

TheLiving Springs Journal

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

November 2022



November - "Giddy with Gratitude!" (from

NOVEMBER BIBLE "BOOK" OF MONTH = Exodus 1-24, 31-34

Devotion Worship: Mondays @ Noon (Nov. 7, 14, 21)



"How can we not be giddy with gratitude & reckless generosity for all the gifts God has given us?"

- Steve Garnas-Holmes

Giddy with gratitude? This week, I came across this quote—and it has not left my mind. How wonderful it would be to live life, so that when the journey on earth is complete, we were described with such a simple phrase, "Oh, yes, that's someone who was *giddy with gratitude!*" Giddy with gratitude...for all the gifts God has given us!

Over the years, I have lamented the way that in our society, the month of November and its meanings seem to be lost—as we move straight from Halloween decorations of October to holiday decorations & store displays pointing toward December. And yet, November contains many meaningful moments set aside to remind us of "all the gifts God has given us" - so that perhaps we CAN live more fully as people "giddy with gratitude."

On **All Saints Sunday (Nov. 6)**, we are reminded of all those people of faith in our lives who have born witness to God's love & grace and now rest in the eternal arms of our Lord. I think about my mom & grandparents, aunts & uncles, Sunday school teachers & youth group leaders, college & seminary professors, disciples from history like Mother Teresa, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mary & Martha, Paul & Silas, all the missionaries and martyrs. When I think about those lives and their witness, I find myself "giddy with gratitude." I think about the gift of a baptismal calling I share with so many siblings in Christ here at Living Springs and throughout Christ's church—and the gift of the Holy Spirit empowering us **all to be saints together** participating in God's ongoing work in the world—and I find myself "giddy with gratitude."

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From the Desk of Pastor Carl

Hey Y'ALL...

It has been another busy month. October presented us with many opportunities to be present in our communities. Our Little Lutherans, 5th grade and below, continue to gather in the G.I.F.T. (Growing In Faith Together) area on Sundays, where we experience worship through their lens of understanding. I hope we continue to grow in this area of worship and our community.

Our Jr/Sr youth have been busy also. Our youth continue to meet Wednesdays out in the community, at a restaurant, or in the fellowship hall. We also had our first Jr/Sr youth lock-in October 14th – 15th, where we took them to a football game, shopping for those affected by Hurricane Ian, then to midnight bowling and back to the church. It was a blast, and they had fun. We continued Saturday morning with breakfast and a trip to the SC. State Fair. Wait... that's not all; on Sunday the 16th, we participated in Marty Party at Zion Lutheran Church, and our youth did well even though we were in different groups. They used their skills and knowledge to help the group they were in to be the best. It was a good way for our youth to share in God's kingdom with selfless acts of service. It is a blessing to hear our Jr/Sr youth reflect on their highs and lows and where God has been busy in their lives.

Let me tell you, October 27th was a bittersweet time for the Lutheran Men as it was our last time this year that we had devotions and shared a meal with the Ridgeview JV team. It has been a pleasure sharing the Word with these young men, coaches, and staff. I hope we continue to grow in this ministry to bring these devotions to other schools in our area.

We closed it out with joy and excitement as we came to the end of October. For our youth, we had time to share in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday the 26th with highs, lows, and God moments. On the 27th, we had our Lutheran Men morning bibles and Biscuits. Then on Sunday the 30th, we celebrated 505 years of Reformation, which was started by a German Monk named Martin Luther in 1517. We ended the day with Trunk or Treat for the community and let me say, the community showed up, and we had a good time. As you continue to read, know that God is at work in our lives and others all the time. This is why we should give thanks for the ever-present goodness of God, as God provides "all we need from day to day."

As we move into the Season of Advent / Christmas, know that we enter a precious time of the year marked by the days between Thanksgiving and Christmas. As we continue to find our way post-covid in a changing and challenging world, it is my Hope as See More Clearly, that we remember times past and find ways to share our love

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SEE GOD'S
GENEROSITY...
More Clearly!



INTENT SUNDAY,
NOV. 13

During worship at 8:15 & 10:30, we offer our Intent Cards at the Cross to further extend God's Hope to many lives!

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ANNUAL CONG. MEETING, NOV. 13
9:10-10:25 in the Sanctuary
Please attend—quorum is required!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, Nov. 6

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VETERANS SUNDAY, Nov. 13
Annual Congregation Meeting @ 9:10am

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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY, Nov. 20
Outdoor CTK/Advent-Palooza, 9:15-10:25
(and following the 10:30 service)

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THANKSGIVING WORSHIP, Nov. 21

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VETERANS WITTING TREE, Nov. 1-11
JUSTICE RESEARCH KICKOFF, Nov. 3
CRISTO REY MINISTRY, Nov. 6
SUNDAY BACKPACKS, Nov. 13 & 27
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEAL, Nov. 17
PALMETTO PLACE MEAL, Nov. 21
MEALS-ON-WHEELS, each Mon & Tue

Here in November, I think about **Veterans/Active Military Sunday (Nov. 13)** and our Witting Tree ceremonies. I find myself "giddy with gratitude" for all veterans, active military, and their families who carry many burdens and have sacrificed so much toward freedom & justice for all people.

