

The Living Springs Journal

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

October 2024

"Here We Stand Shining Together!" (from Pastor Eric)

"Streams of Light" Pastor Study Times: 10/16 @ 10:30, 10/27 @ 9:20
Weekly Online Discussion: Wednesday Postings @ Noon

Each October, the month concludes with remembrance and celebration of Reformation Day (always Oct. 31) and Reformation Sunday (this year, Oct. 27). We recall how 507 years ago (on All Hallows' Eve, October 31, 1517), a young pastor and Biblical professor named Martin Luther posted 95 Theses for discussion & dialogue in Wittenberg, Germany. Through that one simple act, the Spirit would work to shine multiple streams of God's light, reflecting a call back to the message of God's grace, the power of faith, and the core of the Scriptures which focus on Jesus Christ. Those streams of light would emanate throughout the Western world, creating a fervor. The Reformation of the church had begun! Three and half years later in April 1518, Luther would stand before a tribunal in the city of Worms, being asked to recant his various subsequent writings and statements, or face dire consequences. After a night of sleep and prayer, he would step forward and refuse to recant, pointing to the truth of the Scriptural message and declaring, "Here I stand, I can do no other."

Martin Luther was certainly not perfect—and we as Lutheran Christians, are not "followers" or disciples of Luther, but rather followers & disciples of Jesus. Yet, we remember & celebrate those grace-filled, faith-based, Christ-focused streams of light that the Spirit allowed to shine through Luther all those years ago, so much so that our 2024 Ministry Focus theme, "Shine God's light—grace for all!" still echoes Luther's Reformation light.

Also, in that legacy, we rejoice in all the ways the Spirit continues to shine those streams of light in and through us, all these years later. We
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LS DISASTER BUCKET DRIVE:
700 Items in 7 Days! Oct. 3-9

DISASTER RESPONSE OFFERING!
Use the Sunday worship bucket or Givelify

EMOTIONAL-MENTAL WELLNESS - Oct. 6
LUTHERAN MEN'S SUNDAY - Oct. 13
YOUTH SUNDAY - Oct. 20
REFORMATION SUNDAY - Oct. 27
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LS WOMEN'S RETREAT - Oct. 4-6
COMMUNITY BEER 'N HYMNS - Oct. 9
FALL CLEAN-UP & WORKDAY - Oct. 12
LS MISSION FUND CORNHOLE - Oct. 19
TRUNK 'R TREAT - Oct. 27
JUSTICE PROBLEMS ASSEMBLY - Oct. 28
RUSH HR. MINISTRY - Oct. 29



REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 27

Worship 8:15 & 10:30
"Streams of Light" Study - 9:20
Backpacks—after services
Trunk-R-Treat & Bratwursts, 4:00-6:30



From the Desk of Pastor Carl



Greeting Everyone,

September has been another action-packed month as we rolled into Labor Day, beach vacations, and rest. Here at Living Springs on September 8th we kicked-off our "Streams of Light" – "Let's Shine God's Light Together" ministry focus area, and we prepared 180 meatloaf meals for various organizations.

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

- Our confirmation classes kick-off at the beginning with the Old Testament starting in Genesis. It was fun to see the excitement on their faces as we read and talked about how it all started with God being the center.
- Our Jr. youth met on September 15th after church and we too started at the beginning with the reading and with a video that help to explain how it all started, the creation on humankind and the Fall/ First Sin. It ended with conversation about doing what is right even when no one is looking.
- We had our Child Development Center blessing on September 22nd and let me tell you, it was a blast. Our CDC kids and our Jr/Sr. kids merged together to sing "This Little Light of Mine" during our 10:30 Worship Experience and your truly (Pastor Carl) was the conductor. Now that was a sight to see (me) as a musical director...LOL!!! Anyway it was good to see our kids enjoy singing and having fun.
- We continue our football ministry with Ridgeview JV/B-Team each Thursday feeding them a pre-game meal and devotion that are encouraging and uplifting. To see them engage with us and to ponder how God is using them is a wonder to see. Words cannot express how humble it is to be in service to these young men and they grow in life and in faith. Seeing these young men and women embrace us, and our desire to serve them warms our hearts and fuels our passion to ----"**Reach one, Teach one --- Teach one, Be one --- Child of God.**"

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DISASTER BUCKET DRIVE & DISASTER OFFERING!

