

The Living Springs Journal

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

May 2022



"Christ IS Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!" (from Pastor Eric)

MAY "BOOK(S)" OF THE MONTH = 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus
PASTOR TIMES: Sun, May 8 @ 9:20am; Tues, May 10 @ 10am

What a joyous time of year we now enter—the full 50 days of Easter season, lasting until the great festival of Pentecost (this year, June 5)! The length of Easter season is an important reminder that the Resurrection appearances of Jesus were not limited to one particular moment on one Sunday morning, but instead they extended for hours and days afterward, as the Risen Lord appeared again and again—to bring hope to so many of his hurting, grieving, bewildered (and even still doubting) disciples. As I have said often over the years, **the Easter shout of Christians is not "Christ WAS raised," but rather "Christ IS risen!"** Our joyful shout is not a statement about a one-time event that happened in the past, but a bold declaration of faith about something that is true here in the present: our Lord IS a Risen & Living Lord, who continues to be present with us in powerful, yet mysterious ways to continue bringing grace-filled hope into the brokenness of our own lives and the brokenness of our world.

The Risen Lord Jesus revealed himself in the breaking of the bread to Cleopas & his companion, and so too, the Risen Lord Jesus reveals himself to us in the breaking of the bread every week when we gather for Holy Communion, to share in Christ's real presence. The Risen Lord Jesus made himself known to the disciples who were locked away in their room of fear, offering them "Peace", reconciliation, forgiveness, and the power of the Holy Spirit; and so too, the Risen Lord Jesus continues to come to us with the power of the Holy Spirit in our own places of personal/world fear, offering us hope-filled forgiveness, reconciliation, and a peace which passes all understanding, a peace this world cannot give. "I am with you always—even to the end of the age!" the Risen Lord Jesus promised his disciples at his Ascension (40 days after Easter, this year celebrated on May 26), and so it is! The Risen Lord Jesus continues

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**Christ IS Risen!
Alleluia!**
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**Hope is not
buried in a tomb,
but alive and
among us ...
hope is no longer
standing behind
an altar, but
among us—God's
people, filled
with the Spirit—
to be carried out
into the world!**

- LS DISCIPLE GATHERING—May 1
- SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION SUPPER—May 7
- BLESSING OF THE QUILTS—May 8
- YOUTH SUNDAY—May 22
- HS GRADUATE QUILLOWING—May 29
- PENTECOST AFTERNOON FESTIVAL—June 5
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- CRISTO REY MINISTRY—May 1
- SUNDAY MORNING BACKPACKS—May 8, 22
- CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEAL—May 19
- JUSTICE MINISTRY CELEBRATION—May 23
- PALMETTO PLACE MEAL—May 26
- MEALS ON WHEELS—each Mon & Tues



This Month from Pastor Carl

Thank you to everyone for your thoughts, prayers and all the wonderful cards you left for me during this unexpected time! I appreciate you all. God Bless.



to fulfill that promise, for Christ IS Risen and with us, each of us, every moment. Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

The Lenten journey was filled with so many powerful moments: the amazing Lenten dramas (some Wednesday with 100+ persons participating online!), the incredible Nehemiah Justice Assembly, the powerful Holy Week experiences (Palm Sunday, Passion Reading, Holy Week Children's Event, Holy Monday Healing Service, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the tear-rending walking of the Cross on Clemson Road), the response to our 40x40 Lenten Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief, and the incredible Fish Fry ministry for Lutheran Campus Ministry. Then, it was wonderful to share with so many people the incredible Easter Services celebrating our Lord's Resurrection: starting with the Saturday night Easter Vigil, then including Easter Son-rise, the Easter Breakfast, 2 Easter Morning Celebration Worship Experiences—and finally concluding with the intimate on-line Emmaus at-home Communion on Easter afternoon.

