

The Living Springs Journal

October 2023

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

"J-w-J!" - Miracles Everywhere?! (from Pastor Eric)

This Month's "Journey with Jesus" Focus = Miracles of Jesus (Part 1)

PRE-WORSHIP FOCUS TIME: Sundays @ 8:05 & 10:20

ONLINE "J-w-J" BIBLE STORY POSTINGS: Wednesdays @ Noon

PASTOR TIMES: Sun, 10/22 @ 9:20am; Tue, 10/17 @ 10am

It was such a wonderful experience to see our congregation-wide "Journey for Jesus" theme having such a positive impact in people's hearts and lives this past month: the pre-worship Sunday sharing times; the wonderful Wednesday YouTube/Facebook postings (be sure to share with others!!!); all the special study times with youth/parents/adults/seniors; the many "Dwelling in the Word" times with church teams and groups; and perhaps most importantly, all the times spent at home, or in car rides, or other places with readings and faith discussions among family members, spouses, friends. In September, we focused on various early events in Jesus' life, including his childhood, baptism, and early ministry. Now, in October, we devote a month to looking at some of the miracles performed in the first half of Jesus' ministry.

Sometimes, the word "miracle" can lead us down a path of thinking about magic hocus-pocus stuff. To avoid this misleading path, what if we instead think about the miracles of Jesus as embodying **"the activity of God which changes human lives or reveals God's power in surprising ways—even in ways that may defy our limited human thought or logic."**

In this context, we can come to a better appreciation that such miracles are not just events we read about in the Bible, but that such miracles are truly around us everywhere—just as surely as Christ is with us everyday (like he promised) and the Holy Spirit is among us everyday.

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ANIMAL BLESSING/REMEMBRANCE- 10/8

CAMPUS MINISTRY SUNDAY - 10/15

GENEROSITY KICKOFF - 10/22

EMOTIONAL-MENTAL WELLNESS - 10/22

CONFIRMATION/REFORMATION - 10/29

TRUNK R' TREAT- 10/29

CRISTO REY MINISTRY - Oct. 1

JUSTICE HOUSE GATHERINGS - Oct. 1, 8

FOOTBALL MINISTRY - Oct. 5,12,19,26

BACKPACK FOOD BAGS - Oct. 8, 22

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL - Oct. 19

RUSH HOUR MINISTRY - Oct. 25

PALMETTO PLACE MEAL - Oct. 26

RICE ESTATE SUPPER - Oct. 27

MEALS ON WHEELS - Mon & Tues



From the Desk of Pastor Carl

Hey Everyone...

September has gone by fast. October is upon us, and the end of this year is fast approaching. Our kids have settled into a school rhythm and flow of assignments, and those active in sports have experienced the joys and pains of being an athlete.

With that being said, let me recap September for you.

- We have continued our Sunday youth meeting time on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. This space gives time for check-in and the highs and lows of the week.
- God's Work Our Hands was a good day and event. We packed backpacks for our schools and prepared and sent out to the community over 250 meals. Our six confirmands started their journey toward being confirmed on October 29, 2023.
- We did Rush Hour Ministry on Tuesday, 9-12-23, and it was good to see how God uses us to be in service to others. Having the opportunity to say God bless you, pass out a small gift of love, and hold a sign that says God is with you meant a lot to those who drove by on their way home.
- Our football ministry continues to move forward weekly, feeding between 110 and 115 football players, staff, and coaches. To see the dedication of our men each week serving and talking to these young men is a testament to our Journey with Jesus theme as we continue to share and grow with these young men and women which fuel my passion to ----**"Reach one, Teach one --- Teach one, Be one --- Child of God."** ----- It is a joy to see future leaders in many capacities listen, embody, and share moments of our time during the meals and devotions.



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The truth of Emmanuel, "God with us," is at the heart of our Journey with Jesus. And because Jesus still journeys with us here in this world and in our lives, there ARE miracles around us everyday!

Just last month, I witnessed the activity of God having an impact on people's lives in powerful life-changing, mind-expanding, logic-defying ways. I witnessed little bags of hope performing miracles in the hearts & tear-filled eyes of rush hour drives. I witnessed little snack bags & Bible crafts working miracles in the smiling hearts & faces of Cristo Rey children. I witnessed little pew prayer bears working miracles in the eyes of 3 refugee families (from Myanmar, Congo, Syria) aboard the LS bus at Columbia airport on 3 different weeks. I witnessed meals and devotions working miracles in the hearts of 100+ youth football players, mesmerized by the stories of life-changing faith in various famous athletes. I witnessed a miracle, as I felt the presence of God and heard the language of faith amidst the work of doctors and staff in the Pediatric ICU, for one of our youth who had suffered a brain aneurysm. I witnessed miracles of hope brought to numerous families this month with the assistance they received from your LS family fund and our LS R2 emergency youth fund—amid various catastrophes and devastating life situation. I witnessed another miracle of loaves & fish with dozens & dozens of old-fashioned meat-loaf meals delivered to community members in need and first responders during "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday! And these are only the tip of the iceberg - list goes on and on Miracles of God's activity having an impact on lives in powerful, mind-blowing ways!