Here in November, I think about **Christ the King Sunday (Nov. 20)** and the greatest gift of all—the gift God gave me, you, all humanity, and the world in God's own Son, Jesus. I think about Jesus' cross, Jesus' empty tomb, Jesus' teachings of Kingdom-love, Jesus' miracles of hope, Jesus' presence in my life, Jesus' promise of forgiveness & life. I think about the blessing of knowing Christ the King of all creation, of all the cosmos. And yes, oh, yes, my heart is "giddy with gratitude."

Here in November, I think about gathering again with neighbors from Rehoboth Baptist, Adams Northeast AME, Northeast UMC for our **NE Community Thanksgiving Worship (Nov. 21)**. I think about all the barriers that continue to be broken down via our racial reconciliation partnerships, our Justice Ministry work, our community ministries of hope, our work with Cristo Rey Lutheran Mission and Minister Lavonne's Journey Performing Arts. I think about all those gifts from God that continue to allow me/us to see life in fuller ways beyond ourselves—and my heart is "giddy with gratitude."

Here in November, I think about the arrival of **Advent (Nov. 27)** and our preparatory **Advent-Palooza Celebration (Nov. 20)**. I think about daily Advent devotions, prayer services, candles lit on an Advent wreath. I think about the promise of Christ's return, the gift of John the Baptizer, the prophets' call for you & me to be God's people who are actively "preparing the way of the Lord" amidst the wilderness times of the world. And yes, my heart is "giddy with gratitude."

Here in November, I think about the other part of that quote which stays in my mind—"giddy in gratitude & **reckless generosity** for all the gifts God has given us!" I think about 84 bright yellow Intent Cards that have hung sealed in the Lord's sanctuary as a beacon of hope throughout the past year. I think about all the lives that have been impacted because of your generosity & giving of love for our Lord! I think about **Generosity Intent Sunday (Nov. 13)** - and envision all our blue Intent Prayer envelopes being offered at the H.O.P.E. cross. I think about new visions of ministry from our Mental-Emotional Health & Wellness emphasis. I think of all the ways God's umbrella of H.O.P.E. will be extended even further and how more barriers will be broken down and how even more people will experience God's life-changing power. I think about how so many lives will see God's generosity more clearly... all because you & I will make intents of giving to show that we truly are people who are "giddy in gratitude & reckless generosity" because of all the gifts God has given us!

I pray we will not be lured into "skipping November" and all its powerful moments. May this month of November truly be a blessing for us all! With much love in Christ—and with "giddy gratitude" for each of you, the amazingly faithful, generous people of Living Springs, *Pastor Eric*

LIVING SPRINGS
MENTAL-EMOTIONAL
HEALTH & WELLNESS EMPHASIS
*Everyone, please complete our **SPECIAL***
***CONFIDENTIAL SURVEY** by Nov. 6.*
Hard copies are available at church,
*or **CLICK HERE** to complete online.*



Your responses are important! This will lay a foundation for 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 families and lives!

LIVING SPRINGS ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

Sunday, Nov. 13

9:10-10:25 (between worship services)

Council Elections, 2023 Spending Plan ** Please attend & arrive on time—a quorum is required!**

We gather in the sanctuary—you can also participate from the parking lot (FM).

Online option, if necessary: <https://meet.google.com/bri-xouz-hez> Or dial: 716-794-5680 PIN: 898 702 621#

INFO / Q&A SESSIONS offered Oct. 30 & Nov. 6 (between services)

In the narthex, or join online: <https://meet.google.com/bri-xouz-hez> Or dial: 716-794-5680 PIN: 898 702 621#

Copies of the 2023 Spending Plan are available—or Click [HERE](#). For council nominees, click [HERE](#).

Please come ask questions at these sessions if needed, so that our Meeting can flow quickly on Nov. 13th.



SEE GOD'S GENEROSITY ... More Clearly!

