

The Living Springs Journal

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

April 2024

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!



“Christ IS Risen... Indeed!” (this month from Pr. Eric)

April “JOURNEY WITH JESUS” Focus = Encounters with the Risen Jesus!

Pastor Study Times: Sunday, 4/28 @ 9:20; Tuesday, 4/30 @ 10:00

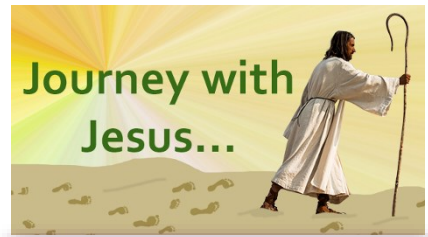
Weekly Online Discussion: Wed. Postings @ Noon....

Christ Is Risen! Christ Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

In last month’s article, I lifted up 3 special “March moments” for us all to “take deeper steps in our cross-shaped calling to lives of faith & discipleship”: LS Ministry Focus Kickoff; Justice Nehemiah Assembly; Holy Week! Indeed, it was so powerful to sense the Spirit at work and the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus in each of those moments... the Spirit’s work and presence of the Risen Lord as we gathered on the church lawn to shine God’s light of God’s grace for all; the Spirit’s work and presence of the Risen Lord as we gathered at Eau Claire HS with hundreds of others to speak up for those among us affected by food insecurity, inadequate housing, and community gun violence; the Spirit’s work and presence of the Risen Lord as we worshipped on Palm Sunday, Holy Monday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and a joyous Easter Sunday!

And there were other “March moments” as well: the Spirit’s work and presence of the Risen Lord at our hunger walk; the Spirit’s work and presence of the Risen Lord at our 2 public walkings of the cross (Palm Sunday & Good Friday); the Spirit’s work and presence of the Risen Lord with all the smiles and tears of joy from drivers at a Holy Tuesday Rush Hour ministry; the Spirit’s work and presence of the Risen Lord with 140 Backpack food bags packed

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HOLY BAPTISM/COMMUNION MILESTONE—Sunday, April 7

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SHOE DRIVE KICKOFF, Apr. 14

SUN. BACKPACKS, Apr. 14 & 28

BEER ‘N HYMNS, Apr. 17

CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL, Apr. 18

CRISTO REY MINISTRY, Apr. 21

CAMPUS MINISTRY, Apr. 21

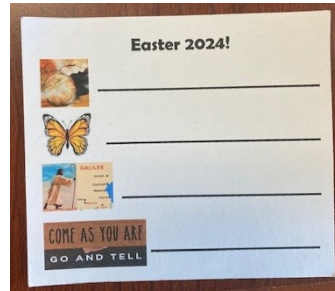
PALMETTO PLACE, Apr. 25

BLESSING OF SHOES, Apr. 28

FAMILY PROMISE MEAL, May 2

SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION, May 4

MEALS-ON-WHEELS, Mon/Tue



From the Desk of Pastor Carl

Dear Siblings in Christ,

As we draw near to the conclusion of the Lenten season and approach the threshold of Holy Week, our hearts are filled with solemn anticipation and joyful expectation. Lent has been a time of introspection, repentance, and spiritual growth, during which we have journeyed alongside our Lord in the wilderness, seeking renewal and deeper communion with Him. As we accompanied Jesus on His final journey to the cross, let forever be reminded of His immense sacrifice for our salvation.



In the Gospel narratives, we read of Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem, greeted by adoring crowds waving palm branches and proclaiming, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” (Matthew 21:9). Yet, we also know that this jubilant scene will soon give way to the solemnity of the Last Supper, the agony of Gethsemane, and the ultimate sacrifice of Calvary. As we have gone through these events, let us not forget Christ’s passion, death, and resurrection with reverence and humility for all of us.

In our congregation, we have witnessed the steadfast dedication of our Sr. youth as they continue to grow in their faith journey. Their participation in Lenten disciplines, prayer, and service reflects their deepening commitment to follow in the footsteps of our Lord. We rejoice in their eagerness to deepen their relationship with Christ and eagerly anticipate the blessings that await them on their journey.

We are excited about the upcoming National Youth Gathering this summer. This gathering will give our youth a unique opportunity to unite with fellow believers from across the country, united in service, fellowship, and worship. As our Sr. youth continue to prepare for this amazing experience, let us pray for them, asking that their hearts be open to receive all that the Holy Spirit desires to impart to them during this time.