Oh yes, this month, we will take time in our "Journey with Jesus" emphasis focusing on miracles of Jesus from the Gospels (see below). But with that, I pray we find ourselves even more greatly aware of the ongoing miracles of God's activity around us everyday! From a sunrise to fall colors to actions of love & grace & justice performed in the name of Jesus—miracles everywhere! With much love for each of you, as Jesus journeys together with us, *Pastor Eric*



LIVING SPRINGS' NEXT



EMOTIONAL-MENTAL WELLNESS EVENT

SUNDAY, OCT. 22@ 3PM

Welcome Award-Recognized Counselor Gia Gonzalez!



REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 29

Rite of Confirmation @ 10:30:
Alyssa, Dallas, Josh,
Lucas, Parker, Wesley

Trunk-R-Treat & Bratwursts
4:00-6:00



LS 2023-24 "Journey with Jesus" Focus of the Month!

- September – Life of Jesus (Part 1)
- October – Miracles of Jesus
- November – Teachings of Jesus
- December – Prophecies about Jesus
- January – Encounters with Jesus
- February – Parables of Jesus
- March – Life of Jesus (Part 2)
- April – Encounters with the Risen Jesus
- May – The Message about Jesus
- June – More Miracles of Jesus
- July – More Parables of Jesus

THIS MONTH: *For your Bible reading & faith discussions at home...* (plus our LS Bible studies, group/team "Dwellings in the Word," Wednesday online readings, youth studies, and more!)

Week of Oct. 1: Focus on **John 2** (Wedding Joy - Water & Wine)

Week of Oct. 8: Focus on **Mark 4:35-5:43** (Calming Storms & Giving Life)

Week of Oct. 15: Focus on **Matthew 8-9** (Any Different Perspectives?)

Week of Oct. 22: Focus on **Matthew 14:13-15:39** (Feedings & Healings)

Week of Oct. 29: Focus on **John 6, 9** (Food, Sight, and Teachings)

****For families with children,** you can use stories from Children's Bible Story books or online Children's Bible videos about these miracles/stories of Jesus!

From the Desk of Pastor Carl Cont.

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As we move to the end of September, let us not forget that in all we do, God is with us. Let us continue to lift each other up in prayer and love. Let us remember that every day that God gives us on this earth may not be perfect but it is good indeed because we get to live into it.

I want to again express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support for our CDC and our Jr./Sr. Youth. Your continued prayers truly make a world of difference. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Carl



Calling all people of Living Springs, a special invitation from LS Council...

ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION HONORING

LISA PETTY

(10th Anniversary at LS!)
LS Good News Coordinator



SHERRY FORSGREN

(15th Anniversary - actually 16!)
LS Bookkeeper



Sunday, October 1, 9:20-10:20 AM, Drop-In

Living Springs Fellowship Hall

There will be a basket for your notes/cards – no other gifts, but please be sure to check your Friday phone message and/Saturday worship email for a special opportunity to show your appreciation to these 2 faithful servants!



DRIVE-THRU ANIMAL BLESSING & REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, October 8, 2-4 pm

We will have our annual animal blessing & remembrance via drive-thru. Bring your dogs, cats, and whatever crawls, slithers, and swims around your house! You can bring photo (or ashes) of pet who has passed away for a remembrance blessing.

TRUNK r TREAT

Sunday October 29 from 4 to 6:30 pm

Time is creeping up on us...It's time for Trunk r Treat! Spread the word to all the ghouls, goblins, princesses, kittens, whatever the costumed cuties are wearing this year! A bouncy house and a sno-cone machine has been ordered and the LS Lutheran Men will be serving bratwurst.

Who will have the best decorated trunk???? If you want to display your trunk, a signup sheet will be in the admin building. Go ahead and put your craziest costume on. Will Martin Luther join us again??

For those that don't have trunks to display, you can donate candy that we use as backup supplies. Drop off candy in the office!



Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

From Tammy Mancuso, Director



Autumnal blessings abound as we welcome a season of cooler weather, where pumpkins and apples seem to have popped up in large numbers seemingly overnight! The colors of the leaves begin to change, they gently let go of what has been their safe home over the season, as if to say, "You too can release and find relief in letting go. You too can embrace the wonder of change. You too can take time to rest and regenerate."

A shift is starting, the world begins to slip into a new rhythm, a slower quieter pace, a space where warm blankets are an embraced accompaniment to the night sky as it eases into darkness and reminds us to look up and behold the beauty of the stars and the vastness above. It is in the quiet space that God holds us and allows us to recall that we are not alone, that it is she who has given us the breath of life and asks us to be reminded of the Hope and wonder of creation.

As the CDC is filled with laughter, the running of tiny shoes in the hallway, or the slight pitter-patter of newly walking feet, we are filled with knowing that we are growing in God's Hope.

While packing backpacks a child asks, "What will they eat after this is gone?". Growing into disciples who look beyond this moment and into the future.

While playing outside a sibling goes to the infant classroom door, peers in, and says "My sister isn't in this room anymore, but these babies are still cute." Growing into disciples who care for one another.

A congregation member donated a piece of artwork, that now hangs in the hallway of our CDC. Growing disciples that have an expanded worldview and see beyond themselves.

What a blessing to watch these moments of Growth, these subtle, yet powerful changes that occur, causing things to shift and reframe as we Grow in God's Hope.



