

# The Living Springs Journal

"CELEBRATE...SHARE...SERVE"  
ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL

June 2023



# Those "Peanut Butter Cracker" People! (from Pastor Eric)

JUNE BIBLE "BOOK" OF THE MONTH = ACTS, chapters 15-28

PASTOR TIMES: Tues, 6/13 @ 10am; Sun, 6/25 @ 9:20am

*"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." - 1 Corinthians 12:4-7*

As I look ahead to summer, this Scripture reading from our joyful celebration of Pentecost (May 28) echoes in my mind. I think about the many gifts of time, talent, treasure, sacrifice, and service that the Spirit works in followers of Jesus to plant seeds of God's growing hope in the world: a miracle of the Spirit I see every month here at LS, especially as we all pull together to make preparations for summer ministries that will impact so many lives.

I think back decades ago—and how that miracle unfolded to plant God's growing hope in me as a young child during the summer: people who offered their gifts to make possible Vacation Bible School, camp, youth trips, craft weeks, servant projects, and so much more. There were upfront leaders & Bible teachers. There were choir people who came and helped us sing lots of joyful songs. There were volunteers who helped me glue macaroni pieces on construction paper, draw & color Bible story scenes, plant flowers, and make Bible scenes with wood chips. There were folks who made sandwiches and dipped ice cream. There were people who drove buses and chaperoned trips. Among them all, I remember what I affectionately called "those peanut butter cracker people" - a couple of older adults who showed up every day and smiled at each of us as they assembled peanut butter crackers and

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*Opportunities to Share & Experience the joy of God's Growing Hope in June:*

- LS DISCIPLE GATHERING—June 4
- LS SUMMER HOPE SUNDAY #1—June 11
- CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEAL—June 15
- JUNETEENTH REHOBOTH VISIT—June 18
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—June 19-21
- PALMETTO PLACE MEAL—June 23
- LUTHERIDGE CAMP WEEK—June 25-30
- ARTSMART CAMP #1 @ LS—June 26-29
- MEALS ON WHEELS—each Mon & Tues



## From the Desk of Pastor Carl



Hey YALL...

I have some Good News for you.....

Brothers and sisters,

As I sit down to write this email, our hearts are still filled with the joyous spirit of Pentecost Sunday. Let us always remember the extraordinary outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the followers of Jesus. As we embark upon the season known as "the time after Pentecost" in the church calendar and move into our summer schedule, let us be mindful that the Holy Spirit continuously guides us and the church in the ongoing ministry of Jesus.

During this precious "time after Pentecost," as we feel the breath of God enveloping us, let us embrace one another with love. May we cherish the breath of Life that surrounds us, providing guidance, teaching, calling, and leading the collective body of believers in this world.

Our recent service was a magnificent celebration, filled with diverse languages, the power of the Word, and a shared

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# 2023 Vacation Bible School

June 19-21  
6:00 pm-7:45 pm  
(Kickoff Worship June 18)

Ages 3 - 12th Grade.  
\$5 per participant

Registration forms available  
in the admin lobby or [click here](#).



## ArtSmart Performing Arts Summer Camp

June 26-29 (completed Kindergarten-5th grade)

July 24-27 (completed 6th-8th grade)

Monday-Thurs, 9am-12:30pm\*

Hosted at Living Springs Lutheran Church

Registration fee: \$40/child, \$20/2nd child, \$10/3rd child, Scholarships Available



We are excited to offer this summer opportunity where students will be able to practice drama, music, visual arts, and other performing arts in combination with a Biblically-based program. All of the arts will come together for a Thursday performance for families and friends. Snacks and lunch will be offered each day.

\*Families may opt to include a light breakfast at 8:30am for an additional fee of \$5/student for the week. We are looking for adults to share their talents in these areas, as well as groups/persons to provide lunch/snacks, and shepherds to guide the students through the rotation stations. Child Protection Screening is required for all leaders/helpers.

To [Register](#) or to Volunteer, please contact LS Office (Minister Lavone Griffin) 803-736-0661

## Team Members Needed for Food Truck Party VBS!

*We need you to join us on our way to Food Truck Party VBS!*

Contact: LaTynia Taylor or Ashley Stoutland at [latyniamtaylor@yahoo.com](mailto:latyniamtaylor@yahoo.com) or [\\_astoutland@live.com](mailto:_astoutland@live.com), [astoutland@fairfield.coop](mailto:astoutland@fairfield.coop) to sign up for opportunities to serve, lead, and most of all, HAVE FUN at Food Truck Party!  
*Join us as we get On a Roll with God!*

## Come Make a Difference in a Young Person's Life! Everyone Can Help with LS ArtSmart Camp

*Week #1, June 24-27*

Please use the sign-up sheet at church (or call the office) for any of these options:

