

The Living Springs Journal

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

October 2022



Walking in Faith Together, Seeing H.O.P.E. More Clearly Together! (from Pastor Eric)

2022 LS GENEROSITY SUNDAYS: Oct. 23—Nov. 13!
OCT. BIBLE "BOOK" OF THE MONTH = Genesis, Ch. 26-50

Each day, I continue to walk out the doors and see those large Hope Lens staring out into the world. In my head (and heart), I hear some of the words we read each Sunday prior to worship, from our H.O.P.E. theme: *"walking together in faith with each other & our community, the Spirit calls us...."* I think about our Faith Formation theme, "See HOPE More Clearly" - and I ponder all the ways in just the past few weeks, the Spirit has been at work to help us see God's hope more clearly as we have indeed walked in faith with each other & our community!

I have seen Hope more clearly in the faces of those 110 teenagers we feed with food and God's word every week in our LS pre-game **football ministry**. I have seen Hope more clearly in the joy of our children with the **G.I.F.T. worship** experiences we now share each week, with their cross procession, joyful noise instruments, and active faith listening for Scripture/sermon words. I have seen Hope more clearly in the powerful, heart-moving faith stories shared at our recent **Child Development Ministry** Sunday. I have seen Hope in the gentleman living with all his possessions on a bicycle, who tracked me

down in my car to say thank-you for a **God's Work, Our Hands** meat loaf meal—and ask me if there was any more meals I could take to two friends who also lived on the street. I have seen Hope in the smiles and waves of **Rush Hour** traffic drivers receiving a little snack bag and a caring message of love. I have seen Hope in Pastor Jesse and visiting campus ministry students so joyfully worshipping with us on **Campus Ministry** Sunday. I have seen Hope in the caring listening of so many stories shared at our annual **Justice Ministry house gatherings**. I have seen Hope in

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Announcing ...

**LIVING SPRINGS
MENTAL-EMOTIONAL
HEALTH & WELLNESS
EMPHASIS**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23



**REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 30**

Worship @ 8:15 & 10:30

*Trunk-R-Treat & Bratwursts
3:30-5:30*



**LIVING SPRINGS
MEMBER INFO & WELCOME SESSIONS**
Sundays, Oct. 23 & 30 @ 9:20am

For all who would like to learn more about God's family of faith at LS - and our beliefs / practices as Lutheran Christians.



From the Desk of Pastor Carl

Hello to All...

Can I start by saying to God, be the Glory for another good month? Yes, September was different this year. We experienced hot, warm, and cool weather with Hurricane Ian to finish the month. We started September, coming off a fantastic Rally Day Experience. The Spirit of God continues to move us forward as we continue to meet people where they are on their Spiritual Journeys.

We started the month of September full of anticipation as our Little Lutherans continued to be excited about the G.I.F.T. (Growing In Faith Together) Experience. We also kick off a new year of confirmation class where this year we will have three confirmands to be confirmed on Transfiguration Sunday in February 2023. We baptized little Thomas Bales as we all saw more clearly another child of God welcomed into the kingdom.

Then guess what? We celebrated God's Work, Our Hands doing what we do best, helping others. We worshiped and then packed meals in the fellowship hall to be distributed across our community and beyond. It was exciting to see how we continue to Be Stretched By the Cross as we reach further and further across boundaries. I do not know about you all, but when I tell people where I serve, I seem to get the same response --- (That church on the corner, you always have something going on for the community); to me, that is an affirmation of the Spirit working.

Speaking of the Spirit working, our Jr & Sr Youth are meeting every Wednesday evening, and they are showing up to share a meal and their school and life balance. On one of our Wednesday meetings, we all got to participate in a Youth Justice Meeting led by Jim Zieche. As always, I am humbled by our Youth's responses about how they felt about justice in their communities, schools, and city. I thank God for their voices that speak to power.

