

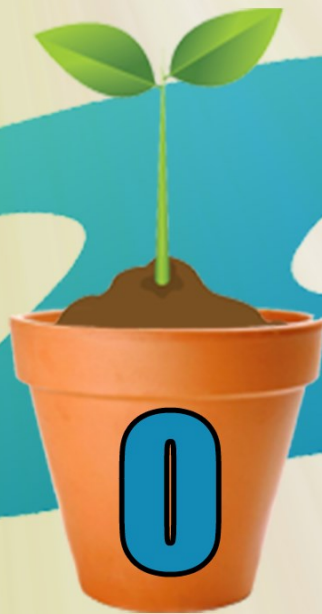
The Living Springs Journal

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

March 2023



Growing in GOD’S



"God's Growing Hope— Lent 2023" (from Pastor Eric)

MARCH BIBLE "BOOK" OF THE MONTH = Matthew, ch. 1-14
STUDY TIMES: Tuesday, 3/7 @ 10am; Sunday, 3/19 @ 9:20am

Each & every month, I am amazed to behold all the ways God works to "grow hope" among and through this special community of disciples. February was filled with such hope-growing moments: an inspiring Youth Sunday, the incredible Stuff-a-Bus response for Backpack Food Ministry, the joyful Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper, the meaningful Ash Wednesday worship experiences (including some 90 people at our 2 Ashes-to-Go sites) — and not least of all, the truly uplifting "God's Growing Hope" Kickoff Celebration on Feb. 26. If you were not able to be here, you can still find the Livestream posted on the [LS YouTube channel!](#) It's so wonderful to receive photos of the little "Hope" pots with your crosses at your home Lenten devotional spots. I pray the Spirit is truly working to prepare the "soil" of our hearts for the fullness of Christ's cross of hope here in this 2023 Lenten journey!

In March, we have some very significant "hope-growing" opportunities ahead. Each week, we will have a **Sunday worship tree-planting**—with another word & symbol to write on your small pots at home. Be sure to be present (or worship online)!

There is our **big annual Nehemiah Action Justice Assembly on March 27**, as we join with others of faith to seek action in areas of affordable housing, community violence, and food insecurity. Our goal is to have 150 folks attending from LS, responding to God's call for us to actively "do justice" as well as "love kindness & walk humbly with God!" (Micah 6:8, Matthew 23:23)

On **Sunday, March 12**, we're excited to welcome **award-winning counselor Gia Quinones** from the SC Dept. of Mental Health, as special presenter for
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NEHEMIAH ACTION JUSTICE ASSEMBLY
Monday, 3/27 6:30-8:00PM
Township Auditorium

LS EMOTIONAL-MENTAL WELLNESS
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CONGREGATION GATHERING!
Sunday, March 12: 9:20-10:20
Special Guest: **Gia Quinones**
SC Dept. of Mental Health
+ + +
LS E-M WELLNESS SUPPORT GROUP
Sundays in March, 5:15-6:30pm
Interest slips... [LINK HERE](#)



From the Desk of Pastor Carl



Hey YALL...

I have some Good News for you..... February has been a good month for Living Springs and our youth. I am excited to share the good and ponder the possibilities. Well, let me start by saying January was equally good because it was the start of a new year, 2023. Our youth hit the ground running. They continued to meet on Wednesdays, and three new confirmands (Teagan Lindstedt, Addison Hayden, and Brady Stoutland) joined our confirmation class. It is exciting to walk alongside them as they venture through their spiritual journeys.

February has been a blur as our three confirmands (Daniel Hampton, Hunter Prest, and Garrett Flores) prepared to be confirmed on Transfiguration Sunday, February 19th. It was a joy to preach the word to and through them and confirm them. Our youth also showed up to be with them and pray with them. It was a wonderful experience. That experience continued a few days later as we prepared for Lent by having Shrove Tuesday pancakes and the burning of the palms. Let me say the pancakes were delicious.

As we enter into Lent and look forward to March, our youth understand that this season is a time of reflection and repentance and to ponder Jesus and all he went through for all of us. Later in March, our confirmands will go to Luthertidge for a Faith Alive Confirmation Camp. There, they will revisit the Lord's Prayer, The Ten Commandments, and the Apostles' Creed and how they work in service to the world.

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LENT 2023...

"God's Growing Hope"

Sunday Tree Plantings - March 5, 12, 19, 26

LENTEN DRAMA WORSHIP

Wednesdays @ 6:45 (also streamed)

Contemporary Encounters of Growing Hope...

Mar. 1 - Temptation in the Wilderness

Mar. 8 - Spiritual Yearning (based on Nicodemus)

Mar. 15 - Belonging (based on Woman at the Well)

Mar. 22 - Transformation & Sight (based on Blind Man)

Mar. 29 - New Life & Hope (based on Mary/Martha/Lazarus)

MID-DAY LENTEN WORSHIP

"Growing God's Hope" in the Gospel of Matthew

Wednesdays @ 12:00

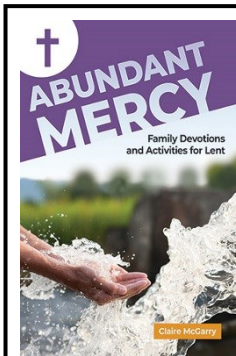


"Water & Spirit"
Daily
Lenten
Devotions

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**1:37 Daily
Prayer Alerts**

Based on 1 Corinthians 3:7



Additional Lenten Devotional Resources:

Families & Youth - "Abundant Mercy"

Families & Children -

"Look What God Is Opening Up for You"



FRIDAY "FISH FRY" - FISHIN' FELLAS FOOD TRUCK!

LS Parking Lot & Fellowship Hall

5:00-7:00 PM

February 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

\$4000 goal for USC Campus Ministry!



**Give ~~Up~~
Something
= 1600!**

**Lutheran
World Relief
Care Kits:**

4-5 oz. Soap (2)
Dark Bath Towel
Adult Toothbrush
Sturdy Comb
Nail Clipper



40 Days of Giving Hunger Calendars

We invite you to **study, pray, reflect** and **give** with us during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving — for our families, our neighbors and communities around the world.



ELCA World Hunger's
40 DAYS of Giving



FRIDAY LENTEN FISH FRY Fridays through March 31 5 to 7 pm.

