

The Living Springs Journal

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

October 2021



Seeing Hope: 1517 and 2021! (from Pastor Eric)

OCTOBER BIBLE BOOK OF MONTH = NUMBERS (Old Testament)

Pastor Study Times: Sunday, Oct. 3 @ 9:20am; Tuesday, Oct. 12 @ 10am



This October 31st will mark the 504th anniversary of Martin Luther's nailing 95 Theses to the cathedral door in Wittenberg, Germany. Throughout this year here at Living Springs, as you know, we have been focusing on the theme of hope. It makes me wonder how God saw hope for the Church and humanity—as God observed this young pastor/Bible professor walking toward that cathedral to post his

theses for discussion and debate. I ponder the list of 13 (not 95!) items on our current LS Disciple Hope Menu—and think about how many of them reflect what grew out of Luther's historic Reformation action 504 years ago. For example,

- Greater intentionality in taking time to be still and know that God is God (#1).
- Deeper prayer life and dwelling in God's Word (#2).
- Creative forms of faith formation & worship/sacramental life for all ages (#4).
- Equipping parents/families to share the Gospel message at home (#5).
- Boldly proclaiming & sharing the joy of God's grace for all (#6).
- Sharing in ministries that provide for life's essential needs (#10).
- Producing citizens of God's kingdom through innovative evangelism & service that will open hearts/minds and empower people to be leaders of faith (#13).

Throughout history, there have been times when the brokenness of our humanity has created stumbling blocks for others via the Church. And yet, as in 1517, the Holy Spirit is always at work to bring needed change and reform in the Church, so that we never become focused on preserving an institution, promoting "our" church, or serving ourselves. This ongoing, changing, reforming work of the Holy Spirit ensures that the Church, the body of Christ in the world, continues to be the amazing vehicle which carries the Good News of God's love & the stories/message of Jesus throughout history: so that in spite of our mistakes and brokenness, God

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ONGOING SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15-Sanctuary Worship

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

PRE-WORSHIP PRAYER TIMES

8:10am & 10:25am

"Be Still and know that God is God!"

OCTOBER "HOPE HAPPENINGS"

ANIMAL BLESSING/REMEMBRANCE

October 3, 3:00-5:00 (drive-thru)

WOMEN'S RETREAT, Oct. 8-10

Isle of Palms with Rev. Jackie Utley

YOUTH FALL RETREAT, Oct. 22-24

CAMPUS MINISTRY MEAL, Oct. 3

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEAL, Oct. 21

FOOTBALL MINISTRY, Oct. 7/21/28

BACKBACK MINISTRY, each week

"GIVING HOPE" GENEROSITY!

Emphasis Kickoff, Oct. 17

JUSTICE MINISTRY

"House" Meetings - Oct. 3, 10

Community Problems Assembly, Oct. 25

REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCT. 31

First Communion Milestone @ Worship

Trunk-R-Treat & Brats, 3:30-5:30



REFORMATION TRUNK 'R TREAT DRIVE-THRU LMM BRATS!

Sunday, October 31, 3:30-5:30

Dress your kiddies up in their costumes and drive thru our Bible story stations and member's decorated trunks. The Lutheran Men will be serving their Reformation brats – order at the beginning of the line and pick up at the end. We will also feature a photo booth with a keepsake photo to take home. Of course our own Martin Luther will be nailing "Theses" to his door with the children.

Contact Karen Kranz if you want to help with one of the Bible story stations (we have some props available). Suggestions are: Noah's Ark; Moses & Pharaoh; David & Goliath; Jonah & the Whale; and Daniel and the Lion's Den.

Also contact Karen if you would like to have your trunk in our drive-thru line. You can decorate your trunk in your favorite embellishments where you will be passing out your treats (all treats must be bagged and will be handed with gloves)! We also need candy donations - they can be dropped off at the church office anytime through Sunday morning on October 31st.

still works in the forgiven people of Christ to be “living beacons of hope” for all who desperately need God’s “hoping-coping skills for life” in this challenging world. So, 504 years later, perhaps God again sees hope in the many changes the Church has undergone, as a result of the historic events of the time in which we live—with the Holy Spirit at work now in YOU, just as the Spirit was at work in Luther, to be a living beacon of God’s ever-unfolding hope for this world, which God still so loves!