We celebrated a significant milestone in March as five of our junior youth participated in our Communion Milestone

on Palm Sunday; the Spirit's work and presence of the Risen Lord on Friday nights with many faithful volunteers working together (along with a special visit from Pastor Jesse & students) to raise another \$9000 for a life-impacting Lutheran Campus Ministry; the Spirit's work and presence of the Risen Lord at our Lenten dramas, noon services, Bible studies, 8:34 prayer alerts, and Wednesday "Journey with Jesus" postings; the Spirit's work and presence of the Risen Lord with meals for Palmetto Place & Children's Hospital; the Spirit's work and presence of the Risen Lord as so many dropped off hundreds of items for Lutheran Services refugee ministry welcome kits; the Spirit's work and presence of the Risen Lord at a powerful Camp Sunday celebration; the Spirit's work and presence of the Risen Lord at a Easter breakfast fellowship and a joyful egg hunt. The list goes on... and will continue in amazing ways this April with our shoe drive, community Beer 'n Hymns, and much more.

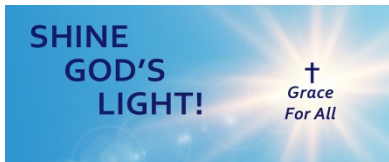
When I carried home my Easter lily last Sunday, I found special meaning in being able to place it on a table beside a poinsettia that was still bright red from our Christmas services (see photo on page 1). It somehow brought me great joy to know that the little child born in Bethlehem—who grew up to sacrifice himself for the world on the cross—had indeed survived... conquering death, suffering, rejection, mockery, abandonment, betrayal, denial, and injustice to be raised by the power of God's love and live forever as the Risen Lord! Oh, yes, Jesus lives INDEED! Christ lives in all those who have been washed in the waters of Baptismal grace, marked with his cross, and given the Holy Spirit to carry on his life-changing ministry of hope in this world, shining God's light of grace for all in countless ways... every month, every week, every day! Christ is Risen! Risen Indeed!

With great thanks to God for all the ways that the presence of the Risen Lord shines through each of you, *Pastor Eric*

2024 LIVING SPRINGS MINISTRY FOCUS

*Grounded in worship, we are disciples joyfully sharing our resources and celebrating Jesus' message of **Good News of God's grace for all!***

*We lift up these areas of Ministry Focus to **Shine Additional Light** in 2024:*



PROVIDING SAFE SPACES FOR LISTENING AND ATTENDING TO one another & the larger community... especially in areas of mental-emotional wellness.

MINISTERING TO, AND PARTNERING WITH, OUR NEIGHBORS to serve others and offer hope... through feeding ministries, justice ministry, and other crisis ministries.

OFFERING LIFE-SHAPING FAITH FORMATION for all ages... through multiple, creative opportunities to worship and learn - with special emphasis on children, youth, and families, including LS Child Development Center.

INVITING, WELCOMING & CELEBRATING everyone in God's diverse Kingdom garden... all beautifully created in God's image!



class led by Mrs. Jan Berger. I was in awe to see how they grasped and talked about the information in their own words. They also had the opportunity to paint their individual Chalices and communion banners. This is a profound step in their faith journey, as they are welcomed to the table of our Lord to partake of His body and blood. Let us continue to nurture and support these young disciples as they grow in their understanding of the grace and love of God manifested in the Eucharist.

As we journeyed through Holy Week and Easter with awe and amazement, let us not forget those less fortunate or marginalized among us. Let us continue to extend Christ's love and compassion to all we encounter, reaching out to those in need and sharing the hope of the Gospel with our community.

In conclusion, let us give thanks for the abundant blessings we have received and ask for God's grace to continue guiding us on our faith journey. As you read this letter, I pray that you take time with God for spiritual renewal and transformation as we have witnessed the empty tomb felling of resurrection and joy. I pray that all of us continue to draw closer to the cross and the empty tomb, as we find redemption and new life in Christ.

Grace and Peace

Pastor Carl

Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Blessings and tissues to all as we head into that wonderful season of Southern Spring Yellow Fever (aka...pollen season!),

Looking at the world around us, we realize and recognize that we are not alone. We are here to care for one another and God's creation, connected and woven together in this grand plan, we call life. Where every interaction, conversation, and act we do, has a ripple effect. Planting seeds that we may never see sprout, yet giving others the opportunity to know love, compassion, and kind words. I am sometimes filled with awe at how we are witnesses to where God's Hope is Growing in the world.

An auditorium filled with people all seeking Justice at the Nehemiah Action assembly. Where stories of food insecurities, homelessness and mental health awareness are shared. A group of people that may have never met before, and perhaps will not cross paths again, yet were connected in one space for a few hours to be a part of God's Hope Growing in the World.

An email asking if LSLC-CDC would be willing to participate in a "promotional video" for SC-ABC Quality, only to realize that this video will be presented to legislation, to increase awareness of the importance of Early Care and Education. Showing the impact that quality care has not only on the children served, but the families that are able to work without worry for their children, and businesses that are able to operate because employees have a safe and nurturing environment where their children will thrive.

A letter from a community member that shares their personal story of how the people and culture of LSLC-CDC helped them to discern how to explain the harshness of the world to their own children.

