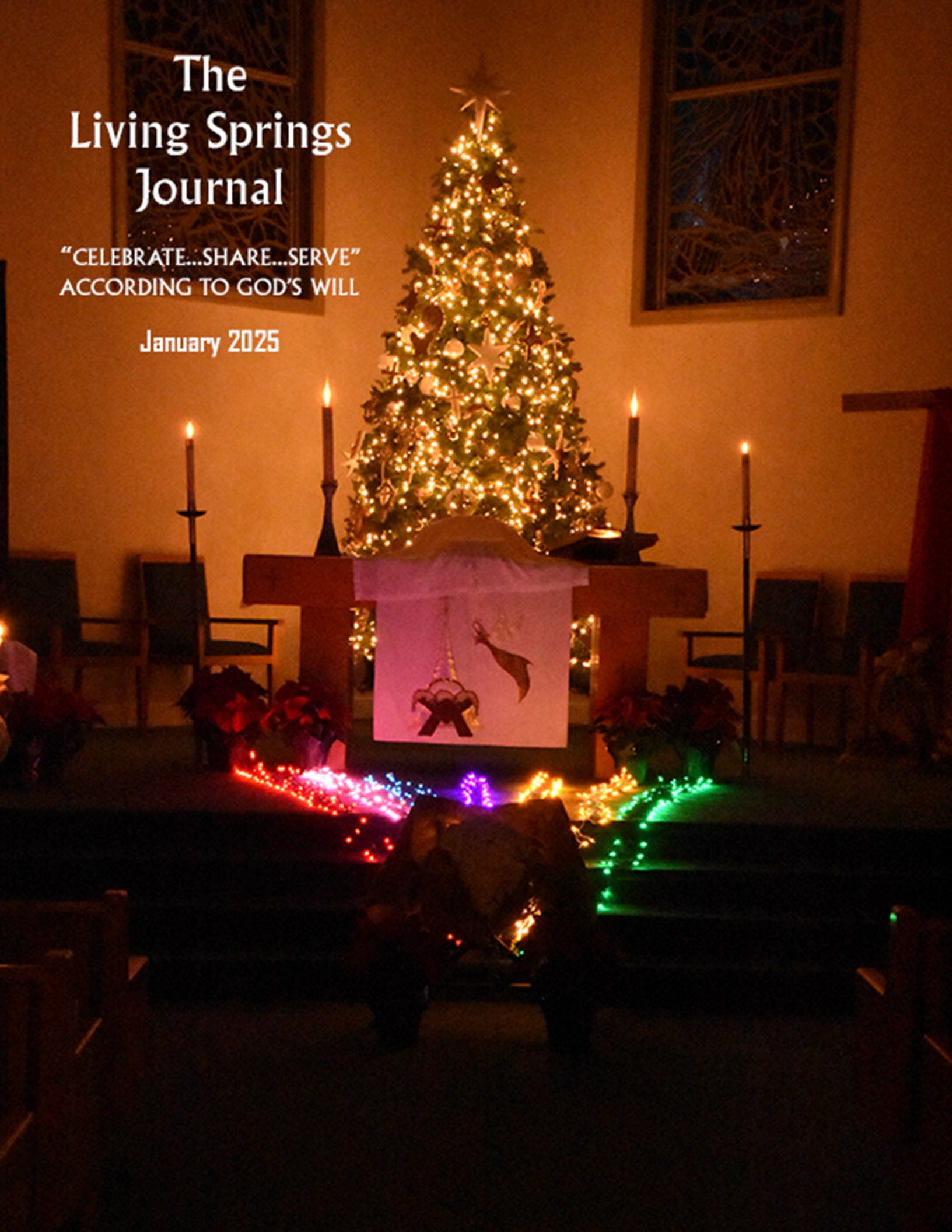


The Living Springs Journal

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

January 2025



“Streams of Christmas/Epiphany

“STREAMS OF LIGHT” Pastor Study Times:

Wed, 1/22 @ 10:30; Sunday, 1/26 @ 9:20

Reading/Discussion Online Postings: Wednesdays @ Noon

What a memorable sight—those streams of diverse, beautiful light emanating from the pure, bright light of the manger at our Christmas Eve worship! Did you miss them? If you were not able to attend our late Christmas Eve worship, I encourage you to take some time and find it on our LS YouTube channel (and share it with others)... the special music with cello, French horn, flute, guitar, handbells; the beautiful candle-lighting liturgy; the joint Christmas message from myself & Pr. Carl.

