

The
Living Springs
Journal

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

September 2024



**STREAMS
OF LIGHT**

*Let's Shine
Together!*

Living Springs
Lutheran Church



"Streams of Light, Shining Together!" (from

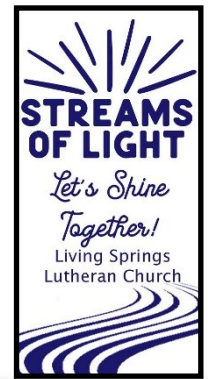
"Streams of Light" Pastor Study Times: 9/22 @ 9:20, 9/25 @ 10:30

Weekly Online Discussion: Wednesday Postings @ Noon

What a joyful celebration we shared at Rally Day in August, as we kicked off our 2024-25 Faith Formation year—with our theme, **"Streams of Light, Shining Together!"** In fact, the entire month of August was filled with a lot of celebratory streams of light, all shining together: **School Bag Blessing Sunday, School Supply Drive, Youth Shareholders Supper, College Student Blessing & LS Cont. Ed Grants, Lutheran Campus Ministry BBQ, Backpack Ministry Stuff-a-Bus, Lutheran Services Refugee welcome, Justice Month, Christian Assistance Bridge Hope Sunday, Football Ministry kickoff, LS-CDC Staff Training Day, Summer Hymn Sings, "Family Stressors & Resources" Emotional-Mental Wellness...** and much more!

We are very excited about our "Streams of Light" **three-sided "trinity" devotional focus water bottles** for each person in the LS community. The idea is to carry or put the water bottle in a prominent place, to be able to see it daily as a reminder of our faith theme: through the waters of Baptismal grace, every one of us is claimed, called, gifted, and empowered to be a living stream of God's light, shining God's grace *together* with all the body of Christ—here at Living Springs, out in our communities & throughout the world! If you don't carry the water bottle, consider putting it on a table near your Bible & daily devotional book (a couple of folks have said they are filling it with water and putting flowers in it!). The hope is that it will not only be a daily reminder for you, but that someone else may see it—and it may spark a conversation about how God calls us all to be streams of light, with all the divergent colors of God's beautiful spectrum, unique & yet shining together like a living rainbow for others, through all the clouds of life.

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"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS!" - Sept. 8
FAITH FRIENDS RECOGNITION - Sept. 15
"LUTHERAN" LUNCH 'N LEARN - Sept. 15, 22
LS CHILD DEV. CENTER SUNDAY - Sept. 22
JUSTICE MIN. HOUSE MTGS - Sept. 22, 29

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Opportunities to "Shine Additional Light!"

BACKPACK FOOD SUNDAYS - Sept. 8, 22
RUSH HR. BAG PACKING - Sept. 15
RUSH HR. MINISTRY - Sept. 18
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEAL - Sept. 19
PALMETTO PLACE MEAL—Sept. 26
FOOTBALL DEVOTION MIN.—each Thurs
MEALS ON WHEELS—each Mon & Tue
NA RECOVERY GROUP—each Mon & Thurs



From the Desk of Pastor Carl

Greeting Everyone,

August has been an action-packed month as we prepared to send our kids back to school, which started on August 3rd and others on August 8th. Yes, summer was short for many of us, and we had to do a lot quickly. But now, we must turn our attention to the school year and help our kids readjust to the learning environment.

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

- We had our Annual "School Bag" Student-Educator Blessing and the issuance of our Legrand-Lowman College Grants. It was good to see our K3-12 and adults come out with their bags for the blessing of the school year. We also gave our college students grants for our college fund.
- We kicked off our football ministry with Hotdog, chips, and cookies for 100 football players, staff, and coaches. Seeing the young men and women embrace us, and our desire to serve them warmed my heart and fueled my passion to ----**"Reach one, Teach one --- Teach one, Be one --- Child of God."**

As we moved through the month, we celebrated our Rally Day / Faith Formation Sunday with a bang. We had water bottles that showed our Theme: Streams of Light – Let's Shine Together. It was action-packed and full of exciting things to do in our worship experience and outside as it carried into removing the food and items from the buses. Speaking of buses, we had a lot of help from the many patrons who gave donations and food items from the two Kroger Stores and the IGA where we were located. God blessed, they gave, we received, and our congregation unloaded. God is Good all the time, and all the time, God is Good. The joy on the children's faces as they enjoyed the day's activities, playing in the water, crossing the Red Sea, and going down the water slide was truly heartwarming. It was a fun-filled day with food, some cool things for the kids, and adult bingo.

Well, that all for now. I look forward to what will happen next.....