- \* Welcome & Help Serve Breakfast (8:15-9:15)
- \* Help Serve at Snacks (10:10-10:50)
- \* Help Set-Up & Serve Lunch (11:15-12:30)
- \* Be a Loving Shepherd to help kids from station to station (9:00-12:15)
- \* Provide snacks / lunch food for one or more days

## Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*

### Announcing: **LS Adult Mini-Mission Trip, July 9-12!!!**



Over the years, we have heard so many exciting, life-changing stories about our LS Youth Mystery Mission Trips. This summer, we are making plans for a **parallel adult Mission Experience** that would occur at the same time as the youth trip. The adult version would be a little shorter, with just 3 nights away: **depart Sunday afternoon, July 9 and return Wednesday, July 12**. We would travel together as a separate adult group, stay in modest hotels, and experience the same major sites as our Youth (with opportunities for some youth-adult shared reflections). If you are available on those dates and interested in more details (including the "mystery" sites), please see Steve Bloss or email Pastor Eric no later than June 11.

### **LS Spring Disciple Gatherings!** *"Make-Up" Option* *June 4 @ 9:20*

During the spring Easter Season, the LS family gathered in small groups for fellowship, relationship-building, prayer, and pondering how each of us experiences God's Growing Hope in our lives. For anyone who was not able to attend a disciple gathering, we will have a make-up session in the fellowship hall today (between worship services @ 9:20).

### **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



## Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

### **SC Synod Assembly, June 8-10** *Worship Thursday @ 6:30*

Our 2023 Assembly, "I SEE JESUS", is being held in Columbia next weekend. We invite your prayers for our Assembly voting members: Leslie Bloss, Doug Danner, Karen Kranz, Lauren Bloss (under 30), Pr. Carl, Pr. Eric; plus Synod VP Lexanne Graves, Synod council LaTynia Taylor, as well as Pr. Wayne Kannaday, Pr. Zeke Hanford, Pr. Jim Glander and all other participants. May the Spirit guide our annual SC Synod assembly this week.

*You are invited to attend the Synod Worship on Thursday evening, 6:30 PM at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1301 Richland St. Columbia.*

### **LS Child Protection Training Session** *Today & 6/11 @ 11:45am (after worship)*

We are holding Child Protection Training for those who plan on volunteering in any way with our youth or children programs this summer. This includes any parents who are helping out. Training needs to be renewed every other year by all volunteers. (If you are not sure if it's time for your renewal training, contact the office.) This training protects you and our children/youth and creates a safe haven for all of God's children.

### **Facilities Grounds Projects**

The Facilities Team needs help with tasks both inside and outside our buildings: light grounds keeping, window cleaning and special projects. Immediate needs are weeding our planting beds outside the narthex and the beds outside the sanctuary facing Hardscrabble Road. Text Jim Zieche if you can pitch in! 803-569-9638.

### **Happen to have some wine corks?**

We are collecting wine corks for a "Christmas in July" project. Please drop off your cleaned corks in the workroom.

passed them out at snack time. They may not have realized it, but the Spirit was working something powerful in them through those smiles & peanut butter crackers—planting a seed of Jesus' love and God's hope in the heart of a little boy that still grows 50 years later as I now sit here at a pastor's desk.

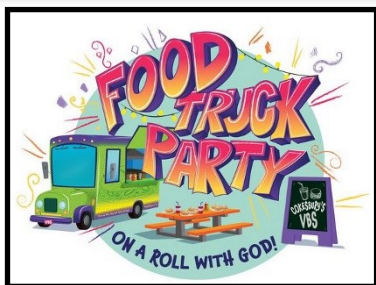
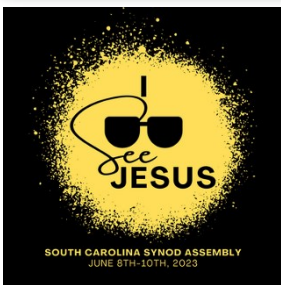
I think about all the opportunities we have as people of Living Springs to plant those same seeds in the hearts of other children & youth this summer. No matter what our age or what our abilities, there is some way each & every one of us can be involved, whether it be with **Vacation Bible School (June 19-21)**, **ArtSmart camps (June 26-29 or July 24-27)**, **GraceWorks week (July 17-20)** - or even helping provide support, cards, and care for **Lutheridge Camp Week (June 25-30)** or **Summer Mission Trip (July 9-13)**. I encourage everyone to be part of these life-impacting ministries with whatever ability the Spirit gives you, as a manifestation for the common good!

I am especially excited about ArtSmart Camp led by Minister Lavonne & his drama/art/music team—as part of a larger partnership with All Saints Lutheran, Mt. Pleasant (which will host in early August) and ELCA Strategic Ministry/SC Synod Growing God's Mission grants. For our 2 LS weeks, we will need "all hands on board" to help serve snacks & lunch for the children/youth (plus some light breakfast) - and/or help shepherd the children from art station to art station. I invite everyone to consider how you could help provide snacks or lunch food, help serve, or volunteer to help as a shepherd.

