

# The Living Springs Journal

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

**June 2021**

**HOPE**



# COME TO THE TABLE: A SUMMER OF HOPE & PRAYER *(from Pastor Eric)*

**JUNE BIBLE BOOK(S) OF MONTH = 1 & 2 Thessalonians**

*"Come to the table!"* As a child, I can still hear my mom calling the family to the table, once the meal was prepared. And once we all got there, the very first thing that happened was ..... prayer!

In May, we shared some marvelous things as a family of faith, all centered in prayer. There was the incredible Pentecost morning worship—and the truly joyful Pentecost Celebration that afternoon on the church lawn, with fellowship, laughter, food, music, jumping of the Hope pasture, and birthday cupcakes for Christ's church. There was Rush Hour Ministry, with tears of joy and smiles of hope and horns honking and people waving and little gift bags of hope being shared with passersby stuck in traffic. There were the powerful Hope Moments shared by sisters & brothers in Christ during Sunday worship, the Hope Prayer basket, the sounding of the Hope Bell, more returning worshippers to the sanctuary pews, worshippers from the parking lot sharing the peace with car horns, and others worshipping with us from miles away via our Worship livestreaming ministry. There were Wednesday Hope Times, Hope Bible studies, and Thursday HopeCasts from mystery locations across the Midlands. There was the awesome Justice Ministry celebration and the incredible love offering for Newberry College in honor of our retiring brother in Christ, Rev. Dr. Wayne Kannaday. There were ongoing Youth Group gatherings, a Pentecost afternoon confirmation gathering, weekly Bible times with our Child Development Center children, Sunday FaithAlive classes with youth & adults, and the baptism of our newest sister in Christ, Maggie. There were Mother Day's roses, fellowship ministry care meals, Memorial Day's prayers, meals for the Children's Hospital & Palmetto Place youth, and care packages for our deployed brother, Kyle. With every one of those events, we could hear the voice of God, our Heavenly Parent, shouting out to each of us, "Come to the table! Come to the table!" - and we felt the power of prayer.

In June, our SPARK VBS experience will focus on the theme, "Come to the table!" And throughout the month, we will continue to hear the voice of God, calling each of us through the Holy Spirit: "Come to the table! Come to the table!"

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## Pastor Carl's Corner...

*Revelation 21:4*

*"and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The month of May has presented us with good times and sad times. We have added family and lost family. We have celebrated and rejoiced as we welcomed a transforming season among the covid pandemic. Nevertheless, as we reflect on the scripture above, understand this, weeping, as the Lord tells us, endures for a night, and yes, the tears that have blurred our vision, soaked our napkins, wet our pillowcases, or even dropped on someone's shoulder as you were held will one day be wiped away. Our Father in Heaven will dry every tear. God is always there with each of us through every pain and heartache. God misses nothing, for he is God, the great comfort of our lives and the Lord of light.

As we live in a fallen world; and not one of us is exempt from the difficulties and tragedies that stalk the path of every person that is born into this fallen race. However, through this beautiful truth, God gives us a tiny glimpse into the eternal ages to come, when the old order is done away, and God establishes a new heaven and a new earth, under His perfect rule of law. We believe the day is coming when the Lord will live with us - and we will be His people, and He will be our God. It will be a day when all wrongs are put right. Joy will replace sorrow, and it will be God that dries every tear. God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will no longer be any death. There will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain, for the former things have passed away."

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### SUMMER SUNDAYS

**8:15-Sanctuary Worship**

**10:30- "Multiple-Option" Worship**  
(sanctuary, lawn, vehicle, online)



### THURSDAY 1:21 HOPE-CASTS

**YouTube & Facebook**

**Pastor Carl & Pastor Eric**

**Youth Sunday (Quilling): June 6**

**Boy Scout Court of Honor: June 7**

**Summer Prayer Kickoff: June 13**

**LSCDC Summer Kickoff: June 14**

**Summer Hope Sunday #1: June 20**

**Lutheridge Camp Week: June 20-26**

**SC Synod Assembly: June 26**

**SPARK VBS Kickoff: June 27**

**SPARK Evening VBS: June 28-29-30**

**Looking Ahead:**

**LS Summer Blood Drive: July 21**

**GraceWorks: July 26-29**

# Calling all Kids, Youth and Helpers



## **Missional Worship & Music Leader: Living Springs Lutheran Church**

Are you looking to connect with a vibrant congregation and share your gifts for inspiring God's people to grow in worship & outreach in creative ways? Living Springs Lutheran is looking to partner with a candidate who has some combination of these gifts... (not all are required - your set of gifts is unique!)

- \*Creative Worship Planning
- \*Children/Youth Music Ministries
- \*Missional Music-Worship Outreach
- \*Worship Arts
- \*Diverse Musical/Worship Styles
- \*Worship/Instrumental Accompaniment
- \*Gifts for Virtual Worship
- \*Choir/Ensemble Leadership
- \*Nurturing Musical Gifts in Others

Living Springs is an ELCA congregation of active missional disciples, with a heart for breaking through barriers to share God's unconditional love in the community and partner with God's ongoing work of hope & justice. Located in the growing, racially diverse, highly mobile area of NE Columbia (state capital with cultural events, university/colleges/seminary, military bases), we have a staff-leadership team with enthusiasm for being a church of Word & Sacrament in innovative ways for a post-Christendom, post-millennial world.

