

# The Living Springs Journal

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“CELEBRATE...SHARE...SERVE”  
ACCORDING TO GOD’S WILL



# "Languages from the Spirit— Languages of Hope for a Hurting

JUNE "BOOK(S)" OF THE MONTH = Philemon, James (PASTOR TIME: Sun, June 19 @ 9:20am)

*"In our own languages, we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power!"*  
- Acts 2:11b

As I write this article, the celebration of Pentecost fills my heart, as we focus upon one of the 3 greatest festival days in our lives as followers of Jesus (Christmas—Easter—Pentecost). On the day of Pentecost nearly 2000 years, the promise of the ancient prophets (cf. Joel 2) and of Jesus himself (cf. John 14) was fulfilled, and the Holy Spirit truly transformed human beings into something they never imagined they could be. Ordinary, uneducated Galileans who were holed up in a room of fear were suddenly filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit—and found themselves boldly going into the streets of crowded Jerusalem, speaking the hope-filled Good News of God's forgiveness & love for all people through Jesus—in languages they had never spoken before, languages that could be understood by peoples of many foreign lands.

I think about all the tragic, heart-breaking events that fill the news today—all the ways we human beings still inflict pain upon one another through war and acts of senseless violence. I think about all the languages that are spoken over websites & social media & among walled-off groups of like-minded thought—languages of hatred towards people of differing colors, genders, orientations, nationalities & faiths; languages which perpetuate fear & bigotry; languages which feed the downward spiral of vulnerable persons struggling with mental health; languages which resist God's invitation for honest confession & forgiveness by trying to white-wash history and deny (or stay silent about) mistakes and evils from the past.

Martin Luther described sin as "being turned inward on oneself." It makes me think about the temptation for us all to turn inward—with a sin-filled desire to get "others" to learn "my" language; i.e. wanting everyone else to speak in words that support "my" own way of

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## From the Desk of Pastor Carl

Sister and brothers,

As we look back at May, we are reminded of the importance of loving one another without conditions. For if we love with conditions, we do not embody the greatest love of all -- the unconditional love of God. I write this with a sad heart for where we are in the world today. We have one issue after another. We come out of a 20-year war to send troops to another one. We are wracked with uncontrollable gun violence across the country, the pandemic still rages on, and to top it off, we do not Love the way Jesus commanded before he ascended back to the Father. I wonder whether we know who or whose we are. Are we here doing it our way, with our deliberate acts that yield unintended consequences? These are real questions for the world we live in today. A world that God created and filled with his love and beauty, a world that struggles with its identity, and looking at the shooting in Buffalo, NY, is far from the last commandment Jesus gave in the Gospel of John 13: 34-35 which is to *Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.*" Yes, my heart is sad for all of the things I cannot control, the wars I cannot stop, the gun violence I cannot control, the pandemic I cannot contain, and the pain of this world that never seems to go away.

However, I still see God in all that sadness, loss, hurt, and pain. I see God in all we have done here at Living Springs for our community. I see God in the way we endlessly respond to our world's tragedies. I see how we pray and pour out our love for our community, city, state, country, and world. I see the love in the dozens of Mother's Day cards for our Rice Estate ministry and our bucket offerings for Lutheran Services Women's Recovery ministry. I see the love poured out to our Child Development Center as they continue to push through the stress of the pandemic to educate the little people that attend. I see the love poured out to our Senior, Junior, and Little Lutherans in the way we celebrate their spiritual journeys, especially on Youth Sunday. I see it in how we respond to one crisis after

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### JUNE/JULY SUMMER HOPE!

- SUMMER HOPE SUNDAYS—June 12, July 10
- CRISTO REY MINISTRY—June 12, July 3
- CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEAL—June 16, July 21
- PALMETTO PLACE MEAL—June 23, July 28
- FAMILY PROMISE DOVE TREE—June 26-July 10
- LUTHERIDGE CAMPFIRMATION—June 26-July 2
- YOUTH GRACEWORKS—July 11-14
- JUSTICE MINISTRY CONFERENCE—July 19-23
- "CHRISTMAS" IN JULY—July 17
- FAMILY PROMISE CAMP MEAL—July 20
- YOUTH MYSTERY MISSION—July 24-28
- LS RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—July 27
- MEALS ON WHEELS—each Mon & Tues

thinking or viewing others in the world.

