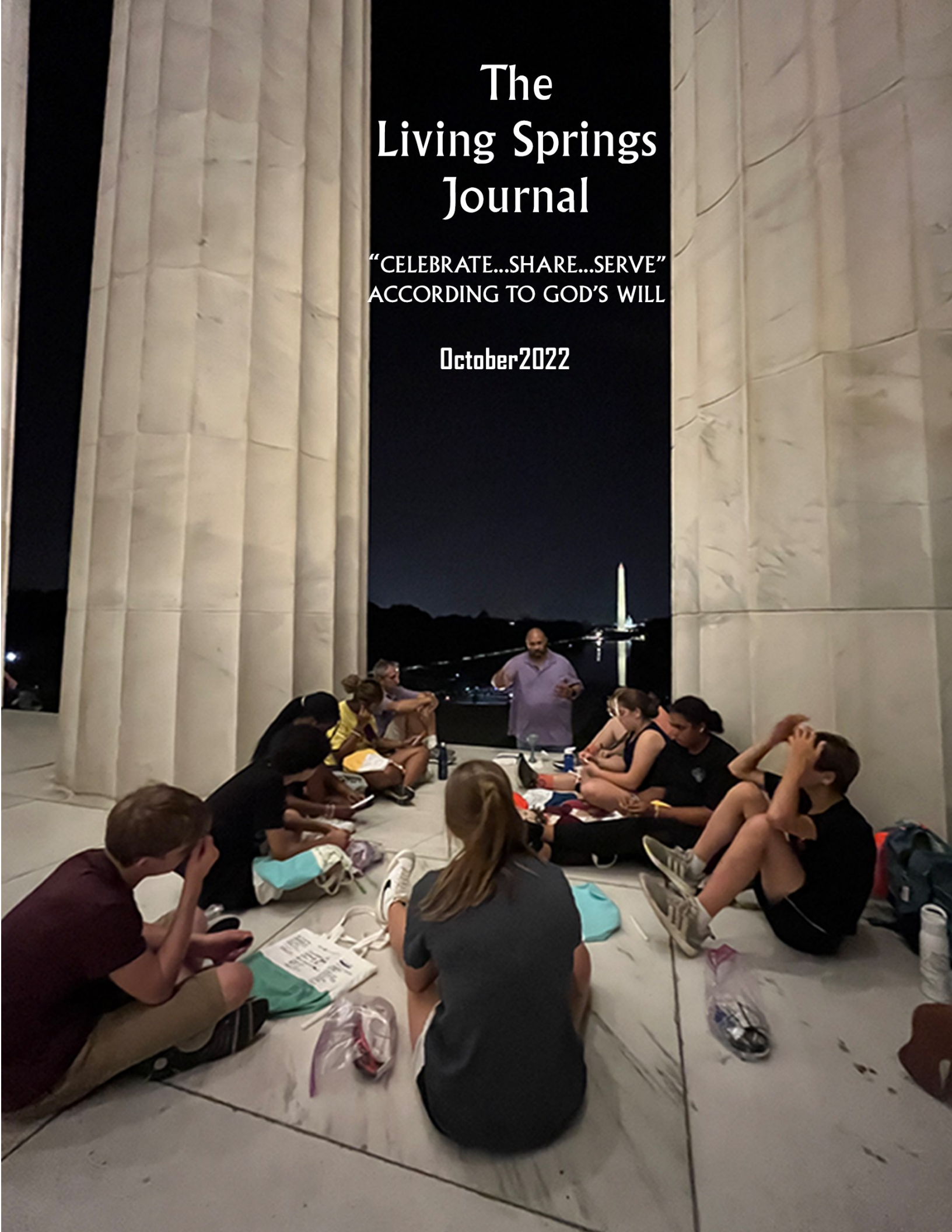


# The Living Springs Journal

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

October 2022



# Faith Formation Kickoff Sunday (Rally Day) - August 21! *(from Pastor Eric)*

*May the God of hope fill you  
with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit!*

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**SEE MORE CLEARLY**

*See more clearly! See more clearly! See more clearly!* Like a repetitive prayer, those words continually beat in my heart and mind for 5 days during our **July Mystery Mission trip** with our LS Youth. You would be so proud of these inspiring young disciples, who endured bus challenges, slept on church floors, walked thousands of steps in the heat, shuttled on public transportation, began & ended each day with worship, shared powerful faith conversations—all on 5-6 hours sleep per night, getting up before 7 each morning. They delivered your donated canned goods to 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Bank, supported by our first host church, St. James Lutheran in Fayetteville, NC. They moved on to Redeemer Lutheran in McLean, VA and spent an entire night selecting & purchasing 100's of items from funds they had raised—to pack blessing bags to distribute themselves to dozens of people experiencing homelessness. They toured the Capitol building with reverence & learned about N Street Village ministry (serving 100's of women at Luther Place Lutheran Church, only blocks from the White House). They engaged in deep reflection on what they saw at the Holocaust Museum, the African-American Museum, the Museum of American History. They witnessed the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; prayed for soldiers whose names they found etched on the Vietnam & Korean War Memorials; held candles of hope standing on the spot where Dr. King spoke about a dream; and shared holy communion their last night at the Lincoln Memorial. Their Mission theme was "See More Clearly" – and every day they engaged Scripture to help them see themselves, others, and the world more clearly through the eyes of Jesus. Please go back and check your special edition daily e-mails from July 24-28 to see photos and more.

