

The Living Springs Journal

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

November 2024



November - "Let Gratitude Be Your Pillow..." (from Pastor Eric)

ADULT FAITH MILESTONE: "Lunch 'n Learn" Nov. 3, "Brunch 'n Learn" Nov. 17

"Streams of Light" Pastor Study Time: 11/13 @ 9:20; Online Discussions: Wednesday Postings @ Noon



Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge ... to overcome evil and welcome good! - Maya Angelou

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. - Melody Beattie

Over the years, at various times, I have previously shared these three surrounding quotes (from Melody Beattie, Maya Angelou, and Psalm 126). And yet, they continue to speak to me (and hopefully to you) in this month of Thanksgiving, so much so that I wanted to lift them up altogether in one space.

In our monthly Scripture readings (*now focusing on streams of God's light shining through the clouds & challenges of life*), we find multiple stories of faithful people who live in deep gratitude because of the strength, grace, and blessing which came from God's

constant presence & steadfast faithfulness—even in spite of many difficult situations they were facing. And thanks be to God, this same blessing of God's constant presence & steadfast faithfulness remains for us, even 2000-3000 years later! It is this gift of truth & love, confirmed in the grace of Jesus, that gives us the strength to live a life of ultimate gratitude, no matter what is happening in the world or in our own lives!

In October, we had so many occasions to experience the joy of a spirit of gratitude: *Youth Sunday; Women's Faith Retreat; Men's Ministry Sunday; "700 in 7 Days" Disaster Kit Drive & Helene Disaster Offering; Annual Animal Blessing & Remembrance; Rush Hour ministry; community Trunk 'r Treat; Football Devotion Ministry;*

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*** ANNUAL CONG. MEETING, NOV. 10 *
9:10-10:25 in the Sanctuary**

*** INTENT SUNDAY, NOV. 24 ***
During worship at 8:15 & 10:30, we offer our Intent Cards...to be streams of God's radiant light with our giving of love!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, Nov. 3
ELECTION PRAYER SERVICES, Nov. 4 & 5
FAITH MILESTONE CLASSES, Nov. 3 & 17
VETERANS SUNDAY, Nov. 17
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY, Nov. 24
NE THANKSGIVING WORSHIP, Nov. 25
VETERANS WITTING TREE, Nov. 1-11
EMOTIONAL-MENTAL WELLNESS, Nov. 3
CRISTO REY MINISTRY, Nov. 3
JUSTICE RESEARCH KICKOFF, Nov. 4
SUNDAY BACKPACKS, Nov. 10 & 17
LUTHERAN MEN'S BANQUET, Nov. 11
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEAL, Nov. 21
PALMETTO PLACE MEAL, Nov. 21
ADVENT-PALOOZA, Dec. 1
MEALS-ON-WHEELS, each Mon & Tue
NA RECOVERY FIRST, each Mon & Thu



From the Desk of Pastor Carl



Hello Everyone,

October has been another action-packed month as we rolled into the Fall of the year. Our "Streams of Light" – "Let's Shine God's Light Together" ministry focus area is moving with powerful input throughout the congregation.

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

- Our confirmation classes are in full swing with the Old Testament and stories of the past, Adam and Eve, The Fall, Cain and Able, Abraham, Joseph and Moses. Talk about conversations and excitement from the kids and their perspective is impressive.
- Our Jr. youth met on October 13th after church, and we continued our time together by recapping the beginning with the reading and a video that helped to explain how it all started, the creation of humankind, and the Fall/ First Sin. We ended with a question, where did all the people come from?
- We continue to have two expressions of faith formation with our Child Development Center on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I follow the gospel lesson on Tuesdays, and Pastor Eric has a programmed study plan for them on Wednesdays. It is always a blessing to see them shine like little rays of sunshine that flow from heaven.
- 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 help them

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Reformation Sunday worship; fall cleanup fellowship Workday; community Beer 'n Hymns; Cornhole Tournament for LS Mission Partner Fund; Rice Estate Supper; Empty Nesters Oktoberfest Lunch; Justice Ministry Community Problems Assembly; Member Welcome Sunday, and so much more!