I think about the worship cry of Pentecost Sunday: "Come, Holy Spirit, Come!" I think how the Holy Spirit once came and completely CHANGED those original apostles from people wanting to hole up in their room speaking just to themselves—to people who were letting go of their fears and moving out into the mass of others to speak words of HOPE in whatever languages all those "other" people needed to hear! I think about how you and I, and all the baptized people of God, were given the gift of that same Holy Spirit when we were washed in God's grace and marked with the cross of Jesus. I think about the words God gave us for this year 2022, as God's people here at Living Springs: "being stretched by the cross," "continuing to break down barriers," "moving from surviving to thriving," "experiencing the life-changing power of God," walking together with each other & our community, the Spirit calls us..."

### **The Spirit calls us ... The Spirit calls us ... The Spirit calls us!**

I think about all the languages the Spirit works in you, the people of Living Springs, to speak in ways people can hear—examples of diverse languages "spoken" in just recent weeks. I think about the "language" of 13 LS Pew Prayer Bears driven to Buffalo and delivered to the families of shooting victims there. I think about the "language" of your monthly meals, speaking God's hope to Children's Hospital families & Palmetto Place Youth. I think about the "language" of hope bags & signs being held by you for drivers in rush-hour traffic. I think about the "language" of Meals-on-Wheels delivered to the elderly, disabled, and impoverished. I think about the beautiful "language" of free ice cream handed to a child or a free pizza being freshly cooked for a family, because that is the language by which the Holy Spirit mysteriously communicates to them that there is hope because they are valued by God's people.

I think about the "language" of hand-sewn Quillows & blessings for high school graduates. I think about the "language" of flower vases delivered to Rice Estate residents and other homebound (not just on the single weekend of Mother's Day, but continuing in the weeks of May afterward). I think about the "language" of backpack food bags for children and blessing bags for those experiencing homelessness. I think about the "language" of coins & dollars dropped in a Sunday bucket to give hope for women in recovery. I think about the "language" of car rides & furniture for an Afghani refugee family. I think about the "language" of providing facilities for girls & boys to hear hope through Boy Scout & Girl Scout troops—and for men & women to hear hope at a weekly Narcotics Anonymous recovery meeting. I think about the "language" of our Justice Ministry members, gathering in prayer vigils against community violence & showing up at County Council meetings to advocate for affordable housing. I think about the "language" of hope & joy shared by our youth on a Confirmation Outing or their Youth Sunday. I think about the "language" of music, handbells, anthems, hymns, instruments—and the "language" of little GIFT Zone children's worship kits. I think about the "language" of those who speak every week in worship for our Thanksgiving moments to God. And I think about the "language" of your bold response out in the world—whenever you say something against any word of hate you hear spoken or posted by others.

Oh, yes, come, Holy Spirit, come! Continue to transform each of us & empower us to boldly speak in every needed language of hope for a hurting world—so that all may hear God's HOPE! With so much thanksgiving for you, *Pastor Eric*



*"In our own languages, we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power!" - Acts 2:11*

## **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: *Good News Team*

## School's Out! Summer's Here! Community Event



### You just Never know where or when the Holy Spirit will work in your life!

This past Sunday while attending the Living Springs Kick-Off for Spark camp, I had a moment that made my ☺ Smile! Deciding I needed to paint a Rock, along with many other sweet visitors, I got busy with my artistic( ha) moment using Blue and Yellow paints...a beautiful young girl ( maybe 6 or 7) had already completed her 2 rocks and stood there holding them in her hands...she said to me, Can I tell you something? I said, you sure can...And of course, right away, I knew she was going to Correct my artistic moment 😊 BUT, she said, I really Love ♥ this church!! Oh my! Surprised but so so happy to hear this , I replied, well I am GLAD you Do...I love it too!!! I said Please come back again Anytime and worship with Us here.. Tell your Mom, Dad, Grandparents or whoever can bring you to Please come too! Wow! Just the most precious moment ! and THEN she said, do you have a bag I can put my rocks in to carry them Home? Annd, believe it or Not, the Spirit must have known she would need one today...I had actually put an (empty) plastic bag in my carry-all right before walking out the door! She walked with me to get it and smiled when I gave it to her...then her Mom walked up behind her and said Thank you as well 😊 I do hope she returns some day or at the very least when she sees This church she will remember the Love she felt while here...thank you, Holy Spirit! 🙏🏠





### Thank you!

On Sunday, we had our School's Out Summer's Here festivities. What a success!! Thank you to all who spread the word, came out for the fun and to all who worked on the event. What a great way to spread love and joy under the Umbrella of God's HOPE!