Oh, how wonderful it will be to again see the miracle of the Spirit's gifts lived out here at LS this summer! Thanks be to God for each of you and this amazing congregation who continue to be part of God's growing hope! Much love, *Pastor Eric*

*P.S. The Spirit's miraculous work will also be evident in all the many partnerships we share as Lutheran Christians here in SC, the ELCA, and beyond - at our **Synod Assembly, June 8-10**, with the wonderful theme, "I See Jesus!" Please hold Synod VP Lexanne Graves, our LS voting reps, and all assembly participants in prayer (and come join in the always inspiring **Synod Worship on Thursday, June 8 at 6:30**, downtown at Ebenezer Lutheran)!*

Synod Assembly, June 8-10 ++ VBS, June 19-21 ++ ArtSmart#1, June 26-29 ++ Lutheridge, June 25-30  
Mission Trip, July 9-13 ++ GraceWorks, July 17-20 ++ ArtSmart#2, July 24-27



### 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)*

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meal that brought us together. After worship, we had an indoor picnic, and I must say, the food was delightful, complemented by wonderful conversations.

May has been a bustling month for our church and our youth. We held the Driver License Milestone class on May 20th, followed by a blessing ceremony on the 21st, which included both those who already obtained their licenses and those hopeful to receive theirs this year. Our Confirmation classes for the Spring concluded on May 21st, with a special lunch and review session with our Empty Nesters during their celebratory time. To add some fun to the mix, we took the confirmation class to Frankie's Fun Park.

The G.I.F.T. area remains an important and vibrant space for our little ones to experience worship. They listen to the words of the day from both Pastor Eric and me, engage in coloring, and answer questions in the kid's bulletin thoughtfully crafted by Mrs. Jan Berger. I am truly humbled to be a part of their faith journeys as we all Grow In Faith Together.

As we enter June, I kindly ask that you keep our youth in your prayers as they wrap up the semester and school year. Additionally, mark your calendars for the upcoming adventures this summer. We will kick off Vacation Bible School on June 19th, with a special blessing during our worship experience on Sunday, June 18th. Furthermore, for the first time ever, we will host an ART/SMART Camp from June 26th to June 29th, right here at Living Springs, running from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Let us eagerly anticipate witnessing how God will work as we sow new seeds of God's Growing Hope.

Thank you for your unwavering support of our youth and for your continued prayers. Your dedication truly makes a difference.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Pastor Carl



## Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

### **From Tammy Mancuso, Director**

Cleaning, and cubbies and singing oh my!

It's hard to believe that we are already headed into summer. Although evident by all that is happening around the CDC, we are quickly moving from the school year into summer. Our teachers and kids have been busy with end-of-the-year activities.

Our 4 and 5-year-olds have been practicing songs, reciting the pledge, and saying "Until next time" to classmates and teachers. We will have our promotion ceremony on May 31st please feel free to join us if you'd like, the more Cheers the Merrier! Such a bittersweet moment to see our "littles" grow and leave the nest, but we know that they WILL succeed out in the world!

Our Trike-a-Thon was a big success, we collected 150 nonperishable items for donation.

We are working hard on Father's Day cards for our Senior friends as well as We Wish You Well cards for the children's hospital and Meals on Wheels.

Our staff will be busy at our Teacher Workday on June 2nd as we gear up for a few new faces. We are busy cleaning, making new name tags, and getting our "Welcome to our Family" signs ready. It's exciting to see our ministry grow. We are still looking for qualified disciples to join our ministry. If you know of anyone that may be interested, please feel free to send them our way.

We are grateful for the opportunity to watch our children, staff, families, and ministry grow. To be a part of this educational and faith journey is an honor and privilege. Thank you for your support, prayers, and love throughout the year.

Wishing you well.

Love, Tammy

## God's Corner



Dear Members of Living Springs Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift to the South Carolina Synod. We appreciate your faithful stewardship and generosity.

This gift in the amount of \$897 has been designated according to your wishes to the Tanzania Medical Clinic and will be used for this part of our ministry together.

May God continue to bless your life in Christ.

Together in Ministry,

Bishop Ginny

The Rev. Virginia S. Aebisher  
Bishop, SC Synod - ELCA



Members of Living Springs,

As we begin another chapter of our lives, we are grateful and fortunate to have crossed paths and worshiped with so many wonderful and loving people at Living Springs. Thank you for the comforting prayer shawl that was present to us on [a recent] Sunday. We will miss everyone. May God's peace and blessings be with you all.

