

The Living Springs Journal

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

July 2021



2021 Summer Themes ... What Is Yours? *(from Pastor Eric)*

JULY BIBLE BOOK(S) OF MONTH = I, II, III JOHN & JUDE
"Book(s) of the Month" Bible Study: Tuesday, July 13 @ 10am

We are now 10 days into the official season of summer (begun June 20 this year) - and for the past several years, I have taken this occasion to lift up some themes of various important summer ministries.

In June, we had an incredible week-long experience with our youth at Confirmation Camp at Lutheridge in the NC mountains. This year's campfirmation theme was **"Jesus the Way!"** We shared how in the New Testament, early Christians were known as "people of the Way" - and noted how in Acts 19, the followers of Jesus were labeled as "those people who are turning the world upside-down." In the summer Gospel readings, we hear stories of how Jesus turned so many things upside down with his teachings & miracles of hope, bringing the Kingdom of God's love & grace into the lives of hurting & overlooked people— crashing through all sorts of worldly-perpetuated boundaries, labels, and religious/societal/cultural "rules." During these summer months, what would it look like for you and/or your family to be more fully touched by the in-breaking kingdom of God's love & grace, as you consider the Way of Jesus? What does it look like for each of us to truly be living beacons of hope for the world, because (empowered & guided by the Holy Spirit), we live not for ourselves or our own interests, but rather live daily as people of "Jesus' Way" - hurdling all sorts of worldly-perpetuated labels & barriers to shine the light of God's unconditional forgiveness, grace, and love for everyone we encounter each day?

This week, we held SPARK VBS with the theme, **"Come to the Table!"** How incredible it was to see congregation/community youth and children in the fellowship hall, on the lawn, in the sanctuary—celebrating Bible stories where Jesus invited people to the table. How marvelous it was to witness so many people "coming to the table" of God's grace in other ways throughout the month of June: People "coming to the table" of grace during our inspiring and uplifting Youth Sunday worship! People "coming to the table" on SPARK Sunday to assemble

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From Pastor Carl

And now these three remain: Faith, Hope, and Love. But the greatest of these is Love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

Brothers and sisters,

June has been a good month with its ups and downs. We have seen a lot, witnessed our kids finishing up a school year that started with an unknown ending. We got a chance to see some of them graduate from various levels of education, and we got to see some of them get promoted to the next level. Yes, we had faith that God would see us through the school year and the pandemic. We shared our Love with others as we slowly coming out of Covid-19, and we hoped for better days ahead. Yes, it has been challenging, but through it all, we have hoped.

I see that Hope daily in all that I do. Brothers and sisters that Hope that we all share is a beautiful word that is used by people all over the world. It represents the possibility of a positive outcome, a beacon of light in the darkness. It is highly esteemed in the Bible, and many biblical characters spoke of it.

However, Hope in the Bible is different from its everyday use. We use Hope in so many ways that hope becomes the Hope for something, hoping it will happen. You see, Hope is expecting something to happen but not being entirely sure it will; it is more like a wish. For example, hoping my New Orleans Saints will win the Super Bowl this upcoming year or hoping it does not rain because you just washed your car, etc.

Yes, we have hoped for a lot in June. I had Hope that Campfirmation would be a success. We prayed and hoped SPARK/VBS would be successful, and it is doing well. We have hoped for safe travels as we take our vacations and return. We have hoped for many things during the month. As we were hoping, did we have the faith to sustain the Hope, or was hoping just something we did not know if what we hope for would happen? You see, the Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines Hope as **"to cherish a desire with anticipation: to want something to happen or to**

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SUMMER SUNDAYS
8:15-Sanctuary Worship
10:30- "Multiple-Option" Worship
(sanctuary, lawn, vehicle, online)
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PRE-WORSHIP PRAYER TIMES
8:10am & 10:25am
"Be Still and know that God is God!"