Can you believe we have been offering our famous Lenten Fish Fry for over 10 years!! Last year we continued to surpass our contribution to Gamecock Campus Ministry and if you want to see what an amazing job Pastor Jesse is doing, you can check out their website or Facebook page. The students are so appreciative of our contributions, meals and support and have already committed to being here on March 24 to help out. Fishin' Fellas is back this year with their food truck: \$10 for a choice of flounder, 10 ct. shrimp, shrimp taco, flounder taco & a side. Sides are fried okra, hush puppies, or fries. Kids meal menu: 4 ct. shrimp and a side for \$5. This year you have the option of a drive-thru or take your meal inside Fellowship Hall where drinks will be provided and an optional dessert (good will offering). Spread the word so we can have another banner year to support campus ministry!



FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS - Everyone please pick at least one Friday to help.

Our Lenten fish fry event is coming up soon! If you would like to help at our t-shirt tent or in the parking lot, please use this link to sign up for available slots <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BAEA92FA0F85-lenten>. We can coordinate shifts so not everyone has to be there the whole time. Thank you! contact Gary Bradham or Karen Kranz.

LS Lenten 40x40 H.O.P.E. Collection Lenten Earthquake Response Emphasis Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

Personal Care Kits include:



- Two bars 4-5 oz. soap (in original wrapping)
- One lightweight bath towel 20x40 to 52x27 (dark color recommended)
- One adult toothbrush (in original packaging)
- One sturdy comb
- One large nail clipper (metal)

To assemble your kit ... Fold towel. Place the items in the towel. Fold from both sides to secure the items. Then roll the towel and secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.

You can donate specific items by leaving them in a basket in the office lobby. If you would like to bring a complete Personal Care Kit, it can be offered at the base of the Lenten cross during either Wednesday or Sunday worship.



From Pastor Carl...

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Through and through, our youth continue to show spiritual growth and ponder the possibilities. I am happy they have a place to be open and share their thoughts and concerns. Let us continue to lift them up in prayer, and they wonder about this road called life. Let us lift them up while they are in school; safety is their number one concern. Let us continue to be prayerful for their continued growth and walk with God.

Say this out loud.....

Open the eyes of my heart Lord ----- I want to see you....

Grace and Peace...



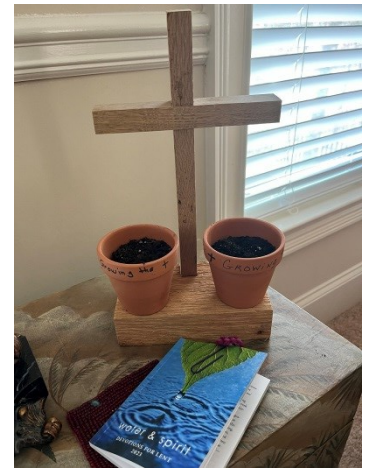
Pastor Carl -----

Lenten Pots, Soil & Crosses - Send Us a Photo!

On the first Sunday in Lent, we distributed a little "growing hope" garden pot to everyone - and filled it with soil from our large hope pot. We asked everyone to take home your pot and place your "favorite" cross in/around the pot. It could be a hanging cross, a necklace cross, your olivewood cross from the fall generosity emphasis, a pocket cross, whatever. Use the garden pot with your cross as a central focal point for your personal/family Lenten devotions (one pot for every person). The idea is that we are using the 40-day season of Lent for the Spirit to prepare the soil of our hearts more completely with the cross of Jesus and his grace! Each Sunday, we will reveal another word & symbol to write on your pot at home (you do not need to bring your pots back to church). In the meantime, please email us a photo of your pot(s) & cross(es) - or can post them on our LS Facebook page!

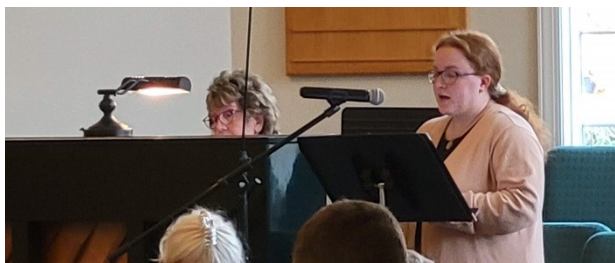
Week #1: Write "growing" on the rim of your pot and draw a cross there.

**Pots are available in the narthex to pick up at any point during Lent. There are extra Olive Wood crosses here at church if you do not have a cross of your own to use - as well as extra Sharpies if you do not have one at home to use for writing the weekly words/symbols on your pot.*



It is so very special & meaningful to come together as a family each night around them. We just read about how child of God is our most important name. I appreciate each of you and am in awe of how the Spirit works through us.

Growing in God's Hope Kickoff Sunday



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the next of our regular congregation gatherings focusing on Emotional-Mental Wellness. You don't want to miss this growing-hope opportunity (invite others!). In addition, we had such a positive experience at our initial **M-E Wellness Support Group** gathering that the group decided to meet each Sunday in March at 5:15. Anyone is welcome! Our **NA "Recovery First" Group** continues to grow, so that starting in March, they are adding a 2nd weekly meeting (Mondays in Katie Room @ 7pm, Thursday in Fellowship Hall @ 6:30pm).

As people of faith, we know that the ultimate source of Growing Hope is our connectedness to God and Christ our Lord through the Spirit. We are so blessed this Lent to welcome **former Bishop Herman Yoos** to offer a special **"Centering Prayer" Class** on Sunday afternoons, starting March 5. There is space available, so please consider this amazing life-enriching opportunity!

Several of our 2023 "Growing Hope" Ministry Focus areas (below) point to the hope God grows via partnerships beyond LS. We're excited to participate in the **"Holy Spaces" Camp Kinard appeal** during March (for SC Lutheran Retreat Centers)—and to again sponsor our Friday **Lenten Fish Fry series**, with a goal of raising \$4000 to grow God's hope for many college students through **Gamecock Lutheran Campus Ministry**. Especially mark your calendars for March 24, when LCM students will be visiting LS!

