



September 2022

The Living Springs Journal

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

HOPE HOPE

Express your faith

Get in with Him Always

Seeing H.O.P.E. More Clearly— Together! (from Pastor Eric)

SEPT. BIBLE "BOOK" OF THE MONTH = Genesis, Ch. 1-25

PASTOR TIME: Sun, Sept. 18 @ 9:20am

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! -Romans 15:13

Each day, when I step onto the church portico, I find myself pausing to look out across the lawn and see the world through our symbolic "Son-glasses of H.O.P.E." that peer out into the community beyond this place—and I hear the words of our theme verse, Romans 15:13, echoing in my head (or more appropriately, my heart).

I think about all the incredible ways that we were blessed to experience God's "life-lens" of H.O.P.E. during the month of August:

- Educators & students of all ages filling the front of the sanctuary for our annual School Bag blessing Sunday!
- Returning college students powerfully sharing how God is at work in their lives and receiving our LS Continuing Education Grants!
- Cristo Rey youth receiving support for badly-needed school supplies through our LS Mission Partnership and Scholarship funds!



- An amazing LS Stuff-a-Bus Saturday with 34 volunteers, \$1000+ in monetary donations, and 2 buses packed with food & supplies for our Backpack food ministry and area shelters!
- The awe of hot dog night and our first 3 pre-game devotions with 100+ players & staff—and how each week, various players pull one of us aside to say thank-you for the hope we share through our LS football ministry!
- Chick-Fil-A packed with nearly 20 LS youth & advisors to kickoff our Youth Wed. devotion nights—and wonderful hope-filled conversations with random restaurant customers/staff!

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From the Desk of Pastor Carl

Hello to All...

Can I start by saying to God, be the Glory for a fascinating month? Yes, August was a little warm, but it also brought some cooling weather towards the end. We started August, coming off the Youth Mystery Mission Trip towards the end of July, and geared up for Rally Day. Everything seemed to move at the speed of light as we began the shift to Rally Day and beyond.

It was not just Rally Day that had me excited. It was that our Football Ministry was taking shape, it was our Confirmation taking shape, it was our Child Development Center's 1st-grade promotion ceremony taking shape, it was our Little one to our Young Adult getting ready for school and college to start and it was God everywhere at all times giving us what we all needed to accomplish the tasks at hand. Thank you, God.... As you read this, I **Hope** you can feel what I am writing. God has to, No! ----- God must be in everything we do because, without God, it is not possible, but with God, all things are possible.

Romans 5 is with me this month because it speaks to all our situations in life. Read with me.... And we boast in the **Hope** of the Glory of God. Not only that, but we also Glory in our **Sufferings**, because we know that **Suffering** produces, **Perseverance** produces, **Character**, and **Character**, produces **Hope**....and **Hope** does not put us to shame because **God's Love** has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

As You read with me, you may have noticed the words highlighted in yellow. Those words represent our Rally Day theme, "See Hope More Clearly," and when we see Hope more clearly, we all will know that we cannot do it without God's Love that has been poured out. Not only that, but when we see, --- we see our children and youth Growing In Faith Together. We see our young adults and walk with them on their spiritual Journeys, and we see our church reaching out and meeting people where they are in life and not waiting for them to come to us.

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Starting September 12**

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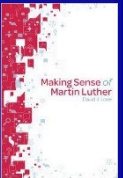
Announcing ...

**ADULT "CONFIRMATION" STUDY
TUESDAYS, 10:00-11:15AM
Starting September 13
Fellowship Hall (or join us online)**

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/crm-zcgt-bxx>
Or dial: 540-669-0687 PIN: 810 783 136#

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We spend time learning more about our history, heritage, and core beliefs as Lutheran Christians, shaped by the Reformation and called to share the message of God's saving grace for all the world!



- A joy-filled Rally Day with congregation HOPE procession, Human HOPE Bingo lunch, HOPE prayer buddies & Scripture magnifying lens!
- An inspiring visit from Courtney Tidwell to share the powerful impact our LS partnership continues to have with the Youth & Staff at Palmetto Place!
- The stories of Hope at our Justice Ministry Team Assembly –with folks from all sorts of faith, ethnic, & economic backgrounds coming together to have an impact of those continuing to suffer from inadequate housing, mental health challenges, and growing community gun violence!
- The Hope in parents & toddlers eyes as they were greeted with Welcome Packets on the first day of our new LS-CDC year and as we celebrated the milestone of our CDC children moving out of preK—plus the HOPE shared by our amazing staff with pastors at our annual training day!
- The Hope shared by parents at this year's first parents gathering, as we discussed the Spirit's work in the confirmation journey with their youth!
- The tremendous Hope lifted up at the big ELCA Churchwide Gathering in Columbus, Ohio, where our SC Synod was so blessed to be represented by LS-own Deacon Lexanne and Dr. Helen Doeringhaus!