But the Youth Mission Trip was not the only time the Spirit led us to "see more clearly" this past month. There were **4 days of Graceworks** in the middle of the month, where 13 LS Youth & Adult Volunteers joined with others from Midlands Lutheran congregations to tirelessly devote themselves to serving others in need here in our community. There was the special Wednesday afternoon fun & fellowship event we helped sponsor for **dozens of refugee children**, whose families are finding a new home here in the US through the amazing ministry of Lutheran Services.

There was the presentation by **Family Promise** homeless ministry at our LS July Summer Hope Sunday—which allowed us to "see more clearly" through their ministry. There was the amazing night of providing supper at **Camp Impact for 80+ homeless children & youth** who are part of various homeless ministries here in the Midlands—as well as delivering countless **Dove Tree items** for Camp Impact children, that were given at our "Christmas in July" tree. Talk about "seeing more clearly" when you are brought to tears by joy in the voice of a homeless youth!

There was the moving experience of LS visitors participating in Sunday evening worship at the **Gamecock Lutheran Campus Ministry** center, with an offering of \$5200 presented from the people of Living Springs, because of your generous hearts and commitment to our annual Lenten Fish Fry in the spring. There was the unbridled joy of dozens of children learning about Jesus with LS volunteers at the monthly **Cristo Rey Mission Children's Ministry**. There was the joy of celebrating "**Christmas in July**" without all the distractions of a co-opted societal holiday, al-

**AUGUST HOPE OPPORTUNITIES ...**  
*Come help others "see hope more clearly" in their lives—and thus experience God's Hope more clearly in your own heart and life!*

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- CRISTO REY MISSION MINISTRY—Aug 7
- LEADER PLANNING/CALENDAR MTG—Aug 7
- ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY—Aug 8-12
- GAMECOCK LUTHERAN BARBQ—Aug 13
- SCHOOLBAG BLESSING SUNDAY—Aug 14
- SUMMER HOPE SUNDAY #3—Aug 14
- LS-CDC STAFF TRAINING DAY—Aug 15
- CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEAL—Aug 18
- LS BACKPACK FOOD STUFF-A-BUS—Aug 20
- RALLY DAY /KICKOFF SUNDAY—Aug 21
- PALMETTO PLACE MEAL—Aug 25
- JUSTICE MINISTRY TEAM ASSEMBLY—Aug 30
- MEALS ON WHEELS—each Mon & Tues



We **SEE** God's hope more clearly in **BEING** that hope for others!



lowing us to see more clearly the true Christmas blessing of Emmanuel, the Incarnation, and Jesus. There were many ongoing meetings with our **MORE Justice Ministry** to continue work for Affordable Housing and reducing Community Gun Violence.

We move into August inspired by all the ways God has worked to permit us to “see hope more clearly” in these ways—and we look forward to our big **Rally Day Faith Formation Kickoff Celebration on Aug. 21!** In addition, this month, we have the **Blessing of School Bags (& College Student Blessing) on Aug. 14**—as well as a visit from Palmetto Place Youth & Children’s Services for our Summer Hope Sunday #3. Also, we encourage everyone to head out to Kroger stores on Killian & Two Notch for our big annual **LS Backpack Food Ministry Stuff-a-Bus on Aug. 20.**

In today’s world, we can be inundated with negative images & messages of despair. Yet, the truth is that God continues to work in powerful ways in this world which God still so loves, to bring God’s sure & certain Hope, even in the midst of every suffering (cf. the Cross and Empty Tomb). The hope of God is always there; we just need to see it more clearly! One way we see God’s hope more clearly is through active participation in Christ’s community of faith: taking advantage of opportunities to join with others in studying the Word, engaging in daily devotions, worshipping together on a regular basis, being reminded of identity as baptized & forgiven Children of God, being nurtured weekly with Christ himself through Holy Communion, engaging in ministries of service & discipleship that allow us to see hope by *being* hope for others. I look forward to being with you on Rally Day on the 21st, as together we renew our journey of “seeing hope more clearly” in the weeks and months ahead! With thanksgiving for all the ways you share God’s Hope in your life, *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.



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

The Lord graced us with safe travels to Reidville, SC and then blessed us beyond measure with a gentleman we met in a gas station. He offered to pay for our snacks and ice, which was very kind but I honestly had money to pay for it. He said, “nope, you look like you need some help either from me or the Lord, so I will do my part.” As he is paying, he says, “now let us give thanks to God for this moment...” and he starts saying the Lords Prayer and I join in with him. We say these ancient words that Jesus taught us together, simply looking into each other’s eyes. We are complete strangers in a gas station connected by the Spirit. It was a holy moment. The station clerk even bowed his head while we prayed. It wasn’t awkward or uncomfortable; it was peaceful and holy. Thank you Jesus for this pause button to stop and give you praise for all things and for ALL people!

## LS Leaders Planning & Calendar Meeting

Sunday, 8/7 @ 4pm in the Fellowship Hall

\*\*\*\* Come at 3:30 if possible, for important info about Rally Day! \*\*\*\*

**If you cannot be present in person, here is how to join virtually (active at 3:30):**

**Log-on Video link: <https://meet.google.com/ubw-naae-agr>**

**Or dial: (US) +1 267-772-8934 PIN: 213 671 448#**

As always, the gathering is about so much more than just putting dates on a calendar. It's a prayerful time for all leaders of the congregation to come together to "see more clearly" how God has been working in our 2022 Ministry Focus and to get a sense of how the Spirit is tugging us to move forward in ministry together as partners in ministry for the upcoming months.