Romans 5 is still the scripture as it still speaks to the H.O.P.E. that all share. It speaks to our eyes being fully open to SEE HOPE MORE CLEARLY as we look through the lens to see the glass as Half Full and not half empty. A HOPE to

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see us continue to push forward even though we sometimes want to stop cause life has dealt a curve ball. I want to say --- in all of our situations in life, Romans 5 says, ---- 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.

Yes, September was different this year, we gained life and lost life, and we gained love and lost love, but in all of the gains and losses, God was and is still there with us from everlasting to everlasting. God is there when the men participate in our J.V. Football Ministry as we do devotions and share with 70 to 110 young men weekly. Having a chance to stand and talk with the football team is a blessing from God. Why? Because when you least expect it, one of the football players will walk up and say thank you for coming out and talking to us. However, what saddens my heart is that for some of these young men, besides the coaches, we are the only other influence they may have in their lives, giving them HOPE for something better. So, thank God, and thank each of you for reading and your prayers.

Let me end with this in mind, our Little Lutherans, Confirmands, and Jr/Sr Youth Groups are doing good. We look forward to new opportunities in the coming months as we prepare for our Fall Lock-In Retreat and our Little Lutheran Adventure.

As always, God loves you no matter where you are in life.

Pastor Carl



Reformation Trunk 'r Treat & LMM Brats!

Sunday, October 30, 3:30-5:30

Dress your kiddies up in their costumes and join us for our Annual Trunk 'r Treat where our member's decorate their trunks and hand out treats. The Lutheran Men will be serving their Reformation brats. Of course our own Martin Luther will be nailing "Theses" to his door with the children.

This year we will be going back to parking our cars in the lawn and having the kids go car to car. Click the link below you would like to have you and your trunk participate. You can decorate your trunk in your favorite embellishments where you will be passing out your treats! We also need candy donations - they can be dropped off at the church office anytime through Sunday morning on October 30th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BAEA92FA0F85-reformation1>



Q.I.F.T.
Experience

the support at our **Sr. Youth Wednesday gatherings**, as they meet in restaurants to share hi's and lo's and inspire on-lookers with their faith. I have seen Hope in all those who continue to join us via **virtual worship** (and from the parking lot) to receive Good News. I have seen Hope in the faith-sharing of disciples at our recent **Lutheran Men's Sunday** (which I got to see online, while away). I have seen Hope in the eyes of dozens of God's creatures who were driven to the church parking lot to receive our **animal blessing**. I have seen Hope in conversations at our **Book of the Month** worship devotions—and in all the mutual learning shared at our **Adult Confirmation** sessions. I have seen Hope in the faces of community members walking through the LS doors on Monday nights for a **recovery meeting**. I have seen Hope in **boxes of food** being prepared for Palmetto Place youth, Children's Hospital families, Campus Ministry students. I have seen Hope in the first **disaster relief kit items** being dropped off for our Hurricane relief emphasis. I have seen Hope in the face of the news reporter who was sent to LS by Richland 2's lead social worker to find out more about our life-impacting **Backpack Food ministry**. Hope ... hope everywhere one looks, there is God's amazing, endless hope!

As we move into October, I am eager to behold all the ways we will see God's HOPE even more clearly, as we "walk together in faith with each other and our community." In addition to ongoing ministries of Hope, we look forward to our **community Trunk-R-Treat** to celebrate Reformation Sunday on Oct. 30. Our annual Justice Ministry **Community Problems Assembly** will take place on Oct. 17. And....growing out of our 2022 H.O.P.E. emphasis, our new Task Force has been working hard, with powerful plans to kickoff our **LS Mental-Emotional Health & Wellness Emphasis** on Oct. 23. There will be a special introductory survey available—and I encourage all of us to take time to respond. What grows out of this could lay the foundation for some incredible ministries of Hope in months & years ahead, as we seek to respond to the increasing need for mental-emotional health & wellness resources in so many lives!