G.I.F.T. Experience

- The joyful Hope-filled sound of children & parents participating in worship creative ways through our new G.I.F.T. Experience Worship moments, that kicked off on Aug. 28!

All these things—just the tip of a great iceberg of how the Spirit works in our life together here at Living Springs, equipping us to see life, the world, and others through God's Lens of HOPE, in the grace & love of Christ our Lord!

And...I can't wait to see all that we will share and experience in this month of September ahead! On our annual **"God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday (Sept. 11 this year)**, we will join with ELCA Lutheran Christians across the land to devote our time and energy to sharing hope in our local Communities. This year, we once again will be preparing dozens and dozens of old-fashioned Sunday meat-loaf dinners to be delivered and shared with local first responders and those in need in downtown Columbia. I hope you can come be part of that great effort! During September, we kick off our vitally important **all-congregation Justice Ministry House Gatherings** (Sept. 18,19,25; Oct. 2)! Plus, we are very excited to introduce two new opportunities: **Mini-Devotion Workshop, Mondays @ Noon** (starting Sept. 12) and **Adult "Confirmation" Study Time, Tuesdays @ 10a** (starting Sept. 13). **Rush Hour Ministry** returns on Sept. 27; **Backpack Ministry** returns on 2nd/4th Sundays and 3rd Thursdays; and our Thursday **Football Ministry** continues throughout the month—as well



as all the other special HOPE opportunities above. It is truly amazing how gathering with others to share HOPE allows us to see our own lives (and the world) more clearly through God's lens of HOPE. I pray that those "SON-Glasses" you each received on Rally Day will somehow inspire and remind you daily of that wonderful truth! With ongoing thanksgiving for all the ways you share God's Hope in your life, *Pastor Eric*

H O P E SEE MORE CLEARLY

SEPTEMBER 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!

CRISTO REY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY—Sept. 4
BACKPACK FOOD PACKING—Sept. 11,22,24
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEAL—Sept. 15
JUSTICE HOUSE GATHERINGS—Sept. 18,19,25
PALMETTO PLACE MEAL—Sept. 22
LUTH. CAMPUS MINISTRY SUPPER—Sept. 25
RUSH HOUR MINISTRY—Sept. 27
FOOTBALL MINISTRY—each Thursday
MEALS ON WHEELS—each Mon & Tues
N.A. RECOVERY FIRST—each Monday

"God's Work Our Hands" SUNDAY—Sept. 11
LS CDC MINISTRY SUNDAY—Sept. 18
LUTHERAN MEN SUNDAY—Sept. 25

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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Yes, August was busy, and we made it through on a spiritual high; that is what I SEE. Now, as we venture into September and look at the months ahead, know that God is always with us. Know that God is with you no matter your circumstance when you read this Journal.

Let me end with this in mind, our Little Lutherans, Confirmands, and Jr/Sr Youth Groups are off to a good start. We have implemented The GIFT Experience for our Little Lutherans, Confirmation has started, and we have Three to be confirmed on February 19 (Transfiguration Sunday) 2023, and our Jr/Sr Youth are back to in-person meetings on Wednesdays. What a beautiful way to know God is in the mix of all I have said; oh, how wonderful it is to know that God is working in and with you right now as you read this.

As I read this back, all I have to say is Thank You, God, for allowing me to SEE....

Pastor Carl



God's Corner



To my LSLC family.

Thank you for your prayers and shawl. Hope to be back up to my normal self soon after the antibiotic therapy. Bless you.

I'm in
MARSHALL



Members of Living Springs,

Thank you all for the thoughts and prayers in my hip replacement. The prayer shawl and get well card were greatly comforting.

Ron Smith



Dear people of Living Springs,

Thank you so much for the recent birthday gift given in my honor for the ELCA Fund for Leaders! Our current seminary students often graduate ministry with so much educational debt (4 years college + 4 years seminary graduate school). The scholarship support provided by the Fund for Leaders makes a huge difference in enabling them to take first calls in congregations that need their leadership. This gift in my name was very meaningful to me - and I give thanks to God for this family of faith that continues to provide hope for so many lives through the larger ministry of Christ's church. As always, you are a great blessing! With deep appreciation and thanksgiving in the Lord,

Pastor Eric

D See God At Work...