**Ron & Debbie Smith**



Dear Living Springs Lutheran Church,

Thank you for supporting the ministry of Epworth Children's Home through your contribution in the amount of \$614. Your gift helps children like Ethan\*. Ethan and his sister, Mae, arrived at Epworth's residential program last summer. They sought comfort knowing that they were together on the campus and could see each other in the dining hall, at church, and during daily campus activities. After their Mother completed a treatment program and regained her parental rights, Ethan and Mae returned home at the end of last year. Before leaving the campus, Ethan reached into his bag and gifted each of his new friends in his cottage with a small token to remember him with. The relationships formed during his time at Epworth were ones that he and other residents would not forget. Your support of the children at Epworth Children's Home makes opportunities like this possible, each and every day. Your support provides the caring staff in the cottages and the programs that provide and opportunity for each child to lead a fulfilling and productive life. Thank you for believing in Epworth's mission and in the future of children at Epworth, children like Ethan and Mae.

Sincerely,  
Beth Williams  
President

*\*Names changed for confidentiality*



Just want to Thank you and Living Springs for another wonderful year of the backpack program. I appreciate all you do for Rice Creek Elementary students and their families. The kids always look forward to the bags every week. It makes their week. The families discuss how much it is helpful to have the food. Thank you as well for always being flexible to meet our time demands every week and holiday. I look forward to another wonderful year next year of Living Springs being a community partner.

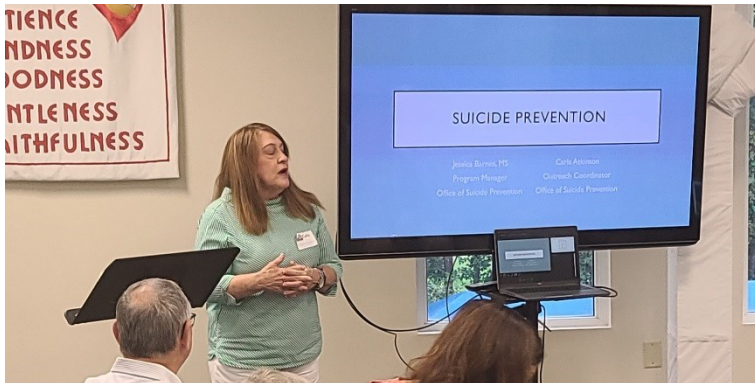
Thank YOU!!!

**Christie Hutchinson, LISW-CP**  
Richland School District Two School Social Worker



## Notes from: *Emotional - Mental Wellness*

Emotional/Mental Health Sunday - "Breaking Down Walls of Silence: How to Talk about Suicide" Carla At-



## *o See God At Work...God Stories*

We got an uber from the airport and ended up talking about life with this young man that is trying to make a better life for himself and his son. I encouraged him to have faith and he would do well. He hugged me and said I was family now 💜



Jesus Christ's Agape is/was & will be so great that He wants/wanted us to share God's love and image, Holy Spirit, word, kindness, justice, healing, sharing, goodness, caring, nations where we are connected, repentance, living water. It is through His Agape that we find our blessings. Jesus Christ also wants us to experience & share our hardships. It helps us understand & respond in the way Jesus Christ would, with Agape, through the Holy Spirit & Baptism by the way of God!

### ***SHARE YOUR Hope Moment***

*Has God worked a Hope moment through you or someone else during the week? Email [GodAtWork@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto: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!*

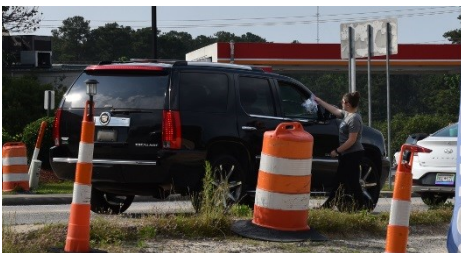


## Notes from: *Good News Team*

### Rush Hour Ministry



Thank you  
LSCDC After  
schoolers for  
helping us  
pack the treat  
bags



### **LS Good News Bible Reading Project**

*Catch this month's stories in our YouTube Bible Project Playlist*  
*Witnesses To the Ends of the Earth! - read by Deacon Lexanne Graves*  
*Life-Changing Hope in Every Language - read by Midge Gunvalson*  
*Good News is Spreading, Hope is Growing! - read by John Imbert*  
*A New Direction & Purpose in Life - read by Bob Gill*  
*Barriers Broken Down - Hope for Everyone! - read by Steve Padgett*

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 Wednesday, 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: *Hope Ministry*

### LS Summer Hope Sunday #1

June 11 @ 9:20

The first Hope Sunday will feature our Children's Hospital representative - Ms. Cassy Shea, Program Coordinator for Camp Kemo. If you follow our messages in the Journal each month, you will notice the message about providing lunches to the parents who have children going through treatments for cancer or blood disorders. Travis & Melanie Mooney, owners of Carolina Deli provide the 20 lunches that are distributed each third Thursday of the month along with a sweet encouraging card from our CDC children. Join us at 9:20 am on June 11 to hear more about the impact these lunches have in support of the parents. The Google Meet info: <https://meet.google.com/zkz-tzgp-seu> or dial: (US) +1 323-515-9597 PIN: 776 209 519#.

### FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS - RICE ESTATE & HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

We cannot forget the men on Father's Day! On Thursday afternoon, June 15 we will assemble the flowers and on Friday morning (10:30 am) deliver them to Rice Estate and to the homebound male LS members. Included will be a card signed by LS members and a homemade card from a CDC child. This little gesture brings so much joy to our senior generation - it was humorous when we delivered to the women, how many of the men had a sad face, but we told them all that their day will be coming in June! If you would like to help assemble or deliver, contact Karen Kranz.

### RICE ESTATE DINNER

June 24

Our dinner theme for the independent living members at Rice Estate and Harmony is a western theme with a menu of BBQ chicken, watermelon appetizer, mac & cheese, coleslaw, topped off with a yummy dessert. There will be games and prizes! Contact Gail Buchanan if you are interested in being a part of this ministry.

### BACKPACKS

Whew! another year down in the books for providing backpacks during the school year for Rice Creek Elementary, Joseph Keels Elementary and Blythewood Academy. We added 5 bags and are distributing 70 bags total each week! Thank you to everyone that contributed in some way - packing, providing food items, helping with stuff a bus - it is truly a blessing! With school starting up at the beginning of August, we are not sure of our start date for backpacks, but look for news on the date of our stuff a bus sometime in August.

### PALMETTO PLACE

Crafty Ladies donated eight quilts to Samantha House which were delivered with a meal for these independent youth that are transitioning from the unaccompanied youth house to learning how to manage their meal selections, budgeting and time. Each fourth Thursday of the month, Living Springs provides a balanced meal to these young adults. Contact Karen Kranz if you would like to make an item (entree, starch, veggie, dessert).

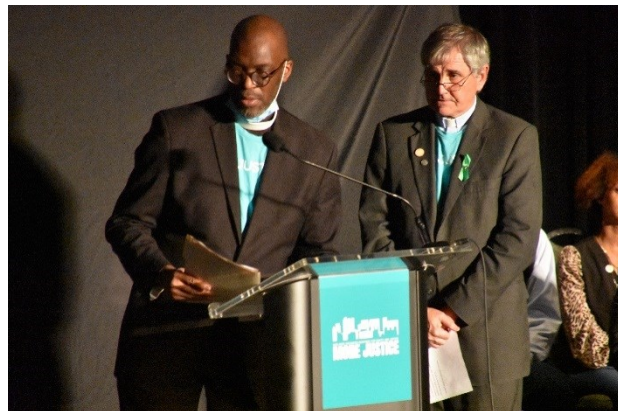
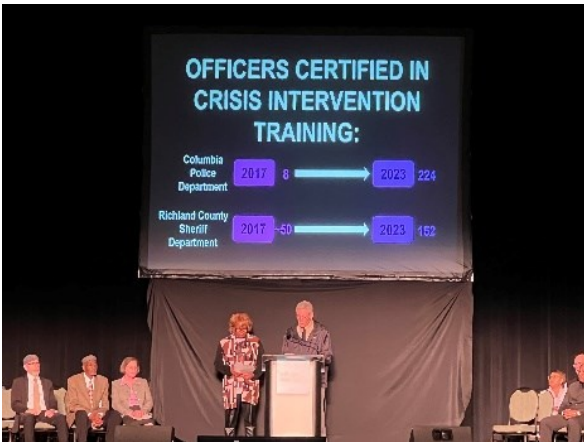
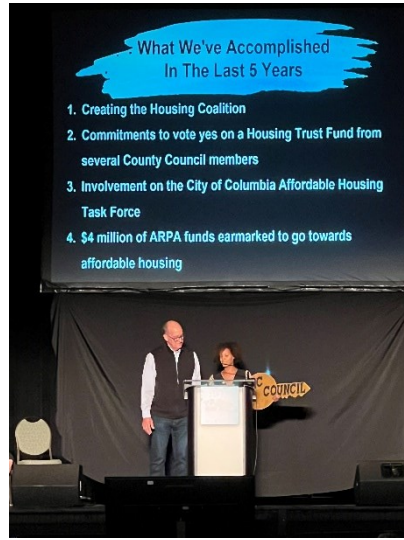
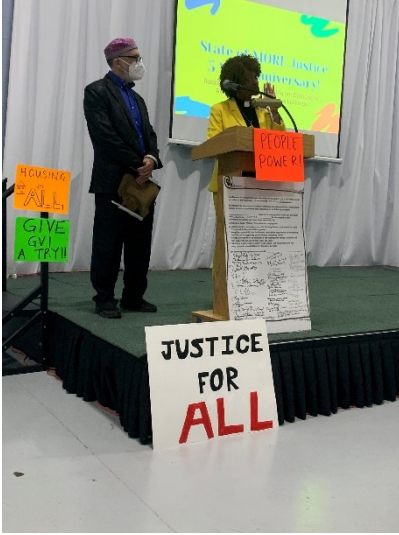


## Mother's Day Flowers - Rice Estate & Homebound Members



# Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

The Justice Ministry 2022-23 cycle wrapped up with our MORE Justice Nehemiah Action and Celebration in April and May. More than 800 people across 25+ congregations spoke up together about affordable housing, crime and gun violence, treatment of those with mental illness, and food scarcity. The Living Springs witness made a difference! We give thanks for God's faithfulness throughout this 6<sup>th</sup> year of our Justice journey!



# Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

## The Wonder of Worship

### Congregational Singing & Other Forms of Church Music

**Q:** What's the first reference to music in the Bible? Maybe Leviticus where there's lots of instructions on worshipping God? The Psalms?

**A:** Nope! Genesis 4:20-21: "**Adah gave birth to Jubal; . . . His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who play the harp and flute.**" Long before Noah there was music—even different instruments—and there are **many** references throughout Scripture. Moses and the Israelites sang a powerful song to the Lord after the Exodus (Exo. 15:1-18). At one point God tells Moses: "**Now write down for yourselves this song and teach it to the Israelites and have them sing it . . .**" (Deut. 31:19-22, with God as Composer/Lyricist!). The book of Psalms was ancient Israel's hymnbook. And on and on. Read Revelation 15:1-4, the last biblical reference, for the song we'll sing after Christ comes again!



Bottom line? The capacity to make and be moved by music was built into the human spirit by our Creator. Music is a major way we communicate with God. Some people may be particularly gifted, but the Bible makes it clear that worship music is important for **all** of God's people. So, let's take a quick look at how music functions in our services starting with a simple categorization (not the only one, but a helpful one) of **Hymns** and **Anthems**.

**Hymns** = Music the entire congregation sings together regardless of musical style, whether traditional (e.g., "A Mighty Fortress"), contemporary ("10,000 Reasons"), or any other style. As Lutherans we also have a subset of congregational music in the liturgical pieces that we sing or chant: Kyries, Canticles of Praise, Great Thanksgiving, Lamb of God, etc.

**Anthems** = Music not sung by the entire congregation, but sung and/or played by one or more people, such as the LS Choir, Disciples of Harmony, or various soloists or other groups. **Anthems** are also played by JuBELLation or other instruments. Here are two points to think about.

1. Sometimes **Anthems** are called "special music." A relatively small number of people rehearse ahead of time, etc. Doesn't that make it more "special" than congregational **Hymns**? Actually, no, once you think about the true purpose of music at church. There is nothing more important, more "special" than when the entire church body joins as one to sing praise to God! That's why we gather: to collectively pour out our praise, thanksgiving, and petitions to God through **Hymns** and to be reminded through the Word and through music of who we are in Christ and what we are called to do. **Anthems** are aimed at the very same goals. They just provide time to reflect on great truths and to experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways. And this leads to the second point:



2. Engage! Enter in! Sing out! Don't worry about what you sound like. You're singing mainly for the Lord's ears! When we sing **Hymns**, picture what is true, that you are worshipping God as an individual, but simultaneously as part of a choir! Focus on the words and music. Enjoy hearing others sing around you. Sing with your eyes upwards sometimes! Enjoy God's gift of music. Use the **Anthems** as opportunities to reflect on and ponder God's truth and love. **I now pronounce everyone as official members of the Living Springs Congregational Choir!** And let me know if you want to be involved in music in other ways at Living Springs. See you Sunday!



Shirl Schiffman [shirl@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto:shirl@livingspringscolumbia.org)

## Summer Sunday Schedule - 2 Worship Options: 8:15 & 10:30 (Livestream continues @ 10:30)

Thanks to all who responded to our Summer Worship Survey - it was very helpful! Almost everyone was willing to shift in some way, but even the best option (9:30) was available to only 70% of our responders. We look forward to all the ways the Spirit will inspire our worship in the summer months ahead!

### Blessing of the Quilts & Pew Bears



### G.I.F.T. Experience



### Pentecost Sunday

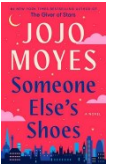


## Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

### LADIES BOOK CLUB

June 5 @ 7pm

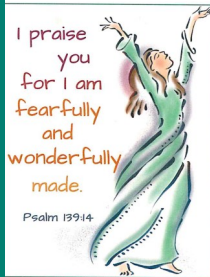
On Monday, June 5 if you would like to join us in the discussion of *Someone Else's Shoes* by Jojo Moyes, we are meeting at Jan Epperson Schmidt's, 508 Cold Branch Dr. (North Springs community) ph: 803.206.8272 at 7 pm. Light refreshments are provided and everyone is welcome...even if you have not read the book.