Wishing you well. Tammy

September 6, 2023 - what a day to remember! My dad, Vernon Brantley, celebrated his 99th birthday with many cards, calls, messages, and visits. His happiest memory of that day is when the 3- and 4-year-olds from LSLC-CDC went to his home, sang Happy Birthday, and presented him with a hand made banner and cards. As I think back on that day, I am in awe of how many "God Moments" my dad must have received or given over the 36,000+ days of his life. And I look at those young children and pray that throughout their lives, they too may be the giver and receiver of a multitude of "God Moments". ~ Cindy Day



Notes from: *Fellowship & Mutual Care*

Empty Nesters Lunch Sunday, October 1 @ noon

FMC will host an Octoberfest lunch for the Empty Nesters following the 10:45 service on today in the fellowship hall. Please join us for fun and fellowship.



Notes from: *Good News Team*

Rush Hour Ministry Wednesday, October 25 5:15 -5:45 PM (set up @ 5:00)

There is space for you! Be part of God's growing hope on the sidewalk in front of Living Springs, sharing smiles and blessing gifts to those waiting in rush hour traffic! We will meet around 5pm, but you can join us at anytime!



Standing on the corner of Jaybird Ln and Hard Scrabble Rd, a woman stopped at the stop sign waiting to turn right on to Hard Scrabble. I waved and smiled at her and gave her a blessing bag. When she asked what it was for, I responded, "just because God loves you!". After a minute or so of waiting, traffic lightened up and she was able to turn right onto Hard Scrabble in front of me, where she slowed down and yelled, "I read this, and this was exactly the message I needed today!"

LS Good News Journey with Jesus Bible Story Project **Catch this month's stories in our YouTube Journey with Jesus Playlist** **"A Child of Faith" read by John Imbert** **"Led by the Holy Spirit" read by Dan & Katrina Shannon** **"Responding to Rejection/healing at Simon's house" read by Charlie Pollard** **"Who Is Jesus Really?" read by Midge Gunvalson**

The Good News Team is beginning a new series for their Bible Reading Project in conjunction with the the "Journey with Jesus" Focus of the Month. Each Wednesday, a Bible story from our focus will be read along with sharing for our pastors, deacon, and possibly some of our worshippers. And, you may see some of these readings/discussions from some interesting places!The reading will be lstreamed, 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 Bible Stories **Individuals/couples/families/youth**

Want to read a Bible story for our Journey with Jesus Story Project? No need to be here, record yourself/family reading from your favorite Bible, or we can record you at home or a special location. Call the office to schedule or for more questions

Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

A warm, big hug to everyone who helped make our old fashioned meatloaf dinner a success - kitchen help, deliverers, & everyone that contributed desserts! As we delivered our regular Meals on Wheels meals the week after our GWOH meal, we heard many "that was real good" comments. The first responders had big smiles on their faces, our backpack families gave us a big thank you, the Elders Pond apartments (where Sam Gordon lived) loved their meals, and Palmetto Place was so appreciative of our donation to both houses (see thank you below).

A God Story that came from this event - the Elders Pond apartments manager sent an email blast to their renters to announce our event and to place an order if they desired one. One gentleman was very upset and left a not-so-nice voicemail about his concern that his personal information was being made public. As I was calling his number and bracing myself for an irate phone call, I explained what our project was all about and that Living Springs did not send the message ... well, talk about a complete 360! This man could not stop praising us for what we were doing and apologized for his rude voicemail. I don't know if he ended up ordering a meal, but he did sign off the phone call with "blessings for what you are doing".



"Thank you so much for your meal donation to our shelters over the weekend. We greatly appreciate the community support you all provide to our organization. It may seem like a simple thing, but it goes a very long way. We wouldn't exist without groups like you supporting us, so thank you!"

Thank you for all that you do!

Yours In Service,

Laird Weaver

Development Manager

Backpack Food Ministry and School Supplies...

I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of Blythewood Academy, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to you for your generous donations and unwavering support. Your commitment to our mission has made a significant impact on our students, staff, and the entire Blythewood community.

Your contributions have allowed us to further our mission of providing a nurturing and empowering educational environment for students who face unique challenges. With your support, we have been able to enhance our programs, provide additional resources, and create opportunities for our students to thrive academically and personally. We are particularly grateful for the donations, whether they were monetary contributions, in-kind donations, or services provided. These contributions have directly enriched the learning experiences of our students and have helped us maintain the high standard of education that we aspire to offer.

It is not just the financial support, but also the belief you have shown in our mission that motivates us to continue our work with renewed determination. Your generosity serves as an inspiration to our students, encouraging them to set ambitious goals for their futures. We are committed to being good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us and ensuring that they are used effectively to make a lasting difference in the lives of our students. We will keep you updated on the progress we make and the positive impact your donations have on our programs and initiatives.

With Sincere Appreciation,

Dr. Candace Pattman,

Transition Specialist

Blythewood Academy

MEALS ON WHEELS

Senior Resources are desperately in need of volunteers at both Millwood Ave. and Sparkleberry locations. This is a very simple 2-hour commitment that you can do by yourself (not recommended, but can be done), with a friend or neighbor, a family project if available during the day, or maybe you have neighborhoods in your community that would like to take on one day of the week. You pick up the meals on a designated route (route directions are given to you) and deliver to clients who are usually ready & waiting to accept the meal. See Mike Davidson for info.

