

The Living Springs Journal

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

September 2021



In the Wilderness Guided by Hope! (from Pastor Eric)

AUGUST BIBLE BOOK OF MONTH = Leviticus

"The LORD your God, who goes before you, is the one who will fight for you ... and in the wilderness, where you saw how the LORD your God carried you, just as one carries a child, all the way ..." - Deuteronomy 1:30-31

I remember months ago, imagining how wonderful this September might be, with COVID beginning to wane and numbers dropping. Instead, we sadly have a resurgence of the pandemic, not to mention so many other things weighing on our hearts (Haiti, Hurricane Ida, Afghanistan, ongoing Western fires & flooding, events in our personal/family lives). In the midst of all this, I find myself drawn again and again to the section of Scripture where God's people long ago found themselves in the "wilderness" for a prolonged period (40 years) - all because of their reluctance to embrace the transformation, change, and growth that God was trying to bring to their lives, so that they might truly become God's living beacons of hope for the world. If you remember the full story, there was even one early occasion where the people had an opportunity to exit the wilderness (to enter the promised land of Canaan), but out of rumors & fear, they refused to trust & obey the plan God had offered them—and as a result, they ended up back in the wilderness for a full generation. In the midst of their wilderness journey, the people's repeated complaint to God expressed their unhealthy desire to get back to an old comfort zone of the "way things used to be" (as slaves in Egypt).

As I have said repeatedly, I do not believe God caused this pandemic—but nonetheless, God can work through events of history to move us out of unhealthy comfort zones (old patterns/routines/priorities that enslaved our hearts & lives) - and bring transformation to help us more fully embrace what God created, freed, and called us to be. Perhaps out of fear (and rumors), we human beings have refused to trust & obey an early option God provided for us to emerge from our current wilderness. Perhaps we are still too enamored with going back to an ultimate unhealthy (yet comfortable) way "things used to be." Perhaps we are now in an ongoing period of wilderness because we still need further transformation & change as humanity, to fully become the living beacons of hope God created us to be as God's human family: set free from our slavery to human-created barriers, rancor, anger, dividing walls, fear, self-centeredness, injustices, materialism, greed, and more

Yet, that ancient story of Scripture also tells us something else—***God never abandoned God's people throughout their transforming, extended wilderness journey!*** God was ever-present in hope-filled beacons guiding them every step of the way (pillars of cloud by day & fire by night). God provided for their essential, daily needs (water

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ONGOING SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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!"

SEPTEMBER "HOPE HAPPENINGS"

Haiti Disaster Relief Bucket
Ongoing Backpack Stuff-a-Bus

SUNDAY, SEPT. 12

God's Work, Our Hands!
(Packing 9:30, Ministry Bingo 12:30)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 16

Children's Hospital Meal

TUESDAY, SEPT. 21

Rush Hour Ministry, 5:00-6:30

SEPT. 19, 26 & OCT. 3, 10

Justice Ministry "House" Meetings

SUNDAY, SEPT. 26

Lutheran Men's Sunday
SC WELCA Virtual Convention, 1pm

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from a rock, manna & quails from heaven). God constantly was engaged with the people—teaching, shaping, providing them instruction, offering tough love & guiding discipline as needed. So, too, this God of hope and love continues to be fully engaged with us in our current transforming, somewhat extended wilderness journey!



I have been truly amazed at all the ways God continues to be at work through the people of Living Springs—shaping us to be amazing living beacons of hope in creative ways! In the wake of Hurricane Ida, we sent out a call of hope for 4000 items in 40 hours—but that call generated **26,300 Hurricane Hope items** (a modern version of Christ's miracle of loaves & fish)! The first 2 weeks of **JV Football Devotional Ministry** have been incredible—with even deeper relationships being formed between players and Pastor Carl, based on his own football experience. Our **“Celebration of Hope” Rally Day Kickoff** on Aug. 22 was truly a Spirit-inspired morning with creative Hope Tents and Worship/Music/Care stations! The response at Kroger for our **Backpack Food Ministry Stuff-a-Bus** was overwhelming—as has been the ongoing follow-up flow of donations. Our **3rd Summer Hope Sunday** with R2 Leader Social Worker Abby Cobb opened hearts even more to the needs of so many children & teens. The **Beacon Hope Tags for School Bag Sunday** have now been carried with students & teachers into many schools (with some passed on to colleagues & friends). God truly shined hope in the Hope Garden, Hope Moments & Prayer Blessings for our **LS-CDC Sunday**. Our weekly **Sunday worship livestream** continues to bring hope to people we've never met—and allow LS family members to worship while recovering, away, or in quarantine. **Pre-worship Prayer Times** (with our recent 4 purple hope candles) continue to give us added time to be still and know that God is God! None of this even begins to touch on the hope-filled stories coming out of our **Meals-on-Wheels ministry, Scouting ministry, Children's Hospital food ministry, Youth & Children's ministry**, and more....