As I was on my way to a doctor's appointment, I passed a woman taking a walk and she was smiling and waving to passing cars. I saw God in her because I was very unhappy and her wave and smile brightened my day! Of course I smiled and waved back.

I had a customer who won money on her lottery ticket. She shared her winnings with the customer in front of her asking that person to "pay it forward. It was nice to see one of God's children sharing with another.

I saw God in the generosity of a congregation member who gave us tickets to a Fireflies game.

SHARE YOUR Hope Moment

Has God worked a Hope moment through you or someone else during the week? Email 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

Hello and blessings to all,

We recently had an "Off to School Blessing" for our 5 year-olds that are headed to kindergarten. What an exciting time for families!

As we move from Summer into the traditional school year we welcome the newness with HOPE and clarity.

Recently the CDC and church staff along with the pastors were able to come together for an in-service. These days are vital to our ministry as it provides time for reflection, conversation, insight and serves as a reminder of who we are as a school family and what it means to be a ministry of LSLC.

As we spoke about HOPE, we shared moments of who we are as individuals and as disciples, teachers, leaders, and friends. How is it that we can be intentional about where we see and share HOPE more clearly? How is it that we can shift our focus to seeing God more clearly through the actions of our daily lives, thus having an impact on the children and families we serve and knowing that there is a ripple effect to all that we do and say?

There is such an importance in seeing ourselves, one another, creation, and the world more clearly and through the lens of God's Love and Hope. I am grateful to have the opportunity to serve this community with leadership and peers that embrace HOPE and the challenge of asking ourselves "How can see God more clearly?"

Some of the staff shared that they see God more clearly as they see the support of those they work with, and the growth over the last year. Others shared that they see God more clearly in the ways we care for creation and teach our children to respect the living creatures and plants that share our space, as well as teaching the importance of recycling and caring for our planet.

I see God more clearly in the children that have recently joined our school family. This experience is a first for many of them. Although they may arrive with some hesitation and anxiousness, they leave with smiling faces knowing that they have felt loved, cared for and valued for who they are as individuals and how they make our little school family a better place. I see God more clearly in the families and staff that are tired, often overwhelmed with obligations and concern but yet, they show up and they continue to love and to be loved.

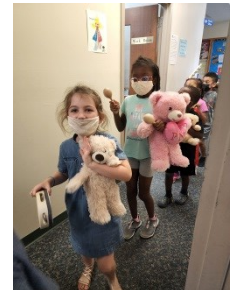
I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this ministry, walking alongside the staff, families and children as we continue to see the world more clearly.

Wishing you well. Tammy

Off to School Blessing



Teddy Bear Parade



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



Calling all Living Springs people (& friends!) ...

Ministry Signups Still Up from Rally Day!

If you weren't here for Rally Day or would still like to sign up for any of the Living Springs Ministries, wander back to the fellowship hall. Check out all the wonderful ways to share H.O.P.E. with others! Some of what you'll find are:

H O P H O P H O P
Romans 15:13
SEE MORE CLEARLY

Worship Sunday Morning Helpers - Lectors, Assisting Ministers, Welcome Table, Ushers, Communion Assistants, Acolytes, Crucifers, Torchbearers, Parking Lot Ushers, Counters, Altar Guild, Coffee & Refreshment (yes, we are bringing that back!!) If you are interested in any of these areas, there will be training sessions the next two Sundays. Please see article on page 13 for more information.

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities - Including: Sunday Adult Bible Study, Tuesday Evening Bible Study, Men's Bible Study, Adult Confirmation Study (see page 13 for more information)

Disciples Helping Disciples (DHD) - Being available to assist a sibling in Christ, when someone is needed: Transportation help; help with home items; sit with someone for a bit; yard/outside help; computer/tech help; basic medical help

LS JV Football Ministry - Every week during the football season we feed and have fellowship with the JV Football team at Ridgeview HS. Please see the article on pg16 for more information

Hope Ministry - Sign up in the fellowship hall to help with: Meals on Wheels; Packing Backpack Food Ministry; Palmetto Place Meals; help with Campus Ministry meals, Campus Ministry gift card ministry

6 Weeks on Money - 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. We are offering this course at Living Springs in September - Deadline to sign up is August 28th. See the article on page 14 for more information

Women's Ministry - Women's Retreat, Crafty Ladies Quilting Group, Ladies Book Club, etc.