Pastor Carl



Throughout 2024-25, we will have a **monthly devotional focus**, with readings from Scripture and Christian history to remind us of ways that God's powerful light has shone through clouds of difficulty, despair, or challenge. These will be highlighted in Tuesday evening Bible studies, Wednesday online Bible postings, all our various "Dwelling in the Word" group devotions, and 2 monthly Pastor studies (Sept. 22, 25).

You may have seen youth (or adults!) whose water bottles are proudly covered with a lot of stickers. Each month, we will receive a **water bottle sticker with the monthly focus** to add to our "Streams of Light" water bottle. Normally, it will be the first Sunday of the month, but because of Labor Day weekend, we will wait for this month until **Sept. 8**. You can bring your water bottle to church and add your sticker there—or you can just pick up your sticker and add it to your bottle at home. In addition, we will have special moments of sharing on these Sundays, along with our "Shine Your Light" theme song. ***Mark your future calendars for Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, Apr. 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, Aug. 3.*

In September, we have some special moments to shine light together, including our big annual **"God's Work Our Hands"** meals of hope effort on Sept. 8; **"Faith Friends"** recognition on Sept. 15; **Rush Hour ministry** on Sept. 18, **CDC Sunday** on Sept. 22. Also, we are excited to offer a two-part **"Lunch 'n Learn" adult faith milestone** after worship on Sept. 15 & 22, focusing on our identity, beliefs, and faith practices as Lutheran Christians. Everyone is invited—bring a friend with you!

I never ceased to be amazed at all the incredible ways the people of Living Springs are truly streams of God's light, shining together! With joy & thanksgiving for Christ's grace shining in each of you, *Pastor Eric*



**"Lunch 'n Learn"
Adult Faith Milestone**

Exploring Our Identity,
Beliefs, and Faith Practices
as Lutheran Christians!

SUNDAYS, SEPT. 15 & 22 @ 11:45am

Light Lunch Provided (salad, soup, fruit,
etc.)

Feel free to bring your own additional
lunch items if you like

Summer Small Catechism

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




"Streams of God's Light ... Shining through the Clouds"

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The Garden, A Flood, Promises to Abraham & Sarah, Joseph & Family

In these stories, where do you see a whole spectrum of God's light shining through the clouds of life's challenges? How does that bring encouragement for you in your life and/or the world today?

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The light shines in the darkness - John 1:5a

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!

SHINE
GOD'S
LIGHT!

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Grace
For All



Notes from: *Mission Partnership Team*

Cristo Rey Worship/Lunch at the Lake
This Sunday, September 1
Worship @ 12, Lunch @ 1 PM

Call the office if interested in carpooling - 131 White Knoll Way West Columbia SC 29170

Cristo Rey has invited us to join them for their annual Worship/Lunch at the Lake this Sunday. You can attend both the worship and the lunch or show up just for the fellowship lunch at 1. Please call the office to let us know if you will be attending so we can give Cristo Rey a head count for lunch. Please also let us know if you'd like to be a part of the carpool.

God's Corner



Dear Living Springs,

What a lovely thing to do, sending me that cuddly prayer bear! Please relay my thanks for all their prayers and caring. I know that this will help to speed up my recovery.

Sincerely and with gratitude, **Edith Conte**



Dear Living Springs,

Thank you, thank you also very much for your incredibly generous "Christmas in July" donations! This was/is SUCH a blessing for our incoming refugee arrivals and for our staff who will be able to outfit these new families from our stash of donations! Thank you again for your incredible heart for refugees!

Sincerely, **Sarah Lewis and the LSC team**



Dear Living Springs,

Thank you for your gift to Lutheran Services Carolinas! Together we can empower our neighbors in need to live healthy, safe, and enriching lives. Each year, LSC cares for thousands of people through a variety of programs and services. Ensuring older adults have access to vibrant senior living and health care communities, protecting children from abuse and neglect, assisting those with disabilities to reach their highest potential, and welcoming refugees to become new Americans are just a few ways we are working to strengthen local neighborhoods and communities. Your support allows us to extend hope and healing to others. We are grateful for your partnership in this vital work.

Yours in Christ, Ted W. Goins, Jr., President, Lutheran Services Carolinas



Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Fall is in the air... or is it?

It seems we have been fooled a few times this month with what feels like a "False Fall" with cooler weather and less humidity, but then, the temps rise once again and we are reminded that even though school has started, Summer isn't quite ready to bid us adieu, and revisits for another spell.

