

# The Living Springs Journal

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

July 2023



# Amazing Summer "Growing Hope!" (from Pastor

JULY BIBLE "BOOKS" OF THE MONTH = Romans 1-16, Galatians 1-6

PASTOR TIME: Sunday, 6/23 @ 9:20am

"Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" - Matthew 13:8-9

Nearly 2000 years ago, Jesus shared his parable about the miracle of sowing God's kingdom seed. Many Biblical scholars believe that Jesus would be in particular settings and notice something around him—and then would use whatever he saw to teach people about the grace-filled, hope-growing Kingdom of God. Jesus sees a shepherd with his sheep, so Jesus teaches about the amazing Kingdom of God with a parable about a shepherd and a lost sheep. Jesus sees a farmer in a field—so Jesus teaches about the amazing Kingdom of God by sharing a parable about a sowing seed. Jesus sees laborers working in a vineyard; Jesus sees a father hugging his son; Jesus sees a wounded traveler being cared for; Jesus sees .....you get the idea. Everything Jesus sees reminds him about God's amazing kingdom!

I cannot even come close to claiming I have the eyes of Jesus. But these summer weeks have again and again reminded me of that insight shared by a seminary professor long ago. Everywhere I look, I seem to see reminders of the amazing kingdom of God, which comes near and grows hope in the world.

At a **June Synod Assembly**, I am reminded about the amazing Kingdom of God, as I see countless ministries that are growing hope because SC Lutheran Christians and our congregations bond together to make possible recovery ministries, aging ministries, retreat ministries, Campus ministries, and more.

I drive by **Prisma Children's Hospital**, and I hear in my heart the powerful stories shared by their speaker at our June **LS Hope Sunday**, (including how the people of LS make such a difference with our monthly meals for families with children/youth on the cancer floor) - and I am reminded of God's kingdom hope!

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## ANNUAL "CHRISTMAS IN JULY"

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## From the Desk of Pastor Carl

Hey everyone!

I've got some fantastic news to share with you all! 😊

Brothers and Sisters,

Wow, we had such an incredible time last month! Let me start by telling you about the SC Synod Assembly. It was a gathering filled with joy and fellowship, where I had the opportunity to connect with amazing people from all across South Carolina. We even had evenings full of laughter, hymns, and delicious desserts. It was an absolute blast! You know what's even more amazing? God's presence was everywhere, reminding us to keep our eyes open and witness the incredible work He's doing.

Now, let's dive into the highlights of VBS. It was an absolute blast for the kids who were able to join us. Picture this: On a Roll with God - Food Truck Party! People showed up, and guess who else showed up. God Himself! He was present from the beginning to the end, making it an unforgettable experience feeding our souls every day.

But wait, there's more! June wrapped up with Pastor Eric and two of our confirmands attending Campfirmation (A.C.E.L.E.P.) in Lutheridge. What's that, you ask? Well, stick around till the end of this newsletter to find out. They had an absolute blast learning and gaining knowledge, all while having a great time as they ventured through the seasons.

And that's not all! In the final week of June, we kicked off our first of two Art Smart Drama Camp weeks. The kids were thrilled to embark on a journey through the story of Nicodemus. They had music, drama skits, and exciting games, all centered around Nicodemus and the idea of seeking. It was incredible to witness God working through these amazing kids. He's always at work within us, and seeing His presence shine through them was truly inspiring.

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I walk into the Columbia airport arrival area, with staff from Lutheran Services, and I see smiles of amazement amid fearful eyes, as an endangered **refugee family** of 8 Syrian children & 2 parents are greeted with our LS church bus, groceries, and a hand-made welcome sign from children in our LS Child Development Center—and I am reminded about the hope grown as God's kingdom still comes near!

At our **June VBS and June Artsmart Camp**, there are countless interactions between community/cong. children and caring LS volunteers, music/drama leaders, Pastor Carl, Minister Lavone—and with all these, I am reminded how hope grows in young lives through the amazing kingdom of God coming near!