Now, in November, this month of Thanksgiving, we continue with yet more opportunities to have our hearts & minds more fully immersed in gratitude to God, which allows us to live with a spirit of joy in all things:

- **All Saints Sunday (Nov. 3)** - gratitude for all who have passed to life in the Church Triumphant, and our own baptismal calling in life!
- **Election Prayer Services (Nov. 4 & 5)** - gratitude for our freedom and God's direction for our nation!
- **LS Annual Cong. Meeting (Nov. 10)** - gratitude for all the ways God works through this amazing community of disciples!
- **"Radiant Streams of Grace" Faith Milestone (Nov. 3 & 17)** - gratitude to grow in our faith, to care & share with grace!
- **Witting Tree (Nov. 1-11) & Veterans Recognition (Nov. 17)** - gratitude for all who have suffered, sacrificed, and served!
- **LS "Radiant Giving" Intent Sunday (Nov. 24)** - gratitude to shine God's light through our intents of faithful giving in love for God!
- **NE Community Thanksgiving Worship (Nov. 25)** - gratitude with our neighbors in worship & thanks for all God's blessings in life!

Life in this hurting world can at times seem overwhelming—and yet, everything we do as a community of disciples comes to us as a gift of the Spirit, to help us know more deeply the love of God through Jesus—and thus have reason to be set free from worry to live with a spirit of joyful gratitude. So, this month and always, let gratitude be your pillow ... and rejoice that the Lord has indeed done great things! With deep, deep gratitude for the light of Christ shining in each of you, *Pastor Eric*

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LS ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

Sunday, Nov. 10 9:10-10:25 (between worship services)

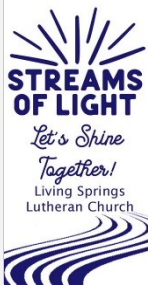
Please attend & arrive on time—a quorum is required! Council Elections, 2025 Spending Plan

Online option, if necessary: meet.google.com/mgb-mgeh-cyw Or dial: (US) +1 352-432-8534 PIN: 189 917 544#

INFO / Q&A SESSIONS offered Oct. 27 & Nov. 3 (between services)

[Click HERE](#) for Spending Plan summary. For nominees and council bios, [click HERE](#).

Please come ask questions at these sessions if needed, so that our Meeting can flow quickly on Nov. 10th.



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

BE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR NOVEMBER WATER BOTTLE STICKER!

**November Bible Reading Focus: Ruth 1-4; I Samuel 1-3,16-24; I Kings 17-19; II Kings 2-5
 Faithfulness, Prayer, Inner Heart, Compassion & Hope**

In these stories, where do you see a whole spectrum of God's light shining through the clouds of life's challenges?



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.

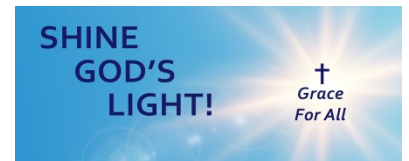
MINISTERING TO, AND PARTNERING WITH, OUR NEIGHBORS to serve others and offer hope... through feeding ministries, justice ministry, and other crisis ministries.

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



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.”** By the time you read this, our football time will be over, but we will continue to be in prayer for these young men, the trainers, coaches, and staff.

- We had our fall youth lock-in / Youth Sunday, and let's say that the experience from Friday's lock-in to Sunday morning worship was amazing. The youth showed up, the Spirit moved, we sang, learned a new song, heard the Word, and shared a meal together.
- We had a good Reformation Sunday morning and a remarkable Trunk or Treat event that evening. We showed up, and people came. The time we spent together sharing with the community was a sight to see.
- On October 31, the Flores Family held their annual spooky Halloween event, which was so good. You had to be there to see it. So, next year, please come out and see how well this is put together for the community.

Overall, October was a joy-filled, faith-fueled adventure! With the State Fair, the Sr. Youth Lock-In, and Reformation Day, we had multiple opportunities to shine the light of Christ even brighter! Well, that's all for now. I look forward to what will happen next.....

Pastor C.D. Taylor



God's Corner



Living Springs Family,

I am so thankful for you, my church family, during my knee surgery and recovery. It has been a blessing to receive your cards, phone calls, and wonderful meals during my recovery.

A special thanks to Gay Walters for the overnight stays and many meals, Sue Hyman and Cathy Lowman for being my taxi, personal shoppers, and dog walker, Shirl and her sister Joyce for a lovely dinner including the flowers! Trish Davidson (Mutual Care) for the delicious Lasagna, and Pastor Eric for his prayers and check-up calls.

I am so blessed, Thanks be to God.