700 Items in 7 Days!!

Thursday, Oct. 3 – Wednesday, Oct. 9

Over the next 7 days, we will have a special drive to collect 700 items for badly needed Disaster Clean-Up Buckets, as part of Lutheran Disaster Response Carolinas' efforts for Hurricane Helene assistance.

Items can be dropped off at the Living Springs office or brought to church on Sunday. You can also order via Amazon (or elsewhere) and have items shipped directly to: Living Springs Lutheran Church, 4224 Hardscrabble Rd., Columbia SC 29223.

In addition, please remember our Sunday bucket offering is currently designated for Lutheran Disaster Response Carolinas. In addition to your usual coins and dollars, checks can be placed in the bucket (payable to Living Springs, marked "Disaster Response"). You can also give electronically using your LS Givelify App.

Items should be new and all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Many of these items can be purchased at local dollar stores at substantial savings.

The list of items we are collecting follows. Please [click here to go to our donation registry](#). *It is a list that will let us take inventory of what is being donated. Please enter the number of items you will be dropping off. If we have maxed out an item, it will be removed from the online list. (We can make use of extra items if what you've bought gets taken off!)*

- 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid (*If reused, please scrub clean. Do not use a bucket that has held chemicals of any kind. No screw lid. Advertisement on the outside acceptable.*)
- 4 to 8 oz pump spray air freshener
- scouring pads (*No stainless steel or pads with soap in them. Remove from packaging.*)
- sponges, assorted sizes including one large
- scrub brush (*With or without handle.*)
- reusable, lightweight multipurpose dry cleaning towels (*No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels. Remove from packaging.*)
- 32 to 64 oz or two 25 oz bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- 16 to 34oz bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- 12 to 40 oz bottle of liquid concentrate household cleaner that can be mixed with water (*No spray bottles.*)
- package of 36 to 50 clothespins
- 50 to 100 ft clothesline (*Cotton or plastic line.*)
- dust masks (*N95 particulate respirator dust masks preferred; No surgical masks.*)
- pairs of heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (*Latex-free, non-surgical. Durable for multiple use. Remove from packaging.*)
- pair of work gloves (*Cotton with leather palm or all leather.*)
- heavy duty or contractor type 30 to 45-gallon trash bags on a roll (*Remove from packaging.*)
- 6 to 9 oz bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent (*Pump spray bottles must have protective covers. Packs of 10 to 20 insect repellent wipes also acceptable.*)

may not stand in the city of Worms, but we stand here in this community and in our neighborhoods in so many ways!

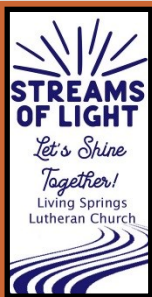
Here we stand together—shining streams of God’s grace-filled light: in Justice House Meetings, in football devotion meals, in 70 weekly backpack food bags, in Children’s Hospital lunches, in weekly Meals-on-Wheels deliveries, in Palmetto Place youth house meals, in support of Lutheran Services refugee ministry, in Emotional-Mental Wellness events, in weekly NA Recovery First groups. The list goes on!

Here we stand together—joyfully shining streams of God’s grace-filled light through: Wednesday night youth gatherings, weekly Bible studies, Child Development chapel/Bible times, Sunday worship, Rush Hour Ministry, confirmation classes, Cristo Rey mission, faith-based Trunk ‘R Treat, Community Beer ‘n Hymns, a Disaster Response Drive. The list goes on!

Yes, 507 years light, here we stand together, with little yellow trinity Water Bottles—still reflecting the foundation of Scripture and the grace-filled identity given us through the waters of our Baptism into Christ! Here we stand! Thanks be to God! Shining the Light together, of God’s grace for all! With much thanksgiving for the light you shine, *Pastor Eric*

Opportunities to “Shine Additional Light!”