## God's Corner



Thank you all for the prayers last month for Dave. We may no longer be there with you but you keep us in your hearts.

*Dave & Dianne Abramaitis*

Thank you for your donation of \$436 in April. You have directly helped feed 96 families this month and provided financial assistance to help many families keep utilities on and a roof over their heads.

We have many stories to celebrate this month. However, I wanted to share just two of those stories. First, a former client called us to thank us for feeding her family a few years ago. She said, "God has been so good to us, I have a job, and when our landlord raised the rent, we decide to buy a home. So last week, I closed on my first house." It's been such a blessing that you gave her a hand up when she was at her lowest point. We continue to praise God and thank you for allowing us to be in her life.

The past week you helped Mike. He was a homeless man and recovering addict who had relapsed. Because you gave, we were able to help him. After meeting with him about his past and current problems, we asked him if he would be willing to go to an addiction recovery program. While he was waiting for a spot to open, you fed him and gave him a few nights in a hotel. When he came back to CAB on Thursday, he looked like a completely new man. He thanks us for the food, bed, and hot shower and said, "I clean up good, don't I?" Our volunteers met with him as he interviewed with the recovery program, and the very next day, a volunteer drove him to start the long road to sobriety. Please join me, our volunteers, and our board of directors as we pray for his journey.

Thank you for allowing us to minister to our families

Many Blessings,

**Kate Williams**

Executive Director

Christian Assistance Bridge

## *D See God At Work...*

Lost and tired in Portugal, I asked for directions at a large grocery store. The person didn't know much English but saw someone go by she knew had better English.

The man and his wife said, "It's complicated from here. Will you let me drive you?"

I was weary and tired and said yes. As we arrived at the Airbnb, we asked, "When you are not saving lost Americans at a grocery store, what do you do?"

Paulo (our ride to the Airbnb) said, "I'm a pastor of the Evangelical Church. We are rare in Portugal."

I then identified myself as a retired Lutheran pastor. A proof of the nature of our small world. I have a new, personal example of "When did we see you...and not do for you."



My oldest son removed me from his life. I pray every day for the Lord to guide me to find a way to mend our relationship. I have not heard from him in 4 years. On Mother's Day, he texted me. I am certain this was divine intervention.

### **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

Blessings of Peace to all,

As I sit here writing my article for the month, I have started, erased, then started again... the words are difficult to find when the world faces so many questions.

As parents drop off their children in the morning, we see kisses and hugs, we hear affirmations, "I love you" and "See you later". I know that families carry the concern of uncertainty, and we are grateful that they are here with us and appreciative to our staff that they keep showing up on days that are hard, in times that don't make sense.

We continue to pray for those that are struggling; be it a loss, illness, exhaustion, or any number of other factors simply too long to list. We are holding each other a little tighter and lingering a bit longer. I give thanks for the days we have, the moments we share, and the opportunities we are given to love one another. I encourage you to take the time you need and be gentle with yourself and those around you.

Let me share a few moments of Hope and Love that we have had the opportunity to be a part of over the past month. I pray that through these next few lines, you too will have the chance to see the wonder, feel the love, and witness the hope that thrives, and lives here in our CDC ministry.

Our children expressed love through the cards they colored to go with the flowers to the Rice Estates for Mother's Day.

Our staff felt the appreciation of our CDC Board and families as treats, cards, and lunch were provided during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Our children and staff have welcomed the newest "Fur Member" to our school family, Carrots the guinea pig. Children and staff have shared fruits and vegetables with him, caring for him in a way that provides him love and good nutrition.

Our children and staff have stopped on the playground when they hear a siren. You can see hands clasp, heads bow, and hear "Dear God, please be with those that are hurting, and the first responders going to help". Such a simple moment in time, yet it has a powerful impact on the world. May we continue to raise our children in the light of Love, Hope, and Caring for others. May we continue to be blessed with the opportunities to share, show, and send God's love out into the world and beyond.