Linda Hayes



Thank you so much for coming to support us at our BBQ dinner! It was such a joy to be together and we were overwhelmed by all of the love and support of those gathered. This ministry is creating transformable impacts and experiences in our lives and we are endlessly grateful for it! Thanks again for your generosity, love, and prayers!

God's Peace,

The Students of Gamecock Lutheran

Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Greetings as we find ourselves in a new season,

We take our cues from the world around us and nature has a sure and steady way of reminding us that as time ticks, seasons change and with change comes growth.

Shorter days, a chill in the air, autumnal colors blanketing the trees and ground as leaves fall, all subtle reminders that fall has indeed arrived.

This is always a fun and exciting time in the C.D.C. as we gear up for new adventures, learning opportunities and ways to share our love with the world.

Stuffedies and Sanitizer and Notebooks OH MY! Our families collected nearly 300 items for the Disaster Relief Comfort Kits.

We've been busy making cards for loved ones; Grandparents Day, Ms. Sherry and Veterans.

Some our recent adventures have included a visit to the NE Methodist church pumpkin patch and story time, making leaf piles on the playground to jump in, and our older classrooms taking the opportunity to celebrate Halloween with our Senior Friends at The Rice Estates.

It's these simple moments in time when we are reminded of how far our hope extends to others as we plant seeds of love in the people, community and world we share.

Be kind, be gracious and know that you are loved.

Wishing you well, Tammy and CDC Staff

Halloween



Notes from: *Emotional - Mental Wellness*

2024-25 LS Emotional-Mental Wellness Series
Sunday, November 3

9:20-10:20, LS Fellowship Hall

"Resources for Grief & Stress in the Upcoming Holiday Season"

We are very excited to welcome our own Rev. Zeke Hanford (Crisis Counselor). Invite Neighbors & Friends! Online link is also available:

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



Living Springs Emotional/Mental Wellness Support Fund

For assistance, please see Pastor Eric or Pastor Carl.



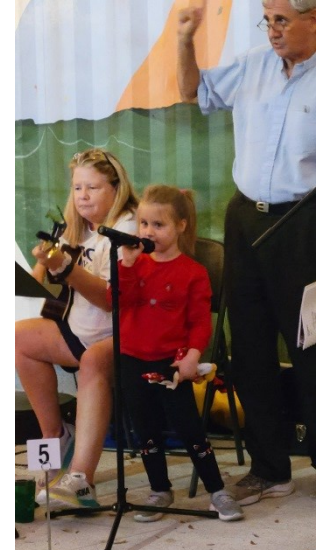
Notes from: *Fellowship & Mutual Care*

Empty Nesters Lunch



Notes from: *Good News Team*

Beer & Hymns



Rush Hour Ministry



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

"New Life in the Midst of Hatred & Oppression"
Featuring Pr. Carl, Steve Padgett & Pr. Eric

"Light Shining through the Waters" read by Raegan Prest

"Food for the Journey" read by Bob Gill

"Losing Faith Amid the Wilderness" read by Dawn Willingham



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!

Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

Delivery of LS Disaster Buckets



Thank you to all who participated in the clean-up bucket collection. We ended up with at least ten completed buckets and plenty of extra items to complete more. Pastor Eric & Pastor Carl were able to deliver the buckets to Luther-Ridge.

IT'S TIME TO BE MERRY! SHOEBOXES FOR SENIORS

Our Meals on Wheels seniors will be receiving a shoebox full of holiday joy! Pick up a box in the admin building (please use the box provided) and fill it with new unopened gifts. **Please do not include items that may leak, melt, or break.** Suggestions: calendar, stamps, socks, shampoo, gloves, scarf, puzzles, flashlights, gift cards (only gender neutral items). Decorate the box or write words of encouragement, but **do not wrap the boxes**. Return to LS by Advent Palooza (12/1).



BACKPACK FOOD MINISTRY - EXITING NEWS!!

We have been contacted by a previous social worker who has been transferred to another school about possibly providing ten (10) backpack bags for children in her newly assigned school that is not being sponsored by a community/church. The Hope Team unanimously agreed to add the bags to our current commitment which brings our Living Springs contribution to the Richland 2 backpack program to **80 bags** per week for **four schools** (Rice Creek (30); Joseph Keels (25); Blythewood Academy (15); and now Muller Road Middle (10).

Our current needs are all items: milk boxes, juice boxes, cereal, meat (we have enough ramen noodles), applesauce/fruit cups, pudding cups, cookies & snacks (individually wrapped) or monetary contributions accepted - indicated for the backpack program.