And yet, as those streams of light surprisingly lit up during the Christmas Eve message, in many ways, they were only symbols of all the streams of light that God allowed to shine here among us during the Advent-Christmas season. There were beautiful streams of God’s light of love and grace shining in and through:

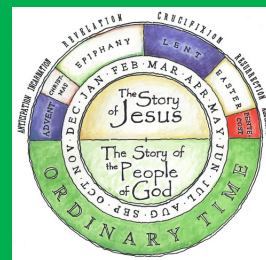
- Two amazing nights of the Outdoor Nativity (one in Spanish!);
- The incredible Children/Youth Sunday morning Christmas program;
- Christmas Caroling visits with the homebound;
- Hundreds of food items collected as “birthday gifts” for Jesus;
- Dozens of Dove tree gifts for foster children, recovery clients;
- Lutheran Men Christmas gifts for adopted families in need;
- Joint Community Choir Cantata with LS & Northeast UMC;
- Smiles & tears of joy for weary drivers at Rush Hour Ministry;
- Hundreds of December backpack food bags for school children;

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Luke 6:48



From the Desk of Pastor Carl



Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love:
The Miracle of Christmas

Siblings in Christ...

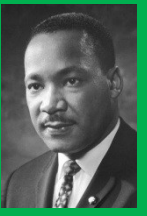
The miracle of Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus, whose entry into the world brought light and life to all humanity. Born in humble surroundings, His radiant light has shone brightly since that sacred night in Bethlehem, illuminating hearts and guiding souls with boundless love and enduring hope. Beyond the amazing grace God offers freely, the gift of Jesus represents the ultimate expression of God’s compassion and desire for all of us to know His presence and peace.

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**Annual
NE COMMUNITY
MLK SERVICE**

**Sunday, Jan. 26 @ 4PM
(hosted @ Living Springs)**



**Sponsored by Adams Northeast AME,
Rehoboth Baptist, Northeast UMC,
Living Springs Lutheran**

**Jan. Opportunities for Shining Light:
SUNDAY BACKPACKS—Jan. 12 & 26
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEAL—Jan. 16
"Empty Nesters" LUNCH—Jan. 19
PALMETTO PLACE MEAL—Jan. 23
PLANNING RETREAT—Jan. 24-25
MEALS-ON-WHEELS—Mon & Tue
NA RECOVERY GROUP—Mon & Thurs**

- Sunday Bucket filled with coins & offerings for NC Disaster Relief;
- Dozens of children celebrating Christ's birth at family Christmas Eve worship;
- Billboard messages & community members joyfully singing at Beer 'n Carols;
- Youth & parents providing Christmas trees & wreaths for the community;
- Sanctuary packed with family members for the CDC children's Christmas;
- Advent Midweek Worship, Advent E-devotions, Longest Night Service, Lessons & Carols, Epiphany Eve campfire;
- Sanctuary decorating with symbolic nails at the bottom of the Chrismon tree; Lighted Yard tree & Advent wreath;
- Youth Lock-in, Outdoor Advent-Palooza, Cong. Advent-Christmas Brunch, Eagle/Boy Scout banquet, NA gatherings.

So many, many streams of light! As we move into January, I can scarcely begin to imagine all the streams of light that the Spirit will shine through you, this community of disciples here at Living Springs, during 2025. God brought such pure, brilliant light of love and grace into the world through that Christ-child born in Bethlehem long ago—a light which has dispersed for 2000+ years and continues to disperse again & again in so many beautiful, Spirit-infused colors into a hurting world, a world which God still so loves in spite of all our challenges, mess, and human brokenness!