I truly give thanks for all the ways God sees hope through the Spirit’s work in you. Consider just the past month. God saw hope in the eyes (some with tears!) of dozens of people in local laundromats who received a blessing bag, snacks, and quarters from you on “God’s Work Our Hands” Sunday. God saw hope in hundreds of people’s faces, as a result of your amazing 26,000+ item response in only 40 hours for those in Louisiana affected by Hurricane Ida. God heard hope in the voices of teenage football players, sharing comments about how they were moved by a pre-game devotion and thankful for the food. “This is the best meal I get every week,” said one player. “Thank you so much,” said another privately, after a devotion focusing on an NFL-player who found help for his struggles with depression & suicidal thoughts. God saw hope in all the smiles of people in their cars—waving, honking their horns, and giving a thumbs-up (not the usual other finger) during Hardscrabble Rush Hour, as disciples of Jesus shared signs thanking them, affirming them, and sharing God’s love!

God saw hope in youth gathered on the church lawn, able to share what keeps them up at night and talk about what challenges they face, as part of a Justice Ministry gathering. God saw hope in Justice Ministry team leaders giving time & energy to meet with community officials to continue to push for affordable housing for “the least of these among us” in our community. God saw hope in the eyes of a young couple quietly supported through our Family Assistance Fund, as they struggle to avoid being homeless on the street with the wife having major medical conditions. God saw hope in the faces of parents receiving a meal of love at the Prisma Children’s Hospital, along with cards of care from our own Pre-schoolers. God saw hope in Meals-on-Wheels recipients being uplifted by smiles & caring conversations, as warm meals are placed in their hands. God saw hope in 65 elementary school children (and in the faces of their school social workers), as those students received their first month of weekend Backpack food.

God saw hope in women gathered every Tuesday to share their joys and burdens with mutual prayer and Bible Study focusing on the “Heart of Jesus.” God saw hope in all the adults who gather for support, prayer, and study at their Sunday morning class. God saw hope in confirmation teenagers being inspired by Pastor Joe Patrick Walker, who was visiting LS and shared with them about his powerful prison ministry in Houston. God saw hope in the powerful stories shared by our Lutheran Men (and the message by Seminarian Isaac!) on an inspiring Men’s Sunday. God saw hope in families seated on a blanket on the lawn, able to worship outside on a beautiful fall Sunday, along with people in the sanctuary, in their cars, and online from countless other places. God saw hope in the faces of persons carrying out Pew Bears to share with others—and in those receiving prayer shawls so lovingly knitted by LS ladies. The list goes on and on ...



Oh, yes, God surely saw hope in 1517, when a young Luther walked to a cathedral with his 95 theses about God’s grace. And, too, God sees hope in all the ways each of you, the living legacy of that historic action, continue to live out that message of God’s grace in history. I look forward to all the ways that God will see hope lived out in you this month ahead With thanksgiving for your ministry of grace in Christ’s name, *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!***

God's Corner

I want to thank you all for the prayers and support during this difficult time.

Pr. Carl Taylor

I would like to say from the bottom of my heart thank you very much for the help. I am very blessed and grateful for what you guys did for me. It means so much and I hope good returns to y'all with double love and affection and overall blessings. I can't find the precise words to thank y'all and to express how I fell. Thank you so much!!

Carolina (Kingdom Vision Richland 2 Fund)

Dear Living Springs,

Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) greatly appreciates your contribution of \$500.00 to Transitional Foster Care for Un-accompanied Children. It is our understanding that this donation is to be used to purchase two twin mattresses and a box spring for the foster care programs in South Carolina. We strive every day to carry out LSC's mission, "Empowered by Christ, we walk together with all we serve." Thank you for helping us to do that every single day!

Yours in Christ,

Ted W. Goings, Jr.

President

Thank you for the prayer shawl made by the ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Yours in Christ,

Ron Smith



SHARE YOUR Hope Moment

Has God worked a Hope moment through you or someone else during the week? Email GodAtWork@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: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello and Happy Fall to everyone,

As we move into a new season with hopes of cooler weather, we also look forward to exciting opportunities to see and recognize Beacons of Hope in the world around us.

In the C.D.C. we continue witness Beacons of Hope daily.

As children walk into the center with confidence, smiles, and joy each morning, knowing that they are loved and cared for.

As families drop off their children and head to work with a sense of peace; they are able to go through their day confident that their children are enjoying their time with us.