- CRISTO REY MINISTRY - Oct. 6
- BACKPACK FOOD SUNDAYS - Oct. 13, 27
- JUSTICE MIN. HOUSE MTGS - Oct. 14, 20
- CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL MEAL - Oct. 17
- PALMETTO PLACE MEAL - Oct. 23
- FOOTBALL DEVOTION MIN. - each Thurs
- MEALS ON WHEELS - each Mon & Tue
- NA RECOVERY GROUP - each Mon & Thurs



“Streams of God’s Light ... Shining through the Clouds”

BE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR OCTOBER WATER BOTTLE STICKER!

**October Bible Reading Focus: Exodus 1-20, 32-35
Bondage, Freedom, Passing Thru Waters, Wilderness Challenges**

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?



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!***

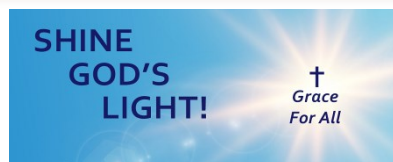
*We lift up these areas of Ministry Focus to **Shine Additional Light** in 2024:*

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!



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Hold onto your hats, folks, because October is about to take us on a joy-filled, faith-fueled adventure! With the State Fair, the Sr. Youth Lock-In, and Reformation Day on the horizon, we are gearing up for a month packed with excitement, laughter, and yes, opportunities to shine the light of Christ even brighter! We all know life has a way of throwing curveballs and distractions that try to dim our glow, but here’s the truth: God is our eternal flame! He is the spark that keeps us burning brightly, pushing through every challenge. So let’s charge into October with hearts wide open, ready to share God’s love in new and joyful ways. Together, we’ll keep the flame alive, lighting up every space so that others can see His glory through us!

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

Pastor C.D. Taylor

God's Corner



Dear Living Springs,

Thank you for your gift of \$1,000.00 to ELCA World Hunger. As a church, we are freed by the transformative life of Christ, and this freedom emboldens us to love and serve our neighbors just as Christ has shown us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power of God's love. Your generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries, including the United States. It provides access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock and education, and it advances peace and justice. Through your gifts you join the whole church in working toward a just world where all are fed. Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

In Christ,

Amanda White

Director, Congregational Generosity, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America



Dear Living Springs Community,

Thank you for your donations this summer of kitchen kits and arrival supplies. We are always so grateful for all you do for us and our clients.

With Gratitude,

Allison S.

for LSC Staff



Dear Living Springs,

Thank you for your gift of \$720 to Lutheran Disaster Response. Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future. Thank you for your gracious gifts. The Glory of God shines through you.

In Christ,

Amanda White

Director, Congregational Generosity, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America



Notes from: *Fellowship & Mutual Care*

Empty Nesters Lunch
Sunday, October 13 @ noon

FMC will host an Oktoberfest lunch for the Empty Nesters following the 10:45 service in the fellowship hall. Come and enjoy German dishes and brats and fellowship!



Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

It's Fall!

Camelias beginning to bloom, a chill in the evening air, and football games, these are a few of the things that may remind you of Fall.

We at the CDC have been busy celebrating with many opportunities to explore nature and the wonders of watching Hope Grow.

We have welcomed a few new families to the center, bringing with them a sense of unity and belonging.

Our 3- and 4-year-olds had a big day when they took a field trip to sing a few chapel songs and wished a Very Happy 100th Birthday to Mr. Vernon Brantley! Pastor Eric joined them, and even drove one of the busses this was a very exciting day indeed! What a blessing to see the joy in such simple things.

Our annual CDC Sunday was this month, and what an outpouring of support from a few families that chose to stand up and share their stories of how LSLC-CDC has impacted their lives. Sharing our stories is a vital piece of letting others know how hope is growing. We are grateful and honored to have such support from our families and community. We have welcomed a few new staff in the past months and look forward to seeing many more new faces in the near future. Thank you for your continued support, love and prayers.

As we continue to move ahead into our next season of the year, we in the CDC are excited to celebrate these changes with decorating Fall Themed T-shirts, prepping to visit our senior friends at the Rice Estates for Halloween, and having fun at Trunk -or Treat.