JuBELLation - Living Springs' handbell choir

Fall Cleanup & Work Day Sign-Up - It's time to clean our sanctuary and church property! We need your help. Date is TBA. We start at 8:30, but you can arrive when possible. Bring a ladder, rake, clippers, cleaning supplies - or just yourself! We also need a few folks videoing & taking inventory for our insurance. Sign-up in the fellowship hall!

Fellowship & Mutual Care - Sign up in the fellowship hall to be a team member, deliver Care Meals, help server funeral meals/refreshment, or help with the Card Ministry.

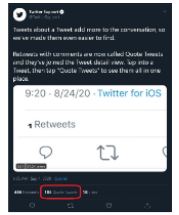
Cristo Rey Children's Ministry - On the first Sunday of each month, we provide a Bible lesson, crafts, singing, and snacks for the children of our Mission Partner, Cristo Rey, in West Columbia. We have team leaders, but 5-6 volunteer helpers are needed, plus a snack for up to 20 children. Sign-up sheet 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. Sign up to help in the fellowship hall!

Good News Team - Rush Hour Ministry & Muggers



I Saw Hope More Clearly this week when all the stories were told during Rally Day!

Notes from: *Good News Team*



What's one easy way for you to share Jesus' Good News today, tomorrow and the next, and the next?

Simply share Living Springs' Facebook and YouTube pages or retweet Living Springs' tweets onto your social media page! Social media is designed to spread messages out like roots from a divine tree!



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Looking for Readers
To pre-record or read live...
Individuals/couples/families/youth

Want to read a Bible story for our Devotional Worship Time? No need to be here, record yourself/family reading from your favorite bible, or we can record you. Sign up in the Admin building.

Rush Hour Ministry
Extend an
Umbrella of God's Hope
Tuesday, September 27,
5 -5:45PM

There is space for you! Be a beacon of hope on the sidewalk in front of Living Springs holding signs of HOPE and sharing smiles and blessings to those waiting in rush hour traffic! We will meet to be beacons around 5pm. Join us anytime!



BOOKS OF MONTH: 2022-23

SEPTEMBER	Genesis 1-25	MARCH	Matthew 1-14
OCTOBER	Genesis 26-30	APRIL	Matthew 15-28
NOVEMBER	Exodus 1-24, 31-34	MAY	Acts 1-14
DECEMBER	John 1-21	JUNE	Acts 15-28
JANUARY	Ruth 1-4 & 1 Samuel 1-20	JULY	Galatians 1-6 & Romans 1-16
FEBRUARY	Isaiah 1-12, 35, 40-55, 56-62	AUGUST	Hebrews 1-13, 1 John 1-5, 1 Peter 1-5

Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

Dear Living Springs,

Thank you so much for providing an incredible meal to our campus at Camp Impact. The generosity and kindness that you showed our 86 campers through the gift of food is something that I know they appreciated so much. We are so grateful for your church and each volunteer. Camp Impact was an amazing week full of laughter, smiles, memories and more. Every camper left camp with a full heart after so many people poured love into them. From the counselor to volunteers like your church, they had an amazing experience that I know they will not forget. It would not have been possible without your team fueling them with the delicious meal! We hope that you will be a part of Camp Impact next year. You are difference makers!

Shine on,

The Camp Cole & Camp Impact Teams



STUFF A BUS/BACKPACKS

THANK YOU to all that helped at our stuff a bus event - it amazes me every year the outpouring of love in people donating to our backpack program. There were two buses filled with products for our backpack program and also items that do not apply to backpack items (large boxes or containers of food) which were delivered to the Christian Assistance Bridge in Blythewood and paper products that were delivered to Transitions and Palmetto Place. The shelves are full and we are ready to start packing. In addition to food items, we also collected \$1,059 which will help supplement as we run low on items.

The 2nd and 4th Sundays are designated backpack packing days - after the 8:15 worship and before and after the 10:30 worship. Stop in and experience what the kiddos receive for food nourishment on the weekend. First backpack Sunday is Sept. 11.

A couple of God stories:

When we delivered to CAB in Blythewood, they were thrilled to receive the items as they have had a 25% increase in client applications. They weighed the items at 326 lbs.