Families arrive at pick up time waiting to be greeted with excitement as their children share the activities, songs, and stories they have enjoyed.

The light of the staff shines as we come together in strength and positivity, continuing to uplift on another daily through prayer, songs, smiles and joy.

I am thankful to be a part of a community that continues to care for one another in ways we may not see or expect. To see the Hope that shines through community outreach, being present for one another, providing a loving presence when there may not be one otherwise. To feel the Hope that arises when someone knows they are safe, welcomed and loved without judgement. To hear words of Hope being shared among children, families, and staff.

As we go through this world may we be mindful of the Hope around us. There is Hope that after the leaves fall, and the sun shines through, they will regrow and provide us shade once again. That as the rain falls and the temperature drops, there is Hope that the rivers will flow, and the warmth of the sun will come. That as the animals hide away for the season, there will be babies born and once again we will see life running all around us. Hope remains steadfast and is everywhere if we take a moment a look.

May you continue to be blessed and know that we wish you well,

Tammy



Notes from: *Good News Team*

Rush Hour Ministry



Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

God's Work. Our Hands.

What a successful event! There are others that have stories, but I will tell about my experience. Everyone at the laundromats we visited commented that it was a blessing to receive the detergent & snack bags, but this one lady kept repeating how wonderful it was to do what we were doing and blessings, blessings, blessings!! As we were leaving the laundromat that she was at, she came up to me and asked if she could have another snack bag because she was going to give her detergent/quarter bag and the snack bags to a family that had relocated from New Orleans where they lost their home in the hurricane. Since this was our last stop, I did not have any bags of detergent/quarters left or I would have given her another one, but I thought how heart-warming it was to hear that this woman was being a Hope-Agent and passing her blessing on to others.



On [God's Work. Our Hands.] Sunday I went to deliver coins to 4 laundromats. I had such a God moment....let me tell you...

As I entered, a man opened the door for me. I saw he had a broom in his hand, so I asked him if he worked, there, he replied, yes with a smile.

I explained what I had come to do, but I realized that the laundromat was mostly Spanish speaking. He went to every person, with me and translated word for word. The joy on the faces of the people (our church) helped was beyond words.

I handed out more than 25 bags, as this laundromat was very crowded.

We stated talking about how good God was and he is always on time. A lady that had received a bag came out and expressed how grateful, she was to receive such an unexpected and generous gift. As I talked about our church, I gave him a church program and he said, he and his wife were looking for a church, to visit.

I told him how our church was kind and very open to any race. I talked about Pastor Eric and Pastor Carl.

I told him, we were not a Spanish speaking church, but would love to have him, his wife and son visit. I told him both of my daughters were taking Spanish in high school and I would love to learn. He told me that he was a Spanish teacher, and he would be happy to help.

We both had goosebumps, talking about God's love.



God's Work. Our Hands. Virtual Bingo Winners/Ministry Recipients.

Our bingo winners donated their winnings to the following ministries: Backpack Food Ministry, Hurricane IDA Response, MORE Justice Ministry, Palmetto Place Children/Youth Services, Lighthouse for Life (Recovery from Human Trafficking), JV Football Ministry, ELCA World Hunger, ELCA Disaster Response - Fires and Floods, Family Promise Homeless Ministry, Palmetto Place Children/Youth Services, Senior Resources Meals on Wheels

Hurricane Ida Delivery

"Hearts touched by the Lord's kindness...can't help but be grateful." Thank you so much. You all are the best, a true example of God's love. May God continue to bless you and your congregation. *We have shared together the blessing of God. Philippians 1:7*

Regina Quillens, Pr. Carl's mother-in-law



"Praying the Lord blesses your giving heart in abundant measure. Thank you." We thank you for your prayers and abundant generosity. You may never know how many lives you touched in this time of need. You have truly shown the hand and heart of God. We pray a hundred fold blessing you and your families. *Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over. Luke 6:38*

John, Yolanda, and the New Orleans Community



Backpacks

We are in full swing again, packing 65 bags each week for three Richland 2 schools – Rice Creek and Joseph Keels Elementary and Blythewood Academy. We are complying to safety standards again this year – items will be placed on the tables in the Fellowship Hall and 2-3 people can unpack, sort and fill the bags that will be picked up on Friday morning. Pick your time on Wednesday or Thursday. Please use the following link to sign up or contact Karen Kranz. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BAEA92FA0F85-packing>.