Now, as we move into May, we have so much to continue celebrating during this Easter season, with the hope-filled presence of Christ. We begin with a special **in-person Disciple Gathering on Sunday, May 1 (between worship services)** - for anyone and everyone who was not able to participate in a Lenten on-line disciple gathering. Don't miss this amazing opportunity to gather with other disciples, with the presence of the Risen Lord among us!

Here in May, there is the Scholarship Auction Supper, which will bring hope to many college students. There is the Mother's Day Quilt Blessing, Mother's Day Rice Estate Flower Ministry, Youth Sunday, HS Graduate Quillowing—and all our ongoing ministries that share so much hope: Children's Hospital, Palmetto Place, Meals on Wheels, Sunday morning food backpacks, Cristo Rey children's ministry.

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I close with a word of thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Weekend such an amazing experience: not only for the people whom we see in-person, but for the hundreds & hundreds we touch with God's grace each month through our ongoing on-line presence and livestream services. We never can fully

know how God works to extend the umbrella of hope in this hurting world—even through a cross & an empty tomb; even through a group of fearful 1st-century disciples; even through a faithful, loving community of Christ's disciples who bear the name of Living Springs here in 2022! **Christ IS Risen! Christ IS Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May the Holy Spirit fill each of you with joy in this Easter season ahead—with move love in the Risen Lord, *Pastor Eric*



Filled with the Holy Spirit, we remember Jesus words, "Peace be with you... as the Father has sent me, so I send you."

2022 LIVING SPRINGS MINISTRY FOCUS

As a community of disciples **stretched by the cross**, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to further **extend the umbrella of God's H-O-P-E**: continuing to **break down barriers**, so that more people may **experience the life-changing power of God** and move **from surviving to thriving** in a challenging world! Walking together in faith with each other & our community, the Spirit calls us to these 2022 focus areas:

HELP with resources for Emotional-Mental-Spiritual Health & Well-Being!

- Counseling services, support groups, workshops to address life-transitions and challenges
- Mental health resources for youth, families, senior adults, and others
- Support for frontline healthcare providers, teachers, caregivers, essential workers
- Faith resources for dealing with grief/loss, depression, anxiety, anger, hopelessness, despair

OUTREACH to uplift others with creative, multi-faceted expressions of God's grace for all!

- Sharing the Good News through multiple formats for worship & faith growth
- Offering God's message of hope in public arenas, such as Rush Hour/billboard/online ministries
- Share concrete expressions of God's love & hope for others in times of need & crisis (e.g., pop-up disaster response, refugee ministry, backpack food ministry, hunger & homeless ministries, etc.)

PARTNER with our community to support Children/Youth/Young Adults in their life-skills & spiritual journeys!

- Personal & Congregational involvement in schools (tutoring, mentoring, JV football, LCM, etc.)
- Sharing God's hope for youth on the margins (isolated, homeless, refugee children, prison youth)
- Active Involvement, Support and Sponsorship of Campus Ministry (college students)

EXPAND our connections while sharing God's love with people wherever they are!

- Communicate in God's love across boundaries & barriers of language, race, culture, politics, etc.
- Embrace the diversity of God's humanity by actively building relationships & partnering with other churches/classes/ groups
- Speaking, listening, and engaging in deep conversations with those who differ from ourselves by employing various formats ... in community settings, daily life locations, house gatherings, public places, etc.



Notes from: *Fellowship & Mutual Care*

LeGrand Lowman Annual Scholarship Dinner and Auction *May 7th @ 6pm*

LeGrand Lowman Annual Scholarship Dinner and Auction will be held Saturday, May 7th in the fellowship hall starting at 6 pm. Fellowship and Mutual Care is hosting a Mexican Fiesta. Marshall Hurlburt will be cooking his delicious Cinco de Mayo fare. Hold on to you sombreros and get ready to Fiesta like there's no Manana.

We will also have a silent auction. Any and all donations of items for the Silent Auction such as hand crafted items like pies, wreaths, paintings, wood signs, as well as themed baskets from ministry teams will be greatly appreciated. Please bring items to church or notify Wendy McKenzie at wendy.mckenzie@sc.edu or Trish Davidson at tdavidson333@gmail.com by Sunday, May 1st so we can plan accordingly.

