

The Living Springs Journal

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

June 2024



Called Congregation Meeting - Sunday, June 9
9:20 - 10:10 in the Sanctuary
See page 3 for details

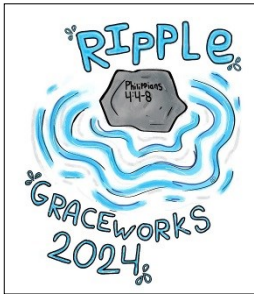
Ongoing Easter Joy— Pentecost Fire! (from Pastor Eric)

June “JOURNEY WITH JESUS” Focus = More Miracles of Jesus!
Pastor Study Times: Tuesday, 6/18 @ 11; Sunday, 6/30 @ 9:20

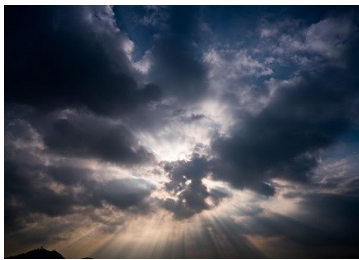
There are so many occasions in the Bible when I wish I had been there! One such occasion was the day of Pentecost—I wish I had been there to behold the amazing things that were happening right before my eyes: the Holy Spirit working through ordinary human beings, to accomplish amazing things that brought Good News, hope, joy, and light into so many lives! But then again as I think about it, I (and all of us) were so blessed to behold that miracle of the Spirit happening again and again, just this past month (and truly every month!).

We witnessed the miracle of the Holy Spirit at work to shine God’s light of hope & joy into so many people gathered on the church lawn at a Pentecost afternoon **community Mayfest!** We witnessed the miracle of the Holy Spirit at work to shine God’s light of hope at our Pentecost morning **Emotional-Mental Wellness gathering** (what a wonderful speaker from Mental Health America SC)! We witnessed the miracle of the Holy Spirit at work to shine God’s light of hope & joy during our Pentecost-week **Rush Hour Ministry**, with so many smiles and tear-

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From the Desk of Pastor Carl



Dear Siblings in Christ,

The end of April through the end of May was filled with excitement, love, and joy. As we linger in the post-Easter season to Pentecost, our hearts overflow with gratitude for the joyous celebrations we shared together as a community. Our youth and congregation have been busy, from our big Legrand-Lowman Scholarship Supper & Auction with a special Cinco de Mayo theme, Confirmation classes, Mother’s Day Celebrations, Driver License Milestones, and Quillowing Sunday. Speaking of Quillowing Sunday, it was a joy to see our five high school graduates be lifted in prayer by our congregation. Also, to see and hear the affirmations between youth, parents, and the congregation. The Bible

says in Proverbs 22:6, “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when they are old, they will not depart from it.” We at Living Spring do a good job standing in the Gap for our youth and for the community.

As we step into the promising month of June, let us fervently pray for the success of our upcoming summer activities. We have VBS (Vacation Bible School) from June 3 to June 6, a wonderful opportunity for our children to deepen their faith. Graceworks from June 10 to June 13, a time for us to come together and serve our community. And many others, including the highly anticipated National Youth Gathering, MYLE & Table from July 13 to July 20, where our youth will have a chance to connect with their peers and grow in their faith. Let’s look forward to these activities with excitement and anticipation.

Our commitment to nurturing faith extends to our youngest members, and we couldn’t be more delighted to see our Children’s Chapel thriving on Tuesdays. This nurturing environment provides our little ones with a safe space to learn about God’s love and teachings. Let’s continue to support and encourage our children as they grow in their understanding of faith. Their journey is our responsibility, and their growth is a testament to our care and dedication.

As we look ahead, let’s remember Jesus’ timeless message: to be the bearers of peace and light in a world that often feels dark and troubled. Let’s extend peace to one another, knowing that it is through our actions and words that we truly shine God’s light in all places.

Grace and Peace

Pastor Carl

SHINE
GOD’S
LIGHT!

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Grace
For All

June Opportunities to “Shine Additional Light!”

- RICE ESTATE SUPPER—June 1
- LS-CRISTO REY YOUTH FUNDRAISER—June 2
- CRISTO REY MINISTRY—June 2
- “EMPTY NESTER” LUNCH—June 9
- GRACEWORKS Refugee Children—June 12
- FATHER’S DAY FLOWER DELIVERY—June 14
- LUTH. SERVICES World Refugee Day—June 15
- CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL MEAL—June 20
- SUMMER HOPE SUNDAY #1—June 23
- PALMETTO PLACE MEAL—June 27
- MEALS ON WHEELS—each Mon & Tue
- NA RECOVERY GROUP—each Mon & Thurs
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- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—June 3-6
- SC SYNOD ASSEMBLY—June 8
- GRACEWORKS SERVANT WEEK—June 10-13
- LUTHERIDGE CAMP WEEK—June 23-28



Living Springs-Cristo Rey Joint Youth Gathering Lunch Fundraiser!



