
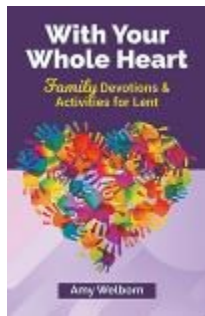
"God Is Love"

Pocket/Bag Medallions

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5:19 Daily Prayer Alerts

(Mark 5:19 — "...tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy the Lord has shown you!")



Additional

Lenten Devotional Resources:

Families - "With Your Whole Heart"

Children - "Were You There?"

Teens - "Lent-stagram"

FRIDAY FOOD TRUCK "FISH FRY" - FISHIN' FELLAS

LS Parking Lot, 5:00-7:00

February 19, 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26

\$2000 goal for USC Campus Ministry



40 X 40



**Give ~~Up~~
Something
= 1600!**

Lap Blankets/
Shawls

Paper Products

Cereal
Apple Sauce
Fruit Cups
Juice

40 Days of Giving Hunger Calendars

We invite you to **study, pray, reflect** and **give** with us during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving — for our families, our neighbors and communities around the world.



ELCA World Hunger's
40 DAYS of Giving

Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

2020 Sock Drive (or other winter items) Continues Through Epiphany Season!

As of today, **we have collected 1552 socks** and other items. We are **468 away from our goal**. Through this season of light, we will continue the project of collecting **2020 new socks (= 1010 pairs)**. The socks may be of **any size for any age/gender**, as they are badly needed by agencies serving adults who are homeless, veterans, youth at Palmetto Place, as well as children, newborns and toddlers. Other warm winter items (gloves, scarves, stocking hats) are welcome, too. There are baskets located in the office hallway.



PALMETTO PLACE MEAL

Our chili meal was delivered on the fourth Monday of the month – it smelled so good and reminded us of the Chili Cookoff that is usually held the end of January. If there were prizes, Nancy Schwind would get it for sure! In talking to the care staff person, she mentioned the girls really enjoy our home cooked meals and the activity that Gail provides each month. Last year they had one baby – this time when I asked about the girls and the babies, they now have five babies and one teen that is transferring in will be having twins. Most of us can remember having children in our early twenties and even then it was overwhelming at times – I can't imagine what it must be for a teenager; but as I was there, one of the girls proudly came down the stairs holding her precious baby out for me to see. Let's keep these girls and the staff in our prayers.

PRISMA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL HOPE MEALS

On January 21, we started a ministry that will touch all of us – parents of children yearning to be with their little ones as they struggle through cancer and blood disorder treatments. Because of medical expenses, loss of work-time, expenses involving transportation and hotels, and lack of cafeteria availability, there are cases where buying a meal is not the top priority.

Living Springs, through our member's business, Carolina Deli, is providing (20) luncheon meals once a month on the third Thursday for parents in the above situations. The meal is supported through a Thrivent action card (\$250 each).



Congregation members, Youth, and CDC Center can help by submitting words of comfort, love, encouragement, and hope in the form of cards, pictures, knitting/croqueting squares, poems to be included the meal box that is delivered to the hospital. The preschoolers provided the cards for January – don't you agree they will bring a smile to any parent!

BACKPACK FOOD MINISTRY

We continue to need food items – options are to order through Amazon <https://amzn.to/2GSyWC3>; a local super-market (Walmart, Sam's, Kroger) and have delivered directly to Living Springs, or drop your items off directly into our backpack shopping carts. Whatever category is your preference – individual non-perishable – juice, meat items, milk, fruit (applesauce/fruit cups), cereal, snacks, cookies, and pudding cups.

It is always fun to pack the bags – because of COVID, the limit is 2-3 people or a family. Items are sanitized before they are stacked in the backpack room and then items are placed on the tables in the fellowship hall to unpack for whoever is packing; -- as we pray over the packed bags, we know God will bless his children and see that the food goes to those in need. The link to Signup Genius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4baea92fa0f85-backpack>) has dates that you can apply for or contact Karen Kranz to make other arrangements.