I am grateful to see these moments of God's Hope Growing in the world around us. May you too be able to witness the seeds of Hope that have been scattered around us and have the opportunity to watch them grow.

Wishing you well, Tammy



Notes from: *Fellowship & Mutual Care* **LeGrand/Lowman Scholarship Dinner & Auction** *May 4 @ 6pm*



We will be hosting the annual LeGrand/Lowman Dinner & Auction on Saturday, May 4, beginning at 6pm in the fellowship hall. This years theme will be "Cinco de Mayo" with a delicious Mexican fare that will be prepared by Marshall Hurlbert. Tickets will cover the cost of food and will be on sale on Sundays after both services. Adults - \$10, Children 12 and under - \$5. The silent Auction will open at 6:30 and close at 7:30. Silent Auction items include baskets that are donated by ministry teams and individuals, as well as handmade items such as wreaths, paintings, baked goods, etc. Please let Trish Davidson or Wendy McKenzie know if you would like to donate an item. There will also be a raffle for a quilt made by the Crafty Ladies. And of course we will also have a white elephant auction with our very own Adam Woodruff as the auctioneer. Limit one item donation per family/individual. This could be a gift you received that just may not be your taste. Please drop off in the workroom prior to the dinner. Remember one persons trash could be another person's treasure. *All funds raised benefit our LeGrand/Lowman Scholarships that are given to 1st time college students from Living Springs and Cristo Rey. We also offer continuing education grants for subsequent years of college.* Please joins us for a great meal, fun fellowship while supporting college students.



Notes from: *Good News Team*



What: Beer N Hymns, NE Columbia

When: Wednesday, April 17

Where: Random Tap, Elgin, SC

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Bar serves beer, wine, and cider along with non-alcoholic beverages. The kitchen is usually closed on Wednesday nights so feel free to bring your own dinner/take-out or get snacks/food to share with friends! Contact Deacon Lexanne at 803-315-3828 if you have questions!

Save the Date!

NE MayFest

Pentecost Community Celebration

Sunday, May 19, 4-6:30

Community event to celebrate May and Pentecost

Free Pizza, ice cream, activities, bouncy houses!

More details to come. Watch for upcoming announcements!

Next Rush Hour Ministry

Wednesday, May 22, 5:15—6PM

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 join us at any time!

LS Good News Journey with Jesus Bible Story Project

Catch this month's stories in our YouTube Journey with Jesus Playlist

"A Meal of Love & Garden of Struggles" read by Dawn Willingham

"A Night of Trials" read by Adam Woodruff

"A Cross: Truly God's Son!" read by Steve Padgett

A Miracle of Resurrection & Life!" read by Steve Padgett

Coming this week: "Easter Peace & Patient Love"

The Good News Team is beginning a new series for their Bible Reading Project in conjunction with 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 streamed, 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*

LS LENTEN 40X40 COLLECTION: Last day for drop off is April 7!

Hope Ministry gives thanks to all that contributed. We will be delivering the kits the week of April 8. We might not have reached 1600 items, but we have enough to make an impact in helping refugees transition into their new lives here in the U.S.

GOAL: 1600 Welcome Kit items for newly-arriving, officially-vetted refugees, through Lutheran Services "New Americans" Program!

For each **Dining Welcome Kit**, we need: 6 forks, 6 knives, 6 spoons; 6 plates; 6 bowls; 6 cups; 1 pitcher; 1 serving platter; 3 serving spoons; and 1 silverware organizer.

For each **Bathroom Welcome Kit**, we need: 6 washcloths; 6 hand towels; 6 bath towels; 1 bath mat; 1 toilet brush; 4 roll toilet paper; and 1 small waste basket.

You may donate an entire kit, or any of the items, OR make a Monetary Donation. New items only. Collection containers are in the office lobby – or you can place an order through Amazon and have it delivered to LS (https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/cw1FMDM?ref=wl_share).



BACKPACK FOOD MINISTRY

It's not about just giving a bag of food to some child for their weekend nourishment - unpacking and sorting, counting the items to make sure you have 35 on each side - 2 milk, 2 juice pouches, 2 applesauce & 1 fruit cup, a ramen noodle & some meat item, pudding cup & a cookie, 2 cereals, a spoon and lastly 4 different snack items (hhhhmm what would I like as a snack?), put it in a bag & tie it shut; but while you're doing this, you fellowship with people you don't see during the week or sometimes for a month. At the end of all of this (probably about 2 hours), you come together around the shopping carts and pray for the children that need this supplemental meal.

MOTHER'S DAY/FATHER'S DAY

The Hope Ministry will be assembling flowers for the Rice Estate residents and also for our homebound. If you would like to help, contact Karen Kranz.

We are in need of bud vases, so if you see any at a garage sale or if you have some you are willing to donate, leave them on the small kitchen counter or in the workroom.