**** Next Sunday, June 2 —after 10:30 worship****

Cristo Rey Food Truck will be here at LS.... *Tamale & Pasta Salad Plates!*
Children's Menu Item! Bake Sale Desserts! Eat Here or Take-Home!



Come welcome Cristo Rey youth at our 10:30 worship



2024 Vacation

Bible School

June 3-6

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Ages 3 - 12th Grade.

\$5 per participant

**Registration forms available
in the admin lobby or call office**

Adult Helpers Needed!

Contact LaTynia Taylor or call the office

If you have a few hours for any day during the week and can help with this event that brings so much joy and shares the gift of faith with chil-

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IMPORTANT VOTE ON ROAD-WIDENING (CAMPUS VISION) PROJECT / BUDGET

Please attend! A QUORUM IS REQUIRED!!!

If necessary, you may join by GoogleMeet

meet.google.com/fgs-hugd-dow Or dial: (US) +1 929-277-5779 PIN: 506243851

Detailed Summary Sheets will be available at the Info Sessions, Worship, E-news, [click here](#) (or contact the office)

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****INFO / Q&A SESSIONS – AT CHURCH**

(or to join online, you can use the same link above):

Sunday, May 26 – after 10:30 worship

Wednesday, May 29 – 6:00 pm

Sunday, June 2 – between worship services

Please attend if you have any questions, so that our cong. meeting may be productive!

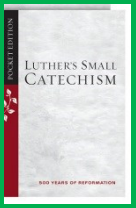
filled eyes of joy from passengers caught in traffic in front of the church, as they opened their little bag and snacks and reach the simple message of unconditional love for them on their card! We witnessed the miracle of the Holy Spirit at work to shine God's light of hope & joy at the powerful **Quillowing blessing** for our 5 HS graduates—and the awarding of **\$5000 in total scholarships** from our LS Legrand-Lowman Fund (thanks be to God for all your love & support through our **May scholarship auction!**). We witnessed the miracle of the Holy Spirit at work to shine God's light as dozens and dozens of **Mother's Day flowers/cards** were distributed to Rice Estate residents and others by our LS-CDC students and Hope Team volunteers. We witnessed the miracle of the Holy Spirit at work to shine God's light of hope & joy as our LS Disciples of Harmony so beautifully sang the National Anthem at the **Columbia Fireflies game**, and wonderful conversations of faith & support were shared in the stands during our LS Nite. We again witnessed the miracle of the Holy Spirit at work to shine God's light of hope & joy—in the smiling faces of children & tear-filled eyes of their parents (from places like Afghanistan, Congo, Burma, Somalia, Syria) as **multiple refugee families** were greeted at the Columbia airport with our LS bus, quilts, prayer bears and CDC-drawn welcome signs! We witnessed the miracle of the Holy Spirit at work to shine God's light of hope & joy through ongoing **Worship livestream** responses, Wednesday **"Journey with Jesus" online Bible postings**,

twice-a-week **NA Recovery First** group, **Justice Ministry** celebration, **Family Promise meals**, Palmetto Place suppers, Children's Hospital lunch, Meals-on-Wheels deliveries, Synod-led Bible studies, adult SS classes, Wednesday youth gatherings, Driver's license milestone, CDC chapel/Bible times, Ladies/Men's bible studies, and so much more!

This month of June, we will witness the miracle of the Holy Spirit at work to shine God's light of hope & joy through the incredible experiences of **Vacation Bible School, Graceworks Servant week, Lutheridge Camp Week, SC Synod Assembly, Sunday Summer Hymn Sings, Summer Small Catechism emphasis, Rice Estate supper, "Empty Nesters" lunch, LS-Cristo Rey Youth Fundraiser/Bake sale, "Journey with Jesus" times**—and yes, so much more!!! The wonder is that **we all can be there** for all these things, to behold the Spirit's miraculous work: not through disciples who lived 2000 years ago, but through people of faith like you & me who now live in the year of our Lord 2024—to shine God's light of grace for all! Thanks be to God!

With joy & thanksgiving for the Spirit's work among you, *Pastor Eric*

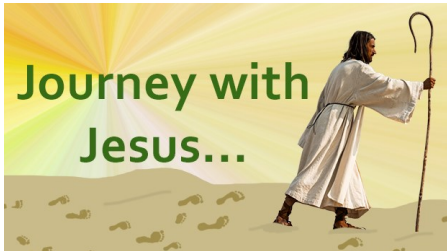
Summer Small Catechism (Sunday Worship)



- June 2 - Commandments 1/2
- June 9 - Commandments 3/4
- June 16 - Commandments 5/6
- June 23 - Commandments 7/8
- June 30 - Commandments 9/10
- July 7 - Apostles' Creed, 1st Article
- July 14 - Apostles' Creed, 2nd Article
- July 21 - Apostles' Creed, 3rd Article
- July 28 - Lord's Prayer, Intro/1st Petition
- Aug 4 - Lord's Prayer, 2nd/3rd Petitions
- Aug 11 - Lord's Prayer, 4th/5th Petitions
- Aug 18 - Lord's Prayer, 6/7th Petitions/Concl
- Aug 25 - Sacrament of Baptism
- Sept 1 - Confession & Forgiveness
- Sept 8 - Sacrament of the Altar
- Sept 15 - Morning & Evening Blessings
- Sept 22 - Blessing at Meals



Download the free Augsburg Fortress "Small Catechism" App —go to: catechism.augsburgfortress.org

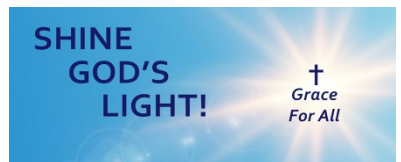


Like Good Stewards

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." 1 Peter 4:10

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!



Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello and joyful greetings to everyone,

As we move through our daily motions and routines, which may feel mundane, it can be easy to forget how impactful our interactions with others can be. One such moment occurred in March when we at LSLC-CDC were presented with a wonderful opportunity to be a part of an SC ABC Quality Impact video highlighting the importance of Quality Early Care and Education, and its impact on children, families, and the economy. When we were asked to participate, we had no idea that the video would be presented to legislation. It was a powerful moment for all who participated. What we didn't realize was just how impactful it would be on the person conducting the interview. The following is a letter that they took the time to send letting us know how important the time they spent with us was. We can't wait to share the link to the video as soon as we have it.

So when you are out in the world, doing your daily routines, the simple tasks that may seem mundane, remember that YOU matter, your words have POWER, and that you never know how one interaction, can change the course of the world.

Wishing you well, Tammy

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Dear Tammy,

I was unprepared for just how dramatically my day would change after talking with you for the ABC Quality video.

Just before meeting you, our crew had stopped for lunch where the conversation turned to the previous night's primary results and future fears. I grew uncharacteristically quiet as the group lamented where we might be heading as a society — a place where the loudest, most thoughtless and autocratic of us bully their way to the top. (Essentially an inverse of the environment you and your staff work so hard to foster.)

Waiting for the check, I pushed the food around on my plate and thought of my kids (5 and 7). For what seemed like the millionth time, I wrestled with how to explain the world and doubted my ability to prepare them for it.

Driving up 277, I struggled to shake such a dark, defeated headspace. The last thing I wanted was to drag that kind of energy onto someone else's doorstep or into this project.

So I can't tell you what a relief it turned out to be that you were our first interview.

Hearing what people believe in is a common exercise in this line of work. But feeling a person's undeniable command of those things is a much rarer occurrence. I'm extremely grateful to have experienced the latter in talking with you and the Living Springs parents.

Your focus on compassion, a self-worth rooted in curiosity and the distinction between achievement and these higher ideals, it was all the reassurance I could have asked for on that particular afternoon.

At a time of such profound egoism and inequity, it's easy to underestimate the potency of small, foundational kindnesses. But feeling the love and generosity of spirit in y'all's program helped me realize that this is, in fact, when these gentle acts matter most. And that they will always be their own reward. Of course this is how you explain the world to your kids at Living Springs. Thank you for that, as well as the unintended nod that it's the only way to explain it to mine.

Sincerely,



God's Corner



Dear Living Springs family,

Thank you all so much for all you did upon Henry's arrival. Thank you for your extra prayers, we truly felt them as we navigated correcting his feet. Thank you Prayer Shawl Ministry (sp) for the beautiful hat. We are so grateful to be a part of the LSLC community.

Love, the Pittmans



Dear Living Springs,

Thank you all so much for your incredibly generous donation of bathroom and dining kits. We are so honored that you all thought of our needs during Lent. We are so grateful!

Sincerely, Alison S./LSC (Lutheran Services Carolinas) Staff

SHARE YOUR HOPE/GOD MOMENTS

Has God worked a Hope moment through you or someone else during the week? Email GodAtWork@livingspringscolumbia.org and share the story of God's work - you can also use a green welcome slip in Sunday's bulletins. Stories are published anonymously. This isn't about what "we" are doing, but about God's work in the world!



Notes from: *Emotional - Mental Wellness*

Mental Health 101

w/ Jean Ann Lambert, Mental Health America of SC



Notes from: *Fellowship & Mutual Care*

LeGrand/Lowman Scholarship Dinner/Auction

Thank you all for participating in the annual LeGrand/Lowman Scholarship Dinner/Auction. This year we will be awarding 5 scholarships to students attending College in the Fall 2024.



We recently delivered a "sunshine" bag to a member in hopes of brightening their day - we received a note back saying they really needed it at that time. Sometimes it's the little things.



Empty Nester's Lunch *Sunday, June 9 ~ noon*

We will be hosting our Annual Seniors/ Empty Nesters Spring Picnic/ Lunch on June 9th following 10:30 service. Are you a Senior or Empty Nester that's up to you - we do not check id's ☺. We hope you will join us!

