

# The Living Springs Journal

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

November 2021



# November Hope: For All the Saints! *(from Pastor*

NOVEMBER BIBLE BOOK OF MONTH = I Chronicles (Old Testament)

Pastor Times: Sunday, Nov. 7 @ 9:20am; Tuesday, Nov. 16 @ 10am



*For all the saints from whom their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle, they in glory shine, yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;*

*sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

- ELW Hymn #422, "For All the Saints" by William W. How

For Christians throughout the world, each November begins with the celebration of "All Saints" - as we give thanks to God for all those who have died in faith and passed to life in the Church Triumphant since last November. At Living Springs, on **All Saints Sunday (this year, Nov. 7)**, candles will burn for these faithful servants around the baptismal font, in the shadow of the great Easter Paschal candle and the white-draped cross—for it is in baptism that God's grace & forgiveness come to us, that we are joined to the death & resurrection of Christ, that we are blessed with the Holy Spirit, and that we are "set apart by God" (the Biblical meaning of *saint*) to fulfill God's purpose with our lives and be living beacons of God's Hope for the world. It has the feel of a mini-Easter (as does every Sunday, in fact), as we celebrate Jesus' victory over death and the sure & certain Hope of the Resurrection to Eternal Life for all the saints who have gone before us in faith! What an inspiring day!

This year, Nov. 7 will be doubly meaningful, as we **recognize our veterans/active military** at both worship services—and pause that afternoon at 3pm to gather on the lawn for fellowship & singing, accompanied by our Veterans Witting Tree recognition (we hold these daily from Nov. 1 thru 11—if you have

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## Pastor Carl's Corner

Brothers and Sisters, it has been a minute since I have written in the journal. As you all may know, I have been dealing with some severe lower back issues since Pentecost Sunday. I have endured and maintained to the best of my ability. I have seen our church thrive and our children excel spiritually. I did not do self-care, and my back stopped me in my tracks on September 12, right after service. I am thankful for all the prayer and support you have shown and given; it means a lot. I can say that today October 27, 2021, I am feeling better. I have some good days, and I have some bad days, and there are still some hills to climb, but through it all, I know that God is with me step by step.

Okay, enough about me, let us talk about our youth. Our youths are unique and fun to be around, from our CDC kids to our Sr. youth. Over the last two months, a lot has happened.

1. September was the start of our Faith Formation led by Seminarian Adriana McMurphy and London Mancuso. It is growing as the word continues to spread. We have Sunday school from 0915 to 1015 on Sundays, and we have a weekly check-in on Thursdays at 630pm.
2. Confirmation started on September 19. We had food, fun, and study sessions. Jan Berger did an excellent job with our youth, and they all seemed eager to jump in and learn. They were asked to do a summer confirmation project, and they presented their projects to the group and explained their reasoning for the project.
3. Our Sr. youth with Leslie Bloss also began the prep work for our journey next summer 2022 to the National Youth Gathering themed BOUNDLESS. Every month we meet and have devotions centered around the Youth Gathering and our youth mission at the church.
4. In October, we continued with Faith Formation, Confirmation, and youth meetings.
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## NOVEMBER "HOPE HAPPENINGS"

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ALL SAINTS/VETERANS SUNDAY, Nov. 7  
*Outdoor Hope Singing @ 3pm*

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"GIVE HOPE" INTENT SUNDAY, Nov. 14  
*Annual Congregation Meeting @ 9:15am*

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HOPING-COPING SESSIONS, Nov. 14/17  
*"Grieving Our Losses from 2021"*  
*"Grieving through the Holiday Season"*

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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY, Nov. 21  
*Outdoor CTK/Advent-Palooza, 9:15-10:25*

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VETERANS WITTING TREE, Nov. 1-11  
CRISTO REY MINISTRY, Nov. 7  
CAMPUS MINISTRY MEAL, Nov. 7  
1100 ITEM HOPE DRIVE, Nov. 1-11  
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEAL, Nov. 18  
BACKBACK MINISTRY, each week

## 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!"*

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never participated in one of the Witting Tree recognitions and witnessed the symbolic placement of 22 dog tags, I encourage you to come be part of this incredibly powerful moment).

**Sunday, Nov. 14** will also be a doubly important day for us at Living Springs: **"Giving Hope" Intent Sunday (each worship service)** and our **Annual Congregation Meeting (starting at 9:15)**. The Annual Meeting will occur between the Worship Services in the sanctuary, but you can also participate from the lawn, the parking lot, or by GoogleMeet. This is an important event in the life of our congregation, as we elect 2022 Council members and adopt our 2022 Ministry spending plan—a **quorum is required, so everyone please plan to participate** (in whatever format is best for you)! At both worship services, we will come forward as individuals, couples, and families to place our 2022 Giving Intents to God on the special Lighthouse Beacon—to symbolize that the Holy Spirit is empowering us to live out our mission as God's saints in the world, by giving Hope to others through our faithful giving to God.



**Sunday, Nov. 21** will be a very inspiring day as well! It is **Christ the King Sunday**—the final Sunday of our Christian year, the Sunday prior to Advent Season. Between worship services, we will have our **Advent-Palooza activity stations** on the front lawn, where every household can pick up your Advent Devotional Items, help pack food backpacks, prepare Christmas Hope cards, or decorate your at-home Advent food donation box. After each worship service, everyone will also have the opportunity to greet **Virginia Herlong** on her final Sunday at Living Springs - and say thank you for all her faithful service with us as part-time choir director over the past 2 years. What an incredible blessing Virginia has been for us!