PALMETTO PLACE / CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEALS

Do you like to cook? Do you have a favorite dish that you would like to share? Once a month, we provide a meal for Samantha House (a Palmetto Place residence for young adults transitioning from the unaccompanied youth house), a temporary home for six young adults. It is on the fourth Thursday of the month (November will be November 21 because of Thanksgiving) and the menu changes each month, but is basically an entree, starch, vegetable and/or salad and a dessert. Contact Karen Kranz if you are interested in participating.

Children's Hospital meals are provided by Carolina Deli (Travis & Melanie Mooney) on the third Thursday and are funded by Living Springs - donations to this program are absolutely welcome - indicated on your donation to "Children's Hospital meals".

VETERANS REMEMBRANCE "WITTING" TREE

November 1-11

Our annual daily ceremony to raise awareness and remember veterans who have taken their own lives will begin Nov. 1 and continue thru Nov. 11. At each ceremony, we will hang 22 symbolic dog tags on the big tree out front, in remembrance of the number of veterans who take their own lives each day. Everyone is invited to participate at any/all of these times!

11/1 @ 11am, led by CDC

11/2 @ 11am

11/3 after 8:15 & 10:30 worship

11/4 @ 7pm, led by Boy Scouts

11/5 @ Noon Prayer Service

11/6 @ Noon (Bible Study), 6pm (DOH/Choir)

11/7 @ 11am, led by Good News

11/8 @ 3:30pm, led by CDC

11/9 @ 11am, led by Crafty Ladies

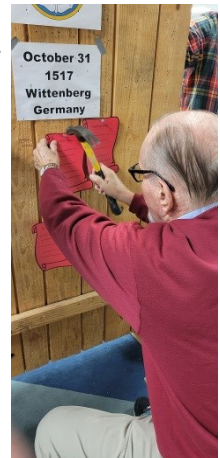
11/10 after 10:30 worship

11/11 @ 6:30 pm, led by Lutheran Men



RICE ESTATE DINNER

Our Rice Estate independent residents had an awesome time at the Oktoberfest dinner prepared exclusively for them. They always enjoy the meal and the activities Gail Buchanan creates for them. Nailing the posts to the Martin Luther door brought about a feat that even surprised them! Contact Gail if you would like to participate in this ministry that we do about once a quarter.



Thank you for your gift to Lutheran Services Carolinas. Your gift plays a vital role in empowering our North and South Carolina neighbors to live healthy, safe, and abundant lives. Because of donors like you, LSC was able to directly impact the lives of over 10,000 individuals in 2023.

Your contribution not only helps protect children from abuse and neglect, supports those with disabilities in achieving their highest level of independence, welcomes refugees as new Americans, and provides older adults with the care and support they deserve, but it also creates a ripple effect throughout the Carolinas. Each changed life inspires hope and fosters a stronger, more connected community, ultimately benefiting countless others.

We are so grateful for your partnership in this very important work.

Yours in Christ,

Ted W. Goins, Jr.

President

Lutheran Service Carolina

FALL GOODIE BAGS

Thanks Gwen, for delivering the thoughtful bag full of cheer! Charlie made fast work of enjoying the contents. Enjoyed your visit and hope we didn't keep you too long. Charlie & Rth Pollard

LOOKING FORWARD ...

Advent boxes - during Advent Palooza day, create your own box to collect food items during Advent for Christian Assistance Bridge.

Dove Tree: this year we will have ornaments on our tree to collect items for Lutheran Services Carolinas foster care program in addition to our local backpack program children.



Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*



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Light Lunch/Brunch Provided! Can't be in person? Lunch/brunch with us online:

meet.google.com/cqm-jjfs-sie

Or dial: (US) +1339-545-2172 PIN: 219 535 630#



Radiant Giving...Shining God's Light! is our theme for our generosity focus this year. It is a short five-word statement that says a whole lot about who God is and who we are as God's blessed children.

God's creation is a miracle of abundance and perfection.

God's light is a beacon of hope for all creatures who inhabit his creation.

God blessed us to be God's gardeners...caretakers of God's creation, practicing generosity, sharing God's light and taking care of each other.

Read, see and hear more in coming weeks....

Sunday, November 3rd, we have our first **Generosity Moment sharing** from Ashley Stoutland!