Generosity Intent Sunday: Nov. 13 (both worship services)

Everyone should have received your "Giving Hope" Intent Card at church starting Oct. 30 – or in the mail this week. As a symbol of seeing God's generosity, we will offer our sealed Intent Envelopes at the Hope Cross during worship on Nov. 13th. As a back-up, intents can also be offered at the Hope Cross on Nov. 20th. **If you cannot attend either the 13th or 20th, please mail your intent to the church (Attn: Financial Secretary Bill Ramsey), or bring your intent to the office and we will place it at the Hope Cross for you.*

Our discipleship goal is for everyone to make **some form of intent of faith** & grow in generosity, at whatever level! This year, we again have a special **CHALLENGE GIFT OF \$4000...provided we exceed last year's number of 84 intent cards!!** Two LS families share what a blessing it was in their journey of faith, when they began making a regular financial commitment to God's work. The families want everyone to know the joy they have experienced through such a faith practice of regular giving to the Lord (at whatever level anyone can begin). So, they are again offering a Challenge Gift - not to match a \$\$ giving amount, but if we exceed last year's number of 84 Intent cards. We give thanks for these families' desire to motivate us all in our journey of seeing God's generosity more clearly in our lives – let's respond together!

NE Community Thanksgiving Service

Monday, November 21 @ 7 PM

@ Living Springs Lutheran

Co-sponsored by Living Springs Lutheran, Rehoboth Baptist,
Adams Northeast AME, Northeast United Methodist

Fellowship and refreshments to follow in the fellowship hall. *Finger foods and dessert items are needed - a sign-up sheet will be at church.* Invite your neighbors & friends, as we join to give thanks to God for so many blessings, and offer special prayers of peace & unity for our community, nation, and world!

D See God At Work...

In 2020 my sister got Covid. She was very ill and was in a coma. I asked God to keep her alive and I would stop drinking soda, so I did. God kept her alive with us for over two years. She passed away this year in June.



Adversity & Challenges:

The LORD never gives us more than we can handle. Scripture tells us this again & again. What then is adversity or challenge for? We are all born with our "mustard seed" (the seed of the Holy Spirit), and it is through adversity that we have the opportunity to cultivate that seed & allow the JESUS in us to bloom & flourish - or to bloom - and drop withered seed, or not to bloom at all.

We should wake every morning (especially during periods of adversity finding praise & worship as we navigate our pursuit through the fire. What a blessing to be alive, able, capable, & to love GOD, love people as we praise HIM for whatever we can do, or have left as we walk through fire.

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!

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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with each other near and far, seen and unseen, with those on the margins of life, with those seeking that sparkle of Hope to continue, with those who have lost loved ones, and with these whom God puts in our pathways of life. Because ---- seeing Hope More Clearly, we can be prepared with **Acts of Love and Mercy** to cut through the chaos of life.

Sisters and Brothers, Young at heart and Golden in years with God on our side, let these acts of mercy remind us of the graceful, effortless words of Jesus: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," and in doing so, we illustrate the truth of the letter of James: "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world."

Let us continue to be a Beacon of Light for the world to see the Christ in us; let us continue to see more clearly the Grace, Joy, Hope, and Love God continues to shower the world with, even though some do not feel it. Let us continue to be stretched by the Cross; exercising our acts of living, sharing, giving, and doing again and again will make us more loving, caring, and faithful, with a clearer focus on the path to the kingdom as we move into the season of Advent, Christmas and beyond.



God's Corner



Dear friends at Living Springs,

I was just completely surprised when the ice chest was delivered to our home today. Opening the box and taking out each new goodie was delightful.

The card with so many friends' signatures really made me feel close to each of you. Oh, how very much it means to me that you continue to pray for me. There are many uncertainties while living with cancer. Some days are really nice, but some are not.

There is one thing I know I can count on - the deep faith and loyalty of my Sisters and Brother in Christ. I pray with joy and thankfulness for "my church." Those few years when I was active in many different missions have left me with great memories. At this time of year, I pray for the outgoing and incoming members of church council. I also pray for the staff and children in the LSCDC. It's wonderful to see how many on-going missions LSLC has. My fellow-members are really committed to keeping Living Springs an active and supportive member of the Northeast community. It's great to see how these efforts pay good rewards to community members.

Thank you for this delicious pie made by Judy, I'm sure. I have put the card with signatures and wishes from my friends on the shelf beside my bed. That way, it will be one of the very first things I see when I wake up in the mornings. No matter what kind of day I'm having, it will help me begin my day by so many of you thinking of me - and that God loves me too.

Again, many thanks for all of my goodies. God led me to Living Springs in the early 90's. Since then, my faith has strengthened and grown. May God continue to bless each of you, as you do his work on earth.

Blessings to all, *Ann Lynn Caughman*



On behalf of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, thank you for your recent gift.

We are able to enhance our facilities, expand access to scholarships, recruit and retain talented faculty and cultivate a rich campus life for our seminarians because of committed partners like you.

Thank you for helping to prepare the next generation to become spiritual leaders and servants to their communities worldwide.

Warmly,

Catherine Serrin Niekro

Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello and Happy Fall,

Stepping outside, we feel the weather beginning to change, nights getting cooler and days becoming shorter. The leaves are changing and beginning to fall to the ground, creating safe spaces for our garden friends and plants to keep warm through the upcoming winter. Fall is when nature slows down, takes a deep breath, sheds its cover, and makes room for new growth.