For centuries, the season of Lent has come to followers of Jesus as a time to more deeply open and prepare the "soil" of our hearts for God's Growing Hope through added times of devotion, worship, sacrifice, and service. On page 2, you'll find a detailed listing of our Lenten opportunities, such as:

- **Lenten devotionals** ("Water & Spirit"), with daily **1:37 Prayer E-Alerts!**
- **Wed. Noon Prayer Services** (focus on Growing Hope in Matthew);
- **Wed. Evening Drama Worship** (Growing Hope based on John's gospel);
- **Friday Fish Fry series** (Growing Hope for Campus Ministry students);
- **World Relief Kits** 40x40 items & **"40 Days of Giving" Hunger calendars.**

For nearly 2000 years, God has been growing hope in people's lives through the ministry of Christ's church—and so too, God continues to grow that hope in powerful ways among this community of faith! With prayers of love for the Spirit to empower that growing hope in your heart, life & home, *Pastor Eric*



CENTERING PRAYER CLASS @ LS

Sundays, 4-5pm

Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2, 16

Led by former Bishop Herman Yoos!

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LS Disciple Gatherings—This Spring

Join with a small group for these special times of faith reflection and conversation.

Growing God's Hope in March ...

* "Holy Spaces" Camp Kinard Appeal *

CRISTO REY MINISTRY—Mar. 5

LS LEADERS ANCHOR ZOOM—Mar. 6

SUNDAY BACKPACKS—Mar. 12, 26

JUSTICE NETWORK RALLY—Mar. 13

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEAL—Mar. 16

CONFIRMATION RETREAT—Mar. 17-19

PALMETTO PLACE MEAL—Mar. 23

CAMPUS MINISTRY NITE—Mar. 24

MEN'S OYTL RETREAT—Mar. 25-27

RUSH HOUR MINISTRY—Mar. 30

MEALS ON WHEELS—each Mon & Tues

NA RECOVERY FIRST—each Mon & Thur

2023 LIVING SPRINGS MINISTRY FOCUS

Like a tree planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, we are

baptized, rooted & nurtured in Christ to be part of

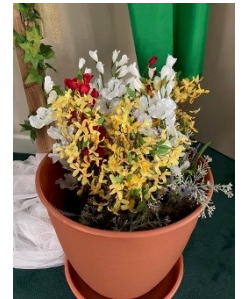
GOD'S GROWING HOPE FOR THE WORLD:

Breaking down barriers by sowing seeds of **God's grace for all!**

Serving daily as instruments of **God's life-transforming hope** for others!

Inviting everyone to experience the **joy of life in God's diverse Kingdom garden!**

Joyfully living & proclaiming the **unconditional, reconciling love of Jesus** for the world!



Nourished by the living waters of God's grace and led by the Holy Spirit, we are called to live in faith with each other & our community through these 2023 Ministry Focus Areas:



Sow Additional Seeds of God's Growing Hope!

- * *Forming relational Mentoring Ministries in our congregation & community*
- * *Meeting & going beyond our church walls, to carry Christ's presence into the community*
- * *Creating deeper relational ministries of Support, Care, Prayer, and Faith-Building for all ages*
- * *Developing/partnering for specific Food Ministries (& other Life-Necessities) in our community*

Nurture the Growing Hope that God Has Already Sprouted & Bloomed!

- * *Implementing Emotional-Mental Wellness Initiatives (incl. recovery ministries)*
- * *Offering multiple modes of Worship & Bible Study (incl. creative technology options)*
- * *Fostering Diversity/Inclusion in our congregation & community (incl. bi-lingual options, ASL)*
- * *Building on Ecumenical/Community Partnerships for God's work (incl. Justice, NE partners, Mission partners, R2, LCM)*
- * *Growing Music Ministries to joyfully praise God & celebrate God's Grace for all*
- * *Expanding Faith-Life Ministries with children & youth (CDC, GIFT worship, Youth, Ftbll, Scouts, Palmetto Place, etc.)*
- * *Continuing Outreach Ministries that meet people where they are (especially those on the margins, such as at-risk children/youth, homelessness, refugees, imprisoned, veterans, seniors, those with special needs)*

God's Corner



Dear Living Springs,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$420 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts.

Your Good Gift is a very good gift indeed. With seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you're equipping God's people - around the world and around the world and around the corner - with what they need to live abundant lives.

Jesus was born to reign in us forever. Now you are inviting countless others into his gracious kingdom. Thank you.

With gratitude,

Rachel Wind

Executive for Development



Dear Living Springs,

Thank you for all your support in 2022! I am beyond grateful that you allowed us to meet the needs of families going through difficult times. Did you know that half of our clients during 2022 were first-time clients, and on average, you help clients three times before they are back on their feet and don't need us anymore? I have just been in awe of how many people you were able to help during 2022.

In 2022 You:

Gave out 123,635 pounds of food

Helped 358 families keep their lights and water on, a roof over their heads, and transportation/gas vouchers.

We continue to make it a priority to pray and encourage every client walking through our doors. Through your donations you get the honor and privilege to meet our families in their most challenging days, and you have the opportunity to ministry to them. Thank you!

Many Blessings,

Kate Williams

Executive Director

D See God At Work...

There are times when our precious LORD will allow us to experience an affliction/go on a journey so that we may gain insight/empathy for others. JESUS loves us so much, he sacrificed himself for us. His special gift of Agape not only saved us in the now & forever after, but allows us to be an extension of HIM as we too share HIS Agape with others as we let HIM reveal HIMSELF through the extension of us. It allows us to be used by HIM and we should go out of our way to look for those most in need as we do so: the sick, the mentally ill, the incarcerated, the homeless, widows & children, immigrants, those adversely impacted by climate change, etc...

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 Well Wishes as we enter the Season of Lent,

Much as tiny seedlings need to be watered, kept warm under a protective cover, and gently cared for before they slowly begin to emerge into the world and see the sunshine, so too do our children.

The CDC ministry has been abuzz with many exciting moments of HOPE. As we feel the weather begin to warm, the sun begins to shine with more regularity, and buds and bulbs begin to emerge, we remember the promise of Growing in God's HOPE.

We remind ourselves of this promise as we take a moment to stop, notice what is happening before us and become more intentional about slowing down.

We watched our After School class Grow in God's Hope when they began to discuss the devastation of the Earthquake in Turkey. They decided to create a Banner of Prayer and placed it in the CDC hallway to serve as a reminder that we are all connected. (See below)

We sow seeds of Love and Hope when our classrooms design and decorate 120 cards that were delivered to our Senior Friends at The Rice Estates. What a Joy to create and what a Joy to share.