At **Lutheridge**, I see the expression in young faces (with many tears of joy) letting you know that Jesus has found a deeper place in their hearts because of faith shared with them by college-age counselors and adult leaders amidst the wonder of God's creation—and I am reminded how hope continues to grow through the amazing kingdom of God coming near!

Also, while at camp, multiple children come running up to me from **Cristo Rey**, our LS Mission Partner congregation (who just happen to be at camp), greeting me with surprised smiles & hugs, asking about the LS "ladies" who come to spend time with them & teach them Bible lessons—and I am reminded how hope continues to grow through the amazing seeds of God's kingdom being sown!

I see an alert from the State newspaper about the city of Columbia announcing a director for a new office to address Community Gun Violence—and I rejoice at how God is growing hope through the kingdom efforts of a **Justice Ministry** shared by God's people here at LS and the Midlands!

With weekly Bible studies, Scout meetings, Meals on Wheels, 2 NA recovery groups at LS, summer hymn-sings, monthly men's breakfasts, Sunday children's messages, Wednesday Bible story readings, and more—everywhere I see reminders of how God is growing is growing the amazing hope of God's kingdom coming near!

I look at our July calendar and see: **Adult Mission Experience, Youth Mystery Mission Trip, Graceworks, ArtSmart Camp#2, Christmas in July Homeless Ministry Collection, Family Promise meal**, and all our other ongoing ministries—and I am reminded of the amazing hope that will be sown and grown in people's lives this month ahead, through the amazing kingdom of God still ever coming near!

With so much thanksgiving for each of you, and all the ways you each sow God's amazing kingdom hope in the world every day, *Pastor Eric*



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

ADULT MISSION TRIP: July 8-11  
 SUMMER HOPE SUNDAY #2: July 9  
 YOUTH MISSION TRIP: July 9-13  
 GRACEWORKS WEEK: July 17-20  
 CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL: July 20  
 FAMILY PROMISE MEAL: July 23  
 ARTSMART CAMP #2: July 24-27  
 PALMETTO PLACE MEAL: July 27  
 MEALS ON WHEELS—Mon & Tues



### 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

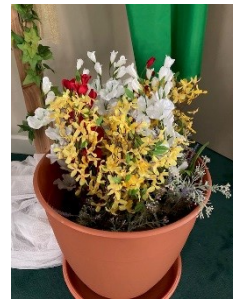
### **GOD'S GROWING HOPE FOR THE WORLD:**

**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)*

# Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

## **From Tammy Mancuso, Director**

Hello and Happy Summer,

As we move into the warm summer months, it's always fun to hear about where the children have been, whom they have visited, and how they have spent some of their days so far. Stories of beach days, trips to grandparents, and visits with loved ones.

We have been busy here at the CDC with lots of exciting activities and ways that we are sharing hope.

Our 4/5 year-olds welcomed summer with an end-of-year celebration. It was wonderful to once again come together in the sanctuary to honor our students and their teacher, Ms. Daneequa, for the hard work they have put in. The children sang songs, spoke about future plans, and celebrated moving on to kindergarten.

Our Summer camp is in full gear with picnics, waterplay days, art activities, and field trips. They visited The Rice Estates to deliver 72 cards to the residents in celebration of Father's Day. They also took a tour of Publix on Hardscrabble, where a shopper was so impressed with their demeanor and attitudes, that they gave each student 3 \$ to spend in the store.

We are pleased to announce that after a vet visit and a clean bill of health, our sweet kitty Martin has found a permanent home with one of our families; he is officially "Martin L. Causey".

Our staff was able to come together for a staff development day. This was the first opportunity since our last in-service in August for the staff to come together as a group and participate in prayer lunch. This is a fundamental piece of who we are as a center and what is at the core of our school family. I would guess that most people that know me would likely say that my Love Language is Food; providing, preparing, sharing, eating, experiencing, and exploring all the aspects of food and what it means to Welcome ALL to the Table. This space provides an opportunity to listen, share, learn, lean into, hear, see, and embrace the chance to get to know one another as we shed our armor and talk about the joys, hardships, and rawness of what it means to share this human experience together. This time together is precious and vital. Just today I had a former staff member visit and said that they dearly miss being a part of this school family because of the prayer lunches; the closeness that they felt and the companionship it provided. They expressed how they miss that experience since moving to the public school system.