PALMETTO PLACE

Samantha House had six young adults move out on their own this past month and will be expecting a few more to move in within the next month. We provide a home-cooked healthy meal on the fourth Thursday of the month - if you would like to contribute a favorite recipe or one of the items on the menu, see Karen Kranz. The menu includes a meat item, starch, salad, veggie and a dessert.

WITTING TREE

November 1-11

Our annual daily ceremony to raise awareness and remember veterans who have taken their own lives will start November 1 thru November 11. Each day we will hang dog tags on the big tree out front. See the e-news for the daily schedule and if you have a group that would like to participate, let us know. Monday, Nov. 6 @ 7 pm the boy scouts will perform a very moving ceremony and place the dog tags on the tree - something to witness if you can.

THANKSGIVING PROJECT - Shoeboxes for Seniors

Senior Resources is collecting a shoebox for every Meals on Wheels client to bring each of them joy during the holiday season. Living Springs has committed to 100 boxes - you can pick them up anytime during office hours or on Sunday and return by Advent-Palooza, Dec. 3.

How to contribute:

1. Fill the box with five (5) new unopened gifts. Please do not include items that may leak, melt, or break. Suggestions: calendar, stamps, socks, scarf, gloves, magazines, books, puzzles, crossword, lotions, nightlights, shampoos, body wash, flashlights, Walgreens, Food Lion or Walmart gift cards. Please add only gender neutral items.
2. Decorate the box or write words of encouragement. **Do not wrap the boxes.**
3. Return to Living Springs by Dec. 3.



Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

The German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes:

"The first service one owes to others in a community involves listening to them. Just as our love for God begins with listening to God's word, the beginning of love for others is learning to listen to them. God's love for us is shown by the fact that God not only gives God's Word, but also lends us God's ear. ...We do God's work for our brothers and sisters when we learn to listen to them."

As our Justice Ministry house meetings continue, we have heard heartfelt conversations about concerns in our community. Across our county other house meetings among different faith families are hearing the same things.

On Monday October 30th at 6:00pm Clergy, team leaders, and MORE justice members will gather to hear some of the concerns we have shared, at our Community Problems Assembly. This is such an important part of discerning and listening. When I think back a few years ago to an assembly where we voted to focus on safe affordable housing, I remember the news headline a few days later. "Two Die from carbon monoxide poisoning at Allen Benedict Court." The work on this issue continues. We are listening!

JUSTICE NETWORK MEMBER BLESSING



IT'S TIME! FOR OUR ANNUAL LS ... JUSTICE MINISTRY HOUSE GATHERINGS!

As we begin the 2023-24 Justice Ministry listening process, I am reminded over and over how the lives of people in Columbia are intertwined. In the past few years we have shared our stories and concerns in people's homes and places of worship. Thousands of sacred conversations have centered around one another. We are brothers and sisters, parents and children. We belong to a family with many spiritual traditions, and diverse lived experiences with a common goal. How can we better love our neighbor ... by addressing affordable housing, food insecurity, gun violence, mental as well as physical health, and other community issues?

To walk humbly with God, please consider attending one of the house meetings scheduled in the coming months. This will be a time of sharing, learning and fellowship. Team leaders will be reaching out with dates and times, but please feel free to contact any leader with the time that best suits you!

Oct. 1 @ 1pm – Zieche leaders (at Zieche home)

Oct. 8 # 9:20am - Fellowship Hall

Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship* "Journey with Jesus" Discussion

Tuesday, October 17 @ 10am - Katie Room & Online

Sunday, October 22 @ 9:20am - Fellowship Hall & Online

Join us as we take a deeper look at this month's "Journey with Jesus" Focus. All are welcome. Facilitator – Pastor Eric

Tuesday Google Meet: meet.google.com/crm-zcgt-bxx Or dial: 540-669-0687 PIN: 810 783 136#

Sunday Google Meet: meet.google.com/zkz-tzgp-seu Or dial: +1 323-515-9597 (PIN: 776209519)



Notes from: *Mission Partnership Team*

LS Ministries with Cristo Rey!

Sunday, October 1 @ 5 pm

We provide a Bible lesson, crafts, singing, and snacks for the children of our Mission Partner, Cristo Rey, in W. Columbia. We have team leaders, but 5-6 helpers are needed, plus a snack for up to 20 children. Volunteers meet at LS at 4:15 and carpool. The children speak English, so Spanish is not a requirement.



Our friends at Rehoboth's Child Development Center recently had an accident with one of their buses. We were able to loan them one of our to help with a few of their field trips. Here are some of the thank you cards the kids sent:



Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

The Wonder of Worship

Holy Communion



Communion, aka The Lord's Supper or The Eucharist (which means *thanksgiving*), doesn't need much explanation. It's explained each week from Scripture . . . *In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples* ... We're active participants as individuals and as a faith community. Everything in the service leads up to this time of special, close com-



munion with Christ and each other. It's not covered by a line or two in the bulletin, but with 4-5 pages of liturgy. When I first came to Living Springs I was deeply moved by all of this plus the fact that we celebrated Holy Communion *every single week!* It took a while, though, to understand it all, and I'd like to share a little of that journey.