To that end, in preparation for Sunday, please:

- 1) Review the full form of our 2022 Ministry Focus ([see Page 3](#)). Consider how God has worked through your group/team to address that focus. Consider any ideas or visions for your group/team to live out that focus in upcoming months.
- 2) Think about ways you have seen/experienced/witnessed God fulfilling that Ministry Focus in or through the people/ministry of Living Springs (or our larger church partnerships) in general - extending umbrella of hope, breaking down barriers, helping others experiencing God's life-changing power & move from surviving to thriving, Help, Outreach, Partner, Expand!
- 3) Bring any proposed Ministry Dates for your Group/Team thru at least December 2022 (or beyond). \*\*If you cannot personally be there, make sure you have shared your team/group proposed dates with someone who is attending or logging on virtually!

## LS Annual "School Bag" Blessing - Sunday, Aug. 14 10:30 Worship (or 8:15)

*Students & Educators at All Levels!*

*\* Email a Photo with Grade & School by Aug. 10 \**

With all the ongoing challenges of life in the world, it is so meaningful to hold our annual SchoolBag blessing. We will do this as part of our worship services on Sunday, Aug. 14 (the Sunday before school begins). Students & educators of any level (including preschool thru post-high school) are invited to bring your "school bags" (lunchbox, backpack, bookbag, briefcase, laptop, whatever) and place them at the altar for a special prayer of blessing. You will receive a 2022-23 blessing tag to attach to your bag, as a reminder of God's care and presence throughout the school year.



**Blessing  
of the  
Bookbags**

During the first year of COVID, we formed a photo montage to display on our worship screens during the blessing prayer - and it was very powerful! So, again, we are asking each student and educator to send us a simple photo of yourself holding your schoolbag or other school item. The photo can be taken with your phone or whatever is easiest. Please email your photo to [pastoric@livingspringscolumbia](mailto:pastoric@livingspringscolumbia) by Wednesday, Aug. 10, along with your School/Grade (or School & teaching/staff position). If siblings wish to be included in a photo together, that is perfectly fine.

During the worship blessing, we will post screens of about 6-8 photos at a time, as we offer special prayers for you. \*\*\*For younger children, if for some reason you do not wish their image to be included on our worship stream, you can simply take a photo of their school bag with a piece of paper & their first name.

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**SEE MORE CLEARLY**

## Mark Your Calendars - Rally Day is Sunday, August 21st

Look for future eNews and bulletins for the schedule for the day!



# Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

## From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello and warm Summer Greetings as we head into August,

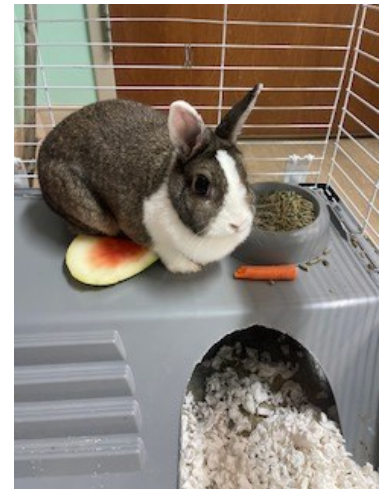
It hardly seems possible how quickly time has flown this summer. We have had so much fun enjoying water play, creating decorations for Christmas in July, making bird feeders, and learning how to play jacks.

Also, we are excited to celebrate our Christmas in July week where we will be collecting non-perishable food items for donation to a local food bank. Our goal is 155 items, since this is how many days we have until Christmas. We also plan to wear Christmas pj's, decorate the Christmas tree, sing carols, and enjoy some iced hot cocoa and fruit smoothies.

Our little family of furry, scaly, and feathery friends is growing. We not only have Katie our resident kitty, but we also have Carrots our guinea pig, Baby Bunny (a bunny), Fish and Rainbow two of our Betas, and Hector and Pepper our parakeets. It's amazing to see the children gather to talk to, pet, and feed our little growing family of God's creatures. We love, because He first loved us.

As the school year approaches, we look forward to welcoming new students and families as they become a part of our LSLC-CDC family. We will be collecting pet supplies during our "Adopt a Beanie Baby Pet" campaign, and supplies for the Stuff-A-Bus drive. We are grateful to be able to serve our community in so many ways; and to provide a loving, safe Christ-centered space - what a privilege and joy.

Wishing you well, Tammy



Christmas in July - the CDC came to the door and sang Jingle Bells. Made my day!

# Notes from: *TELS - Traveling Evangelists of Living Springs*

## **TELS TRIP OPPORTUNITY**

The Traveling Evangelists of Living Springs are planning a trip to tour Noah's Ark and the Creation Museum. The itinerary is as follows:

Day 1:

### **CINCINNATI \* NEWPORT ON THE LEVEE \* PURPLE PEOPLE BRIDGE**

A beautiful ride is before us today as we make our way north through Kentucky. This evening, we stop by Newport on the Levee, where you can take a stroll across the Ohio River on the Purple People Bridge, a one-of-a-kind walking bridge, for a great view of the water before checking into our hotel for the night.