I continue to be grateful to be a part of this ministry and love to hear the stories from staff, children, families, and the community on how LSLC-CDC has somehow touched their lives.

Wishing you well,

Tammy



## **From the Desk of Pastor Carl...continued**

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As you can see, we've been quite busy, and the journey doesn't stop here. July will be just as action-packed. We'll be starting off the month with our Youth Mystery Trip, Graceworks, and another week of Art Smart Drama Camp. Take a deep breath because before we know it, school will be back in session. Through it all, remember that God is good all the time, and all the time God is good. Let's eagerly anticipate the ways God will continue to work as we sow new seeds of His Growing Hope.

Before we sign off, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. Your unwavering support for our youth and your continued prayers truly make a world of difference. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

With warmest regards, Grace and Peace,

Pastor Carl

P.S. If you're wondering what A.C.E.L.E.P. stands for, stick around till the end of this newsletter for the answer!

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### July Christmas Hope Tree

(From July 1-16, bring items for  
GraceWorks' Transitions Homeless Ministry baskets)  
fellowship with Chrismon crafts)



## Notes from: *Good News Team*

### LS Good News Bible Reading Project

*Catch this month's stories in our YouTube Bible Project Playlist*

**Barriers Broken Down - Hope for Everyone!** - read by Steve Padgett

**Hope Grows in Surprising Places** - read by Eugenia Fain

**Disruptive Hope!** - read by Midge Gunvalson

**A Cheerful Defense of Hope** - read by Lisa Petty

**A Treacherous Journey Leading to Hope** - read by Pastor Carl

### *Coming up:*

**July 5 - Called to Live in Loving Freedom!** (Galatians 2:16-21, 5:1, 5:13-6:10)

**July 12 - God's Amazing Grace!** (Romans 3:21-28; 5:1-21)

**July 19 - Living a Spirit-Filled Hope!** (Romans 6:1-14, 8:9-39)

**July 26 - Living Our New Life in Christ!** (Romans 12:1-21, 13:8-14:1, 15:1-7)

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

### Annual Prayer List Update

As we move into summer, it is time to do an update of our prayer list. Therefore, we are "wiping the slate clean," including only prayer requests received in the last 2 weeks. **We are glad (and eager) to maintain any long-term prayers!** Please just email/call (or fill out a green prayer card on Sunday) to let us know that we need to add back any person.

**\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE:** Since E-news and Sunday Bulletins are available on the internet, you should ask permission from the person/family for their name(s) to be included on these printed lists. If you do not have permission, just tell us that the name is only for our pastors & private prayer ministry team.

# Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

## LS CHRISTMAS IN JULY FOR GRACEWORKS

As part of our LS Christmas in July, we are collecting supplies that go into a Graduation Basket for Transitions clients that take that very exciting step of moving into their permanent residence. GraceWorks (Jul 16-20) is excited about collecting these items as they have had a long relationship with Transitions. Pick an item from our Giving Tree starting this Sunday and bring them in - last day is our Christmas in July Celebration on July 16. There is also an Amazon Wish List that items can be delivered to Living Springs -- [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1VTRBFB32JDG?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1VTRBFB32JDG?ref=wl_share). Contact Karen Kranz if you have any questions.

## RICE ESTATE

Mother's Day, Father's Day and our western theme dinner June 24 all put some smiles on our partners faces at Rice Estate. Ann Dobson from Harmony has been joining us and had such a good time, she has been recruiting her neighbors to participate. It is always so rewarding to hear their stories and meet new people that are so appreciative of our thoughtfulness.



## Summer Hope Sunday #2

July 9 at 9:20 am

The adult mystery mission trip will be sharing their adventures with Living Springs. Here is the link: <https://meet.google.com/zkz-tzgp-seu> Or dial: (US) +1 323-515-9597 PIN: 776 209 519#. Lutheran Services will share their opportunities on Aug. 13.