Presentation of the Elements/Offering Prayer and Song: I was used to all of the elements—the bread and the wine/ grape juice—already placed on the altar when the service started, which is true in our 8:15 am service. But in the second service, why are the elements brought forward to the altar? I learned that those who present the elements are members of the congregation who represent all of us, and that the action is symbolic in two ways. First, it pictures worship in the Old Testament where God's people brought offerings of animals, birds and grain (Leviticus 1-7) and material goods (e.g., Exodus 25:1-7) to the altar to receive God's grace and mercy and show gratitude for the One who creates and sustains life. It also pictures followers of Jesus today who offer up our lives and express our desire to be continually transformed by God's grace. After the elements are presented, this section concludes with a prayer and a song.

Eucharistic Dialog & Prayer, Lord's Prayer, Invitation to Communion, Lamb of God: You know when our pastors sing/ chant "The Great Thanksgiving" and we respond: *The Lord be with you/and also with you | Lift up your hearts/We lift them to the Lord | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God/It is right to give our thanks and praise?* This liturgical dialog dates back to the 3rd century! I *love* thinking of our brothers and sisters in Christ through the centuries using these same words to prepare their hearts for Holy Communion. This is followed by a prayer and the words of institution (partially quoted in the first paragraph) reminding us of what Jesus asked us to do to never forget Him. Then, before we come to the Lord's Table for the Lord's Supper, we pray the Lord's Prayer together. After the prayer we are invited to the table and we respond by asking in song for Jesus, the Lamb of God, to have mercy on us.



Distribution of Communion, Post Communion Blessing and Prayer: We now come to the rail (I *love* how we walk up together!) to be served the elements and be reminded that they are the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. It's interesting to think about what happens here. Jesus wanted his disciples (then and now) to remember him, right? Which is a mental process. So why didn't he ask us to memorize and recite something? Instead, he designed something far more immersive: we walk forward/lift our hands/sometimes kneel; we hear the words said to us; we see the bread and wine; we can smell them; we touch them; we taste them; they become part of us. It's a mental, physical, spiritual action reflective of Mark 12:30: *Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.* When everyone, including the pastors and assisting ministers, has been served, Communion concludes with a blessing said over us and a prayer. Beautiful—meaningful—the highpoint of each and every week.



Shirl Schiffman shirl@livingspringscolumbia.org

New Worship Assistants

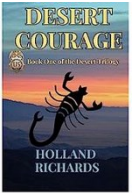


What a joy it was to hear the children in the GIFT Zone yell out the special words as they heard them in the sermon. It was inspiring! May we all be as excited about God's word as the little ones are!

Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

Ladies Book Club
Sunday, October 1 · 2:00 – 4:00pm

Ladies, we hope you all had a chance to finish *Desert Courage* by Holland Richards aka Dea Jones. Bring your questions and comments, Dea is also going to bring some discussion questions. **There is a lot going on Oct. 1, so if you could let Beverly Hoppert or Karen Kranz know if you are coming.**



Can't join in person but would like to participate, join online:
Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/upz-vqkz-guo>
Or dial: (US) +1 478-331-6496 PIN: 534 828 337#



The *RIPPLE*

We hope you find this edition enjoyable and informative.

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South Carolina WELCA



Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

LS Lutheran Men's Ministry Sunday



Axe Throwing Gathering



Monthly Men's Breakfast
Saturday, October 28 @ 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

Notes from: *Sr. Youth*

Things to look forward to:

Each Sunday - "Triple S" @ 10 am

10/4 - Sr. Youth @ LSLC

10/8 - Confirmation Class

10/11 - Sr. Youth @ Five Guys

10/15 - ELCA Youth Gathering Devotion

10/18 - Sr. Youth @ LSLC

10/20 - Sr. Youth Lock-In

10/31 - Sr. Youth @ Flores



Notes from: *Boy Scout Troop 737*



TROOP 737 WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR 20TH ANNIVERSARY ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH WITH A DINNER AND Special Guest Speaker: Tony Clyburn from 93.1 FM The Lake!

Honor Court



Welcome Seminarian Jace Martinez!

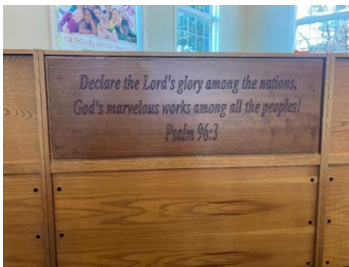
LS continues our long-time ministry of serving as a field education site for students from our Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia. Seminarian Paula Perry has completed her formal field education with us. Now, we are blessed to welcome Seminarian Jace Martinez, who will be working with both Pastor Carl & Pastor Eric as his field ed instructors. Please welcome him, as we join together in this exciting partnership of education & ministry!



Jace Martinez

Jace Martinez is an 8 year Army Veteran turned Lutheran Seminarian. Jace and his wife Julia have a full household with 2 dogs and 3 cats. Originally from Southern Minnesota, he spent the last 6 years in Austin, Texas and moved to Columbia in Fall of 2022 to attend Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.

Blessing of LS Worship/Streaming Tech Ministry



"in honor of God and Jesus Christ, to fulfill the command to speak of our Lord in every way..."