As we witness these changes, I am reminded of the beauty of rest and taking time to shed what no longer serves us in order to make room and space for the new growth to come. The world often tells us to see change as a challenge; but what if it is simply a reminder to reflect, embrace, and focus on how we may see God's Plan more clearly? Fall is God's gentle reminder that change is inevitable, but we are not alone.

This month we have had the opportunity to embrace change and see God's plan more clearly as we visited with our Senior Friends at the Rice Estates for the first time in over 2 years, as our 3 and 4 yr. olds went Trick-or-Treating! What a blessing to see the smiles, and hear the laughter as the children, teachers, and seniors were able to share this time together. We look forward to visiting regularly again soon.



Some of our younger children were exploring the inside of a pumpkin. They talked about how the pumpkins grow and the children were able to feel and smell a fresh pumpkin as they explored the goop, the guts, the seeds, the mess, what FUN!

It's also apple-eating time. Our four yr. olds have been celebrating apple season with taste tests; from applesauce to fritters, apple cheese and applewood smoked bacon. They've enjoyed books and storytelling about apple picking and created their own "parts of an apple" pictures.

I am grateful to be a part of such an amazing group of disciples that is continuous, diligent, and purposeful in sharing, recognizing, and acknowledging where we see God more Clearly in the world.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry.

Wishing you well, Tammy

Conversations with Sam

Set the stage: Naptime-Sam wakes up early and heads to the bathroom. As I stand in the doorway, he recalls the conversation from the evening before.

Backstory: Dad picked up, and as he is loading Ben and Sam in the truck, Andrew and I are having a conversation about Katie the cat, our resident "rodent and vermin eradicator". I was telling Andrew that I wasn't certain what she had caught but she had something under the bush outside just before we walked out. This led Andrew to bring up that we have had snakes around the school before, and that one-time Mr. Jim came downstairs to get the snake by the front door (it was only a bit larger than an earthworm).

Activity ensues: After Sam is finished in the bathroom, he promptly informs me that he would like to see a video of Mr. Jim and the snake. Much to his disappointment, I told him I didn't have a video of that incident, which I believe baffled him, as EVERYTHING in life is now on video..... I told him we could get out some crayons and paper and draw a picture of a snake, to which he replied, "Can I see pictures of snakes on the computer?" (I suppose every artist needs a point of reference). We looked at different photos of snakes, not sure he was a big fan, as he let out a few squeals and "oohhhhs". He then asked if he could see pictures of yellow lizards, so we spent the next little while looking at various types of yellow geckos. He giggled and was filled with joy as he kept asking for more pictures.

Discovery: He was very enthralled with the yellow geckos. "Those are yellow geckos, my favorite color, and my favorite lizard. I want to kiss it!" After convincing him that it was not a great idea to kiss the screen, I told him I would print out a picture of a yellow gecko and laminate it so that he could keep it.

In conclusion: Looks like Sam may have a love for yellow geckos, consider yourself warned LOL

THANK YOU for sharing your AMAZING children with us!!!

Notes from: *Good News Team*

Rush Hour October



Rush Hour Ministry
Extend an Umbrella of God's Hope
Wednesday, December 14
4:30-5:15 (set up @ 4pm)

There is space for you to share Holiday blessings! 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!

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!

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.*

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.

Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

Rice Estate Dinner



62 Disaster Kits Collected for Lutheran Relief



BACKPACKS

Our backpack program now includes 70 bags, so when you are doing your grocery shopping (yes, I know prices have doubled in some cases), it would be helpful to try to include a backpack item. The shopping carts are in the admin building and you can drop your item(s) off any-time during the week or on Sunday mornings. We always need milk and now cereal and fruit (applesauce & fruit cups) are on the "wish list" too. If you prefer online shopping, Amazon can ship directly to the church.



THE WITTING TREE

"Witting" means to be cognizant, deliberate, and aware of the facts of a situation. Each year, more than a dozen faith communities and organizations join in hosting a Witting Tree ceremony at their site. Living Springs will be hanging 22 sets of dog tags on the big tree by the entrance driveway in a public awareness of 22 veterans who take their lives each day with suicide (that is one veteran who takes their life each 80 minutes.) From November 1 – 11, a short devotion will be observed each day – if you would like to be a witness to this ceremony, see our times listed below:

Tuesday, Nov. 1 – 6:50 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 2 – 6:50 pm

Thursday, Nov. 3 – 10:30 am

Friday, Nov. 4 – 10:30 am

Saturday, Nov. 5 – 10:30 am

Sunday, Nov. 6 – after each service

Monday, Nov. 7 – 7 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, Nov. 8 – 11:00 am

Wednesday Nov. 9 – 4:00 pm

Thursday, Nov. 10 – 8:00 am

Friday, Nov. 11 - noon



Sunday, November 13 we will honor our veterans at the 10:30 am worship service.