I extend a special invitation for each of you to log on to our special adult Faith Milestone here in January: to ponder (as Mary once did long ago) what it means to orient one's life entirely around the gift and light of that Christ child—a life built on a truly solid foundation that will enable you here in 2025 to be even more fully one of the Christ-child's ongoing streams of light shining in the world! With joy & thanksgiving for Christ's light shining in you, *Pastor Eric*

***On a personal note, I want to thank all of you for the many, many expressions of love you have shared with me & Kris during Christmas season and throughout 2024. Our 12th Christmas here at Living Springs has been so meaningful to us—and we give thanks to God for all the ways you shine Christ's light into our lives. You have made 2024 a very special year!*

2024(ish!) 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!***

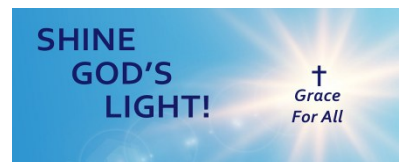
*We lift up these areas of Ministry Focus to **Shine Additional Light:***

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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This year, our youth participated in a wonderful lock-in event that perfectly captured the spirit of the season. The excitement was palpable, from retrieving the live nativity supplies from the attic to setting up the Elf Store. The preparation for the Christmas play brought laughter and teamwork, and the games we played fostered camaraderie and joy. The energy and enthusiasm of our Jr./Sr. Youth shone brightly, culminating in a spectacular Youth Christmas Sunday on December 2nd. The congregation's hearts were filled with joy as they watched the youth perform "A Christmas to Believe In," giving all glory to God. The response from everyone present was overwhelming—a testament to the beauty of young voices lifting praise and the spirit of the season alive in their hearts.

A special note of gratitude is owed to everyone who helped set up and run the Christmas Tree Lot. Your dedication and hard work have greatly blessed our church and community. Each tree sold brought not only funds to support our missions but also a tangible sense of Christmas cheer to families far and wide. The tree lot became a beacon of joy as children marveled at the selection and parents shared stories of past Christmases while picking the perfect tree. Your efforts, from unloading trees to decorating the lot with twinkling lights, have made this season even more special and impactful for all who visited.

As we revel in the wonder of this season, let us also take a moment to pray for those who may not find joy this Christmas. There are many who are hurting, homeless, hungry, or without the means to celebrate. Perhaps they face the cold nights without shelter or the emptiness of a table without food. Their struggles remind us of the importance of extending Christ's love beyond our walls. We are called to shine God's light as a radiant beam in places where hope seems lost, illuminating paths of renewal and peace. While their light may feel dimmed, through prayer and action, we can ask God to restore their hope and bring them comfort, showing them that they are not alone in their journey.

A Prayer for the Season:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who brings light into our lives and hope into our hearts. We pray for those struggling this Christmas season—those who are lonely, hungry, or without shelter. Lord, be their refuge and their strength. Inspire us to be Your hands and feet, reaching out to those in need with compassion and love. Help us to be better to one another in thought, word, and deed, reflecting Your grace in all we do. Amen.

In this season of Christmas, let us remember how blessed we are for all that God does in our lives, no matter where we are in our walk of faith. Each day we are given is another opportunity to celebrate, give thanks, show mercy, and be a blessing to someone else. Let's embrace this spirit not just during Christmas but every day of the year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello to all as we begin this exciting new year!

Starting this new season of reflection and growth, we are so thankful for the wonderful things we as LSLC-CDC have been able to enjoy the last month of the year.

We kicked off December with excitement from families and staff with the arrival of decorations all over Living Springs campus. Christmas tree sales were starting, the beautiful decorations in the sanctuary were present for our children to see during chapel, and the decorations on teacher's doors depicting the holiday spirit and the love that Jesus' birth brought to the world.

The month of December was a short one for LSLC-CDC since we were blessed with the extended holiday break. This gave our staff an opportunity to spend some much-needed time with their families and loved ones, a chance to rest and recharge, and time to come back ready for a wonderful new year ahead of us! LSLC-CDC thanks our board and families for helping this happen.

Our students were able to color many Holiday cards for our friends at The Rice Estates to hopefully add some warmth and love to their holiday season.

Our 3,4 & 5-year-olds and after school students were practicing everyday for their Holiday program and were so excited to perform for their friends and families! It was a success! They did such a wonderful job singing about the birth of baby Jesus and reenacting the night he was born.

As we start this new year, we also start a year of rest, healing, and kindness to oneself as well as others. With that being said, I would like to leave you with this...