At the Kroger on Killian Rd., we had a little lull in traffic and I was creating conversation with one of the students that volunteered to pass out flyers. She was very shy and it was a little bit of an effort to get her to respond, but after a while she did communicate what she wanted to pursue as a career and then out of the blue, she commented that her family does not attend church. I was sort of surprised at the comment and told her she is more than welcome to attend Living Springs at our 8:15 or 10:30 services. It was a few minutes that it looked like she was thinking and then came out with "I think I will come to your church next week." I don't know if she will or not and that is not important, but I thought it was neat that she felt comfortable enough in the feeling that she would be welcomed.



Summer Hope Sunday #3



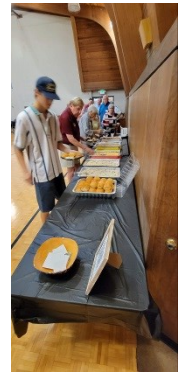
Delivering School Supplies

Campus Ministry BBQ



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday

Sept. 11
2022



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday
September 11

This year our nationwide ELCA Lutheran GWOH Sunday falls on 9/11, and appropriately, we wanted to recognize and acknowledge our first responders on this day of remembrance. Remember our GWOH meatloaf dinner prior to Covid? We are preparing and delivering dinners to area fire stations and sheriff department stations in the Northeast area after the 10:30 worship. We will also take meals down to persons without homes in the Finlay Park area. If you would like to help prepare and/or deliver, please sign up on the sheet in the admin building.

Richland 2 Book Bin

We have ordered another book bin and will be collecting **pre-K through 2nd grade books** to encourage & promote reading to students during the summer months. Reading is an essential skill developed at an early age to improve vocabulary and comprehension. Check your bookshelves - now is a good time to purge!



CAMPUS MINISTRY

Once again, the opportunity to provide a meal for the students attending UofSC is available during the school year. There are about 12-15 students on a Sunday evening that worship at about 5:30 pm and then share in the meal at 6:15 to 7:30pm. You are welcome to join in their worship or you can drop the meal off. Here is the link to Signup Genius: [Gamecock Lutheran: Meals For Campus Ministry 2022-2023 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com).



WITTING TREE

Through readings, silent witness, and sharing, we will pay tribute to all veterans, especially those whose continuing suffering leads them to take their own lives. November 1 - 11.

OTHER HOPE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Children's Hospital lunch meal:

Funds are needed to provide the lunches every third Thursday of the month. Travis Mooney, Carolina Deli, prepares the lunches and our CDC children make cards with messages of hope that are put in the lunch bags. You can make a card too!

Palmetto Place meal:

Every fourth Thursday of the month we provide a meal for seven young adults learning the steps to adulthood. If you would like to be a part of that team, contact Karen Kranz. We are looking for simple new recipes that young adults can prepare themselves.



Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

Book Bag Blessing



Worship and Sunday Morning Helpers Training/Info Session

Sunday, Sept. 4 @ 9:20 (between services)

This is an invite to all disciples of Living Springs – are you unsure of what is exactly involved in the role of a worship helper? We will provide info and review for all those interested in helping with all our Sunday morning roles: Lectors, Assisting Ministers, Welcome Table, Ushers, Communion Assistants, Acolytes, Crucifers, Torchbearers, Parking Lot Ushers, Counters, Altar Guild, Coffee & Refreshment Training will be offered Sun. Sept. 4 @ 9:20 in the sanctuary. For more info, see Jim Zieche or Karen Kranz.

Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

Everyone at Living Springs is invited to a Justice Ministry house meeting this month as we begin our sixth year together in this ministry. At the house meetings we will share our stories of individual and community problems, praying to discern where God is calling us this year. Living Springs is one of 26 congregations in the Midlands participating in MORE Justice, a faith-based organization seeking together to better “love our neighbors.” More than 500 people across all of our congregations will also be participating in September in similar house meetings. On October 17th all of our congregations then will gather and vote to determine what our community focus for Justice Ministry will be this year.

In past years MORE Justice has addressed a variety of community problems, including mental health concerns, affordable housing, and neighborhood gun violence. Together we have made our community a better place: law enforcement officers have received Crisis Intervention Training to better protect themselves and those with mental illness; Richland County Council committed \$4M toward affordable housing (double the initial proposal, noting MORE Justice’s involvement); the Columbia Mayor committed to an outside study of gun violence in our community. As Nehemiah’s story in the scripture reminds us, one individual may not be able to do much to solve a significant community problem but together we can make a big difference.