We are seeking to share the Spirit's call with a **vibrant, innovative partner** who has vision, passion, and energy for the ever-evolving worship-music ministry of Christ's church. With your gifts, you would help lead us in:

- 1) growing our **virtual worship-music ministry**;
- 2) creatively pursuing God's **inclusive missional outreach** in our diverse community;
- 3) further enhancing Word & Sacrament **worship with a variety of styles** (traditional, blended, contemporary, diverse & inclusive); and,
- 4) developing **creative ministries to engage various musical gifts of all ages** (including children, youth and/or various ensembles & groups).

Part-time or full-time status with commensurate salary to be determined - based on qualifications, experience, and type of call. Go to <http://bit.ly/LSworshipposition> for a tool to help share your areas of passion & giftedness.

Send resume and letter of interest to [music@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto:music@livingspringscolumbia.org) by July 15, 2021.



Come to the table of hope that God has set for you, with all the many opportunities to experience the hope God is offering through the ministries of Christ's church. Come to the table of God's hope, and as a volunteer or student, be a part of SPARK VBS the last week of June. Come to the table of hope, and be inspired by our youth at Youth Sunday on June 6 (and offer your prayer for our wonderful HS graduates). Come to the table of God's hope, and be a part of Hope Sunday on June 20. Come to the table of God's hope, with prayers and cards of encouragement for our youth at Camp from June 20-26. Come to the table of God's hope, by sharing in Hope Prayers and Hope Moments at worship each Sunday. Come to the table of God's hope, with Adult Sunday School class on Sunday morning (in-person or online). Come to the table of God's hope by being a June Good News Walker or helping with the monthly Children's Hospital Meal or Palmetto Place Meal or Father's ministry. Come to the table of hope every Sunday — to receive our Lord's body & blood and know the depths of God's love given and shed for you!

In our LS Hope Emphasis menu, Item #1 focuses on taking time to "be still and know that God is God!" Item #2 speaks about deeper prayer life and dwelling in God's Word. I remember how every time my mom called us to the table, we would begin with prayer. I remember also how much time our Lord, Jesus, devoted himself to prayer, in the midst of all his ministry of hope for others. Starting June 13, our worship will incorporate a **special summer focus on prayer**—and being still to know that God is a God of hope in our lives! Also, in June, we have our anonymous **Hoping-Coping Skills for Life survey**, that we will use to develop Hoping-Coping Skill studies, workshops, and resources in the year ahead. Continue thinking and praying over what specific hoping-coping skills you might sense a greater need for (your own life or in the lives of friends/neighbors/loved ones). *Note: with so much happening in May, we delayed the survey until June!*

In addition to the summer worship prayer emphasis and the Hoping-Coping Skills survey, I encourage you to embrace the Spirit's tugs with our ongoing Hope Emphasis in the following ways:

- 1) Make sure you have your personal **HOPE MENU CARD & BEACON MEDALLION** displayed on your kitchen table—including the hope items you selected for your initial 3-course "hope meal" of growth & faith.
- 2) Enjoy and share with others everywhere the weekly Pastor Carl/Pastor Eric **THURSDAY 1:21 HOPECASTS**.
- 3) During worship, fill out a **HOPE PRAYER SLIP** for the basket at the **HOPE BEACON STATION** in the communion line.
- 4) Consider sharing a 2-3 sentence **HOPE MOMENT** during worship about some way you have seen or experienced God's hope being shared in the world. See myself or Pastor Carl if you have a moment to share!

In these June weeks, I pray you can hear God's voice calling to your heart, "Come to the table, come to the table!" Oh yes, God has prepared a banquet of hope for us all, so let us gather in prayer as God's family, with joy in our hearts, *Pastor Eric*



**Living Springs 2021: Moving Forward in Faith to Be ...**  
**A CREATIVE, INNOVATIVE, LIVING BEACON OF GOD'S HOPE FOR ALL!**  
*With God's help & the Spirit's power, we strive to be a Body of Believers who:*  
**all are more deeply FORMED & GROUNDED IN GOD'S HOPE;**  
**all are more fully EQUIPPED WITH HOPING-COPING SKILLS for life;**

**DISCIPLE HOPE MENU (pick 3 for your initial 3-course "Meal of Hope")**

*meeting people where they are & looking for opportunities, in whatever way the Spirit leads you!*

