

# The Living Springs Journal

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

July 2022



# Incarnation, Emmanuel, Jesus, Light – “Christmas in July!” (from Pastor Eric)

JULY “BOOK(S)” OF THE MONTH = Lamentations, Song of Solomon (PASTOR TIME: Sun, July 17 @ 9:20am)

“You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”  
- Luke 2:12b

Having just returned from Campfirmation at Lutheridge, my heart is overwhelmed by the experience of our youth there—and how powerful it is to see them connect so deeply with God and grow in their faith in just one week away from the world! A focus of Campfirmation week is inviting these young disciples to ponder “who they are” and “who Jesus is” by making life-connections with the way we Christians measure the year—based on our 6 Christian seasons organized around the life & ministry of Jesus: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost (ACELEP).

For several years, I have been the pastor placed in charge of our “Christmas season” at camp. In many ways, I have come to find deep meaning in that experience every summer, because it allows our youth to reflect on the actual meaning of Christmas without any of the distractions & secular traditions that have developed around a commercialized societal celebration that occurs in December (or actually starts in the stores by the end of October!). There, at camp, there is simply a babe wrapped in bands of cloth lying in a manger, complete with the hope-filled message of the **Incarnation** (= God taking on flesh as one of us), the hope-filled wonder of **Emmanuel** (= “God with us”), the hope-filled truth of that child’s name, **Jesus** (= “God saves”), and the hope-filled gift of God’s **Light** shining amid all the world’s darkness.

I am excited and thankful that our Living Springs Worship Team initiated the idea of celebrating a “Christmas in July” here in our congregation—because it will allow all of us to share in a campfirmation-like experience of pondering God’s gift of Christmas without all



## ONGOING SUMMER HOPE!

- Love Your Neighbor BIBLE STUDY—July 5,12,19
- SUMMER HOPE SUNDAY #2—July 10
- FAMILY PROMISE DOVE TREE—thru July 10&17
- GRACEWORKS SERVANT DAYS—July 11,12,13,14
- LS “CHRISTMAS IN JULY”—July 17
- CAMPUS MINISTRY WORSHIP@USC—July 17
- FAMILY PROMISE CAMP IMPACT MEAL—July 20
- YOUTH MISSION TRIP—July 24-28
- LS RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—July 27
- CRISTO REY MINISTRY—July 3, Aug 7
- CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL MEAL—July 21, Aug 18
- PALMETTO PLACE MEAL—July 28, Aug 25
- JUSTICE MINISTRY CONFERENCE—July 19-23
- MEALS ON WHEELS—each Mon & Tues

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## From the Desk of Pastor Carl

Hello All...

June has been a busy month, and we have done a lot in a short amount of time. Let me start by saying God is Good all the time..... Let us pray...

Rejoice, rejoice, again I say rejoice. Lift up your countenance to the Lord, for He is good, and His mercies endure forever. My Lord and my God, you are tender and merciful. Your kindness is like a cold fresh breeze that awakens us from discouragement and despair as you tend to our souls, as you know our weakness and frailty. God, you love us despite our failures and long for us to be filled with Your joy. Lord, we confess that we get distracted by the cares of life and regularly lose sight of your goodness. We tend to get discouraged easily. We confess that we focus too much on ourselves and our problems instead of focusing our attention on You.

Lord, if there is any unconfessed sin in our lives or any barrier we have placed between us that is hindering the flow of joy in our lives, please reveal it to us so we can surrender it to you. Thank you for our lives and the capacity you have given us to experience Your joy. Thank you to our families. Thank you for our homes. Thank you to friends who care about us and who share our interests. Thank you for our work, and we pray that you would fill it with meaning and purpose and give us opportunities to honor you with it. --- Lord, I ask that you fill our hearts with joy. We know Your Spirit is full of joy. Help us to experience the joy of the Lord. Please help us to find our happiness and contentment in the Joy you send and the Grace you give. Let us be humble to our neighbors and help us to love one another. In Jesus' name, Amen.

June started with a bang for my family and me as we celebrated Sydnie's graduation from High School on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We want to thank our hearts for all your prayers and congratulations. Yes, that is a time for the Taylor Family and our congregation to have Joy.

