The Living Springs Journal

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

Easter 2021





We Are Easter People: People of God's Sure & Certain Hope! (from Pastor Eric)

APRIL BOOK(s) OF MONTH = PHILIPPIANS, COLOSSIANS

For centuries, Christians have identified ourselves by joyfully proclaiming to the world, "We are an Easter people!" The event of Jesus' Resurrection was so life -changing, so world-transforming, that Christians even changed the day of worship from Saturday (7th day of the week) to Sunday (1st day of the week, the day of Jesus' Resurrection). Thus, every time we gather for worship on a Sunday, we do so as a celebration of Easter! More than that, as Christians, we devote a continuous 50 days of every year to the celebration of Easter—the full Easter season, lasting from Easter Sunday (day #1) until Pentecost Sunday (day #50), which this year falls on May 23. [Interesting math note: with rough rounding, early Christians saw 50 days as about 1/7 of a total year (50 out of 365). Thus, they established a pattern of devoting 1/7 of every week (Sunday) and 1/7 of every year (50 days of Easter Season) to the celebration of our new creation in Christ—paralleling the Genesis creation story of a "seventh" day completely devoted to the Creator.]

But to say "we are an Easter people!" implies something more than how we structure our yearly calendar and weekly worship. It boldly proclaims that **we are a people who live every day of our lives grounded in God's undying, allconquering, love-empowered, grace-filled sure & certain HOPE.** It was so fitting that our Youth stayed up late on Holy Saturday after the Vigil Service in order to surprise us all with a message of "Hope" on the church lawn for Easter Sunday—thanks be to God for their vibrant witness! With all the challenges and strife of this past year, it is so fitting that the Holy Spirit has led us our congregation to (Continued on page 3)

Calling all people of Living Springs (and our neighbors, friends)!! Justice Ministry ANNUAL NEHEMIAH ACTION GATHERING Monday, April 26 @ 6:30pm (Zoom) We gather with 1800 sisters & brothers of faith to help make our community a more just and uplifting reflection of God's kingdom. REGISTER HERE BY APRIL 25: <u>https://forms.gle/5HwTh6xfKHweBAC37</u>

SUNDAY WORSHIP - APRIL/MAY 8:15—Sanctuary Worship

<u>10:30– Multiple Option Worship</u> (sanctuary, lawn, vehicle, online)

At all worship services, we continue to follow distancing & safety protocols (face coverings are not needed if you remain in vehicle OR may be lowered on the lawn, once in place)



Calling all LS People & Friends "HOPE SUNDAY" KICKOFF! April 25th, 8:15 & 10:30 + + + WEDNESDAY HOPE TIMES April 28; May 5, 12, 19 Pastor Carl & Pastor Eric 12 Noon (sanctuary) 6:45pm (fellowship hall+online)

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A Few Moments with Pastor Carl

Hello everyone,

I HOPE this finds you all well with the Lord. I write these words feeling the pressures of the injustices happening all around us. It is sad how we easily forget that Jesus commanded us to love our neighbor as ourselves. There is too much going on in the world that keeps us separated from each other; take, for instance, the coronavirus pandemic; it keeps us from expressing love through touch the way we use to. The civil injustices keep us on one side to the fence or the other. Not to mention the masks we wear give some the reason not to talk to others. There are probably a few more ways we are separated from each other, and without social stimulation, we are drifting further apart.

I want to share with everyone that just because we have these things that separate us from one another does not mean that we are separated from Jesus. Jesus is always with us through the good and the bad. Just knowing Jesus is with me gives me HOPE amid the social challenges we face. If I am keeping it 100 because 99 will not do: Living Springs does a good job reaching out into the community and talking to people where they are in life. I may be slightly biased, but if what I have seen in two months is any inclination of what is to come....then to God be the glory.