With all that the Spirit works in you, the people of Living Springs, I (along with many others in our community) continue to see Hope more clearly because of each of you. I pray you see—and feel—that Hope as well! With so much thanks for you, *Pastor Eric*

H O P E
SEE MORE CLEARLY

OCTOBER 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!

LUTH. CAMPUS MINISTRY SUPPER—Oct. 2
CRISTO REY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY—Oct. 9
BACKPACK FOOD PACKING—Oct. 9, 23
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEAL—Oct. 20
PALMETTO PLACE MEAL—Oct. 27
FOOTBALL MINISTRY—each Thursday
MEALS ON WHEELS—each Mon & Tues
N.A. RECOVERY FIRST—each Monday

JUSTICE MINISTRY

LS Fellowship Hall—Oct. 9 @ 9:20
Community Problems Assembly—Oct. 17

"Book of the Month"

DEVOTION WORSHIP

MONDAYS, 12:00-12:25

We gather in the sanctuary for brief worship — hearing a key story from our Bible Book of the Month, sharing some thoughts, and closing in



ADULT "CONFIRMATION" STUDY

Tues, Oct. 4, 18, 25 + Mon, Oct. 10

10:00-11:15, Fellowship Hall (or online)

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

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

We learn more about our heritage & core beliefs as Lutheran



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.



God's Corner



Dear Congregation,

LS members sent me a comfort bear after the recent passing of my husband. This bear has been a blessing to me as I cope with the grieving process. What a wonderful ministry you have. Every time I hold the bear I can feel your prayers and blessings. The bear has been comforting

May God continue to bless you in this ministry, *Dale*

D See God At Work...

Bonjour!

I hope you are doing well. I watch the service every Sunday on YouTube. I have been in France for about 3 weeks now. I have a lovely host family and my French is getting better everyday! My host dad's name is Markus, my host mom's name is Beatrice, and my host sister's name is Flore. Flore and I are almost the same age. We do not go to the same school, but we get to spend the evenings and weekends together. I had a week and a half here before school started so we were able to go to Antibes, Cannes, and walk into Valbonne Village. The school system here is very different. Monday I am at school for 10 hours, and on Wednesday I do not have any classes. It has taken some getting used to, but I am feeling a lot more settled this week. I will attach some photos of the places I have been so far and attach my school schedule.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth True DePaoli



Lord, thank you for your protection and my safety. While driving down the road a rock flew up from someone's riding lawnmower and hit my backseat car window. It shattered the window to literal pieces; leaving a foot long hole. Had this rock hit my car just a half second sooner, it would have hit my drivers side window causing potential greater tragedy to me and others in my path. Thank you for your mercy, grace and protection. I am giving you all the praise for everyone's safety in this random accident, and that I only have a glass window to fix. I saw you, God, clearly in the Safelite Repair workers who calmed my nerves initially and facilitated a partial fix for the weeks to come until it can be fully fixed.



From Christian Assistance Bridge eNews:

Living Springs Lutheran Church comes through our doors weekly to bless CAB families. When they heard our shelves were empty they hosted a food drive to help us stock our shelves.



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

Greetings to all as we welcome fall,

What a change in weather over these last few days. We have gone from record high temps to cold and blustery rain. As I sit here in my office, I think about all the ways we are able to see Hope more Clearly. God has blessed us with moments to see, experience, share, and be a part of Hope within our community and beyond.

Moments as simple as Katie reminding us of how she sees Hope more Clearly while she slowly creeps in from the cold and rain for some breakfast. Or when the children carefully watch to see if Katie uses the small shelter, we have outside to keep her warm and dry.

If we can take a breath, step back and observe the world around us, we won't miss out on opportunities to witness Hope. Like watching children hold hands as they walk down the hallway, or babies on a buggy ride reaching out to one another, or a teacher and an infant playing outside.

Being a part of the LSLC-CDC ministry is an opportunity to witness what it means to be part of a community that reaches far beyond ourselves. We extend Hope to new families that stop by or call with questions, to teaching staff that have family members that are ill, prepping for surgery or struggling physically or emotionally. We share the Joy and Hope of new life arriving with a center-wide baby shower.