There are so many exciting moments here in November. In addition to these 3 very important Sundays, we are excited to offer the first installment of our LS "Hoping-Coping Skills" Series. During the past 2 months, we had many responses to our Hoping-Coping Skills for Life survey, with several focusing on issues dealing with grief & loss. So, our first session will focus on **"Grieving Our Losses from 2021 + Grieving through the Holiday Season."** There are 2 options: **Sunday, Nov. 14 @ 3pm**, and again **Wednesday, Nov. 17 @ 7pm**. You can come in-person to the church or participate on-line. Please spread the word and invite your friends, neighbors, or family members to join you. If there is interest, this may also lead to some follow-up times in upcoming months for persons to continue to gather for support & prayer.

Throughout October, there were so many powerful times when God was working through you, all the saints of Living Springs: our final JV Football Devotion times; the emotional drive-thru Animal Blessing & Remembrance; the incredible Reformation Day Trunk 'r Treat with so many community children; our Lutheran Men's Reformation Bratwursts; the inspirational Women's Retreat at Isle of Palms & Youth Retreat at Camp Kinard; our moving "Giving Hope" Generosity moments; the Justice Ministry Community Problems Assembly; the start of our LS Girl Scout troop; our ongoing backpack children's food ministry, Lutheran Campus Ministry supper, Children's Hospital meal, Meals on Wheels ministry, amazing Child Development Center ministry, and so much more.... Here in November, we celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit in us imperfect human beings, allowing us to be both saint & sinner at the same time—and empowering us to truly be living beacons of God's hope! With much love in Christ, *Pastor Eric*

*P.S. Kris and I would like to thank all of you for your outpouring of support upon the death of my mother at the end of October. We are truly blessed by this community of faithful servants—and give thanks to God for your constant love & continued prayer (especially for my father). Thanks be to God for you & the Lord's promise of Resurrection Life!*

## LIVING SPRINGS ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

**Sunday, Nov. 14, 9:15-10:20 (between worship services)**

**Council Elections, 2022 Spending Plan \*\*\*\* Please attend—a quorum is required!**

We gather in the sanctuary—you can also participate from the lawn or parking lot (FM).

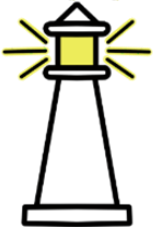
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**INFO SESSIONS offered Oct. 31 & Nov. 7 (between services)**

In the narthex. Or online: <https://meet.google.com/rch-qvwh-bnr> Or dial: 405-701-9524 PIN: 529 392 124#.

Copies of the 2022 Spending Plan (and council nominee names) will be available.

GIVING HOPE  
BEACONS OF GOD'S GENEROSITY!

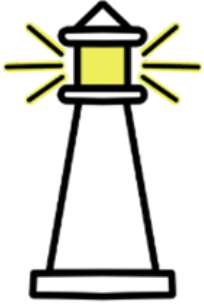


## Giving Hope: Beacons of God's Generosity!

**Generosity Intent Sunday: Nov. 14 (both worship services)**

Everyone should have received your "Giving Hope" Intent Card at church on Oct. 31 – or in the mail this week. As a symbol of "Giving Hope" to others, we will hang our sealed Intent Envelopes on the Hope Beacon during worship on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. If you cannot attend on the 14<sup>th</sup>, Intents can also be placed on the Hope Beacon on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. *\*If you cannot attend either the 14th or 21st, please mail or bring your intent to the church office (Attn: Financial Secretary Bill Franck), and we will add it to the Hope Beacon for you.*

Our discipleship goal is for everyone to make some form of commitment of faith and grow in generosity, at whatever level! This year, we have 2 special **CHALLENGE GIFTS TOTALING \$4000...provided we exceed last year's achieved goal of 82 intent cards!!** Two LS families shared what a blessing it was in their journey of faith, when they began making a regular financial commitment to God's work. The families want everyone to know the joy they have experienced through such a faith practice of regular giving to the Lord (at whatever level anyone can begin). So, they are offering a Challenge Gift - not to match a \$\$ amount, but if we exceed last year's goal of 82 Intent cards. We give thanks for these families' desire to motivate us all in our journey of generosity to "give hope" – let's respond together!



## "Giving Hope" - Beacons of God's Generosity!

This year's "Giving Hope" Generosity emphasis has been filled with many inspiring moments, via our weekly "Giving Hope" bulletin inserts and some inspiring Hope Generosity moments. The full content can be found using the links below, but here are some quick highlights of powerful Hope Stories shared in our weekly inserts ....

*A fellow baseball mom shared that she worked at Ridgeview HS and made the connection that I worshipped at Living Springs. She said this year has been so challenging, "it's almost too much for the students and the teachers, as well as the support staff." Then she said, "Then there's your church and it's disciples who show up. You show up for our JV players by feeding & listening to them. You show up with gift cards for students in need and Christmas gifts. **You show up so many times.... we get overwhelmed with joy and hope.** Thank you. Just thank you." - Lexanne*

*Thank you to all the people of LS for showing my children what being a blessing to others truly means. For showing & 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!** LS Church/Child Development Center will be something they carry with them always! - LS Parent*

*I would like to thank everyone as LS for your prayers & get well cards. It really means a lot to me to be part of such a **loving congregation who shares God's hope** in tough moments. I am slowly but surely getting better with God's help. - Vicki*