Our CDC teaching staff fosters love and mutual care for others in our classrooms daily. An example of this being true was evident as I witnessed one of our youngest helping a friend whose shoe had fallen off in the classroom. What a simple yet powerful image of Love for one another.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us be reminded that the season ends in HOPE.



Wishing you well,
Tammy

Sitting at my desk, I see a Snapchat from a beloved 7th grader. "Ms. Tammy, can I come and job shadow at Living Springs for my class?"

I pause and think, "This can't be possible... job shadow? Already? You just left our program a moment ago!" Kendall is the second child of three in a beautiful family we had for about 11 years.

"Of course you can! We would love to have you."

It was hard to believe that when I opened the door for this young lady on Friday morning, lunch box in hand, big smile on her face, cheerfully saying, "I'm here!" this was one of our children years ago. Kendal spent the day with Ms. Tanyua in the three-year-old room, and the children were delighted to have a "big friend" visit for the day.

It's moments like these when we realize that we never know the seeds we are planting and the memories that are being created as we share love and grow in God's HOPE.



Notes from: *LS Emotional - Mental Wellness Emphasis*

Congregation Gathering: Sunday, March 12

9:20-10:20 in the Fellowship Hall

Welcome Award-Recognized Counselor Gia Quiñones!



As part of our ongoing LS Emotional-Mental Wellness initiative, we continue to offer regular gatherings for the entire congregation. On March 12 (between worship services, 9:20-10:20), we are excited to welcome gifted Counselor Gia Quiñones as our special presenter. Gia comes to us through LS Task Force member Deborah DePaoli, who has been inspired by Gia's insights and presentations. Below is some info about Gia, so you too can be inspired to invite family members, neighbors, and friends for this special opportunity...

Gianella "Gia" Quinones is Spartanburg Area Mental Health Center's (SAMHC) nominee for the 2020 Louise R. Hasenplug Outstanding Clinician Award. Originally hired as a School Mental Health Services counselor, Ms. Quinones changed districts to bring her into contact with a community with a larger percentage of Spanish-speaking patients. She quickly forged a relationship with PASOs and the Hispanic Alliance, and her outreach efforts are largely responsible for SAMHC receiving the Outstanding Community Service Award. She has also started a women's group at the local Family Resource Center, successfully serving a population the Center had been unable to effectively reach in the past. In addition to these efforts, she has also taken on the responsibility for leading the Zero Suicide efforts at the Center. As is typical of Ms. Quinones, she has taken wholeheartedly to the task and engaged the entire mental health center in the effort, ensuring we will be ready with safety plans for all patients. Ms. Quinones has been able to bring an admirable balance of clinical skills, a desire for social justice, and enthusiasm to her position in a way that not only has helped her patients but also helped the Center as a whole. Gia Quinones is a Multiplying Good One in a Million Award recipient. She's among the millions of people who are putting others first and using service as a solution to the problems we're facing.

EMOTIONAL-MENTAL WELLNESS SUPPORT GATHERINGS

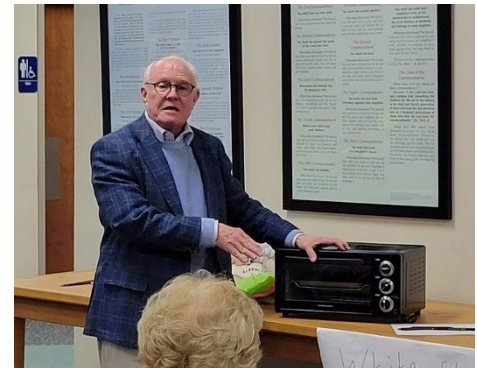
4 Sundays in March - 5:15pm here at LS

Thanks to everyone who expressed interest in our Emotional-Mental Wellness Support initiative. Rather than start with separate sub-topic groups, we are beginning with a Support Time for everyone together. This will provide safe space for support and conversation about whatever challenges any of us might face in the emotional-mental wellness journey (for ourselves or loved ones). You can still fill out an interest sheet in the admin lobby (or complete [online](#)).



Notes from: *Fellowship & Mutual Care*

Legrand Lowman Scholarship Auction



Notes from: *Good News Team*



Rush Hour Ministry

Thursday, March 30 (tentative depending on construction)

5:00 -5:30PM (set up @ 4:45)

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 4:30pm. Join us anytime!

LS Good News Bible Reading Project

Catch February's stories in our [YouTube Bible Project Playlist](#)
Facing a Giant: The Battle Is the Lord's! - read by Alyssa Prest
The Peaceful Kingdom, Rejoicing in Hope - read by Eugenia Fain
A Highway of Hope - read by Dawn Willingham
Hope Found in a Suffering Servant - read by Peg Zieche

March stories: God with Us: A Refugee Child
A New Ministry of Hope
Lessons of Life from a Great Teacher
Expanding the Mission of Hope
Hope in the Midst of Trials

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, 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. Call the office to schedule



Notes from: *Mission Partnership Team*

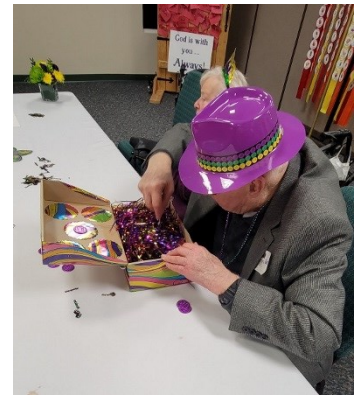
LS Ministries with Cristo Rey! Sunday, March @ 4:15pm

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: *Hope Ministry*

Rice Estate Dinner



LENTEN FISH FRY

We had an outstanding first week and are looking forward to the next five weeks being just as successful! Thank you to all that have volunteered and those that came through and bought meals. Friday, March 24 the Gamecock Campus Ministry students will help in our parking lot and maybe take some time to share their experiences in the Fellowship Hall. Fishin Fellas provides a yummy flounder fish fry; 10 ct. shrimp, flounder or shrimp taco for \$10 - drive thru or eat in the Fellowship Hall on any or all Fridays in March!

PALMETTO PLACE MEAL

The fourth Thursday of the month, a meal is provided for about 10 young adults transitioning from the unaccompanied youth house to the awareness of adulthood, budgeting, finding a job, and being able to support themselves. Since we have an updated kitchen at Living Springs, this is an opportunity to gather one - two - or three people and prepare a home-cooked meal. The meal consists of meat, starch, vegetable/salad and a dessert. If you feel this to be a spirit tug for you (growing in God's hope), contact Karen Kranz.