40x40 LENTEN COLLECTION

Small blankets (shawls, lap blankets) for local nursing homes; paper goods (paper towels, napkins) for homeless shelter and Palmetto Place; and backpack individual food items (cereal, applesauce/fruit cups, juice). A container will be available in the admin building.



**BOY SCOUT TROOP 737's ANNUAL
"SCOUTING FOR FOOD DRIVE"
benefiting the
Backpack Food Ministry @ Living Springs
Saturday, February 13**



Donations of Small INDIVIDUAL servings of non-perishable food items are needed: Cereal Boxes, milk cartons (non refrigerated), Snack Bars, Applesauce/Fruit Cups, Peanut Butter, Fruit Juice Boxes, Raisins, Peanuts, Pop Tarts, Meat Items (Beanie Weenies, Vienna Sausage), Ramen Noodles, Pudding, Cookies, & Crackers. Please bring your Individual serving items to Living Springs Church on SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 13TH, STARTING 9:00 AM!! Our Scouts will begin collecting 9:00 AM until Noon that Day so please bring your individual food items to LSLC for our Scouts to begin collecting!!



Dear members of Living Springs,

Thank you for your generous gift to the Abundancia Appeal! Your gift, along with others, will help make a dream come true by providing a worship facility for our brothers and sisters in Christ at Cristo Rey, West Columbia. Because of your generosity, Latina ministry will be strengthened across the South Carolina Synod. Your gift will make a difference in the lives of many.



Sincerely, in Christ,

Ozzie Herlong

Director for Stewardship
South Carolina Synod of the ELCA



Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*

Leaders Needed for Lenten Disciple Groups

Lent is a time for reflection and preparation. Sometimes we see it as a time for listening God to speak to us and for solitary contemplation. However, it is also a time for sharing how we hear and see the Holy Spirit at work in the word and in our lives...how the Spirit tugs us to be disciples of Jesus.

We would like to have a dozen or so virtual Disciple Group gatherings during Lent and group leaders are needed to host the group gatherings. Don't worry about managing your way through Google Meet or Zoom. Lifelong Discipleship will arrange for that. Don't worry about needing to plan the program. That will all be taken care of, too. No need to provide refreshments or even tidy up your home, since gatherings will be virtual. You just need to invite others to be part of your group.

Won't you step forward to help make this important journey of sharing and growth possible? Please contact Steve Bloss at sbloss1947@gmail.com or 803-467-8287 to find out more.

Growing in Faith with others...

SUNDAY FAITH CLASSES/GROUPS & WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Please note times for on-line GoogleMeets –

reach out to the contact person to receive the e-link or call-in phone #!

Adult Class @ 8:45 – Contact [Helen Doerpinghaus](#)

Middle/High School Class @ 12:15 - Contact [Isaac Taylor/Leeslie Bloss](#)

Children's Class @ 1:30 - Contact [Adriana McMurphy](#)

Sr. Youth Group, Tuesday @ 7:30pm - Contact [Leeslie Bloss](#)

Jr. Youth Virtual Game Night, Wednesday @ 5:00 Contact [Peri Baker](#)

Ladies Bible Study, Tuesday @ 10am - Contact [Beverly Hoppert](#)

"By Heart" Adult Catechism Study, Tuesday @ 7pm - Contact [Steve Bloss](#)

Men's Bible Group, Thursday @ 8pm, Contact [Marshall Hurlbert](#)

Weekly Devotion Stream (YouTube & Facebook):

"Forward in Faith" Friday @ 11am

By Heart Weekly Discussion!

Join others in a virtual opportunity to let God's work in Christ penetrate deep in your heart!

Have you felt in your heart a need to grow DEEPER in your faith, but you don't know how? Do you desire something life-giving in the coming year? Come join an online, caring conversation on Tuesday evenings in January and early February! Spread the word to friends, neighbors and family members. Because we are gathering online, people can participate from anywhere in country (or world)!