We continue to be blessed with being a part of the exciting ministry that is LSLC-CDC!

Wishing you well,

Tammy

LS Child Development Center Sunday



Notes from: *Good News Team*

You're invited to



New Place: Random Tap, 117 Spears Creek Church Rd, Elgin, SC 29045

New Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2024
6:30-8:30pm NEW TIME!
Kitchen is open from 4-9pm!
Bar will serve beer, wine, & cider!

Rush Hour Ministry *Tuesday, October 29 @ 445 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 4:45pm 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
"Light in the Garden" read by Pr. Carl & Pastor Eric
"The Promise" read by Steve Padgett & Pr. Carl
"In the Pit" read by John Imbert, Seminarian Jace Martinez & pastors
"Reconciliation for Lots of Hurt!" read by Hunter Prest

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.

What's one easy way for you to share Jesus' Good News today, tomorrow and the next, and the next?

Simply share Living Springs' Facebook, Instagram, Threads and YouTube pages or re-tweet Living Springs' tweets (X) onto your social media pages! Social media is designed to spread messages out like roots from a divine tree!

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Notes from: *Emotional - Mental Wellness*

NEXT EVENT: LS Emotional-Mental Wellness 2024-25 Series
Sunday, October 6, 9:20-10:20, LS Fellowship Hall
"Caregiving & Support for Journeys with Alzheimer's/Dementia"
Alzheimer's Association, SC Chapter



We are very excited to welcome our guest leader/speaker who will share insights & resources for all those who walk with others (or ourselves) in this journey of challenge, struggle, and love. Invite Neighbors & Friends! Onlink link is also available:



Living Springs Emotional/Mental Wellness Support Fund

For assistance, please see Pastor Eric or Pastor Carl.



Notes from: *Mission Partnership Team*

Cristo Rey - Worship & Lunch on the Lake



LS Ministries with Cristo Rey! *Sunday, October 6 @ 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 20 children. Volunteers meet at LS at 4:15 and carpool. The children speak English, so Spanish is not a requirement.

Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

"God's Work. Our Hands"



The Hope Team thanks everyone that participated in the meatloaf dinner - from working in the kitchen, assembling, making desserts, planning, delivering, making cards -- what a blessing to Living Springs and all the recipients of the meal.

Ms Meyers from Children's Hospital met us on her day off to make sure 40 meals were delivered to patients, parents, and staff and sincerely thanked us for reaching out to them.

Pastor Oscar also thanked and blessed us for providing a meal to the homeless. A few people skipped their pancake meal when they were told a meatloaf dinner was in the regular lunch bag and made me smile when I saw the eyes bug open wide when they were told of the meal. There is a lot of time and effort required to put an event together, but the end result is the joy of giving.

Rice Estate Gathering



TRUNK OR TREAT *Sunday, October 27 from 4 to 6:30 pm*

Circle up the decorated trunks on Sunday, October 27 from 4 to 6:30 pm and participate in passing treats out to our community neighbors, CDC, and church members! I love to watch the cute little goblins as they walk around with their bags, ending up with Martin Luther nailing a message to the door! If you aren't able to decorate a trunk, you will be able to donate candy - there will be a basket in the admin building. Extra added attraction is a bounce house for the kiddies and Lutheran Men will have bratwursts available for purchase.



WITTING TREE NOV. 1 THRU NOV. 11

What is a Witting Tree? Witting means done in full awareness - each November 1 thru November 11, we hang 22 dog tags on a tree to remember (or bring awareness) to the fact that 22 veterans take their own lives each day. There is a short devotion and then we hang the dog tags - join us on any of the days. The schedule will be posted in the e-news.

IT'S TIME TO BE MERRY! SHOEBOXES FOR SENIORS

Taking care of seniors! Once again this year, the Hope team agreed to collect shoeboxes for seniors - pick a box up (or 2 or 3) in the admin building and return by Advent Palooza (Dec. 1). Last year we collected 109 - can we make it 115 this year?