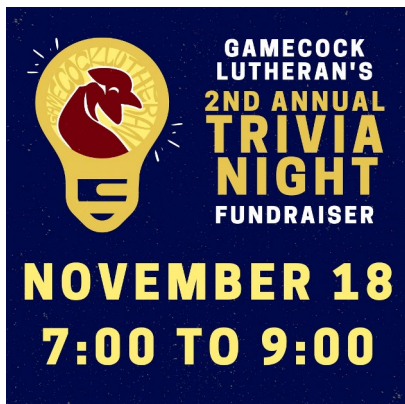
PALMETTO PLACE

Our November meal is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 21 - we are thinking a Thanksgiving meal might be appropriate. If you would like to contribute a food item, the number of people (18-21 yrs. old) in Samantha House is 10. Contact Karen Kranz if you have a favorite Thanksgiving recipe you would like to share with these young adults.



CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL LUNCHES

A good sign! The Hospital has lifted their mask mandate as of this reading, so an in-person delivery looks like a possibility. Travis Mooney of Carolina Deli has been providing lunches for parents that have children in the hospital for extended stays. Thank you to LSCDC for your notes of love that go into each bag!



At Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church (1000 B Ave. West Columbia, SC) or On Zoom.

Hey friends and supporters! We are having our 2nd Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser on November 18th at 7:00pm and we'd love for you to join us. This year you can attend in person at Mt. Tabor Lutheran OR on Zoom like last year.

This event is a great way to support the vital work of campus ministry and have great fun while doing it. So talk to some friends or your family or your neighbors or some people from church and register your Team (or you can register as an individual and we'll put you on a team). Join us for a blessed night together!

Live far away from us? Join us on Zoom!

Since this is a Fundraiser event, we are asking a suggested donation of \$15-\$50 for individuals, or \$100-\$300 for teams of six to eight people. Teams that register by November 1st will be given one Freebie, which can be used for an automatic correct answer at any point during the night!

Head to [GamecockLutheran.com/trivia](https://www.GamecockLutheran.com/trivia) to find an FAQ or to register yourself or your team. Or use this link to register <https://bit.ly/3U6Ekli>

Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

Fall is an exciting time for Justice Ministry! On October 17th there were 31 Living Springs Network Members at the MORE Justice Community Problems Assembly at Shandon Presbyterian Church. We were grateful to have over 240 people there that night, representing our 27 sister congregations! We listened, prayed, reflected, and voted on a new community problem area to address this year: Food Insecurity. We also will continue our ongoing work with Affordable Housing and Gun Violence.

Food Insecurity is a problem for many of our neighbors, especially those living in parts of Columbia where grocery stores have been closed and many residents do not have their own transportation to go shopping miles away. Adding an Uber or taxi fare to weekly grocery trips only increases the cost for the family. As a result, lower income residents end up doing their food shopping at the near-by dollar stores and convenience stores. Choice is limited, fresh food is a rarity, and grocery bills are higher than they need to be. The research process begins this month as we look more closely at what is happening in the Midlands with Food Insecurity and begin to identify evidence-based solutions to the problem.

In the coming weeks there are many opportunities to live out God's command to "do Justice" (Micah 6:8).

Research Kick-Off: Research Kick-Off is scheduled for Thursday, November 3rd at 6:30. You can sign up [here!](#)

Affordable Housing Action Step: We need a consistent and strong MORE Justice presence at Richland County Council meetings. Please sign-up [here](#).

Gun Violence Action Step: Since the CPA, we have heard from Mayor Rickenmann about meeting with us to talk about how we can reduce gun violence in our community. Stay tuned for more in coming weeks.

SAVE THE DATES:

- 3/13 @ 6:30 PM MORE Justice Rally
- 3/27 @6:30 PM Nehemiah Action
- 5/8@6:30 PM MORE Justice Celebration

Monthly Newsletter: If you would like to be added to our monthly MORE Justice newsletter for important updates, please sign up [here](#).

T-Shirts: We are excited to have MORE Justice T-Shirts in the works! We are currently taking orders, and if you are interested in purchasing you can follow the link to our T Shirt Order Form [here](#).

Interested in sharing the Justice journey? 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, or Helen Doerpinghaus.



Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*



See God's Generosity More Clearly

Living Springs Annual Generosity Emphasis Preparing for Intent Sunday, November 13!

Our "Generosity" Intent Cards are now being distributed at church and mailed - as we all prayerfully consider our Generosity Giving Intent for 2023. **Congregation-wide Intent Sunday will be Nov. 13 (Annual Meeting Sunday).** If you have not received your card/prayer envelope, please call the office or [click here](#).