As we embark on a new school year there are new things to learn, new people to meet, and new skills to master. For some, this time of year may be met with a mix of excitement and a bit of uncertainty. As we look ahead to all that these new experiences have to offer, I am filled with joy that we will have many opportunities to create new memories, foster stronger bonds, and build upon the hope that God's light shines in, through, and around us all.

Wishing you well, in Love and Light,

Tammy

Staff Day



Notes from: *Emotional - Mental Wellness*

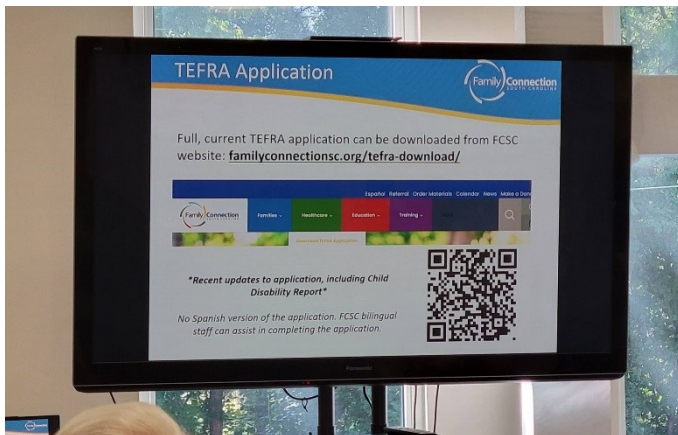
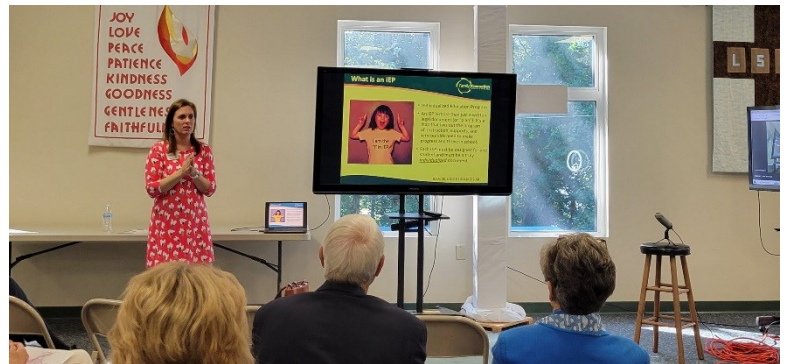
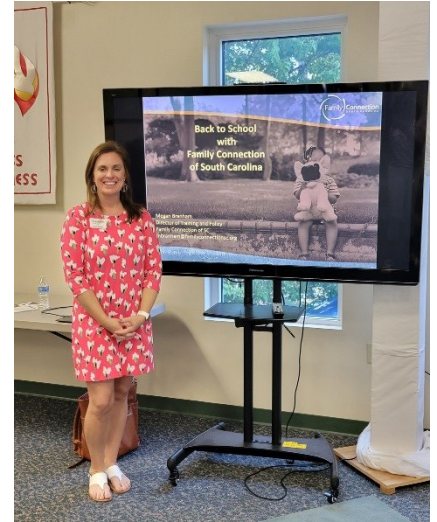
Important Resources for Families

In August, we had our next Emotional-Mental Wellness Event at Living Springs. "Family Stressors & Resources" was led by Megan Branham of Family Connection of SC - including back-to-school stress, accessing support for children with healthcare needs, special education needs, and obtaining support from the public school system for your children/grandchildren/family members.

If you missed the event, Megan shared many [valuable resources](#) for families and students.

The presentation was recorded. [Click here to view it!](#)

Please share the link with your family members and friends as well.



Living Springs Emotional/Mental Wellness Support Fund

For assistance, please see Pastor Eric or Pastor Carl.



Notes from: *Good News Team*

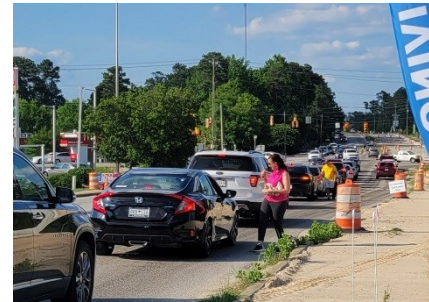
Beer and Hymns



Rush Hour Ministry

Wednesday, September 18, 5:00 - 5:30 PM

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 4:15pm but join us at any time! Can't be there Wednesday? We'll be packing the blessing bags on Sunday between services.



LS Good News "Streams of God's Light" Bible Story Project ***Catch this month's stories in our YouTube "Streams of God's Light" Playlist***

Coming this Wednesday: "The Garden"

Each Wednesday, a Bible story from our focus will be read along with sharing from our pastors, deacon, and possibly some of our worshippers. The reading will be streamed on our Facebook and YouTube Channels. 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.