I can't wait to see how God will be at work this September—with growing excitement about another creative **“God's Work, Our Hands”** effort on Sept. 12; the start of our annual **Justice Ministry “House” Meetings** on Sept. 19; **Rush Hour Ministry** on Sept. 21; **Lutheran Men's Sunday & SC WELCA Convention** on Sept. 26—as well as upcoming Children's Faith Formation, Confirmation & Sr. Youth Group ministries; resumed Adult Bible Studies—and plans for a Holy Communion faith milestone and Member Welcome Blessing.

This September may not look anything like what I had anticipated a few months ago, but thanks be to God for that! For indeed, God's vision is always greater than our own—and I can truly feel God's presence every day in the extended wilderness journey, working diligently to bring transformation and hope beyond what I could anticipate. I pray that you too sense God's presence with you, as we embark on the next month of this ongoing journey together as God's people. Thanks be to God for all the ways you & your family are always a living beacon of hope!

With much love (and hope!) in Christ, *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;
all are GOD'S ACTIVE HOPE-AGENTS in our daily, spiritual, communal lives.

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 **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!**



Dear Living Springs,

Hope. It is a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen. A feeling of trust in the future. At Lutheran Services Carolinas, the LSC ministry is built on hope - hope that children, adults, and families served across the Carolinas will have a life filled with comfort, optimism, and peace.

Hope means something different to each one of us. For those in LSC's care, it means a loving foster family for a young person who is struggling, a supportive home for an adult facing new challenges due to a brain injury, or a welcoming community for a stranger from another country who is looking for safety and acceptance. It also means a safe and secure home for a frail elder at an LS Senior community.

Hope is also a trip to the beach, a Wii bowling competition, a dance party, or other daily fun across all LS communities and programs. However hope is defined, LSC was to offer it last year to more than 6,000 individuals from all walks of life, LSC thanks you for helping to make that possible.

Hope - a simple word, a bold promise.

Thank you for all for your support of LSC's ministries.

Yours in Christ,

Richard D. Duncan, MBA, CFE

Chief Development Officer



Dear LS,

I wanted to thank you for your generous donation to Lutheran Services Carolinas!

The Unaccompanied Minor team was beyond thrilled to receive the two mattresses and box spring for a foster care family in need of beds. Your generous congregations provided two children a safe and warm place to lay their heads.

Thank you again for making a difference through your compassion and generosity.

With warm regards,

Sue West

LSC Development Officer

Living Springs,

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and get well cards It really means a lot to me. I am slowly but surely getting better with God's help.

Love & Prayers,

Vicki Crapps

Dear LS,

Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl you knitted. What a wonderful reminder of God's love and yours! Thanks for keeping me in your prayers.

God Bless,

Marjorie Appleton

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for the Pew Bear. It is a comfort to me as I recover from transplant surgery.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Robert Holmstrom

Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello and blessings to all as we enter into a new school year,

I know many of us were hoping that things would look different than they did last year at this time, and in many ways they do. We see Hope in having access to vaccinations, children having the availability to be in face-to-face classroom instruction and families and friends being able to gather for worship and outdoor celebrations.

In the CDC we were able to see Hope most recently as our oldest group of Preschoolers celebrated their Kindergarten Kickoff with an outdoor graduation!

We were able to feel Hope as our staff gathered for our annual Teacher In-Service.

We continue to see Hope as new families and children arrive and become members of the LSLC-CDC family; bringing with them the Hope of a new year, with new experiences and new people that will wrap them in God's embrace.

We continue to see Hope as we speak to potential candidates about what it means to be called to be a part of our CDC ministry; called to be a Beacon of Hope in the lives of those we encounter daily.

I continue to be grateful for the experiences of Hope I see shining in the world around us; for those moments of quiet as we listen to the stories and hear how God is working in and around us.

Thank you for all the moments of Hope you give as shining Beacons of Gods light within us.

Wishing you well, *Tammy*



**Graduation/
Kindergarten
Kickoff**



LSCSC Sunday



Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

Rice Estate Gift Bags

Since Covid, we have not been able to hold our Rice Estate Dinners. In place of those, we have been sending gift bags with all sorts of treats.