That is why, as **AGENTS of HOPE**, I pray that as we continue to push the boundaries of the normal church into the church community and beyond, re-presenting Christ and meeting people where they are in life by walking with them on their journey. I welcome further conversations or maybe group discussions on the issues facing us today, how we see them, and we continue to grow and Agents of Hope.

a focus on Hope for the remainder of this year ahead (see March newsletter article). Last month, I shared the condensed summary box below, highlighting what the Spirit had spoken to us through our annual leadership planning process. This month, please more carefully read all the specific details of our Hope emphasis, as adopted by council after much prayerful discernment. Every year, God has led LS to powerful places of ministry through our careful, prayerful listening for the Spirit's direction in our shared ministry and personal lives of disci-



pleship. With this emphasis on being **"living beacons of God's hope for all,"** I am excited to discover how God will lead us to even more powerful places of ministry in the months ahead. Even more than that, I am excited to see how God will work through this emphasis to take us deeper into our identity as "Easter People" - personally experiencing and living out the sure & certain hope of God that conquers all things (even death itself), as revealed through the resurrection & empty tomb of Jesus our Lord!

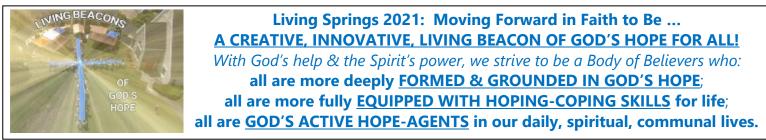
In the immediate weeks ahead, we have 3 big happenings as a congregation that I encourage everyone to participate in (as well as invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, classmates, whoever!)

<u>1. HOPE EMPHASIS Kickoff Šunday—April 25!</u> We will have some powerful, special components in our Sunday worship, at both 8:15 (sanctuary) and 10:30 (multiple options—inside, outside, online), as we begin the journey of finding deeper meaning & joy in God's hope for our lives and being living beacons of God's hope for others in this hurting world.

2. NEHEMIAH ACTION Justice Assembly—April 26! The timing for this year's Nehemiah Justice assembly is perfect when it comes to being beacons of hope for others. We gather 52 times a year (and more) for ministries of faithfulness through our worship—and this is one time per year we are called to gather as an entire congregation for the ministry of justice. Rather than just complaining or addressing the symptoms of problems, we join with 1800 sisters & brothers of faith to propose specific solutions to help our community better reflect the vision of God's kingdom for all people (this year's focus will be mental health issues, community gun violence, and adequate housing). Online via Zoom!

3. WEDNESDAY HOPE TIMES—April 28; May 5, 12, 18! The word "hope" can be used in so many ways, including "wishing" we just had stuff—but what does Scripture tell us about the meaning of GOD's "sure & certain Hope" which we live and share? At Noon and 6:45, Pastor Carl and I will lead an exploration of scriptural teaching about God's hope, followed by an optional 15-minute time of hope, in which we share prayer & Holy Communion. Noon session is in the sanctuary; 6:45pm session will be on-line, as well as in-person in the fellowship hall. Spread the word and invite your friends!

In this joyful, ongoing 50-day season of Easter, I leave you with a passage of hope from our April Bible Book of the month (Colossians 1:5b-6): "You have heard of this HOPE before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day your heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God!" Alleluia! Christ Is Risen Indeed! We ARE Easter people of Hope! With much love in the risen Lord Jesus, Pastor Eric



With God's help & the Spirit's power, we will focus upon expanding the creative, innovative learnings God has shown us-even during COVID-so that we may be **a Body of Believers** where:

All are more deeply FORMED/GROUNDED IN GOD'S HOPE; and,

All are more fully EQUIPPED WITH HOPING-COPING SKILLS FOR LIFE, through:

- Greater intentionality in taking time to "Be Still and Know that God is God;"
- Deeper prayer life & dwelling in God's Word in our personal/congregation life;
- Specific training to develop, live, share faith-based hoping-coping skills for various stages/challenges of life;
- Involvement by all ages in creative forms of faith formation & worship/sacramental life;
- Deeper involvement with **children/youth/young adults** by intentionally sharing the gospel message of hope with them and equipping **parents/families** to also do so **at home**.