The Living Springs house meeting schedule offers many opportunities to participate:

9/18 @ 4 PM Helen Doerpinghaus & Wayne Kannaday

9/19 @ 6:30 PM Peg & Jim Zieche

9/25 @ 4 PM Gail Buchanan

10/2 Mike Davidson & Gwen Furcron (time TBA)

10/9 Make up meeting (time TBA)

SAVE THE DATE for the four meetings that will shape our justice work together this year:

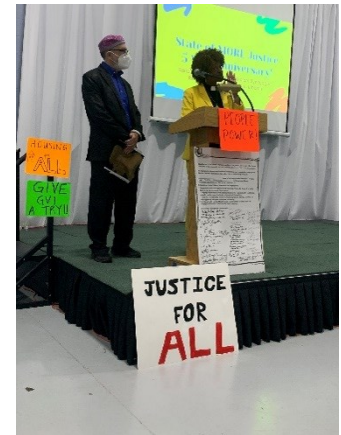
10/17 @6:30 PM Community Problems Assembly

3/13 @ 6:30 PM MORE Justice Rally

3/27 @6:30 PM Nehemiah Action

5/8@6:30 PM MORE Justice Celebration

We truly are blessed at Living Springs to have an opportunity to follow our call together to “do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.” (Micah 6:8) Talk with Pastor Eric or a Justice Ministry Team Leader to learn more: Jim and Peg Zieche, Mike Davidson, Gwen Furcron, Gail Buchanan, Wayne Kannaday, Helen Doerpinghaus.



MORE Justice Gun Violence Update 2022

Because we had nearly 700 people at our Nehemiah Action this year, Columbia Mayor Daniel Rickenmann committed to exploring and choosing an organization to complete a problem analysis so that we can get to the root of this gun violence problem.

On August 30th of this year, seven MORE Justice members attended a Columbia City Council Work Session where the Mayor proposed the “Mayor’s Office for Gun Violence Prevention.” This proposal includes much of what we have been pushing for since we chose to prioritize the problem of gun violence in 2019: collaboration between community stakeholders, paid staff members, and a focus on being proactive to get to the root of this problem. This is a good step that has been fueled by building our people power and it is our people power that can ensure that an evidence-based plan is implemented so that yearly shootings go from over 100 to 0.



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).

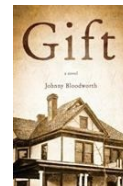
This course is for every generation, all incomes & backgrounds. Everyone can grow in their relationship with money. It is open to Living Springs congregation & family members, LS Child Development Center families, LS Scouting families - as well as neighbors and friends.

[Click here to enroll online](#) by September 4. 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: *Women's Ministry*

LADIES BOOK CLUB

Meet the author at our next book club gathering on Sunday, October 2 at 2 pm at Gwen Brantley's house 503 Summit Square (Woodhaven neighborhood close to the school). Johnny Bloodworth will join us in discussing his book "Gift". Note this is a different day/time, but as always our discussion group is open to anyone that would like to participate.



Notes from: *Men's Ministry*



Bibles & Biscuits Men's Bible Study

Next meetings - 9/8 & 9/22 @ 7am

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



Notes from: *Little Lutherans*

Hello to All,

As some of you know, our G.I.F.T. (Growing In Faith Together) Experience kicked off this past Sunday. Our faith formation focus theme is "See Hope More Clearly." we are **SO EXCITED** for our Little Lutherans, as we invite them to join Pastor Carl or Pastor Eric for a G.I.F.T. Experience time following the Children's Message in the area next to the left of the Baptismal Font. We will follow the sermon and help our Little Lutherans model the G.I.F.T. Experience with word association from the packet they receive, the lessons of the day, the Gospel reading, and sermon.

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After worship, children and parents will meet briefly by the Baptismal Font for each child to receive a sending blessing - and share what they heard or learned during the worship experience. It will be an exciting time as we walk with them on this part of their spiritual journey and to see them grow in faith together.

During worship, the G.I.F.T. Experience also includes our Children's Cross Procession and Sending Hymn "Joyful Noise" instruments. Don't forget, Children's Worship Packets can be picked up at the Welcome Table.

Blessings to all as we look forward to seeing you for our Sunday Worship Experience, Pastor Carl

G.I.F.T.
Experience

Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

Football Ministry Pre-Game Meals



We will need 4-5 helpers each meal, usually around 3pm, but time varies depending on home/away game, etc. Go ahead and check your calendars to see which Thursdays you could help serve food and/or help with supplies/prep. There is a master sign-up sheet at the church, or you can also let Bob Turnmire know. For each Thursday we also need 80-100 Gatorades and 80-100 pre-packaged cookies. You can purchase and bring to church by Wednesday of that week or sign-up to make a monetary donation and we will buy them for you.