RICHLAND 2 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Help Richland Two spread the joy of reading by participating in the R2 Ready to Read Campaign. The district hopes to collect 35,000 books to give to students in Pre-K through second grade. Research shows that children who are exposed to books at an early age are more likely to be successful during their educational careers – in March, the goal is to be able to give at least four books to their youngest students for their home library to read over the summer with their parents. The bin is located in the admin building.



BACKPACKS/STUFF A BUS

As we were delivering the last load of stuff a bus items, I was suddenly struck with how many people were impacted by this one event.

We partnered with Boy Scout Troop 737 where boys learned about hunger and collected over 10,400+ items that benefited our backpack program feeding hungry children on the weekend and supplied the food pantry at Northstar that benefited from the large items we could not use.

Our two buses, loaded with items:

- for our backpack program where we filled our backpack closet, the spare office room and the Bell Room with a healthy supply that should last us for a while.
- Transitions received a cart full of paper products
- Palmetto Place received paper products, food items, and cleaning supplies for both houses - Samantha House and The Oaks.
- Christian Assistance Bridge in Blythewood that received the remaining items.
- The real impact was a couple of stories that we heard -
- one of our volunteers working at a Kroger store heard one of the students that helped pass out flyers used to be one of the students in elementary school that was a recipient of a backpack and now she is paying it back by helping collect the items so that some other child has food on the weekend. Wow!
- At Christian Assistance Bridge, I asked for the cardboard box back so we could deliver food and paper to Palmetto Place. My comment about PP being a home for unaccompanied youth, raised her curiosity and she related how she and her husband are refugee foster parents - a part of Lutheran Services - and that the refugee children are identified as unaccompanied youth. We shared stories about our LS refugee family and she related how sad it is for some of the refugee children that are separated from their parents sometimes have to wait for five years before being reunited.



Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

JUSTICE ACTION SEASON

March is ACTION SEASON for Justice Ministry!

March is the month when "People Power" enables us to follow God's command to "do Justice"(Micah 6:8).

Rarely can we make community-wide changes simply by acting alone. But when we come together with hundreds of others to ask for change, our public officials listen. The Prophet Nehemiah provides an example of this in the scripture. And we ourselves have seen God at work through Justice ministry over the past 5 years!

March is the month when the people of Living Springs gather with hundreds of other people of faith to ask public officials for changes to make our community a better place for our neighbors. This year at the Nehemiah Action we are asking for changes that provide:

- ✚ Increased availability of safe and affordable housing,
- ✚ Reduction in crime and gun violence, and
- ✚ Greater food security for those in need.

On Monday, March 13, at 6:30 pm, at the Beth Shalom Synagogue, we will gather for the MORE Justice Rally to prepare for the Nehemiah Action. We will find out more about what our research teams learned this year as they studied the community problems of housing, violence, and food insecurity. We will hear what MORE Justice will be asking public officials to do to address these problems.

On Monday, March 27, at 6:30 pm, at the Township Auditorium, we will gather for the Nehemiah Action to ask our public officials for changes to make Columbia a more just place for all! Come and bring 3+ people with you. People Power works!

Bus and carpool transportation will be provided from Living Springs for both the MORE Justice Rally and the Nehemiah Action– details to be provided. Questions? Talk with Pastor Eric or any Team Leader (Mike Davidson, Gwen Furrer, Peg or Jim Zieche, Gail Buchanan, Wayne Kannaday, or Helen Doeringhaus).

SAVE THE DATES:

3/13 @ 6:30 PM MORE Justice Rally – Beth Shalom Synagogue

3/27 @6:30 PM Nehemiah Action – Township Auditorium

5/8@6:30 PM MORE Justice Celebration (TBA)

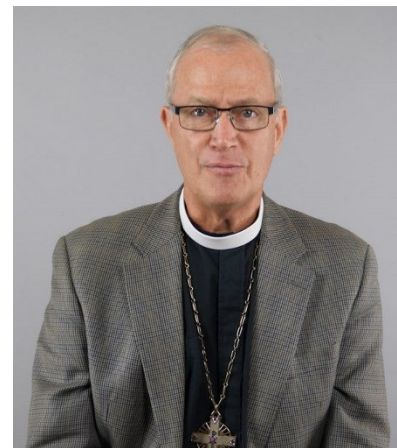


Carpool/buses for MORE Justice events:

MORE Justice Rally, Monday, March 13th, 6:30 pm, Beth Shalom Synagogue – Carpools and buses will leave from Living Springs from 5:30 – 5:45 pm.

MORE Justice Nehemiah Action, Monday, March 27, 6:30 pm, Township Auditorium – Carpools and buses will leave from Living Springs from 5:15 – 5:45 pm.

Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*
Special Spiritual Opportunity Here at LS!
An Introduction to Centering Prayer
led by Retired Bishop Herman Yoos
Sundays - March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2 & 16
4:00-5:00pm in the LS Sanctuary/Narthex



To sign up, please email (or call) the Church Office starting Monday, Feb. 6.

Since 2003, Pastor Yoos has been a practitioner of Centering Prayer and a Certified Spiritual Director since 2017. He writes:

Have you felt a desire for a deeper connection to God in your prayer life? It seems that many people today are hungry not for more head knowledge about God but rather for a heart knowledge of the loving presence of God at the center of one's being. I have been blessed to offer this experience at other congregations and am looking forward to now leading a 6-week course here at Living Springs.

The study material will include selected readings from the book, Centering Prayer and Inner Awareness by Cynthia Bourgeault and some written prayer reflections that have been helpful to me in my 41 years of ministry. Since 2003, I have found spending 20 minutes each day in silent openness to God has been a transformative prayer practice. In introducing this practice, we will focus on 6 key words from scripture that are essential to one's ongoing prayer journey with God: Seek, Set, Let, Ask, Thank and Share. In addition, we will be covering each week helpful chapters from Cynthia Bourgeault's book and learn why so many people today are being drawn to this ancient prayer practice. Each person will be asked to order and read assigned sections from this book. It can be ordered at most online bookstores. (Note: please see Pastor Eric or Lisa if we can help you order the book)

I look forward to sharing this prayer journey with you. You may also email me with any questions at hryoos52@gmail.com. There is no charge, but as a voluntary love offering, at the end of the classes, I am inviting interested participants to make a donation to our SC Synod's building fund for Cristo Rey.