JULY "HOPE HAPPENINGS"
SUNDAY, JULY 4
Prayer for Nation, 8:20 & 10:25
...
SUNDAY, JULY 11
Hope Sunday, Palmetto Place @ 9:25
Family Promise Christmas Tree
...
THURSDAY, JULY 15
LS Blood Drive, 10am—4pm
LS Children's Hospital Meal
...
MONDAY, JULY 26
LS Palmetto Place Youth Meal
...
JULY 26,27,28,20
Lutheran Youth GraceWorks
...
JULY 30- AUG. 1
Sr. Youth Summer Retreat Trip

dozens of Blessing Bags to distribute to those in crisis in our community! People “coming to the table” to share meals with Palmetto Place youth and Children’s Hospital families! People “coming to the table” to bring Christmas in June gifts for our Family Promise families experiencing transitional homelessness. What might it look like for you and/or your family to more fully “come to the table” of God’s grace and live this summer—to be fed by God’s love and grace, to find ways to feed others with that same love & grace?

In June, SC Lutherans gathered for our annual Synod Assembly, with the theme, **“To Boldly Go & Proclaim!”** How awesome it was to be reminded of how God it as work in powerful ways through our congregation, because we are part of a larger church, the body of Christ in the world! To see how the Holy Spirit is inspiring Lutheran Christians to boldly go and proclaim the Good News of God’s love for all in Jesus in so many creative ways in every corner of SC. To see how the Holy Spirit is at work through our partnerships to bring hope to lives through our Lutheran Seminary, through Newberry College and Lutheran Campus Ministries, through Lutheran Conference & Retreat Centers, through Lutheran NovusWay camping ministries, through Lutheran Hospice and Lutheran Homes for the aging, through Lutheran Services of the Carolinas (foster care, refugee ministries, group homes, recovery ministries, etc.), through joint mission efforts (such as our own LS partners of Cristo Rey and Journey Performing Arts Ministry), through worldwide mission partnerships in Tanzania, Colombia, Japan, and more. What might it look like for each of us to open ourselves to the Spirit’s tugging—that we too might boldly go and proclaim the Good News of God’s Hope for all through the active love of Jesus, in whatever partnerships the Spirit calls?

For a final summer theme, I invite you to consider our Midlands Lutheran GraceWorks servant event, which so many youth are working to plan for July. For Graceworks 2021, the youth have developed their theme, **“Give Love Back!”** - and they will definitely live out that theme July 26-29, as they give love to many lives at the local agencies and ministries where they will serve. What might it look like for you and/or you family to join our youth in spirit, using these summer weeks as an opportunity to be reminded of how much God loves you—and then “give love back” by finding opportunities to serve others with that life-changing love of God?

Jesus the Way! Come to the Table! Boldly Go & Proclaim! Give Love Back! However the Spirit guides you this summer in *any of those themes*, may we truly find ways to be creative, innovative living beacons of God’s hope for all! With prayers of joy, hope, grace, and love for each of you in this summer 2021 , *Pastor Eric*



THURSDAY 1:21 HOPE-CASTS
YouTube & Facebook
Pastor Carl & 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

[CLICK HERE to share your ideas for our ongoing HOPING-COPING SKILLS SURVEY!](#)

From Pastor Carl

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be true.” This definition is based on doubt and uncertainty, but **Biblical HOPE** is knowing for a fact that the desired outcome will happen. It is not wishful thinking but a confident expectation. The **Bible** talks about how we have Hope for things eternal when we have faith in Christ, things that will never decay or waste away. Romans 15:13 *May the God of **Hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may abound in **Hope**.*

I know trying to look at the future of where things will be is scary, especially with the uncertainties of the Covid-19 strain still present in our lives. We do not know what tomorrow will bring, but when we have FAITH in Christ, we have Hope not just in this life but in the next. June had some highs and some lows, some good and some bad, some births and some deaths, but through it all, we had our Faith, Love, and Hope, with Love being the greatest of these.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, know this as we continue our hope emphasis this summer, focusing on a deeper prayer life that Christ is always with you. As we prepare for July, when so many of our current restrictions continue to be lifted, we can move more freely and engage with people more fully. Let us not forget to continue to lift all those who need prayer in our communities. Let us pray for the success of our Blood Drive, our Summer Hope Sunday, Graceworks, and our Sr. Youth Mission Retreat, all happening this month.