In addition to the silent action, we will be having the always fun live auction with Adam Woodruff as our auctioneer. We ask that each family only bring one item to be auctioned off. This is your opportunity to get rid of an item that you received as a gift or bought that you have no idea what to do with now. Remember one person's trash is another person's treasure.

Ticket sales will be today after both services and Sunday School. Cut off for ticket sales is 5/4 but you can pay at door by contacting Wendy McKenzie or Trish Davidson beforehand. Tickets are \$10 adult \$5 child- 12 and under.

Doors open at 6pm for an opportunity to review and bid on silent auction items, with bidding closing at 7:15. Dinner will be served around 6:30 and the white elephant auction will begin at 7:30.

All funds raised are used to fund Scholarships to our first time college students as well as those from our mission church. This event is in memory of Irvin & Phebee Le Grand and Carl & Dotty Lowman, founding members of LSLC.

Senior Adult/ Empty Nester Lunch *Sunday, May 15 @ 12:15*

Fellowship and Mutual Care will be hosting a Senior Adult/Empty Nesters Lunch following the 10:45 service on May 15. Join us for Food, Fun, and Fellowship.

SIGN OUR LS CARDS IN THE NARTHEX!

Our LS Care Card Ministry is an important way to show support for brothers and sisters in Christ during times of need. Be sure to stop by the podium in the narthex to see if there are cards and sign each one there. Whether or not you personally know the situation is unim-portant – we offer our tangible support for each other in Christ's family!



Notes from: *Good News Team*

Save the Date!

School's Out - Summer's Here Event
Made in the shade, Living with Hope.
Community event to celebrate Summer, Pentecost and help launch Spark VBS!
Free Pizza, ice cream, activities, bouncy houses!
More details to come. Watch for upcoming announcements!

Rush
Hour
Ministry



Notes from: *Youth Ministry*



SPARK/VBS - Extending the Umbrella of Hope

*Kick off Sunday, June 5
June 6/7/8 6-7:30 pm*

Come Join us for Spark Your Faith Camp - Extending the Umbrella of Hope VBS June 5-8. A Kick-off Celebration will take place on Sunday June 5. We will combine with the Good News Team's "School's Out - Summer's Here/ Made in the shade, Living with Hope" event occurring 4-6:30pm. Join us Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30 as we learn how the Umbrella of Hope was extended throughout the bible through song, crafts, drama and games! We are hoping that all youth will participate in this fun time of learning about ways to extend our Umbrellas of Hope to each other and the world. Invite your friends. Click here for a [registration form](#). Please contact [Leslie Bloss](#) with any questions.



SPARK VBS HELPERS NEEDED!

Everyone's help is needed to make SPARK a great experience. There are roles for everyone: group shepherds, activity station helpers (arts, crafts, drama, music, snacks, etc.), general assistants, and more - even if you can help only 1 day. See Leslie Bloss or contact the office.

LS Child Protection Training Session

We are holding Child Protection Training for those that missed our fall training sessions and plan on working with the youth this summer. If you plan to help or volunteer with children/youth, we need you to attend a training this spring. This will protect you and our children and create a safe haven for all of God's children. Training needs to be renewed every other year.

Youth Sunday May 22

Be sure to be present Sunday the 22nd for an inspiring worship time as our youth lead worship. For the message, our Youth will sharing how they have experienced or witnessed God's hope at work during the past year.

Quillowing Milestone Sunday, May 29

Please join in celebrating our graduating high school seniors, True Depaoli and Sydnie Taylor. On Sunday, May 29, we will have honoring them with their Quillowing Faith Milestone.