*Our team was beyond thrilled to receive two new mattresses and box spring for a foster care family in need of beds. Your generous congregation provided **two children a safe & warm place** to lay their heads. Thank you again for making a difference through your compassion and generosity! - Sue, Lutheran Services*

*What hope offered by the people of Living Springs! Everyone at the laundromats we visited shared how it was a blessing to receive the detergent & snack bags, but one particular lady just repeated again & again how wonderful it was **to see the hope we were giving** and kept echoing, "Blessings, Blessings, Blessings!!" - Karen*

*How very thoughtful and generous of you to **remember our residents & senior adults** here on 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! - Caroline, Rice Estate Lutheran Home*

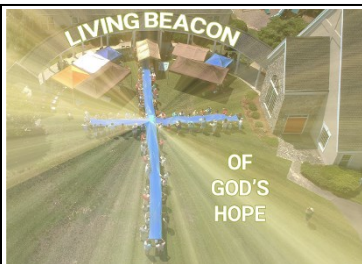
*Praying the Lord blesses your giving heart in abundant measure. We thank you for your prayers and abundant generosity for all of us [affected by Hurricane Ida]. You may never know **how many lives you touched in this time of need.** You have truly shown the hand and heart of God! - John & Yolanda, New Orleans Community*

*I have been part of a number of Lutheran congregations over the years, and each was faithful in its own way. But I have seldom seen a congregational membership as boldly generous as this one. Every time there is an institutional campaign (such as the recent one for Lutheran Services Carolinas) or a time-sensitive crisis (such as Hurricane Ida) that calls for unexpected and unbudgeted donations, the people of Living Springs step up and exceed all goals and expectations. The bright light that shines from our beacon of hope is clearly powered by a generosity that bears the marks of God's Spirit. All this moves me to be more generous in my own stewardship of time and treasure. **I am grateful to be part of this family of faith.** Thanks be to God! - Wayne*

Click Here - [Generosity Kickoff Letter](#), [Generosity Intent Letter](#)

Click Here - Special "Giving Hope" [Insert #1](#), [Insert #2](#), [Insert #3](#)

Inspiring Generosity Hope Moments: See [10/24](#), [10/31](#), 11/7 worship on YouTube!



**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;**

**LS HOPING-COPING SKILLS SERIES: TOPIC #1**

**"Grieving our Losses from 2021" & "Grieving through the Holidays"**

**Option 1: Sunday, Nov. 14, 3:00-4:15pm**

**Option 2: Wednesday, Nov. 17, 7:00-8:15pm**

\*\*\* IN-PERSON AT LIVING SPRINGS or PARTICIPATE ONLINE VIA GOOGLEMEET \*\*\*

<https://meet.google.com/zzo-hdwx-zyh> Or dial: 414-882-6374 PIN: 209 186 614#

**Spread the word and invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers!**

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was joyful to see them engaged and interactive with all that was happening within a 5-hour span of time. Jan Berger set up a beautiful class filled with great instructions. The rest of us, Seminarian Adriana, London, and I jumped in where needed and had fun with the kids.

- b. Our Sr. Youth went on their annual fall retreat, and let me tell you; it was fun. We went to Camp Kinard, settled in, had group discussions, and went on a scenic ride around the camp where we saw another group. We ended up at the lake where the youth got the chance to play kickball, go paddle boating (which was a sight to see), and canoeing. We followed that up with a fantastic dinner. We also had evening worship and communion. The close of the night came with a bonfire and smores. Sunday morning came with devotions, check out, and a journey back to the church.
- c. We will close out the month with our Little Lutheran receiving communion on October 31, 2021, at the 1030am Worship Service, which is also Reformation Sunday.

We have a lot going on with all our youth 3k-18 and beyond. We do this with joy from our hearts, Peace of Christ, Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit. We thank all of you for your continued support. I ask that you continue to pray for us as we move into Advent and everything we have planned.

I will leave you all with this devotional from Sydnie Taylor to the Council a few days ago----**Isaiah 40:29-31**

<sup>29</sup> *He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.*

<sup>30</sup> *Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;*

<sup>31</sup> *but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.*

There are times in everyone's life when we grow **weary**. We feel like our **talent** is not enough, our **strength** is fading, our **treasure** is not where we want it to be, times when we feel like we are trying our hardest ---and time, is not on our sides.

When **waiting** goes against what we **naturally and culturally** want to do, but when our natural inclination is to **step on the gas**, God often tells us to **hit the brakes**.

Waiting is often tricky because we equate it with inactivity. However, waiting, which can also translate as **hoping**, means waiting with expectation and looking **for it** to be there. The implication is that we are waiting and watching with expectation towards what God is going to do.

During these periods of waiting, God is often refueling and refining us for what He has in store. Everything around you needs refueling after much use.

Well----- today is not over-----there is still time to **pray**---still time to say **thank you** ---still time to be a **good neighbor** -----why----because we **have HOPE that the Lord will renew our strength**.

**THAT---We will soar on the wings like eagles; THAT---we will run and not grow weary; and when we walk---not be faint-----why because it is in us-----forged in trials, tribulations, exhaustion, pain and--- Joy!!!**



## **Veteran's Recognition Sunday Patriotic Sing-Along**

**Sun. Nov. 7, 3-4:15 pm**

**Living Springs Lawn & Parking Lot**

We are gathering together to continue to honor those who served or are still serving by joining together in song. There will be hotdogs if you're hungry. We will also do our devotion for the Witting tree that day as well. Bring your lawn chairs, we'll be spaced on the front yard. You can also eat and celebrate from your vehicle. Spread the word, invite your neighbors!



## Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*



### **We Give Thanks for Christ's Servant, Virginia Herlong!** *Last Sunday at Living Springs, November 21st ...*

In 2019, God sent us an incredible blessing, with Virginia Herlong as our part-time choir director. She came to us at an important time - and we are so thankful for all Virginia has done to enhance our ministry, especially during this challenging COVID era! Please be present on Sunday, Nov. 21 to say thank-you and farewell to Virginia, who will be available to greet folks following both worship services.

*The congregation will share a love offering with Virginia on the 21st. Donations can be placed in the offering plate on Nov. 7 & 14 (checks payable to Living Springs - marked "Virginia love offering") - OR you can mail/bring them to the church office OR donate on Givelify by Wednesday, Nov. 17.*

Please hold Virginia in your prayers as she celebrates nearly 8 decades of many forms of service in Christ's church --- and looks forward to well-blessed years ahead with her husband, Rev. Ozzie Herlong, in their ongoing callings and churchwide ministries!



### **Spread the Word about our LS Worship Leader Search!**

Our Worship Leader Search Team has been working hard behind the scenes, seeking the Spirit's direction to help identify the next Worship Leader whom God has in mind for our congregation. In August/September, the Task Force interviewed 5 candidates, but were not able to identify our next leader. We are now beginning a next round of the search – please feel free to pass along our position description below. If you know a potential candidate or might have a lead, contact Search Team Chair, Jim Zieche. We invite your ongoing prayers for the work of our entire Search Team: Jim Zieche, Jan Berger, Kay Herbert, Karen Kranz, Raegan Prest, Brantley Smith, Pastor Carl, Pastor Eric.

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

*Are you looking to connect with a vibrant congregation and share your gifts for inspiring God's people to grow in worship & outreach in creative ways? We are seeking to share the Spirit's call with a **vibrant, innovative partner** who has vision, passion, and energy for the ever-evolving worship-music ministry of Christ's church. With your own unique set of worship/musical gifts, you would help lead us in:*

- 1) planning **meaningful in-person worship** & growing our **virtual worship-music ministry**;
- 2) further developing **creative ministries to engage various musical gifts of all ages** (such as adult choir, ensembles, and children/youth);
- 3) further enhancing **Word & Sacrament worship with a variety of styles** that speak to all; and,
- 4) creatively pursuing God's **inclusive missional outreach** in our diverse community.

Flexible range of hours, with commensurate salary to be determined - based on qualifications and extent/type of call. Go to <http://bit.ly/LSworshipposition> for a tool to help share your areas of passion & giftedness. Send resume and letter of interest to [music@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto:music@livingspringscolumbia.org) by Dec. 1, 2021.

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

# Animal Blessing & Remembrance



## Reformation Sunday



## Disciples of Harmony





# Congregation Christ the King Celebration & Advent-Palooza

*We conclude another church year & prepare our hearts for the Advent Season!*

**Sunday, November 21**

**9:15-10:20 and 11:45-12:15—on the church lawn!  
(between worship services & after the 2nd service)**

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**Household Advent Devotional Craft & Children's Advent Items**

**Prepare Your 2021 Advent Hope Food Box**

**Servant Project: Backpack Food Bag Assembly**

**Singing & Fellowship**

# #AdventHope

**"LOVE IS BORN!"**

**LS OUTDOOR NATIVITY RETURNS...**

**DEC. 18-19 @ 7pm (Dress Rehearsal Dec. 17)**

**Everyone's help is needed: please sign-up now!**

**Main Characters: Mary, Joseph, Gabriel, Innkeeper, Midwife**

**Group Characters: Shepherds, Angels, Townspeople**

**Helpers: Set-Up, Props, Costumes, Sound, Lights, Music**



After a break in 2020 due to COVID, we definitely need to share some HOPE this Christmas! We will adapt the Nativity slightly to allow for reduced lawn space - and have some safe spacing for the participants. But we will move forward, as nothing can stop the importance of sharing the Good News of God's Christmas hope!

Once again there are many roles/tasks - and everyone's help is needed to share the Christmas story. A sign-up board will be at the Sunday Welcome Table - and practice opportunities will begin after worship in late November. All ages (adults, youth, families) are welcome - please prayerfully consider how you will help!

## *Hope Moment*

I was walking up the Living Springs portico walkway on a day when I had talked to someone that was struggling with self-worth...she is too fat, she is not pretty enough, and feeling really down on herself. I stopped to read what our CDC children and Sr. Youth wrote in chalk and immediately thought how special these kind and caring words would make this person feel, so I made a collage and sent it off to her to brighten her day. I think these chalk writings should be made permanent!



### **SHARE YOUR Hope Moment**

Has God worked a Hope moment through you or someone else during the week? Email [GodAtWork@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto: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**

"What gives you goosebumps?"

I don't mean that physical reaction to the air conditioner suddenly coming on in your office, or the frightening moment type goosebumps that makes you quiver for a moment, I mean that lump in your throat, tear in your eye goosebumps when you truly see God at work.

I had the sincere pleasure to witness many of these in just a short 30 minutes or so as we all gathered in worship through music time.