LS Good News "Journey with Jesus" Bible Story Project ***Catch this month's stories in our YouTube Journey with Jesus Playlist***

"Doing Justice" read by Pr. Eric
"Light of the World" read by Wayne Kannaday & Sydney Gonzales
"Bread & Signs" read by Helen Doerpinghous & Lizzy Van Harn
"Woes & Watchfulness" read by LS Justice Team



Our final edition to the "Journey with Jesus" Bible Story has posted. The Playlist will remain on our YouTube channel for you to enjoy and share!

Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

STUFF A BUS



Truly amazing is all I can say - the amount of items and monetary donations we received from Kroger on Two Notch, Kroger on Killian, and the IGA in Blythewood blows me away with people's generosity. The students are enthusiastic, polite and generous themselves -- A story that came from one of the helpers at IGA said one of the students was so impressed with our program, he went into the store after his shift and came out with a shopping cart of items he donated out of his own pocket! A HUGE thank you to all that helped. In addition to items for our backpack program, we were able to support our partnership with Christian Assistance Bridge (CAB) in Blythewood and donate all the items on their wish list.



I saw God at work thru the Richland 2 students who greeted shoppers, sharing a list filled with items needed to provide a food over the weekend for their fellow students via the backpack program as well as the Christian Assistance Bridge that helps families in crisis in our community.



I saw God at work thru the many shoppers who responded and helped fill a bus with items on the list, in whatever way they were able. All shared God's love of their neighbor with their donation. Two shoppers stood out to me that day. One took the list and then returned and asked, "What do you need the most?" And when we pointed out some of those items, the shopper returned with them. Another shopper returned with a buggy full and said "It took me a while but I found every item on the list! What a blessing to see so many generous shoppers responding to a call to help their neighbors in need.



Backpack Food Ministry

Our backpack program will start the first week of September - once again this year we will be packing on the second and fourth Sunday of the month (first one will be Sept. 8). The third week of the month is usually open to couples, families, youth, neighbors - contact Karen Kranz to arrange the day and time. If you know of anyone wanting community hours, this is a great opportunity!



Thank you so much for the school supplies! It has come in handy already so much!!! Thank you!!!!

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

LS Summer Hope Sunday #3



Campus Ministry BBQ



PALMETTO PLACE / CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

The fourth Thursday of the month, a meal is provided to the residents of Samantha House - not more than ten people. If you would like to contribute an item, we pick a different menu each month.

The 20 lunches for Children's Hospital are prepared by Travis and Melanie Mooney at Carolina Deli - he delivers them on the third Thursday of the month.

Both of these outreach events can be funded monetarily.



God's Work. Our Hands.
Sunday, September 8
Sign up to help pack or deliver meals
Desserts also needed

Our old-fashioned meatloaf dinner will again be offered to several organizations - Palmetto Place, Children's Hospital, First Responders (sheriff and fire stations), and Keepin' It Real (Pastor Oscar).

Palmetto Place - at this writing we are hoping the youth will visit us for Sunday worship, but if not, we will deliver 20 meals to The Oaks (unaccompanied or homeless youth) and 5 meals to Samantha House (youth who are working to gain self-sustainability and permanent housing).

Children's Hospital - every month you see a post about providing lunch meals to the parents and staff on the 5th floor of Children's Hospital. You can't see the joy or appreciation on the faces that receive these lunches provided by Travis & Melanie Mooney (Carolina Deli), but I hear how much it means to the recipients, especially the notes that our CDC makes and are included in the lunch bag. We are going to deliver 40 meals for the parents and all staff members - Ms. Shirley Meyers, Administrative Coordinator is going to come in on her day off so she can see that the meals get distributed.

First Responders - a total of 59 meals will go to surrounding sheriff and fire stations.

Keepin' It Real - during GraceWorks, we had the opportunity to feed and give clothing to the homeless and share the gospel. Pastor Oscar works out of U-Haul storage units close to the downtown area. Keepin' It Real Ministries is dedicated to assisting the homeless and less fortunate on their individual journeys toward recovery, through the stabilizing and lifechanging power of the good news of Jesus Christ. We will deliver 60 meals on Monday 9/9.

We will need hands to assemble the meals after 10:30 worship, transportation to deliver the meals, and people to write notes of encouragement that will go with each meal. Many, many desserts are needed - it doesn't have to be home-baked, but please no runny, gooey items.