Our stuff a bus event in August provided an awesome start to our backpack inventory; but we are already lacking in milk and cereal. Use Amazon, Walmart, or Sam's to have these items delivered or drop off in the shopping cart any day of the week. Look for another Stuff a Bus event in December at Kroger's on Killian Road!



Campus Ministry

Do you remember our Lenten Fish Fry goal? It was a blessing to over-fulfill our commitment to Campus Ministry in spite of the COVID challenges! We can continue to work towards this important ministry to our students by providing meals on Sunday evening. Approximately twelve students worship at 5:30-6:15 pm and then join in a fellowship dinner at around 6:15pm. You can either stick around & mingle with them or leave after the meal is dropped off. Living Springs has committed to **October 3 and November 7** – please contact Karen Kranz if this is a spirit-tug for you.





Palmetto Place

The foster care home for young adult ladies has transitioned into a home for youth who are ready for more independence (18-21 yrs.) and will be called Samantha's House. The residents will be taught independent living skills and how to prepare healthy meals at home (cooking class and meal). The Hope Team is in the process of committing to the fourth Thursday of the month, but need some more information about the process. Palmetto Place is one of our Kingdom partners and through the last couple of years, we have had relationships develop with both the staff and the girls.

Military Questionnaire

If you have never filled out our questionnaire or need to update the form, [please click here to fill out your information.](#)



Children's Hospital

We continue to serve 20 lunches the third Thursday of the month. Look at these cute pictures the CDC has made for the parents of children that are struggling to toggle between everyday normal life and their children confined to hospital beds. Every time I look at these pics, I can feel the love that goes in and comes out.



Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*



Hope Moment - Gwen Furcron



Pr. Eric - Children's Message.

Worship Assistant Sign-up

As we are 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 some changes, but our basic needs are still the same and can be found when logging into the MSP Scheduler Pro program. You have the option to enter "can't serve dates", "service preference times", and "qualified ministries" (ministries you want to be trained/scheduled for). If you have never helped before, or might be new to our congregation, this is a wonderful opportunity to be involved in worship. Please contact Karen Kranz for more information.

Be a living beacon of God's hope through our worship sacramental life- #4 on the Disciple Hope Menu!

Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

House Meetings this month have been amazing times for storytelling! In the house meetings we begin the “listening process” that is the foundation of Justice Ministry. Each person shares a community problem that keeps them awake at night. As we listen, we seek to hear God’s voice and discern what community problem the Justice Ministry is called to address this year. Living Springs is one of nearly 35 congregations in Columbia having these house meetings. On October 25th hundreds of people of faith will all come together at the Community Problems Assembly, discuss the problems that we’ve heard about in our house meetings, and vote on which problem to work together on to better “love our neighbor.”

How inspiring it has been to participate in these house meetings! We have heard stories about many situations: seniors in care facilities isolated once again from loved ones due to covid outbreaks; young children’s academic progress delayed due to covid school interruption; teens missing entire school instruction days because of lockdowns after threats of gun violence; significant increases in utility bills affecting those on fixed incomes; rising rent costs that make independent living impossible for fully-employed young people just out of college; flooding of streets and inadequate infrastructure to keep traffic lanes open, and so on.

Where is God in all of this? As children of God, we know that there’s good news in here somewhere!

In Micah 6:8, we hear God’s word, “What does God require of us? To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.” At LS we are strong on mercy ministries (like school backpack ministry, Meals on Wheels, JV football ministry) and we are strong on “walking humbly with God” through worship, choir, and Bible study. “Doing justice” is something about which we know less as a church. Doing justice means looking at the set up and systems that need change and getting involved to speak up for those neighbors in need. For example, Habitat for Humanity is a great “mercy ministry” that builds homes for families in immediate need, but “justice ministry” is holding our officials accountable to provide affordable housing so that far fewer families are in need. Both types of ministries are important – but they are two different kinds of work, and we are called to do both.