Once again, we have a special Challenge Gift from 2 families totaling \$4000, **provided 85 Intent Cards are received this year** (exceeding last year's #). Remember: as always, your Giving Intent remains sealed in the sanctuary throughout the year, so no one will know your Intent, other than yourself and God. The Match is only for the # of signed intents offered for our Lord. We share our 3rd Generosity Moment this Sunday (from the Prest family)! See the links below if you missed either of our inspirational first two Generosity Moments (from Shirl Shiffman and Karen Kranz/Jeff Lummel). Also, link below for the important first two Generosity Bulletin Articles and Kickoff Letter. Be on the lookout for another **special phone call message Tuesday at 11:30 and a special follow up text each Thursday** from members of our LS Generosity Team.

[Click here for Karen Kranz & Jeff Lummel Oct. 30 Generosity Moment](#)

[Click here for Oct. 30 Generosity Article](#)

[Click here for Shirl Shiffman's Oct. 23 Generosity Moment](#)

[Click here for Oct. 23 Generosity Article](#)

[Click here for Generosity Kickoff Letter from Pastor Eric & Team](#)

Women & the Church

Nov. 6, 20, 27 @ 9:20

For the wonderful month of November, Seminarian Adriana will be teaching three classes. These classes will be a broad survey of historical, impactful Christian women from the days of the early church all the way to the 21st century, including some familiar faces and names!

November 6th: Early Church through Middle Ages

November 20th: Reformation through 18th cen.

November 27th: 19th cen. through 21st cen.

EVERYONE is invited to come learn together on these days at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall! If you have any questions, please speak with Adriana or email her at faithalive@livingspringscolumbia.org.

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

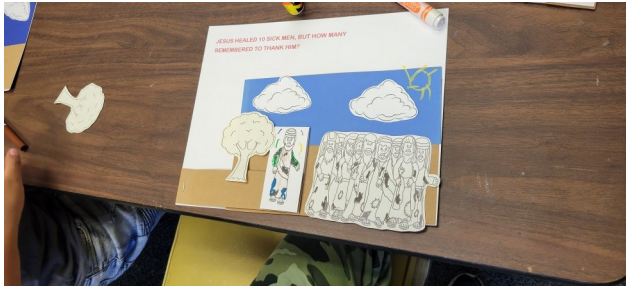
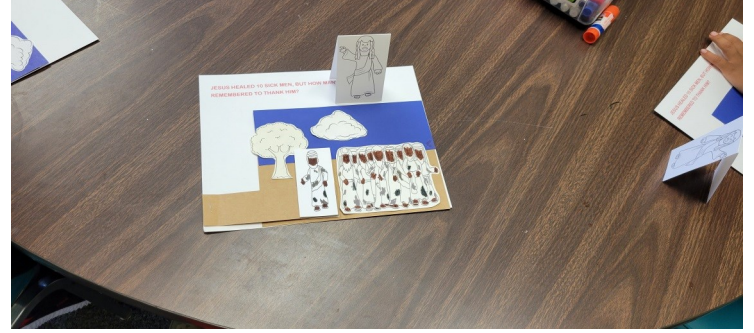
Isaiah 1-12, 35, 40-55, 56-62

AUGUST

Hebrews 1-13, 1 John 1-5, 1 Peter 1-5

Notes from: *Mission Partnership Team*

Cristo Rey in October



LS Ministries with Cristo Rey! *Sunday, Nov. 6 @ 4:15pm*

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.



Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

We will not hold a Saturday morning breakfast meeting in November or December. Instead, we will have a night out event on Friday December 2nd tentatively scheduled for 7:00. There will be more details available as we determine the venue and pinpoint the time. We will be adopting a family from Families Helping Families as our project for the evening and an opportunity for fellowship for all.



March 24-26, 2023
Tracy's Camp
Pinewood, SC

COST: Early Registration: \$150 by Mar 17th; Late Registration: \$175 by Mar 23rd (Scholarships are available - contact retreat leaders)

[Click here for more info/registration](#)

Men of all ages yearn for real friendships and a closer relationship with Christ.

Join us and be...

- Adventurous and courageous
- Genuine and spiritual

Look forward to...

- Banding together and being challenged
- Examining your life and making decisions

Be prepared for a spiritual boot camp. This 45-hour experience is not for the faint of heart!

Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

G.I.F.T. Experience



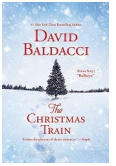
Campus Ministry Celebration



Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

LADIES BOOK CLUB

Our next book club meeting will be on Sunday, December 11 at Olive Garden on Two Notch Rd. at 2 pm. We will read and discuss *The Christmas Train* by David Baldacci which is available at the Richland County library.