1. Greater intentionality in taking time to **"Be still and know that God is God"**
2. **Deeper prayer life & dwelling in God's Word** in our personal/congregation life
3. Specific training to develop, live, and share **faith-based hoping-coping skills for various stages & challenges of life**
4. Involvement by all ages in creative forms of **faith formation & worship/sacramental life**
5. 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**
6. Boldly proclaim & share the joy of **God's grace for all**
7. Be active voices for the **unity we share as God's human family** - accepting & celebrating differences, rather than fostering divisions
8. Reach out to the **most isolated among us** – with special awareness of Sr. Adults & those in care facilities; teens/tweens/young adults; and those on society's margins
9. Regularly engage in listening, caring, loving **personal contacts**
10. Share in ministries that provide for **life's essential needs**—w/ special emphasis on growing our food/hunger ministries
11. Be involved in ongoing **advocacy & justice ministry** that will have impact of hope in our community/societal systems
12. Share God's hope through support & partnership with our **LSCDC children/families/staff**
13. Produce citizens of God's kingdom through **creative/innovative evangelism & service in our communities** that will open hearts/minds - and empower people to be leaders in faith, loving others & trusting God in every aspect of life

**Pick up your Hope Menu Card & Beacon Item at church!**



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I say all of that to say that, Jesus our resurrected Savior, was despised and rejected when He came to earth as the sacrifice for sin. He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with the same grief and agony that we often must undergo. Jesus also faced agony on the cross for us to gain victory over sin, Satan, death, and hell. Just know a day is coming where our Savior will dry every tear.

Brothers and sisters, because of his sacrifice, we are promised that there will be no weeping in heaven, and death and destruction will be swallowed up in victory. Because Christ offers Himself, we can rise into newness of life, where pain and sorrow will flee away - what a wonderful day that will be!

Pastor Eric and I did four Thursday HOPE-CAST moments as well as four Wednesdays of HOPE Bible Studies. So, even though there were High and Lows, HOPE was in the midst of them. With all the above being said, HOPE is my word. HOPE for Today and HOPE for tomorrow. I hope that knowing the month of May has given us the foundation to continue to build our HOPE platform.

HOPE, FAITH, and LOVE are essential on our journey. Furthermore, if we are honest enough on that journey to face our doubts, fears, and tears. If we are willing to get up when we fall and move through them and to be open enough to ask the questions and share the HOPE, FAITH, and LOVE we have, we will come to understand that weeping endures for a night fully, but JOY come in the morning. Trusting that more people will come to believe in Jesus more deeply Today and tomorrow than yesterday. Just as Jesus did not abandon Thomas because of his doubts but instead invited him to come closer, so too does Jesus invite us.

God bless each of you. Know that as May comes to an end, we welcome new and exciting things in June. Things like: Spark/VBS, Campformation, and Youth Sunday on June 6<sup>th</sup>. I am excited to see how Living Spring will continue to do things differently coming out of the pandemic as we continue to reach outwards. Pastor Carl



## Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

# September, 10-12, 2021

## Tracy's Camp

## Pinewood, SC



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. [Click here for brochure/form.](#)

Contact Marshall Hurlbert

## Hope Corner

Our siblings at Living Springs,

Thank you so much for your incredible and generous support of our ministry! We are so blessed to have y'all as partners in our work and w3e truly could not do this work without you. Your contribution is the largest gift we have received in quite some time and you quite literally have me jumping for joy. Knowing that y'all see the importance of this work and are committed to our work warms my heart,

It's my hope to build some strong relationship with a few major partner congregations and so I am greatly looking forward to further conversation with y'all about ways we can be mutually supporting each others ministry. I can't wait to get to know y'all better and strengthen our partnership. Blessings on your ministry and thank you again from the bottom of my heart for your support.

God's Peace, *Pastor Jesse* & the students of Gamecock Lutheran



Dear Friends,

Thank you for the flowers at Mother's Day It brought me great joy.

During the pandemic there were several times you sent some thoughtful memories and it was so kind. Thank you for not forgetting us. It was so lonesome without family all these months....But along came a nice remembrance from all of you. We knew someone was thinking of us. Thanks for that!

Blessings, *Maggie* (Rice Estate)



Thank you so much for the beautiful carnation bud vase. Looking forward to when we can come back on Saturday nights. I enjoyed it so much. Thank you for everything that you do for us.

Love, *JOAN* (Rice Estate)



### *I See God At Work...*

So I see this panel in the quilting store up in Camden – keep in mind I have no sewing/quilting ability other than I know how to tie a knot! That is so cool, I say reluctantly because of the above fact – one of those moments when something hits you in the heart and gives you goosebumps. My good friend Beverly gives me the evil eye (kiddingly) and now a project is in the works! As "we" (and I did help tie knots) are going through all the material that is in our quilting room, and piecing it together, I think that is how God works – God takes all these different pieces/people – even if they are not proficient -- and brings them together to make something beautiful! Check out the Katie Room to see it.



### **SHARE YOUR GOD /HOPE STORY**

Has God worked a disciple moment through you or someone else during the week? Email [GodAroundUs@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto:GodAroundUs@livingspringscolumbia.org) and share the story of God's work - you can also use a green welcome slip in Sunday's bulletins. Stories are published anonymously. This isn't about what "we" are doing, but about God's work in the world!