2025 Generosity Intents will be distributed starting next Sunday, Nov. 10.

Everyone, mark your calendar for **Living Springs Intent Sunday on Nov. 24!**

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE Class

Meets in the Fellowship Hall and Online at 9:20

Join us as we take a deeper look 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

Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

Almost 200 people of faith from across the Midlands came together at the MORE Justice Community Problem Assembly (CPA) on October 28th to address community problems that affect our neighbors and us. We prayed, sang, and talked about our call to do God's work (Micah 6:8) here in Columbia!

At the CPA we heard that in Sept/Oct there were a total of 40 House Meetings across our 27 Network Member Congregations covering over 300 stories of our neighbors in need. Short videos gave us a chance to hear from some of the people affected by these problems, and we heard how MORE Justice has been making a difference. Many problems surfaced in our House Meetings, but we found out that the two most common themes were the need for Affordable Housing and for Mental Healthcare.

A highlight of the CPA was voting on which community problem to focus on this year. Network members voted to focus on the lack of affordable housing by working with our sister justice organizations in Charleston and Greenville. This will be a new dimension to our housing work, and we are hopeful that by coordinating our efforts we can make more progress toward accessible and affordable housing for all. We will also continue to work on mental healthcare by monitoring certification of law enforcement officers in Crisis Intervention Training. Our work with reducing gun violence and food security will continue as well. The CPA assembly also voted to endorse Cover SC for Medicaid expansion.

On November 4th the MORE Justice research committees will meet to discuss next steps for our work this year. We will get updates on where we are with each campaign – housing, gun violence, mental healthcare, and food security. Everyone is invited to participate and be a part of developing plans for action.



Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

In addition to our Advent and Christmas services here at Living Springs, please mark your calendars for two special musical events in December:



Christmas Cantata

The Living Springs Choir and the choir of Northeast United Methodist (NEUMC) will combine to sing a beautiful Christmas cantata entitled "Candles and Carols." Musicians and choir members from Rehoboth Baptist Church, another of our partner churches, will also be part of this special time of community worship. The program will be on **Sunday, December 8 at 4:00 pm** at NEUMC, 4000 Hard Scrabble Rd, Columbia, SC 29223.

Christmas Caroling

Join with others in visiting the homes of some of our older and shut-in members for Christmas caroling on **Sunday, December 22 from 2-4 pm**. This is an opportunity to bring some Christmas light and joy to some of our friends unable to attend church in person. This can be a enjoyable experience for families, kids and youth too!



Youth Sunday!

What **amazing** worship services we had on Sunday, Oct. 20 led by our Senior Youth Group! These amazing young people worked very hard to plan, rehearse, and then provide leadership for all parts of both services! They selected and led all of the music, read the scripture, gave the adult and children's sermon, served communion, served as acolytes and crucifers—and more. We are **greatly** blessed to have these young people among us and to watch them grow in grace and knowledge. Many thanks to them, our youth leaders, Leslie and Pastor Carl, and all the parents who provide their support!



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY PRAYERS

November 3

On All Saints Sunday, it is our tradition to remember those who have died since the previous year's All Saints in our prayers (November 2023 - October 2024).



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Mark Your Calendars

Thanksgiving NE Community Worship
6:30PM @ Rehoboth, 4646 Hard Scrabble Rd

Watch the eNews and bulletins for more details.

Sanctuary Decorating for the Advent and Christmas Season

Saturday, December 7, 2024

Drop by and help between 9:00 a.m. and Noon

We have many tasks to complete to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas Seasons? Would you like to help? Not sure what needs to be done? We have LOTS of tasks to accomplish and with multiple hands, we can get it accomplished so much faster! Stop by for an hour . . . 30 minutes . . . or even 15 minutes and pick a project. Need to leave before it's finished? THAT'S OK! Someone else can pick up where you left off!

Oh . . . and bring the children by, even if it's just for a few minutes! Let me see the decorating. Let them take an ornament and hang it on the tree. Let them touch the Manager Scene and share the story of the Manager with them! AND . . . stop by and join us for a short and very special prayer/devotion moment around 11:00 am. Scriptures will be read. Where a very special ornament will be hung on the Christmas Tree. Usually hung by the youngest one there!