Deacon Lexanne Graves will facilitate this multi-session weekly discussion continues Tuesdays, at 7:00 pm. Contact [Steve Bloss](#) to get the next meeting link

If you still need the book, find it here: <https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/9781506431482/By-Heart-Conversations-with-Martin-Luther-Small-Catechism>



Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello and Greetings to everyone in this New Year,

As we look ahead to 2021, let's take a moment to reflect on some of the amazing moments of moving Forward in Faith that we have had the opportunity to witness here at the C.D.C. over the past months.

Our C.D.C. staff has been blessed with treats, gifts, and offerings of love from our children, families, and congregational members. What a blessing to know and feel the love and consideration that is sent our way.

Our C.D.C. families have continued to grow with us and support us through a difficult year of changes and transitions. The understanding and continued backing have shown us once again that we are moving forward in faith even when things may seem uncertain.

Our children are a constant reminder of moving forward. They are examples of determination as they grow and are faced with new challenges such as virtual learning, starting in a new environment for the first time, learning to walk, feeding themselves, and potty training they continue to serve as a daily reminder to keep moving forward.

Some of the things we have witnessed as we have continued to Move Forward in Faith are the way that staff has embraced new children and families; making them feel comfortable in a new environment and welcoming them with smiling faces. Watching children work within these new situations of virtual learning. The children being excited to make cards for the hospital and V.A.

Although the landscape may have changed over the year, we are still excited about our continuation to Move Forward in Faith and see where we are lead in the coming year.

Thank you for all of your continued support, blessings to all,

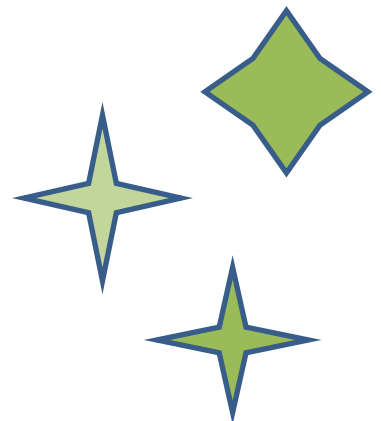
Tammy and Staff



Notes from: *Justice Ministry*



Justice Ministry Network Member Spring 2021



Commitment Dates

Feb 15 – Meet to prepare to invite others to the Nehemiah Action (6:30 pm)

March 22 - MORE Justice RALLY - prepare for the Nehemiah Action (6:30 pm)

April 26 – MORE Justice NEHEMIAH ACTION (7:00 pm) - Bring 3 or more people with you!

May 24 – MORE Justice CELEBRATION, (6:30 pm)

“What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8

Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

As we enter our of the 2nd year of the pandemic we are thankful that we have been able to continue to worship in a variety of settings. We encourage everyone to maintain their own comfort level on how they participate. We will continue to follow our COVID Protocols in making sure our worship experiences safe.

We have an exciting opportunity coming up in February for those interested in participating in a Virtual Choir! All are welcome to participate in the virtual recording of the Lord Bless You and Keep You, to be offered at the installation of our new Associate, Pastor Carl Taylor. Contact Virginia Herlong for more information.

Ash Wednesday will look different this year. For safety reasons we will be offering individual containers of ashes that will be self applied in the worship setting you prefer. We plan to offer AshesToGo on our property and possibly an off site location if COVID conditions dramatically improve from the present rates.

We are blessed and thankful for all those involved in assisting with our weekly worship opportunities. If you are able and comfortable with our worship safety protocols we would be grateful for your help.



FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**** PARKING LOT WORSHIP – 11AM ****

**Parking Lot Radio Transmission 87.9FM
(Holy Communion brought to your Car)**

8:15 In-Person Worship (Sanctuary)

Tuesday Noon In-Person Worship (Sanctuary, Sr. Adults)



We cautiously continue our format of offering in-sanctuary worship options (**8:15 Sundays and Noon Tuesdays**) along with continuing our **Parking Lot Worship at 11am**. For Parking Lot Worship, everyone can remain safe & warm in your vehicles as we worship together – sound will be transmitted on 87.9FM, so you can hear Pastor, worship leaders, and hymns from the parking lot. We will bring Holy Communion to your vehicle. ****As always, the complete worship service with more music, children's message, full sermon will be posted on-line at 10am.**