## Summer Hope Sunday #1



The first Hope Sunday featured 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 LSCDC children

## STUFF A BUS AUGUST 19

What a blessing this event is in helping in so many ways - items that aren't usable for the backpack ministry, are given to hardship people that knock on our door because they are lacking in food, paper items go to Transitions homeless shelter, other non-backpack items are donated to Christian Assistance Bridge in Blythewood and of course, this event is a huge help in starting off our backpack program with a good supply of items. Right now we have Kroger on Two Notch committed, Kroger on Killian should be another commitment and we are hoping to get IGA in Blythewood. Here is the signup link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BAEA92FA0F85-stuff3>.



I personally witnessed a woman who came into the office with her child who needed help and we were able to give her three grocery bags of food for her family.

Stuff a Bus is a great opportunity for youth to collect community service hours - let your friends and neighbors know.



## God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday, September 10

Mark your calendar to help prepare and deliver our famous delicious meatloaf dinner. Details will be posted in the August Journal.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

As part of our God's Work. Our Hands Sunday on September 10, Red Cross will be collecting blood in the fellowship hall. Save the date and donate your blood for our drive! Here is the link to sign up: <https://rcblood.org/3CTRhsc>.

## Thrivent Cards Needed for GraceWorks

We are looking for Thrivent cards to get the needed supplies for GraceWorks. If you have any available, please see Karen Kranz.

## Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

Summertime offers us a moment to reflect on “doing Justice”.

- Justice is holding public officials accountable for how our neighbors in Columbia are treated.
- Being a champion for justice is uncomfortable at times. We may not like confrontation. We may feel out of our comfort zone since we ourselves aren't currently hungry, homeless, a victim of violence, or living below the poverty line.
- Why “do justice”?



Why do you participate in the Living Springs Justice Ministry? Scores of LS members do this regularly.

- Perhaps it's because you've heard God's call in Micah 6:8 to “do Justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.”
- Perhaps it's because you have witnessed injustice first-hand and you want to do something about what's wrong.
- Perhaps it's because a parent or grandparent modeled for you the joy of a life engaged in doing justice.
- Perhaps it's because at Justice Ministry events you've felt the satisfaction and kinship that come from walking hand-in-hand with people different than yourself who share your commitment to making the world a fairer place.



This summer the justice work continues. MORE Justice is meeting with public officials, other concerned agencies, and people in need who are affected by problems of affordable housing, crime and gun violence, and food insecurity. This summer take a moment to reflect on why you do justice. It's time -- summertime!



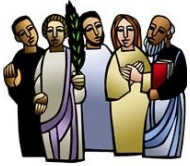
# Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

## The Wonder of Worship

In our study of the different elements that make up our Sunday morning worship services, we come to these three (one spoken; two sung):

**Apostolic Greeting, Kyrie, Canticle of Praise**

Here's a couple of questions for you.



**Q:** The words of the “Apostolic Greeting” are said every single Sunday morning by one of the pastors and by us. What are those words and why are they said?

**A:** The words are these (or something like this): Pastor: “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” Congregation: “And also with you.” Sounds familiar, right? The **Apostolic Greeting** comes early in the service and it’s a dialogue, but not just between the pastor and us. The words are meant to remind all of us about who we are, a people gathered together with our great God whose grace we receive and share with each other. The words are historic, spanning church history back to when the apostles Paul, Peter, and other New Testament writers used similar language in communicating with our earliest brothers and sisters in Christ, e.g., “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you” (2 Cor. 13:13). Using words like this to greet each other on Sundays or any time remind us to see each other as God’s beloved children.