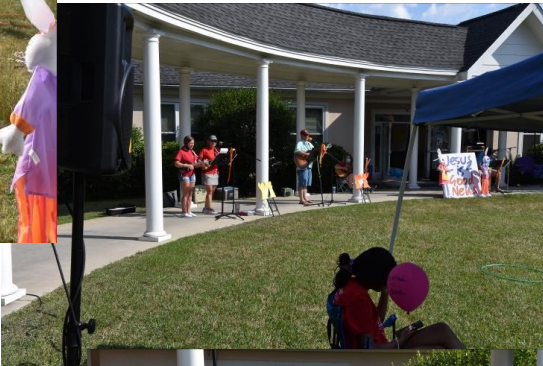


# Notes from: *Good News Team*

## Pentecost Celebration—Root Beer & Hums



HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
JESUS'  
CHURCH!



New tradition??  
Jumping the hope eggs to  
celebrate your marriage?!?!





## Rush Hour Ministry

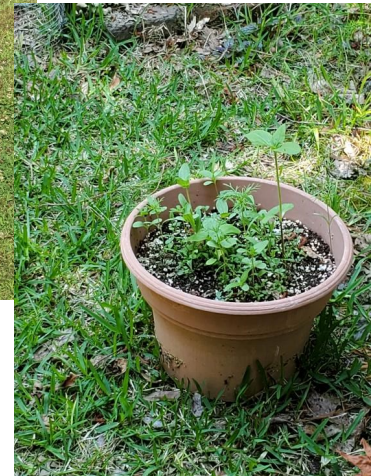


## Butterfly Gardens of Hope!

We shared packets of butterfly garden seeds with the congregation & the community during Easter week.

***Share with us your (or your friends/family/neighbors) butterfly garden photos and stories to***

[GodAroundUs@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto:GodAroundUs@livingspringscolumbia.org)



## GOOD NEWS HOPE AGENT WALKERS

Are you a daily walker? Do you walk your dog daily? Do you and a friend walk during the week? Are you a runner? You can be a Beacon of God's Hope and distribute our Spark Camp and summer worship flyers to your neighborhood or wherever you walk/run. Our Living Springs Good News Walkers meet on Thursday morning at 8 am in the summer – you are welcome to join us whenever your feet want to walk! Certain post office restrictions have to be adhered to – cannot put anything on or around the mailbox – it has to go in a separate paper box; so you will have to be cognizant of the neighborhoods that do or do not have the paper boxes (The State newspaper boxes are ok). Contact Karen Kranz for information.





## Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

### Backpacks

In a year that we thought “how are we going to do backpacks without the stuff-a-bus project, people not shopping or bringing in food items, people not being able to sign up as a group to pack”, and then the plea from Richland 2 to ask if we could provide for another school! Pastor Eric encouraged us to think creatively; so we were fortunate enough to have a matching grant opportunity, an online shopping site, and the ability to donate through your offerings. Here we are at the end of our school year and our amazing God has provided and enabled us to #10 “share in ministries that provide for life’s essential needs – with special emphasis on growth in our food/hunger ministries”. Thank you from the social workers at Rice Creek, Joseph Keels, and Blythewood Academy and your Hope Ministry Team!

### Children’s Hospital Meal

“They are adorable” – this is the comment from Travis on the cards that our Child Development Center children created to go in the lunch bags that are provided to the parents of children hospitalized in Children’s Hospital. Carolina Deli supplies 20 lunches on the third Thursday of the month - #12 “share God’s hope through support & partnership with our LSCDC children/families/staff”.

### Palmetto Place

We started off with the intention of helping young female girls to learn responsibility, meal preparation – hoping-coping skills, and a spiritual inspiration activity; but that got sidelined with COVID. We continued to provide the meal, including recipes and providing a craft that was spiritual in nature and each month Ms. Mary gives us an update on the girls and babies. This month I heard the story of a young girl and her baby who had nowhere to go because they closed down her foster parent’s home and all the children in that home had to be relocated. I’m not talking about a young adult – this is a young teen with a baby! Ms. Mary was so thankful when I mentioned we would pray for this girl and her baby – God’s Hope for All!

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross was founded 140 years ago, when trailblazer Clara Barton established them. Part of a growing global network of Red Cross and, later, Red Crescent societies, the American Red Cross immediately began to serve people facing emergencies and provided hope to disaster survivors, helping military heroes, people needing lifesaving blood and countless others who faced some of life's most difficult moments. Living Springs is hosting the bloodmobile on Wednesday, July 21 from 10 am to 4 pm. Sign-up here: <https://rcblood.org/3i05lqy>.

### HOPE SUNDAY

Our first Hope Sunday is June 20 with Laurie Belger giving a presentation and overview of Thrivent products and opportunities during the Sunday School hour. Look for more details in the e-news.

### MEALS ON WHEELS

We are looking for members to participate in our Meals on Wheels delivery. Living Springs delivers every Monday and Tuesday - timewise it takes about one and a half hours from pick-up to last delivery. Meals are pre-packed and masks are required. Contact Mike Davidson or Karen Kranz.