Join us and pick a project you'd like to help with:

- Unpack the decorations from the attic! (starts at 9:00 am)
- Putting up garland above the Font and Pulpit areas (starts around 9:15 am – this involves a ladder!)
- Putting lights on the Christmas Tree (starts around 9:30 am)
- Decorate the Tree with beautiful Chrismon ornaments (starts around 9:45 am - 10:00 a.m.)
- Fluffing wreaths (starts at 9:00 am)
- Putting Bows on wreaths (starts around 9:15 am)
- Hanging wreaths on windows (starts around 9:45 am)
- Hanging swags above the windows in the sanctuary (starts around 10:00 am)
- Decorating the planter in the sanctuary with red flowers (come any time!)
- Hanging fabric and decorating the Wooden Crosses in Sanctuary (starts around 9:30 a.m.)
- Hang wreaths in the Narthex (starts around 10 a.m.)
- Decorate the Manager Scene in the Narthex window (starts around 10:00 a.m.)
- Box up remaining decorations and return to the Attic (around 11:30 am)
- Vacuum the Sanctuary and Narthex as part of clean-up (around 11:30 am)

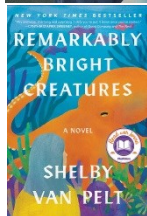


Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

God's Rockin' the Women's Retreat



Baskets for Kinard Manor Recovery



Ladies Book Club Sunday, December 8 @ 1pm

Our book for December is *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Our December gathering will be Sunday, December 8 at 1 pm at K-Pot located in the Sandhills mall.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday @ 10:30 am, Katie Room or Online

Our book is *Messy People* by Jennifer Cowart. Facilitator —Beverly Hoppert.

Google Meet:

<https://meet.google.com/crm-zcgt-bxx>
Or dial: 540-669-0687 PIN: 810 783 136#

Notes from: *Mission Partnership Team*

LS Ministries with Cristo Rey



Sunday, November 3 @ 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.



LS E-Outreach News

Since 2019, when she transitioned away from her Living Springs' Faith Formation position, we have been blessed to have Deacon Lexanne Graves serve as Living Springs E-Outreach Ministries Coordinator. After some time away from that role this summer, Deacon Lexanne has written that effective Oct. 2, she formally resigned from that position. She shares...

"I am extremely grateful for the trust that has been placed in me over the past fourteen years, the genuine relationships our family has cultivated, and your unwavering leadership to keep me grounded in God's work. Living Springs has been a tremendous blessing to our family and our fervent prayers will remain for its mission & vision in building God's church for the sake of the world."

Blessed to be a blessing, Deacon Lexanne Graves

During her work as E-Outreach Coordinator, Deacon Lexanne has also faithfully served as our SC Synod Vice-President, with that term concluding next summer. We are tremendously thankful for her ministry leadership here at Living Springs in both her Faith Formation call and E-Outreach Ministries position - and look forward to all the ways the Spirit will continue her ministry & leadership for Christ's church.

We are blessed that Lisa Petty will continue her summer role as E-Outreach Coordinator, as part of her work as overall Good News Coordinator. We continue to seek and recruit additional volunteers to help with our E-Outreach Ministries. If you may feel a Spirit-tug to be involved in, or learn more, about this wonderful ministry, please contact Lisa (or talk with our Lead Volunteer, Adam Woodruff!).



Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

Lutheran Men's Cornhole Tournament



Living Springs will be hosting the Midlands Conference Committee of 100 Banquet as a thank you to those who have made their commitments to the Committee of 100 of SC. This is an opportunity to learn more about the committee as well as join for 2024. The banquet will be held on Monday November 11th, with fellowship beginning at 6:00 and dinner and program to follow. Since this year's banquet is being held on Veteran's Day, all veterans and current military members are invited to join us as guests of the Midlands Conference.

Living Springs LMM will be supporting the Families Helping Families program to assist those families in need for the holidays. We will be sponsoring at least two families again this year. Please contact bob.turnmre@gmail.com for more information or call Bob at 803.386.5526 if you are interested in participating.

BIBLES & BISCUITS MEN'S BIBLE STUDY **2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 7am**

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

Notes from: *Sr. Youth*



Youth Ministry at Living Springs

November 3: Confirmation Class

November 6: Sr. Youth Gathering (Slim Chickens)

November 13: Sr. Youth Gathering (LSLC)

November 17: Confirmation Class

November 17: Jr. Youth Faith Formation

November 20: Sr. Youth Gathering (Whataburger)

November 26: Sr. Youth Gathering (LSLC)



Upcoming Opportunities at Living Springs

Mark Your Calendars!!
Living Nativity
December 14 and 15 at 7 pm

The full show Living Nativity is back! We are gearing up for our Living Nativity, Love is Born, to be held on December 14 and 15 at 7 pm. This is a unique opportunity to share the story of our Savior's birth with a wide audience. The simple costumes and real animals add to the authenticity of the time period. We are telling a story about real people living a wondrous experience they did not understand. It is our gift to the community, and based on past experiences, we know that it touches people in warm and unexpected ways, both in the community and among our congregation.