Here is what you need to know:

- Fill the box with new unopened gifts. **Please do not include items that may leak, melt, or break. Please use the box provided.**
- Suggestions: calendar, stamps, socks, scarf, gloves, magazines, books, puzzles, crossword, lotions, nightlights, shampoos, body wash, flashlights, giftcards. **Please add only gender neutral items.**
- Decorate the box or write words of encouragement. **Do not wrap the boxes.**

RICE ESTATE DINNER October 19 at 5 pm

The Rice Estate residents 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.

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.

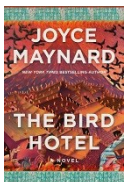
Both of these outreach events can be funded monetarily.



Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

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. Light refreshments will be served.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays @ 10:30, Katie Room or Online

Our book is *Messy People* by Jennifer Cowart - 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#

Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

Listening Process Underway

The annual Justice Ministry Listening Process began in September and continues in October. At Living Springs House Meetings we gather to talk about the problems that we see in our community that make life difficult for our neighbors and ourselves. We share what concerns us, what worries or angers us, or what keeps us awake at night. Similar House Meetings are also happening in 27 other MORE Justice congregations here in the Midlands.

On Monday, October 28th, at 6:30 pm, all of the MORE Justice congregations will meet at Incarnation Lutheran Church to vote on which community problem to address this coming year. We will get reports on what concerns were raised at the dozens of House Meetings across Columbia, we will hear from people affected by these problems, and we will discuss together what God is calling us to do. In past years we have voted to address problems of the lack of affordable housing, food insecurity, gun violence in our neighborhoods, and care for those with mental illness. We continue working in these areas and monitor the changes that are occurring and progress that we are making. At the October 28th Community Problems Assembly we will assess where we are with these existing issues and discern what's next for Justice Ministry.

All Living Springs members and friends are encouraged to participate in this sacred Listening Process of House Meetings. Find one that fits your schedule:

Jim and Peg Zieche

Monday, October 14, 6:30 pm

Alternate Session – LS Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 20, 9:20 am

Also mark your calendar to attend the Justice "Community Problems Assembly" on Monday, October 28th, 6:30 pm at Incarnation Lutheran Church. Car pools and buses available from LS.



Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*

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

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Bondage, Freedom, Passing thru Waters, Wilderness Challenges



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"Streams of Light" Trinity Water Bottle 2024-2025 Devotional Focus Item *Pick up your October Sticker this Today!*



If you weren't able to get your "Streams of Light" Trinity water bottle, we have one for you! You can pick one up today or stop by the office during the week. ****Mark your calendars for future focus stickers: , Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, Apr. 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, Aug. 3.**



Sunday Adult Bible Class

Meets in the Fellowship Hall and Online at 9:20

Join us as we take a deeper look at scripture readings that are used in the worship service each Sunday. All are welcome to join as we ask "What is God saying to us in the lesson." Facilitator – Helen Doerpinghaus

Google Meet:

meet.google.com/zkz-tzgp-seu

Or **dial:** +1 323-515-9597 (PIN: 776209519)

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Meets on Tuesdays at 6pm

Want to join in? If so, just contact Steve Bloss at sbloss1947@gmail.com or at 803-467-8287 to be added to the Google Meet invitations and to receive notes for each weekly readings.

Google Meet:

<https://meet.google.com/zao-uddc-uhy>

Or **dial:** 260-227-7312 PIN: 504568319#

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Bibles & Biscuits Men's Bible Study *2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 7am*

We meet twice a month on the second and fourth Thursday in the fellowship hall. This is a great time of study and fellowship so we can go and share God's word!

Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

ANIMAL BLESSING & REMEMBRANCE *Today, Drop-in 2-4 pm*

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



Worship Helpers Refresher/Training Session

First Sunday of the month after each service

This is an invite to all disciples of Living Springs. **Shine your light** by participating in a role - Usher, Lector, Assisting Minister, Welcome Table, Communion Assistant, Acolyte, Crucifer, Parking Lot Usher, Counter Volunteer, Altar Guild, Coffee & Refreshment. Training will be offered the first Sunday of the month after each service in the sanctuary and will include help with the Ministry Scheduler Pro app (our scheduling program). For more info, see Jim Zieche or Karen Kranz.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY PRAYERS

November 3

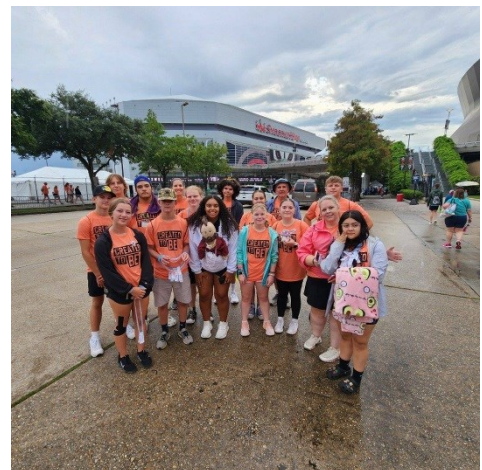
It is our tradition to remember those who have died in the past year in our prayers on All Saints Sunday, November 5. If you would like us to remember a friend or family member, please let Lisa Petty in the office know or fill out a form found on the welcome table by October 30..



Notes from: *Sr. Youth*

Youth Ministry at Living Springs

- October 6: Confirmation Class**
- October 9: Sr. Youth Gathering (Random Tap)**
- October 13: Jr. Youth Gathering**
- October 16: Sr. Youth Gathering (Salsarita's)**
- October 18-19: Sr. Youth Lock-in & State Fair**
- October 20: Youth Sunday**
- October 20: Confirmation Class**
- October 23: Sr. Youth Gathering (Five Guys)**
- October 27: Trunk or Treat**
- October 31: Sr. Youth Gathering (Flores)**



Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

LMM Sunday *October 13, 2024*

Living Springs Lutheran Men will be leading both worship services on Sunday October 13th. There will be a guest speaker from SCLMM. If you are able to help with either service, please contact Bob Turnmire. We will need assisting ministers, ushers, lectors, crucifers, acolytes and welcome table attendant for both services as well as someone to provide the Children's Sermon for the 10:30 service.

Living Springs Corn Hole tournament to support the Shannon Long Mission Fund *Saturday October 19, 2024*

Living Springs LMM will be hosting a Corn Hole tournament with all proceeds contributed to the Shannon Long Mission Fund. These funds are used annually to provide assistance to a mission church designated as the Living Springs Mission partner. We need participants for the tournament.

The tournament will be held at Random Tap at 117 Spears Creek Church Rd., Elgin, SC. Entry Fees are \$20 per two person team. Registration will begin at 10:00am and the bags will begin flying at 11:00. We will also be accepting sponsorships for the tournament from individual and local businesses. Sponsorship opportunities are available for \$25, \$50 or \$100 donations. Signs will be printed and posted during the tournament.



Trunk or Treat *Sunday October 27, 2024*

During the annual Trunk or Treat celebration, the men of Living Springs will again provide brats, hot dogs and sides for the event. This is our annual fund raising opportunity for LMM.

Committee of 100 Banquet *Monday November 11, 2024*

Living Springs will be hosting the annual Committee of 100 Banquet for the Midlands Conference of SCLMM. This is an event to honor all members of the Committee of 100 in the Midlands. This year, we will be inviting all current and veterans of our Military as special guests for the banquet. There will be an excellent meal provided, a guest speaker and some entertainment from the Disciples of Harmony. Fellowship will begin at 6:00 with the meal being served at 6:30.

For information on how you can help with any of the LMM events, or if you have any questions, please contact Bob Turnmire at bob.turnmire@gmail.com or 803.386.5526.

LS Football Devotion Ministry

We will need 4-5 helpers for each pre-game meal, usually around 3-4pm, but time varies depending on home/away game, etc. Go ahead and check your calendars to see which Thursdays you could help serve food and/or help with supplies/prep. For each meal, we also need 100 pre-packaged cookies or desserts. You can bring to church by the morning of game day.