We continued that joyful experience as we celebrated Pentecost on June 5<sup>th</sup> with a beautiful worship experience and ended up Celebrating with friends, family, and the community with our School's Out Summer's Here Event. We had a blast, and people came from all over to join the Celebration. We gave out free pizza and ice cream and had games

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the usual December societal distractions. In addition, it may help us to break through some of our Western Euro-centric cultural barriers and recognize that for half of the entire planet (the Southern Hemisphere), Christmas is actually a summer celebration—and has been for centuries!

And there is one more potential blessing in pausing for a “Christmas in July” reflection .... At camp every year, on “Christmas Season” night, the campers celebrate their evening canteen time with a birthday cake for Jesus, and then spend time making “birthday gifts” for the Christ-child. We talk about how on our birthdays, we expect presents & gifts for ourselves, and even drop hints or make lists of “what I want” for myself. Then, in contrast, I share a list of “birthday” gifts Jesus would desire—a list that is actually recorded in the Bible, found right in Matthew 25:31-40: *“I was hungry & you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me ..... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me!”* As a consequence of this list from Jesus, the campers spend their Christmas canteen making joy-crafts, which they deliver to “Jesus” when they visit elderly nursing home residents at the nearby Lutheran Home later in the week.



It is powerful that this very same Scripture passage is the focus of our special 3-part Tuesday Bible Study focusing on “Loving Your Neighbor” and the situation in Ukraine ([see page 9](#)), here in the month we are celebrating “Christmas in July.” It is also powerful that we have so many opportunities to share our own “birthday gifts” with Jesus this month:

- the **Dove Tree** with items for children from Family Promise transitional homeless ministry (thru July 10 & 17);
- the many people we will serve during our annual **Graceworks Midlands Lutheran Servant Days** (July 11-14);
- the special **Refugee Youth Festival** we will help sponsor as part of Graceworks (July 13);
- the meal for 175 children & adults we are serving at **Family Promise Camp Impact** (July 20);
- the summer **Red Cross Blood Drive** at Living Springs (July 27);
- the always amazing **Sr. Youth Mission Trip**—surprise destination! (July 24-28);
- ongoing summer bucket offering for **Harvest Hope & Christian Assistance Bridge food pantries**;
- ongoing love offerings for **Ukraine-Lutheran Disaster Response** & our **Lutheran Services Afghan Refugee family**;
- ongoing hope ministries of **Meals on Wheels** (Mon-Tue), **Palmetto Place House Youth Meal** (July 28), **Children’s Hospital Meal** (July 21), **Lutheran Campus Ministry** worship (July 17), **Cristo Rey** Children’s Worship (July 3 & Aug. 7).

We shared so much joy in June with the Pentecost Community Festival, our New Member Welcome Blessing, Spark mini-VBS, SC Lutheran Synod Assembly & LCY/WELCA Conventions; Campfirmation @ Lutheridge, and more (see [Pastor Carl’s article](#)). Here in July, we will find much joy with **special “Christmas” worship on July 17** and the fellowship gathering afterward—but more than that, I pray we will find much joy in celebrating “Christmas” with all the gifts to be shared with Jesus via ministries of hope with the “least of these among us.” May the true joy of Christmas fill our hearts not just in December (or July), but every day of the year, as we celebrate the message of Incarnation, the truth of Emmanuel, the hope of Jesus, and the Light of God’s grace & love still shining in this world! With the joy of Christmas angels for you, *Pastor Eric*

### 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.



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and activities for all to enjoy.

It did not stop there; we celebrated our Annual Synod Assembly, "I Live to Tell the Story." It was a wonderful spirit filled Event. Our own Sydnie Taylor told her story from the Lutheran Church Youth perspective. It was a fantastic turn-out post-covid. There was plenty of JOY to pass around.

It did not stop there either. The Celebration continued with June 19<sup>th</sup> celebrations which this year included Father's Day. We lifted to God the names of our fathers, grandfathers, and others who have played fatherly roles in our lives (either living or deceased). We also gave remembrance for the Charleston Nine and their families.

The Celebration continued with the South Carolina Lutheran Youth Convention at Newberry College. Sydnie and McKenzie Taylor represented Living Springs well. I was able to be there to see the closing worship service, where Sydnie Taylor gave the closing sermon for the convention. It was a JOY to see how God used her to deliver the Word.