FAMILY PROMISE

During May, Living Springs is partnering with Spring Valley Presbyterian to provide meals for the three triplex families that are in the program at this time. Once a week on Thursday, three separate meal packets will be delivered to the Opportunity Center on Omarest Dr. Living Springs has been a supporting church in this program that provides shelter and support for families that fall short for some reason or another and need assistance in getting back on their feet. If you would like to adopt a family for a week or more, contact Karen Kranz and we can share the family's profile.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL & PALMETTO PLACE MEAL

Thursday, April 18 Carolina Deli (the Mooney Family) will prepare and deliver 20 lunches to the 5th floor of Children's Hospital to ease the burden of parents and staff tending to kids going through chemo treatment.

Thursday, April 25 Living Springs prepares a meal for 6 young adults transitioning from living in a shelter to living on their own. The last time we took a meal, the young fellow sitting on the sofa in their TV room popped up and gave us a "thank you, thank you so much". If you would like to be involved, contact Karen Kranz.

FISH FRY THANK YOU!!

To everyone that helped during our Lenten Fish Fry and gave monetary donations - THANK YOU! You endured some unpleasant weather nights, but we reached our goal of \$4,000 (and then some) for Gamecock Campus Ministry! We had one person ask if we will go back to doing it ourselves - reason being he always got extra pieces of fish for his cat! Bill is a faithful donor - coming every week to support this ministry and we look forward to seeing him again next year!



Notes from: *Justice Ministry*



We want to thank every single person who came out to the Nehemiah Action this year.

Because of YOU

Together, we had 650 community members of faith come together to answer the call to DO JUSTICE!

Because of YOU

The Office of Violent Crime Prevention has undertaken an assessment through the Community Justice Action Fund! While we have not yet seen the results, we are hopeful that this is a strong assessment and will remain vigilant.

Because of YOU

Columbia City Councilmembers Will Brennan & Tyler Bailey have agreed to increase the number of service locations for the Mobile Market from 3 to 9 AND to secure & allocate \$20,000 monthly for food security solutions!

Because of YOU

Richland County Council has put Affordable Housing on their strategic plan for 2024 AND created a committee dedicated to using \$4M to increase our number of affordable units!



Watch the 2024 Nehemiah Action

Nehemiah Action Media Coverage



[Post and Courier](#)
[WLTX](#)



Justice Ministry Food Walk

Gail had been asking if I am going to do the Justice Food Walk on Saturday, March 2. "Saturday" - the day after a Friday fish fry. The day after the worst weather we have ever had for a fish fry!! I told Gail I was probably not going to make it because of a blah, blah, blah number of excuses. Then I got to thinking, "what am I complaining about?" - the whole purpose of the walk is to experience what someone in the 29203 zip code has to experience every day of the year in order to get groceries. I went, and as it turned out right before the walk started, the sun came out and weather-wise it was enjoyable to be outside, but there was a greater awareness of the obstacles (cracked sidewalks, busy thoroughfare to cross, many bags to carry) someone has to face everyday versus my one afternoon!



Notes from: *Emotional - Mental Wellness*



Living Springs Emotional/Mental Wellness Support Fund

For assistance, please see
Pastor Eric or Pastor Carl.



If you or someone you know
needs support now,
call or text 988
or
chat 988lifeline.org



Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*

LS Shoe Drive

April 14-30

Send your gently used shoes on a journey with Jesus! Beginning April 14, and lasting through April 30, we will collect shoes of all kinds -- in good condition - to be sent to developing countries throughout the world. The shoes will enable small business owners in those countries to support their families. You may bring the shoes to LS any time -please tie or attach pairs together! We will have "Blessing of the Shoes" during worship on April 28.

This annual project is led by Keep the Midlands Beautiful.



DR. MARK ALLAN POWELL LEADS PRE-ASSEMBLY BIBLE STUDIES

May 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 7 PM



The SC Synod of the ELCA has collaborated with Dr. Mark Allan Powell and he will be leading four online Bible study sessions as our synod prepares for the Synod Assembly. This opportunity will be available for anyone who is interested. The first session will consider our overall theme, "Like Good Stewards", and the following three sessions will consider the subthemes of stewarding creation, offering, and justice & peace. These sessions will be held on May 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 7 PM. Please watch for more information as to how to participate in these sessions.

Dr. Mark Allan Powell is a retired Professor of New Testament at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. He is editor of the Harper Collins Bible Dictionary, (the world's best-selling dictionary of the Bible) and author of *Introducing the New Testament*, (the world's best-selling New Testament textbook). In all he has published more than 40 books on religious subjects, including one of the 21st century's most popular books on stewardship, *Giving to God: The Bible's Good News about Living a Generous Life*. Powell also produced a set of DVDs that have been widely used in the ELCA, titled *Our Duty and Delight: The Good News of Biblical Stewardship*. An ecumenical, global scholar, Powell has taught at seminaries in Chicago, Berkeley, Estonia, Russia, and Tanzania.