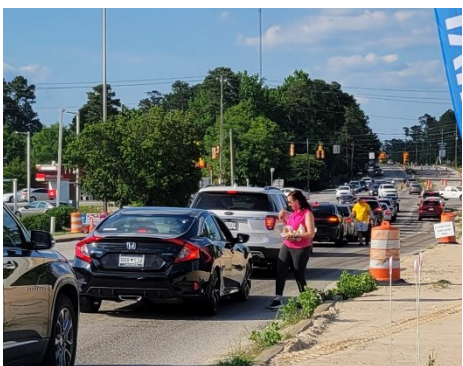
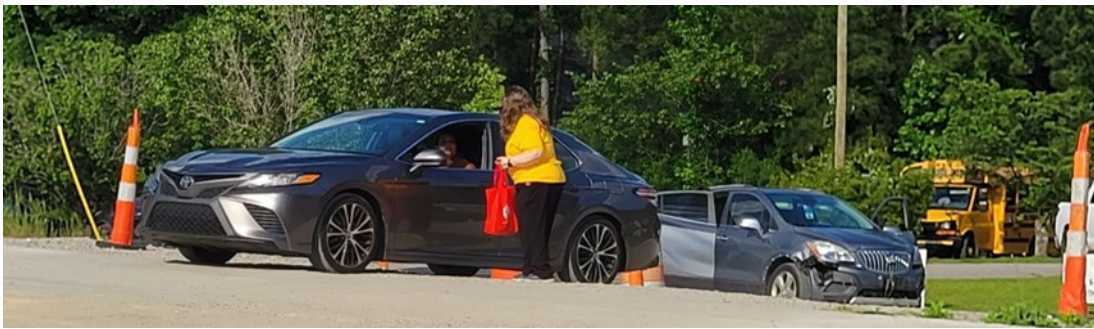
Notes from: *Good News Team*

NE Community MayFest



Rush Hour

Handing out gift bags of treats to those traveling on Hard Scrabble during construction



Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

Mother's Day Flowers

LS Child Development Center's Farm Friends class came to Rice Estate and helped give out our LS Mother's Day outreach cards & flowers - and put smiles on all ladies' faces! Dee G. and Gail B., from LS outreach team, only drove the flower carts! The recipient in the photo was Gail's neighbor for many years. She had just moved into Rice Estate and it just so happens to be in the same apartment where Gail's mother lived for 10 years.



Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for remembering me on Mother's Day with the beautiful pink carnation flowers! Your thoughtfulness made my day!

Love Judy, Rice Estates



Dear Living Springs Lutheran Church,

I want to Thank you for another wonderful year of doing backpacks. I really appreciate all of the support Living Springs shows our students. The kids look forward to the bags every week. Thank you and I look forward to having your support again next year!!!

Christie Hutchinson, LISW-CP

Richland School District Two School Social Worker

Thank you so much for the support of Living Springs Lutheran Church. We appreciate the partnership for our Richland Two students and families. Thanks for a great year of support!

Caretta Kea, LMSW

Richland School District Two School Social Worker

Backpack Food Ministry

Summer is here and we ended our packing of backpacks the last full week of the school year, but that doesn't mean we have to stop shopping for food items. This is a chance for us to start bumping up our inventory to get a jump start on the next school year - it will be here before we know it! Look for our stuff-a-bus date in August - probably August 17.

FAMILY PROMISE MEALS

What a joy for families in the Family Promise program to receive meals on Sunday (Spring Valley Presbyterian) and on Thursday during the month of May. This unique program provides shelter and meals during a crisis period in a client's life e.g. failure to pay a mortgage because of unexpected illness or loss of a job. It brings back memories of when I got divorced and situations were really tight financially - I had my parents to help me which is not the case for many others. Right now, we are on the schedule to provide meals once a year - look for a message to help next year!

PALMETTO PLACE/CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEALS

The third Thursday of the month, twenty lunches make their way over to the fifth floor of Children's Hospital. The lunches are provided by Travis and Melanie Mooney (Lena just graduated & received her quillow) - sometimes we have a Thrivent card, but donations are also welcome to help defray the cost.

Palmetto Place (Samantha House) provides a living area for young people that have graduated and usually come from the unaccompanied youth house (Oaks). They are learning to be independent by getting a job and providing for themselves. Living Springs creates a healthy meal on the fourth Thursday of the month. If you would like to be a part of the group that makes an item on the menu, contact Karen Kranz.

FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS FOR RICE ESTATE & AT-HOME MEMBERS

We are assembling carnations for the gentlemen at Rice Estate and our at-home members on Thursday, June 13 at 10 am in the fellowship hall. There will probably be around 66 flowers & ferns to trim and put in bud vases - bring your cup of coffee and a pair of scissors - we'll even pull out the comfy chairs if you like. Each of the men at Rice Estate and our at-home members will receive a flower and card. Please sign each of the cards displayed on the tables under the portico on 6/2 & 6/9. We are planning on delivering them on Friday morning, June 14 @ 10 am. Contact Gail Buchanan if you would like to help deliver the cards & flowers on the 14th.

SAVE THE DATE - CAMPUS MINISTRY BBQ

Saturday, August 10 at 5:30 pm, the Gamecock Campus Ministry Board will be hosting a BBQ - come out and enjoy good food and hear about this ministry that continues to grow & influence college students.