Wishing you well,  
Tammy



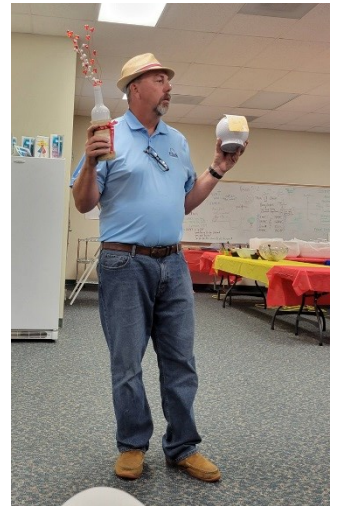
## Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*

### 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: *Fellowship & Mutual Care*

## Legrand/Lowman Scholarship & Auction



## From the Desk of Pastor Carl - continued

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another, looking for a way to help. Yes, even though my heart is sad for the world in which we live, I marvel at extending the umbrella of God's H.O.P.E. for the world. I marvel at the way we plant these seeds of HOPE in the lives of others, and I pray for a chain reaction of HOPE that will spread like wildfire as we look to June and beyond.

Speaking of June, I know our youth will be glad because the school year will be ending. There will be promotions, graduations, a time of celebrations, and time for some to improve their circumstances. We will kick off the celebrations on June 5, 2022, on Pentecost Sunday from 4 to 6:30 pm. Then right into Spark/VBS June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>. June is shaping up to be a busy month for Living Springs. We have Synod Assembly, South Carolina LCY Convention, Campfirmation in Lutheridge, and our Child Development Center will have promotions as our little people take the next steps in the education process. There's more behind the scenes that will happen. So, I am asking, as you read take a moment and pray for our church to continue to be a beacon of light for our community, help for those in need, outreach for those we do not see every day, pray for those we partner with in ministry, and pray that we continue to expand the grace of Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the communion with the Holy Spirit to all we come into contact with where they are in life. Blessings to you all, Amen.

Pastor Carl



## Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

### Pew bears to Buffalo

7 years ago, we sent Living Springs Prayer Bears to the 9 families of the shooting victims at Mother Emanuel in Charleston. Last Tuesday, the Ladies Bible Study gathered at our LS sanctuary HOPE cross for a blessing of 13 Prayer Bears - for families of 10 persons killed & 3 injured in the recent Buffalo shooting. The prayer bears were then driven to Our Savior Lutheran in East Buffalo, only ½ mile from the Tops supermarket shooting site & the home church of the mother of the security officer who was killed. The bears were received with tears & so much thanks!

Please continue to hold this Buffalo neighborhood in prayer, as well as the Taiwanese church shooting at Geneva Presbyterian in California. More than that, as God's people, we all must work to stop this murderous hatred of people due to race & nationality. Please speak up whenever you hear anyone spew thoughts of hatred toward others – as we cannot continue to infect young people (or anyone) with the disease of hateful human bigotry!

*Delivered to Our Savior Lutheran Church. Barbara Glover and Deacon Evridge Chapman.*



We had a very busy schedule planned for our trip to Buffalo – a wake & funeral, two college graduations & celebrations and it was going to be a short trip because Jeff had to be back for a meeting on Tuesday! And then a few days before we are leaving, Pastor Eric asks me how much time will I have when I'm in Buffalo? My first reaction, thinking of our schedule, is a panicky "Yikes!!", but then he mentioned what he had in mind and the wheels started turning, figuring out how we could get the 13 pew bears to the woman at Our Savior Lutheran Church that Pastor Eric had researched and found through some phone calls. Ms. Barbara would see the pew bears would be delivered to the families of the loved ones that had been killed or injured. What a blessing and it totally amazed me how God made it all turn out – it is a constant reminder how I need to do better at having faith in God's plan. God knew those pew bears needed to go to the people who are hurting over senseless violence. Ms. Barbara and Deacon Evridge invited us to worship with them (we will probably do that next time up) and Ms. Barbara asked for the instructions for the pew bear ministry because she was so touched by the ministry.