Sept. 8, Sept. 15, Sept. 22, Sept. 29, Oct. 6, Oct. 13

**As always, we can use a Thrivent Card for each date, so if you are a Thrivent member, remember you have access to two \$250 community care cards every year. Please let Karen Kranz know, as she is our LS Thrivent card coordinator.*



Please keep this life-impacting ministry in your prayers - the time we spend fostering relationships with these young men makes a huge difference in breaking down barriers, shaping hearts, and reinforcing the genuineness of our weekly devotional messages!!!! Even if you have to get off work early one Thursday, we encourage everyone to share in this experience at least 1 week during the season. Thanks so much for your witness - Amen for Lutheran Men!

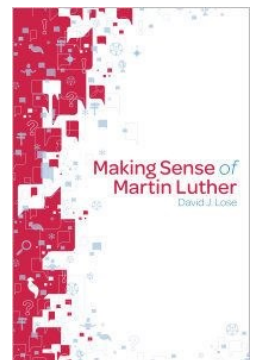


Adult Confirmation Study Starting Tuesday, September 13 at 10 am. Fellowship Hall or Online

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/crm-zcgt-bxx>

Or dial: 540-669-0687 PIN: 810 783 136#

Do you remember what you learned in Confirmation? Did you grow up in a different denomination so didn't get to go through the "Lutheran" confirmation? Starting Tuesday, September 13th at 10 am, we will do a study that goes through a lot of what you would study in Confirmation using the book, Making Sense of Martin Luther. Some of the chapter titles: What Does it Mean to be a Lutheran?; Luther's Theology of the Cross and Sacraments; The Ambidextrous God - the Two Kingdoms; Are You Sinning Boldly? Interdependent Independence. The book costs \$13. Please sign up in the fellowship hall or contact the office.



LS Ministries with Cristo Rey! Today @ 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.

Member Welcome & Info Sessions

Plans are now being made for our upcoming Member Welcome Blessing (and info class) to welcome persons into Christ's family of faith here at LS. If interested - or if you would like to know more about LS and our faith as Lutheran Christians - please see Pastor Eric or Pastor Carl, or call the office.

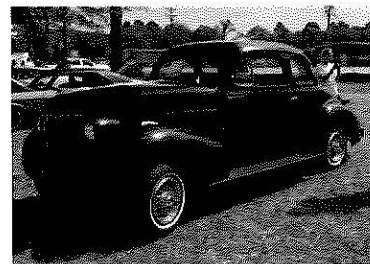
School Bag Tags & Hope Sunglasses

If you were not able to be here Aug. 14 or 21, Bookbag Blessing Tags and Rally Day Hope Sunglasses are still available. Pick yours up this Sunday or stop by the office!





**As iron sharpens iron,
so a friend
sharpens a friend.
Proverbs 27:17**



**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

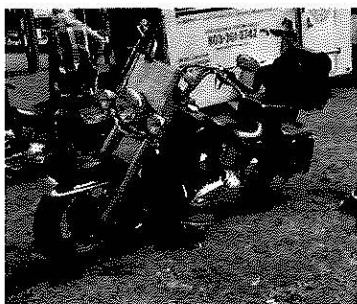
Pelion Community Center

951 Pine Street, Pelion, SC 29123

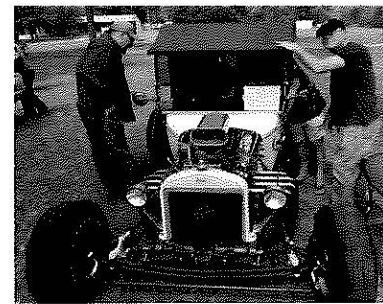
**Enjoy Music, Fun & Fellowship
Prizes & drawings throughout the day
Registration 8 am to 12:30 pm
Military Salute at 12:00 pm
Judging 9:30 am to 1 pm
Awards at 1:15 pm
Food Trucks
50/50 Raffle**

**Best-of-Show trophy
People's Choice trophy
Best Truck trophy
Best Gasser trophy
Best Motorcycle trophy
Best Tractor trophy
Top 25 overall will get a trophy
Dash plaques to first 100 entrants**