Yes, the Celebration continued with seven of our Confirmation Students going to Campfirmation week at Lutheridge. Let me tell you, and we had a blast. The youth learned, sang, laughed, and grew spiritually on this leg of their journey. It was a joy to see how excited they were to experience A.C.E.L.E.P. --- Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. I photographed parts of the experience and recorded a few more. It was a JOY to see how the pastors from our cluster shared, taught, laughed, and spread God's Word, Wisdom, and Love to the 30 youth we had present.

You see, there is JOY---JOY--- JOY---GOD's Unspeakable JOY all around, and I hope that we continue to celebrate the JOY God gave us and the JOY he gave to others.

Grace and Peace

Pastor Carl



## **CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

*Sunday, July 17 - Special Christmas Worship;  
Fellowship Gathering @ 11:45*

Wear your favorite or ugly Christmas sweater, bring your favorite Christmas cookie - we are having a fun event after the 10:30 am worship service on Sunday, July 17 where young and old can help repair and replenish our Chrismon inventory! Nothing like getting in the Christmas spirit in the heat of the summer - we will be singing Christmas carols and fellowshiping and letting the Holy Spirit work within us to create new Chrismons! Sandwiches and drinks will be provided. Please bring a glue gun if you have one.

## **LIVING SPRINGS DOVE TREE & CAMP IMPACT MEAL**

The Hope Team has committed to providing the meal for 100 campers and 75 adult supervisors/counselors on Wednesday, July 20. Our menu is chicken strips, mac & cheese, salad and a dessert. If you would like to be involved in preparing the meal or providing a dessert, there will be a signup sheet in the admin building or also at <https://bit.ly/3ycDhlw> We will prepare the meal in the morning starting at 10 am on 7/20 and deliver to Camp Cole in Eastover in time for the 6 pm dinnertime.

Camp Impact week is a Family Promise event that is provided to homeless or poverty-stricken children 6 to 13 years old for them to be able to experience a week at a summer camp. Host and support churches (Living Springs is a support church) are asked to help with lunch and dinner meals for the week and also to provide wish list items for at least 3 campers.

## **Wish List for Club Impact - Dove Tree**

In connection with our Christmas in July event on July 17 (see below), our Christmas Dove Tree will turn into a Camp Impact tree and have wish list items for three of the campers and some of the items needed for the meal. Pick one, two or whatever number of items and please have them back by July 10 so they can be delivered to Family Promise before the Camp Impact week of 7/17.

Thank you for your support! Contact Karen Kranz for questions.



## God's Corner



Thank you for your gift given to your synod, received by the Lutheran Disaster Response in April 2022. as a church we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, you are sharing this amazing grace with others. You are helping people near and far feel the transformational power of God's love. Your Spirit-filled generosity is helping families and communities reeling from disasters here in the United States and around the world. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future. Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God is shining through you.

In Christ,

*Robin Brown*

The Rev. Robin Brown  
Director, Congregation Generosity

## *I See God At Work...*

June 5 2022 at LSLC Sean reaffirmed his baptism as a child of God. Since Sean is totally dependent, he was very much an active part of the service. The liturgy, "This is the Feast..." put a smile on his face. During Pastor Eric's sermon, Sean nodded his head approvingly to each word Pastor Eric was speaking. During the "welcoming of members", Sean laughed out (this is how Sean expressed when he is happy and enjoys what is going on). On this Pentecost Sunday, one could see that the Holy Spirit was definitely with Sean. I must say that he was definitely opened to worship as I have never seen before. Praise be to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



### **SHARE YOUR Hope Moment/God Story**

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!

## Amazon Smile

Living Springs is now a part of Amazon Smile.

### **How does AmazonSmile work?**

When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization from almost one million eligible organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization.

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# Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

**From Tammy Mancuso, Director**

Blessings for difficult times,

Blessings to all that have felt the heaviness of the past month. From the tragedy in Uvalde, the political upset, the war on gun violence, continuing COVID occurrences, and the ongoing struggles in Ukraine. What do we do in a time of such turmoil? We join together, we find our people, we create and immerse ourselves in connectedness, we welcome others to join us so that no one feels alone. It is in this connectedness that we find Hope, and we are reminded that Hope is indeed alive!