Mom's gift in Hospice Care at Rice Estates was a true Beacon of Hope and total surprise for Mom. While she has been a resident of Rice for over twenty years at all stages of care. The thoughtfulness to include mother who is now in isolation as part of her project provided a joyful and meaningful experience! The pictures I am forwarding demonstrate the impact of Living Spring's Moving Forward in Faith's 2021 program.



Thanks for the wonderful bag of goodies you sent us. Maybe someday we will get to come back for dinner. Those are so nice and such a good break.
Love,
Joan, Rice Estate

Dear LS,
How very thoughtful and generous of you to remember us here at Rice on the many occasions you have sent so many items including goodies as well as various things to read, and even puzzles! It means so very much to be remembered in such thoughtful and generous ways!
Sincerely, **Carolina**

Thank you for remembering us at Rice Estate with the wonderful bag of "goodies". The "goodies" are most gratefully accepted, but being remembered and looked after by your congregation is even more appreciated. You are, indeed, a loving church.
Gratefully, *Harriet*

Lutheran Gamecocks Campus Ministry BBQ

LS was invited to attend the Lutheran Campus Ministry BBQ. Several of our members were in attendance.

Interesting story; Christian, when he heard me say what church I was from, exclaimed oh you're the church with the fountain! Christian helped at our fish fry back when we first started it and is now a lawyer but still involved with campus ministry.



4000 Items in 40 Hours

Pastor Carl's son, John, pulled out from LS Thursday morning at 9:15 - after we loaded his van with 7,400 food items (cans of meat/fruit/beans, protein/nutrition/breakfast bars, etc.) and 18,900 other items (batteries, sanitary wipes, paper products, plastic utensils, etc.) - plus donated



School Supply Drive

Supporting Summit Middle, Rice Creek, & Killian Schools



Dear Living Springs,
Thank you so much for donating the school supplies to us here at Rice Creek. I really appreciate Living Springs always thinking and caring about our babies! It will make a world of difference to a child's self-esteem to have a new book bag, binder, pencils and color pencils. As always!! Thank you!!

Christie Hutchinson

Rice Creek Elementary School
Social Worker

Stuff-A-Bus



We were at our stuff a bus event, it was a changing of the guards so to speak, so I had time to say a thank you and put items in the shopping carts of customers coming out of the store. One gentleman came out and handed me his contribution, I looked into his cart and saw he had veggies and said – that looks like you're going to making something good! He responded that he used to be a chef & likes to cook and then he retired from that and was a police officer and now retired. His estranged son was now living with him – you could tell how excited he was about that – and he was going to cook up a 5-bean salad for the son. Well, the conversation turned to how he was upset because his son did not attend a church. Talk about timing! Pastor Carl happened to be helping at that time and I immediately held up my hand and said "Pastor Carl – you have to talk to this man" They talked about the situation for quite a while, but I thought to myself – God put this man in right place at the right time – I know he walked away with a great weight taken off his shoulder because someone listened to him and empathized with his situation. Take the time to listen – really listen.

STUFF A BUS/BACKPACKS

On a hot, very hot day in August, we collected an amazing busload of food items for our backpack program. Our goal is to supply 65 bags again this year for Rice Creek and Joseph Keels Elementary and Blythewood Academy. We will continue to request donations via Amazon, monetary donations through Givelify or check to LS, or pick up items from your local supermarket and drop off in the shopping carts sitting in the admin building. Your help pulled us through a difficult year, and **we are prepared to start packing on Sept. 16** and continue the same program through the coming school year. Items needed are: individual milk cartons, juice boxes, individual cereal boxes, individual meat (with flip top lids), applesauce/fruit cups; pudding cups, individually wrapped cookies & snacks. *Thank you to all that helped collect at Kroger on August 21.*



GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Sunday, September 12 our community service day offers some options for you:

- gather in the Fellowship Hall to pack lunches for the homeless.
- laundromat locations will be visited where we will supply the quarters to residents to do their laundry.
- pack individual plastic bags of laundry detergent with a hope message sticker.

GWOH "Feed the Machine"

One of our community service events will be going to a few laundromats and using quarters that we are collecting to provide laundromat service for families that don't have the luxury of a washer and dryer. Look for the large detergent box and drop your quarters in. Don't have quarters? For every \$10 offered, we'll turn that into a roll of quarters!



GWOH Virtual Ministry Bingo
Sunday, September 12 · 12:30 – 1:30pm

Google Meet joining info: <https://meet.google.com/xwp-skvh-goo>
 Or dial: (US) +1 904-580-9580 PIN: 673 059 648#

Go home & eat your own Sunday lunch. Join the big LS "Gods Work. Our Hands. Virtual Ministry Bingo Game", using your own "[Ministry Bingo Card](#)". Each winner will select a helping ministry for LS to send a \$5 "prize" from our LS project fund. Adam Woodruff will be calling the numbers from Tennessee – how many people from different states can we get to participate?? Call your friends, family, neighbors that have moved and communicate our Google Meet information. See you virtually on September 12!