Then, immediately after the **Apostolic Greeting**, a “Kyrie” or a “Canticle of Praise” is often (not always) sung. (Sometimes both are sung). Which leads to the next question:

**Q:** What is a **Kyrie** and why do we sing it?

Lutherans are used to singing the Greek words “kyrie eleison” (KEER-ee-ay eh-LAY-zon) which mean “Lord, have mercy.” But it’s good to remember that this is not a plea for God’s mercy to forgive our sins, right? Because the service begins with a time of confession and the assurance of God’s forgiveness. Instead, the **Kyrie** is a prayer we pray/sing together asking for God’s help and guidance in every aspect of our lives. It’s acknowledging how much we need God’s protection, intervention, guidance, and courage to make it through each day and week. We express this together as God’s forgiven people.



**Q:** So then, what about the **Canticle of Praise** that sometimes follows a **Kyrie** or is sung in place of it?

This one’s easy. A “**canticle**” or “**song**” of praise is an opportunity for God’s people to pour out their overflowing gratitude and praise for the fact the God does indeed show us mercy, showering us with grace, giving us strength, wisdom, joy, hope, and all that we need to live as followers of Christ through His Holy Spirit. Think of “This is the Feast” that we sing during Easter! Is there a more joyous song than that? Sheer praise to our great God!

There’s such richness in our worship services!

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

## JuBELLation

The JuBELLation choir is taking June, July and the first two weeks of August then we'll be back in practice to provide music for Living Springs.



The members are very dedicated and we're looking forward to attending one or two workshops in 2023-2024. Other than the church bus, the bell rings pay their own way to the workshop (usually \$45-\$50), pay for the hotel room and their meals (except for lunch on Saturday). We enjoy the site reading on Friday nights and working on many pieces on Saturday.

I am very thankful for the time and talent the bell members have given this past year: Doug Danner, Kimberly Hampton, Bob Turnmire, Karlene Stuart, Ashley Ramsey, Wendy McKenzie, Pat Bartucca, Jan Berger, Midge Gunvalson and Mia Rapport.

Please note – we do have an opening in the bass section and would love for someone to fill it. If you have any thoughts of

joining or any questions, please see me, Laura Turnmire, or one of the members listed above.



## Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*

### Announcing:

### LS Adult Mini-Mission Trip, July 8-11!!!

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 2-3 nights away: departing Saturday, July 8 and returning Tuesday, July 11. We would travel together as a separate adult group, stay in modest hotels, and experience the same major cultural/historic sites as our Youth (with opportunities for some youth-adult shared reflections). *\*If you are interested in going, call the office by July 2.*



## Revised July Adult Bible Study Dates

We are revising the dates for Bible study to make it possible for Adult Mission trip participants to attend all three Bible study sessions in July. The plan now is for sessions on:

Monday, July 3 at 6pm

Tuesday, July 18 at 6pm

Tuesday, July 25 at 6pm

## 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: *ArtSmart Performing Arts Summer Camp*

What an amazing group of talent we had this past week in ArtSmart Performing Arts Summer Camp! The Holy Spirit was definitely on a high throughout the week and on Thursday, it all came together in an incredible performance. Thank you to all involved and what a joyful opportunity to witness and participate. If you have 6th thru 8th graders, I would highly recommend the next session July 24-27.



## **ArtSmart Camp @ LIVING SPRINGS!**

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

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

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 8:30 for an additional \$5/student per week.*

To Register or to Volunteer, please contact LS Office, 803- 736-0661.

## **Everyone Can Help with ARTSmart Camp**

*Week #2, July 24-27*

Please use the sign-up sheet at church (or call the office) for any of these options, one or more days (Mon-Thur):

- \* 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 1/more days

# Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

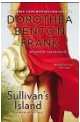
## SC WELCA Convention



### Crafty Ladies

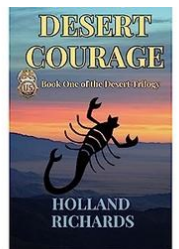
Two large quilts and 8 Care Bears were chosen to welcome the newest refugee family to arrive in Columbia. There are many more quilt tops and backs waiting to be layered, tied and bound. All that's needed is your help. If you can tie a square knot, there's a place waiting for you around a quilt table. Please come and join in the fellowship and fun the second Saturday, July 8, at 9:30 am. Questions or suggestions? Call Janet at 813-417-7887, or email [janetnja-netw@gmail.com](mailto:janetnja-netw@gmail.com).