We at the CDC are blessed to capture these moments of Hope among our school family, as we embrace our connectedness.

A staff member's car breaks down in the parking lot and is unsure of how to get to work the next day. Hope is alive as another staff member says "I can give you a ride if you need it, just call me."

A child tells their parent they were hurt on the playground by another child, it makes way for us to have discussions about kindness, gentleness, and caring for one another as a school family. Hope is alive as those children hug, and a child says "I'm sorry I hurt you."

Katie, our resident yard watcher, sits at the edge of the lawn and greets us with a morning meow, patiently waiting for her breakfast. Hope is alive as she is learning to trust her human family.

New families arrive, turning in paperwork, handing over lunch boxes and blankets, and watching as their child walks down the hall for the first time. Hope is alive as they are able to confidently head into their day without worry, knowing their child will be wrapped in the caring arms of our educators.

Families, children, staff, and the community walk down our ramp they are greeted with our progress pride flag. Hope is alive knowing that all are loved, included, and accepted without judgment.

Our children head to chapel excited to greet the Pastor, hear the story and sing the songs. Hope is alive as they know that they are loved, seen, cherished, and accepted as the beautiful children of God they are.

May you all continue to find Hope in the life around you.

Wishing you well,  
Tammy



## Ongoing Opportunities at Living Springs

### 2022 Altar Flowers

Are you looking for a way to honor or memorialize someone near and dear to you? Make a floral contribution by ordering altar flowers and let the office know who or what it is that you are celebrating **OR** maybe you just want to thank God for the many blessings you receive! There is a signup outside Lisa's office for 2022 or go to <http://goo.gl/mVVrGE>. To order flowers from our preferred florist, contact Blythewood Florist at 691-1820.

### Living Springs Pew Bear Ministry

Each bear is a minister of God's love as they leave here to be a blessing for others. You may take a bear to anyone who is in need of God's love: hurting from illness, loneliness, depression, grief, or any other reason. When you take a bear, please place \$10 or a free-will offering in a pew envelope and mark it "Pew Bears." Donated funds are needed to replace the bears. Thank you for praying for this ministry. We are blessed to be a blessing!

### Recovery Comes First

*Mondays 7pm-8pm @ Living Springs*

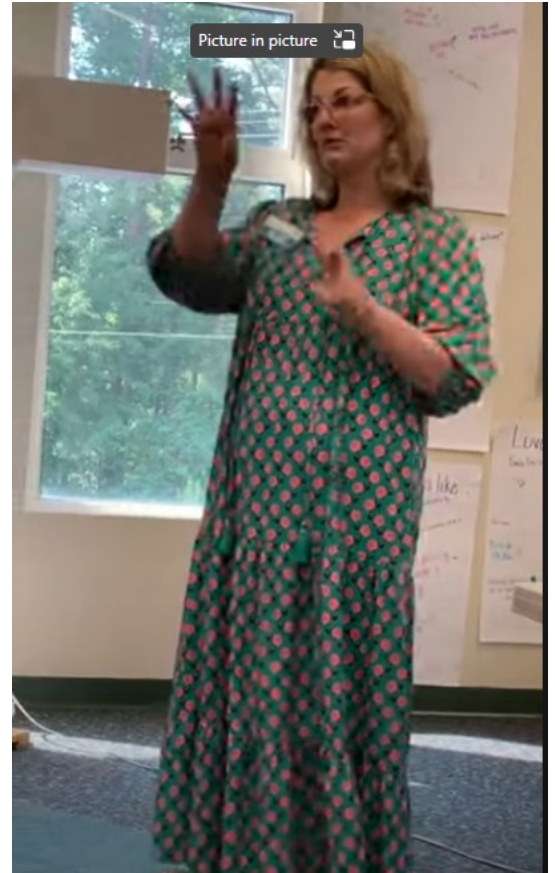
A Narcotics Anonymous Group is being formed here in the NE Columbia area! "Recovery Comes First" will meet every Monday, 7-8 pm, at Living Springs Lutheran Church (Katie Room). This is an "open" group, meaning that anyone affected (directly or indirectly) by narcotic/opioid addiction is welcome to attend.

## Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

### June Hope Sunday

Last Sunday morning was the first Hope Sunday of 2022. Our featured organization was 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 was our speaker. In case you missed her powerful presentation, **we posted the video on our pages:**

**Facebook -fb.watch/dIfYDS6bbC/**



**Blood Drive**  
**Living Springs Lutheran Church**  
4224 Hardscrabble Road – Bloodmobile

**Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**2 PM – 6 PM**



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To make an appointment –  
Please scan QR code or  
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### **JULY HOPE SUNDAY** *Family Promise* **July 10 @ 9:20**

Join us in-between the two Sunday morning services for the second Hope Sunday of 2022 on July 10. Our feature organization is the Family Promise of the Midlands, helping the homeless. Terry Pope will be our speaker.

### **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](https://GamecockLutheran.com/summer) for details!



# Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

## Justice in July

As we celebrate our nation's birthday: "...one nation, under God, with liberty and **justice** for all"

As we hike beside a mountain stream, swim in Lake Wateree, ski on Lake Murray, see a child baptized: "Let **justice** roll down like the waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" (Amos 5:24)

As we go to a family reunion, a graduation, a wedding, a commissioning, a weekend barbecue:

"For young and for old, a place at the table,  
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
For young and for old, the right to belong,  
And God will delight when we are creators  
Of **justice and joy**, compassion and peace:  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators  
Of **justice, justice and joy!**" (hymn by Shirley E. Murray)

We give **THANKS** for you this July as we live out our call to do justice together!

Blessings from your Justice Ministry Team Leaders – Jim, Peg, Mike, Gwen, Gail, Wayne, and Helen



At the Nehemiah Action in April, MORE Justice asked for \$2M for an Affordable Housing Trust Fund. We didn't get the "yes" we were asking for that night, but in June, County Council awarded \$4M for Affordable Housing, noting that while not establishing a trust fund, this doubled the \$ amount MORE Justice had been seeking. They named MORE Justice when announcing the Affordable Housing decision at Council meeting! Elected officials are listening!



### 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. **Donation 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.

### LS REFUGEE FAMILY - 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: *Lifelong Discipleship*

### **"Let's Talk About Our Neighbors" Bible Study**

*With Special Focus on Ukraine*

**Meets in in person or online on Tuesdays, July 5, July 12 & July 19 at 7:00pm**



Let's get together and talk about our neighbors.... well, at least who our neighbors are and how God is calling us to see and love them. Join us in a 3-session Bible study and group conversation on Seeing Our Neighbors based on Matthew 25:31-46. In those verses Jesus identified people whose needs presented opportunities for action. Our conversations will be framed in the context of images we see every day on the news from Ukraine. Three sessions are planned for July 5, July 12 and July 19 at 7:00pm. Each session will be offered in-person at Living Springs and also online so that everyone can participate. So, invite friends and family who do not live in Columbia to join us.

See Our Neighbors Bible Study: <https://bit.ly/SeeingOurNeighbors>

GoogleMeet: [meet.google.com/mtr-grwk-hsu](https://meet.google.com/mtr-grwk-hsu)

Phone: +1 413-346-5277 (PIN: 702052923)

For more info, contact Steve Bloss at 803-467-8287 or [sbloss1947@gmail.com](mailto:sbloss1947@gmail.com)

### **Sunday Adult Bible Class**

*Meets in the Fellowship Hall and Online at 9:20*

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

July Sunday Adult Bible Study schedule:

- July 3, regular Adult Bible Class
- July 10, HOPE Sunday, Guest Speaker in Fellowship Hall
- July 17, Book of the Month, Pastor Eric
- July 24, regular Adult Bible Class
- July 31, regular Adult Bible Class

### **Bible Books of the Month**

*Meets in the Fellowship Hall  
and Online Sunday, July 17 at 9:20*

Join us as Pr. Eric leads us in a discussion on this month's Bible Books of the Month, Song of Solomon & Lamentations. All are welcome!