The meal will consist of meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans and a dessert. There are signup sheets in the admin building and will be on the welcome table each Sunday. Contact Karen Kranz with questions.

RICE ESTATE DINNER

October 19 at 5 pm, the Rice Estate residents, who are able to come, will enjoy an Oktoberfest dinner with activities after. The meal is soft pretzels, bratwurst, red cabbage, German potato salad, and a dessert all provided by church members who want to treat our neighbors at Rice Estate with an enjoyable evening. Contact Gail Buchanan if you are interested in participating.

Delivering food collected from Stuff-A-Bus to CAB



Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

Justice Ministry House Meetings Begin

August was "Justice Month" at LS and we heard stories about why we are involved in justice activities and the joy we have found there. We talked about parents who were role models, early church experiences that made a difference, and own understanding of the scriptural call to do justice (Micah 6:8). The August \$6,000 challenge offering to support MORE Justice is underway, and you can find the August "Journey with Jesus" readings online that highlight Jesus's teaching on justice.

In September our annual Justice Ministry House Meetings begin! We come together in homes to talk about a problem that is making life harder for you, a loved one, a neighbor, or our community. We will listen to one another and together start to discern where God is calling us to work this year.

This is the 8th year of LS Justice Ministry and some of the problems that have surfaced in House Meetings over the years include the need for affordable housing, food insecurity, gun violence in our neighborhoods, and care for those with mental illness. We have worked on all of these issues and made headway in addressing these problems. More than 25 other congregations in Columbia will be participating in House Meetings this month, too. On October 28th we will bring all of these conversations to the Community Problems Assembly and vote on the community problem focus for the year ahead.

Everyone is invited to participate in a House Meeting! Find one that fits your schedule:

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| Gail Buchanan | Sunday, Sept 22, 4:00 pm |
| Wayne Kannaday/Helen Doerpinghaus | Sunday, Sept 22, 4:00 pm |
| Mike Davidson/Gwen Furcron | Sunday, Sept 29, 3:00 pm |
| Youth - Justice Meeting | Sept date - TBA |
| Jim and Peg Zieche | Monday, October 14, 6:30 pm |



Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*

Rally Day

Winners of the "Streams of Light/Water" Interactive Bingo Cards!

1st (submitted @ 12:44)- Grady & Logan Smith

2nd (submitted @ 12:45) - Jerry Mancuso & Beverly Hoppert

3rd (submitted @ 12:50) - Cathy Lowman





"Streams of Light" Trinity Water Bottle 2024-2025 Devotional Focus Item

If you weren't able to get your "Streams of Light" Trinity water bottle, we have one for you! You can pick one up this Sunday or stop by the office during the week. On September 8th, there will be a new sticker to add for this month's theme!!! ***Mark your future calendars for Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, Apr. 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, Aug. 3.*

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SUNDAYS, SEPT. 15 & 22 @ 11:45am

Light Lunch Provided (salad, soup, fruit, etc.)

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Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

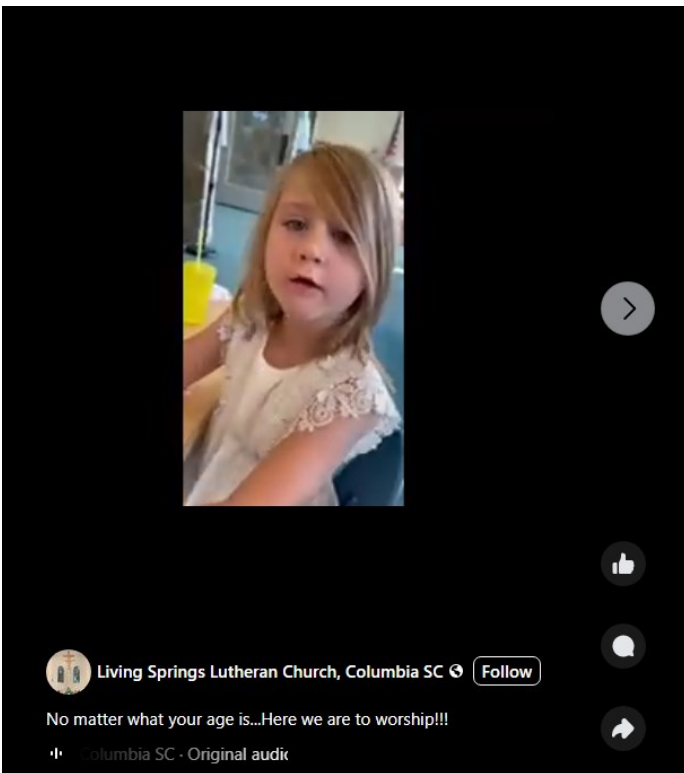
Book Bag Blessing



College Blessing



Here I Am to Worship



Worship Helpers Refresher/ Training Session **September 1st after each service**

This is an invite to all disciples of Living Springs. Today we will provide a refresher/training session for all who are interested in (or are currently) helping with all our Sunday morning roles: Ushers, Lectors, Assisting Ministers, Welcome Table, Communion Assistants, Acolytes, Crucifers, Torchbearers, Parking Lot Ushers, Counters, Altar Guild, Coffee & Refreshment Training will be offered today after each service in the sanctuary. For more info, see Jim Zieche or Karen Kranz.