As an example, three years ago, we heard God’s voice at house meetings in the stories of people struggling to afford safe housing. We voted to address this need, months before the Allen-Benedict housing deaths occurred leading to a city-wide outcry for safe, affordable housing. God was ahead of our vote! That year as we did research on the problem, we learned that the City of Columbia had done a study on the need for an affordable housing trust fund more than 15 years prior and they had found that such a fund was needed to address the housing problem. The study however had sat on a public official’s desk with no action taken until MORE Justice spoke up, urging City Council to set up such a trust fund. In the last three years we have gained some Council and other support for an Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and we hope that this year this can be accomplished.

Where is God in all of this? What is the good news? God is calling, God is walking with us, God is empowering us to love our neighbors. The good news is that we are not alone, and God makes a difference through us. When we “love neighbor” we ourselves also more fully experience God’s amazing love for us!

October is a great time to talk about your “justice walk” and share your questions. The Team Leaders would love to hear from you anytime – Peg and Jim Zieche, Gail Buchanan, Mike Davison, Gwen Furcron, Wayne Kannaday, Helen Doeringhaus. Join us on the justice journey!

Justice Ministry House Gatherings

For those new to this experience, 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). Four years ago, Living Springs joined with 35+ congregations across the Midlands to work toward changes to make life better for our neighbors. Leaders will be emailing links to gather virtually. If you don’t find a link, please reach out to a leader for the date you would like to attend.

~Mike Davidson and Gwen Furcron: Sun., Oct. 3, 1:00 pm

~In-Person Make-up session: Sun., Oct. 10, 9:30 am @ church

~Online Make-up session: Sun., Oct. 10, 6pm: [Click here for Sun. 10/10 Make-up session](#) or call: +1 323-515-9597 PIN: 776209519#



Sr. Youth House Gathering

Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*

Bible Book of the Month
Sunday, October 3 @ 9:20 am
Tuesday, October 12 @ 10am

We return to our Bible Book of the Month discussion led by Pr. Eric. October's book is Numbers. Everyone is welcome! We will meet in person in the fellowship hall and online at:

Sunday 10/3: [Click here for the Google Meet link](#) or Join by phone (US) +1 323-515-9597 PIN: 776 209 519#

Tuesday 10/12: [Click here for the Google Meet link](#) or Join by phone (US) +1 540-669-0687 PIN: 810 783 136#

FORMED & GROUNDED IN GOD'S HOPE: *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 Adriana & Pastor Carl)*

Faith Milestones – Next: Holy Communion Class, October 16 @ 9am

+ **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 *10/3, 10/17, 10/31, 11/14, 11/21 ...*

Sunday Youth Group (gr. 6-12) @ Noon *10/10, 10/24, 11/7, 11/28*

Thursday Youth Faith Times @ 7:30pm (gr. 6-12) *(GoogleMeet)*

Sr. Youth Fall Retreat *October 22-24 @ Camp Kinard*

Living Springs Adult Faith Formation - Fall 2021

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 Doerpinghaus

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.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

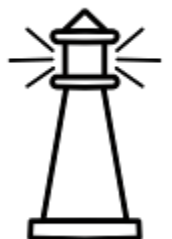
Meets in the Fellowship Hall and Online on Tuesdays at 6pm

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.

"Giving Hope"
Beacons of God's Generosity
Annual Generosity
Emphasis Kick-off
Sunday, October 17

Commitment Sunday,
November 14



Confirmation

Confirmation class has begun and we have 9 students who attended our first session last month. On Sunday, September 20th, the students and their parents participated in the Confirmation Blessing during the worship services. Students were given a new Study Bible and parents were given a Small Catechism as part of class and family learning. Pastor Carl is leading this group with the help of other adults and we are off to a great start! Students are sharing their summer stories of how they saw God working in the world and how they were engaging in sharing their faith.

We had a special guest last month: Pastor Joe Patrick Walker, who was visiting Pastor Carl and LaTynia from Houston, TX. Pastor Joe Patrick shared with the confirmation class his faith journey and how he was led to pastor a prison ministry in Houston. He shared frank and honest experiences about how young and older adults can make a split-second poor decision that caused them to end up in prison. We asked lots of questions!! We thank Pastor Joe Patrick for sharing his experiences with us. God's Peace to him as he continues this important ministry.



We invite all 6th – 8th graders to join us. If you have a Spirit Tug to share your faith journey and experiences with the Confirmation class, we would love to have you join us. Contact Pastor Carl for more information. There is ALWAYS room at the table!!