Coming Soon:
LS Disciple Fellowship Gatherings
Would you like to convene
or host a small group?

Once again, we are making plans for everyone at LS to gather in small groups for fellowship and reflection on living out our call as disciples of Jesus. The target dates are mid-February through March. If you would like to help gather a group OR host a group, please call the office or contact Steve Bloss. You can host the group in your home or some other site (restaurant, neighborhood center, wherever). You do not have to lead the "program" - someone from the leadership team will take care of that.

(NOTE: this is something different from the fall Justice house gatherings). Please consider this wonderful opportunity!

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: *Worship & Music Ministry*



The Wonder of Worship

What is Worship? (Part 2)

Here's that good definition of (corporate*) worship we looked at last month: *Worship is a collaborative engagement across cultures and generations in which God and the people of God 'listen' to each other and are formed in love around each other for the sake of the world.* It is an imaginative, risky, and life-giving venture. (Robert Rimbo)

Crystal-clear in the yellow highlighting is that worship is not just one-directional. It's reciprocal and relational. In describing what comes from our direction, another writer has said worship is to *"feel"* in our hearts and to *"express in some appropriate manner a humbling, but delightful sense of admiring awe, astonished wonder, and overpowering love"* as we interact with God. (A.W. Tozer)

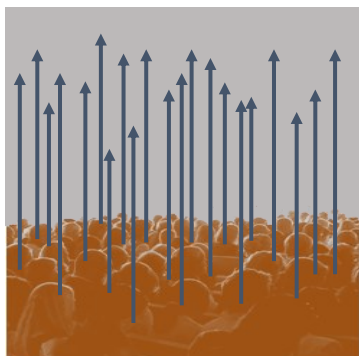
One way to imagine that feeling (in purple) is to think about when we sing a hymn that stirs your soul, maybe "How Great Thou Art" ... *Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee. How great Thou art, how great Thou art!!!* It's powerful when our minds, hearts, and souls are engaged in praising God. Every aspect of the liturgy that shapes our worship services at Living Springs is designed to help us see and experience God more like this.

What about when we don't have that feeling? Sometimes we're distracted, discouraged, even feel God has let us down, like David who once wrote (Psalm 13:1a): "How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?" But David knew that the best way to pour out our true feelings is always toward God, an act of worship as we come to the One who is abounding in unconditional love, grace, and mercy, the only One who can truly help in times of need.

Also note (in blue above) that worship is a feeling/attitude that is expressed *"in some appropriate manner."* Think about an actor in an old black and white movie who says: "Dearest, I worship the ground you walk on!" Over-the-top for sure and technically/theologically blasphemous (Jesus said we're to worship only God, Matt. 4:10). But suppose some guy is so smitten with his lady love that even the dirt she steps on is precious to him. OK, but the statement would need to be backed up with action or it wouldn't mean much, right?

How do we *express in action* what we *feel* in our hearts? First, with the means we've been given for communicating with God and others: listening, hearing, speaking, singing; receiving the Word; prayer; remembering our Baptism; sharing Holy Communion together. Some can be practiced anywhere, anytime, but God's people have always gathered in corporate worship as well. Second, we express our worship through our lives. Colossians 3:17 says it well: "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

To sum up, take a look at the pictures below. Picture A shows corporate worship as a room full of individual Christians, each worshipping God in his or her own way in a planned service. Coming to church is definitely meant to minister to us in our own souls. But it's not just that. Picture B tries to capture the truth that something special happens when we gather as the church. We are God's people, God's family, the Body of Christ made up of many members, but one in the Spirit (1 Cor. 12) Yet even Picture B is incomplete according to our definition which says that worship *is a collaborative engagement . . . in which God and the people of God 'listen' to each other and are formed in love around each other for the sake of the world.*



Picture A



Picture B



Picture C

(Continued from page 16)

How amazing is that?! At church in worship services, we meet with each other and with God—and God meets with us! That’s why worship is “risky,” because the more we enter into it, the more it stands to change our lives! More next month. Let me know if you have any thoughts on this.

Shirl Schiffman

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*We can, should, and do worship God as individuals in private and in smaller group settings. These articles focus on when the church family assembles together for worship before going back into the world.

Shrove Tuesday



Scout Sunday



Welcome Paula Perry



Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

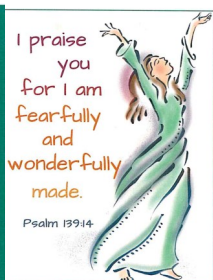
LADIES BOOK CLUB

Monday, April 3 at 7 pm, a group of ladies will discuss *Firefly Lane* by Kristin Hannah. We will meet at Leena Skiba's, 13 Stone Pine Ct. 29229 ph: 803.361.2612. Our group reads a diversified list of books that for the most part can be found in the Richland County Library. We have fun in our discussions and enjoy some refreshments along with it - feel free to join us!



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: *Men's Ministry*

SCLMM Convention



Monthly Men's Breakfast Saturday, March 25 @ 8:00am

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

Facilitator Bob Turnmire



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: *Sr. Youth*

Confirmation



Youth Sunday



Ski Trip



Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs



BUILDING+RENEWING+BELIEVING:

Holy Spaces

A Capital Campaign supporting the ministry of Camp Kinard.

In the past year, SC Lutheran congregations have been joining together to support this special appeal for Camp Kinard, one of our 2 SC Lutheran Retreat Centers. LS Council has unanimously endorsed our congregation's participation in the "Holy Spaces" appeal, with VP Laura Turnmire leading the effort. On Sundays ahead, look for special temple talks and bulletin inserts, with an opportunity for each of us to make one-time gifts or multi-year pledges to this appeal which will grow hope in many, many lives.

In early 2017, the South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers formed a Vision Committee to plan for future ministry opportunities at Camp Kinard. Together with the Holy Spirit, they identified several key projects we are excited to share with you now.

\$300,000 would be earmarked for the building of a new swimming pool with full accessibility for all guests. Easy access entry points make swimming more manageable for both our oldest, most senior guests and our youngest, littlest ones. This would replace the pool built in 1974. The funding for that pool came from Lutheran youth groups across the state. We would love to encourage your youth to consider giving to this exciting project. Now, nearly fifty years later, maybe your seniors, your former youth, want to pass this gift along to the next generation!