Day 2:

### **ANSWERS IN GENESIS CREATION MUSEUM • THE ARK ENCOUNTER:**

After breakfast, we visit the Answers in Genesis Creation Museum. Lunch is included at a favorite local cafe. This afternoon, we “board” the Ark, a one-of-a-kind historically themed attraction. In an entertaining, educational, and immersive way, offering three floors to explore, the Ark brings the Bible to life and gives us an idea of what life would have been like living on the Ark. We check into our hotel later this evening. (L)



Day 3:

### **KENTUCKY HORSE COUNTRY TOUR • HOME:**

Beautiful horse farms are an integral part of this Bluegrass Country region. This morning our guide takes us on a beautiful scenic drive through horse country, making a stop at Keeneland Race Track. Early evening we arrive home, recalling the fun and interesting things we've seen these three days.

Date: Wednesday, November 2 to Friday, November 4

Cost: \$565 pp (double) with early booking option by July 27

This trip is through Burke Christian Tours. Contact Karen Kranz if you are interested and for more information.



## **God's Corner**

I



can't thank you enough for the love and support to me with your, cards, food, and prayers. I also thank you for the purple prayer shawl to wrap me in prayer.

Thank you,

*Marlene Jorgensen.*

Dearest Living Springs Family,

Thank you all for you care and love during Stewart's stroke and recovery. The messages, emails, phone calls ad texts are appreciated. The prayer shawl reminds us especially of God's comfort, mercy, and love. Your prayers are a blessing, Thank you, again, for sharing God's lov3e!

Yours in Christ,

*Dea & Stewart*

## **Key Fob Update**

We recently had to update our server that runs our door key fob system. Some fobs may not run well. Should your fob have issues, please let the office know and we'll arrange to update your fob for you.

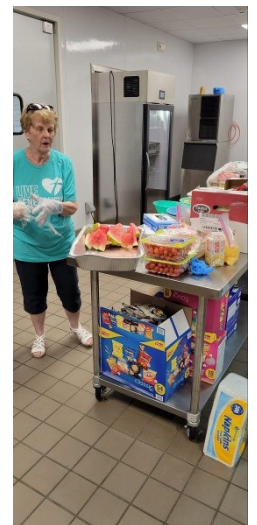
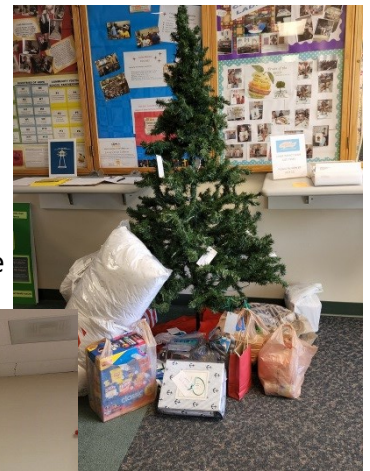




## Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

### Camp Impact

No matter how many events or projects Living Springs does in the course of a year, it always amazes me how much joy and thankfulness erupts from helping others. This past month Family Promise was able to send 86 children from different parts of the state that have never or probably will never have a camping experience like they did during Camp Impact week at Camp Cole. This organization has a vision and did not let the pandemic deter them from continuing their quest to provide housing and meals to families that just could not make it on a temporary basis. I am so blessed to be able to participate and see the big smiles and get hugs from these children.



On Wednesday I went to Camp Cole to help prepare food for dinner for the Camp Impact participants. It was a very heart warming experience seeing how excited the kids were about being at camp. They loved their dinner and kept us busy cooking.

Everyone at camp was thankful for dinner and I was especially impressed with how conscious the CITs were about making sure their campers didn't have anything they shouldn't eat.

It's a moving experience that words can't fully explain.





## PAPER, PENCILS, & PENS – OH MY!!!

The Hope Ministry team will be collecting school supplies for students that are financially unable to buy their own – the items will be collected and distributed to our backpack schools – Rice Creek and Joseph Keels elementary, and Blythewood Academy schools. We thank you in advance for your willingness to help the less fortunate children in our community. We will collect donations until August 14. Contact Karen Kranz for information.

Items needed: book bags, #2 pencils, 24-pk. crayons, glue sticks, large pink erasers, wide-ruled notebook paper, wide-ruled composition books, dry erase markers (4-color pk), colored pencils (12 color pk), 8 oz. hand sanitizer, water bottles, alarm clocks, and folders. ([Grab a shopping list here](#))

## HOPE SUNDAY - AUGUST 14 (PALMETTO PLACE)

For several years now, Living Springs has been providing meals for Palmetto Place - when it was a home for unmarried teen parents and now for Samantha House which is a house for young adults transitioning from the unaccompanied youth house to someplace where they can learn the responsibilities of maintaining a lifestyle sustainable for themselves. On the fourth Thursday, a healthy meal option (with recipes included) is delivered. Join us on August 14 during the Sunday School hour to learn more about our Kingdom partner.

Google Meet info: Adult Bible Study <https://meet.google.com/zkz-tzgp-seu>

Or dial: (US) +1 323-515-9597 PIN: 776 209 519#

## Stuff-A-Bus for LS Backpack Food Ministry *Saturday, August 20*

On Saturday, August 20, 2022 at the two Kroger's on Two Notch and Killian Rd., we will park our church buses in front of the stores and collect items for our backpack program and paper and cleaning supplies for local helping ministries (Christian Assistance Bridge in Blythewood & Transitions in Columbia).