### **New!!! Bibles & Biscuits Men's Bible Study 2nd and 4th Thursdays @ 7am**

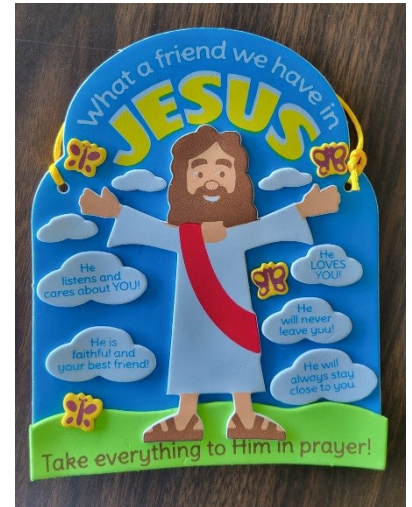
Men's Bible Study has returned! We plan meet twice a month on the second and fourth Thursday. Spread the word. This is a great time of study and fellowship so we can go and share God's word!

### **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: *Mission Partnership Team*

## Cristo Rey - Pentecost



### LS Ministries with Cristo Rey! August 7 @ 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.



### Current Bucket Offering!

Our current bucket offering is for our local food pantries:  
Harvest Hope & Christian Assistance Bridge.



## Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

*From Shirl Schiffman, Jim Zieche, and the Living Springs Music Ministry . . .*

Hello! We are blessed to have many folks involved in the music ministry at Living Springs. Below is a picture of current participants in the Living Springs Choir and/or the Disciples of Harmony. We also have our wonderful handbell choir JuBELLation, and other individuals who bless us with special music from time to time. It's also a treat to hear from our youth and their leaders as we did on Youth Sunday. Even both of our pastors are good singers!!



And then there is **you!** Every single member and attender at Living Springs is part of helping our Sunday services be times of collaborative worship and thanksgiving as we join our voices together. It's wonderful to sing or listen to worship songs at home or in the car, but there's something extra special when we do this together to tell God how much we love Him and to sing praises to Him. Keep that in mind at church. When you sing, be aware of your own voice, but also listen for the people around you, for you are singing in a choir of brothers and sisters in Christ—kind of a preview of when we stand around God's throne someday! God—who created music and singing—loves to hear His children unite in corporate worship. Verses like Psalm 30:4 are all over the Bible:

*Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;  
praise his holy name.*

I (Shirl) am totally blessed to interact with *all* the musicians at LSLC whether they're in specific groups or not. I love hearing you sing from the pews! By the way, do you have an interest in being part of one of our music ministries, maybe singing or playing an instrument? If so, please let Jim or me know. I also want to thank you for the encouraging comments written on the cards you signed some weeks ago. It meant a lot! We look forward to seeing you and worshipping with you on Sunday. P.S. Keep voting for your favorite sending hymns!

Shirl and Jim Z.

### **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. There will be 3 choices posted in each week's eNews – 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, July 3rd will be available for voting from Wed, June 29 – Monday, July 4. 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). *Look for this week's eNews for the current ballot link!*

**Remember to vote by Monday at noon!**

Pastor Carl's  
Holy Trinity  
Sermon



# Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

## 2022 WELCA Convention



### **One Year To Live Women's Retreat** *September 23-25 @ Camp Kinard*

This is not your typical women's retreat. In the hustle and bustle of life, as women we often are caring for others. This retreat is a gift to yourself. As part of the retreat you will have:

- ✝ Time to be still
- ✝ The opportunity to connect authentically with yourself and other women
- ✝ A clearer sense of your purpose and where God is calling you.

Be prepared for a once in a lifetime experience and connect in a circle of sisters. Follow-up sessions to deepen the experience and relationships are available after the retreat.

Cost: \$175

For more information or to get a registration, contact Michelle Gantt at 803-530-2615,

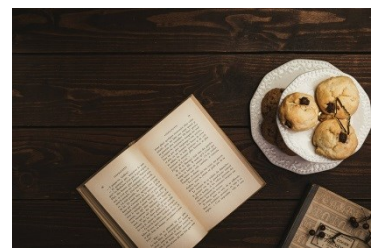
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# Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

### ***New!!!*** **Bibles & Biscuits Men's Bible Study** *Next meeting - 7/14 @ 7am*

Men's Bible Study has returned! We plan meet twice a month on the second and fourth Thursday. Spread the word. This is a great time of study and fellowship so we can go and share God's word!