### CHRISTMAS IN JULY FOR FAMILY PROMISE

Camp Impact is a camp for children ages 6-12 who are experiencing homelessness. As part of the Family Promise program, the overnight camp will be held July 26-30 at Camp Cole for 75 children. Host and support (Living Springs) churches have been asked to provide wish list items for “two” children. Find our Christmas in July Flip Flop Tree in the admin building – take a flip flop off the tree and return it with your item by Sunday, July 11. An example of some of the items are washcloths, goggles, baseball hats, water shoes/flip flops. Contact Karen Kranz for information.



## Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

*The Lion King* is a movie that many people of all ages know, either from watching it themselves, watching it with children or grandchildren, or maybe from seeing the Broadway show on a special occasion. One of the songs, **Circle of Life**, says that life is a circle, that there are cycles of “despair and hope”, “faith and love”, and that individually and together we journey to realize our purpose on the path of life. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4efZIHtiQQ>

*It's the circle of life, And it moves us all, Through despair and hope, Through faith and love, 'Til we find our place,  
On the path unwinding, In the circle, The circle of life.*

**Circles and cycles are something the Bible also talks about.** Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 tells us that there is a time to be born, a time to die, a time to plant, a time to harvest, and so on. Cycles allow us to work hard and to rest, to grieve and to heal, to achieve and to celebrate. For people of faith the Circle of Life is intimately wrapped-up in our relationship with God. Through the up's and down's of life, we look to God to walk with us. Our “path unwinding” is a discovery of our purpose and God's mission as we experience the seasons of life.

**Our Justice Ministry at Living Springs reflects a cycle, too.** In the fall we begin our work with house meetings where we listen and share about community problems that trouble us. We then join together with 35+ other congregations of diverse backgrounds to vote on a problem to address each year. Research and community meetings follow, where we identify an evidence-based solution, proven to work to heal communities. Then we gather in large numbers (as the prophet Nehemiah most effectively did) to ask public officials for change. Finally, each May we celebrate what we have accomplished together.

On May 24<sup>th</sup> our Celebration marked the closing of the Justice circle or cycle for the 2020-21 year. We celebrated our accomplishments from the past year, heard issue updates, and listened to testimonies about making financial investments in Justice work. Our own Peg and Jim Zieche witnessed to the blessing that this work has been to them and their response. Since it was a Celebration, there was fun, too – and Living Springs even won an award! Here are some **highlights from the Celebration**:

Living Springs won the award for Highest Nehemiah Action Turnout with 133 people! Many people at Living Springs have responded to God's command to “do Justice,” *even in the year of a global pandemic!*

We celebrated good news on affordable housing: Given the lack of affordable housing, MORE Justice worked hard to get public officials to establish an Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The good news is that the Chair of Richland County Council agreed to bring our request forward to the Council and to support that request. Several other Council members also agreed to support the request. Prayers continue this summer that we will have a positive response as this moves forward.

On the problem of gun violence, this year MORE Justice identified an evidence-based approach to reduce gun violence. At the Nehemiah Action we were seeking \$50,000 (from a multi-million-dollar budget) to pay for an outside study of the problem. Public officials unfortunately did not attend the Nehemiah Action to listen and respond to more than 1000 concerned citizens from the faith community requesting change. We will not be deterred: we will continue to build on what we have learned, strengthen the bridges we have built with other organizations and agencies, and we will continue to focus attention on these deadly shootings. A recent WIS-TV report highlights the importance of this problem and MORE Justice's work to reduce gun violence: <https://www.wistv.com/video/2021/05/24/faith-coalition-calls-gun-violence-study-direction-curb-violence/>

We also heard updates on MORE Justice's work to bring the Clubhouse Model to Columbia to support those with mental illness, and efforts for dialogue with Richland 1 School District to address educational disparities. There are indications that public officials are aware of our work and may be responding in quiet ways. Work here will continue next year, too.

As June arrives, the annual cycle of our Justice work for 2020-2021 comes to a **quiet summer pause**. Network Members are completing financial investments in the work of MORE Justice. Some of us are attending workshops and conferences to further develop our understanding and skill in how to follow God's mandate to “do Justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.” (Micah 6:8) During these quieter months, we continue to pray for Justice, to pray for deeper love of neighbor and to continue responding to pressing community needs.

**Join us on the Justice journey with prayer and thanksgiving this summer!** Justice Ministry Team Leaders are happy to talk with you anytime: Peg or Jim Zieche, Mike Davidson, Gwen Furcron, Gail Buchanan, Wayne Kannaday or Helen Doeringhaus.

*This is what God asks of you,. Only this...To act justly, To love tenderly, and To walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8*

Living Springs,. Thank you for your leadership and discipleship in MORE Justice.

Kindly,

*Karen Hardy & Tim West*



# Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

## Hope Moment - Raegan Prest



## AN INVITATION TO SERVE . . . ALTAR GUILD MINISTRY

Is the Spirit tugging you to offer your time to enhance our worship spaces? Are you feeling a sense of call to serve in a new and different way? We would like to invite you to experience the joy of serving on Living Springs' Altar Guild ministry. Altar Guild members lovingly care for the Sacristy, the holding place for the altar and worship preparation by:

- Taking special caring of the altar and its furnishings and linens.
- Preparing the Altar for Holy Communion with appropriate paraments, linen, vessels, and elements.
- Preparing the Font for Baptisms.
- Beautifying inside and outside space with seasonable banners, flowers, candles, and appropriate liturgical colors to enhance worship.