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE A HOPE AGENT??!!

Richland 2 school district has been a partner with Living Springs for many, many years – Unaccompanied youth, backpack program, summer feeding program, reading program at elementary schools, school supply drive in August, Helping Hands Alerts, JV Football meals, Mission Kingdom recipient – it's a long list and indicates the need. If this is something you have a spirit tug for, I encourage you to complete the process. Contact Karen Kranz or Abby Cobb for more information.



Notes from: *Good News Team*

RUSH HOUR MINISTRY BE A BEACON OF HOPE
Tuesday, September 21, 430-630PM



There is space for you! Be a beacon of hope on the sidewalk in front of Living Springs holding signs of HOPE, handing out goodies, and/or sharing a blessing to those traveling home from work or headed to work! We will pack the goodies around 4:30, then head out to be beacons around 5. Join us anytime!

Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

As September arrives we are beginning the new cycle of Justice Ministry at Living Springs. For those new to this experience, the Justice Ministry gives us the opportunity to respond to God's mandate: "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8) What does this Bible verse mean? Mercy is helping others (e.g., backpack ministry, football ministry, Meals on Wheels, etc.) "Walking humbly with God" is the worship, Bible study, and church programs that help us grown in faith. Churches are pretty good at mercy ministry and worship. Most of us have a ways to grow in following the third part of God's command. "Doing justice" is when we hear and respond to God's call to change unfair systems that continue to harm our neighbors. We have grown in this ministry in recent years, and look forward to discovering what God has in store for Justice Ministry this year at Living Springs.

Four years ago Living Springs joined with 35+ congregations across the Midlands to work toward changes that would make life better for our neighbors. With a diversity of brothers and sisters of faith we have asked public officials to make changes to better serve those with mental illness, those needing affordable housing, and those affected by gun violence. Through our work with other congregations we have increased the number of law enforcement officers with Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) to keep more of our officers safe, and those with mental illness safe as they are referred to places for de-escalation and treatment, rather than to jail. We also have made headway in securing an affordable housing trust fund to make it possible for middle- and low-income neighbors to have a safe place to live. Doing God's justice work together these past few years has truly made a difference in the Midlands.

For those of us at Living Springs who have been a part of Justice Ministry these past four years, what's different this year? Is there anything new to hear or embrace? What's new is the experiences you and I and our neighbors have had this year. We have experienced injustice – or seen injustice – this past year. Now is the time that we talk about this with one another: what in our community makes you angry, what keeps you awake at night? How has the pandemic affected the needs that you see in our community? It's time for us to talk with one another and to listen. Then we will share with the hundreds of other faith partners in diverse congregations across Columbia and vote on what problems to address as we "love God and love neighbor." It's time for us to listen and together discern God's call to justice.

House meetings in September will give Living Springs many opportunities to grow in our understanding of God's call to justice:

Peg and Jim Zieche – Sunday, September 19, 1:00 pm

Helen Doerpinghaus and Wayne Kannaday – Sunday, September 19, 4:00pm

Living Springs Youth – Sunday, September 26, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Gail Buchanan – Sunday, September 26, 4:00pm

Mike Davidson and Gwen Furcron – Sunday, October 3, 1:00 pm

Watch for Hope Moments at Sunday worship and other announcements in coming weeks as we begin this year's justice journey together.

In addition to our House meetings, we encourage you to also talk at greater length with Justice Team Leaders one-on-one on the phone or in person. It's a great time to talk about your "justice walk" and what you are thinking, questions you may have, as you move forward in your own spiritual journey. The Team Leaders would love to hear from you anytime – Peg and Jim Zieche, Gail Buchanan, Mike Davison, Gwen Furcron, Wayne Kannaday, Helen Doerpinghaus. Join us in the justice journey!

FORMED & GROUNDED IN GOD'S HOPE!
Living Springs Children & Youth Faith Formation – Fall 2021

+ **CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION (AGE 3ish – 5TH GRADE) +**

Sunday Worship GIFT Zone @ 8:15 & 10:30: *child & parent-friendly tables in the worship space, so children can worship with parents/family, plus in-worship activity packets!*

Sunday "Faith Alive" Class @ 9:30 *(in-person, online, take-home options)*

Thursday Weekly Faith "Check-Ins" @ 6:30 *(online with Pastor Carl)*

Faith Milestones – Next: Holy Communion this September!