I was making my way upstairs to the workroom to check my mailbox when I heard a wee voice say, "Ms. Tammy walk with us" and a hand gently slipped into mine. Some of the classes were on their way to weekly music time in the fellowship hall, which is generally lead by the dynamic duo of Ms. Daneequa and Ms. London. Although my intent was not to stay, it is simply too difficult to walk away when you hear feet tapping, giggles begin and can feel the sheer joy of anticipation as the energy begins to rise.

Teachers and children slowly begin to enter and find places to sit, making enough room to move about freely, while sharing space with others. Ms. Daneequa begins with a familiar tune, "Jesus Loves Me". The children move their hands in motion to the words as they sign, slowly, thoughtfully, knowingly. Then Ms. Daneequa announces "reboot", the song changes tempo and a new beat begins, children laugh, voices get louder, and hands begin to clap.

As the children sing, some are seated, and a toddler curiously crawls up to one of our 4/5 yr olds and promptly sits in his lap. The older child gently wraps his arms around him securing that he won't fall off. The younger child looks up and smiles warmly, knowing he is safe.

As we move on to the next song and it calls for the children to gently lie down in green pastures, one child scoots close to his sister and cradles her as they pretend to sleep.

In closing as the song gains energy, feet begin to romp, bodies begin to roll around and the combination of song and laughter fills the space. Faces are bright with smiles, then as the voices get softer, children calm, and we end in prayer.

I know how difficult it is for families during these extra challenging times when you aren't yet able to step inside, to have sidebar quick conversations or simply to watch how your child is playing. Please know that we are here, we thank you for allowing us to have this time with your children and to be a part of your lives.

Wishing you well,

Tammy

My neighbor stopped by and during our conversation, she asked if I was still attending Living Springs and I said yes. She proceeded to say how much she and her family's life was blessed by our Child Development Center who cared for all three of her girls (one daughter now attends Harvard!). She then recounted a story of when one of her girls went to tour the public school for her Kindergarten year and after the tour, the daughter asked, "Mom, this is a great school, but where's the chapel?" It touched her heart that the early formation of her daughter's life at LS CDC prepared her to simply assume every school had a Chapel and holy time to talk to Jesus. The mom shared that she said there wasn't a chapel in this new school, but that Jesus is always in your heart and you can talk to him all day long at your new school!

Our ministry to children in this community is appreciated, valued, loved, and cherished.....even after many years. May the Spirit continue to bless our children, teachers, and staff!

## Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

### THE WITTING TREE

“Witting” means to be cognizant, deliberate, and aware of the facts of a situation. Each year, more than a dozen faith communities and organizations join in hosting a Witting Tree ceremony at their site. Living Springs will be hanging 22 sets of dog tags on the big tree by the entrance driveway in a public awareness of 22 veterans who take their lives each day with suicide (that is one veteran who takes their life each 80 minutes.) From November 1 – 11, a short devotion will be observed each day – if you would like to be a witness to this ceremony, see our times listed below:

Monday, Nov. 1 – 4:45 pm before Rush Hour Ministry

Tuesday, Nov. 2 – 11:15 am

Wednesday, Nov. 3 – 10:30 am with CDC

Thursday, Nov. 4 – 3:45 pm with after-schoolers

Friday, Nov. 5 – 3:45 pm

Saturday, Nov. 6 – 10 am

Sunday, Nov. 7 – 3 pm

Monday, Nov. 8 – 7 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, Nov. 9 – 11:15 am

Wednesday Nov. 10 – 10:30 am CDC

Thursday, Nov. 11 – 3:45 pm



**Sunday, November 7 we will honor our veterans at the 10:30 am worship service.**



Just wanted to say thanks again for the DELICIOUS food that y'all provided. I often find that we have the reverse version of the feeding of the 5000 here: instead of a small amount of food that feeds a great crowd, we tend to have LOTS of food for only a few... and yet miraculously it all still gets eaten! I believe that's a testament to how yummy it is, and I hope that you feel appreciated knowing that these college kids weren't going to let a single bite go to waste. Thanks for supporting us.

God's Peace,  
Pastor Jesse  
Gamecock Lutheran Campus Ministry

## God's Corner



Dear LS Congregation,

My family and I would like to express our deepest appreciation for all the many prayers, gift cards, and generous gift basket that was so thoughtfully given. The cards and books were so inspirational. The treats and quarters were utilized by Meg and Jerry. During the week of October 10th I started radiation therapy for 6 weeks at 5 days per week along with one session of chemo per week. I pray I can overcome this cancer with your prayers and God's help. I am very blessed to have such a caring church family.

Blessings to all,

*Marjorie Appleton*

P.S. The Prayer shawl is very comforting. Thank you ladies.



Thank you for your donation this year of \$25 in October to Lighthouse for Life. Your investment to this organization will allow us to continue to carry out our mission "to raise awareness about the realities of human trafficking in South Carolina while restoring victims to wholeness." We know you have many options for where you choose to give your dollars, so we are truly grateful that you have chosen Lighthouse for Life and pledge to be good stewards of your trust.

GRACE WINS!

*Lisa Kejr, CEO*

*Lighthouse for Life*

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Thank you so much for your generous donation. We are grateful for your support. Together, we are building a stronger more resilient community and we couldn't do it without you.

From all of us at

**Family Promise of the Midlands**

*(GWOH Bingo Winner Designation)*



I am writing to personally thank you for the \$25 donation you made to Senior Resources on September 30th. Our mission is to empower local seniors to remain healthy and independent through services such as Meals on Wheels, wellness centers, home care, and senior volunteer programs. Our Meals on Wheels program not only addresses the nutritional needs of our senior clients, but also the social isolation. The daily visit from the Meals on Wheels volunteer is often the only social interaction our clients experience each day, and it also serves as an important safety check. We cannot thank you enough for increasing our ability to address the two greatest risks our elderly neighbors face--hunger and isolation.