"to the glory of God to share hope in the world..."

"for the glory of God in loving memory of dear wife and her love for the Lord..."

"in honor of all our parents, who put the Scriptures in our hands, with prayers that this ministry may always do the same for others..."

- Hand-crafted 3-part HAS rolltop secure Tech Cabinet, inscribed with Psalm 96:3, plus 3 swivel chairs
- 3 PTZOptics zoom, auto-focus Cameras with anti-vibration wall mounts & wiring
- HP Desktop Computer, 2 Dell Anti-Glare Monitors, ProPresenter7 software, Router upgrade
- Sennheiser mic set & Audio-Technica body pac
- 3 Mevo cameras with tripods & 2 Portable iPad/monitors

Last month, we offered prayers of thanksgiving for our Worship Streaming Ministry, plus a did aspecial dedication blessing for the newest components. We give thanks for those amazing servants of the Lord who have played key roles with the origination, installation, special gifts, and operation of this ministry, which has touched so many lives since the COVID pandemic...

Mark Stuart

Rocky Berger

Lisa Petty

Bob Turnmire

Adam Woodruff

Bob Gill

Jim Zieche

Matthew Fink

Deacon Lexanne/Scott Graves

Robert Mancuso (Express Computer)

Marshall/Jeannie Hurlbert

Brian Steen (Steen Solutions SC)



Livestream Tech Ministry God Stories

The Spirit continues to bless the Livestream and Tech Team Ministry's work, so that God's people everywhere are the true recipients of this ministry of love and grace.

- *online worshipper shared a prayer concern during worship. We reached out and found a doctor in the area to help.*
- *an online couple shared they enjoyed being able to connect to our livestream while camping in the woods.*
- *online worshipper shared they help feeding their children and through your generosity we were able to do that!*
- *online worshipper shared they were so excited to see their former worship space and friends since moving to Iowa!*
- *online worshipper comments she loves watching our worship all the way from Texas!! God at work across the miles!*
- *online worshipper shared a prayer concern about grandchildren. We prayed with and for them online and in our sanctuary. We later followed up with them and they couldn't believe that we cared that much!*
- *online worshipper shared they were so excited that even though sick, they were able to hear/feel God's presence, love.*
- *online worshippers comment, "Beautiful" or "Amen" after Pr Eric's and Pr Carl's sermons, as well as, "So grateful for this moving music!" when choir, Disciples of Harmony, JuBELLation handbells, and musicians/singers share their gifts!*
- *online worshipper shared that God's grace in our worship was being shared in the stands at their child's athletic event with other families.....because wherever two or three are gathered, Jesus is there.*
- *online worshippers were grateful to be present at their godchild or grandchild's baptisms because they were not able to fly in. Through your generosity we are able to connect people to God's grace across the miles!*

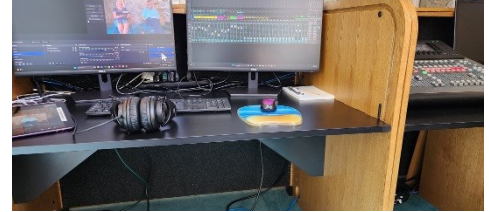
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•A family desired for their mom's funeral service to be shared online and this allowed relatives from far away to still be present in the midst of their grief. They later shared that this celebration of life service impacted them in ways we may not ever realize or imagine.

The Spirit has led Living Springs to this livestreaming ministry and has prayerfully/financially allowed it to continue. We may not ever know the full extent of the lives touched by God's grace and hope through this ministry, yet we know that we are following our baptismal promises to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed and to serve ALL people. This is but one format where we can and have shared God's Word and planted seeds of hope, while the Spirit takes care of the rest!

How can you continue to help this ministry grow and thrive??!! Simply go to our Living Springs Facebook or Youtube page and share our worship service on your feeds!! This is so easy to do and you will be doing God's Work with Your Hands by simply pressing SHARE on your social media feeds. Imagine how many of God's children will be enriched by listening to God's grace being shared each week with 1 click on your social media!!



From our LS E-Outreach Coordinator, Deacon Lexanne Graves

God At Work LS Football Devotion Ministry

We will need 4-5 helpers for each pre-game meal, usually around 3-4pm, but time varies depending on home/away game, etc. Go ahead and check your calendars to see which Thursdays you could help serve food and/or help with supplies/prep. There is a master sign-up sheet at the church, or you can also let Bob Turnmire know. For each meal, we also need 100-110 pre-packaged cookies or desserts. You can bring to church by the morning of game day (or sign-up to make a monetary donation and we will buy cookies for you.)

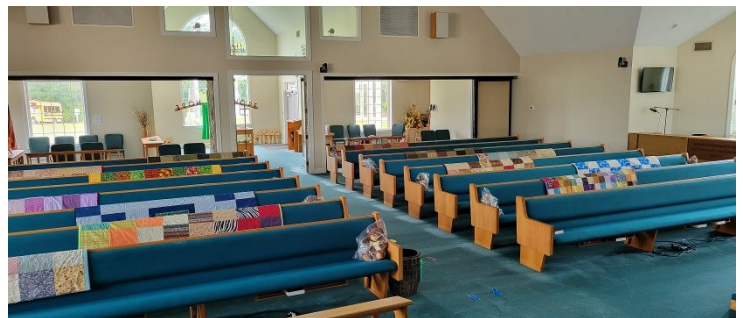
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*As always, we can use a Thrivent Card for each date, so if you are a Thrivent member, remember you have access to two \$250 community care cards every year. Please let Karen Kranz know, as she is our LS Thrivent card coordinator.