"My darling, be patient with yourself, healing takes time, healing implies kindness, healing means changes. Becoming is not easy. Be patient with yourself, you are gardening your soul. Some flowers are meant to bloom later."
Alexandera Vasiliu

Wishing you well, health and happiness, Tammy Mancuso



Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*

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

**January Bible Reading Focus:
Isaiah 1-12, Nehemiah 1-6, Daniel 1-6, Esther**



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?

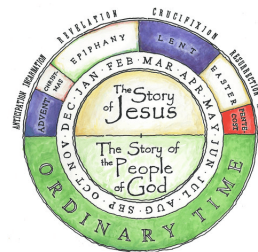
"Streams of Light" Trinity Water Bottle 2024-2025 Devotional Focus Item Pick up your February Sticker!

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: Mar. 2, Apr. 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, Aug. 3.**



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Notes from: *Fellowship & Mutual Care*

Empty Nesters Lunch Sunday, January 18 @ noon

FMC will host a lunch for our Seniors/Empty Nesters following the 10:45 service on Sunday, January 18th in the fellowship hall. Please join us for fun and fellowship.

LS Legrand/Lowman Scholarship Auction - with Chili Cookoff! *Saturday February 8th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall*

Fellowship and Mutual Care will be hosting the Annual LS Scholarship Dinner and Silent/White Elephant Auction on February 8th. This year, we are combining this event with our LS Annual Chili Cook-Off. Proceeds will benefit our LS college scholarship fund, in memory of the LeGrands and Lowmans.



We will not be selling tickets, as we will dine on chili appetizers and dessert. We will have a sign-up sheet in admin building. If you would like to participate in the cook off, bring your best chili (doesn't have to be spicy because some of us can't take the heat -lol). There will be prizes.

We are in need of Silent Auction items. If you would like to donate an item or two, please let Wendy McKenzie or Trish Davidson know by Sunday, January 26. This can be handcrafted items, gift baskets, gift certificates or donations from local businesses, etc. We will also be asking ministry teams to donate baskets.

For the additional White Elephant auction, we limit this to one donated item per person/family. For example, an item can be a Christmas gift you have no idea what to do with. Instead of regifting it, it may find a perfect home at the white elephant auction. Remember one person's "junk" may be another's "treasure".

You don't want to miss out on the fun!



Notes from: *Good News Team*

Beer & Carols



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
"Surprising News: Light for the Lowly" read by Steve Bloss
"Light Shatters Darkness: God With Us!" read by Hunter Prest
"Light Shines in the Night" read by Ena Hagon
"Light in the Midst of Hatred & Fear" read by Pastor Carl

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*

Rice Estate Christmas Bag Delivery



Shoeboxes for Seniors



THANK YOU

From Lutheran Services: Thank you for supporting refugee resettlement by arranging supply drives when we've needed them most! Your time and effort mean so much to us and those you serve. Your care has truly helped them feel welcome and supported in this new journey! We are so grateful for all you do. - Sarah, Allison, & Emily for The Columbia New Americans Program Team



BACKPACK PROGRAM

We have depleted our stuff a bus inventory for our backpack program - we provide 80 bags each week of the school year to four different Richland 2 schools. We started this program back in 2011 doing 15 bags and look how God has blessed us now providing 80 bags. Each time we have been asked to increase our number, I think it is going to be rejected by our team and then I get back a unanimous "why not" if it is needed!!! I have created a wish list on Amazon for online shoppers to order needed items or you can add an item to your shopping list whenever you do your shopping. Our CDC is going to add a Giving Day for parents to drop off items - God continues to shine his light in all our ministries.



We are in the process of setting our winter stuff a bus date - probably in February.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/19W9BQRLH562M?ref_=wl_share

THANK YOU - THRIVENT MEMBERS

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Thrivent members for contributing their action team applications for many, many ministry events - Lenten fish fry, GWOH, Pentecost celebration, backpacks, JV Football, Trunk or Treat, Live Nativity, Children's Hospital meals, Dove Tree gifts, Rush Hour, Women's Retreat, Campus Ministry, Quilting and I probably missed a couple. It is such a blessing to work with people that give of their time and talents!

ADVENT FOOD BOXES

Our goal is 2024 items and everyone certainly showed up with an abundance of birthday gifts for Jesus which will be delivered to Christian Assistance Bridge w/o Jan. 6. CAB is always looking to replenish food items - you can find them on Facebook or christianassistancebridge.com to find out what their much needed items are.