The world is hectic, rushed and so often focused on "keeping busy" that it can be easy to let these moments slip by. May we remind one another to look around so that we don't miss the ways in which we can see Hope More Clearly.

Wishing you well, Tammy



Notes from: *Good News Team*

Rush Hour Ministry



LS Good News Bible Reading Project

Catch all stories here in our [YouTube Bible Project Playlist](#)

In an effort to get God's Word out to all, the Good News Team is doing a Bible Reading Project in conjunction with the Devotional Weekly Worship. Each Monday, a Bible story from our Bible "Book" of the Month will be read at the beginning of the service. The worship will be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube, so we are asking you to share on all your social media platforms. By sharing, that story will get to someone who may need to hear it and possibly never heard that story before! We can all be a part of the Good News Team!

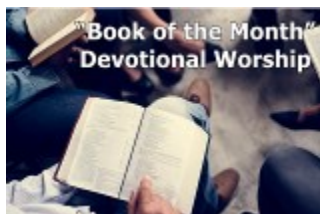
Looking for Readers To pre-record or read live... Individuals/couples/families/youth

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 or call the office.

"Book of the Month" WEEKLY DEVOTION WORSHIP

MONDAYS, 12:00-12:25

We spend time together in the sanctuary to start our week with brief Monday worship - reading a favorite story from our Bible Book of the Month, sharing some thoughts, and closing in prayer. *Those who wish can also stay & receive Holy Communion after the brief Bible/Prayer worship.*



Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

BACKPACKS



We will continue to pack on the second and fourth Sunday and leave the third week open to families, groups, individuals - let Karen know and we can plug your name in. Oct. 18 is open (Tuesday because of early dismissal)! Thank you for the great response to our Sunday packing - it is heartwarming to hear and see the fellowship of all ages participating. We continue to need milk each week.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Save the date and get your teams together!

We are also collecting gift cards to coffee shops in the UofSC area for Pastor Jesse to have one-on-one sessions with the students. Place your donation (campus ministry coffee) in the offering plate.



PRISMA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

The third Thursday of the month, Travis Mooney of Carolina Deli provides 20 lunches for parents who have children staying for long-term illnesses at the hospital. We put an encouraging note in the bag - our CDC children draw "God Loves You" or happy faces to brighten up the day. If you would like to create your own encouragement note, there is a box on the counter in the workroom to put it in and/or you can also make a monetary donation.

PALMETTO PLACE

We provide a meal every fourth Thursday of the month - if you would like to participate, contact Karen Kranz. Samantha's House is a home to 7 young adults transitioning from the unaccompanied youth program to being an independent adult. If you have a healthy, simple recipe to share with these young people, we encourage you to share.

WITTING TREE CEREMONY

November 1 - 11



This year we will again place 22 dog tags on our big tree in front of our property each day from Nov. 1 to Nov. 11 (in remembrance of 22 veterans who take their lives each day by suicide. (That is one Veteran that takes their life every 80 minutes.) The term "witting" means to be cognizant, deliberate, and aware to the facts of a situation. Look for the schedule of daily times in the e-news.

Disaster Kit Drive - and Disaster Response Offering!

Lutheran Relief now has a shortage of disaster kits. We are having a special drive for the kits: a sturdy comb, 2 bars of soap, metal nail clippers, adult toothbrush in its packaging - all wrapped inside a bath-size, lightweight towel, tied with yarn or ribbon. We also have our offering emphasis for Disaster Response - you can use our Givelify app or bring donations to the church.



"God's. Work. Our Hands."

A big shoutout and thank you to all that participated in our God's work. Our hands. project on Sept. 11. We prepared about 150 meals that went out to seven fire stations, three sheriff stations, seven Meals on Wheels clients, and the rest were delivered to the homeless in the downtown area. All were very appreciative and grateful for our hospitality.



Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

Many of us at Living Springs have attended House Meetings this month, enjoying the chance to be together in person again. We've shared fellowship and learned more about each other. We've talked about what keeps us awake at night, what justice problems make us angry in the community. We've heard about inadequate care for seniors, people without secure housing or food, gun violence that affects our schoolchildren, and on and on.

We heard a story on Lutheran Men's Sunday (September 25) about what keeps one of our younger LS members awake at night. He's 6 years old and already understands God's call in Micah 6:8: "What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God." This child asked his grandfather some very good questions and found out about the history of segregation and educational injustice for brown and black children. He was angry: "It's not right! What did you do about it?" he asked his grandfather. If you missed it at worship service, you can hear the story for yourself on YouTube (minutes 38:08 to 44:08): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9asTw28nXNk>

Justice ministry gives us all a chance to "do something about it." How important is it to "do something about it"? God commands us to do something about it. Our children and grandchildren are holding us accountable to do something about it. What is the church doing about it? The relevance and power of God's love shine through in our justice work together.

If you haven't yet attended a house meeting, there are more opportunities to participate. Please join in whether you are able to commit to being a Justice Network Member or not. House meetings are an important chance to hear where God is calling us in our community. House meetings in October:

10/2 Mike Davidson & Gwen Furcron (5:00 pm)

10/9 Make up meeting (Sunday, 9:20 am, Fellowship Hall)



Additional information: Living Springs is one of 26 congregations in the Midlands participating in MORE Justice, a diverse faith-based organization seeking together to better "love our neighbors." More than 500 people across all of our congregations are participating in house meetings. On October 17th all of us 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, and 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.

SAVE THE DATE:

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

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 Doeringhaus.

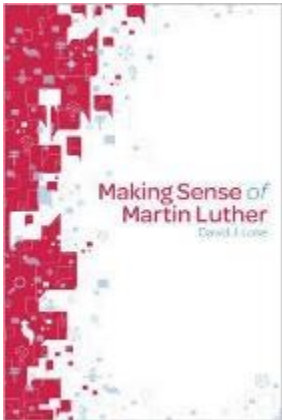
Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*

Adult Sunday School Class



Adult Confirmation Study

*Tuesdays at 10 am.
Fellowship Hall or Online*



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.

Google Meet:

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

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: *Mission Partnership Team*

LS Ministries with Cristo Rey!

Sunday, October 9 @ 4:15pm

Please note date change for this 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.



Living Springs is participating in a special offering of HOPE through our ELCA September Storms Disaster Response. Donation may be placed in the offering plate (payable to Living Springs and marked September Storms) - or given electronically through our Givelify app.

Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

September Worship

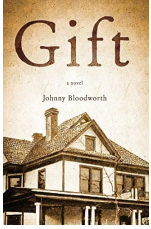


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Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

LADIES BOOK CLUB

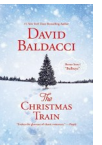


Mr. Johnny Bloodworth was a delightful addition to our book club meeting Sunday afternoon. He definitely is a storyteller and filled us in on some of the background of his book *Gift* and briefed us on his other two books *Listen to the Children* and *The Empress*. FYI both are available from the Richland Library, but a couple of people also bought a copy. We are thinking of using the sequel to the *Gift* (*Listen to the Children*) as our book to read before our February kickoff meeting.

For those that missed the meeting, Mr. Johnny Bloodworth's email address is pigpickpot@gmail.com if you would like to purchase any of his books or have any direct questions for him.

Sunday afternoon seemed to be popular with attendees, so we will continue to do Sunday afternoon until the time changes next year. December's meeting will be on Sunday, December 11, so we won't interfere with the Living Springs Christmas party. If anyone has a suggestion for a restaurant, let me know; otherwise, I will pick one and send out the info.

Our next book is *The Christmas Train* by David Baldacci and it is also available from the Richland Library.



Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

Bibles & Biscuits Men's Bible Study

2nd & 4th Tuesdays



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!



Bible Study!!
Join Zoom Meeting
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81013635209?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81013635209?pwd=alpDSm5MSUVzcllZZEh3M1BhL3lsUT09)
[pwd=alpDSm5MSUVzcllZZEh3M1BhL3lsUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81013635209?pwd=alpDSm5MSUVzcllZZEh3M1BhL3lsUT09)

2nd & 4th Mondays at 8:00 pm

Everyone welcome!

Meeting ID: 812 1363 5209

Passcode: 988886

This is a recurring meeting

2nd and 4th Mondays

Everyone Welcome!

Notes from: *Jr. Youth*

G.I.F.T. WORSHIP EXPERIENCE: *Growing in Faith Together!*

At Living Springs, we value how important it is for families to worship together – and for children of every age to engage in the full worship experience. While we worship with respect & reverence, we are NOT concerned about children “making noise” or even moving around, as their presence reflects the Kingdom of God – and reminds us of Jesus’ invitation to let the children come to him. God’s children are not a distraction to us, but rather a source of joy!

G.I.F.T. WORSHIP EXPERIENCES – in the bulletin, you will see the G.I.F.T. logo to highlight times when all children can participate in special worship experiences: 1) Cross Procession; 2) Children’s Message; 3) Scripture/Sermon Listening Time (w/ pastor); 4) “Joyful Noise” Hymn Instruments; and 5) Sending Blessing @ Baptismal Font (w/ pastor).

G.I.F.T. PACKETS - Children’s Worship packets are available at the Welcome Table and include a child-friendly Worship bulletin & SPARK Faith Formation bulletins for readers/non-readers. Also included are color sheets, puzzles, word searches and other fun items that provide opportunities to listen, read, and talk with children to more fully connect them to the Bible and worship.

G.I.F.T. PARENT/TODDLER AREA: For little ones who find the pews challenging, there is child-friendly furniture in the narthex with a more open space, for you to be with your toddler and interact while sharing worship together. There are also rocking chairs for parents with infants. In addition, the playground is available if your child (& you) need a momentary change of setting.

For those who worship online or from your car (via FM), we would LOVE to make sure you have the G.I.F.T. packet materials. If you worship online, e-mail Jan.Berger@nelsonmullins.com in advance, who will e-mail you materials to use as you worship in the format that best suits your family.

IT’S WORSHIP: FAMILY - CONVERSATION - CONNECTION!



Notes from: *Sr. Youth*

Sharing Old Testament Stories – Firming their Foundations!

The Youth Confirmation Class is currently studying in the Old Testament. As part of their learning, each student chose a story to share with the group. They have worked hard on delving deeper into their stories, learning more about how God worked through His people! Ask them to share with you their stories:

Hunter Prest: David

Alyssa Prest: Creation

Daniel Hampton: Daniel and the Lion's Den

Garrett Flores: Lamentations

Josh Holstrom: Jonah

Dallas Holstrom: Samson

Parker Thoma: Solomon

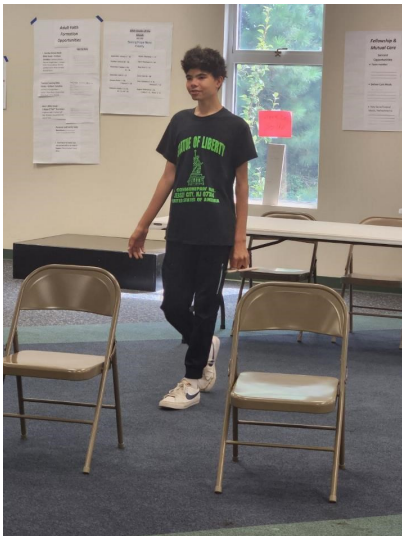
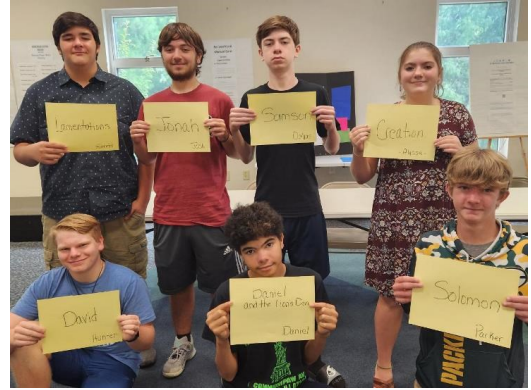
Wesley Graves: Ruth