Please sign up for whatever time you are able - the time slots are one-hour increments but leave a comment if your time is different.

This event will replenish our inventory and get us off to a good start with our backpack program to help needy children in the Richland Two Rice Creek & Joseph Keels elementary schools and Blythewood Academy.

You can use the signup sheet in the admin building or the online link below. Call Karen Kranz for information - 716.998.1157 <https://bit.ly/3nP6WkK>

## “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



**Sept. 11**  
**2022**





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swest@lscarolinas.net or  
702-466-8636

By Wednesday, July 27th



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**GAMECOCK LUTHERAN  
Alumni & Friends**



**Ebenezer Lutheran Church  
1301 Richland Street  
Columbia, SC 29201**

(Church Parking Lots on Sumter & on Calhoun)

Join us for an evening of BBQ, re-connecting with old friends and meeting new ones, and learning more about what's happening in campus ministry! Pastor Jesse and students will share stories about what's going on at Gamecock Lutheran. There'll also be a tour of the campus ministry building!

There's no cost, but a free will offering will be collected to support the ministry. RSVP is not required, but is appreciated. You can do so at [GamecockLutheran.com/bbq](http://GamecockLutheran.com/bbq) or by scanning this QR code.



## Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

God in Summer. What have you discovered about God this summer? Have you heard something new? Were you in a place – geographically or emotionally or physically – where you realized something about the God of all time for the very first time? How will this new understanding shape you as summer ends?

This summer gave me a chance to walk a labyrinth in the woods, to sit by a campfire, to swim in a pond. This summer gave me the time to travel to the funeral of a centenarian, holding the hands of her one- and three-year old great-grandchildren, recalling God's hand ever-present across her great span of years.

One late night this summer a friend sang, "Humble King," and it was my summer Justice moment. The lyrics show why:

You are the God of the broken  
The friend of the weak  
You wash the feet of the weary  
Embrace the ones in need

I want to be like You, Jesus  
To have this heart in me  
You are the God of the humble  
You are the humble King.

In late August you will hear more about our Justice ministry plans for the year. We will start with house meetings as always, listening to one another about our concerns for our community. We will lift this in prayer, along with hundreds of other diverse people of faith here in Columbia, to identify the community problems that our Humble King is calling us to address this year.

Living Springs lives grateful for the opportunity to follow our call to "do Justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God." (Micah 6:8) We give **THANKS for you** this summer as we live out our call to do Justice together!

Your Justice Ministry Team Leaders – Jim, Peg, Mike, Gwen, Gail, Wayne, and Helen



Enjoy a listen to "Humble King" on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YV\\_3l6Ng5lA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YV_3l6Ng5lA)





# 6 WEEKS ON MONEY

***At whatever stage you are in life –***

**Do you need less stress in your life over finances?**

**Do you want a healthier relationship with money?**

*That means asking basic questions. What is money? .... What is it for? ....*

*How can I live in peace and wholeness I desire for the world around me?*

Our Lutheran church's (ELCA) faith & life ministries have developed a wonderful tool for individuals or families, to help grow in your personal relationship with money and develop practices to help alleviate financial stress. Something especially needed in these times! We have a unique opportunity that will allow you to benefit from this course at a discounted cost.

Join with others for this special **6 Weeks of Money** course, developed by expert Tim Schuster:

Week 1 – **Values** (*choose your values or someone else will choose them for you*)

Week 2 – **Scarcity** (*fight with scarcity with gratitude and simplicity*)

Week 3 – **Agility** (*for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also*)

Week 4 – **Integrity** (*shortcuts never are*)

Week 5 – **Options** (*create future options by eliminating debt or investing*)

Week 6 – **Giving** (*giving it away changes your relationship with it*)

This 6-week course will be offered, starting the week **after Labor Day**. You complete a major portion of each week's session in advance at your convenience online – and then join with others weekly (virtually or in-person) for important follow-up. Discounted cost per household is **\$35 (normally \$80)**, with scholarship support via Living Springs Lifelong Discipleship Team (in partnership with SC Synod Stewardship and our ELCA Lutheran Church).

*This course is for every generation, all incomes & backgrounds. Everyone can grow in their relationship with money. It is open to Living Springs congregation & family members, LS Child Development Center families, LS Scouting families - as well as neighbors and friends.*

**Click here to enroll online by August 25. OR contact the Living Springs office (803-736-0661) - OR use the sign-up sheet at church/CDC office. Please call if you have questions.**

# Notes from: *Mission Partnership Team*

## Cristo Rey In July



### LS Ministries with Cristo Rey! *Sunday, 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.



### Fall Family Fun October 14-16, 2022

Need time in the mountains to renew and play? Come up to Lutheridge and enjoy a perfect fall weekend for the whole family, full of your favorite camp activities and some autumn-themed fun. You'll get to enjoy the beauty of the mountains in autumn while growing closer to God and new friends.

Experience all that camp at Lutheridge has to offer with your family, including crafts, canoeing, songs, campfires, and faith-forming moments with other families. This retreat will feature an interactive family Bible study time. Join us and create faith-filled, life-time memories in the beauty of God's creation

### Register for Fall Family Fun here!

[Fall Family Fun Retreat | Lutheridge](#)



**FALL FAMILY FUN**



# Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

We are so blessed to have God-given talents like Adriana and Lexanne with voices and Lauren with dance this last month, When I see it posted in the bulletin, I specifically make it a point to stay to listen and watch. Thank you Shirli & Jim for continuing to recognize these talents for the rest of us to enjoy and savor the moment. It is all just **so** beautiful!