### Hemophilia Walk



## BACKPACKS

Another successful year thanks to all of you that donated food items, time, money, and prayers. Our after-schoolers stepped up and helped on the weeks in-between our Sunday packing days – what a blessing to be able to provide weekend meals for those less fortunate than us. Just a quick math – we pack 65 bags a week that go to Joseph Keels, Rice Creek & Blythewood Academy x approx. 36 school weeks = about \$21,000 to cover the cost of this ministry – that is amazing! THANK YOU to all that participated in any way.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Save the date – Wednesday, July 27 2pm to 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up for slots at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=LivingSprings>. Each pint of blood we collect can help save up to three lives and will touch the lives of so many more. What a great way to pay it forward and make an impact on people in our community and across the country. We are very excited about the drive and I hope you are too. The need is constant – the gratification is instant!

## HOPE SUNDAY

Join us in-between the two Sunday morning services for the first Hope Sunday of 2022 on June 12. Our feature organization is the Kinard Manor Recovery, helping women on their journey to recovery from addiction. Living Springs has helped this Lutheran Services housing unit with wish list items at Christmas, care baskets assembled during the women's retreat, and with our bucket offering. Rachael Fulmer will be our speaker.

## FAMILY PROMISE CAMP IMPACT

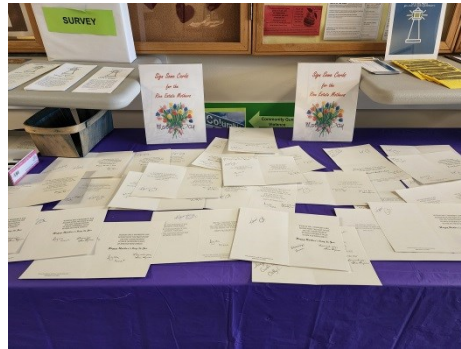
Christmas in July (July 17) – look for our "camp wish list" Christmas tree! Family Promise is providing a week at Camp Cole for 100 under-privileged children and asking host and support churches to provide the wish list items for 3 campers. Camp Impact is where they are passionate about building relationships with families and having opportunities to minister to them, while experiencing together the love of Christ through the wonderful tools of fun and sports. Last year we put up our "Flip Flop" tree and 75 campers had the week of a lifetime! Living Springs will also be providing the Wednesday dinner meal for the campers and counselors, so look for food items on the Camp Tree also.

## MOTHER'S DAY/FATHER'S DAY

67 ladies at Rice Estate and 14 homebound ladies received a bud vase with a flower and we plan on doing the same for the men at Rice Estate and our Living Springs homebound men. Stop by the Hope table at "School's Out-Summer's Here" celebration on June 5 to sign the Father's Day cards! If you would like to participate, contact Karen Kranz. "Thank you to Living Springs Lutheran Church and preschool for sending flowers and special cards for all ladies at Rice Estate!"



Thank you for the flowers you brought to the residents at Rice Estates. They really brightened my Mother's Day.  
Patsy  
Rice Estate



## CAMPUS MINISTRY

We have been invited to worship with Pastor Jesse and students on June 19 and July 17 at 6pm at their location 1702 Greene St. Come as you are and enjoy a casual thought-provoking worship experience.

Thanks so much for all the support you've given us. Your generosity is making all this ministry possible. Peace, *Pastor Jesse*



## PALMETTO PLACE/CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OUTREACH

Samantha House (housing for independent youth 18-21 yrs.) - Living Springs provides a meal for 7 young adults trying to transition from Palmetto Place to independent living. A recipe is attached to a meal item, so it offers them the opportunity to experience healthy cooking skills on their own. This is done on the fourth Thursday.

Living Springs sponsors 20 lunches each month for parents that have children dealing with health issues. We have not been able to participate in delivering the lunches, but have included cards from our CDC preschool children and encourage our church members to write a note of encouragement to these parents. They will be delivered to Carolina Deli on the third Thursday of each month.

### THANK YOU'S

#### *From our backpack social workers:*

We would like to extend a warm thank you for all of your hard-work and diligence with providing the backpack program for our Richland Two students. We truly appreciate the support of Living Springs Church. (Blythewood Academy)

I sincerely appreciate having Living Springs as our consistent sponsor for whatever we need for our students and families. (Joseph Keels Elementary)

I really appreciate all of the effort and time it takes to pack and produce bags for my backpack program. The kids look forward to it every week and it is the talk of the kids. Thank you so much for everything you do! ❤️

*Christie Hutchinson*

Social Worker  
Rice Creek Elementary



## Notes from: *Circle of Welcome - LS Refugee Family*

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.