Sincerely,

**Dargan Davis**

Development Coordinator

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## Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

On October 25, Justice Ministry members from Living Springs Lutheran Church joined virtually and in person with partner congregations from all over the city. The Community Problems assembly was held at Reid Chapel AME Church. It was so hopeful to finally gather in person to hear the concerns and lift up stories from all of our house meetings.

This year, many of the stories and themes that came to the surface were related to issue campaigns we continue to work on.

Gun violence and crime and community safety.

Lack of safe and affordable housing is an increasing problem.

Rising rates of mental illness and wanting to know law enforcement is equipped with training to deal with a crisis situation.

Additionally house meetings shared a concern for our environment from clean drinking water,, to flooding, to increased utility bills.

Because issues of housing and safe living conditions overlap with environmental challenges, the beloved community voted to continue working on the existing campaigns without introducing a separate new issue.

The policy to create an Affordable Housing Trust Fund has been in development for over a year while 16,000 families are still in need of affordable safe housing. Unless we make this a top priority, kids learning suffers, physical and mental health declines as housing instability grows. This problem is not new. A long term solution is needed!

Watch for information on an upcoming Rally for Housing! Please plan to attend.

We continue to work toward the problem of gun violence. This problem has not improved but gotten worse during the pandemic. Going forward we continue to press for a partnership with the National Network For Safe Communities. The Group Violence Intervention model they have developed is proven to reduce gun violence sometimes by half. This model brings police, community, and service providers together to provide solutions that fit our specific community. On Thursday November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 we will begin our research kick off. Please join us as we move forward on these most important issues!!

As we gather on Sundays to pray and worship we are inspired to work for God's kingdom here on earth.

Do Justice, Love Mercy, and Walk humbly with God.



## Notes from: *Mission Partnership Team*

### Helping With Cristo Rey Returns!

**November 7 @ 4:15pm**

We are so excited to have Cristo Rey Lutheran in West Columbia as our Mission Partner! On the first Sunday of each month, we provide a Bible lesson, crafts, singing, and snacks for their children (at their 5:00 Sunday worship gatherings). We have team leaders, but 5-6 volunteer helpers are needed each month, plus a snack for up to 24-30 children. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex for all future months. Snacks may be dropped off on Sunday mornings. Volunteers will meet at LS at 4:15 and carpool to Cristo Rey. The children speak English, so Spanish fluency is not a requirement. For



### 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!



## Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*

### **Bible Book of the Month** *Sunday, November 7 @ 9:20 am* *Tuesday, November 16 @ 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: [meet.google.com/zkz-tzgp-seu](https://meet.google.com/zkz-tzgp-seu)  
or Join by phone 323-515-9597 PIN: 776 209 519#

Tuesday: [meet.google.com/crm-zcgt-bxx](https://meet.google.com/crm-zcgt-bxx)  
or Join by phone (US) +1 540-669-0687 PIN: 810 783 136#



### **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		



**ORDINATION TO THE MINISTRY  
OF WORD AND SACRAMENT**  
For Christopher Girardeau  
November 13 at 4:30pm, Christ Chapel

You are invited to join in worship and celebration as Christopher is ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament. Christopher will serve as Pastor of Reformation Lutheran Church in Lancaster, SC.

The worship service will take place at Christ Chapel on the campus of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC on Nov 13 at 4:30 pm.

The service will also be live-streamed on the Christ Chapel's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TeachFormNurture>. The specific link to the video will be posted in this event closer to the actual date.

Our offering for the service is designated to the HOPE in Lancaster. You can give by visiting <https://hopeinlancaster.org/help-us-by-donating/>

## Notes from: *Women's Ministry* Women's Retreat



### **KINARD RECOVERY MANOR**

*Thank you for all your Blessings – Pam*

*Thank you so much for the teddy bear & hygiene items. I really appreciate your kindness.*

*Your gifts really touched my heart. I'm really thankful for the Teddy bear – I slept with it last night. It's really special to me. Amanda*

*Thank you so much for the teddy bear! I really appreciate it!! Anika*

*Thank you so much for the sweetest bears! The thought is super considerate and the prayer is a blessing. Thank you! Love Brooke*

Our community service project at our women's retreat was very meaningful as we thought about the women at Kinard Recovery Center dealing with addiction problems and the struggles they encounter as they work through different programs to help them on their journey to an independent life. I always try to put myself in another's shoes – I have all the convenience's of a comfortable home – if I want to shower and shampoo, I just pull out my bottles and do it. Think about these women making a decision to buy their necessary's or do they go to the ABC store one more time. Each basket we prepared included daily essentials, a small bible and one of our special teddy bears that sit in our pews each week waiting to go out and comfort someone.

## Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

### **Men's Breakfast...Is taking a break!**

Since our usual meeting date falls on Thanksgiving weekend, we will take a break this month. Check back here next month for when we will get back together.

# Notes from: *Sr. Youth*

## 1. Hearing God's Call.....How do we hear God's call?

Worshipping in church \* Helping others \* At youth meetings \* Mission trips \* Listening \* Surrounded by bell



# Martin Luther: Asking the Hard Questions

Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

Marty Party @ Zion Lutheran Church

Here our youth respond in words and in group activities about the hard questions of life! These youth are amazingly smart, insightful, and hopeful!