All congregational disciples are equipped to be GOD'S ACTIVE HOPE-AGENTS in our daily/spiritual/communal lives, by meeting people where they are and looking for opportunities (*in whatever way the Spirit leads you*) to

- boldly proclaim & share the joy of God's grace for all;
- be active voices for the **unity we share as God's human family** accepting & celebrating differences, rather than fostering divisions;
- reach out to the most isolated among us with special awareness of senior adults & persons in care facilities; teens/tweens/ young adults; and those on society's margins;
- regularly engage in listening, caring, loving **personal contacts;**
- share in ministries that provide for life's essential needs-with special emphasis on growth in our food/hunger ministries;
- be involved in ongoing **advocacy & justice ministry** that will have impact of hope in our community/societal systems;
- share God's hope through support/partnership with our LSCDC children/families/staff;
- produce citizens of God's kingdom through **creative/innovative evangelism and service in our communities** that will open hearts/minds-and empower people to be leaders in faith, loving one another & trusting God in every aspect of life.

Notes from: Justice Ministry



Spring is an especially important time for Justice Ministry at Living Springs! Again, this season we follow the Biblical mandate to "do Justice" (Micah 6:8). In the coming weeks we are preparing for the annual <u>Nehemiah Action, Monday, April 26, 6:30 pm, online.</u> At the <u>Nehemiah Action on April 26th</u>, MORE Justice will have 1800 people (online) to ask local public officials for changes to make Columbia a better place for our neighbors. Living Springs as a congregation will have 150+ at the Nehemiah Action. Public officials have been fully informed about what to expect that evening and know what we will be asking. We have learned in the past few years that a big turnout by people of faith can bring positive change to the Midlands. "People Power" enables us to follow God's mandate to do Justice.

This year MORE Justice is addressing four community problems: mental illness, affordable housing, gun violence, and education.

- At our 2017 congregational House Meetings we heard many stories about people with mental illness being arrested during a
 mental health crisis, creating both a threat to officers and to those detained. We asked our public officials to address this
 problem by training law enforcement officers in Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). Over the past 4 years the Columbia Police
 Department has gone from only eight CIT certified officers to 154, and the Richland County Sheriff's Department has certified
 an additional 75 deputies. COVID prevented most CIT training opportunities in 2020, but both departments have scheduled
 additional CIT certification courses for 2021. Yes, there is more to do, but our Justice Ministry has made a difference for the
 treatment of those with mental illness and for law enforcement safety in the Midlands.
- In 2018 we listened to stories of inadequate affordable housing in the Midlands. We learned that Columbia has the 8th highest eviction rate in the nation. More than 45% of renters here spend more than a third of their income on housing, and 24,000 school children in Richland County alone suffer the academic and psychological stress of housing insecurity. In 2018 we pressed city and county officials to support a Housing Action Plan and fund an Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Many other cities have found this to be a good solution to the problem. We have been to many meetings to press for change. While some officials express support, nothing has happened. The pandemic has only made the affordable housing situation worse. We continue to meet with County Councilmembers to move ahead on this.
- At the 2019 House Meetings, we heard from many people about gun violence that was making their neighborhoods unsafe. Since then, MORE Justice has held over 40 research visits to better understand the problem. We learned that in any given city across the country, a small number of people are responsible for most of the gun violence in that community. We learned about an evidence-based strategy to address the problem, namely, Group Violence Intervention (GVI). GVI brings together law enforcement, social services, and the community to focus efforts and resources on the people most likely to be involved in gun violence. The first step in this strategy is conducting a problem analysis with the National Network for Safe Communities, so that we can collaborate with law enforcement, social services, and the community to build onto the framework and resources that already exist in Columbia to address this problem. GVI has been proven to drastically reduce shootings and homicides, and the need in our community has never been greater.
- Since our first House Meetings in 2017, we have continued to hear stories about educational inequities, especially with respect to harsh and unequal discipline for minority students. MORE Justice advocated for adoption of PBIS to address root causes of student misbehaviors and build a positive school climate. Evidence indicates that PBIS when adopted with fidelity brings change. We have not made much headway with school district implementation of restorative practices, but we continue to meet with experts, agencies, and officials. The pandemic-induced shifts in schooling this year have resulted in one of the roughest years in recent history, and the problem of educational inequity is as important now as it was four years ago.