## JuBELLation Handbell Choir

JuBELLation Handbell Choir will return for practice in Tuesday, August 30th at 7pm. We have several bell positions open and would love to have anyone 9th grade on up to join us. You do not have to read music, I will help with that. We have fun as well as work hard during practice. The choir plays (at least) once a month as well as Christmas Eve. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Turnmire at 803-361-1143 or [scturnmires@yahoo.com](mailto:scturnmires@yahoo.com). Thank you!



## *God At Work*

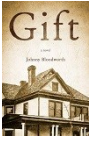
### Christmas in July

Thank you for all who stayed after church Sunday! All the Chrismons have been painted and many are completed. It was a successful day of worship and fellowship. Also - thank you for those who brought the sandwiches, chips, and desserts.



## Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

### LADIES BOOK CLUB



The next book club is on **Sunday, October 2 at 2 pm** and our book is *The Gift* by Johnny Bloodworth. Spread the word for a treat! The author, Mr. Johnny Bloodworth is going to join us to discuss his book. We will meet at Gwen Brantley's, 503 Summit Sq. (in the Woodhaven neighborhood at the beginning of the Summit) ph: 757.592.3777.

### 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,

[SCWomen's OYTL@gmail.com](mailto:SCWomen's OYTL@gmail.com)

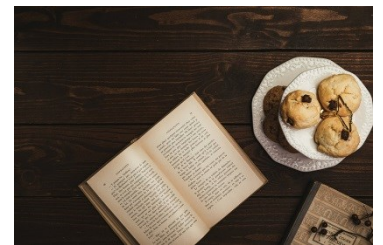
## Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

**New!!!**

### Bibles & Biscuits Men's Bible Study

*Next meeting - 7/14 @ 7am*

Men's Bible Study has returned! We plan to 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!



### Monthly Men's Breakfast

*Saturday, August 27 @ 8:00am*

On the last Saturdays of the month, we dwell in the Word, share in prayer, and plan for events that help us live out our call to be Lutheran Men in Mission.

Facilitator Bob Turnmire

### 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: *LS Youth*

## Restore - GraceWorks 2022

**On July 11-14, LSLC youth and adult volunteers participated in GraceWorks. GraceWorks is a weeklong service experience in the midlands area.** Youth who attend have the opportunity to do *wonderful, grace-filled acts of service* for our neighbors in need, sing songs and *hear the word* during worship, and *make new friends* with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Churches from Gilbert and Lexington to Northeast Columbia, and everywhere in between send youth to participate each year.

**This year our theme was "Restore".** Throughout the week we discussed how to "Renew Grace", "Restore Shalom", and "Rebuild Community" in our broken world. On Thursday, a group of youth put together a drama to act out our themes.

**We had so many opportunities to serve this year!** At "Tanzania Project", we packed layettes and care packages for people in Tanzania. At "Jubilee Academy", we read stories to little children. We had the opportunity to visit "Sharing God's Love"; while we were there we packed bags of flour, sugar, rice, and grits for those who don't have enough to eat.

This is just a small example of all the people we impacted over the week. **Over the course of 4 days we served 14 agencies!**

**GraceWorks has made a lasting impact on our youth,** and we're so grateful for all the adult volunteers, bus drivers, and generous donations that made this week possible!

-Hunter Prest, LS GraceWorks Representative

Here's a list of all the agencies we served:

Lutheran Services Carolinas

Tanzania Project

Transitions

Epworth Children's home

Sharing Gods Love

Jubilee academy

Meals on Wheels

First Responders

Mission Lexington

St Lawrence place

Restoration 803

SC Synod

Cristo Rey

Water Wagon

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"You can disagree without being disagreeable."

-Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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 Sharing God's Love Crisis Ministry  
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A Lutheran Church Youth Servant Event from churches in the Midlands - it's their first time back since COVID! [GraceWorks SC](#)



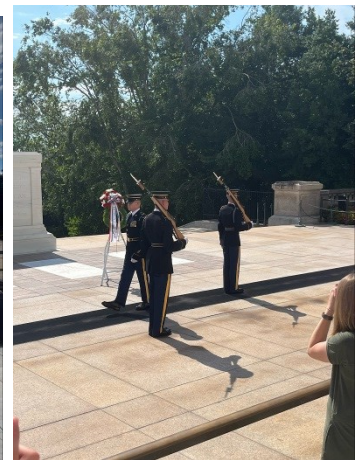
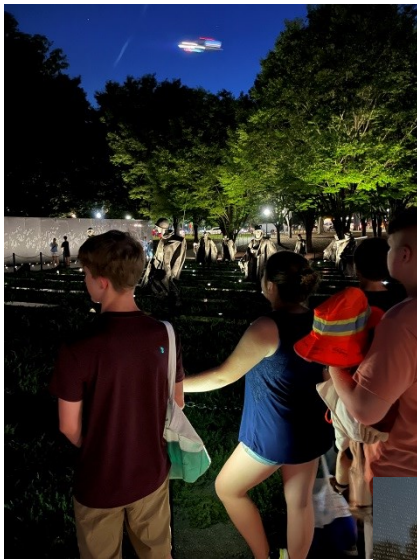


# Sr. Youth Mystery Mission Trip



I saw God on the Youth Mystery Tour when we passed out blessing bags to the people living in a tent city.