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

August – More Teachings 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 April 7: John 20:11-21:25 Offering Peace, Direction, Forgiveness

Week of April 14: Luke 24:13-53 Walking in Faith

Week of April 21: Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:1-11 Ascending & Sending

Week of April 28: Acts 9:1-31 Life-Changing Light

****For families with children, you can use stories from Children's Bible Story books or online Children's Bible videos about: Jesus' birth, Jesus' childhood, Jesus' baptism, Jesus' temptation, Jesus' transfiguration!**

God's Corner



We can't thank you enough for your consistent generosity & willingness to jump on needs for transport & your flexibility when things change. I can't express how much it means to us to have y'all on our team! Thank you!

Sincerely,
Sarah Lewis, Lutheran Services Carolinas

P.S. Just wanted you to know that when we moved in one of the Honduran families to their first apartment and we were making up the beds, I turned around & saw that the little girl had put the teddy bear y'all gave her on the bed that she had claimed as her own! So sweet! Thank you all!

I See God At Work...

Finding that God has blessed me with the gifts of long suffering, true faith, a relationship with GOD through JESUS CHRIST & the will to listen to, relate to, testify to & bless & be blessed via relationship with others. Recently I had the privilege of sharing time with a host of "strangers." I was able to truly hear & experience the goodness of GOD. Then God allowed me the opportunity to share what my continuing journey/bout with vasculitis, lupus, R/A, epilepsy & adrenal insufficiency has taught me whilst I continue to have chemo treatments. What a blessing! We praised. We prayed. We cried. We ate together. We shared & continue to do so. No longer strangers I now have a community of sisters & brothers who've begun a BIBLE study group & have agreed to "DO" justice.

GOD'S RICH BLESSING

I was bored - simply bored. I had been forced to stay inside because of my limited mobility. I was just tired of gazing upon four walls. "I know what I'll do", I said to myself, "I'll go have a drink at a nice restaurant down the street to break the monotony". So that is what I did.

Upon arriving, I met the bartender who was a very friendly, young lady and showed me, an old man, a lot of care and welcome. She made me feel special that afternoon for a couple hours.

A couple weeks later, I decided to do it again since I felt so welcome the first time and ... was still bored. Well this went on for a couple more weeks, and at one visit her mother came into the restaurant on her way home from work. Her daughter, the bartender, introduced me to her. Well, we began to talk and I found out that she was a representative of a senior care company. As I had been looking into what I was going to do and where I was going to live as an aging "senior", she gave me some literature to review to see if her company could be of service to me. Long story short, after several phone calls to my Long-Term Care insurance provider to arrange payments, I decided to engage their company to begin a care-giver program for myself. Well, not realizing it at the time, God was preparing a really grand blessing for me. I was assigned a truly wonderful, caring, smart, efficient, (and the superlatives keep on going) Christian lady who has made my life marvelously easy since coming to take care of me. Thank you God for yet another blessing.

I have already had a extremely blessed life, and this is just one more of God's rich blessings for me - and all because I wanted a drink!

SHARE YOUR GOD STORY

Where have you seen God at work? Email GodAtWork@livingspringscolumbia.org and share the story of God's work - you can also use a green welcome slip in Sunday's bulletins. Stories are published anonymously. This isn't about what "we" are doing, but about God's work in the world!

Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

We celebrated this great truth on Easter Sunday! Picture our worship at Living Springs lifted to heaven with the worship of millions of other Christians from every corner of the world—a global outpouring of praise and thanksgiving!

Easter (Mar. 31), of course, was the climax of the journey we began on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14). Many people contributed to the gatherings held during these weeks: our altar guild; musicians (choir, Disciples of Harmony, JuBELLation, soloists Bob Gill and Grady and Logan Smith, Hunter Prest, our guest musicians); the sound team; Lenten dramatists; our pastors, of course; others behind the scenes; and every single person who was present. It was truly a family endeavor!

One of the wonderful things about being Lutherans is that we're not going to stop celebrating the glorious good news of Easter! Let your eyes, hearts, and spirits be raised each week as we continue to worship our risen Savior! **Alleluia!**



Wednesday Lenten Dramas



JuBELLation would like to thank the members of Living Springs for supporting us to go to Lutheridge's Handbell Retreat. As always, we had a great time bonding and learning 6 pieces. If you were at church on Sunday, March 10th, we played one of the pieces. As the director, I learned I am not the only one to take creative licensing on pieces (David Harris did a good bit). We had a 1 1/2 hour sight reading session after dinner on Friday night. We were all exhausted every night. Sunday afternoon, the advanced track had a 'concert' then we all moved to the area the intermediate track (our group).

Thank you again for helping us get there!



HELP WANTED! RINGERS FOR THE JUBELLATION CHOIR!