On May 28th, Karen Kranz, Raegan Prest, and Hunter Prest attended a volunteer appreciation event at Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) as representatives of Living Springs. The event was an opportunity to recognize those who have served refugees through the organization, and to spend time in fellowship with one another. LSC staff gave thanks for the crucial role congregations and individuals play in the success of their ministry and mission, followed by flowers for the attendees, food, and fellowship. Living Springs has been active in the mission of Lutheran Services Carolinas for several years. We began our partnership with LSC as a circle of welcome for an Afghani family. In the past year we have grown in our commitment to service by providing transportation from the airport, gifting pew bears and quilts to families, delivering groceries, and creating welcome kits. As they welcome more families than ever before and anticipate record breaking arrivals in the summer, Lutheran Services Carolinas is ever grateful for the continued support and prayers of this congregation.



Notes from: *Justice Ministry*



Thank you to everyone who came out to our Celebration this year! This event is the culmination of our Research to Action Process & the kick off of our Investment Drive, and we are excited to already have \$64,555 committed by over 156 Network Members and see \$46,668 of that turned in!

For every \$1 invested in MORE Justice, we have directly leveraged \$10.80 back into our community and indirectly added \$1,426.40!

We still have the rest of the year to reach our goal of \$100,000—and we're almost halfway there! If you were unable to attend, we hope you can talk to your team leader about investing for the first time, increasing your investment from last year, or turning in your investment early this year. Thank you, this work would not be done without you.

Because of you...our Richland County Sheriff's Department & Columbia Police Department have certified an additional 336 officers in Crisis Intervention Training!

Because of you...Richland County Council allocated \$4M dollars to address affordable housing, added housing to their 2024 Strategic Plan, and created an Ad Hoc Committee to finally spend that \$4M and search for funding for future housing initiatives!

Because of you...the City of Columbia spent \$800,000 to create and run the Office of Violent Crime Prevention for 3 years, and we have a Director that has been in operation for the last 10 months!

Because of you...City Councilmembers committed to securing & allocating \$720,000 over the next 3 years for food insecurity programming—including the Mobile Market, which has finally launched & been in operation for the last 3 months! We hope to see more sites added soon!

A special thank you & congratulations to the Award Winners from Living Springs!



Behind the Scenes
Superstar
Helen Doeringhaus



Investment Drive Trailblazer
AND Congregational Nehemiah
Action Goal Getter
Living Springs Lutheran Church

Gun Violence Update

June is Gun Violence Awareness Month, and MORE Justice is excited to be part of the fight to reduce gun violence in our community. This month serves as a crucial reminder of the impact gun violence has on individuals and families, and it underscores the urgent need for effective prevention measures. We are committed to raising awareness, fostering dialogue, and advocating for meaningful change to create safer neighborhoods for everyone

At our Nehemiah Action, we announced our plans to host a Gun Violence Prevention Summit, which is now confirmed for June 29. Following the Nehemiah Action, we held two meetings with Trevon Fordham, during which he confirmed that the City of Columbia would partner with us. However, last week, Trevon informed us that the City will not partner with MORE Justice and will be organizing their own summit independently. It frustrates us that despite promoting collaboration, they have declined our invitation for partnership.

We remain committed to addressing gun violence and will proceed with hosting our own summit, separate from the Office of Violent Crime Prevention. We will be sending more information on the location and more details for the summit soon.

Food Justice Update

At the Action in March, Councilmembers Will Brennan and Tyler Bailey made commitments around funding and expanding the mobile market & other food insecurity programming.

On Tuesday, June 11th from 2:00-3:30PM in downtown, we will be following up with Councilman Will Brennan and hope to collaborate on a plan to move these action items forward. We will have a pre-meeting at 2:00PM at Richland Library, the meeting with the Councilman at City Hall at 3:00PM, and an evaluation afterwards that will be done by 3:30PM at the latest. If you would like to be a part of this conversation, please sign up at this link: <https://forms.gle/iM7njCoKy4dLWMSj8>

Further, the City of Columbia Food Policy Committee, the Columbia Urban League, No Kid Hungry and Wholespire Richland are fundraising for a summer food initiative for students called ColaEats. Through this program the school districts of Richland 1, Richland 2 and Lexington-Richland 5 will each be provided five hundred \$120 gift cards to reduce food insecurity for students over the summer months.





ColaEats is an initiative of the Columbia Urban League, Columbia Food Policy Committee, No Kid Hungry and Wholespire Richland designed to fight food insecurity. Through this initiative the school districts of Richland 1, Richland 2 and Lexington-Richland 5 will each be provided five hundred \$120 gift cards to reduce food insecurity for students over the summer months.