Lastly, brothers and sisters, we are guardians of our health and the health of those in the community to which we belong. We are also concerned about our comfort level and those who attend our Worship services. Many of us have been vaccinated, and we feel empowered to be more accessible than we have been for these last eighteen months. Nevertheless, we need to continue to be sensitive to those who do not have the same sense of empowerment. We need to be aware of the many parents who are still concerned about their children who have not been vaccinated. That could change in the next few months, but not at this time. We need to be aware that others are still concerned about compromising their health or the health of a loved one, so they will continue to be overly cautious.

As Christians, we are called to be witnesses of Christ's grace, mercy, and Love to everyone. We are the ones who are called to care for the friendless, encourage the hopeless, and help the ones who are lost find their home. We belong not only to the most loving and powerful God but the creation in which we have been placed. Faith, Hope, and Love, with the greatest of these being LOVE. I am so thankful that God has LOVE for all of us.... **Pastor Carl**



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



Notes from: *Faith Formation* **Campfirmation**

Our Youth and Children have had a marvelous two weeks with Campfirmation and SPARK VBS. Thanks to everyone who volunteered, sent cards, donated food for Palmetto Place youth, or helped in other ways. What a marvelous month of June!



Come to the Table - Spark/VBS



Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

Dear Living Springs Lutheran Church, thank you so much for another wonderful year of you providing back-packs. No matter if it was a week earlier or double the amount of bags, your team was there. The bags you provide were the highlight of our student's days. I had kids waiting at the door for their special bags. So much love is poured in those bags and the kids as well as families know.

Thank you!! Christie Hutchinson, Rice Creek Social Worker:

RICE ESTATE – FATHER'S DAY



For Mr. Burke @ Dorn VA Hospital

"We kicked off Father's Day weekend today with lots of fun and festivities to honor fathers on campus. Thank you to Living Springs Lutheran church for the beautiful flowers for dads. We also had a special delivery of donuts for dads this morning. Then later today, we enjoyed watermelon, putt-putt golf and golf cart rides! We have some pretty awesome fathers at Rice Estate!"

What a special treat to be able to honor the dads at Rice Estate – we are "hoping" to be able to continue where we left off and do some bingo, Hymn Along's, and dinners with our friends at Rice Estate.



Charles Kauffman

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Note change in date to July 15



Join Living Springs and help save lives at a community blood drive! Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. That's why Living Springs is on a mission to help save lives by hosting a blood drive on Thursday, July 15 from 10 am to 4 pm at 4224 Hard Scrabble Rd.

To make an appointment or to learn more, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) (Sponsor Code: LIVINGSPRINGS) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Summer Hope Sunday #1

Luke Harris and Laurie Belger from Thrivent



Summer Hope Sunday #2

July 18

Palmetto Place Children & Youth Services is one of our recipients of the Kingdom Mission Fund. We also provide a dinner meal and activity at Campus A (pregnant and parenting teens who are in foster care along with their babies and toddlers) on the fourth Monday of the month. Courtney Tidwell, Community Outreach Coordinator will give a presentation during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall or you can join online.

Summer Hope Sunday #2 - Palmetto Place

Sunday, July 18 · 9:25 – 10:10am

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/put-hqxe-nrd>

Or dial: (US) +1 916-750-3495 PIN: 609 018 702#

CHRISTMAS IN JULY FOR FAMILY PROMISE

2 Flip Flops Left—All due Back July 11

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.



PAPER, PENCILS, & PENS – OH MY!!!