**You can also adopt a week and make a monetary donation for supplies/food/cookies/etc.*

**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!

Streams of God's Light



We would love your pictures of Streams of God's light. Please share them on social media and tag us or send them to the Lisa when you get them. Provide a God Moment story if one goes with the pic!



Boy Scout Troop #737 Court of Honor



Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

LS Fall Clean up and Work Day

October 12th: Drop in from 8:30 AM – Noon

We'll start at 8:30 but come when you can and help with whatever, as little/long as you can. No skills required - all ages welcome! We will be washing windows and polishing wood items in the sanctuary, plus sprucing up outdoors. Feel free to bring your hedge clippers, rakes, shovels, weed eaters.

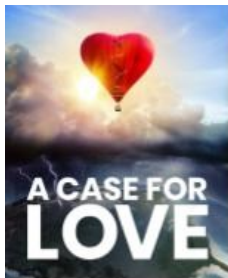
Member Welcome & Info Session

We welcome new members today. Plans are now being made for our another Member Welcome Blessing (and info class) to welcome persons into Christ's family of faith here at LS soon. If interested - or if you would like to know more about LS and our faith as Lutheran Christians - please see Pastor Eric or Pastor Carl, or call the office.



Opportunities Outside Living Springs A Case for Love

AVAILABLE NOW ON ALL CABLE, SATELLITE, AND DIGITAL RENTAL OUTLETS!



Film created by Episcopal Presiding Bishop Michael Curry who sought out to define **Unselfish Love** and provide stories to portray this unique concept of giving without ever expecting anything in return. Small acts of kindness can turn into massive change!!



Below are some quotes & pictures of ordinary persons doing extraordinary acts of of "unselfish love"!

Watch the Trailer for the movie here:

https://www.fathomevents.com/events/a-case-for-love?mc_cid=1f4eeaaae7@mc_cid=4314c50a11



"Hate comes from confusion. If you aren't confused then you know life is beautiful!"



"Acts of kindness every day are needed. Acts create habits and habits create change!"



"For people who have been through trauma...just listen to them. LISTEN. That's unconditional love."



Fear, hatred and violence have exploded.

"People respond quickly with hate because there's no time for reflection."



"It's OK to get help. It's OK to say you need help. That's when healing begins."



Healed people heal people."

[Kindness.org/stories](https://www.kindness.org/stories)



"Kids learn hatred from their own home environment."

"Healthy human community is life-giving!"



"Love is an emotion. Love is a choice."





Trailblazers

Helping Children Explore the Bible

How do we read the Bible? How do we look up a Bible verse?

Why is there an Old Testament and a New Testament? At Trailblazers, your grade schooler will explore the answers to questions like these and many more!



During this fun, faith-filled weekend, we will explore our Bibles, play games, canoe, do archery, make crafts, and enjoy campfires! Your child won't want to miss this fun and impactful weekend. You may send your child on their own, with a friend, or with their church group. Adult

Trailblazers is for children in Grades 1-5.

Dates

November 15-17, 2024

REGISTER!

Luther Springs Camp & Conference Center
264 Vause Lake Rd, Hawthorne, FL 32640



Geek Camp

An exciting new retreat for adults

Geeks Assemble!

If you like sci-fi, fantasy, role playing games, D&D, board games, comics and graphic novels, anime and/or gaming, then this retreat and fellowship is for you. We will have time to explore our fandoms and the big questions that revolve around them, as well as spending time out in nature and around Asheville.



Whether you are a lifelong geek or just getting into geeky things, all levels of experience and geek credentials are welcome! Everyone geeks out on something. Come experience a time apart and make new, like-minded friends at Geek Camp this Fall!

Dates: November 10-13, 2024

Register

October 2024

MAIN SUNDAY SCHEDULE
1030A WORSHIP (Sanctuary/ Online/Parking Lot) - includes Children's GIFT Faith Experiences (Growing in Faith Together!)