We would love to have additional help with this ministry. Would you like to shadow someone to see what this ministry is about? Would you like to team with another altar guild member?

We would LOVE to have you join us. Altar Guild is a wonderful, holy, caring ministry. Come join us!

Contact:

Jan Berger (803.331.5101 or [jan.berger@nelsonmullins.com](mailto:jan.berger@nelsonmullins.com))

Shirley Laingen (803.420.7368 or [laingenp@bellsouth.net](mailto:laingenp@bellsouth.net))

## MSP – Worship Scheduling Program for Living Springs

As we are shifting back to in-person worship, the need/desire for worship assistants is essential to maintain a smooth-flowing worship service for both 8:15 and 10:30. There have been many, many changes – sometimes weekly, but our basic needs are still the same and can be found when logging into the MSP Scheduler Pro program. Many of you have opted out for serving at this time; but I am sure we have new members wishing to start serving – please contact Karen Kranz if you need help -- for those that are already enrolled, you have the option to enter "can't serve dates", "service preference times", and "qualified ministries (ministries you want to be trained/scheduled for). A living beacon of God's hope – equipped with hoping-coping skills for life – #4 on the Disciple Hope Menu!



Ministry Scheduler Pro

ONLINE KNOWLEDGE BASE



# Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

## Child Protection Training

*June 6 or 13*

It is that time again --- Child Protection Training is happening. We are asking everyone to participate. If you plan to help or volunteer with children/youth in the coming year, we need you to attend this training. This will protect you and our children and create a safe haven for all of God's children. We did not have the re-certification training last year due to Covid and training needs to be renewed every other year. Max participation is requested. The dates are as follows:



- June 6 at 9:15 or 11:45am
- June 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 or 11:45am
- We may offer a weekday training if needed...

**Thursday Hope-Casts**  
**1:21pm Facebook & YouTube**  
**With Pastor Carl & Pastor Eric**



## Care Packages for Kyle Dyment

We are collecting items to send in care packages every couple of weeks to Kyle Dyment, who has been deployed overseas. Cards/notes, snack items, hygiene products, batteries, zip lock bags, etc. Look for a box in the lobby.



## THE TRIUNE GOD

*A Devotion from LS Member Bob Gill*

We often hear in church and ss about the Triune God. Who, or what, is the Triune God?

The Triune God is one person in three, that is three persons in one. Just as almost all of us are different beings, so is God.

For example, a woman, let's call her Linda, is a mother, and a sister, and, yes, also a nurse. Linda is one lady doing three functions (and probably more). This is a crude example, but hopefully helps us understand about the meaning of The Triune God.

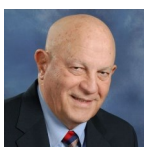
As Linda is a mother she see's that her children are fed, clothed, secured and many, many other things that a mother would do. Linda is also a sister and shares a great deal of family joys and trials with her siblings – happiness, sorry, companionship, etc. Thirdly, Linda is a nurse who cares for the ill, assists doctors, administers medicines to patients, trains others in nursing, and so on.

God is like that in a way. God is the father of humankind and creator of heaven and earth. God is also the Son who hung from a cross to take away our sins and provide for us eternal life. He is as well the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, for all of God's children acting on behalf of each one of us, to help translate our prayers and provide understanding between us and our Father. All of this is can be found in the Apostle's Creed – a very good illustration of The Triune God

The Triune God as the hymn says "God in three persons, blessed Trinity".

Blessed be The Triune God.

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# Opportunities Outside Living Springs

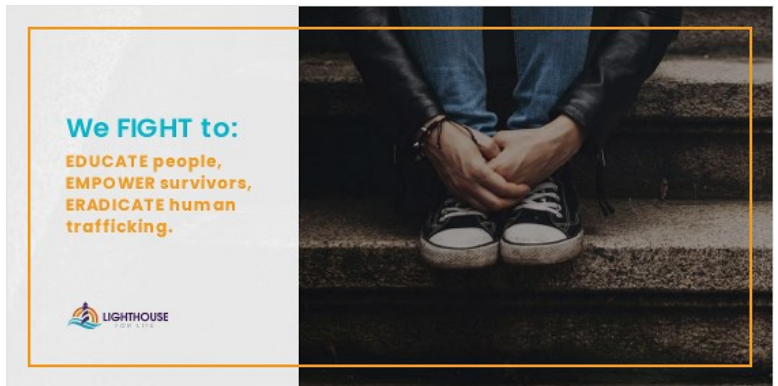
## SHOE DRIVE AT RICE ESTATE

We did not schedule a shoe drive at Living Springs this year, but our partner, Rice Estate, is having one – if you are looking to reduce your shoe inventory and want to help those in need, you can deposit in the shoe bin at 100 Finley Rd.