### We received the recent Thank You note from Lutheran Services Carolinas:

Dear Living Springs Circle of Welcome, we are so very grateful for the investment you have made in serving refugees and especially in loving and serving the Mir Akbar family! We have been truly overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity you have shown to these folks, and we can't thank you enough for your partnership! Sincerely, the New Americans Project team

*Angela Keller*  
*Michelle*  
*See you*  
*Renee EG*  
*Thank you from the LSC team!*  
*Bedya*  
*Sarah Lewis*  
*Amy Radford*  
*Jasmine Arnold*



## Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

Justice Ministry at Living Springs touches many different programs and activities. In the Sunday morning Adult Bible class we experienced this first-hand. The class has been reading the Easter season worship service lessons from Revelation. Revelation isn't easy to understand and talking about it together helped. We read descriptions of what the "city of God" might look like: the "gates will never be shut..." (Rev. 21:26) and all are welcome there; there will be "healing of the nations" (Rev. 22:2); and "there will be no more night" (Rev. 22: 5).

We also read a God story that sounded like it could have occurred at a Living Springs' MORE Justice event this year:

The elderly pastor had served his congregation and community faithfully for over 50 years. He had lived for as many years in the city and knew it well. He knew its history in the deep South – the divisions between black and white, the economic and social barriers that kept people apart. He had been instrumental in civil rights issues in the 1960's; and more recently, he had participated in dialogues on race relations and poverty. He knew the issues of the city. And so, he was asked to be the speaker at an interfaith gathering...

(The elderly pastor) began softly..."I know of a city...where there is no need for churches, because the whole city is a sanctuary, holy and righteous unto God. I know of a city...that doesn't separate people into black and white, rich or poor, north and south... Someday you and I will dwell in that city. But we're in this city now. And we are called as we live in this city to help people to know of that holy city and get a glimpse of (God's city) in what we say and do here in this, our city." (*Daily Faith Practices*, Easter Six, 2013)

How do you envision the holy city of God? No more darkness or violence? No more hunger or thirst? No more homelessness or despair? How might we help others in the Midlands know the promise of such a city of God?

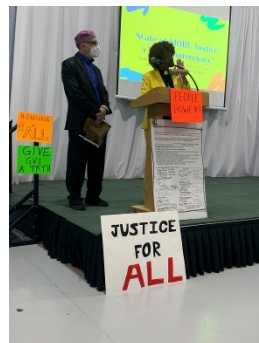
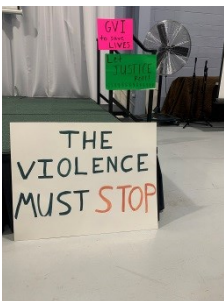
Our justice prayer this month is that we might increasingly set our vision on God's promise of a new, holy city, where we dwell in peace and abundance with our neighbors, in the full light of God's love and grace. Thy Kingdom come!

**A big shout out** to our team member **Deborah De Paoli** who received the Justicey Award for bringing the most people to the Nehemiah Action--**she brought 13 people!!!**

*And*

**A big shout out to all Living Springs Justice members** for receiving the Justicey Award for having the highest turnout of any congregation at the Nehemiah Action by having **106 people at the Nehemiah Action!!!**

Thank you for making our first in person Nehemiah Action in 3 years a success!!!! We are well on our way to reaching our investment drive goal. If you haven't turned in your investment you can do so by mailing a check to MORE Justice, 709 Gabriel St, Cola, SC 29203 or by using Givelify and choose Central Midlands Justice Ministry (our official nonprofit name).



MORE Justice prayer vigil at Reid Chapel AME. Empty chairs for those killed in Buffalo, Uvalde, and the 17 killed here in Columbia since January 2022.

# Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

*Calling all people of Living Springs ...*

## **VOTE .... FOR SUMMER SENDING HYMNS!**

Vote! Vote! Vote! Join the excitement and vote for the Sending Hymn we will all sing at the end of worship for Summer Sundays, starting June 19. There will be 3 choices posted in each week's E-news – and you can vote online from Wednesday until Monday (for the following Sunday). This will give a few spare days for musicians & Lisa to make plans for using the hymn in worship & the bulletin. So, for example, the Sending Hymn for Sunday, June 19 will be available for voting from Wed, June 8 – Monday, June 13. Don't get confused by the schedule – just vote every week when the choices show up!!! *NOTE: You don't have to be 18 to vote! Every person in your household can vote (but please, each person vote only once each week).* [Click here to VOTE for June 19th!!!](#)