The sign-up form for various roles will be in the narthex for the next few weeks. We always need plenty of help! There is room for townspeople, shepherds, and angels, plus it takes a lot of help behind the scenes with scenery, tech, music, etc. If you are interested in participating, contact Dea Jones at 803-530-6203 or dejones@richland2.org.

We would love to have you be a part of this fun and meaningful experience!



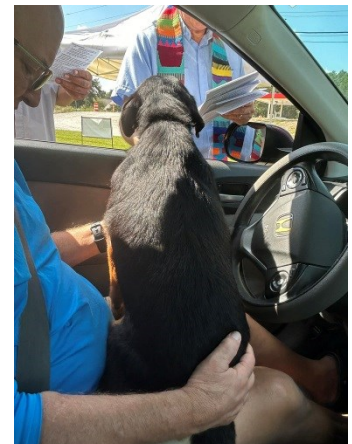
God At Work

Animal Blessing
& Remembrance



Linger Longer is an important ministry to me for two reasons. It speaks to one of our Ministry Focus goals of "Inviting, Welcoming and Celebrating Everyone"! It's also a personal ministry because years ago I ended up in a small town with no job, money or friends. I visited a local church and it was during their own "Linger Longer" after service that I met a kind woman and her daughter and they made a small but significant difference in my life. Linger Longer is my way of paying that kindness forward. We

never know when God will present an opportunity for us to be a shining light to someone. ~ **Mia Rapport**



Save the Date!



COMMUNITY OF CARE: COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP TO EMPOWER SENIORS

- Blastone Medical Services
- Physical Rehabilitation Group
- Recover All SC
- Elite Adult Day Care (Homecare)
- Right at Home
- Able SC
- Agape Care Group
- AETNA
- Richland County Sheriff's Department-Project Hope
- Department on Aging
- Special appearance by Orange Hopes Senior Initiative Pageant Queen 2024



NECEC
3RD ANNUAL SENIOR
EMPOWERMENT
EVENT

KILLIAN PARK GYM
1424 MARTHAN RD. BLYTHEWOOD, SC 29016

"EMPOWERING SENIORS THROUGH CIVIC ACTION AND ENGAGEMENT."

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT: 803.250.5373

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024 | 10:30AM - 1:00PM

Quilting Bee Retreat

Enjoy Fellowship and Creativity at Lutheranch

Join us for our annual Quilting Bee Retreat at Lutheranch.

Holly Anderson will return this year as our instructor. Holly is an internationally known instructor who is passionate about sharing her love of quilting with others.



Come enjoy this time of fellowship, make new friends, enjoy delicious meals, create beautiful new designs, and relax in the beautiful [McKanna-Sandrock Retreat Center](#).

Let the fun and creativity begin!

Dates:

February 3-6, 2025

REGISTER!