### LADIES BOOK CLUB



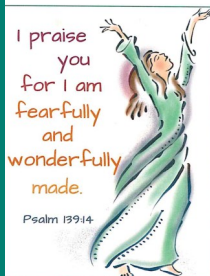
Peggy Merrill will host the next book club at 110 Clay Ridge Rd. (Dove Park neighborhood) ph: 803.727.2640 on Monday, August 7 at 7 pm. We will discuss *Sullivan's Island* by Dorothea Benton Frank which is available at the Richland Library. This is always a great time for fellowship and enjoying a glass of wine together.

**One of our LS members is an author that has just published her first book - *Desert Courage* is available on either Kindle or paperback on Amazon. Good luck Dea!**



### Women on a Mission

September 15-17, 2023  
Camp Kinard  
6053 Two Notch Road  
Batesburg-Leesville, SC  
29070



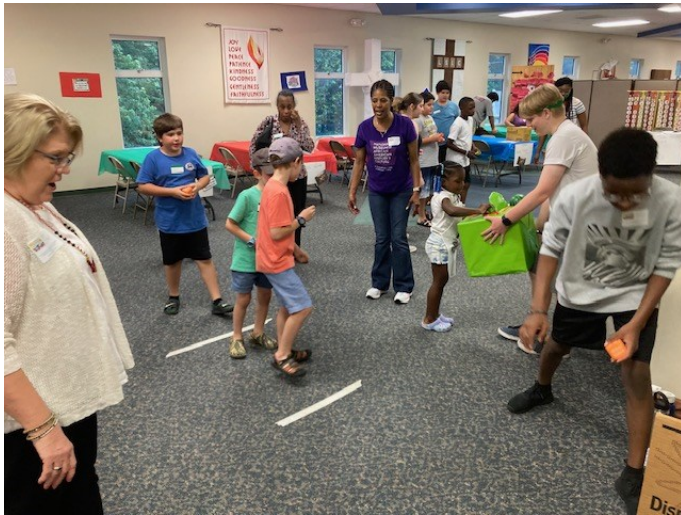
Who We Are: A group of women whose mission it is to continue to walk in the way of Jesus. This weekend changed our lives. We continued the weekend with a 12-week Renewal to deepen our understanding of our purpose and our calling to be better women of God. This is not your typical women's retreat. In 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: *Youth*

### Food Truck Party Vacation Bible School



## 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! 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. This year's cost is \$50 per youth (with LS covering at least half\*). 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 Pr. Eric for scholarship information.

part on time.

Grab a registration for at <https://bit.ly/GraceWorks2023> or For more Info contact Pr. Eric

[www.facebook.com/GraceWorksSC](http://www.facebook.com/GraceWorksSC)

### **We need adult volunteers:**

There is no cost for adult participation so if you have a day or more during that week and can help with this worthy week of mission with our youth, you may register with the same link as the youth.

# Notes from: *Campfirmation*

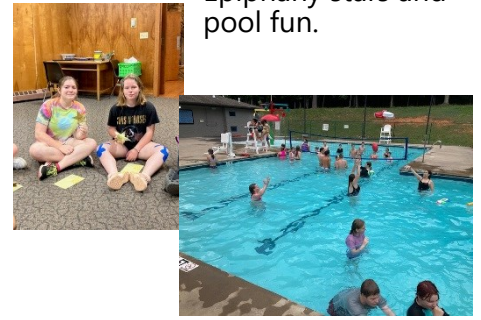
Group interaction course and challenge wall! After morning focusing on Advent expectation. Key verse "with God nothing is impossible!"



Monday night Christmas.



Epiphany stars and pool fun.



Shrove Tuesday evening photos - Thinking about the false masks we create for ourselves and ridding ourselves of the worlds expectations to be the full total children of God we were created to be, walking in the way of Christ!