Lucas Shannon: Leviticus

Stop by our next class and hear more stories on the Old Testament! We meet

October 9 at 12:30! Join us in the fellowship hall!

God's Peace from us to you!



Things to look forward to:

- **Oct. 5** - Sr. Youth Gathering (Mod Pizza)
- **Oct. 9, Oct. 23** - Confirmation Class
- **Oct. 12** - Sr. Youth Gathering (LSLC)
- **Oct. 14-15** - Sr. Youth Lock-in & State Fair
- **Oct. 16** - Sr. Youth Marty Party
- **Oct. 19** - Sr. Youth Gathering (Sonic)
- **Oct. 26** - Sr. Youth Gathering (LSLC)
- **Oct. 30** - Trunk or Treat

Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

Fall Clean up and Work Day October 24th 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

New Sign Up in Portico

Bring your hedge clippers, rakes, and weed eaters. We'll start at 8:30 but come when you can.

Member Welcome & Info Session Sunday 10/23 & 10/30 @ 9:20 AM

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.

MISSION 2023: TANZANIA MEET THE PEOPLE OF THE SOUTHWESTERN DIOCESE OF TANZANIA *No experience necessary!*

Please join us as the South Carolina Synod returns to visit our Global Companions, the Southwestern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

Here's what you need to know.

- We will depart on July 11, 2023, and return on July 29, 2023. (Subject to change)
- Travel to the South Western diocese to meet the people and to work together in ministry.
- No experience is necessary other than a willing heart.
- We will have several required training meetings. The first meeting will be in December 2022.
- The approximate cost is \$6,500; this includes the application fee, travel fees, and required travel insurance.
- Seat deposit + insurance due in December (approx. \$750.00)
- You will need a passport; immunizations and visas are required
- Trip incidentals and souvenirs are not included in the price.
- The application deadline is December 31, 2022.

Please [download the application](#) and return it with the \$125.00 registration fee to:

ELCA South Carolina Synod
1003 Richland Street
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Please get in touch with Cathy Milejczak for additional information. 803-414-3995 or mamatembocathy@earthlink.net.

OPPORTUNITY

Twice a year at Lutheran Theology Seminary, we conduct a continuing education program to educate pastors and lay people to be Spiritual Directors. As a Spiritual Director, an individual works one-on-one with people (or sometimes with groups) to help them see how God is working in their lives. Every January and June we give each attendee a quilted, personal-altar cloth (about the size of a large placement 19x16) to use with a candle during their reflective time in the class sessions. We use about 40 – 45 of them each time.

We are looking for a group who can make these for us if we provide all the fabric. Is this something you might be able to do? If interested, contact Karen Kranz.