## 2. Luther used the Printing Press to get out his message. What message do we have to share?

God loves you no matter who you are, how and who you choose to love in your life, or what skin color you have.

What creative ways can we share the message?

In schools—bulletin boards, website

Through our actions—Backpack Ministry, JV ministry, Veterans Ministry, offering to pray for someone



## 3. When was a time that you stood up for the truth???

Fighting with a friend because he thought God only loved certain people.

Stating that we are forgiven no matter what.

Loving people who don't agree with you and knowing that God still loves those we disagree with.

**What's a truth that God might want you to be standing up for right now???**

Telling people they are bad because of the choices they are making. Yes, our choices have earthly consequences, but God still loves us!

## Sr. Youth Retreat @ Camp Kinard



# Notes from: *Jr. Youth* Holy Communion Milestone Class



## Holy Communion Milestone Service





# God At Work

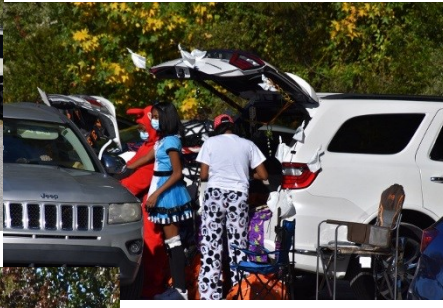
## Football Food Ministry

A fellow baseball mom shared that she was the social worker at Ridgeview high school and she made the connection that I was a member of Living Springs. She said this year has been uncharacteristically challenging. It's almost too much for the students AND the teachers as well as the support staff. Then she said, and then there's your church and it's disciples who show up. You show up for our JV players by feeding and listening to them. You show up with gift cards and Christmas gifts for our kids. You show up so many times....we get overwhelmed with joy and hope. Thank you. Just thank you.

Thank you Holy Spirit for leading us out of our comfort zones to serve the students—your beloved yet stressed out children—in our local schools. THIS is what it means to follow Jesus and extend HOPE!!!



## Trunk or Treat



**JOURNEY CHURCH & LIVING SPRINGS CHURCH  
1,100 IN 11 DAYS**



**UNDER  
WEAR  
DRIVE**

Donate packs of new  
underwear size small to 3xl

Help us provide underwear for  
brothers behind the wall

**Drop off from **November 1-11**  
in the Living Springs Admin Lobby**

**Opportunities Outside Living Springs**



**GAMECOCK  
LUTHERAN'S  
ZOOM  
TRIVIA  
NIGHT  
FUNDRAISER**

**NOVEMBER 19 - 7:00 TO 9:00**

Join us on Zoom for a night of trivia, fun,  
and fellowship as we support and learn  
more about our beloved campus ministry.

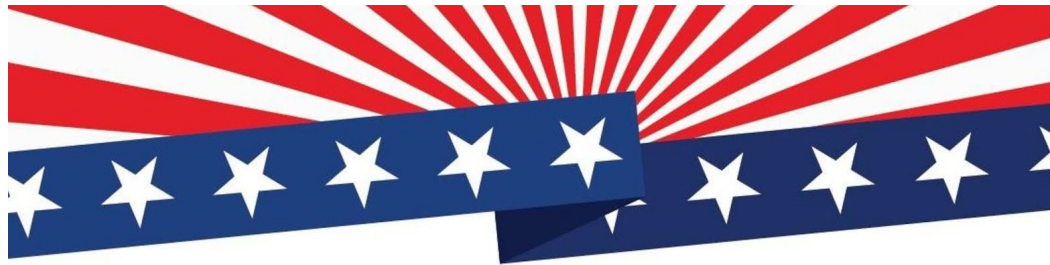
Go to [GamecockLutheran.com/trivia](https://GamecockLutheran.com/trivia) to learn all  
the details and to register yourself or your team!



**Drive By, Honk, Cheer and Wave...  
It's a Fall, Harvest Parade!  
Monday, Nov. 15th  
2:00 PM**

Rice Estate invites you to join them on **Monday, November 15th** for a parade around campus! The parade will begin at **2:00PM**. Participants are encouraged to decorate your vehicles in a fall/harvest theme. For those who are planning to be in the parade, please arrive 30 minutes early to join in the parade line-up. A staff member will be out front to direct you to the line-up location. This will be an opportunity for family members, volunteers and friends to decorate cars, wave to your loved ones, spread some holiday cheer & join in the parade fun!

(If you would like to participate in the parade, please call the Life Enrichment Department at 803-691-5727 ext. 5727 so we can get a count.)