*Your three choices are:*

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee** (Beethoven)

**We Are Marching in the Light of God** (South African Spiritual)

**Let All the People Say, "Amen!"** (Contemporary Christian)

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**NOMINATIONS:** Each week, the 3 nominees can be proposed by a different LS group (any ministry team, Ladies Bible study, Youth group, Lutheran Men, CDC students, council, choir, handbells, SS class, whoever). If your group would like to present a slate of 3 nominees, just contact Worship Chair Jim Zieche. (\*Probably pick at least 5 options, so we can eliminate duplications.) We ask that the choices be uplifting & joyful, appropriate for a Sending Hymn – and if possible, represent some diversity in style.

## Quilt Blessing



## Quillow Faith Milestone



# Pentecost Sunday



**We give thanks for all who participated in our Member Welcome Blessing** on June 6th. We welcome these brothers and sisters in Christ to God's family of faith here at Living Springs. Please make them feel at home and continue to introduce yourselves. See your upcoming issues of the Journal for photos.

Sean Rease; Gene & Sara Hale; Jennifer & Ella Warren; Deborah, True, & Asher DePaoli; Cindi Shreve; Michael & Joey Ferrucci.



## Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

### QUILTING



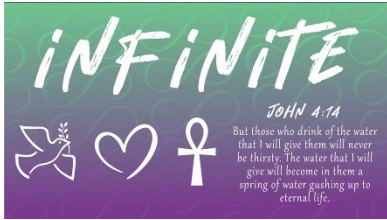
## Notes from: *LS Youth*

### SCLCY Convention

Friday, June 17th - June 19th

10:00am, Friday - 12:00 pm, Sunday

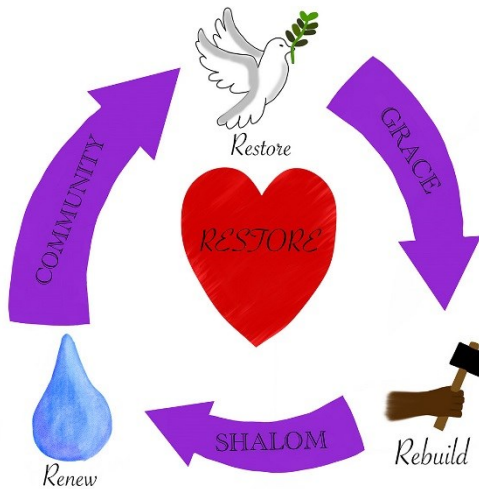
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For youth completed grades 6-12 and their Youth Leaders. We will journey together through conversations with a guest speaker, small group discussions, and service workshops to learn ways we can better share the Infinite Grace of God with everyone we encounter! SCLCY also believes that part of sharing God's grace begins with developing loving friendships in faith. We will have group games, a pool party, a celebration of the weekend, and a bbq picnic to help one another develop these lifelong friendships with our Lutheran brothers and sisters from around the state. Each congregation represented will have two youth delegates associated to vote in our annual elections and help us elect a new SCLCY President and announce our youth leadership team for 2022-2023. Our time together will also include gathering in Conference groups to select youth members of the SC Synod Youth Ministry Cabinet. We can't wait to see you this June!

\$95 per registrant. A payment voucher will be mailed to the parent and youth leader emails provided on this registration form. Please send the voucher along with payment to the SC Synod office or bring it with you to convention.

WHERE DO I REGISTER? [Click Here](#)



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### Restore

July 11th - 14th

The GraceWorks Leadership Team is incredibly excited for our 9th annual GraceWorks Youth Servant Camp here in the Midlands!

What is GraceWorks? GraceWorks is a local servant camp for Midlands Youth who are rising 6th graders through recently graduated 12th graders. It's also a camp for adult volunteers who want to support and encourage these young people in Christ-like service. GraceWorks develops servant leaders as these youth serve various agencies around the Columbia area.

Cost is \$50 and Living Springs covers at least half. To register, go to: [sclcy.link/GraceWorksMidlands](https://sclcy.link/GraceWorksMidlands). Once you register, please contact Pr. Eric.

I see God working through our youth. Thanks be to God for activities like GraceWorks and youth group! These things provide youth and opportunity to learn about God while having fun.