IMPORTANT NOTE: With the ongoing COVID spike, we need to strongly emphasize our distancing & other safety practices. This seems particularly challenging during our arrival/departure times, under the portico, out in the parking lot, etc. Please do NOT get up out of the pews, or get out of cars, to socialize. Please do NOT pull your mask down to speak to someone. It is so difficult not to get close to people we know and care for, but it is the loving thing to do - and we can work together to keep everyone safe! To avoid temptation, you may want to tell yourself to remain 8ft. apart ...

Visit the these links to connect on our Facebook page or YouTube channel:



Mollie worshipping with us!!

VOLUNTEER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED..Please

So many changes and opportunities to serve as we go through each month reaching out to homebound and at risk persons with streamed worship; seniors with Tuesday mid-day services; and Sunday Parking Lot worship (weather permitting) for those needing the feel of being in church; BUT all these different options need your support in helping Pastor Eric and your Church Council provide them. The key roles definitely needed are lector, welcome table, usher for both Tuesday and Sunday services. For Wednesday night online recording, we definitely need lector, children's message. Other helpers – acolyte, crucifer, assisting minister - are helpful. Use Signup Genius or MSP or contact Karen Kranz ... and thank you!

Worship Helper Sign-Up
via Ministry Scheduler

Worship Helper Sign-Up
via Signup Genius

Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

LADIES BOOK CLUB

The Ladies Book Club meets every other month on the first Monday. We are meeting online currently but do meet at each other's homes when not social distancing! At our kick-off meeting, we decided on our reads for next year:

- **April 5** = The Friends We Keep by Susan Mallery
- **June 7** = The Exiles by Christina Baker Kline
- **August 2** = The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett
- **October 4** = The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah
- **December 6** = The Apprentice: My Life in the Kitchen by Jacques Pépin



Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

"ONE YEAR TO LIVE"

April 9-11, 2021

Tracy' Camp

Pinewood, SC 29125

Men of all ages yearn for real friendships and a closer relationship with Christ.

Join us and be...

- **Adventurous and courageous**
- **Genuine and spiritual**
- **Look forward to...**
- **Banding together and being challenged**
- **Examining your life and making decisions**
- **Be prepared for a spiritual boot camp.**

This 45-hour experience is not for the faint of heart!

Registration:

\$150 cash/check/ Credit card reader at camp

[For more information or to register, click here for a brochure](#)



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Love, Share God-Stories. I imagine we all had our own ideas of what direction that would take us (we even had an image of people having face-to-face conversations over coffee, on a walk, in the light of a sunset, etc.). But then a pandemic struck, and we were “not allowed” to go in many of the directions we ourselves had envisioned. And yet, over the past 12 months, look at where “the spirit of Jesus” led us instead. Think of the hundreds of meals we provided for front-line medical workers, senior adults in our community, Palmetto Place youth, persons in shelters, school children confined to their homes. Think of our youth reaching out virtually and providing hope to ministries in New Zealand, Australia, and NYC—places they would never traveled to otherwise. Think of Living Springs members at the nearby WaffleHouse, gas stations, and businesses passing out hundreds of free facemasks early in the pandemic, or our RushHour ministry being transformed into signs of love & hope on Hardscrabble with passers-by honking horns, waving, and even wiping tears from their eyes. Think of the door opening to a new ministry for families of children at the Prisma Richland Children’s Hospital. Think of a GoogleMeet Easter Sunrise service together from our own backyards. Think of neighbors joining church members to receive God’s grace & forgiveness through drive-up Holy Communion. Think of people living in other states, having their hearts touched by an on-line Live Nativity (folks who could have never shown up to see the Nativity on our lawn). Think of adults & youth & children participating in SS classes & Bible studies on-line, forming deeper relationships. Think of a drive-up, stay-in-your-car rally against gun violence or an on-line Justice Ministry Nehemiah Action Assembly. Think of brothers & sisters of faith, staying spaced & wearing facemasks, yet peacefully walking together, joyfully singing hymns, to give witness to a cry for healing justice and the power of reconciliation across our society’s racial divide. Think of people all across the country being able to worship with us on Sunday morning—including nursing home residents, persons from hospital beds, even family members living in different states who had not been able to worship together since their childhood. Think of “God’s Love, our Faces” being lived out by caring people. Think of a call process that got extended way beyond our hoped-for timetable, but through that extended journey, brought us Pastor Carl. The list goes on and on