## We are looking for Caregivers for Karis Home.

We are looking for Caregivers to love on our residents at Karis Home. Our program supports three female survivors of sex trafficking between the ages of 12-21. As this is a safe home, we require staffing coverage 24/7 for our girls. In an effort to provide as much consistency for our residents, we ask our staff to work a 13hr shift for either the day or night shifts. A full-time position covers three shifts a week and a part-time position covers two or less shifts a week. Caregivers assist with residents' daily needs: meals, laundry, daily activities, transporting to appointments, sleep, etc..



### Basic requirements for the Caregiver positions:

- Be a female (due to the nature of those we serve)
- Be a minimum of 23 years old

Hold a High School degree or equivalent

For a more in-depth job description please email human resources at [humanresources1@lighthouseforlife.org](mailto:humanresources1@lighthouseforlife.org).

We will train each new employee in trauma-informed care and how to best meet the needs of the residents.

### **Currently we have two positions open:**

#### **Full-Time Night Caregiver**

- Full-Time is defined as three days a week (current opening is for Sun, Mon, Tues nights)
- Shifts are from 7:30pm to 8:30am

#### **Part-Time Day Caregiver**

- Part-Time is defined as two or less days a week (current needs are for weekend openings)
- Shifts are from 7:30am to 8:30pm

If you are interested in knowing more please contact us at [humanresources1@lighthouseforlife.org](mailto:humanresources1@lighthouseforlife.org). Feel free to share these openings with others you think might be interested.





## 2021 SPARK Vacation Bible School

June 28-30 6:00pm-7:45pm

(Optional Kickoff Worship June 27)

Living Springs Lutheran Church

Ages 3 - 12th grade

\$5 per participant

**2021 Vacation Bible School Registration and Waiver Release Form**

Please have children arrive by 6:00pm for Check-in/Registration.

Child's Name (Last, First)	Birthdate	Last Grade Completed

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

**LIABILITY RELEASE:** In consideration of Living Springs Lutheran Church allowing the above child(ren) to participate in Vacation Bible School activities, I, the undersigned, do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless Living Springs Lutheran Church, its directors, employees, volunteers, and agents (collectively herein the "Church") from any and all liability, claims or demands for accidental personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and the above child(ren) while involved in Vacation Bible School. Furthermore, on behalf of my minor child(ren), I hereby assume all risk of accidental personal injury, sickness, death, damage, and expense as a result of participation in activities involved therein. As well as releasing the child(ren), if necessary, for transportation to and from the Vacation Bible School location, I, the undersigned, do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless Living Springs Lutheran Church, its directors, employees, volunteers, and agents from any and all liability, claims or demands for accidental personal injury in the process of transportation. INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL TREATMENT PERMISSION:** I authorize an adult, in whose care the minor has been entrusted, to consent to any emergency X-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical, or dental diagnosis or treatment and hospital care, to be rendered to the minor under the general or special supervision and on the advice of any physician or dentist licensed on the medical staff of a licensed hospital or emergency care facility. The undersigned shall be liable and agree(s) to pay all costs and expenses incurred in connection with such medical and dental services rendered to the aforementioned child(ren) pursuant to this authorization. INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

**PHOTO/VIDEO PERMISSION:** I DO / DO NOT (*circle one*) give my consent to Living Springs Lutheran Church to use photo or video images taken of my child(ren) in church brochures, promotions for the church, on the website, in social media, and in other church publications as they see fit. I agree to hold harmless Living Springs Lutheran Church from any liability which may result from the use of said picture(s). This form will apply throughout my child(ren)'s tenure at Living Springs Lutheran Church's Vacation Bible School. **\*\*None of the photos will be for personal use.\*\*** INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

**COVID 19 WAIVER:** I acknowledge that there is an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 that exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and guests with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. COVID-19 protocols will be in place at this event, as approved by Living Springs Executive Team, and I agree that my children (and I) will abide by these protocols. By your child (and/or you) being at this event, you voluntarily assume all risks for your child (and/or you) related to exposure to COVID-19. INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby give permission for my child(ren) to participate in Vacation Bible School at Living Springs Lutheran Church on June 28-30, 2021 (including the kickoff on Sunday, June 27, 2021); and I hereby agree to all the Releases, Permissions, and Waivers initialed by me on this 2-page form.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete the following for each child in the family.**

*All information will remain confidential to Vacation Bible School staff.*

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Insurance YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy/GroupID# \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies, Medications, and/or Medical Conditions \_\_\_\_\_

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Activity restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian phone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: person(s) & phone numbers in case parent/guardian cannot be reached:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

People authorized to pick up my child \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Insurance YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy/GroupID# \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please return the completed Registration /Waiver Release Form to the church office at:**

Living Springs Lutheran Church 4224 Hard Scrabble Road, Columbia, SC 29223 (ph. 803-736-0661)

Questions (or forms) may also be emailed to: [SparkVBS@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto:SparkVBS@livingspringscolumbia.org)