November 2024

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

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 *See box above</p> <p>All Saints Sunday</p> <p>920A Emotional-Mental Wellness Event: Resources for Grief/Stress in Holidays</p> <p>Between Services—Q&A/Info Session</p> <p>After Services—Witting Tree</p> <p>12P "Lunch 'n Learn" Faith Milestone</p> <p>12P Confirmation Class</p> <p>115P Confirmation Parents</p> <p>4P Girls Scouts</p> <p>5P Cristo Rey (carpool 415)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels</p> <p>6P Election Prayer Service</p> <p>7P Recovery Comes First</p> <p>7P LMM Committee of 100</p> <p>7P Boy Scout Troop #737</p> <p>7P Witting Tree (led by Boy Scouts)</p> <p>7P Exec Team</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8A-6P Sanctuary Open for Election Day Prayer</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels</p> <p>12 Election Prayer Service (+ Witting Tree)</p> <p>6P Adult Bible Study</p> <p>7P Handbells</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10A Preschool Bible Time</p> <p>1030A Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>12 Witting Tree</p> <p>12 "Streams of Light" Posted</p> <p>330P Afrschool Bible Time</p> <p>515P Disciples of Harmony</p> <p>6P Witting Tree (led by DOH/Choir)</p> <p>6P Choir</p> <p>6P Hope Ministry Team</p> <p>6P Girl Scout Parents Mtg</p> <p>630P Sr Youth (Slim Chickens)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11A Witting Tree (led by Good News Team)</p> <p>11A Good News Team</p> <p>330P Backpack Food Bags</p> <p>630P Recovery Comes First</p> <p>7P Lifelong Discipleship</p>	<p>1</p> <p>11A Witting Tree (led by CDC)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11A Witting Tree</p> <p>**Set your clocks back 1 hour before bedtime!!</p>	<p>9</p> <p>930A Crafty Ladies</p> <p>11A Witting Tree (led by Crafty Ladies)</p>
<p>10 *See box above</p> <p>910A Annual Meeting</p> <p>After 1030 - Backpack Food Ministry</p> <p>After 1030 - Witting Tree</p> <p>4P Girls Scouts</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels</p> <p>630P Witting Tree (led by Lutheran Men)</p> <p>630P Men's 100 Banquet</p> <p>7P Recovery Comes First</p> <p>7P Fellowship/Mutual Care</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels</p> <p>530P Finance</p> <p>6P Adult Bible Study</p> <p>7P Handbells</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10A Preschool Bible Time</p> <p>1030A Pastor Study Time</p> <p>12 "Streams of Light" Posted</p> <p>330P Afrschool Bible Time</p> <p>515P Disciples of Harmony</p> <p>6P Choir</p> <p>630P Sr Youth (LSLC)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7A Men's Bible & Biscuits</p> <p>630P Recovery Comes First</p> <p>630P LSCDC Board</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Newberry College Youth Day</p>	
<p>17 *See box above</p> <p>Veterans Recognition Sunday</p> <p>920A "Brunch 'n Learn" Faith Milestone</p> <p>After Services - Backpack Food Ministry</p> <p>12P Confirmation Class</p> <p>12P Jr. Youth Faith Formation</p> <p>4P Girls Scouts</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels</p> <p>630P Worship Team</p> <p>7P Recovery Comes First</p> <p>7P Boy Scout Troop #737</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels</p> <p>330P LSCDC Chapel</p> <p>6P Adult Bible Study</p> <p>7P Handbells</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1030A Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>12 "Streams of Light" Posted</p> <p>515P Disciples of Harmony</p> <p>6P Choir</p> <p>630P Sr Youth (Whataburger)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1130A LSCDC "Stone Soup" Lunch w/ Parents</p> <p>630P Recovery Comes First</p> <p>7P Council</p> <p>Children's Hospital Meal</p> <p>Palmerfo Place Meal</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8A Men's Breakfast</p> <p>930A Crafty Ladies</p>	
<p>24 *See box above</p> <p>Christ the King Sunday</p> <p>"Radiant Giving" LS Infant Sunday</p> <p>4P Girl Scouts</p>	<p>25</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels</p> <p>630P Thanksgiving NE Community Worship (Rehoboth)</p> <p>630P Eagle Scout Court of Honor</p> <p>7P Recovery Comes First</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels</p> <p>330P LSCDC Chapel</p> <p>6P Adult Bible Study</p> <p>6P Sr. Youth (LSLC)</p> <p>6P Facilities Team</p> <p>7P Handbells</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10A CDC Bible Time</p> <p>12 "Streams of Light" Posted</p>	<p>28 Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>Office & CDC closed</p> <p>630P Recovery Comes First</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Office & CDC closed</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Mark Your Calendars!</p> <p>Advent-Palooza, Dec. 1 (Sunday, 4-6P)</p>	

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

November 2 Chuck Kauffman
November 15 Sue Hyman
November 18 LaVone Griffin
 Shirl Schiffman
November 19 Becky Sides
November 20 Brenda Grohman
November 21 Janet Wedlock
 ♥ John & Barbara Imbert
November 23 Grady Smith

November 24 John Imbert
 Wayne Kannaday
 Mike & Trish Davidson
November 25 ♥ Chris & Ena Hagon
November 26 Steve Padgett
November 28 Sydnie Taylor
November 29 Kellie Snipes



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!

November 1 Daisy Rivera
November 2 Shirl Schiffman
November 3 Mia Rapport
November 9 Rylee Harris
November 11 Hunter Prest
November 13 Evelyn Long

November 18 Aaron Smith
November 22 Everett Snipes
 Karlene Stuart
November 26 Logan Smith
November 29 Helen Doerpinghaus

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