Check out the adorable Reel on our [Facebook Page](#)

Notes from: *Women's Ministry*



LADIES OF LIVING SPRINGS

“God’s Rockin’ the Retreat”

LS Women’s Retreat

October 4-6 @ Camp Kinard

It's been a while, so we are excited to offer a women's retreat again!! Lisa, Jan & Karen, along with a few helpers, have been organizing an awesome program for us - "GOD'S ROCKIN' THE RETREAT" - at Camp Kinard (about 40 minutes away) on the weekend October 4th - 6th. The program will start Friday evening and end on Sunday morning after a brief worship service. We will have three of our sister's in Christ (it's a surprise who they are!) sharing faith journey stories. There will be activities, crafts, and a rockin' Saturday evening fellowship time! We will need to know if you have a buddy you would like to room with or if you prefer a single room (note there will be an increase in cost). We are treating ourselves this time and have arranged catering, so food cost will be factored into our final number. Please fill out a sheet in the lobby or [this google form](#).

Cost of the retreat

Full Weekend: \$160

Saturday Only with Lunch and materials: \$30

Saturday Only with Lunch/Dinner and materials: \$45

*O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Psalm 95:1.*

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

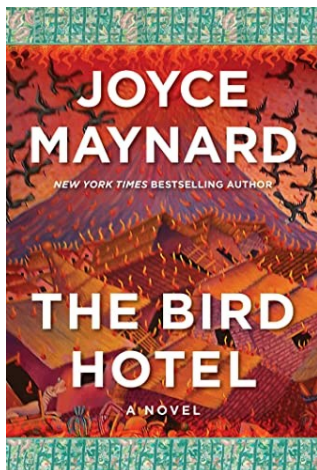
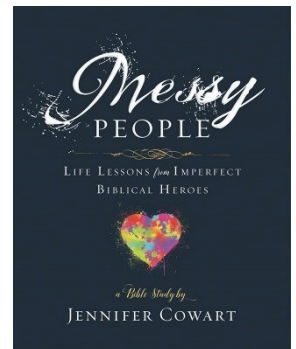
Wednesdays @ 10:30, Katie Room or Online

We return Sept. 11. Our book is *Messy People* by Jennifer Cowart. If you weren't able to pre-order the book, it is available through Amazon, christianbook.com or contact the office.

Google Meet:

<https://meet.google.com/crm-zcgt-bxx>

Or **dial:** 540-669-0687 PIN: 810 783 136#



Ladies Book Club

Sunday, October 13 @ 2 pm

The book club will be discussing *The Bird Hotel* by Joyce Maynard. We will meet at Beverly Hoppert's at 701 Summit Square - her ph: 803.348.4412 - if you know of someone that likes to read and would like to join us - anyone can attend one time or as many times that suit you.

Notes from: *Men's Ministry*
LS Football Devotion Ministry
Thursdays

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. 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.)

*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!

A couple of updates to the LMM calendar:

Random Tap double booked on 9/28 and we will need to move the corn hole tournament to 10/19/24.

LSLC Lutheran Men Cornhole Tournament

Saturday October 19, 2024

Registration begins at 10:00 am

Bags Fly at 11:00 am

Entry Fee: \$20 per team

There will be 2 divisions

Competitive

Family Fun

Contact Bob Turnmire for sponsorship information (803)386-5526, volunteer opportunities and all questions.

LSLC Lutheran Men Sunday

Sunday October 13, 2024

Other upcoming events...

Midlands Conference quarterly meeting

Tuesday September 17th at 6:00 pm

St Michael's Lutheran Church

400 River Road, Columbia, SC

Midlands Conference Committee of 100 Banquet

Hosted by Living Springs

November 11, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Opportunities at Living Springs

Love Offering for Pastor Eric & Kris

As we continue to celebrate Pastor Eric and Kris for 30 years of ordination in the church, church council invites the congregation to share in a love offering for them. Please designate as love offering when making your gift. You can place your offering in the plate in the communion line or drop off in the office during the week. Pastor Eric and Kris have plans to travel later this fall.