### **One Year to Live Men's Retreat** *October 7-9 @ Tracy's Camp*

We've booked our FALL 2022 Men's Retreat. This retreat has meant much to many men AND will continue to bless others. Share this and let's get some new participants.

It's taught me much about being a better leader, husband and father. Who's IN?

[Click here for more information and registration](#)



## Notes from: *Sr. Youth*

### Restore - Graceworks 2022

July 11th - 14th



Logo designed by Hunter Prest!

There is still time to register your youth for Graceworks: our annual Midlands Lutheran Youth servant faith experience for grades 6-12. Dates are Monday, July 11 – Thursday, July 14, from 8:30am – 5pm. \*Occasionally, a youth may have to miss a particular day/session due to doctor's appt, some type of practice, etc. We can work around this, as long as we know in advance. Please don't let one minor conflict cause your youth to miss out on this powerful experience - friends are welcome, too! (don't have to be Lutheran...)

Here is the registration link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSS4u-E076JfyavUxROPubYL3uPAhheo-SieipzUwnW7BUFQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

Once you have registered, please email or text me a message, so I can put you on our LS master list and take care of payment. \*Confirmation Students, please remember this is one of your summer Confirmation experiences (in lieu of summer classes).

The cost is normally \$50 per youth, but the Living Springs Youth Fund always covers half - and this year, we also have a generous church member, Ms. Retha Murray, who has offered to pay the other \$25 for any of our youth. Retha said that with everything happening in the world, she knows the importance of young people being together in a positive environment to talk about their faith with other youth and learn the joy of serving those in need. What a blessing – thank you so much for this great gift of love, Retha!

Each year, youth from the various Lutheran churches form a planning team that meets for months in advance to come up with servant sites, devotion activities, and the year's theme. A flyer is attached with this year's theme: Restore, Renew, Rebuild! (Grace, Shalom, Community). Thanks to our own Hunter Prest for the 2022 logo design! This year's servant experiences include:

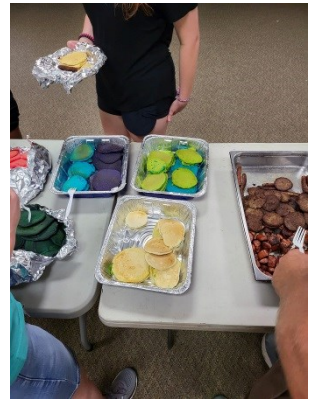
- \* Jubilee Academy Children's Ministry
- \* Transitions Homeless Ministry
- \* Tanzania Layette Project
- \* Epworth Children's Home
- \* Lutheran Services Refugee Youth
- \* Restoration 803 Lunch Ministry
- \* St. Lawrence Place Homeless Ministry
- \* Downtown Water Wagon
- \* Sharing God's Love Food Pantry
- \* Senior Resources Meals on Wheels
- \* First Responders Thank-You Baskets

If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to call, 803-917-2749. This is a powerful experience!

### **We need adult volunteers:**

There is no cost for adult participation so if you have a day or more during that week and can help with this worthy week of mission with our youth, you may register with the same link as the youth.

# Campfirmation



Look at who we ran into working at Lutheridge...Emma Harris!



# God At Work

## SC Synod Assembly

What a joyful time of the Spirit at this week's SC Synod Assembly - as we shared and heard so many powerful stories of God working through Lutheran Christians here in SC and the world! We were blessed with 11 persons attending from Living Springs, including assembly leadership from Synod Vice-President, Deacon Lexanne Graves. Pastor Zeke Hanford (with Anne) was acknowledged for the 50th Anniversary of his ordination; and our Midlands MORE Justice Ministry was celebrated for receiving a special ELCA Grant. Finally, on Monday afternoon, our own Sydnie Taylor brought the gathered people of God to their feet, after her inspiring message as President of SC Lutheran Youth.