Mark your calendar to attend the Nehemiah Action online on Monday April 26th, 6:30 pm. In the story of Nehemiah we hear that People Power is how the Prophet Nehemiah brought justice for his people. That same People Power is needed today. Please join us on April 26th! If you would like more information about the Living Springs Justice Ministry, please talk with a Justice Team Leader: Peg or Jim Zieche, Mike Davidson, Gwen Furcron, Gail Buchanan, Wayne Kannaday or Helen Doerpinghaus.

Use this link to register now for the Nehemiah Action

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So, I ask in this newsletter that we pray the prayer below...

God of the Easter season, you come into our midst with resurrection power to free us from the realities that enslave us; that keep us from the fullness of life you desire for all of your children and for the earth itself. Help us to be open to your presence in our lives, even if it means facing difficult circumstances that bind us and keep us from living fully. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for your church amid the conflicted times in which we live that we would serve you faithfully and be the place where wounds are touched, attended to, released, liberated, and redeemed. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. We pray for the people in every land that we may seek the common good and work for justice and peace for all the people and not just a few. For all those who hunger and thirst, that they may be filled with good things. For those whose rights have been abused or rejected, may we stand in solidarity with them and be a witness to justice. Moreover, we pray for those whose lives have been torn and traumatized by violence — may we be Agents of **HOPE** to each of these your children. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of the nations, we pray for elected officials around our globe. Help them resist greed, prideful ambition, and partisan gain in order that they may serve the welfare of all — especially refugees and immigrants in our midst. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of salvation and healing, we come to you as a people who continue to struggle with the pandemic's overwhelming challenges. We pray for special measures of strength and endurance to weary healthcare workers and all who are now facilitating vaccination. May your comfort be with all who are sick and all who have lost loved ones. Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

As you stood amid the Disciples 2000 plus years ago and said, peace be with you, we ask for that peace to be upon our world today. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray.

Our Father who art in Heaven---Hollowed be thy name Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven ---give us today our daily bread and forgive us our debts and we forgive our debtors leads us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the power---the glory---now and forever and ever amen.

Now, as we have prayed these prayers, go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, and be Agents of **HOPE** rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and Peace Pastor Carl

> hotes from: *Mission Partnership Team* Easter Boxes for Cristo Rey





Notes from: Living Springs Child Development Center

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Greetings to all this Easter Season,

As we look ahead to the promise of Spring, albeit through the pollen and in between the sneezing and watery eyes, we see the promise of newness, of rebirth, of what is to come from the quiet stillness of winter; and we are reminded of the promise of God's love.

This Love is an Enduring Love. This Love is an Everlasting Love. This Love is an Endless Love. This Love is timely, needed, and welcomed. This Love reminds us that we are not alone; we are in community with one another and share this space and the glory of what is to come.

At the C.D.C. we are fortunate to be reminded of the Love of God shown to us through our children, families and staff.

We see this love as we take nature walks, observe the beauty of spring, listen to the birds, feel the wind, and search for new blooms on our trees.

We see this love as we take a moment to step away from the daily routine and enjoy a picnic lunch on the playground, in the sun, with one another enjoying the outdoors.

We see this love as we watch children work together to accomplish a group project or task; creating artwork together, cleaning up the playground, and filling in holes, so we stay safe.

We see this love as families participate in the Lenten Fish Fry and welcome the opportunity to support the community.

We see this love as staff come together to support one another as they move through difficult times, remembrance of loved ones that have passed, struggles with illness, and concerns about what the future holds.

We see this love as staff rally in joyous support of one another's blessings, triumphs, and milestones; weddings, retirement, and new adventures that lie ahead.

I want to share some exciting, although bittersweet news with you; Ms. Cindy Day has announced her retirement from the LSLC-CDC effective April 13, 2021. The C.D.C. has been blessed with the love and dedication of Ms. Cindy over the past 5 years since rejoining us after caring for her grandchildren. Her devotion to the C.D.C. ministry has been Christ-centered and unwavering. We will all miss her dearly but know that exciting adventures lie ahead as her ministry in the world continues.

I continue to be grateful for the opportunity to know, to see, and to be a part of this community of love, support, and joy.

May you enjoy this Easter Season and the reminder of the Love that surrounds us.