\$1,800,000 would establish a new chapel at Camp Kinard. This beautiful, yet practical, facility would allow for seating 180 people. A large kitchen, up to date bathrooms, and a sizeable narthex area would provide guests with helpful amenities. This multi-use space would allow for more groups to use our facilities helping to ensure an important income revenue stream from group rentals. A wrap around porch provides scenic vistas of the lake and allows for break-out sessions outdoors. Can you picture it?

\$100,000 would be designated for improving the entranceway to camp. The entrance would be moved a little farther southwest on Two Notch Road, avoiding the turn right at the top of a hill. Clear, visible, obvious signage where to go helps take away any nerves and anxiety for new campers. A clear demarcation from the busy world of interstate/highway travel to the quiet seclusion of retreat would be much appreciated by guests.

Our goal is to raise \$2,200,000 for these exciting initiatives. This is a bold, audacious request for vibrant, meaningful ministries. We all know that global supply chain and labor availability issues affect pricing for projects like these.



**AARP Smart Driver
Classroom Course**
Saturday, March 25

AARP Smart Driver classroom course could save you money on your car insurance. If you would like to attend on Saturday, March 25 - 10 am to 2 pm, contact Karen Kranz. The fee is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members (cash or check only). I would recommend checking with your insurance company to see if attending this course will save you money. This will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

**MEMBER WELCOME
& INFO SESSION**
Sunday, Mar. 5 @ 9:20am

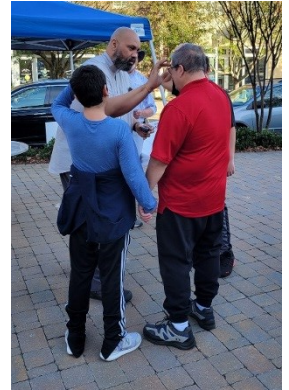
Plans are now being made for our next Member Welcome Blessing (and info class) to welcome persons into Christ's family of faith here at LS. If interested - or if you would like to know more about LS and our faith as Lutheran Christians - please see Pastor Eric or Pastor Carl, or call the office.

God At Work

Council Retreat Gathering 2023



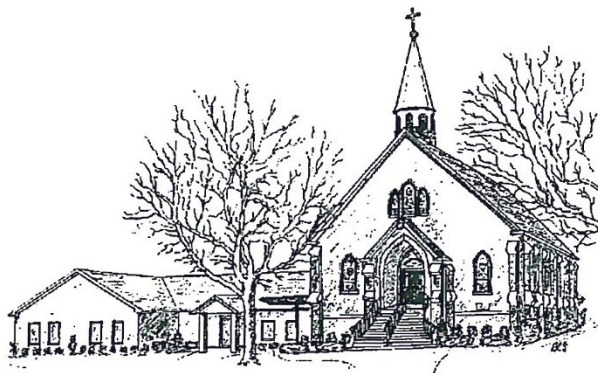
Ashes to Go



The Spirit moved two sisters to stop at our Ashes to God offering at Lake Carolina Town Center. They had seen the signs and wanted to come on Wednesday morning. They were then moved to bring additional family members to the afternoon offering of Ashes To Go. And then the Holy Spirit guided them to come to worship the following Lenten Sunday. They worshipped with us and then stayed to help pack Backpacks. God at Work Indeed!

The Spirit caused a woman to turn around and come back to our Ashes To Go offering in the Lake Carolina Town Center. She is working 2 jobs to help pay for a medically injured brother and dealing with some additional family dynamics. She simply wanted space and time to breathe, be in the called presence of Jesus, remind herself that God walks with her no matter what, and to connect to the source of ultimate Strength. I learned more about God through this lady, and am grateful for this brief yet powerful moment.

At the Lake Carolina Ashes to Go, a lady with her two children came for ashes and asked what time we would be on site. We told her 6 pm, so she contacted her husband and said he was going to try to make it. When he showed up, I recognized him from the company I used to work for and also that he was a Living Springs member. He knew me too and said their family is attending a couple of different churches now, but that he has been stopping to get ashes at LC since we started doing it. Inviting everyone to experience the joy of life in God's diverse Kingdom garden!



Colony Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Church: (803) 276-7151
www.ColonyELCA.church

February 5, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ at Living Springs Lutheran Church and Rev. Eric Fink and Deacon Lexanne Graves, + *pastor Carl Taylor*

Grace to you and peace from God our heavenly Father, from Jesus the beloved son and from the Holy Spirit, our eternal advocate.

In Ephesians 6:18, Paul encourages us to pray for one another with these words: "Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints."

In response to the call for us to pray for one another, we at Colony Lutheran Church lifted you and your congregation up in our prayers on Sunday, February 5th, 2023. We prayed that God would continue to guide and be present in your ministries within your community.

God Bless each of you and the work you get to do!

Pastor Michele

Pastor Michele Fischer and the People of Colony Lutheran Church

Dem Leary

Carroll and Eddie Jellers

Lori, Evan + Cohen Webb

Larry + Barbara Wise

Hannah Pimmmons

Suzie + Danny Fulmer

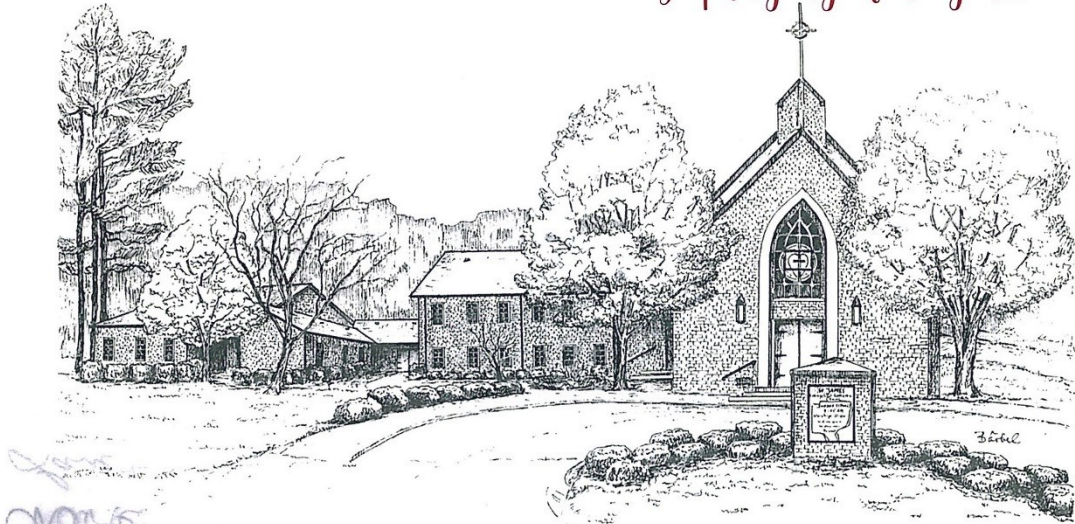
Judy + Dan Rachel

Neal Fulmer

Patsy Long

Lisa Morris

St. James Lutheran in Graniteville
is praying for you...