Link for Sydnie's speech: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIEUIEfBoOU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIEUIEfBoOU)

Link for Amazing Sunday night worship: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yk7QO5sdiQc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yk7QO5sdiQc)

Link for Synod YouTube page with all the other amazing sessions: [www.youtube.com/c/scsynodcom/videos](https://www.youtube.com/c/scsynodcom/videos)



Zeke Hanford's 50th Ordination Anniversary Recognition



# July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<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/ParkingLotFM/Online)</b>						
3 *See box above	4 <b>Office Closed</b> 7P Recovery Comes First  *Noon -Vote Deadline for Next Sunday Sending Hymn!	5  7P Seeing Our Neighbors Bible Study	6 315P Summer Chapel 6P Hope Ministry Team  Summer DOH/Choir—as announced	7 11A Good News Team 7P Lifelong Discipleship	8	9
10 *See box above	11 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Worship & Music 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop  *Noon -Vote Deadline for Next Sunday Sending Hymn!	12 1030A Meals on Wheels 530P Finance  7P Seeing Our Neighbors Bible Study	13 315P LSCDC Summer Chapel  Summer DOH/Choir—as announced	14 7A Bible & Biscuits Men's Bible Study 630P LSCDC Board	15	16
<b>Summer Hope Sunday #2</b> Fellowship Hall Presentation—9:30 (Family Promise Homeless Ministry)						
17 *See box above	18 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Exec Team  *Noon -Vote Deadline for Next Sunday Sending Hymn!	19 1030A Meals on Wheels  7P Seeing Our Neighbors Bible Study	20 315P LSCDC Summer Chapel 4P Club Impact meal  Summer DOH/Choir—as announced	21 Children's Hospital Meal 7P Council Meeting	22	23
<b>GraceWorks 7/11—7/14 (8:30am-5pm @ Ebenezer; bus from LS)</b>						
24 *See box above	25 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop  *Noon -Vote Deadline for Next Sunday Sending Hymn!	26 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Adult Bible Study	27 315P LSCDC Summer Chapel 2P-6P Blood Drive @ LS  Summer DOH/Choir—as announced	28 7A Bible & Biscuits Men's Bible Study  Palmetto Place Meal	29	30 8A Men's Breakfast
<b>Justice Ministry Conference - 7/19-7/23</b>						
<b>Youth Mission Trip 7/24—7/28</b>						
31 *See box above	1 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Worship Team 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop  *Noon -Vote Deadline for Next Sunday Sending Hymn!	2 1030 Meals on Wheels 6P Adult Bible Study	3 315P Summer Chapel 6P Hope Ministry Team  Summer DOH/Choir—as announced	4 11A Good News Team 7P Lifelong Discipleship	5	6



## Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

<p><b>July 4</b></p> <p><b>July 5</b></p> <p><b>July 7</b></p> <p><b>July 8</b></p> <p><b>July 10</b></p> <p><b>July 11</b></p> <p><b>July 12</b></p> <p><b>July 14</b></p> <p><b>July 16</b></p>	<p>Susan Bradham</p> <p>♥ Rhett &amp; Melody Hair</p> <p>Delores Harmon</p> <p>Gail Buchanan</p> <p>♥ Charles &amp; Melissa Christy</p> <p>Richard Kopec</p> <p>♥ Carl &amp; LaTynia Taylor</p> <p>♥ Todd &amp; Midge Gunvalson</p> <p>Abbie Zvejnieks</p> <p>♥ Weston &amp; Vickie Crapps</p>	<p><b>July 18</b></p> <p><b>July 21</b></p> <p><b>July 22</b></p> <p><b>July 25</b></p> <p><b>July 27</b></p> <p><b>July 28</b></p> <p><b>July 29</b></p>	<p>Peggy Merrill</p> <p>Evan Turnmire</p> <p>Hailey Stoutland</p> <p>Kathy Brennan</p> <p>♥ Charles &amp; Nancy Kauffman</p> <p>Jan Epperson</p> <p>Barbara Creighton</p> <p>Ryan &amp; Kristen Harmon</p> <p>♥ Logan Mancuso</p>
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### 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!



<p><b>July 3</b></p> <p><b>July 6</b></p> <p><b>July 14</b></p> <p><b>July 18</b></p> <p><b>July 21</b></p> <p><b>July 30</b></p>	<p>Lauren Bloss</p> <p>Annika Hyyppa</p> <p>McKenna Allmann</p> <p>Beverly Hoppert</p> <p>Audrey Turnmire</p> <p>Connor Kilbourne</p>
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