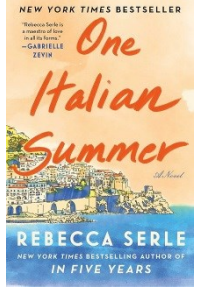
JuBELLation (bell) choir is in need of 1-2 people to finish out the bass section. We like to say, if you can tell your left from your right, count to 3, 4, 6 and sometimes 12, you are qualified. We meet Tuesdays in the bell room (Fellowship hall) from 7-8/815. Bob would love to have another man join the choir for solidarity! But the bass bells can be played by women, too. These bells are perfect for learning because they don't play as much as the middle/high treble.

Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

LADIES BOOK CLUB

Monday, June 3 @ 7pm

Every other month, we meet at a member's home to discuss our book pick -- the next book is *One Italian Summer* by Rebecca Serle and it is available at the Richland County Library. Jan Epperson will host at 608 Coldbranch Dr. on Monday, June 3 at 7 pm. and there will be refreshments available. If you like to read, this is an awesome segway into moving out of your comfort zone and experiencing different authors and genres. Although it is labeled "Ladies" book club, we welcome all who enjoy reading.



ISLE OF PALMS ANNUAL RETREAT Friday, May 17 - Sunday, May 19, 2024 STUDY TITLE: "The Door to Salvation: Flood or Fire" STUDY LEADER: Pat George, Taylors SC

SPACE IS LIMITED SO REGISTER NOW!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17th!

Please honor this deadline as the retreat center needs an accurate count for providing meals by this date.

REGISTRATION FORM

Ladies, come join us for a weekend of fun, food, fellowship, and learning as we gather at the Isle of Palms Retreat Center to delve into how our salvation is connected to Noah, the flood and the Ark.

We will cover Noah's genealogy, what led to the destruction of earth and how our salvation is connected to Noah's. This is not your average Bible Study about Noah.

- Single occupancy is \$225
- Double or more is \$175
- Daytimer is \$87.00

If you need a payment plan, please reach out to me at salstitcher823@yahoo.com

- Bring a friend and enjoy your time away from the hustle and bustle of your everyday life.
- The cost of the retreat includes linens, four meals, and materials.
- Towels are not included in the cost, so bring along a towel and washcloth.

The retreat center opens at 4:00 pm on Friday.

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REGISTRATION FORM



Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

LS Night @ Fireflies Game

May 17

Segra Park (Disciples of Harmony sing National Anthem)



LMM will be sponsoring a night at the Fireflies game for all members and friends of Living Springs. The Disciples of Harmony will be singing the National Anthem before the game on Friday, May 17th. Tickets will be \$11 each. The Fireflies will be celebrating Soccer Night and giving a Chicharrones soccer jersey to the first 1000 fans.

Notes from: *Youth*

Drivers License Faith Milestone *Saturday, May 18th, @ 10am*

On Saturday, May 18th, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, we will have a Faith Milestones Ministry event for our youth who have received their driver's licenses or preparing to receive their driver's this year. It is an exciting new adventure for some and adventurous for those who have been driving for a while, and we want to celebrate with you! This class will be offered for our youth and at least one parent (if possible) on Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, with refreshments.

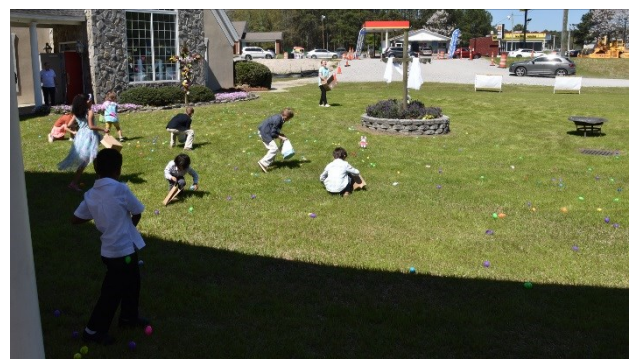
Important Note: The class is actually an hour and thirty minutes at most.

The Blessing of this Faith Milestone will occur at our 10:30 a.m. worship experience on May 26, 2023. If you and your youth driver(s) plan to participate, please let Pastor Carl know as soon as possible—no later than May 5, 2024.

Communion Faith Milestone



Easter Egg Hunt



LS Youth Ministry

- 4/10 - Youth Gathering @ Chick-Fil-A
- 4/14 - Confirmation Class
- 4/17 - Youth Gathering @ Random Tap
- 4/24 - Youth Gathering @ McAlister's
- 4/28 - Confirmation Class
- 5/1 - Youth Gathering @ LSLC

God At Work

Living Springs Annual Report Booklet

God did so many things through this community disciples in 2023! Be sure to take a glance at our annual report booklet and behold the amazing work of the Holy Spirit through God's people! Special thanks to all our ministry team leaders, staff members, officers, and others who submitted your wonderful summaries - and to all the people of Living Springs for your dedicated, faithful service to our Lord, which made such an impact on many lives in 2023!