Hope Ministry team will be collecting school supplies for students that are financially unable to buy their own – the items will be collected and distributed to our surrounding schools – Rice Creek, Killian, and North Creek elementary schools, Summit Middle, & Ridge View High. We support Rice Creek with our our backpack program ministry and Ridge View with our JV Football ministry. Richland 2 has also requested other organizations to supply these needed tools to support these children so they have a greater chance to succeed. The collection box will be in the admin building. We thank you in advance for your willingness to help the less fortunate children in our community. We will collect donations until August 9. Contact Karen Kranz for information.

Items needed: Elementary: backpacks, crayons, glue sticks, pencils, erasers, highlighters, wide-ruled notebook paper, wide-ruled composition books, safety scissors. Middle/High: backpacks, pencils or mechanical pencils with lead, colored pencils, pens, college-ruled notebook paper, college-ruled composition books.



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish to express my deepest thanks to you individually and collectively for recognizing my retirement with your generous gifts to Newberry College in my honor. Your contributions will support the mission of the college's Muller Center to foster "ethics, vocation, and civic engagement" across the curriculum or, as I like to say it, help our students "make a life, make a living, and make a difference." Please know how much I appreciate this gesture of remembrance and support, and our continuing partnership in the gospel.

God's peace, *Wayne Kannaday*



Dear Congregation,

On behalf of Newberry College, thank you for your gifts of \$1,500.00 to the Faculty Planning Mini Grant, \$1,000.00 to the Student Travel Scholarship, and \$1,000.00 in honor of the Rev. Dr. Wayne Kannaday's retirement for a total gift of \$3,500.00.

Thanks to you and other alumni, parents and friends, our students continue to have the resources to navigate incredibly into the new academic year. Your generosity has a meaningful impact during this time. As a loyal supporter of Newberry College, you are a partner in our students' success, and we are so thankful for your ongoing commitment.

Sincerely, *Lori Ann Summers, M.Ed.*
Vice President Institutional Advancement



Thank you for your support and kindness during Bunie's journey—May God bless you!

Harold Talbert

Hope Stories

In spite of all the changes brought about by mitigation measures to respond to COVID, CDC students continue to experience God's love. A student felt God's love shine through his CDC teacher and proudly proclaimed to his family that Ms. Tanyua loves me!

CDC Family

Prior to the availability of COVID vaccines, I really missed worshiping in the sanctuary. So when I was asked to serve on altar guild, I was so excited to have the opportunity for "my alone time" to worship in the sanctuary. I truly felt the joy and reassurance of God's presence in my life.

LS Disciple

Walker Flores is one of our former CDC "graduates" who graduated from High School this year and will be heading to college in the fall. In a recent CDC Board meeting, his mom expressed gratitude for the values and love instilled in him through the loving, spirit led CDC staff.

CDC Board Member

Watching the Hope cast on social media last week, I could see the letters spelling H O P E on the steps of the sanctuary. When Pastor Carl and Pastor Eric talked about what the letter P might represent, I thought about H O P E being an acronym and what the letters might represent—for me it is: Having Only Positive Expectations!

LS Disciple

When I wake up in the morning I am usually stiff and things look dark, but I thank God for my many blessings, my family and a long life. Then it brightens up and I can pray to talk to God about other things that are on my mind. And end with "let thy will be done".

Goldie Harmon

When I think about hope, I see hope as an anchor that keeps me from floating away.

John Imbert

I was distributing our SPARK flyers through one of our neighborhoods and stopped to talk to a retired lady that I had come to be friendly with during my daily walks. A few years ago, I had learned that her and her husband had split up, but didn't pry into the reason. I happened to see the husband at our pet blessing in 2019 – he recognized me, but I was shocked at his appearance and it was very obvious he had been drinking. I have been praying for him (and I actually told him I would), but haven't seen him since that time. In meeting up with Sally (fictitious name), I asked her how she was doing, how is George (fictitious name) and she said he is home now! He has acknowledged his problem and is much better, and recently had back surgery. I said I was happy for them and "hope" it works out. Her comment was "isn't it the right thing to do?". She thanked me for my continued prayers and I thought to myself "that IS the right thing to do!" and I have this story to tell just because I decided to randomly pass out flyers in a different neighborhood!