Please keep this life-impacting ministry in your prayers - the time we spend fostering relationships with these young men makes a huge difference in breaking down barriers, shaping hearts, and reinforcing the genuineness of our weekly devotional messages!!!! Even if you have to get off work early one Thursday, we encourage everyone to share in this experience at least 1 week during the season. Thanks so much for your witness, men/women are welcome!



QUILT BLESSING



God's Corner



Dear Living Springs,

Thank you so much for helping us with transport from the airport for another large refugee family! It was such a blessing; we're so grateful.

Also, thank you for the desk delivery (former roll top used for the streaming desk), we appreciate you all so much.

Sincerely Sarah Lewis for the NAP team.

Dear Living Springs,

We cannot begin to express our gratitude for the way you showed up for the super late arrival, and then stayed so late waiting for a family. Thank you for you generous, kind spirit & your patience. Thank you so much for volunteering to help w/transport on the 20th & 29th. We are overwhelmed by arrivals this month and so grateful for the wonderful support & help from your church & others in the community. Thank you again & again!

Sincerely Sarah Lewis for the NAP team.



Refugee Resettlement Update

Arrival Numbers

We have received SO MANY arrivals and we wanted to send a breakdown of the numbers through the end of September (which is also the end of our fiscal year):

Africa—46 persons

East Asia—29

Latin American—15

Near East and South Asia—155

This comes to a total of 225 people welcomed through our office this year!

LS DISASTER RESPONSE EMPHASIS! *Sunday Bucket Offerings & Special Offerings...*

With the recent disaster in Maui (and other seasonal storms/fires), Living Springs is having a special emphasis on Lutheran Disaster Response efforts, to directly help those whose lives have been devastated. Sunday Bucket offerings for Sept-Nov will be dedicated for this purpose— and additional check/donations can be placed in the offering (payable to Living Springs and marked "Disaster Response"). To give electronically, you can also use the Disaster Response button on our LS Givelify app.

Opportunities Outside Living Springs



Camp Hands of Hope @ Camp Kinard

Camp Hands of Hope, a program under the Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation, is a weekend-long bereavement camp for youth ages 5-18 and their parent(s) or guardian(s) who live in South Carolina, and have experienced the loss of a loved one.

The next Camp Hands of Hope program is being hosted at Camp Kinard over **October 20-22, 2023.**

If you or someone you know has a child who has experienced the loss of a loved one in the past 3 months - 3 years, we ask you pass this information along to their parent/guardian so they can apply. Registration will be open until camp spots fill up (space is limited and they will fill up fast).

Camp Hands of Hope is hosted several times throughout year in various locations across the state of South Carolina to provide a youth centered, family focused approach to grief and healing. Camp Hands of Hope assists over 150 individuals annually. Though it costs the Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation over \$750.00 per individual to attend a week-end-long camp, they are proud to provide this resource free of charge to all that attend.

"I don't want to look back." Carl N' Drama finds new home in South Carolina

Prudenciel George Carl N' Drama says he wants to thank all Americans for helping find his freedom.

The 53-year old refugee from Ivory Coast has only been in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for a few months, but has already secured a job and a place to live with the help of the LSC New Americans Program.

"I want to thank all the people of the country. I thank all of the American people for giving me the opportunity to be here," Carl N' Drama said.

Ivory Coast, also known as Côte d'Ivoire, officially the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, is a country on the southern coast of West Africa. Carl N' Drama, who speaks French, felt he needed to leave when he started feeling unsafe, always looking over his shoulder. With the help of the United Nations, he found himself in Myrtle Beach. He said he has found his second family in the LSC teammates.

I can say You (LSC) are the very good people. I'm talking about the moral support they provide me. When I first came here, I had a low morale and they were able to talk to me, advise me, and increase my morale for my self-confidence," he said. "So, I appreciate the work that they do, and I thank them for doing to for me."

He added that the people of Myrtle Beach are very welcoming, and he has two part-time jobs lined up to help him become self-sufficient.

He doesn't feel the need to look over his shoulder anymore.; He is free.

"I can say that I'm free because I am in the land of freedom. Generally, the United States is considered the land of freedom. I feel free in this country," Carl N' Drama said. "I don't want to look back. I want to live life to it's fullest."