### Women on a Mission

September 15-17, 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*

### Bibles & Biscuits

### Men's Bible Study

2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 7am

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



October 13-15, 2023

Tracy's Camp

**COST:** Early Registration: \$150 by Sept 30th; Late Registration: \$175 by Oct. 7th (Scholarships are available - contact retreat leaders)

[Registration information](#)

[Online registration and payment option](#)

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: *Youth*

### Drivers License Milestone



### LS Youth Ministry

Things to look forward to:

- **June 19-21** - Spark VBS
- **June 25-30** - Camp Week at Lutheridge
- **June 26-29** - Art Smart Camp @ LS
- **July 9-13** - Mystery Mission Trip
- **July 17-20** - GraceWorks
- **July 24-27** - Art Smart Camp @ LS
- **August 6** - Blessing of School Bags

### GraceWorks 2023 **BETTER TOGETHER** July 17th – 20th

The GraceWorks Leadership Team is incredibly excited for our  
**10th annual GraceWorks Youth Servant Camp here in the Midlands!**



**Here's some key information for congregations, adult volunteers, youth, and parents.**

**What is GraceWorks?** GraceWorks is a local servant camp for Midlands Youth who are rising 6th graders through recently graduated 12th graders. It's also a camp for adult volunteers who want to support and encourage these young people in Christ-like service. GraceWorks develops servant leaders as these youth serve various agencies around the Columbia area. Most of these agencies serve vulnerable children or adults. In addition to doing physical labor like painting, cleaning, yardwork, and organizing, youth also learn about the ministry of these agencies and often have opportunities to interact with those they are serving. **What does it cost:** This year's cost will be \$50\* per youth, this covers supplies, snacks, and our recreation day for all our participants.

*\*Cost should never be a deciding factor for any youth. If the cost is a barrier please reach out to Walt Hampton at Zion for scholarship information.*

**Where is GraceWorks this year?** Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1301 Richland Street, Columbia, 29201. This will be our home base, most of our service experiences will involve traveling offsite via bus or by foot.

**When is GraceWorks this year?** This year GraceWorks begins Sunday July 16th with setup and packet pickup in the afternoon. This will be a time for leaders from each congregation to pickup their group's t-shirts and information for the week. Monday through Thursday, July 17th-20th, we will gather between 8:00 and 8:15am to start our day and will be finished and ready for pickup at 5:00pm. Your congregation youth leader will make sure you arrive and depart on time.

**For more Info contact Pr. Eric**

## God At Work

### New Admin Building Doors: Thanks for Your Debt & Maintenance Offerings!

Thanks to LS Facility Team for leading the project to install completely new main doors and entrance frame for our Admin Building. Because of your offerings for the LS Debt & Maintenance Fund, we were able to replace the old entry to the administration building with these beautiful, quiet, solid doors and frame. No door slamming shut behind you anymore! Your continued support of the Debt & Maintenance Fund will make possible many other needed upkeep projects for the Lord's house - which provides space for so many lives to be filled with God's growing hope!



### Seminarian Graduation



### Blessing of Lutheridge Counselors



### Easter Season Pollinator Seeds - Send Us Your Photo!

During Lent, we distributed a little "growing hope" garden pot to everyone - and filled it with soil from our large hope pot. On Easter Sunday, we distributed little Easter seed eggs, each containing a few pollinator flower seeds (surrounded by wheat chaff). We disciples represent the pollinator butterflies that spread the good news to the world. \*Pollinator seed eggs are still available in the office.





# Opportunities Outside Living Springs



## LS "Holy Spaces" Camp Kinard Appeal NEARS \$11,000!

*Still Time to Respond, if You Have Not Yet Done So... Challenge is to Reach \$15,600*

What a wonderful visit in April from SC Lutheran Retreat Center Director, Deacon Dallas Shealy! We're excited about our LS participation in the "Holy Spaces" appeal for our local Lutheran retreat center – as we join other SC congregations in a 3-year goal of raising \$2.2 million for a new lakeside chapel, accessible pool, and entrance at Camp Kinard! The invitation is for SC Lutherans to offer the equivalent of \$1 per week for the 3-year period = \$156 total, spread out over 3 years. Of course, some will be able to give even more.



Special cards for commitments and/or one-time gifts can still be left in the "Holy Spaces" basket here at church. Cards are available in the narthex/office lobby - or [Click here for a copy](#). With a re-calculation of gifts & commitments (eliminating duplications), we are approaching \$11,000 in gifts & commitments (which includes a \$2000 council designation). What an amazing blessing! Our challenge is to reach at least \$15,600 (\$156 x 100)!



\*If you missed any of our March/April inserts & videos about Camp Kinard "Holy Spaces," link below:

- [Insert #1](#), [Insert #2](#), [Insert #3](#), [Insert #4](#)
- [Video #1](#), [Video #2](#), [Video #3](#), [Video #4](#)

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Your gift is planting seeds for the future...

THANK YOU for your generous gift of \$4,000 to our *Building+Renewing+Believing: Holy Spaces* campaign on April 26, 2023.

You are helping to make dreams come true as together we envision more opportunities for people of all ages to grow in faith and experience radical hospitality at Camp Kinard. Thank you for generous support and investment in the future of South Carolina Lutheran retreat Centers at Camp Kinard as we provide holy spaces for God to change lives!