Sr. Youth at Mod Pizza



Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello and continued blessings to you all,

As we move farther into Spring, we are witness to the daily story of Easter, life, death, and resurrection. The dogwood and cherry trees that were so vibrant with pink blooms have faded and dropped to the ground, giving way to the rich green leaves that have spread wide to soak up the sun, feeding the tree deep within. We see the compost bin turning our lunch and snack scraps into rich soil for the plants, welcoming worms to join in and feed. The buzzing of bees around the flowers (have you smelled the amazing, sweet scent of the honeysuckle in the parking lot? It's worth the sneeze!). We have cardinals flying around looking for the perfect spot to build their nests, I expect to soon see our little brown bunnies eagerly hopping around the yard beside us.

Here at LSLC-CDC we have been celebrating Spring, the warmer weather, the Love of God in each new day, and the promise of Hope.

The children and staff celebrated NAEYC's Week of the Young Child with a host of activities this month.

We had Music Monday- Gathering together in song and dance.

Tasty Tuesday- School-wide picnic lunch where the children were able to create their own sandwiches.

Work Together Wednesday- Creating together with loose parts and making an obstacle course.

Artsy Thursday- We came together to create murals and explore the creation and texture of cloud dough.

Family Friday- Although this fell on Good Friday and we were closed we collected photos to add to our school family board.



Spring brings a beauty of freshness, of rebirth, of moving forward in hope and newness. As we celebrate the changes that Spring brings, we are also thankful for the reliability of what we know and trust to be true, the Grace and Love that each new day brings. May you continue to be blessed with the beauty of new beginnings and the Hope in each new day, while holding steadfast to the Love and Grace we are freely given.

Wishing you well,

Tammy



God's Corner



I want to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during my time of recovery. I know it is why I had such a rapid recovery. I also want to thank you for the delicious meals. John and I certainly enjoyed them.

Blessings and Light

Barara Imbert

o See God At Work...

I have accepted a new job with another non-profit that will start sometime in May but I was worried about a gap in health insurance coverages. However, the people at my new employer made special accommodation to be sure my family and I are covered without so much as a single day gap in our health insurance coverage. I feel so blessed and cared for!

Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

LENTEN FISH FRY

First, THANK YOU to everyone that came out to support our Lenten Friday Night Fish Fry event – that includes all volunteers who braved some difficult weather conditions and members who purchased meals in support of the Gamecock Campus Ministry and I need to include Thrivent which helped fund our weekly event. We ended up selling 492 meals and will be able to match or exceed our donation of \$4,000 last year.

Pastor Jesse is doing an amazing job of providing a spiritual connection during a time in the life of a college student when it is needed the most. Living Springs also provided the Sunday evening meal during 2022 and look forward to continuing that ministry in the fall.

A cute story about one of the fish fry nights – some of you may get the Next Door app where you can post events happening in your neighborhood. I posted the fish fry each week and one week I got a “like” with a nice comment and another person posted a “sad” so I got a little worried that someone had a bad experience. I sent a private message apologizing if something was not right with her meal and to let me know how I could make amends. It ended up I misinterpreted her “sad” – she posted the “sad” because she was sad that she missed coming to the event! Whew!



Children's Hospital

Travis Mooney, Carolina Deli, continues to ask the hospital to let us physically bring the lunches into the hospital and be able to communicate with the parents that receive the lunches provided each month. If you would like to write an encouraging note to a parent, the note cards are available on the welcome table. Our CDC children create notes of encouragement that Travis puts in each of the lunch bags. Once again we thank Thrivent for providing the funds for this ministry.

Lenten Person Care Kits

100 personal care kits were taken to the UPS store and delivered to Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Maryland where the kits will provide hygiene, dignity and hope to those in crisis situations. The kits are sent to areas of the world where an emergency has occurred, and people are left with very little. Assembling the kits were a part of the Palm Sunday activities enjoyed by youth and adults.



Backpack Food Ministry

We are entering our last month of packing before the summer vacation is upon us! Sunday, May 8 and Sunday, May 22 will be done before and after the 8:15 and 10:30 am services. May 27 will be the last pickup day by our three social workers at Rice Creek, Joseph Keels, and Blythewood Academy. Most items come from our stuff a bus event, but we still need milk, juice, and cereal.