Wishing you well,

Tammy



Tree Planting in Honor of Miss Cindy



Notes from: *Hope Ministry* LENTEN 40 X 40



Once again LS, you outdid yourselves! Paper products = 4,161; blankets = 22; backpack items = 913. **Our total is 5,096**. Paper items will be delivered to Palmetto Place, the blankets will go to Rice Estate, and we have been using the backpack items as they come in. A story to tell – you shared your journey with comfort and joy for others. **Thank you!**



D See God At Work ...

As we arrived at the Rice Estate to deliver the Lenten lap blankets that the Living Springs family donated, an elderly couple who are residents there were waiting outside for their daughter to arrive. I introduced myself and let them know that I was from Living Springs Lutheran Church and they immediately smiled and said your church is the one that does all those nice things for us!



LENTEN FISH FRY FOR CAMPUS MINISTRY

What a blessing to be able to be able to continue with our ministry goal of contributing \$2,000 toward Campus Ministry. The Hope Ministry Team would like to thank all those that came out and bought a fish dinner, helped in some way with parking, running orders, handing out free Thrivent t-shirts, donations, and also to the guys that stood out on the road and waved our "get a fish fry here" sign!!

Some numbers for you – approximately 845 dinners were sold over the six-Friday period which provided \$3,037; and to include our "donation" bucket money, our fish fry total is \$3,524!!!

- Fishin' Fellas has an awesome team that patiently worked with our inexperienced crew that blossomed into a smooth flowing operation after our first week! Austin, it turned out, was a Ridge View JV Football coach when we first started our ministry with that team he and Pastor Carl ended up telling each other some football stories.
- We had a return customer, Bill, that heard we were offering the fish fry through Fishin' Fellas and was there every week again this year his wife loved the fried okra!
- Pastor Jesse, Campus Ministry, got to meet some LS members and some of us got to know him a little better too. We are hoping to do a presentation of the check sometime in the future.
- We didn't experience the fellowship in the kitchen as in previous years, but we definitely had it out in the parking lot. Mike D. has expressed a disappointment that he wasn't able to wash the pots & dishes – we'll have to think of a way to make that up to him.

Dear Living Springs Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your gift of \$1,038.93 We are very grateful for your support of the children and youth of Palmetto Place. Your contribution goes directly to providing our Children with the mental health, financial wellness and residential support they need to gain sustainability. We thank you for thinking of Palmetto Place Children's Shelter. We continue to grow and thrive only because of generous friends like you.

With well wishes and many thanks, Rayani Boughman



Operations & Partnerships Manager

MEALS ON WHEELS

PALMETTO PLACE MEAL



Mondays and Tuesdays we deliver meals to about ten clients – sometimes we have people on our route for many, many weeks and sometimes for a couple of weeks, but no matter how many times we see them, they are the most appreciative, caring, sweet people you will ever meet. We have one person, Mr. Albert, that we haven't seen for awhile because of COVID (his sister accepts the meal), but we continue to tell her to give Mr. Albert a hug for us. Senior Resources has been fantastic through this past year – so appreciative of the people that volunteer their time – this is what we got for St. Patrick's Day – a bag of popcorn! A simple little thing, but brought a smile to our face! Contact Mike Davidson if you would like to be included in this ministry.

Rice Estate Easter basket-

Helen loved her Easter basket! It was so cute! She really lights up when she gets something special. Pastor Mark also commented to us that everyone loved them.





This is the craft we delivered a week ahead of our scheduled fourth Monday of the month dinner. As I pulled up to Campus A, I saw all different St. Patrick Day decorations, so I knew Ms. Mary would appreciate the colorful shamrock craft that the girls could assemble. As we were conversing about the teenager that walked away from the home last month, one of the girls came down the stairs to ask for her phone. I had that questionable look on my face – Ms. Mary said the girls don't get their phones until their schoolwork is finished! A day later, I am watching Marshall and Steve in their Lenten drama talking about giving up your possessions and how important one of the men thought his phone, watch, & car keys were to him! I know God was giving me a teaching moment!

I just want to make sure we are going to be able to pick up bags on Wednesday? The kids will be out of school on Thursday and Friday.