Wednesday outing joy in Gods creation!

Faith interviews at assisted living. One resident was 106 and still does everything. Dances for everyone on her birthday!



Sharing holy communion and remembering the events of Maundy Thursday /Good Friday as we conclude this day of Lent.



Easter morning cabin egg hunt for resurrection eggs. Afternoon at craft lodge



Final night celebration.



# God At Work

## 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.



### St. John Lutheran Church

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Dear *Members of Living Springs Lutheran Church*

We at St. John Lutheran Church, Pomaria SC, wanted to let you know that we lifted you and your congregation up in our prayers on Sunday, June 25, 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!

Members of St. John Lutheran Church,

*Anna Meetze*  
*Yvonne & Shirley Counts*  
*Amatto C. Wan*  
*Joel & Shelley Remi*  
*Amel & Rose Jeter*  
*Alyssa Watson*

*Kristi S. Meetze*  
*Evelyn Nichols*

*Pastor Mike White*

## SC Synod 2023



# Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

## **LS Fireflies Outing** *Thursday, August 10 @ 7:05*

LS Lutheran Men are sponsoring a Columbia Fireflies Outing. The Columbia Fireflies take on the Charleston River-dogs. Receive a free Fireflies hat with each ticket! It is a Thirsty Thursday game with \$1 sodas, \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 craft draft and \$3 cocktails. It is also Area 51 Night so there will be a UFO and extraterrestrial theme throughout the night. Tickets are \$11 each. Please let Bob Turnmire know if you would like to attend. Deadline to request tickets is July 31st. Tickets will be distributed on Sunday August 6th.

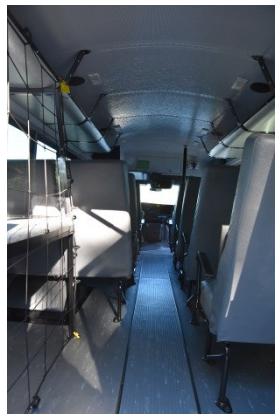
## *Calling all people of Living Springs!* **We are still collecting Bus Reviews**

We had two buses here this past Sunday to check out. If you weren't able to fill in a feedback form, you can still fill one in by [going here](#).

With our buses being 17-22 years old, the LS Bus Task Force is taking steps for future planning, and we need your input! Everyone, please click below to read the important full letter below from your Bus Task Force ...



***Dear Everyone at Living Springs,  
We hope this finds you well. We are excited to share some great news from the Bus Task Force. You may know that... [Click here to read the full letter](#)***



**A.C.E.L.E.P.  
stands for:**

**A**dvent

**C**hristmas

**E**piphany

**L**ent

**E**aster

**P**entecost



## Opportunities Outside Living Springs



### Youth Music & Arts Week:

July 9-14, 2023 (ends on Friday after Lunch)

- Programs for our youth campers who have completed 1st -12th grade
- 1st & 2nd graders have a music only focus
- 3rd -12th graders will be able to choose 2 of 4 different Music & Arts Disciplines to focus on
- Youth are housed in camper cabins
- Prices start at \$580 per camper

### Adult Music Week:

July 9-14, 2023 (ends on Friday after Lunch)

- Adults can choose to commute or stay in our adult style lodging.
- Prices vary depending on choice of lodging; \$205-\$620
- We do offer childcare for children under 7 years of age during rehearsal times \$185 per child

### Outdoor Adventure Week - July 16-22

**\$450 Adults/\$190 Kids (10-17)**

The perfect family adventure vacation that's already been planned for you!

Spend a week with your family bonding while climbing our challenge tower, hiking through Pisgah National Forest, and rafting on the Nolichucky River. While on camp, families will enjoy some of the classic camp activities like crafts, swimming, singing and much more.

This program is designed for children ages 10 and up.

#### Sample Schedule

### Christmas in July Week - July 23-29

**\$375 Adults/\$105 Kids (3-17)/Kids 2 and under Free**

Camp is a place where people from diverse backgrounds can come to camp and have a shared experience without barriers. This week of family camp will build community across cultural lines with participants and leaders who speak both English and Spanish. Special Christmas in July themed activities fill this week including a Christmas candlelight worship service and Christmas morning watch.