Sign a Mother's Day card for Rice Estate

Cards are in the lobby to sign for the female residents of Rice Estate. They will be out on Sunday and during the week. Please stop by the table and sign as many as you can. They will be delivered with a rose bud vase the week before Mother's Day!



DATES TO REMEMBER

American Red Cross Blood Drive – Wednesday, July 20, 2022.

Family Promise Camp Impact dinner at Camp Cole for 100 homeless children that are given the opportunity to experience a camp activity for one week.

I give thanks for MOW [Meals on Wheels] and all the hope it brings to so many...including my mother who lives in Ohio. The volunteer who delivers her meals provides so much hope and love.

Rice Estate



One of the LS Child Development Center's cards was framed by a resident and put on their door!

Thank you so much for thinking of Rice at Easter. The eggs was so cute and the candy was good. Hope we can come out for dinner some time soon.

Sincerely,
Joan



Dear Friends at Living Springs:

Let me take this time to thank you for your special ways of keeping in touch. It means so much to a lot of lonely people. We all look forward to seeing you all again. Thank you so much for sharing your special Easter - Hallelujah!
God Bless You All!

Maggie



BOOKS OF MONTH: 2021-22

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

Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

Justice Ministry - Time to Celebrate!

May is the month to **CELEBRATE** justice!

On April 4th we held our Nehemiah Action and for the first time in three years we held it *in-person!* That was something to celebrate! A large crowd gathered to sing, pray, listen, participate, and ask for change to make Columbia a better community for our neighbors. The turn-out of nearly 700 people from all walks of life was truly something to celebrate – we kept adding chairs as more and more people arrived representing 35+ congregations and communities of all kinds! The excitement, lively conversations, and good will were apparent that evening which was something else to celebrate! That evening we asked Mayor Daniel Rickenmann for an outside study of gun violence, since understanding a problem is the first step toward effective solutions. We celebrate that Mayor Rickenmann said “Yes” to asking City Council to do this and funding the study! We will be meeting with him this month to talk more about getting this done soon. At the Nehemiah Action we also celebrated the sizeable increase in the number of law enforcement officers that have received Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), a commitment received at the 2018 Action from our police chief and sheriff.

Yes, there truly is much to celebrate in May! And while we celebrate, we will also continue working on two other pressing community problems, the lack of affordable housing and mental health community needs. At the Nehemiah Action on April 4th, we were disappointed that County Council Chair Overture Walker did not attend to respond to our request to ask County Council to establish an affordable housing trust fund. More than 16,000 families do not have access to safe and affordable housing, and we will continue to ask County Council to address this significant community need. That evening at the Nehemiah Action, we also acknowledged the need to continue monitoring the certification of law enforcement officers in CIT until all are trained.

If May is the time to **celebrate**, when is the party?

We have two opportunities to **celebrate** in May. On May 5th at 11:00 am at Ascension Lutheran Church we have a unique opportunity to celebrate and lift up the need to establish an affordable housing trust fund. We will paint a mural, enjoy coffee and doughnuts, and hear updates about next steps for moving ahead with our trust fund request to County Council. All are welcome!

The second chance to **celebrate** in May is at our annual MORE Justice Celebration on Monday, May 23rd, at 6:30 pm, at Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church. For Network Members, this is the last event that we have committed to attend in the justice year. We will celebrate the achievements of the year, receive updates, and share fun and fellowship with others from our MORE Justice sister congregations. There will be carpools and buses from Living Springs church if you'd like a ride. Again, all are welcome!

May is the month to **CELEBRATE** justice! For more information about Justice Ministry please talk with Pastor Eric, Mike Davidson, Gwen Furcron, Peg or Jim Zieche, Gail Buchanan, Wayne Kannaday or Helen Doerpinghaus.

MORE Justice Nehemiah Action Assembly



Affordable Housing Celebration *Ascension Lutheran Church* **May 5th, 11:00 AM**

Enjoy Coffee and Doughnuts! Hear Issue Updates! Paint a Mural! Lift Up the Need for Housing!