On the mission trip, I saw things more clearly, the faith foundations of the young people was so moving. To see our youth express their thoughts so profoundly. The youth are our future, their faith will only grow stronger and fill the world with God's love. We have planted seeds of faith in our children. Those seeds will grow into a world lead by faith, adults with open eyes, and faith based thinking through our amazing young people.



Opportunities Outside Living Springs

# THE SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S ONE YEAR TO LIVE MINISTRY

## OPEN CAR, TRUCK, MOTORCYCLE, & TRACTOR SHOW

*Hosted by: The Ladies of the SC Women's OYTL Ministry*

**Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 8 AM to 2 PM Pelion**

**Community Center**

**951 Pine Street, Pelion, SC 29123**

Enjoy Music, Fun & Fellowship

Prizes & drawings throughout the day

Registration 8 am to 12:30 pm Military Salute at 12:00 pm

Judging 9:30 am to 1 pm Awards at 1:15 pm

Food Trucks 50/50 Raffle



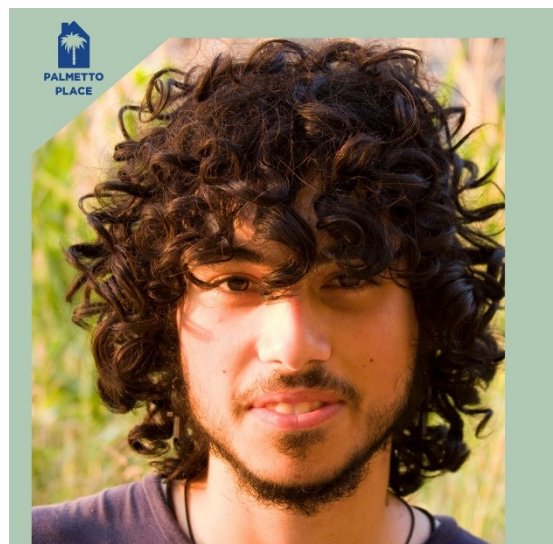
### HERO HUSTLE 5K: RACE FOR PALMETTO PLACE

Saturday, September 24, 2022

9:00 AM 11:30 AM

Timmerman Trail at the Tennis Center ([map](#))

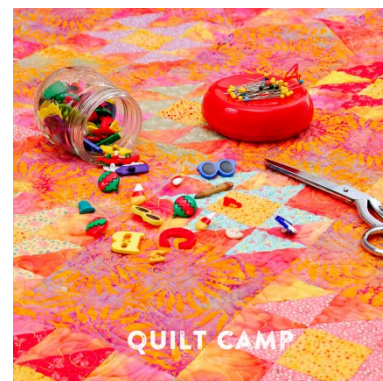
Join us for a superhero themed family-friendly 5K and kid's 1-mile fun run at Timmerman Trail this Fall! Contact Karen Kranz if you would like to register as a group.



### **Quilt Camp** *November 9 -13, 2022*

Quilting + Camp = S'more Stitches! Quilt camp is for all levels of quilters looking for time away to finish projects, creative community, and inspiration. This is a BYOP (bring your own project) retreat where the sewing room is open all day and night for those UFOs (unfinished objects) or that big quilt you've been wanting to tackle. We will enjoy a Quilted Verse Devotion each morning. In addition to a "quilt till you wilt" open schedule, we will also share in two show-n-tell evenings and a campfire our last night together.

Quilt Camp details and registration [Quilt Retreat | Lutheridge, Arden, North Carolina](#)