+ **YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 6-12) +**

Sunday Faith Times (gr. 6-12) @ 9:30 *(in-person & online options)*

Sunday Confirmation Class (gr. 6-9) @ Noon *8/29, 9/19, 10/3, 10/17, 10/31 ...*

Sunday Youth Group (gr. 6-12) @ Noon *9/12, 9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/7*

Thursday Youth Faith Times @ 7pm (gr. 6-12) *(GoogleMeet)*

ELCA Youth Gathering Group (gr. 8-12) *monthly tba, as we prepare for July 2022!*

+ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION +**

Sunday Adult Bible Class

Meets in the Fellowship Hall and Online at 9:30

Join us as we take a deeper look at scripture readings that are used in the worship service each Sunday. All are welcome to join as we ask "What is God saying to us in the lesson." Facilitator – Helen Doeringhaus

Google Meet joining info: <https://meet.google.com/zkz-tzgp-seu>

Or dial: (US) +1 323-515-9597 PIN: 776 209 519#

Ladies Bible Study

Meets in the Fellowship Hall and Online on Tuesdays at 10am

Ladies Bible Study returns on Tuesday, September 7th. We will be studying "Heart of Jesus" by Marlys Taege. The book and workbook cost around \$20. Contact Beverly Hoppert to let her know you would like the book/workbook.

Google Meet joining info: <https://meet.google.com/crm-zcgt-bxx>

Or dial: (US) +1 617-675-4444 PIN: 842 206 632 0470#

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Meets in the Fellowship Hall and Online on Tuesdays at 10am

Beginning in September we will be meeting in person in the Fellowship Hall, also with a Google Meet link for anyone who can not be with us in person. We will begin with study and discussion of the many scripture passages that speak about HOPE.

Want to join in? If so, just contact Steve Bloss at sbloss1947@gmail.com or at 803-467-8287 to be added to the Google Meet invitations and to receive notes for each weekly readings.

Google Meet joining info: <https://meet.google.com/zao-uddc-uhy>

Or dial: (US) +1 260-227-7312 PIN: 504 568 319#

BOOKS OF MONTH: 2021-22

SEPTEMBER	Leviticus	MARCH	Luke Ch. 1-13
OCTOBER	Numbers	APRIL	Luke Ch. 14-24
NOVEMBER	1 Chronicles	MAY	1 & 2 Timothy, Titus
DECEMBER	2 Chronicles	JUNE	Philemon & James
JANUARY	Hosea-Obadiah	JULY	Song of Solomon & Lamentations
FEBRUARY	Nahum-Habakkuk-Zephaniah-Haggai		

Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

As we continue to look for innovative ways to add music and enhance our worship experience during the pandemic we're asking for your help. Do you have a musical talent you can share live during our services on Sunday? If not live would you be willing to record it? We are looking for instrumentalists, singers, dancers, mimes, storytellers, any gift you might have that would be appropriate in worship. We would still follow Covid protocols. Let us know, be a part of enhancing our services! Email Virginia at virginia@livingspringscolumbia.org or Jim at jzieche@aol.com.

Handbells Are Back!

The Handbells are back practicing as of August 24, 2021. The choir is hoping for more consistency than the 2020-2021 season.

We still need two players. A bass player and the highest treble bells (B and C above the staff). Both places are excellent areas to start in the choir. The spots normally play the easier parts.

If you would like to join us, we meet on Tuesday nights @ 7pm (we will **NOT** meet on 9/7). If you would like to talk to someone in the bell choir to see if it's for you, any of the members would be happy to talk to you. Members include: Doug Danner, Audrey Turnmire, Bob Turnmire, Laura Turnmire, Karlene Stuart, Ashley Ramsey, Wendy McKenzie, Jan Berger, Sarah Schultz, Midge Gunvalson and Pat Bartucca.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Because of the situation with the pandemic and now the Delta Variant, the worship assistant schedule has relied on people signing themselves up versus being assigned ahead of time. If you would prayerfully think about how you could contribute to assisting in the worship role – we need a lector, (2) seating ushers, an acolyte, a crucifer, and the welcome table at both services and then at the 10:30, we need an additional assisting minister or communion assistant and a parking lot usher. We are now using Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) program for signing up – please see Karen Kranz if you need assistance in signing up or need a copy of the guideline for the role you are seeking.

Exciting News from Children's Worship Ministry

If you are worshipping inside the sanctuary, you may have noticed several small tables with kid friendly chairs located in various areas of our worship space.