Notes from: *Mission Partnership Team*

LS Ministries with Cristo Rey! Sunday, May 1 @ 4:15pm

On the first Sunday of each month, we provide a Bible lesson, crafts, singing, and snacks for the children of our Mission Partner, Cristo Rey, in West Columbia. We have team leaders, but 5-6 volunteer helpers are needed, plus a snack for up to 20 children. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Volunteers will meet at LS at 4:15 and carpool to Cristo Rey. The children speak English, so Spanish is not a requirement.

April's lesson was Palm Sunday



Notes from: LS Refugee Family Ministry

I saw God this week when I was helping the Akbar family move into their new house and a little kid that lived nearby asked if he could help.

LSC OFFERING & "CIRCLE OF WELCOME"

We continue find so many blessings in the ministry of welcoming our adopted 7-member Afghani refugee family. If you would like to help with our Circle of Welcome team, please see Pastor Eric or Reagan Prest. Ongoing donations/checks can be placed in the offering (payable to Living Springs and marked "Refugee Ministry") - or you can give electronically through the Refugee button on our LS Givelify app.

Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

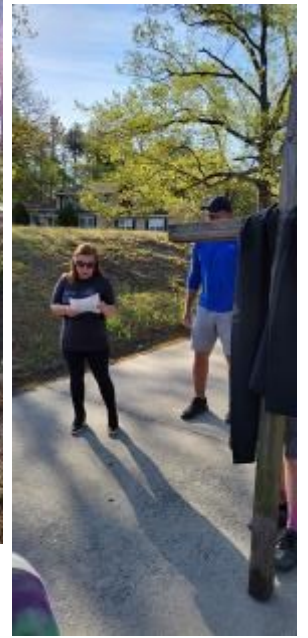
Palm Sunday



I saw God when Grady read the lessons on Sunday. It is such a blessing to see the young people of God engaged in worship!



Walking of the Cross



Maundy Thursday



Easter Decorating



Easter Vigil 2022



Easter Sunday



Living Cross for Easter Season

On Easter Sunday, people brought flowers for our living cross in the front lawn. ***Please continue to bring live flowers each week during the ongoing Easter season to decorate the cross and keep it "living" through the entire 50 days!***



LS Choir



Mother's Day Worship Sunday, May 8 Plus Annual Blessing of Quilts

Next Sunday, be sure to be present for worship as we offer special prayers and remember the mothers, grandmothers, and other women who have provided motherly care in our lives. We also honor our Women's Quilting Ministry with the Annual Blessing of the Quilts which they have made to bring hope to many lives.

Notes from: *Women's Ministry*



- Would you like to connect and fellowship with other Lutheran Women across the State? Hear what's going on in the larger church – state, national and the world? Join us at the SC WELCA Conference!
- Enjoy events on Friday and Saturday, June 24 & 25. Hear uplifting stories from Lutheran Women. Hear Messages of Hope from two keynote speakers. Enjoy a Friday evening dinner and music event! Enjoy Workshops on Friday and Saturday.
- Go to: <https://www.scwelca.com> and click on the upcoming events tab to register!



SC Women of the ELCA Annual Convention Theme: "He's got the whole world in his hands" **June 24-25, 2022**

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer, Newberry, SC

Want to talk with someone who has attended before? See Jan Berger, Gwen Furcron, Midge Gunvalson, LaTynia Taylor or Ginny Devereaux to name a few!

Registration Deadline: May 30, 2022

Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

Men's Breakfast *Saturday, May 28 @ 8am*

We meet in person at church in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be served and we will have devotions and a short business meeting on the last Saturday of each month at 8:00 am. We will also be sharing the meeting online for those who can't attend in person.

Upcoming Lutheran Men in Mission Events **in the Midlands**

Midlands Conference Quarterly Meeting *Monday May 2 @ Christus Victor 6:30pm*

Men's Wild Game Supper *May 1, 5pm @ Pilgrim*

All men are invited for fellowship on Sunday, May 1, @ 5pm. LS Lutheran Men in Mission will be gathering with other men within the area at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 1430 N. Lake Dr., Lexington. Please bring a wild game dish or a side dish to share. Entertainment will be provided.

Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

Easter Season Bucket Offering

Our bucket offering for the season of Easter will be for SC Synod Restoration Chapel Recovery Mission. Restoration Chapel's mission is to help women overcome substance use disorder. Our offerings will be presented at the 2022 SC Synod Assembly, June 12-14.

Special LS Offering for Ukraine

Millions of civilians fleeing the violence are heading toward Ukraine's western districts and such neighboring countries as Poland, Moldova, Slovakia, Romania and Hungary. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter and such basic necessities as food, water and toiletries. Care for people also includes pastoral and psychological support to address the trauma they've endured. Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

Living Springs is participating in a special offering of HOPE through our ELCA Ukraine/Eastern Europe Disaster Response. **Donations may be placed in the offering plate** (payable to Living Springs and marked "Ukraine") - or given electronically through our Givelify app.

Our prayers abound for the loss and devastation experienced in Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

Spring Cleaning @ LS!

It's time to do a little spring cleaning! Facilities is looking for volunteers for several projects: rail painting and yard work. Dates and times of these projects are all to be determined. Please sign up to help in the admin lobby. Contact Jim Zieche.

Have You Had a Spirit Tug to...

help or participate more with worship? There are many ways for a person to help provide our Sunday and special worship services. Some of which are behind the scenes! Stop by the Welcome Table and check out the Worship Survey. If you've never been involved, we are more than happy to train. Please contact Karen Kranz for more information/questions you may have.

LS Mental/Emotional/Spiritual Health & Wellness Focus

An important 2022 Ministry focus area is "HELP with resources for emotional-mental-spiritual health & well-being." We are forming a guiding group to help discuss, discern, and plan ways for us as a congregation to provide such help. You do NOT need to be an expert - but rather someone who has a passion or interest in this area (perhaps because of your own personal experiences or those of loved ones). If you feel a Spirit-tug to be part of this guiding group, please see Pastor Eric/Carl or call the office.

LS Umbrellas Available *Spread the H.O.P.E!*

Would you like a LS umbrella to help spread the message of H.O.P.E. wherever you go? We still have a few left. We request a donation of \$25 per umbrella to cover the cost. Please contact the office this week. (If all the umbrellas get taken, we will make a list for a potential re-order). Thanks to Lisa Petty for all her gifted work on these!



God At Work

Family Easter Event & Egg Hunt



Opportunities Outside Living Springs

JOIN US FOR SUMMER WORSHIP
AT **GAMECOCK LUTHERAN**

Ever wondered what our worship is like?
Come and experience it with us this summer!
We're so excited to connect with you!

MAY 15 / JUNE 19 / JULY 17
AT 6:00 PM

1702 Greene St. Columbia, SC
GamecockLutheran.com/summer for details!





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God's work. Our hands.



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In grateful appreciation for giving

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Synod Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



ELCA World Hunger
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Dear friends,

Easter greetings from ELCA World Hunger! This holy season reminds us that, even in the face of the cross and the tomb, God is at work inspiring resurrection hope. As the people of God, we cling to this hope, searching for signs of the risen Christ amid the ongoing pandemic and the daily headlines of violence and destruction in Ukraine.

And as we search, we find resurrection stories waiting to be told.

I write today with an inspiring story from a partner of ELCA World Hunger - perhaps you know of our partners all over the world and have been thinking of them too as the humanitarian crisis in Eastern Europe has unfolded.

According to the United Nations, violent conflict is the single biggest driver of food crises around the world. Your generosity will enable ELCA World Hunger to accompany partners around the world who are most affected by these crises.