As my oldest has started at a new school, I have been asking all sorts of questions to see what he has learned and what he enjoys. Most of the time I get, "It was good." A couple of weeks ago, being the prying mother that I am, I asked who he plays with at recess. This became part of something I asked him every day. I quickly noticed that each day it was a new name. This concerned me because I thought having one group to play with might help him enjoy school more. When I asked him why he plays with someone new each day, this was his response: "I find the people who don't have anyone playing with them Mom." I asked him who taught him to do this and he said, "I don't know....I guess I just know to do it."

This past weekend a new friend in the neighborhood knocked on our door. He's a little bit older but both of my children were excited to have a playmate. After riding bikes in the driveway, they invited him inside. Eventually it got dark and we had to ask him to make his way home and be safe. As the new friend was putting on his shoes, my oldest quickly said, "We go to church on Sunday. You can come with us if you want." Later, I again asked him who taught him to do this and his response was almost identical, "I don't know....but that's what you're supposed to do, right?"

I don't share all of this to give myself and my husband a pat on the back for raising him with such kindness. We work hard to figure out parenting every single day. I share this to say THANK YOU. Thank you to all of the people of Living Springs Lutheran Church for showing my children what being a blessing to others truly means. For showing and teaching them what it means to let their lights shine. My child may not know why he does these things or where he learned them, but I do. Each of you are an integral part of their childhood and their memories of Living Springs Lutheran Church and the Child Development Center will be something they carry with them always.



Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

Ladies Book Club Monday, October 4

Our book for October 4 is *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah, an epic novel of love and heroism and "hope" set against the backdrop of the Great Depression. Beverly Hoppert will host at 7 pm - 701 Summit Square ph: 803.348.4412.



Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

Drive-Thru Animal Blessing & Remembrance

Sun, Oct 3, 3-5pm

On Sun. Oct. 3, we will have our annual animal blessing & remembrance via drive-thru in the church parking lot. Bring your dogs, cats, and whatever crawls, slithers, and swims around your house! You can bring photo (or ashes) of pet who has passed away for a remembrance blessing.



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 though October*

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 individually wrapped (or pre-packaged) pairs of cookies (OR, \$30 donation*)
- ~70-75 individual-sized 12-20 oz. bottled Gatorades (OR, \$30 donation*)
- ~1-2 persons at church to help pack meals in to-go boxes (this week @ 3:15pm)
- ~3 persons to help transport meals to Ridgeview and be a presence for the team (this week @ 3:45pm)

*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.



Visiting and feeding the young men every week that play on Ridgeview's JV Football team is a very fulfilling experience. I feel like I'm doing a "present pass along" (Grinch reference!)



Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs

2021 Altar Flowers

Are you looking for a way to honor or memorialize someone near and dear to you? Make a floral contribution by ordering altar flowers and let the office know who or what it is that you are celebrating **OR** maybe you just want to thank God for the many blessings you receive! There is a signup outside Lisa's office for 2021 or go to <http://goo.gl/mVvrGE>. To order flowers from our preferred florist, contact Blythewood Florist at 691-1820

Ministry Flyers

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

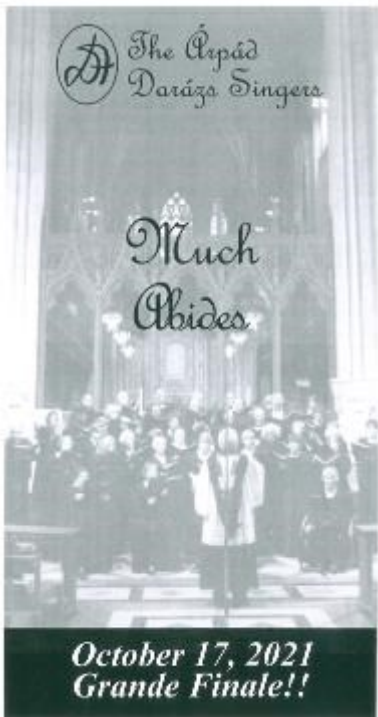


Opportunities Outside Living Springs

YOUNG ADULT GAME NIGHT AND PLANNING MEETING

Young Adults from across the South Carolina Synod are invited to an Online Game Night and Planning Meeting on October 13 at 7pm. We will play games, get to know one another, and brainstorm about the future of young adult ministry in South Carolina Synod. Please RSVP at the link below.