**Sixth Annual Family Event  
Program to Honor Our Veterans**

**Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Doko Meadows Park**

**10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Official Ceremony 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Rain day November 7<sup>th</sup>

**Guest Speaker Sheriff Leon Lott,  
Commander of the S.C. State Guard**

**Plus Military Exhibits, Vintage  
Military Vehicles, Purple Heart  
Town, Quilt of Valor, Food Truck  
Fair and more**


**Sponsored by the Blythewood Historical Society and the  
Town of Blythewood**



**171 Langford Road  
Blythewood, SC**



# November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p><b>MAIN SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b>                      810A Pre-Worship Prayer Time                      815A <b>Worship (Sanctuary)</b>                      920A Adult Faith Formation                      930A Faith Alive for Children &amp; Youth                      1025 Pre-Worship Prayer Time                      1030A <b>Worship (Sanctuary/Lawn/Vehide/Online)</b></p>	<p>2</p> <p>10A Ladies Bible Study                      10A LSCDC Bible Times                      1030A Meals on Wheels                      1115A Witting Tree                      4P Afterschool Chapel                      6P Adult Bible Study                      7P Handbell Choir</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1030A PS Chapel/Witting Tree                      515P Disciples of Harmony                      6P Choir                      6P Hope Team                      815P Sr. Youth Online</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11P Good News Team                      345P Witting Tree                      4P Backpack Food Ministry                      630P Children Faith Online                      7P Lifelong Discipleship</p>	<p>5</p> <p>345P Witting Tree</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10A Witting Tree</p> 	
<p>7 *See box above  <b>All Saints/Veteran's Sunday</b>                      915A Bible Book of Month                      920-1015A <b>Cong. Info Session</b>                      12P Sr. Youth (In-Person)                      3P <b>Patriotic Sing-Along</b>/Witting Tree                      5P Cristo Rey (Carpool @ 415)                      430P Girl Scouts</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels                      7P Fellowship/Mutual Care                      7P Boy Scouts/Witting Tree</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10A Ladies Bible Study                      10A LSCDC Bible Times                      1030 Meals on Wheels                      1115A Witting Tree                      530P Finance                      6P Adult Bible Study                      7P Handbell Choir</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1030A PS Chapel/Witting Tree                      4P Afterschool Chapel                      515P Disciples of Harmony                      815P Sr. Youth Online</p>	<p>11</p> <p>830 Good News Walkers                      345P Witting Tree                      4P Backpack Food Ministry                      630P LSCDC Board                      630P Children Faith Online</p>	<p>12</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>Handbell Retreat</b> 11/12-11/13</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9A Crafty Ladies</p>
<p>14 *See box above  <b>"Giving Hope" Intent Sunday</b>                      915A <b>Annual Cong. Meeting</b>                      1230P Confirmation                      3P Hoping/Coping Session: Grieving our Losses in 2021                      430P Girl Scouts</p>	<p>15</p> <p>945A Staff Meeting                      1030A Meals on Wheels                      7P Boy Scout Troop #737                      7P Exec Team</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10A Bible Book of Month                      10A LSCDC Bible Times                      1030 Meals on Wheels                      6P Adult Bible Study                      7P Handbell Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1030A Preschool Chapel                      4P Afterschool Chapel                      515P Disciples of Harmony                      6P Choir                      7P Hoping /Coping Session: Grieving thru the Holidays                      815P Sr. Youth Online</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Children's Hospital Meal                      830 Good News Walkers                      12P LSCDC Stone Soup                      4P Backpack Food Ministry                      630P Children Faith Online                      630P Justice Ministry Research Kick-Off                      7P Council Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7P Gamecock Lutheran's Zoom Trivia Night</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 *See box above  <b>**Christ the King/Advent-Palooza Celebration:</b> between services &amp; after 2nd worship service                      1145A Nativity Practice                      1230P Confirmation                      430P Girl Scouts</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels                      1030A CDC Chapel                      7P Boy Scout Troop #737</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10A Ladies Bible Study                      10A LSCDC Bible Times                      1030 Meals on Wheels                      6P Adult Bible Study                      7P Handbell Choir</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p><b>Thanksgiving Day</b>                      Office &amp; LSCDC Closed</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Office &amp; LSCDC Closed</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 *See box above  <b>Advent Begins!</b>                      1145A Nativity Practice                      12P Sr. Youth (In-Person)                      430P Girl Scouts</p>	<p>29</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels                      7P Boy Scout Troop #737</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10A Ladies Bible Study                      10A LSCDC Bible Times                      1030 Meals on Wheels                      6P Adult Bible Study                      7P Handbell Choir</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1030A Preschool Chapel                      12P <b>Midweek Advent Worship</b>                      4P Afterschool Chapel                      6P <b>Midweek Advent Worship</b>                      6:30P Choir                      815P Sr. Youth Online</p>	<p>2</p> <p>830 Good News Walkers                      11P Good News Team                      630P Children Faith Online                      7P Lifelong Discipleship</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9A Christmas Decorating</p>

## Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

**November 2** Charles Kauffman  
 Ray Long  
 Rhea Pye  
**November 3** Mike Wirth  
**November 5** Eric Nelson  
**November 6** Eric Hyyppa  
**November 7** Andrew Drafts  
**November 10** Jack Arnold  
**November 13** Jonas Maher  
**November 15** Sue Hyman  
**November 16** Taralee Bartholomew  
 Kristin Snelgrove  
**November 19** Becky Sides  
**November 20** Brenda Grohman

**November 21** Luke Prizer  
 Sam Prizer  
 ♥ John & Barbara Imbert  
**November 23** Grady Smith  
**November 24** John Imbert  
 Wayne Kannaday  
 ♥ Mike & Trish Davidson  
**November 26** Corbin Cassidy  
 Steve Padgett  
 Hany Sorial  
 ♥ Eric & Alexis Hyyppa  
**November 28** Sydnie Taylor  
**November 29** Kellie Snipes



### 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!



**November 9** Emma Harris  
**November 11** Ann Lynn Caughman  
**November 13** Evelyn Long  
**November 18** Aaron Smith  
**November 22** Everett Snipes  
 Karlene Stuart  
**November 26** Logan Smith  
**November 29** Helen Doerpinghaus



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