CRAFTY LADIES

We meet on the second Saturday of the month at 9:30 am. If you like to fellowship with other women, this ministry is for you -- oh, and we make quilts during this time too! The quilts are squares sewn together and then we tie knots through a top and bottom (batting in between). Our quilts are for sale (which proceeds are used to buy the batting & other sewing materials) and some are donated to different charity organizations. Contact Beverly Hoppert for information.



Women on a Mission

March 10-12, 2023
Camp Kinard
6053 Two Notch Road
Batesburg-Leesville, SC
29070

Who We Are: A group of women whose mission it is to continue to walk in the way of Jesus. This weekend changed our lives. We continued the weekend with a 12,week Renewal to deepen our understanding of our purpose and our calling to be better women of God. 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 and listen. Time 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: Retreat and Women on a Mission - Renewal (12,week Bible study) is only \$175. Registration is non-refundable but is transferable to another participant for this retreat (limited exceptions). The retreat is 2 nights of lodging, 6 meals, and retreat materials. (Special diet need are \$6 extra per person). [Click here for more info & registration](#)



Notes from: *Sr. Youth*

Sr. Youth Fall Retreat



ELCA Youth Gathering
@elcagathering

We're thrilled to share the theme for the 2024 Gathering, @ELCA_MYLE, the tAble, and @elcayoungadult Gathering is "Created to Be" based on Psalm 139:14—"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well." 🎉 #elcayg2024 pic.twitter.com/hzLMUCirhG

LS Youth Ministry

Things to look forward to:

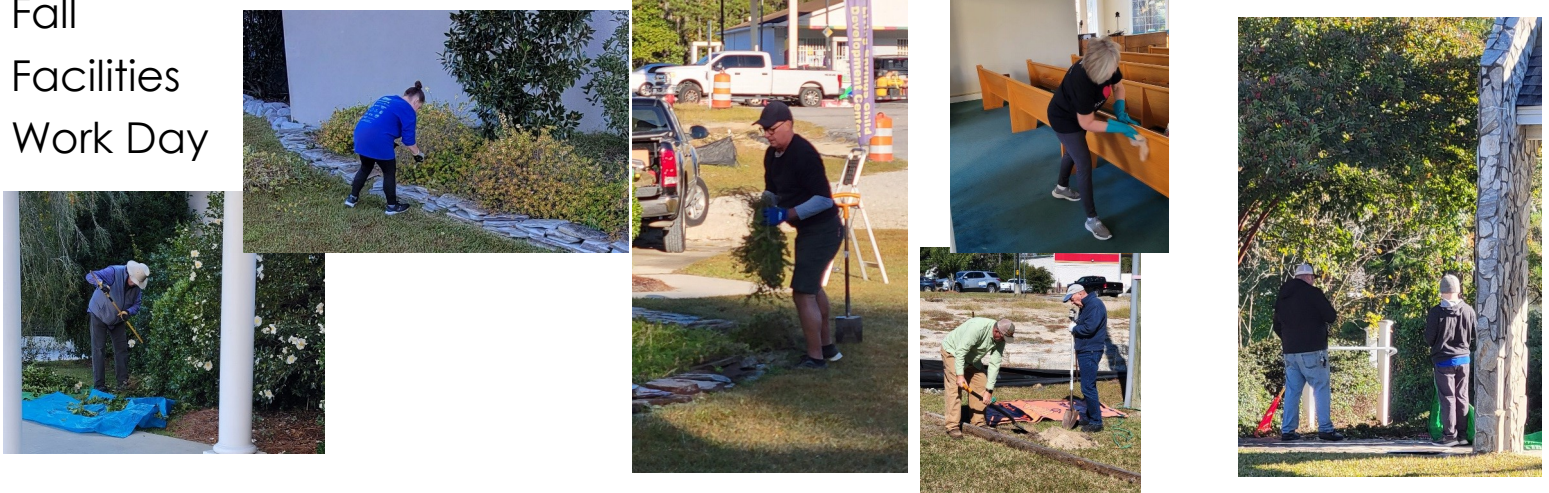
- Nov. 6 - Confirmation Class
- Nov. 9 - Sr. Youth Gathering (LSLC)
- Nov. 12 - Children's Milestone/Outing
- Nov. 16 - Sr. Youth Gathering (Moe's)

God At Work

Trunk 'r Treat



Fall Facilities Work Day



DRINK SMALL CELEBRATION

I have to add this sort of God Story message because it was such a touching experience to attend the 90th birthday celebration for Drink Small, the Blues Doctor at the Koger Center! You all know Living Springs delivers Meals on Wheels the Monday & Tuesday of every month. Drink Small has been on and off our route list for quite a while now and he has also performed at a couple of events right here at Living Springs. It absolutely amazes me how passionate Drink is about his music and his followers - he needed to be helped getting up on the stage and into his chair, but once he had his guitar in his hands, the Holy Spirit took over and he just let his God-given talent flow forth. What a blessing to know Drink and his wife Drina and it would have never happened if we didn't deliver MOW.