Click above for the full article/Fall LSC Voices

MAIN SUNDAY SCHEDULE

805A Pre-worship "Jesus" Time
1030A WORSHIP (Sanctuary)
 920A Adult Faith Formation
 10A Youth "Triple S" Time

October 2023

1020A Pre-worship "Jesus" Time
1030A WORSHIP (Sanctuary/ Online/Parking Lot) - includes Children's GIFT Faith Time

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 *See box above 920A Reception for Lisa/Sherry Noon Empty Nesters Lunch 1P Justice Gathering (Zieche's) 2P Ladies Book Club (Hoppert) 430P Girl Scouts 5P Cristo Rey Ministry (carpool 415)	2 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop #737	3 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	4 10A Preschool Bible Time 12 Journey w/Jesus Devotion Posted 330P Afterschool Bible Time 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 6P Hope Team 630P Youth (LSLC)	5 11A Good News Team 3P Football Ministry 4P Backpack Food Ministry (LSCDC) 630P Recovery Comes First 730P Lifelong Discipleship	6	7
8 *See box above 920A Justice Gathering (LSLC) 920 & 1145 - Backpack Food Bags 12P Confirmation Class 145P Confirmation Parents 2P-4P Animal Blessing 430P Girl Scouts	9 1030A Meals on Wheels 4P Facilities 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Fellowship/Mutual Care 7P Boy Scout Troop #737	10 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 6P Justice Leader Assembly 7P Handbells	11 10A Preschool Bible Time 12 Journey w/Jesus Devotion Posted 330P Afterschool Bible Time 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir	12 7A Men's Bible & Biscuits 3P Football Ministry 6P Boy Scout Fitness 630P Recovery Comes First 630P LS-CDC Board	13	14 930A Crafty Ladies 5P Boy Scout Troop Anniv. Celebration (set up at 21.5p)
15 *See box above Lutheran Campus Ministry Sunday 920-1015A Worship Helper Training 12P ELCA Youth Gathering Devotion 430P Girl Scouts	16 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop #737 7P Exec Team	17 920A "Journey w/Jesus" Pastor Time 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 530P Finance Team 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	18 10A Preschool Bible Time 12 Journey w/Jesus Devotion Posted 330P Afterschool Bible Time 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 630P Youth (LSLC) 630P Parents Faith Time	19 4P Backpack Food Ministry 3P Football Ministry 630P Recovery Comes First Children's Hospital Meal	20	21 Sr. Youth Lock-In 10/20-21 OktoberFest, Incarnation Lutheran thru Sun.
22 *See box above 920A "Journey w/Jesus" Pastor Time 920 & 1145 - Backpack Food Bags 12P Confirmation Class TBA Council Meeting 3P Sr. Youth Marty Party (Zion Luth.) 3P Mental-Emotional Wellness Event 430P Girl Scouts	23 1030A Meals on Wheels 630P Worship Team 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop #737	24 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	25 10A Preschool Bible Time 12 Journey w/Jesus Devotion Posted 330P Afterschool Bible Time 515P Rush Hour Ministry 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 630P Youth (Sonic)	26 7A Bible & Biscuits Men's Bible Study 4P Football Ministry 6P Boy Scout Fitness 630P Recovery Comes First Palmetto Place Meal	27 5P Rice Estate Dinner (Set-up @ 3)	28 8A Men's Breakfast Gathering 930A Crafty Ladies TBA Confirmand Family Supper
29 *See box above Reformation Sunday/ Rite of Confirmation! 4P Trunk 'r Treat & LMM Bratwursts 430P Girl Scouts	30 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop #737 7P Justice Ministry—Community Problems Assembly	31 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 630P Youth (Flores) 7P Handbells	1 TBA Witting Tree 10A Preschool Bible Time 12 Journey w/Jesus Devotion Posted 330P Afterschool Bible Time 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 6P Hope Team	2 TBA Witting Tree 11A Good News Team 3P Football Ministry 4P Backpack Food Ministry (LSCDC) 630P Recovery Comes First 730P Lifelong Discipleship	3 TBA Witting Tree	4 TBA Witting Tree

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

October 3

Wesley Graves

October 19

Aaron Smith

♥ Ed & Kathy Brennan

October 20

Anna Graves

October 4

Roger Schwind

October 21

Jerry Appleton

October 5

Vickie Crapps

October 22

Rachel Sorial

October 7

Lee Collins

October 24

Dea Jones

Lydia Prizer

October 26

Adriana McMurphy

♥ Jim & Peg Zieche

Laura Stuart

October 9

Eddie Newton

October 27

August Snipes

October 10

♥ Mike & Sarah Schultz

October 28

Nancy Kauffman

October 11

Raegan Prest

October 12

♥ Rocky & Jan Berger



Celebrate Your Baptism



Don't forget to check the bulletin to see if we will be celebrating your Baptismal Anniversary during this month's Sunday worship services. Immediately below the Gathering Music, there are printed the names of those who are celebrating a baptismal anniversary *in that week*. When the gathering music begins, individuals can quietly come forward to meet Pastor Eric at the baptismal fountain. There, he will re-trace the cross with the water on your forehead and offer a special prayer of blessing for you (children may be accompanied by parents). There is nothing to be anxious about - everything is done quietly while the music is being played. For those who know only the month of your Baptism, you can join us on the first Sunday of the month (if you prefer some other Sunday, please let us know). **If you do not know your baptismal information, then please pick a month when you would like to celebrate this gift of God's grace in your life – and notify the office**, so that we can add you to the

celebration list (we'll simply mark the choice of your month with an asterisk). Even if you don't know the exact date, it's important to celebrate this special gift of God's grace in your life. Again, we encourage everyone to research

October 1

Jerry Appleton

Asher De Paoli

October 2

Ashley Sanders

October 14

Eric Fink

October 20

Nowell Ramsey

October 28

Jan Epperson



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