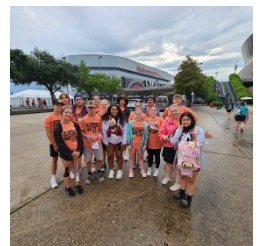
Notes from: *Sr. Youth*

Shareholder Supper



Youth Ministry at Living Springs

- September 1: Fellowship w/Cristo Rey
- September 4: Sr. Youth Gathering (LS)
- September 8: Confirmation Class
- September 11: Sr. Youth Gathering (Mod Pizza)
- September 18: Sr. Youth Gathering (LS)
- September 22: Confirmation Class
- September 25: Sr. Youth Gathering (Sonic)



Notes from: *Little Lutherans*

Dear Parents of Our 3K-5th Grade Children,

I hope this letter finds you well and filled with the joys of this season. I'm excited to share some fantastic news about a new opportunity for our little ones to come together and grow in their faith!

I am eager to spend more time with our children, focusing on their faith formation in a fun, engaging, and meaningful way. We plan to meet once a month after church in the fellowship hall, where we will have conversations, activities, and time together to discuss their faith journey.

To kick off this new initiative, we are considering our first gathering on either Sunday, September 15th or September 29th, whichever date works best for most families. Each session will last for one hour, including lunch, so we will have about 40 minutes dedicated to our class time.

Your input and involvement are incredibly valuable to us. We would love to hear your thoughts on what would make these sessions most beneficial for your children. Additionally, we're reaching out for volunteers to help make this a success. Whether it's assisting with activities, helping with lunch, or simply being present, your support would be greatly appreciated.

This once-a-month gathering is a special time for our children to deepen their relationships with God and each other, and we're thrilled to embark on this journey together. Please let us know which date works best for your family and if you can volunteer in any capacity.

Let's come together in prayer as we prepare for this new adventure in faith formation:

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the gift of our children and the joy they bring to our lives. As we embark on this journey of faith formation, we ask for Your guidance and blessing. Help us to create a space where our little ones can grow closer to You, explore their faith, and build meaningful connections with one another. Fill our hearts with excitement and joy as we walk this path together. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

We look forward to hearing from you and are excited about the months ahead!

Blessings,

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2024-25 Schoolbag Tags Still Available!

for students & educators of all levels....

If you were not able to be here last week, our 2024-25 Schoolbag blessing tags are still available. Pick yours up today!



God At Work

Congratulation Brantley Smith! WLTX Teacher of the Week!



[Brantley Smith is News19's Teacher of the Week | wltx.com](http://wltx.com)

Please post congratulations to Andrew Stevens and Hunter Gignilliat on earning their Eagle Scout Rank!



Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



Opportunities Outside Living Springs

September 10 | 2-4 PM

Renew your spirit; enjoy fabulous food, special music and fellowship.



Join us for a delightful afternoon to connect, share, and strengthen the bonds of faith and friendship with our Rice Estate community.

September 10 | 2-4 PM

Rice Estate | 100 Finley Rd. | Columbia, SC 29203 | RiceEstate.org 

RSVP by September 3 to MeMe Gaston | 803.691.5727 | MGaston@RiceEstate.org



JOIN US NEXT MONTH AT CAMP KINARD & COASTAL RETREAT JOIN US NEXT MONTH AT CAMP KINARD & COASTAL RETREAT

You're invited to spend time with us next month while discovering something new! **The South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers' Laugh, Learn, & Lunch** programs offer life-long learning opportunities for everyone, regardless of age. Sign up as an individual, bring a friend, or invite your church group to take part in these exciting programs!

September 10, 2024 - Laugh, Learn, & Lunch: Taste & See @ Coastal Retreat

Learn the history of South Carolina BBQ and what makes it so unique!

September 17, 2024 - Laugh, Learn, & Lunch: Bread of Life @ Camp Kinard

Come for an inspiring day of baking (and eating!) bread while making new friends! You're invited to spend time with us next month while discovering something new! **The South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers' Laugh, Learn, & Lunch** programs offer life-long learning opportunities for everyone, regardless of age. Sign up as an individual, bring a friend, or invite your church group to take part in these exciting programs! [Upcoming Programs | South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers \(sclrc.com\)](#)

SEE FULL SCHEDULE

September 2024

MAIN SUNDAY SCHEDULE
1030A WORSHIP (Sanctuary/Online/Parking Lot) - includes Children's GiFT Faith Experiences
815A WORSHIP (Sanctuary)
 920A Adult Faith Formation