SHARE YOUR HOPE STORY

Has God worked a disciple moment through you or someone else during the week? Email GodAtWork@livingspringscolumbia.org and share the story of Hope - 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: *Justice Ministry*

But let justice flow like water, and righteousness, like an unfailing stream. Amos 5:24

As we welcome July and the full Summer season, we also enter a season for Hope and reflection.

Many of us are seeing hope fulfilled in family get togethers and long awaited reunions. Children are excited about Summer Bible Camp and parents are happy to do their own quiet study and reflection, alone!

For Justice Ministry, this is a season for reflection, prayer, and assessment! There have been so many challenges this year, adjusting to Zoom meetings, maintaining connections to people, growing the ministry without the personal contact that is so vital!

Hope is what has kept us moving forward. Hope is what has motivated us when we wondered if the problems in education, housing, mental health, and gun violence were too overwhelming. Hope is what will carry us forward as we see our community suffering, especially in regard to the violence we see reported every day.

Our Justice Ministry Team leaders will be gathering in August to prepare for a new season of planning, action, and advocacy. There is a lot of hopeful anticipation! What a blessing it will be to reconnect with the beloved community, sharing our stories, and working to address the problems we all can see, but feel powerless to do anything about.

In hopeful anticipation, July and August are also opportunities for learning and investing in Justice Ministry. Leaders and clergy have been praying and attending workshops this Summer. Ministry members have been meeting with community businesses who seek to support this work going forward. And very importantly, individual congregation members can still contribute to this year's ministry cycle.

Investments can be sent to:

MORE Justice

709 Gabriel St.

Columbia, SC 29203

This Summer, we pray and hope for the safety, and health of all in our beloved community. This Summer, we also pray and hope for the those who are working to make it so.

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



Notes from: *LS Child Development Center*



Staff Day!

Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

LS Summer Prayer Focus

#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 & congregational life.*

These are the first 2 items in our 13-item Hope Menu, and here in this hope-filled summer of 2021, we want to focus on them.

Prior to each worship service, there will be 5 minutes to be still and pray in the pews. We will sound our hope bell at 8:10 and 10:25 to enter this special pre-worship time. We will all be in prayer, but if you have something special that you would like prayed for during this time, you can simply raise your hand and Pastor Eric or Pastor Carl will come to you in the pews. There will also be a special hope moment for silent prayer during the regular worship service prayers.

***At home this summer (or wherever you travel), we invite you & your family to develop your own pattern of 5-minutes to intentionally be still in prayer and know that God is God. Build it into your daily schedule in whatever way & time is most meaningful for your household.*

Missional Worship & Music Leader: Living Springs Lutheran Church

Do you know someone who might be a good fit for our Worship & Music Leader? Send them to <https://bit.ly/LSMusicWorship> for more information on the position and how to submit their resume (or contact Jim Zieche if you have a lead.)



God At Work

2021 Synod Assembly To Boldly Go and Proclaim

Our Synod Assembly voting members attended virtually here, or where ever they could. If you would like a review of of the assembly [click here to read the SC Synod's Special Assembly eNews.](#)



Blessing Bags Re-stocked! Ready For You to Pick Up & Distribute...

As part of our "Come to the Table" Spark Kickoff, we were able to assemble dozens of new blessing bags. They are available in the barrell outside the main office. We encourage everyone to pick up several and keep them with you to give to anyone you come across experiencing homelessness (or in other need). You can also get together with someone and make a special trip downtown to Finley Park or other locations to distribute multiple bags - just let us know.