With deep gratitude,  
Deacon Dallas Shealy  
Executive Director


P.S. It was a joy being with you that Sunday! Thank you for your warm hospitality and your engaging worship! And thanks again for the support of our Holy Spaces Campaign.



**Senior Resources Inc.**  
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**Senior Lunch Bunch is now offered in Blythewood! Beginning June 5, seniors residing in Richland County who face social isolation can meet at [Lizard's Thicket](#) for friendship and a hot meal free of charge once a week. Contact Mekia at 803-252-7734 ext 236 for more information and to get signed up.**



**Pick One:**  
Grilled or Fried Chicken Strips  
Broiled or Fried Flounder

**Pick One:**  
Green Beans, Baby Lima Beans,  
Fried Okra, or Okra & Tomatoes

**Pick One:**  
Mashed Potatoes or Candied Yams


*All lunches come with a dinner roll, butter, fruit, and water. If desired, milk is also available.*


Additional items available at standard menu price.

Provided by Senior Resources to seniors (age 60+) living in Richland County.

*Come enjoy a hot meal and friendship at Lizard's Thicket!*

PROVIDED BY SENIOR RESOURCES






For more information, and to reserve your space, please call (803) 252-7734, x236.

**Lizard's Thicket**  
7938 Garners Ferry Rd., Columbia, SC 29209

OR

**Lizard's Thicket**  
711 University Village Dr, Blythewood, SC 29016

**MAIN SUNDAY SCHEDULE**  
 810A Pre-Worship Prayer Time  
**1030A WORSHIP (Sanctuary/ Parking Lot FM/Online)** - includes Children's GIFT Faith Learning  
 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

# June 2023

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	*See box above 920A Disciple Gathering (Make-Up) 11:45A Child Protection Training 430P Girl Scouts	5 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Worship & Music 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Ladies Book Club	6 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels	7 <b>12 BOM Bible Dev. Posted</b> 3P LSCDC Summer Chapel 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 6P Hope Team	1 3P LSCDC Bible Time 630P Recovery Comes First 7P Lifelong Discipleship 7P Youth & Children Ministry Team	2 LSCDC Staff Training Day	3 930A Crafty Ladies 3P Ramsey/Sanders Wedding @ LS
11	Summer Hope Sunday #1 *See box above 9:20A Summer Hope Sunday #1— (Children's Hospital/Camp Kemo) 11:45A Child Protection Training	12 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Fellowship/Mutual Care 7P Exec Team	13 10A Book of Month Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 530P Finance Team 6P Adult Bible Study 6P GraceWorks Planning @ Zion	14 <b>12 BOM Bible Dev. Posted</b> 3P LSCDC Summer Chapel 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir	15 Children's Hospital Meal 11A Good News Team 630P Recovery Comes First 7P Council Meeting	16 Deliver Father's Day Flowers	17 SC LCY Youth Vision Gathering (Redeemer, Newberry)
18	Father's Day *See box above 10:30A VBS Worship Blessing Annual JuneTeenth Group Worship Visit w/ Rehoboth (8:00 or 9:30)	19 JuneTeenth-Office Closed 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First	20 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Adult Bible Study	21 <b>12 BOM Bible Dev. Posted</b> 3P LSCDC Summer Chapel 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir	25 7A Bible & Biscuits Men's Bible Study 630P Recovery Comes First Palmetto Place Meal	23	24 8A Men's Breakfast Gathering
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<b>Campfirmation @ Lutheridge</b> June 25-June 30							
<b>Art Smart Camp @ LS (K—5th grade)</b> June 26-29, 9:00-12:30 (breakfast @ 8:30)							
<b>Synod Assembly: June 8-10 @ Marriott, Columbia</b>							

## Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

<b>June 2</b>	Brantley Smith	<b>June 16</b>	Alexis Hyyppa
<b>June 4</b>	Beverly Hoppert	<b>June 17</b>	Winston Bales
<b>June 5</b>	Jeff Day	<b>June 20</b>	Adam Woodruff
<b>June 9</b>	Karen Bazemore	<b>June 21</b>	Angie Dyches
<b>June 10</b>	Elijah Harris	<b>June 22</b>	Nancy Baldwin
	♥ Hany & Rachel Sorial	<b>June 26</b>	Nowell Ramsey
<b>June 11</b>	Marlene Jorgensen		♥ Michael & Kellie Snipes
<b>June 12</b>	Irene Tracy	<b>June 28</b>	Ashley Ramsey
<b>June 14</b>	Christa Cassidy		
	♥ Charles & Ruth Pollard		



### 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!



<b>June 1</b>	Margaret Blank
<b>June 11</b>	Elijah Harris
<b>June 12</b>	Ethan Christy
<b>June 18</b>	Ethan Wirth
<b>June 24</b>	Maria Sorial
<b>June 28</b>	Anita Gabbard
<b>June 30</b>	Marlene Jorgensen Irene Tracy



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