October 2022

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	MAIN SUNDAY SCHEDULE 810A Pre-Worship Prayer Time 815A WORSHIP (Sanctuary) 920 Adult Faith Formation						
	2 *See box above Lutheran Campus Ministry Sunday 920A Bible Book of Month Study 12P Nominating Committee 2P Ladies Book Club 3P Animal Blessing & Remembrance 5P Mental-Emotional Health TF 5P Justice Ministry House Gathering (Davidson/Furcron) 6P Campus Ministry Meal	3 1030A Meals on Wheels 12P BOM Devotion Worship 6P Worship Team 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop	4 10A Adult Conf. Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells 7P Generosity Task Force	5 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 6P Hope Team 630P Sr. Youth (Mod Pizza)	6 930A Good News Team 1030A Preschool Chapel 11A Staff Meeting 4P Backpack Min. (LSCDC) TBA Football Ministry 6P Boy Scout Pers. Fitness 630P JM Team Assembly 7P Youth/Child Min. Team	7	8 930A Crafty Ladies
	9 *See box above <i>Before/After Worship—Backpacks</i> 920P Justice Ministry Gathering (LS) 12P Confirmation Class 215P Confirmation Parents 5P Cristo Rey Ministry (Meet LS 415)	10 10A Adult Conf. Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 12P BOM Devotion Worship 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care 7P Lifelong Discipleship	11 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Bible Times 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	12 1030A Preschool Chapel 330P Afterschool Chapel 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 630P Sr. Youth (church)	13 7A Bible & Biscuits Men's Bible Study TBA Football Ministry 630P LSCDC Board	14 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Fall Youth Lock-In & State Fair </div>	15
	16 *See box above 430P Girl Scouts 5P Sr. Youth ("Marry Party" @ Zion)	17 1030A Meals on Wheels 12P BOM Devotion Worship 630P Justice Ministry Community Problems Assem. 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop	18 10A Adult Conf. Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Bible Times 530P Finance 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells 7P Exec Team	19 1030A Preschool Chapel 330P Afterschool Chapel 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 630P Sr. Youth (Sonic)	20 830A Staff Breakfast Mtg TBA Football Ministry 7P Council Meeting Children's Hospital Meal	21	22 8A Men's Breakfast 8A LS Work Day 3P Rice Estate Dinner
	23 *See box above <i>Before/After Worship—Backpacks</i> Mental-Emotional Health & Wellness Generosity Sunday #1 9:20A Member Info Session 12P Confirmation Class	24 1030A Meals on Wheels 12P BOM Devotion Worship 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop	25 10A Adult Conf. Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Bible Times 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	26 1030A Preschool Chapel 330P Afterschool Chapel 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 630P Sr. Youth (Church)	27 7A Bible & Biscuits Men's Study TBA Football Ministry Palmetto Place Meal	28	29
	30 *See box above Reformation Sunday Generosity Sunday #2 9:20A Member Info Session 3:30-5:30P Trunk-R-Treat/LMM Reformation Bratwursts 430P Girl Scouts	31 Reformation Day 1030A Meals on Wheels 12P BOM Devotion Worship 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop	1 10A Adult Conf. Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Bible Times 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	2 1030A Preschool Chapel 330P Afterschool Chapel 4P Backpack Ministry (LSCDC) 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 6P Hope Team 630P Sr. Youth (Chick-Fil-A) 7P Mental-Emotional Health TF	3 11A Good News Team 630P Justice Ministry Research Kickoff 7P Youth & Children Ministry Team 7P LMM Committee of 100 Banquet @ LS	4	5 Nov. 6—All Saints Sunday Nov. 13—Annual Cong. Meeting

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

October 1

♥ Jesse & Karen Bazemore

October 19

Aaron Smith

October 3

Wesley Graves

October 20

Eleanor Christy

♥ Ed & Kathy Brennan

Anne Graves

October 5

Vickie Crapps

October 21

Jerry Appleton

October 7

Lee Collins

October 22

Rachel Sorial

Lydia Prizer

October 24

Dea Jones

♥ Jim & Peg Zieche

October 26

Adriana McMurphy

October 9

Eddie Newton

Laura Stuart

October 10

♥ Mike & Sarah Schultz

October 27

August Snipes

October 11

Raegan Prest

October 28

Nancy Kauffman

October 12

♥ Rocky & Jan Berger

October 16

Melissa Christy



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

October 1

Jerry Appleton

Asher De Paoli

Melody Hair

October 2

Ashley Ramsey

October 14

Eric Fink

October 20

Nowell Ramsey

October 24

Chase Moody

October 27

Winston Bailes

October 28

Jan Epperson



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