[Young Adult Game Night and Planning Meeting \(google.com\)](#)



Árpád Darázs Singers Sunday, October 17, 4pm

St. Johns Episcopal Church
2827 Wheat Street
Columbia

Concert to be followed by a reception in the Barr Center. [The Árpád Darázs Singers Home Page \(adsingers.org\)](#)

Cathy Lowman's is a member!

You're Invited!

RISCUITS AND BLUEGRASS

October 30, 2021

LIVE MUSIC! **RAMBO'S FAT CAT BISCUITS**

BEER BY: **HUNTER-GATHERER BREWERY** ESTABLISHED 1986 COLUMBIA, SC

Fun for The Whole Family! *Don't Miss It!*

October 30, 2021, 10 am - 2 pm
at the Hunter-Gatherer Brewery and Tap Room in the historic Curtiss-Wright Hangar at Owens Field.

As a token of our appreciation, please use code **THANKYOU** for \$5 off your ticket or brunch box at checkout.

PRESENTED BY BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Tickets on sale now at bit.ly/biscuitsbluegrass2021

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> 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) </div>						
3 *See box above 920A Bible Book of Month 1230P Confirmation 1P Justice House Meeting (Davidson/Furcron) 3-5P Animal Blessing/Remembrance 430P Girl Scouts 615P Campus Ministry Meal	4 945A Staff Meeting 1030 Meals on Wheels 3P Personnel/Exec 6P Worship & Music 7P Boy Scout Troop #737 7P Ladies Book Club (Hoppert)	5 10A Ladies Bible Study 10A LSCDC Bible Times 1030 Meals on Wheels 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbell Choir 715P Generosity Group	6 1030A Preschool Chapel Time 4P Afterschool Chapel Time 6P Music Recording	7 830 Good News Walkers 11P Good News Team 3P Backpack Food Ministry 3P JV Football Ministry 6P BS Troop #737 PT 630P Children Faith Online 7P Lifelong Discipleship 730P Sr. Youth Online	8 830 Good News Walkers 11P Good News Team 3P Backpack Food Ministry 3P JV Football Ministry 6P BS Troop #737 PT 630P Children Faith Online 7P Lifelong Discipleship 730P Sr. Youth Online	9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Women's Retreat 10/8-10/10 @ Coastal Retreat Center </div>
10 *See box above 930P Justice House Meeting Make-up Session (Fellowship Hall) 12P Sr. Youth (In-Person) 430P Girl Scouts 6P Justice House Meeting Make-up Session (online)	11 1030 Meals on Wheels 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care 7P Boy Scout Troop #737	12 10A Bible Book of Month 10A LSCDC Bible Times 1030 Meals on Wheels 530P Finance 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbell Choir	13 1030A Preschool Chapel Time 4P Afterschool Chapel Time	14 830 Good News Walkers 3P Backpack Food Ministry 630P LSCDC Board 630P Children Faith Online 730P Sr. Youth Online	15 830 Good News Walkers 3P Backpack Food Ministry 630P LSCDC Board 630P Children Faith Online 730P Sr. Youth Online	16 9A Communion Milestone Class 9A Crafty Ladies
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Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

October 1	♥ Jesse & Karen Bazemore	October 20	Eleanor Christy
October 3	Wesley Graves Bryson Lay		Jason Crapps Anne Graves
October 5	♥ Ed & Kathy Brennan	October 21	Jerry Appleton Baylee Owens
October 7	Vickie Crapps Lee Collins Lydia Prizer	October 22	Rachel Sorial
October 9	♥ Jim & Peg Zieche	October 23	♥ Paul & Sharon Evans
October 10	Eddie Newton	October 24	Dea Jones
October 11	♥ Mike & Sarah Schultz	October 26	Adriana McMurphy Laura Stuart
October 12	Raegan Prest	October 27	Paul Evans August Snipes
October 16	♥ Rocky & Jan Berger	October 28	Gray Harmon
October 19	Melissa Christy Aaron Smith		



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!



October 1	Jerry Appleton Melody Hair	October 15	Mike Schultz
October 2	Ashley Ramsey	October 20	Nowell Ramsey
October 7	Alex Kopec	October 24	Chase Moody
October 13	Abbie Zvejnieks	October 27	Winston Bailes
October 14	Eric Fink Delaynee Harmon Abigale Harmon	October 28	Jan Epperson

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