[Click here to read this year's Annual Report](#)

Walking the Cross



Christian Assistance Bridge Update:

Through Living Springs members' generosity and our Hope Team, God has been positively impacting the lives of many in and around the 29223 zip code. Here is a recap of what this partnership in ministry has provided God's people here in just the past 2-3 weeks....



- Paid utilities for an international teacher who had gotten behind on their bills;
- Assisted a young man who wanted to take in his brother, who was placed into foster care. CAB provided him with a bed, mattress, and sheets to help them stay together. and ultimately be prepared for the DSS inspection. Future help will be given with food and additional items;
- Assisted a family with funeral expenses;
- Assisted two families with utility payments; and,
- Helped 18 families with food.

What a joy it is to be a part of this transforming work of God, helping one person at a time get back on solid ground! If you are interested in knowing more about Christian Assistance Bridge, please visit their website <http://christianassistancebridge.com/> or contact Deacon Lexanne Graves, LGraves910@gmail.com.

Notes from: *Mission Partnership Team*

LS Ministries with Cristo Rey!

Sunday, April 21 @ 4:15pm

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 25 children. Volunteers meet at LS at 4:15 and carpool. The children speak English, so Spanish is not a requirement.



Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

Spring & summer at Living Springs...Mark your Calendar!!

April 17: Beer & Hymns @ 7pm (Random Tap)

May 4: LeGrand/Lowman Scholarship Dinner & Auction @ 6pm

May 17: LS Night @ Fireflies game, Segra Park (Disciples of Harmony sing National Anthem)

May 18: Drivers License Milestone Class

May 19: Pentecost Sunday / Pentecost Community MayFest Celebration @ 4pm

May 26: Quillowing Milestone for High School Graduates

June 3-6: Vacation Bible School

June 10-13: GraceWorks Youth Servant Week

June 23-28: Camp Week at Lutheridge

June 24-28: Art Smart Camp @ Living Springs

July 13-20: MYLE & ELCA Youth Gathering

Opportunities Outside Living Springs

The ELCA Foundation is pleased to present you with free access to Giving Docs' premium estate planning platform.

The ELCA Foundation is pleased to offer Giving Docs to supporters of ELCA ministries. Giving Docs is a secure, complimentary estate planning resource that gives you the power to create your own will and other estate planning documents on your own timeline. Plan your legacy with confidence, knowing that this resource is safe, secure and free for life.

<https://foundation.elca.org/giving-docs>



Children, Youth, Families, Grandparents...

(LS Camp Week at Lutheridge is June 23-28, but you can register for any week)

Our Lutheran camps offer opportunities for all ages and interests. You can hike, swim, make crafts, rock climb, raft, canoe, sing songs, roast s'mores...the fun is endless and grounded in God's love for us. It challenges us to try new things, leave our screens behind, and play in God's creation. There are programs for children, youth, families, and even a grandparent's camp. (Camp staff tell us that grand-parents worry about teaching grandchildren the faith because they aren't attending church. They find that camp is a great way to help grandchildren learn about God's amazing love in a fun, safe environment). Visit www.novusway.org to find the perfect program for you, or to register someone you love today for a life-changing week of camp. **Scholarships** are available, if needed. Pastor Eric is taking a group the week of June 23-28 to Lutheridge, if children/youth would like to be at camp when their pastor is there (but you can register for any week).

EVENING IN
Paris

Please join us for light hors d'oeuvres
and a chance to enjoy the work
of talented local artists and vendors.

Thursday, May 9
6:00 - 8:00 pm

[Outdoors-Weather Permitting]
Rice Estate
100 Finley Road
Columbia, SC 29203

Interested in being a
featured artist or vendor?
Please call 803.691.5727.

Rice Estate
Lutheran Homes of South Carolina

February 27, 2024

Dear Lutheridge Friends,

We did it! You made it possible!

Many months ago, we set out to raise \$60,000 for the purchase of a new van for Lutheridge. This month we met that goal and the new Lutheridge van was delivered to camp!

The van fundraising project was led by Pastor Mary Anderson and supported by over 50 congregations and individual donors. This was a true team effort, and we celebrate the friends of camp, near and far, who responded with care and generosity.

As you know, transportation is an essential part of the summer and year-round ministry at Lutheridge. We are excited that this new van will soon be moving campers, staff, and guests to places of service, learning, and adventure.

Pastor Mary Anderson says, "My deepest thanks to each person and congregation who generously who responded to this invitation. Your response shows that even when the needs are many, so are the gifts!"

Lutheridge Executive Director Van Van Horne shares, "We are so blessed to have this new, reliable, and needed van. This will help us get program participants to our off-site adventures comfortably and safely. We are so very thankful."