Last year, at the beginning of 2020, we may have had our minds set on “Bithynia,” but instead, God’s vision took us to “Macedonia,” where countless lives were touched by the Gospel in ways we could never have dreamed for ourselves. You see, the stories of the Bible (the Word in which we dwell) are not just stories of stuff that happened to some other people long ago. More than that, they are paradigms of how this amazing God continues to work in human beings’ lives still today—through the work of the Holy Spirit, through disciples of Jesus, through God’s vision of hope for the world.

On Feb. 12-13, we will conduct our next Council/Leadership Retreat (virtually, for the first time!). I ask you all to keep that process in prayer. I have no idea what may come out of that spiritual time together, but rest assured, whatever direction we are taken, it will be the vision of God, and not our own. It may not happen exactly how we plan or anticipate, but it WILL happen—God’s love will be shared one life at a time, with our serving hands and our cross-marked faces. Discipling, mentoring relationships will be deepened. Partnerships for the work of God’s Kingdom will be formed. God’s love will be shared, and God-stories will be told. While the direction may surprise us, our mission & purpose WILL be accomplished, just as it has for 33 years at Living Springs, just as it has for 2000 years among Jesus’ disciples and Christ’s church—for it is never our mission, our purpose, our direction, it is always God’s! With thanksgiving for each of you and your commitment to Christ’s call of light for our life together

“May we simply be open to God’s vision! With anticipation of what God will do!”

Much love in Christ, *Pastor Eric*

P.S. I again give thanks to God for all the expressions of love shown to me and Kris by the congregation at the end of the year, including the gift of love conveyed through congregational council. They are all signs of the great blessing of being able to serve the Lord together with you in this place!