#### Sample Schedule & Information Packet



### Fishers of Men

Sept. 8-10, 2023

\$250 Adults/\$60 Youth (middle & high school age)

We invite you to join us this fall for our Fishers of Men Retreat where we'll explore what Jesus meant when he said "I will make you fishers of men" in our Bible Study and worship time.

We will fish on land and in boats and there will be specific fishing lesson and plenty of time to fish; the coffee will be on early so you can get out and "catch the big one" first thing in the morning. Saturday night includes a special session on outdoor cooking and will grill our catches over the campfire.

To register [CLICK HERE](#)

**MAIN SUNDAY SCHEDULE** 1025 Pre-Worship Prayer Time  
 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

# July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 *See box above *Christmas in July Collection begins	3 LSCDC Closed 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Recovery Comes First	4 Office/LSCDC Closed	5 <b>12 BOM Bible Dev. Posted</b> 3P LSCDC Summer Chapel 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 6P Hope Team	6 630P Recovery Comes First 7P Lifelong Discipleship 7P Youth & Children Ministry Team	7	8 930A Crafty Ladies Adult Mission Tour leaves @ 7am
9 *See box above 920A Summer Hope Sunday #2 (livestream from our Adult Mission)	10 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Fellowship/Mutual Care <b>Adult Mission Tour</b> July 8-11	11 1030A Meals on Wheels 530P Finance Team	12 <b>12 BOM Bible Dev. Posted</b> 3P LSCDC Summer Chapel 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir	13 7A Men's Bible & Biscuits 630P Recovery Comes First 630P LSCDC Board	14	15
<b>Sr. Youth Mystery Mission Tour</b> July 9-12						
16 Christmas in July 920A Adult Bible Class <b>1030A Unity Worship</b> <b>1145A Christmas in July Gathering</b>	17 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Exec Team	18 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Adult Bible Study	19 12 <b>BOM Bible Dev. Posted</b> 3P LSCDC Summer Chapel 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir	20 Children's Hospital Meal 11A Good News Team 630P Recovery Comes First 7P Council Meeting	21	22
<b>GraceWorks</b> July 17-20, 8am-5pm (meet at LS at 7:40)						
23 *See box above 9:20A Bible Book of Month Class Family Promise Meal	24 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First	25 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Adult Bible Study	26 <b>12 BOM Bible Dev. Posted</b> 3P LSCDC Summer Chapel 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir	27 7A Bible & Biscuits Men's Bible Study 6P Boy Scout Fitness 630P Recovery Comes First Palmetto Place Meal	28	29 8A Men's Breakfast Gathering
30 *See box above	31 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Worship Team 7P Recovery Comes First	1 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Adult Bible Study	2 <b>12 BOM Bible Dev. Posted</b> 3P LSCDC Summer Chapel 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 6P Hope Team	3 11A GoodNews Team 630P Recovery Comes First 7P Lifelong Discipleship 7P Youth & Children Ministry Team	4	5

## Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

July 4	Susan Bradham	July 21	Hailey Stoutland
July 5	♥ Rhett & Melody Hair	July 22	Kathy Brennan
July 7	Delores Harmon	July 25	♥ Charles & Nancy Kauffman
July 8	Gail Buchanan	July 27	Jan Epperson
July 11	♥ Charles & Melissa Christy	July 28	Barbara Creighton
July 12	♥ Carl & LaTynia Taylor	July 29	Ryan & Kristen Harmon
July 16	♥ Todd & Midge Gunvalson		Logan Mancuso
July 18	♥ Weston & Vickie Crapps		
	Peggy Merrill		
	Evan Turnmire		



### 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!



July 1	True DePaoli
July 3	Lauren Bloss
July 4	Melissa Feather
July 6	Annika Hyyppa
July 18	Beverly Hoppert
July 21	Audrey Turnmire

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