We are excited to offer family friendly worship space similar to the Children's Gift Zone. Adults can use these areas to sit with children and share worship liturgy experiences where children can participate more fully in worship. Children's Worship packets are available at the Welcome Table and include a child-friendly Worship Bulletin and our SPARK Faith Formation bulletins for readers and non-readers. Also included are color sheets, puzzles, word searches and other fun items that provide opportunities to listen, read, and talk with children to more fully connect them to the Bible lessons and the full worship experience. On the tables, you will find words for the Prayer of the Day, the Apostles Creed, as well as "words to listen for during worship." The Worship Team is continuing to pray and discern God's will for worship opportunities for children and are happy to have these "small group" areas available to families.

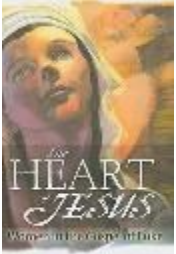


For those who worship on the lawn/in cars OR on-line, we would LOVE to send these packets to you each week. Send an e-mail to Jan Berger (Jan.Berger@nelsonmullins.com) and she can email you the materials to use as you continue to worship in the format that best suits your family.

IT'S WORSHIP: FAMILY - CONVERSATION - CONNECTION

Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

WOMEN'S HOPE OPPORTUNITIES



Women's Bible Study: Tuesday 10 am bible study resumes September 7 in the Fellowship Hall or online Google Meet -- joining info: <https://meet.google.com/crm-zcgt-bxx> Or dial: (US) +1 617-675-4444 PIN: 842 206 632 0470#. Our study will be on The Heart of Jesus. Contact person is Beverly Hoppert.



Crafty Ladies – will meet the second Saturday of the month at 9:30 am – Saturday, September 11 is our start date. No experience required! You only need to know how to tie a knot for the quilting! If you would like to bring your knitting or other craft, fellowship is shared by all. Contact person is Beverly Hoppert.



Women's Retreat: Pastor Jackie Utley will lead our women's retreat this year with the program – "A Bead and a Prayer". This is a spiritual teaching and activity that will be an inspirational learning experience for all of us. The date is October 8-10 at Isle of Palms Retreat Center and you are invited to sign up with Signup Genius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BAEA92FA0F85-womens>) or there is a signup sheet in the admin building. Cost will be approx.. \$100 per person – double occupancy which will cover room for two nights, (2) breakfasts, (1) lunch & (1) dinner, activity supplies, and the presenters fee. If you have a preference to room with someone, please indicate that on the form. Contact Jan Berger or Karen Kranz.

LADIES BOOK CLUB - The Four Winds *Next Gathering - Monday, October 4*

The next book club meeting is on Monday, October 4 at 7 pm. The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah, an epic novel of love and heroism and "hope" set against the backdrop of the Great Depression and it is available at the Richland County library. Our book club is open to all, so if you know anyone who loves to read, please join us.



Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

Men-Help Wanted

The Executive Board of the SCLMM needs a few good men to serve in the following positions: Secretary-This position requires a four-year commitment as the person who fills it serves a one year term as Secretary, then Vice President, then President, then Past President; Treasurer-This position is a year to year position; Promotional Secretary-This is a year to year position. Interest in Marketing would be helpful: There are several positions open for fund managers. No finance background required. Job descriptions for these positions can be found on the SCLMM website. Please contact Robert Epting, robert.epting@applegreenstores.com, 803-553-1888 if you have interest in serving in any of these positions or if you have any questions.

God At Work

Rally Day—Celebration of Hope



A highlight of Rally Day a Celebration of Hope was Bob Gill offering anthems on the keyboards. He performed Drinking From My Saucer, and Lord, Listen to your Children Praying. We appreciate Bob and all the choir members for providing music for the day!

Ministry Flyers

If you missed out on our ministry flyers that were handed out at our Rally Day Celebration of Hope, grab them on Sunday, stop by the office, or call/email the office and we'll mail them out to you.



Kitchen Warming Cabinet Donations

We have been updating our main kitchen with commercial grade ovens and badly needed electrical work. Special thanks to Marshall Hurlbert! The final piece is a commercial, full-size insulated warming cabinet for approx. \$3000. We have some funds already, but if you would like to make a donation toward the project (perhaps in honor or memory of someone), please place your contribution in the offering or send it to the office. Simply note "warming cabinet," along with any honor/memorial info. Donations of any amount are welcome - hopefully, we can make this happen prior to the fall!



Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

Membership Welcome Sunday

Plans are now being made for our next Sunday to welcome new members into Christ's family of faith here at Living Springs. If interested - or if you would like to know more about Living Springs - please see Pastor Eric or Pastor Carl -- or call the office!