2021 Council Installation



February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>7 Souper Bowl Sunday 815A In-Person Worship (Sanctuary) 8:45A Adult Class 10A Worship Streaming 11A Parking Lot In-Person Worship 1215P Middle/Sr High Faith Alive 130 Children's Faith Alive 3P Disciple Group Leader Session 430P Sr. Youth</p>	<p>1 Worship Team 6P Exec Team 7P Boy Scouts (virtual) 7P Ladies Book Club</p>	<p>2 10A Bible Book of Month 12P Tuesday Worship (Sr. Adults) 7P By Heart Study Group 7P Handbell Group 730P Sr Youth Virtual</p>	<p>3 315P LSCDC Bible Time 5P Jr. Youth Game Night 5:30P Music Prep 600P Worship Recording</p>	<p>4 12N Good News Team 3P Backpacks (sign-up) 7P Lifelong Discipleship 8P Men's Devotion Group</p>	<p>5 930A LSCDC Chapel Time 11A Forward in Faith Friday</p>	<p>6 9A Scout Food Drive Drop-Off 9A & 1P Council Retreat 6:30P Council Retreat Closing Worship</p>
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<p>14 Transfiguration Sunday 815A In-Person Worship (Sanctuary) 8:45A Adult Class 10A Worship Streaming 11A Parking Lot In-Person Worship 11:45-1P Pancake Kit/Ash Pickup & Delivery (by Youth) 130P Children's Faith Alive</p>	<p>15 630P Justice Ministry Network Mtg. 7P Boy Scouts (virtual)</p>	<p>16 Shrove Tuesday 10A Ladies Bible Study 6:30P Virtual Pancake Blessing & Palm Burning 7P SR Youth Virtual 7P By Heart Study Group 7P Handbell Group</p>	<p>17 Ash Wednesday 8-10A - Ashes to Go 12N Worship (sanctuary) 315P LSCDC Bible Time 4-6P Ashes to Go/Rush Hour 5P Jr. Youth Game Night 5:30P Worship Recording 7P Ash Wednesday Worship (sanctuary + streamed)</p>	<p>18 Children's Hospital Meal 3P Backpacks (sign-up) 3P LSCDC Pastor Carl welcome 8P Men's Devotion Group</p>	<p>19 930A LSCDC Chapel Time 11A Forward in Faith Friday Lenten "Fish Fry" Parking Lot 5-7P</p>	<p>20 Lutheran Men's State Convention, 12:30P (virtual or in-person @ St. Paul)</p>
<p>21 815A In-Person Worship (Sanctuary) 8:45A Adult Class 10A Worship Streaming 11A Parking Lot In-Person Worship 1215P Middle/Sr High Faith Alive 130 Children's Faith Alive 2P Graceworks Planning 430P Sr. Youth Lenten Disciple Groups Meet—fba</p>	<p>22 Palmetto Place Youth Meal 5:30P Lent Worship Recording—fbd 7P Exec Team 7P Boy Scouts (virtual)</p>	<p>23 10A Ladies Bible Study 12P Lenten Mid-Day Worship 6P Bible Study</p>	<p>24 315P LSCDC Bible Time 5P Jr. Youth Game Night 5:25P Music Prep 6P Lenten Evening Worship 6:50P Worship Recording</p>	<p>25 3P Backpacks (sign-up) Council Meeting – TBD 8P Men's Devotion Group</p>	<p>26 930A LSCDC Chapel Time 11A Forward in Faith Friday Lenten "Fish Fry" Parking Lot 5-7P</p>	<p>27 8A Men's Breakfast 12N - Carl Taylor Ordination Service (virtual from St. Paul)</p>
<p>28 815A In-Person Worship (Sanctuary) 8:45A Adult Class 11A Associate Pastor Installation Worship - Parking Lot (& streamed) 1215P Middle/Sr. High Faith Alive 130P Children's Faith Alive</p>	<p>1 6P Worship Team 7P Exec Team 7P Boy Scouts (virtual)</p>	<p>2 10A Bible Book of Month 12P Lenten Mid-Day Worship 6P Bible Study 7P Handbell Group 730P Sr Youth Virtual</p>	<p>3 315P LSCDC Bible Time 5P Jr. Youth Game Night 5P Hope Team 5:25P Music Prep 6P Lenten Evening Worship 6:50P Worship Recording</p>	<p>4 3P Backpacks (sign-up) 7P Lifelong Discipleship 8P Men's Devotion Group</p>	<p>5 930A LSCDC Chapel Time 11A Forward in Faith Friday Lenten "Fish Fry" Parking Lot 5-7P</p>	<p>6 930A LSCDC Chapel Time 11A Forward in Faith Friday Lenten "Fish Fry" Parking Lot 5-7P</p>

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

February 1	Shirley Laingen	February 16	Marshall Hurlbert
February 2	Caroline Berger Peter Zvejnieks	February 17	Walker Flores
February 4	Andrew Levitt	February 18	Troy Newton
February 7	Diana Abromaitis Jean Weick	February 19	Sam Arnold
February 8	Marina Cox Otto Esslinger	February 22	Gary Bradham Patricia Brouwer Will Collins Stephanie Joyner
February 10	Ted Buchanan	February 23	Hank Cox Rachel Drafts Rhett Hair
February 11	Jan Berger Charles Christy	February 25	Bob Gill
February 12	Margaret Blank Garrett Flores	February 27	Jerry Mancuso ♥ Charles & Irene Tracy
February 14	Maria Sorial	February 28	Inge Lowery
February 15	Alice Renaud		



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!



February 1	Patricia Bartucca	February 13	Wendy McKenzie
February 6	Laura Stuart	February 15	Wesley Graves
February 7	Jacob Newton	February 17	Goldie Harmon
February 10	Marina Cox Lilah Snipes Mike Wirth	February 19	Katie Prizer
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