November 2022

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>MAIN SUNDAY SCHEDULE 8:10A Pre-Worship Prayer Time 8:15A WORSHIP (Sanctuary) 9:20 Adult Faith Formation</p>	<p>10:25 Pre-Worship Prayer Time 10:30A WORSHIP (Sanctuary) ParkingLotFM/Online)</p>	<p>1 10A Adult Conf. Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 6:50 Writng Tree 7P Handbells 7P Generosity Task Force</p>	<p>2 1030A Preschool Bible Time 5:15P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 6P Hope Team 6:30P Sr. Youth (Cracker Barrel) 6:50 Writng Tree</p>	<p>3 1030A Writng Tree 11A Good News Team 330P Backpack Ministry & Afterschool Bible Time 6:30P Justice Ministry Research Kickoff 6:30P LMM Committee of 100 Banquet @ LS</p>	<p>4 1030A Writng Tree</p>	<p>5 1030A Writng Tree 1130A Rease Memorial Service *Daylight Savings Time ends at 2am (set clocks BACK 1 hr before bedtime)</p>
<p>6 *See box above All Saints Sunday Generosity Sunday #3 920A Writng Tree 920A Women in Church History Class 12P Writng Tree 12P Confirmation Class 430P Girl Scouts 5P Cristo Rey Ministry (Meet LS 415)</p>	<p>7 1030A Meals on Wheels 12P BOM Devotion Worship 6P Worship Team 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop 7P Writng Tree 7P Exec Team</p>	<p>8 10A Adult Conf. Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 11A Writng Tree 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>9 1030A Preschool Bible Time 330P Afterschool Bible Time 4P Writng Tree 5:15P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 6:30P Sr. Youth (church) 7P Mental-Emotional Health TF 7P Lifelong Discipleship</p>	<p>10 7A Bible & Biscuits Men's Bible Study 8A Writng Tree 330P Backpack Ministry (LSCDC) 6:30P LSCDC Board</p>	<p>11 12P Veterans Day—Writng Tree Ceremony</p>	<p>12 930A Crafty Ladies TBA - Little Lutheran Children's Milestone & Oufing</p>	
<p>13 *See box above Veterans Sunday Generosity Intent Sunday! **910A Annual Cong. Meeting After 10:30 Worship—Backpacks 430P Girl Scouts</p>	<p>14 1030A Meals on Wheels 12P BOM Devotion Worship 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care</p>	<p>15 10A Adult Conf. Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 530P Finance 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>16 1030A Preschool Bible Time 330P Afterschool Bible Time 5:15P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 6:30P Sr. Youth (Moe's)</p>	<p>17 7P Council Meeting Children's Hospital Meal</p>	<p>18 7P Gamecock Lutheran Trivia Nite</p>	<p>19</p>	
<p>20 *See box above Christ the King Sunday AdventPaloosa: 9:20-10:20 & 11:45 920A Women in Church History Class 12P Confirmation Class 430P Girl Scouts</p>	<p>21 1030A Meals on Wheels 12P BOM Devotion Worship TBA-Palmetto Place Meal 7P Thanksgiving Worship 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop</p>	<p>22 1030A PS Bible Time 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed</p>	<p>25 Office Closed</p>	<p>26</p>	
<p>27*See box above 1st Sunday in Advent Before /After Worship—Backpacks 920A Women in Church History Class</p>	<p>28 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop</p>	<p>29 10A Adult Conf. Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>30 1030A Preschool Bible Time Noon Advent Worship 330P Afterschool Bible Time 545P Disciples of Harmony 6:30P Sr. Youth (church) 6:30P Advent Worship (Choir—After Worship)</p>	<p>1 11A Good News Team 7P Lifelong Discipleship 7P Youth & Children Ministry Team</p>	<p>2 7P Men's Night Out</p>	<p>3 9A Christmas Decorating</p>	

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

November 2 Charles Kauffman
Ray Long
November 3 Mike Wirth
November 13 Jonas Maher
November 15 Sue Hyman
November 19 Becky Sides
November 20 Brenda Grohman
November 21 Luke Prizer
Sam Prizer
♥ John & Barbara Imbert

November 23 Grady Smith
November 24 John Imbert
Wayne Kannaday
♥ Mike & Trish Davidson
November 26 Corbin Cassidy
Steve Padgett
Hany Sorial
November 28 Sydnie Taylor
November 29 Kellie Snipes



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!



November 9 Riley Harris
November 11 Ann Lynn Caughman
November 13 Evelyn Long
November 18 Aaron Smith
November 22 Everett Snipes
Karlene Stuart
November 26 Logan Smith
November 29 Helen Doerpinghaus



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