JV Football Ministry

*Thursdays, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30,
10/7, 10/21 & 10/28*

Living Springs is again sponsoring pre-game devotional meals for youth of the Ridgeview JV team. Again this year, the meals, desserts & drinks must be individually packaged. For each Thursday, we will need:

- * 70-75 individual-sized 12-20 oz. bottled Gatorades (OR, \$30 donation*)
- * 70-75 individually wrapped (or pre-packaged) pairs of cookies (OR, \$30 donation*)
- * 1 person at church to help pack meals in to-go boxes (2:30 pm)
- * 3 persons to help transport meals to Ridgeview and be a presence for the team (3:15pm)

*For Financial donations, go to the [GIVELIFY](#) app OR make checks to Living Springs (mark "Football Ministry"). Sign-up chart for volunteers, drinks, and cookies is linked above (or simply call the office). Contact [Bob Turnmire](#) for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES TO BECOME GOD'S HOPE AGENT!

- [Richland 2 Mentor Program](#): We will match mentors with 8th-grade students and are asking for 2 contacts a month with the student (at least one in-person and one virtual if necessary). We also want our mentors to commit to mentoring the same student for 5 years which is when these students should be graduating from high school. Contact Karen Kranz if interested.
- Lutheran Services Foster Care Program: contact UCinfo@lscarolinas.net or 803.708.2605 to learn more about being a loving foster home for children from Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador who have made a dangerous journey to reach the safety of the United States.
- Do you like to walk at a nice easy pace? Good News Walkers meet Thursday mornings @ 8 or 8:30 am (depending on the weather) to distribute Living Springs flyers/postcards to neighborhoods that have paper boxes. Contact Karen Kranz.
- [Packing weekly bags](#) for LS backpack program <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BAEA92FA0F85-packing>. Two or three people can sort food items that have been set on tables, pack the bags & put into the shopping carts, bless them, and leave them in the admin hall. This is a great opportunity for students looking for community service hours. Contact Karen Kranz.
- [Become a worship assistant](#) – sign into MSP (Ministry Scheduler Pro). Behind the worship scene, it takes many people to coordinate and assist to make the experience a memorable one for everyone. If we all took a role once a month, the burden does not fall on a certain few. Contact Karen Kranz for assistance and information.
- Write an encouraging note to parents who have children in Children's Hospital.
- Write an encouraging note to someone on our prayer list.
- Deliver Meals on Wheels on a Monday or Tuesday (2 hours). Contact Mike Davidson.
- Write a thank you note to a veteran.
- Prepare and deliver a meal for 12 campus ministry students on a Sunday evening by 6:15 pm. Signup: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BAEA92FA0F85-campus>. Contact Karen Kranz.
- [JV Football](#): Gatorade and cookies for 90 high school football players. Check with Bob Turnmire on needs.

Student's & Teachers

Did you get your 2021 Schoolbag Tag? Stop by the office lobby and pick one up or contact the office and have one mailed to you!



Opportunities Outside Living Springs

LUTHERAN SERVICES CAROLINAS & LIRS - RESETTLING AFGHAN REFUGEES!

As we offer prayers for the situation in Afghanistan, we give thanks for the active refugee ministry of Lutheran Services Carolinas and Lutheran Immigration Refugee Services. Here at LS several years ago, we sponsored an Iraqi family who had to flee Baghdad because of their translating role for US forces. We are exploring ways our congregation can be helpful in the current crisis. You can visit the LIRS website (www.lirs.org) for more information. Below is excerpt from the recent LSC posting from LSC President Ted Goins ...

God and Country. Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) has already resettled six American allies from Afghanistan into the Carolinas, five more are on the way, and LSC has pledged to resettle as many more as is humanly possible. The United States is bringing out the Afghans who supported our troops for the last twenty years, Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) holders.

I am deeply concerned over the swift collapse of the Afghanistan government, especially considering the injuries and deaths of thousands of our American military heroes, along with the millions of Afghans who will suffer. Of greatest concern to me now is the memory of our American dead and injured heroes, and the safety of the Afghan SIVs/heroes who supported our American forces.

LSC coordinates housing, transportation, education, trauma care, and jobs to give these heroes a new start in a grateful nation.

Lutheran Services Carolinas has been gearing up for months to serve God and Country in this sad moment.

LSC invites your prayers and support as we strive to fulfill our vision of abundant life for all.

Click here to read some of the latest updates on the situation.

If you want to learn more about LSC'S Refugee and Immigrant Services program, go to <https://lscarolinas.net/refugee-and-immigrant-services/>

ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE FOR HAITI: LIVING SPRINGS EFFORT!