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 *See box above 8:05 & 10:20 Summer Hymn-Sings 920 & 1145 Worship Helpers Training 12P Cristo Rey Worship on the Lake 1P Lunch w/Cristo Rey	2 Labor Day Office & LSCDC Closed 7P Recovery Comes First	3 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	4 10A Preschool Bible Outing 330P Afrschool Bible Time 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 6P Hope Ministry Team 630P LS-CDC Board 630P Sr. Youth (LSLC) 745P Mutual Ministry	5 11A Good News Team TBA-Football Ministry 330P Backpack Food Ministry (LSASC) 630P Recovery Comes First 7P Lifelong Discipleship	6	7	
8 *See box above God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday 920A Backpack Food Ministry, GWOH 1145A GWOH Meal Prep/Delivery 12P Confirmation Class 4P Girls Scouts	9 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Fellowship/Mutual Care 7P Boy Scout Troop #737	10 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 530P Finance Team 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	11 10A Preschool Bible Time 1030A Ladies Bible Study 12 Streams of Light Posted 330P Afrschool Bible Time 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 630P Sr. Youth (Mod Pizza)	12 7A Men's Bible & Biscuits TBA-Football Ministry 630P Recovery Comes First	13	14 930A Crafty Ladies	
15 *See box above <i>Faith Friends Blessing Sunday</i> 4P Girls Scouts 1145A Lunch n Learn—Adult Faith Milestone (Lutheran Beliefs, Part 1)	16 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop #737 Court of Honor 7P Exec Team	17 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 6P LWM Midlands Conf. (St. Michael's) 7P Handbells	18 10A Preschool Bible Time 1030A Ladies Bible Study 12 Streams of Light Posted 330P Afrschool Bible Time 5P Rush Hour Ministry 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 630P Sr. Youth (LSLC)	19 TBA-Football Ministry 630P Recovery Comes First 7P Council Children's Hospital Meal	20	21	
22 *See box above LS Child Development Center Sunday After Services - Backpack Food Ministry 920A Streams of Light Pastor Bible Time 1145A Lunch n Learn—Adult Faith Milestone (Lutheran Beliefs, Part 2) 12P Confirmation Class 4P Girl Scouts 4P Justice Min. House Mtg (Doerpinghaus) 4P Justice Min. House Mtg (Buchanan)	23 1030A Meals on Wheels 630P Worship Team 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop #737	24 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 6P Facilities Team 7P Handbells	25 10A Preschool Bible Time 1030A Pastor Bible Study 12 Streams of Light Posted 330P Afrschool Bible Time 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 630P Sr. Youth (Sonic)	26 7A Men's Bible & Biscuits TBA-Football Ministry 630P Recovery Comes First Celebration, Fellowship Hall Palmetto Place Meal	27	28 8A Men's Breakfast 930A Crafty Ladies	
29 *See box above 3P Justice Min. House Mtg (Davidson/Furaton) 4P Girl Scouts	30 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop #737	1 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells	2 10A Preschool Bible Time 1030A Ladies Bible Study 12 Streams of Light Posted 330P Afrschool Bible Time 515P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 6P Hope Ministry Team 630P Sr. Youth (LSLC)	3 11A Good News Team TBA-Football Ministry 330P Backpack Food Ministry (LSASC) 630P Recovery Comes First 7P Lifelong Discipleship	4	5	"God's Rockin' the Retreat" Women's Retreat 10/4-10/6, Camp Kinard

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

September 1 ♥ Gary & Susan Bradham
September 2 ♥ Gene & Sara Hale
September 3 ♥ Bob & Laura Turnmire
September 4 Steve Bloss
 Peg Fox
September 6 Karlene Stuart
September 7 ♥ Steve & Elouise Niemeyer
September 10 Anne Ducate
 Sarah Schultz
September 11 Hunter Prest
September 12 Helen Doerpinghaus
 Bob Turnmire

September 17 Anita Dye
 London Mancuso
September 18 Collin Flores
 Nancy Franck
 ♥ Bill & Nancy Franck
September 23 Scott Graves
 Midge Gunvalson
 Rylee Harris
 Cathy Loman
 ♥ Kurt & Luz Hopwood
September 28 Logan Smith



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!



September 2 Josh Holmstrom
September 7 Bob Gabbard
September 9 Ed Brennan
September 15 Meredith McKenzie
September 18 Vickie Crapps
September 24 Mike Davidson
September 25 Susan Bradham
 Gail Buchanan
September 29 Ginny Devereaux



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