You can look for the new Lutheridge van on the road this spring and summer as it takes campers on outings, transports staff to Lutheroad Day Camp destinations, and supports camp ministry that inspires faith, builds relationships, and transforms lives.

In gratitude,

Nathan Gragg, Development Officer

p.s. Kids need camp! We want as many children as possible to have a week (or more!) at camp this summer. Who are the children you know in your church, in your family, in your community who would benefit from a week of camp at Lutheridge? Can you encourage them to come?



NovusWay Ministries

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April 2024

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

805A Pre-worship "Jesus" Time
 815A WORSHIP (Sanctuary)
 920A Adult Faith Formation

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop #737 7P Ladies Book Club</p>	<p>2 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Lifelong Discipleship</p>	<p>3 10A Preschool Bible Time 12 Journey w/Jesus Posted 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Hope Team 6P Choir</p>	<p>4 11A Good News Team 630P Recovery Comes First</p>	<p>5 11A Good News Team 630P Recovery Comes First</p>	<p>6 930A Crafty Ladies</p>	
<p>7 *See box above Special Surprise after 10:30 Worship 1030A Baptism; Communion Milestone</p>	<p>8 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Exec Workshop Zoom 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Fellowship/Mutual Care</p>	<p>9 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 530P Finance 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>10 10A Preschool Bible Time 12 Journey w/Jesus Posted 330P Afrschool Bible Time 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 630P Youth (Chick-Fil-A)</p>	<p>11 7A Men's Bible & Biscuits 4P Backpack Bags (ASC) 630P Recovery Comes First 630P LS-CDC Board</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 930A Crafty Ladies</p>
<p>14 *See box above Special Surprise after 10:30 Worship Shoe Drive Kickoff Before/after worship - Backpack Food Bags 12P Confirmation 430P Girl Scouts</p>	<p>15 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop #737 7P Exec Team</p>	<p>16 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>17 10A Preschool Bible Time 12 Journey w/Jesus Posted 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 630P Youth (Random Tap) 7P Beer&Hymns (Random Tap)</p>	<p>18 4P Backpack Ministry 630P Recovery Comes First 7P Council Children's Hospital Meal</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 10A-2p Council Workshop (Redeemer Lutheran)</p>
<p>21 *See box above Special Surprise after 10:30 Worship TBA ELCA Youth Gathering Devotion 430P Girl Scouts 5P Cristo Rey Ministry (carpool 41.5) 530P Gamecock Campus Ministry</p>	<p>22 1030A Meals on Wheels 630P Worship Team 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop #737</p>	<p>23 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>24 10A Preschool Bible Time 12 Journey w/Jesus Posted 330P Afrschool Bible Time 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 630P Youth (McAlister's)</p>	<p>25 7A Men's Bible & Biscuits 630P Recovery Comes First Palmetto Place Meal</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 8A Men's Breakfast 930A Crafty Ladies</p>
<p>28 *See box above Special Surprise after 10:30 Worship Blessing of Shoes 12P Confirmation Class 430P Girl Scouts/Planting</p>	<p>29 1030A Meals on Wheels 2P LS Justice Team 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop #737</p>	<p>30 Shoe Drive Ends 10A Ladies Bible Study 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>1 10A Preschool Bible Time 12 Journey w/Jesus Posted 330P Afrschool Bible Time 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Hope Team 6P Choir 630P Youth</p>	<p>2 11A Good News Team 330P Backpack Bags (ASC) 630P Recovery Comes First 700P Lifelong Discipleship Family Promise Meal</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 6P Scholarship Dinner & Auction</p>

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

April 2	Sherry Forsgren Nicolas Kopec	April 16	Gene Hale Meredith McKenzie
April 3	Karen Kranz	April 19	Carl Taylor
April 4	♥ Mark & Karlene Stuart	April 21	Asher Depaoli Karl Schmidt
April 6	Todd Gunvalson	April 25	Tammy Mancuso ♥ Peter & Debbie Zvejnieks
April 7	Bill Franck	April 27	Elouise Niemeyer
April 11	Mike Davidson Jim Zieche	April 28	Mark Stuart
April 12	Jeff Tenhover		
April 13	Jeff Lummel		



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!



April 1	Gary Bradham Tammy Mancuso Jerry Mancuso Adriana McMurphy	April 14	Melanie Mooney
April 3	Luke Sorial	April 15	Ted Buchanan Bill Franck Retha Murray
April 8	Samuel Skipper	April 16	McKenzie Taylor Sydnie Taylor
April 10	Marshall Hurlbert Nicholas Kopec Becky Sides Peg Zieche	April 19	Sophia Skipper
April 11	Wayne Kannaday	April 20	Kyle Dymont Daniel Hampton
April 12	Jan Berger	April 23	Laura Turnmire
April 13	Bob Gill Charles Pollard	April 24	Mallory Padgett
		April 25	Judy Lawrence
		April 28	Austin Padgett



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