**There will be no Pre-Registration. Registration Fee on site will be \$25.
All proceeds will go directly to the SC Women's OYTL Ministry.**



**YOUR LIFE IS MADE OF
TWO DATES AND A DASH.
MAKE THE MOST OF THE DASH.**



****Contact Michelle Gantt at 803-530-2615 or sewomensoytl@gmail.com for more information.**

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 *See box above</p> <p>920A Worship Helper Info/Training 430P Girl Scouts 5P Cristo Rey Ministry (Meet at LS at 415)</p>	<p>5 Office Closed-Labor Day</p> <p>7P Recovery Comes First</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10A LSCDC Bible Times 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1030A Preschool Chapel 330P Afterschool Chapel 4P Backpack Food Ministry (LSCDC) 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 6P Hope Team 630P Sr. Youth (Salsarita's)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>11A Good News Team 3P Football Ministry (2:30 setup) 7P Youth & Children Ministry Team</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7A Bible & Biscuits Men's Bible Study 830A Staff 3P Football Ministry (2:30 setup) 6P Boy Scout Pers. Fitness 630P LSCDC Board</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10</p> <p>930A Crafty Ladies</p>
<p>11 *See box above</p> <p>God's Work. Our Hands! Sunday Before/After Worship—Backpacks Meal/loaf Meal Cooking/Distribution</p> <p>12P Confirmation</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels 12P BOM Devotion Worship 6P Worship Team 7P Exec Team 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care 7P Boy Scout Troop</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10A LSCDC Bible Times 10A Adult Conf. Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 530P Finance 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1030A Preschool Chapel 330P Afterschool Chapel 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 630P Sr. Youth (church)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Children's Hospital Meal 3P Football Ministry (2:30 setup) 7P Council Meeting</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 *See box above</p> <p>LS-CDC Ministry Sunday</p> <p>920P Bible Book of Month Study 4P Justice Ministry House Gathering (Doerpinghaus/Kannaday) 430P Girl Scouts</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels 12P BOM Devotion Worship 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop 630P Justice Ministry House Gathering (Zieches)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10A LSCDC Bible Times 10A Adult Conf. Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1030A Preschool Chapel 330P Afterschool Chapel 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 630P Sr. Youth (Zaxby's)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7A Bible & Biscuits Men's Study 830A Staff Breakfast Mtg 3P Football Ministry (2:30 setup) 4P Backpack Food Ministry 6P Boy Scout Pers. Fitness Palmetto Place Meal</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8A Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>25 *See box above</p> <p>Lutheran Men Sunday Before/After Worship—Backpacks 12P Confirmation 4P Justice Ministry House Gathering (Buchanan) 430P Girl Scouts 615 Sr. Youth Dinner @ Campus Ministry</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels 12P BOM Devotion Worship 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10A LSCDC Bible Times 10A Adult Conf. Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 5P Rush Hour Ministry (prep @ 4:45) 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1030A Preschool Chapel 330P Afterschool Chapel 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 630P Sr. Youth (Church)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>3P Football Ministry (2:30 setup)</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Sunday, Oct. 2: Animal Blessing & Remembrance— 3:00-4:30P @ LS & Lake Carolina Justice Ministry House Gathering @ 5P (Davidson/Furcron)</p>

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

September 1 ♥ Gary & Susan Bradham
September 2 Sophia Skipper
 ♥ Gene & Sara Hale
September 3 ♥ Bob & Laura Turnmire
September 4 Steve Bloss
 Peg Fox
September 6 Karlene Stuart
September 7 ♥ Steve & Elouise Niemeyer
September 10 Anne Ducate
 Sarah Schultz
September 11 Christina Rauer
September 12 Helen Doerpinghaus
 Chris Kannaday
 Bob Turnmire
September 15 ♥ Jerry & Marj Appleton

September 17 Anita Dye
 Tonja Kopec
 London Mancuso
September 18 Collin Flores
 Nancy Franck
 ♥ Bill & Nancy Franck
September 23 Scott Graves
 Midge Gunvalson
 Emma Harris
 Sarah Hurlbert
 Cathy Loman
 ♥ Chris & Christa Cassidy
September 28 Logan Smith
September 29 Mackenzie Bales



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!



September 7 Bob Gabbard
September 9 Ed Brennan
September 15 Meredith McKenzie
September 18 Vickie Crapps
September 24 Mike Davidson
September 25 Susan Bradham
 Gail Buchanan
September 29 Ginny Devereaux



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