WAYS TO DONATE

1. Mail a check to PO Box 50125, Columbia, SC 29250
2. Donate to the ColaEats Account at any First Citizens Bank Branch
3. Donate online at bit.ly/3JE4p7V or via the QR code



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Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*

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 June 2:** Focus on **Luke 7:1-17, 13:10-17** (Wholeness for All)
- Week of June 9:** Focus on **Luke 14:1-6; 17:11-19; 18:35-43** (Hope on the Margins)
- Week of June 16:** Focus on **Matthew 17:14-27, 20:29-34** (Freed & Seeing)
- Week of June 23:** Focus on **John 11** (Resurrection & Life)

****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!

Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

Meet our newest LS Choir Member: Sam Dyar



Sam lives and works in Lexington County. He's been attending Living Springs for more than a year and joined the choir last Fall. I interviewed Sam so we could all get to know him more.

What led you to first visit Living Springs?

"I was looking for a Lutheran church nearby because I was baptized in a Lutheran church in Honolulu, Hawaii near Pearl Harbor where my family [including two brothers] lived when my dad was in the U.S. Navy." Sam was born in Annapolis, but his earliest memories are of Hawaii! He lived in Columbia when he found Living Springs. When he moved back to Lexington, we were so happy he decided to keep coming, even with a much longer commute.

What was it about our church that led you to keep visiting?

"Living Springs was like a real church family." Sam felt he got along with everyone. Like so many of us, he appreciated the beauty of the church buildings and property. He also really liked the messages!

How were you involved with music before joining the LS Choir?

Lexington Elementary had a band class where Sam started playing tuba in the 5th grade! He continued throughout middle and high school, playing mainly in the concert band. Sam's parents were also music lovers and played music a lot at home. Sam's father played trumpet and tuba as a young person; his mom played piccolo and flute. Needless to say, they've always been happy for and supportive of his involvement with music.

What do you like about being a choir member at Living Springs?

"I like learning new things! I find it ironic that I am a part of a choir because I never thought I would do that, but I really enjoy it. From playing tuba, I read music in the bass clef easily, but now I sometimes have to sing from the treble [top] clef. I can pick this up by ear, but I'm also learning this skill since the music principles are the same. I enjoy the interaction with the other musicians. Singing with the choir and the congregation is a way to express my faith—something that is also very true for my mother."

What else could we know about you?

"I was diagnosed with autism in middle school. This made it difficult for me to speak with people as other people did. I had therapy for a while, and I've learned to put more effort in speaking, to take other people into account in interacting with them. I've found that singing with the choir has helped me in this area. In singing there's a lot of emphasis on sentence structure and enunciation. It's helped me have more confidence in speaking and interacting with other people."

The LS choir is grateful the Lord sent us this wonderful new bass! In addition to his musical ability, Sam's a deep thinker, has a great sense of humor, and takes his role in helping to lead worship very seriously. If you haven't had a chance to meet him, do that sometime soon!



---Shirl Schiffman, Choir/Music Director



SUMMER'S HERE: TIME FOR JOYFUL SINGING!

***Sunday Favorite Hymn-Sings
Starting June 2 @ 8:05 & 10:20***

Back by popular demand! For 10 minutes prior to each summer worship service, we will gather early and call out "favorite hymns" from the Worship Book, then all sing one verse in praise to our amazing God! Please be prepared to call out the hymn NUMBER, so that everyone can go quickly to the page. *Hymns are listed alphabetically (with matching #) in the very back of the worship book, so you can identify your hymn number without flipping through all the pages. *BONUS: every week, the final request will be a request for what hymn we will sing as the first hymn in worship the following Sunday!*

Pentecost Sunday



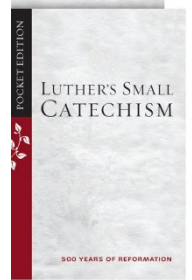
Disciples of Harmony
Sing the National
Anthem at the
Fireflies Game



Summer Small Catechism (Sunday Worship)

June 2 - Commandments 1/2
June 9 - Commandments 3/4
June 16 - Commandments 5/6
June 23 - Commandments 7/8
June 30 - Commandments 9/10
July 7 - Apostles' Creed, 1st Article
July 14 - Apostles' Creed, 2nd Article
July 21 - Apostles' Creed, 3rd Article
July 28 - Lord's Prayer, Intro/1st Petition

Aug 4 - Lord's Prayer, 2nd/3rd Petitions
Aug 11 - Lord's Prayer, 4th/5th Petitions
Aug 18 - Lord's Prayer, 6/7th Petitions/Concl
Aug 25 - Sacrament of Baptism
Sept 1 - Confession & Forgiveness
Sept 8 - Sacrament of the Altar
Sept 15 - Morning & Evening Blessings
Sept 22 - Blessing at Meals



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catechism.augsburgfortress.org



Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

Women's Ministry Project

Due June 16



LS has two delegates plus one board member attending this year's convention the weekend of June 21-22. SCWELCA asks if each church could collect items for a local project. "**Neighbors Together**" is within the Low Country of SC since 1983. Their mission is to "bring a better quality of life to our neighbors through sharing resources, developing relationships and building a sustainable future". There are many needs but the leadership of Neighbors Together has developed a "wish

list" of much needed items! These needs have changed just as our needs change, so we have an **official updated list of their needs**:

1. Backpacks for school (all sizes), 2. Bars of soap, 3. Wash cloths, 4. Wet wipes

2. A container will be put out this week in the lobby. Please bring items by June 16.

We are Bold Women of Christ, we are Daughter of Christ and we do make a difference in the lives of so many of God's children by sharing our gifts to others in need.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

We decided to end our bible study session for the year with a brunch at I-Hop. It was a joyful gathering of sharing prayers with each other and thanking God for all our blessings. Our study book was *Matchless* by Angie Smith which connected with our *Journey with Jesus* readings - a copy of the book is in the Ladies Bible Study library. Contact Beverly Hoppert if you are interested in joining us in the fall.



Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

Mark your calendars...Details to come

OYTL retreat September 13th - 15th

LSLC LMM sponsor corn hole tournament for Shannon Long fund. September 28th

Notes from: *Sr. Youth*

BE A YOUTH GATHERING SHAREHOLDER!

Looking for a great investment opportunity that will really make an impact on the world? Invest in a young disciple and the growth of God's kingdom! Invest \$5 per share to sponsor a young disciple to attend the Lutheran Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July 16-20. See our youth before or after worship.



Driver's License Milestone



Summer at Living Springs

June 3-6: Vacation Bible School

June 10-13: GraceWorks Youth Servant Week

June 23-28: Camp Week at Lutheridge

July 13-20: MYLE & ELCA Youth Gathering

July 28: LS "Christmas in July" Celebration

High School Quillowing Milestone

Congratulation to our High School graduates! They had their Quillowing Milestone (and Legrand-Lowman Scholarship presentation) last week. We honor Lauren Bloss, Anna Graves, Josh Holmstrom, Lina Mooney, and Cody

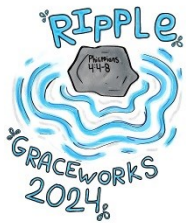


GraceWorks 2024 RIPPLE

Youth/Adult Servant Days!

June 10th - 13th

Philippians 4:4-8



The GraceWorks Leadership Team is incredibly excited for our 11th annual GraceWorks Youth Servant Camp here in the Midlands! GraceWorks is a local servant camp for Midlands Youth who are rising 6th graders through recently graduated 12th graders. It's also a camp for adult volunteers who want to support and encourage these young people in Christ-like service. GraceWorks develops servant leaders as these youth serve various agencies around the Columbia area. This year's cost is \$50 per youth (with LS covering at least half*). This covers supplies, snacks, and our recreation day for all our participants. *Cost should never be a deciding factor for any youth. If the cost is a barrier please reach out to Pr. Eric for scholarship information. Grab a registration for at <https://forms.gle/TUby4B7s7PzmkjQv8> or for more Info contact Pr. Eric

www.facebook.com/GraceWorksSC

We need adult volunteers:

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

God At Work

Hello,

It's me again, Hope Jones. It's been a few years since I last reached out to you. Your church assisted with my home build in the fall of 2018.

Things continue to go well. I still have my little used car and have paid it off. I'd love to have a newer car but the prices are too outrageous. So, I pray this one doesn't have any major problems. I continue with my part-time job at The Salvation Army. The job allows the flexibility I need for medical appointments and provides the additional income needed to make ends meet.

I still budget and save every penny that I can; my son says I'm the worse cheapskate he's ever known 😊. But I always try to pay it forward by donating to organizations like Habitat for Humanity.

The blessings bear your church gave me still welcomes everyone at the front door.

I will be forever grateful to all of you for blessing me with my home. I'm not sure where I'd be right now if not for you. Things were difficult before, and would have been worse with today's economy.

Once again, thank you for all that you do to bless people like me in our community.

God Bless, Hope



Here is part of an E-mail I just sent to Pastor Eric from a gentleman that helps with the refugees.

John tells us that he sent the below message to his sister and niece. He lives in Irmo, and he just so happens to be Valerie Shah's Uncle John 😊

The US continues to welcome many legal immigrants. You all know I was part of a group that helped a family from Afghanistan over the last several years.

They keep coming. Yesterday (Thurs) I took a guy from Syria to a medical appt at Prisma Health, 800 Medical Park. His English was not good. He is recovering from a broken leg. While there I ran into my pastor's wife, who gets periodic injections for migraine headaches there – it is a neurology practice.

Yesterday afternoon I went to Columbia airport to welcome and help transport another family of **nine** from Afghanistan. I would say they are fully Muslim – the guys were dressed kinda Western with jeans and T-shirts, but the women and girls wearing black all over, with veils.

The children are all beautiful – olive skin, black hair, eyes, and long eyelashes. 😊

They had a lot of bags, just arrived from Dulles in DC, English poor. I was told a pastor would be there with a church bus. I met him briefly. The bus held most of the people and their stuff, so I wasn't needed. Better too much transportation than too little. He looked kinda familiar.

This AM I received this thank you note below, and I just realized this is Valerie's pastor! The robe makes him look bigger than he is – the guy yesterday was not that big. 😊 I didn't put two and two together because me, Valerie, and the airport are all at very different places in Columbia.

I may see him some more soon.