Every week, a bucket sits near the front of the sanctuary for a coin/dollar collection during the Children's Message. Through today, the collection is for Mental Health ministries. Next Week we will begin collection for Disaster Response for Haiti. A devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwest Haiti on Saturday morning. Over 1,400 people were killed, and that number is expected to increase as search-and-rescue efforts continue. Blocked roads are delaying the delivery of vital supplies to hospitals, which are overwhelmed with more than 6,900 injured people. At least 26,000 homes were damaged or destroyed, but the full extent of damage is still unknown. Haiti is also suffering through a political crisis and was hit by Tropical Storm Grace on Monday night, which caused severe flooding in communities already damaged by the earthquake. You can also make gift through Givelify or a check written to Living Springs with "Haiti Crisis" in the memo.



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September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MAIN SUNDAY SCHEDULE 810A Pre-Worship Prayer Time 815A Worship/School Bag Blessing (Sanctuary) 920 Adult Faith Formation 930A Faith Alive for Children & Youth 1025 Pre-Worship Prayer Time 1030A Worship (Sanctuary/Lawn/Vehicle/Online)	6 Labor Day Office Closed	7 10A Ladies Bible Study 10A LSCDC Bible Times 1030 Meals on Wheels 6P Adult Bible Study	1 1030A Preschool Chapel Time 4P Afterschool Chapel Time 6P Music Recording 6P Hope Ministries Team	2 830 Good News Walkers 11P Good News Team 3P JV Football Ministry 630P Children Faith Online 7P Lifelong Discipleship 7P Sr. Youth Faith Online	3 One Year to Live Men's Retreat 9/10-12 @ Camp Tracy	4 11 9A Crafty Ladies
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12 *See box above God's Work. Our Hands. 920A Blessing Bag/Laundry Packing 12P Sr. Youth (In-Person) 12P GWOH Feed the Machine 1230P GWOH Virtual Bingo 430P Girl Scouts	13 1030 Meals on Wheels 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care 7P Exec Team 7P Boy Scout Troop #737	14 10A Ladies Bible Study 10A LSCDC Bible Times 1030 Meals on Wheels 530P Finance 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbell Choir	15 1030A Preschool Chapel Time 4P Afterschool Chapel Time 6P Music Recording	16 Children's Hospital Meal 830 Good News Walkers 3P JV Football Ministry 3P Backpack Food Ministry 630P Children Faith Online 7P Council Meeting 7P Sr. Youth Faith Online	17 One Year to Live Women's Retreat 9/17-19 @ Camp Kinard	18 1230P Newberry College Lutheran Youth Day
19 *See box above Justice & Confirmation Blessings 1230P Confirmation 1P Justice House Meeting (Zieches) 4P Justice House Meeting (Doerpinghaus/Kannaday) 430P Girl Scouts	20 945A Staff Meeting 1030 Meals on Wheels 7P Boy Scout Troop #737	21 10A Bible Book of Month 10A LSCDC Bible Times 1030 Meals on Wheels 5P Rush Hour Ministry 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbell Choir	22 1030A Preschool Chapel Time 4P Afterschool Chapel Time	23 830 Good News Walkers 3P JV Football Ministry 3P Backpack Food Ministry 6P BS Troop #737 PT 630P Children Faith Online 7P Sr. Youth Faith Online	24 One Year to Live Women's Retreat 9/17-19 @ Camp Kinard	25 8A Men's Breakfast 3P Boy Scout Troop #737
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Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

September 1 ♥ Gary & Susan Bradham
September 2 Sophia Skipper
September 3 ♥ Bob & Laura Turnmire
September 4 Steve Bloss
 Peg Fox
September 6 Karlene Stuart
September 7 ♥ Steve & Elouise Niemeyer
September 10 Anne Ducate
 Sarah Schultz
September 11 Christina Rauer
September 12 Helen Doerpinghaus
 Chris Kannaday
 Matt O'Donnell
 Bob Turnmire
September 15 ♥ Jerry & Marj Appleton

September 16 Chris Collins
September 17 Anita Dye
 Tonja Kopec
 London Mancuso
September 18 Collin Flores
 Nancy Franck
 ♥ Bill & Nancy Franck
September 23 Scott Graves
 Midge Gunvalson
 Emma Harris
 Sarah Hurlbert
 Cathy Loman
 ♥ Chris & Christa Cassidy
September 28 Logan Smith
September 29 Mackenzie Bales



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!



September 4 Eric Nelson
September 7 Bob Gabbard
September 9 Ed Brennan
September 15 Meredith McKenzie
September 18 Vickie Crapps
September 19 Rachel Drafts
 Preston Ginn

September 24 Mike Davidson
September 25 Susan Bradham
 Gail Buchanan
September 28 Gary Ginn
September 29 Ginny Devereaux

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