Notes from: *Women's Ministry*



**May everything we
do be done in love.**

SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN OF THE ELCA CONVENTION **NEWS PLEASE SAVE THE DATE:**

Sunday, September 26, 2021, 1:00-6:00 pm

"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness No merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand." ELW 597

*"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."
Hebrews 11:1 KJV*

The virtual convention will be on Sunday, September 26, 2021, 1pm-6pm. Please be considering the two voting members from your church. They will need a valid email address to log in. They will need their own iPad, laptop or personal computer to log in so they can access files and vote. This year we will be voting on president, treasurer, and board members. We will also have the ability to add visitors to watch the meeting as well.

[Click here for the registration form](#)

Notes from: *Men's Ministry*



September, 10-12, 2021

Tracy's Camp

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

Registration: \$150. [Click here for brochure/form.](#)

Contact Marshall Hurlbert

Notes from: *Sr. Youth* Youth Sunday



Quilling



July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Independence Day 810A Prayer Time for Nation 815A Worship (Sanctuary) 1025A Prayer Time for Nation 1030A Worship (Sanctuary/Lawn/ Vehicle/Online)	5 Office Closed 1030 Meals on Wheels	6 945A Staff Mtg 1030 Meals on Wheels	7 1030A LSCDC Bible Time 6P Music Recording 7P BS Troop #737 Eagle Scout Ceremony (set-up 5P)	8 830 Good News Walkers 121P Thur. Hope-Cast 630P LSCDC Board 7P Lifelong Discipleship	9 930A LSCDC Chapel Time	10
11 810A Pre-Worship Prayer Time 815A Worship (Sanctuary) 915A Adult Class 1025A Pre-Worship Prayer Time 1030A Worship (Sanctuary/Lawn/ Vehicle/Online)	12 1030 Meals on Wheels 11A Good News Team 7P Exec 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care	13 10A Book of the Month Bible Study 1030 Meals on Wheels 530P Finance	14 1030A LSCDC Bible Time	15 Children's Hospital / Meal 830 Good News Walkers 10A - 4P Blood Drive 121P Thur. Hope-Cast 6P BS Troop #737 Physi- cal Training Merit Badge 7P Council Meeting	16 930A LSCDC Chapel Time	17 12P Journey Audi- tions
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Grace Works - 7/26-7/29 8A - 5P						Sr. Youth Retreat Trip - 7/30-8/1

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

July 1	Jim Grimmer	July 16	♥ Weston & Vickie Crapps
July 4	Susan Bradham	July 18	Evan Turnmire
	♥ Rhett & Melody Hair	July 21	Hailey Stoutland
July 5	Delores Harmon	July 22	Kathy Brennan
July 7	Gail Buchanan	July 24	Katherine Nelson
July 8	♥ Charles & Melissa Christy	July 25	♥ Charles & Nancy Kauffman
July 10	William Collins	July 27	Jan Epperson
	Richard Kopec	July 28	Sally Catoe
July 11	♥ Carl & LaTynia Taylor		Barbara Creighton
July 12	♥ Todd & Midge Gunvalson		♥ Ryan & Kristen Harmon
July 14	Abbie Zvejnieks	July 29	Logan Mancuso



Celebrate Your Baptism

Don't forget to check the bulletin to see if we will be celebrating your Baptismal Anniversary during this month's Sunday worship services. Immediately below the Gathering Music, there are printed the names of those who are celebrating a baptismal anniversary *in that week*. When the gathering music begins, individuals can quietly come forward to meet Pastor Eric at the baptismal fountain. There, he will re-trace the cross with the water on your forehead and offer a special prayer of blessing for you (children may be accompanied by parents). There is nothing to be anxious about - everything is done quietly while the music is being played. For those who know only the month of your Baptism, you can join us on the first Sunday of the month (if you prefer some other Sunday, please let us know). **If you do not know your baptismal information, then please pick a month when you would like to celebrate this gift of God's grace in your life – and notify the office**, so that we can add you to the celebration list (we'll simply mark the choice of your month with an asterisk). Even if you don't know the exact date, it's important to celebrate this special gift of God's grace in your life. Again, we encourage everyone to research your Baptismal date and find out as much information as you can – let us know if we can help!

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



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