## SPARK CAMP 2022



# June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat						
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <b>MAIN SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b>            810A Pre-Worship Prayer Time  <b>815A WORSHIP (Sanctuary)</b>            920 Adult Faith Formation            1025 Pre-Worship Prayer Time  <b>1030A WORSHIP (Sanctuary/Parking/LoIFM/Online)</b> </div>							1	2	3	4		
<b>19 Father's Day</b> *See box above 920A Bible Book of Month  430P Girl Scouts 6P Gamecock Lutheran Worship @ USC	20 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop  *Noon - Vote Deadline for Next Sunday Sending Hymn!	21 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Adult Bible Study	22 315P LSCDC Summer Chapel 7P Graceworks Planning  Summer DOH/Choir—as announced	23 Palmetto Place Meal	24   <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> <b>SC WELCA Convention</b>  <b>6/24-6/25 (Redeemer, Newberry)</b> </div>	25 8A Men's Breakfast						
<b>26</b> *See box above 1030A Camp Sending @ Worship! 430P Girl Scouts	27 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First  *Noon - Vote Deadline for Next Sunday Sending Hymn!	28 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Adult Bible Study	29 315P LSCDC Summer Chapel  Summer DOH/Choir—as announced	30	1   <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> <b>SCLCY Convention</b>  <b>6/17-6/19 (Newberry College)</b> </div>	2						
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <b>Synod Assembly (Charleston): 6/12, 3pm — 6/14, noon</b> </div>							<b>5 Pentecost Sunday</b> *See box above  4-6:30P School's Out/Summer's Here Pentecost Celebration/Spark Kickoff	6 1030A Meals on Wheels <b>6P SPARK VBS Camp</b> 7P Ladies Book Club 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop	7 10A Ladies Bible Study 10A LSCDC Bible Times 1030 Meals on Wheels <b>6P SPARK VBS Camp</b> 6P Adult Bible Study	8 315P LSCDC Summer Chapel <b>6P SPARK VBS Camp</b>	9 6P Choir 630P LSCDC Board	10   <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> <b>Girl Scouts Sleepover</b>  <b>6/3-6/4</b> </div>
<b>12 Holy Trinity Sunday</b> *See box above 920A <b>Hope Sunday</b> (LSC Recovery Ministry—Kinard Restoration House)  430P Girl Scouts 5P Cristo Rey Ministry (carpool 4:15)	13 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop  *Noon - Vote Deadline for Next Sunday Sending Hymn!	14 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 530P Finance 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Exec Team	15 315P LSCDC Summer Chapel  Summer DOH/Choir—as announced	16 Children's Hospital Meal  7P Council Meeting	17 7A Men's Bible Study—Lizard's Thicket	18						
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <b>Campfirmation @ Lutheridge: LCY Camp Hugg @ Camp Kinard; Boy Scout Camping Trip</b> </div>												



## Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

<b>June 2</b>	Brantley Smith	<b>June 14</b>	Christa Cassidy
	♥ Elise & Ronnie Gerald		♥ Charles & Ruth Pollard
<b>June 4</b>	Beverly Hoppert	<b>June 16</b>	Alexis Hyyppa
<b>June 5</b>	McKenna Allmann	<b>June 17</b>	Winston Bales
	Jeff Day	<b>June 20</b>	Adam Woodruff
<b>June 9</b>	Karen Bazemore	<b>June 21</b>	Bryan Drafts
	Connor Kilbourne		Angie Dyches
<b>June 10</b>	Elijah Harris	<b>June 22</b>	Nancy Baldwin
	Hany & Rachel Sorial	<b>June 23</b>	Kristen Gott
<b>June 11</b>	♥ Marlene Jorgensen	<b>June 26</b>	Nowell Ramsey
<b>June 12</b>	Brien Lay		♥ Michael & Kellie Snipes
	Irene Tracy	<b>June 28</b>	Ashley Ramsey



### 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!



<b>June 1</b>	Margaret Blank
	Peter Zvejnieks
<b>June 11</b>	Elijah Harris
<b>June 12</b>	Ethan Christy
<b>June 18</b>	Ethan Wirth
<b>June 24</b>	Maria Sorial
<b>June 28</b>	Anita Gabbard
<b>June 30</b>	Marlene Jorgensen
	Irene Tracy



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