Prayers

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

Charles + Inna Buska

Lane + Kathy Rogers

Prison Fred

Ronnie + Sandra Johnson

Mike Franklin

Becky Roberson

Noel + Nichol

Linda Pritchard

Danette Maroney

Myrah Klinker

Debbie Jensen

Don Johnson

Jim + Barbara Cobb

Shelley Jones

Jake Jones

Mary + Lisa Brist

Clay + Vicki Bolton

Butch + Marcia Shaffer

Ken + Jo

Tom Carol

Maids + Lang Cuthbert

Bob + Betty Joffin

Ronald Wood

Helen Wood

Wm

Cathie + Lanny Valentine

The Jeremi Gos


Jim Mullis

Allan Youmans

As fellow members of the Body of Christ, *Edna Lamm*
we prayed for your congregation and its ministries
during our worship service today.

God's Peace to You,
St. James Lutheran Church
Graniteville, SC

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MAIN SUNDAY SCHEDULE						
810A Pre-Worship Prayer Time 815A WORSHIP (Sanctuary) 920 Adult Faith Formation	1025 Pre-Worship Prayer Time 1030A WORSHIP (Sanctuary/ Parking Lot FM/Online) - includes Children's GIFT Faith Learning					
5 *See box above 920P LS Info Session 12P Confirmation 2P Ladies Book Club (Kranz) 4P Centering Prayer Group 430P Girl Scouts 5P Cristo Rey Ministry (Meet LS 415) 515P Mental-Emotional Wellness Group	6 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P LS Leaders Anchor Zoom 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scouts Honor Court	7 10A Bible Bk of Month Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	8 1030A Preschool Bible Time Noon Lenten Dev. Worship 330P Afterschool Bible Time 500P Disciples of Harmony 515P Choir 645P Lenten Drama Worship after worship)	9 7A Bible & Biscuits Men's Bible Study 330P Backpack Food Ministry (ASC) 1030A Staff Mtg 630P LSCDC Board 630P Recovery Comes First	10 5-7P Lenten Fish Fry	11 930 Crafty Ladies  DST Begins—Set Clocks Ahead 1 hour before going to bed!
12 *See box above Before/After Worship—Backpacks 920P Cong. Emotional-Mental Wellness Emphasis Gathering 2P Grace Works Planning (Ebenzer) 4P Centering Prayer Group 430P Girl Scouts 515P Mental-Emotional Wellness Group	13 1030A Meals on Wheels 630P Justice Rally (@ Beth Shalom, carpools at 6pm) 7P Boy Scouts 7P Recovery Comes First	14 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 530P Finance Team 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells 730P Exec Team	15 1030A Preschool Bible Time Noon Lenten Dev. Worship 330P Afterschool Bible Time 500P Disciples of Harmony 515P Choir 645P Lenten Drama Worship after worship)	16 630P Recovery Comes First 7P Council Meeting Children's Hospital Meal	17 5-7P Lenten Fish Fry	18 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Confirmation Retreat March 17-19 @ Lutheridge</div>
19 *See box above 920P Bible Book of Month Study 4P Centering Prayer Group 430P Girl Scouts 515P Mental-Emotional Wellness Group	20 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Worship Team 7P Fellowship Mutual Care 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scouts	21 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	22 1030A Preschool Bible Time Noon Lenten Dev. Worship 330P Afterschool Bible Time 500P Disciples of Harmony 515P Choir 645P Lenten Drama Worship after worship)	23 7A Bible & Biscuits Men's Bible Study 1030A Staff Mtg 330P Backpack Ministry 630P Recovery Comes First Palmetto Place Meal	24 5-7P Lenten Fish Fry (Campus Ministry guests)	25 8A Men's Breakfast Gathering 10A AARP Smart Driver Course
26 *See box above Before/After Worship—Backpacks 4P Centering Prayer Group 430P Girl Scouts 515P Mental-Emotional Wellness Group	27 1030A Meals on Wheels 630P Nehemiah Justice Assembly (Township Aud., carpools start @ 5:40) 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scouts	28 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	29 1030A Preschool Bible Time Noon Lenten Dev. Worship 330P Afterschool Bible Time 500P Disciples of Harmony 515P Choir 645P Lenten Drama Worship after worship)	30 5P Rush Hour Ministry 630P Recovery Comes First	31 5-7P Lenten Fish Fry	1 PALM SUNDAY— APRIL 2 Worship @ 8:15 Worship @ 10:30 Egg Hunt @ 3:00

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

March 1	Marj Appleton	15	Gwen Furcron
	Meg Goldberg	March 17	Ryan Harmon
March 3	Lauren Bloss		Kristen Mattson
	Ruth Pollard	March 19	Audrey Turnmire
March 4	Brady Stoutland	March 21	Gay Walter
March 5	Laura Turnmire	March 23	Mallory Padgett
March 7	Bill Fox	March 24	♥ Retha Murray
March 11	Steve Dye		Lisa & John Petty
	Courtney Murray	March 25	Luzviminda Hopwood
March 12	Steve Niemeyer	March 27	LaTynia Taylor
		March 29	Ethan 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 your Baptismal date and find out as much information as you can – let us know if we can help!



March 1	Alice Renaud
March 7	Jean Weick
March 11	Julia Bales
March 13	Lydia Prizer
March 17	Nancy Baldwin
March 18	Patricia Brower
	Linda Hayes
March 23	Walker Flores
	Patrick Lay
March 24	Rachel Sorial
March 28	Garrett Flores
March 29	Leslie Bloss
	Cathy Lowman



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