# August 2022

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Mon                                                                                                                                                                                                | Tue                                                                                                                                             | Wed                                                                                                         | Thu                                                                                                                                                                    | Fri       | Sat                                                            |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>1<br/>1030A Meals on Wheels<br/>6P Worship Team<br/>7P Lifelong Discipleship<br/>7P Recovery Comes First<br/>7P Ladies Book Club</p> <p>*Noon - Vote Deadline for Next Sunday Sending Hymn!</p> | <p>2<br/>1030 Meals on Wheels<br/>6P Adult Bible Study</p>                                                                                      | <p>3<br/>315P LSCDC Summer Chapel<br/>6P Hope Ministry Team<br/>6P Choir</p>                                | <p>4<br/>11A Good News Team</p>                                                                                                                                        | <p>5</p>  | <p>6</p>                                                       |
| <p>7 *See box above</p> <p>4P Leader Planning/Calendar Mtg<br/>330P (Rally Day Pre-Meeting)<br/>5P Cristo Rey Ministry</p>                                                                            | <p>8<br/>1030A Meals on Wheels<br/>7P Recovery Comes First<br/>7P Fellowship &amp; Mutual Care</p> <p>*Noon - Vote Deadline for Next Sunday Sending Hymn!</p>                                      | <p>9<br/>1030A Meals on Wheels<br/>530P Finance<br/>6P Adult Bible Study</p>                                                                    | <p>10<br/>315P LSCDC Summer Chapel<br/>515P Disciples of Harmony<br/>6P Choir</p>                           | <p>11<br/>7A Bible &amp; Biscuits Men's Bible Study<br/>6P Boy Scout Pers. Fitness<br/>630P LSCDC Board</p>                                                            | <p>12</p> | <p>13<br/>5P Luth. Gamecock BBQ @ Ebenezer</p>                 |
| <p><b>ELCA Churchwide Gathering "Embody the Word" - 8/8-8/12 Ohio</b></p>                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                        |           |                                                                |
| <p>14 *See box above</p> <p><b>School Bag Blessing</b> - 8:15 &amp; 10:30 (+ College Student Blessing)</p> <p><b>Summer Hope Sunday #3</b><br/>Fellowship Hall Presentation—9:30 (Palmetto Place)</p> | <p>15<br/>LS-CDC Staff Day<br/>1030A Meals on Wheels<br/>7P Recovery Comes First<br/>7P Exec Team</p>                                                                                              | <p>16<br/>1030A Meals on Wheels<br/>6P Adult Bible Study</p>                                                                                    | <p>17<br/>LSCDC—Welcome Day! (Start of new School Year)<br/>515P Disciples of Harmony<br/>6P Choir</p>      | <p>18<br/>Children's Hospital Meal<br/>7P Council Meeting<br/>TBA JV Football Ministry</p>                                                                             | <p>19</p> | <p>20<br/>9-1 LS Stuff-A-Bus @ Kroger (Killian + TwoNotch)</p> |
| <p>21 *See box above</p> <p><b>Faith Formation Kickoff (Rally Day!)</b></p> <p><b>"See HOPE More Clearly!"</b></p>                                                                                    | <p>22<br/>1030A Meals on Wheels<br/>7P Recovery Comes First<br/>7P Boy Scout Troop</p>                                                                                                             | <p>23<br/>10A LSCDC Bible Times<br/>1030A Meals on Wheels<br/>6P Adult Bible Study<br/>6P Justice Team Leaders</p>                              | <p>24<br/>1030A Preschool Chapel<br/>330P Afterschool Chapel<br/>515P Disciples of Harmony<br/>6P Choir</p> | <p>25<br/>7A Bible &amp; Biscuits Men's Bible Study<br/>8A Staff Breakfast Mtg<br/>TBA JV Football Ministry<br/>6P Boy Scout Pers. Fitness<br/>Palmetto Place Meal</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27<br/>8A Men's Breakfast</p>                               |
| <p>28*See box above</p> <p>Worship Assistant Training #1</p> <p>Deadline: Sign-Up for "Six Weeks on Money" Class</p>                                                                                  | <p>29<br/>1030A Meals on Wheels<br/>7P Recovery Comes First<br/>Celebration Gathering<br/>7P Boy Scout Troop Kickball Nite<br/>7P Lifelong Discipleship</p>                                        | <p>30<br/>10A LSCDC Bible Times<br/>1030A Meals on Wheels<br/>6P Adult Bible Study<br/>630P Justice Ministry Team Assembly<br/>7P Handbells</p> | <p>31<br/>1030A Preschool Chapel<br/>330P Afterschool Chapel<br/>515P Disciples of Harmony<br/>6P Choir</p> | <p>1<br/>11A Good News Team<br/>TBA JV Football Ministry</p>                                                                                                           | <p>2</p>  | <p>3</p>                                                       |



## Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

- August 1** Barbara Collins
- August 5** Trish Davidson
- August 6** Dee Glander
- ♥ Goldie & Delores Harmon
- August 7** Laurie Drafts
- ♥ **August 8** Randy & Becky Sides
- August 9** Anita Gabbard
- ♥ Ted & Gail Buchanan
- August 10** Mike Schultz
- August 12** Ethan Wirth
- August 13** Ed Brennan
- August 14** Eric Fink
- ♥ **August 20** Bob & Anita Gabbard
- ♥ Roger & Nancy Schwind

- August 21** Cindy Day
- Kris Fink
- August 22** Ginny Devereaux
- August 24** Jacob Newton
- ♥ Ron & Deborah Smith
- August 25** Kellee Flores
- Chase Moody
- Eleanor Cool
- ♥ Scott & Lexanne Graves
- August 27** Ann Lynn Caughman
- August 30** Bob Gabbard
- August 31** Jeanette Bloss
- Ron Smith



### Celebrate Your Baptism

Don't forget to check the bulletin to see if we will be celebrating your Baptismal Anniversary during this month's Sunday worship services. Immediately below the Gathering Music, there are printed the names of those who are celebrating a baptismal anniversary *in that week*. When the gathering music begins, individuals can quietly come forward to meet Pastor Eric at the baptismal fountain. There, he will re-trace the cross with the water on your forehead and offer a special prayer of blessing for you (children may be accompanied by parents). There is nothing to be anxious about - everything is done quietly while the music is being played. For those who know only the month of your Baptism, you can join us on the first Sunday of the month (if you prefer some other Sunday, please let us know). **If you do not know your baptismal information, then please pick a month when you would like to**



**celebrate this gift of God's grace in your life – and notify the office**, so that we can add you to the celebration list (we'll simply mark the choice of your month with an asterisk). Even if you don't

- August 1** Trish Davidson
- Adam Woodruff
- August 11** Cynthia Edney
- August 13** Sara Levitt
- Lina Mooney
- August 20** Dakota Shannon
- August 22** Logan Mancuso
- London Mancuso

- August 23** Kathy Brennan
- August 25** Courtney Murray
- August 29** Jessica Bazemore
- August 31** Trey Allmann
- Julia Tenhover

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