# June 2021

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>10Sun</b>						
	<b>1</b> 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030 Meals on Wheels 6P Bible Study 730P SR Youth Virtual	<b>2</b> 31 5P LSCDC Bible Time 530P Hope Ministry Team 6:30P Music Recording-Youth	<b>3</b> 830 Good News Walkers 11A Good News Team <b>121P Thur. Hope-Cast</b> 3P Backpacks (sign-up) 7P Lifelong Discipleship	<b>4</b> 930A LSCDC Chapel Time 6P SR Youth	<b>5</b>	
	<b>7</b> 930A Staff Mtg 1030 Meals on Wheels 6P Worship Team 7P Ladies Book Club 7P Scouts Court of Honor	<b>8</b> 10A Bible Book of Month 1030 Meals on Wheels 530P Finance 6P Bible Study 6P Graceworks Planning (Ebenezer)	<b>9</b> 31 5P LSCDC Bible Time 6:30P Music Recording 6:30P Children/Youth Ministry Leaders	<b>10</b> 830 Good News Walkers <b>121P Thur. Hope-Cast</b> 630P LSCDC Board	<b>11</b> LSCDC closed— Staff Workday	<b>12</b>
	<b>13</b> <b>815A Worship (Sanctuary)</b> 915A Adult Class 915A Child Protection Training <b>1030A Worship (Sanctuary/Lawn/Vehide/Online)</b> 1145A Child Protection Training	<b>14</b> LSCDC Summer Kickoff 1030 Meals on Wheels 7P Exec 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care	<b>15</b> 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030 Meals on Wheels 630P Justice Ministry Team Leader Assembly	<b>16</b> 1030A LSCDC Bible Time	<b>17</b> Children's Hospital Meal 830 Good News Walkers <b>121P Thur. Hope-Cast</b> 7P Council Meeting	<b>18</b> LSCDC Doughnuts for Dads 930A LSCDC Chapel Time 6P Journey Performing Arts Auditions 6P Moody Wedding (Aiken)
	<b>20</b> <b>Father's Day—HOPE SUNDAY</b> <b>815A Worship (Sanctuary)</b> 915A Summer Hope Sunday <b>1030A Worship (Sanctuary/Lawn/Vehide/Online)</b>	<b>21</b> 930A Staff Mtg 1030 Meals on Wheels	<b>22</b> 1030 Meals on Wheels	<b>23</b> 1030A LSCDC Bible Time 6:30P Music Recording	<b>24</b> 830 Good News Walkers <b>121P Thur. Hope-Cast</b>	<b>25</b> 930A LSCDC Chapel Time
	<b>27</b> <b>SPARK KICKOFF!</b> <b>815A Worship (Sanctuary)</b> 915A Adult Class <b>1030A Worship (Sanctuary/Lawn/Vehide/Online)</b>	<b>28</b> Palmetto Place Youth Meal 1030 Meals on Wheels	<b>29</b> 1030 Meals on Wheels	<b>30</b> 1030A LSCDC Bible Time	<b>1</b> 830 Good News Walkers 1P Good News Team <b>121P Thur. Hope-Cast</b> 7P Lifelong Discipleship	<b>2</b> 930A LSCDC Chapel Time
	<b>Campfirmation - 6/20-6/26</b>					
	<b>Spark Your Faith VBS: 6:00-7:45P (BYO supper time @ 5:30)</b>					

## Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

<b>June 2</b>	Brantley Smith	<b>June 16</b>	Alexis Hyyppa
	♥ Elise & Ronnie Gerald	<b>June 20</b>	Adam Woodruff
<b>June 3</b>	Patrick O'Donnell	<b>June 21</b>	Bryan Drafts
<b>June 4</b>	Beverly Hoppert		Angie Dyches
<b>June 5</b>	McKenna Allmann	<b>June 22</b>	Nancy Baldwin
	Jeff Day	<b>June 23</b>	Kristen Gott
<b>June 9</b>	Karen Bazemore	<b>June 24</b>	Paul Laingen
	Connor Kilbourne		♥ Graham & Tara Bartholomew
<b>June 10</b>	Elijah Harris	<b>June 26</b>	Pierce O'Donnell
	♥ Hany & Rachel Sorial		Nowell Ramsey
<b>June 11</b>	Marlene Jorgensen		♥ Michael & Kellie Snipes
<b>June 12</b>	Brien Lay	<b>June 28</b>	Ashley Ramsey
	Irene Tracy	<b>June 30</b>	Preston Ginn
<b>June 13</b>	Jennings Owens		
<b>June 14</b>	Christa Cassidy		
	♥ Charles & Ruth Pollard		



### 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!



<b>June 1</b>	Margaret Blank	<b>June 20</b>	Zach Kolflesh
	Peter Zvejnieks	<b>June 24</b>	Maria Sorial
<b>June 9</b>	Maddie McCormick	<b>June 28</b>	Anita Gabbard
<b>June 11</b>	Elijah Harris	<b>June 30</b>	Marlene Jorgensen
<b>June 12</b>	Ethan Christy		Irene Tracy
<b>June 18</b>	Ethan Wirth		



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