Also Just want to send a big THANK YOU for making our kids bags extra special before Spring Break !!!!!!! I love Living Springs and all they do for our babies!!!!!!

Christie Hutchinson, LISW-CP Richland School District Two School Social Worker



CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEALS



Ok – tell me this isn't cuteness personified!!?? Our CDC (Child Development Center) preschoolers have been creating/making cards to go in the lunch bags that Carolina Deli delivers to parents of the children that are dealing with long-term illnesses. Can you imagine some of the stressful days that these parents are faced with and then imagine opening one

of the lunch bags and find an innocent, caring, sweet note inside that states

"God Loves You". Do we all need to hear that – YES! Do we all need to believe that – YES! If you would like to send a similar message (use your crea-

tive juices), there is a basket on the workroom counter to put these in. We contribute 20 meals every third Thursday of the month.



Notes from: Worship & Music Ministry

























Palm/Passion Sunday







Easter Sunday













Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

LADIES BOOK CLUB Next Gathering - June 7 @ 7 pm

It was nice to meet in person again and all of us attending could relate to the three friends in The Friends We Keep – we all need a good friend to bond with! Our next book is <u>The Exiles</u> by Christina Baker Kline – it is available in different formats at the Richland County library. Sue Loveless will be hosting at 12 Keels Ct., Elgin ph: 719-424-0777 on Monday, June 7 at 7 pm. Refreshments BYOB.



Notes from: Men's Ministry

What happens to the Easter breakfast when all are gone?

Leftover breakfast and paper products were delivered to Palmetto Place!



Notes from: Sr. Gouth

Sr. Youth Deliver Soup at Harvest Hope. 368 pounds of soup!



Notes from: *Good News Team* Butterfly Gardens of Hope!

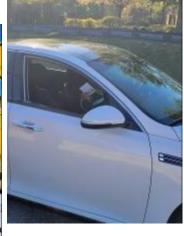
The Good News Team shared packets of butterfly garden seeds as part of our Rush Hour ministry to our NE Cola neighbors as the stopped for the light at Hard Scrabble and Clemson the Monday of Holy Week. Many were very thankful at the Easter blessings and wishes that were passed as well as the seeds. Several said we had made their day.

Share with us your (or your friends/family/neighbors) butterfly garden photos and stories to GodAroundUs@livingspringscolumbia.org











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Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

April 2	Graham Bartholomew	April 16	Gary Ginn
	Sherry Forsgren		Meredith McKenzie
	Nicolas Kopec	April 19	Carl Taylor
April 3	Karen Kranz	April 21	Karl Schmidt
April 4	🌱 Mark & Karlene Stuart	April 25	Tammy Mancuso
April 5	👻 Cheryl & Mark Jenkins		Debbie Zvejnieks
April 6	Callie Evans	April 26	Delaynee Harmon
	Todd Gunvalson		Abigale Harmon
April 7	Bill Franck		Julia Tenhover
April 8	Maddie McCormick	April 27	🍼 Elouise Niemeyer
April 10	Jim Glander		Harold Talbert
April 11	Mike Davidson	April 28	Mark Stuart
	Jim Zieche	April 30	Peter & Debbie Zvejnieks
April 12	Jeff Tenhover		-
April 13	Jeff Lummel		**





Celebrate Your Baptism

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 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!



April 1	Gary Bradham Tammy Mancuso	April 15	Ted Buchanan Bill Franck
	Jerry Mancuso		Retha Murray
	Adriana McMurphy	April 16	McKenzie Taylor
April 3	Luke Sorial	-	Sydnie Taylor
April 8	Samuel Skipper	April 19	Sam Arnold
April 10	Callie Evans		Sophia Skipper
	Nicholas Kopec	April 20	Kyle Dyment
	Becky Sides		Daniel Hampton
	Peg Zieche	April 22	Patrick O'Donnell
April 11	Wayne Kannaday		Pierce O'Donnell
April 12	Jan Berger	April 23	Laura Turnmire
April 13	Bob Gill	April 24	Mallory Padgett
	Andrew Levitt	April 25	Judy Lawrence
	Charles Pollard	April 28	Austin Padgett
April 14	Melanie Mooney		

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