815A WORSHIP (Sanctuary)
 9:20A Adult Faith Formation

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6 *See box above</p> <p>Member Welcome Sunday After Services—Worship Helpers Training</p> <p>9:20 Emotional-Mental Wellness: Caregiving for Alzheimer's/Dementia 1:2P Confirmation Class</p> <p>2-4P Animal Blessing & Remembrance 4P Girls Scouts 5P Cristo Rey (carpool 415)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels 6P JM Team Leader Assembly (Reid Chapel) 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop #737</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 530P Finance Team 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10A Preschool Bible Time 1030A Ladies Bible Study 12 "Streams of Light" Posted 3:30P Afrschool Bible Time 5:15P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 6:30P Sr. Youth (Random Tap) 630-830P Beer 'n Hymns</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7A Men's Bible & Biscuits TBA-Football Ministry 3:30P Backpack Food Bags 6:30P Recovery Comes First 6:30P LSCDC Board</p>	<p>11</p> <p>"700 Items in 7 Days" Disaster Bucket Drive</p>	<p>12</p> <p>830A-12N LS Fall Volunteer Workday 930A Crafty Ladies 2P HOA Meeting</p>
<p>13 *See box above</p> <p>Lutheran Men's Sunday After Services - Backpack Food Ministry 1:2P Empty Nester Lunch 1:2P Jr. Youth Faith Formation 2P Ladies Book Club 4P Exec Team 4P Girls Scouts</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels 630P Justice Min. House Mtg (Zieche) 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Fellowship/Mutual Care 7P Boy Scout Troop #737</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10A Preschool Bible Time 1030A Pastor Bible Study 12 "Streams of Light" Posted 3:30P Afrschool Bible Time 5:15P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 6:30P Sr. Youth (Salsarita's)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>TBA-Football Ministry 6:30P Recovery Comes First 7P Council Children's Hospital Meal</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Sr. Youth Lock-In/State Fair 10/18-10/19</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11A LS Mission Fund Cornhole Tournament (Random Tap) 5P Rice Estate Dinner (Set-up @ 3P)</p>
<p>20 *See box above</p> <p>Youth Sunday 9:20 Justice Min House Mtg (LS) 1:2P Confirmation Class 4P Girls Scouts</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels 630P Worship Team 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop #737</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 6P Facilities Team 7P Handbells</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10A Preschool Bible Time 1030A Ladies Bible Study 12 "Streams of Light" Posted 3:30P Afrschool Bible Time 5:15P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 6:30P Sr. Youth (Five Guys)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7A Men's Bible & Biscuits TBA-Football Ministry 3:30P Backpack Food Bags 6:30P Recovery Comes First Celebration, Fellowship Hall Palmetto Place Meal</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8A Men's Breakfast 930A Crafty Ladies</p>
<p>27 *See box above</p> <p>Reformation Sunday After Services - Backpack Food Ministry 9:20A "Streams of Light" Pastor Bible Time 4P Trunk 'r Treat 4P Girl Scouts</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Justice Community Problems Assembly (Incarnation) 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop #737</p>	<p>29</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 445P Rush Hour Ministry 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10A Preschool Bible Time 1030A Ladies Bible Study 12 "Streams of Light" Posted 3:30P Afrschool Bible Time 5:15P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir</p>	<p>31</p> <p>TBA-Football Ministry 6:30P Recovery Comes First 6:30P Sr. Youth (Flores)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>TBA Witting Tree</p>	<p>2</p> <p>TBA Witting Tree</p>

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

October 1	Addi Hayden	October 12	♥ Rocky & Jan Berger
October 3	Wesley Graves	October 19	Aaron Smith
	♥ Ed & Kathy Brennan	October 20	Anna Graves
October 4	Roger Schwind	October 21	Jerry Appleton
October 5	Vickie Crapps	October 22	Rachel Sorial
October 7	Lee Collins	October 24	Dea Jones
	♥ Jim & Peg Zieche	October 26	Adriana McMurphy
October 9	Eddie Newton		Laura Stuart
October 10	♥ Mike & Sarah Schultz	October 28	Nancy Kauffman
October 11	Raegan Prest		



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!



October 1	Jerry Appleton
	Ed Rivera
October 2	Ashley Sanders
October 14	Eric Fink
October 20	Nowell Ramsey
October 28	Jan Epperson



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