Pastor Eric, thanks for reaching out here! John

Hi John and Pastor Eric,

Thank you so much for your assistance last night. I understand from Dawood that the teddy bears were a huge, huge success with the kids and that the arrival went smoothly.

We appreciate your willingness to assist at such a hectic time.

Warm Regards, Allison Sheehan





Consider The Lilies...

Matthew 6:28 "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these."

Last year's Easter lilies are even more glorious this year. Where there were planted two bulbs there are now seven stems and more than two dozen flowers. What a gift! The day lilies bloom and die in a day, but the Easter lilies continue to bloom and perfume the air.

The garden is such a joy. It is a comfort in times of grief and a source of peace and hope. It provides repeated testimony to the truth of resurrection.

By Janet Wedlock

Valley Voices Concert

Two of our choir members, Cathy Lowman & Beverly Hoppert, are part of the Valley Voices. What a wonderful performance they had this past week!



SC SYNOD ASSEMBLY *JUNE 8*

Our 2024 Assembly, "Like Good Stewards", is being held virtually next Saturday. We invite your prayers for our LS Assembly voting members: Deborah DePaoli, True DePaoli, Annie Griffin, Dea Jones, Anna Graves, Pr. Carl, Pr. Eric; plus Synod VP Lexanne Graves, Lavone Griffin/Hunter Prest (synod council), as well as Pr. Wayne Kannaday, Pr. Zeke Hanford, Pr. Jim Glander and all other participants. May the Spirit guide our annual SC Synod assembly this week. You can watch the Assembly at youtube.com/@scsynod.

June 2024

MAIN SUNDAY SCHEDULE
 805A Summer Hymn-Sing
815A WORSHIP (Sanctuary)
 920A Adult Faith Formation
 1020A Summer Hymn-Sing

1030A WORSHIP (Sanctuary/ Online/Parking Lot) - includes Children's GIFT Faith Experiences

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 *See box above 8:05 & 10:20 Summer Favorite Hymn-Sings	3 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First	4 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Adult Bible Study	5 12 Journey w/Jesus Posted 6P Hope Team	6 630P Recovery Comes First 700P Lifelong Discipleship	7 11A Good News Team 630P Assembly Voter Orientation	8 9A SC Synod Assembly 930A Crafty Ladies 1P Eagle Scout Ceremony
920A Cong. Mtg Info/Q&A Session 1145A LS/Cristo Rey Youth Fundraiser 430P Child Protection Training 5P Cristo Rey Ministry (carpool 415)	"Food Truck Party" LS Vacation Bible School 6/3-6/6, 9am - 3pm					
9 *See box above 8:05 & 10:20 Summer Favorite Hymn-Sings	10 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Fellowship/Mutual Care	11 1030A Meals on Wheels 530P Finance Team 6P Adult Bible Study	12 10A CDC Summer Chapel 11A Gworks Refugee Event 12 Journey w/Jesus Posted 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir	13 7A Men's Bible & Biscuits 630P Recovery Comes First 630P LS-CDC Board	14 Rice Estate Father's Day Delivery	15 3-5P Lutheran Services World Refugee Day
920A Congregational Meeting 12P Empty Nester's Lunch	GraceWorks Servant Days 6/10-6/13, 8am - 5pm					
16 Father's Day *See box above 8:05 & 10:20 Summer Favorite Hymn-Sings	17 1030A Meals on Wheels 630P Worship Team 7P Exec Team 7P Recovery Comes First	18 1030A Meals on Wheels 11A Journey w/Jesus study 6P Adult Bible Study	19 10A CDC Summer Chapel 12 Journey w/Jesus Posted 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir	20 630P Recovery Comes First 7P Council Children's Hospital Meal	21 SC WELCA Convention, St. Luke, Sum-	22 930A Crafty Ladies
23 *See box above 8:05 & 10:20 Summer Favorite Hymn-Sings	24 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First	25 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Adult Bible Study 6P Facilities Team	26 10A CDC Summer Chapel 12 Journey w/Jesus Posted 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir	27 7A Men's Bible & Biscuits 630P Recovery Comes First Palmetto Place Meal	28	29 8A Men's Breakfast
920A Summer Hope Sunday #1	Living Springs Camp Week @ Lutheridge , 6/23-6/28					
Lutheran Church Youth (LCY) Camp Hugg @ Camp Kinard , 6/22-6/28						
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Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

June 2	Brantley Smith
June 4	Beverly Hoppert
June 5	Jeff Day
June 9	Karen Bazemore
June 10	Elijah Harris
June 11	Marlene Jorgensen
June 12	Irene Tracy
June 14	♥ Charles & Ruth Pollard
June 16	Alexis Hyyppa
June 20	Adam Woodruff
June 21	Bryan Drafts Angie Dyches
June 22	Nancy Baldwin
June 23	Daniel Hampton
June 26	Nowell Ramsey
June 28	Ashley Ramsey
June 29	Josh Holmstrom



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!

June 5	Tom Willingham
June 11	Elijah Harris
June 18	Janet Wedlock Ethan Wirth
June 28	Anita Gabbard
June 30	Marlene Jorgensen Irene Tracy



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