Even before Russia's invasion of Ukraine, ELCA World Hunger was active in Europe with a variety of ministries, including those that work with refugees to provide humanitarian aid, counseling, integration assistance, legal support and skill training....[Read more here](#)

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MAIN SUNDAY SCHEDULE 810A Pre-Worship Prayer Time 815A WORSHIP (Sanctuary) 920 Adult Faith Formation 1025 Pre-Worship Prayer Time 1030A WORSHIP (Sanctuary/Lawn/Vehicle/Online) After Worship - Little Lutheran Faith Conversations						
1 *See box above 915A Disciple Gathering 12P Confirmation 12P Sr. Youth (Cristus Victor/GdSh) 430P Girl Scouts 5P Cristo Rey Ministry (carpool 4:15) 5P Men's Wild Game Supper (Pilgrim)	2 845A Staff Breakfast 1030A Meals on Wheels 530P Recovery Comes First 6P Worship Team 630P Midlands Luth. Men (Christus Victor) 7P Fellowship/Mutual Care 7P Boy Scout Troop	3 10A Ladies Bible Study 10A LSCDC Bible Times 1030 Meals on Wheels 1130A Backpack Ministry 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbell Choir	4 1030A Preschool Chapel 11A Good News Team 4P Afterschool Chapel 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 6P Hope Ministry Team	5 11A Justice Ministry Gun Violence Vigil (Ascension Lutheran) 7P Lifelong Discipleship	6	7 6P Legrand/Lowman Dinner & Auction
8 *See box above Before/After Worship—Backpacks 920A Bible Book of Month 430P Girl Scouts	9 1030A Meals on Wheels 530P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop	10 10A Book of the Month 10A LSCDC Bible Times 1030A Meals on Wheels 530P Finance 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbell Choir	11 1030A Preschool Chapel 4P Afterschool Chapel 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir	12 630P LSCDC Board	13	14
15 *See box above 12P Sr. Adult Luncheon 12P Confirmation / Sr. Youth 430P Girl Scouts	16 1030A Meals on Wheels 530P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop 7P Exec Team	17 10A Ladies Bible Study 10A LSCDC Bible Times 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbell Choir	18 1030A Preschool Chapel 4P Afterschool Chapel 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir	19 Children's Hospital Meal 4P Backpack Food Ministry 7P Council Meeting	20	21
22 *See box above Youth Sunday Before & After Worship—Backpacks 430P Girl Scouts 8P Sr. Youth Online	23 1030A Meals on Wheels 530P Recovery Comes First 630P Justice Ministry Celebration (Our Lady of Hills)	24 10A Ladies Bible Study 10A LSCDC Bible Times 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbell Choir	25 1030A Preschool Chapel 4P Afterschool Chapel 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir	26 Palmetto Place Meal	27	28 8A Men's Breakfast
29 *See box above Quilting Milestone 2P Graceworks Planning (Ebenezer) 430P Girl Scouts 5P Pogue Wedding Blessing 8P Sr. Youth Online	30 1030A Meals on Wheels 530P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop	31 10A Ladies Bible Study 10A LSCDC Bible Times 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbell Choir	1 1030A Preschool Chapel 4P Afterschool Chapel 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 6P Hope Ministry Team	2 11A Good News Team 7P Lifelong Discipleship	3	4

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

May 4	Lindsey Pittman
May 6	Judy Lawrence
May 12	Gwen Brantley Peter Creighton
May 13	Charles Pollard
May 15	Jackson Evans
May 17	Everett Snipes
May 21	Lina Mooney
May 23	♥ Eric & Kris Fink
May 24	Will & Nikki Collins
May 25	♥ Steve & Kathryn Padgett
May 26	Sandra Dixon Samuel Skipper
May 29	Nikki Allman Melody Hair



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

May 1	Gay Walter	May 17	Todd Gunvalson
	Jim Zieche	May 20	Ron Ramsey
May 3	Caroline Berger	May 24	Bryan Drafts
May 8	Kristen Mattson Karl Schmidt		Luke Prizer Sam Prizer
May 14	Ruth Pollard	May 26	Collin Flores
May 16	Maggie Pittman		

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