Dove Tree Gift Blessing



RICE ESTATE DINNER *Saturday, February 15*

Saturday, February 15 is our designated date to have a birthday party for our Rice Estate (Harmony & Vitality Living included) residents. We'll serve dinner, play games and create meaningful friendships with our independent living partners. If you would like to participate in this ministry, contact Gail Buchanan.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL & PALMETTO PLACE MEALS

We are back on schedule to serve lunch meals to the parents and staff at Children's Hospital on the third Thursday - January 16. Carolina Deli (Travis & Melanie Mooney) provide the bag lunches - you are able to donate to this ministry and also write an encouraging note that we will include in the lunch bag.

Palmetto Place dinner meal is provided by anyone who wants to donate a favorite dish - this is delivered on the fourth Thursday of the month (January 23). Samantha House has six residents and a few staff members so we plan for 10 people. Check with Karen Kranz on the menu planned for the month which will include an entree, starch item, veggie or salad and a dessert.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for the time and effort you've dedicated to supporting our youth this holiday season. Your commitment to making a difference in their lives is truly inspiring, and your generosity has created lasting memories for all involved.

Your willingness to give your time, energy, and compassion during this special time of year has made a profound impact, and we are deeply grateful for your unwavering support. It is because of you that we are able to bring joy and hope to these young people, ensuring they feel valued and cared for this holiday season. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated team of volunteers, and we truly appreciate everything you do.

Wishing you a joyous and peaceful holiday season!



PALMETTO PLACE
Children & Youth Services



Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

The LS Justice Ministry worked in December to address problems in the Midlands with food security, affordable housing, gun violence, and mental health care. During Advent it was especially clear how involved we are with food security for our neighbors.

- **We heard it in the scripture:** On the third Sunday of Advent John the Baptist talked about what food “justice” might look like for followers of Jesus who are “preparing the way of the Lord”: *sharing* what we have, *not taking more than we need*, and *using our power* to help others (Luke 3:10-14)
- **We saw it in action:** In Advent the people of Living Springs collected food to share with Christian Assistance Bridge, and we made extra backpacks for hungry kids out of school for the holidays. We cared for our Meals on Wheels neighbors. We saw many other examples of care throughout the season.
- **We engaged with other people of faith through MORE Justice:** We asked City Council and other officials to improve access to food for neighborhoods without nearby grocery stores.

Here you can learn more about what MORE Justice is doing with food security: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5UBKV_RiEnk

Mr. Will Brennan from City Council, District 3, and others working with our mobile markets, describe what we are doing to offer healthy food to neighborhoods without ready access to grocery stores. Councilman Brennan thanks MORE Justice for making a difference for our neighbors who are hungry:

If you'd like to work with the food security research team (or any of the other teams, i.e., affordable housing, gun violence, or mental health care), please be in touch with Pastor Eric or a LS Team Leader.

And make sure you have the Nehemiah Action on your calendar: Monday, May 12th , 6 pm !

What is our call? Justice for all!



Notes from: *Sr. Youth*

Youth Christmas Program



Message on Facebook on the Youth Christmas Program video:

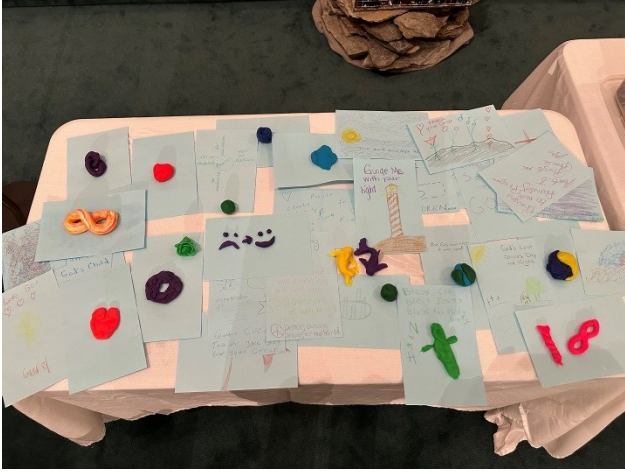
Thank you young people for the lovely rendition of THE CHRISTMAS STORY! You were all great, and the costumes were great also!

Tree Lot



Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

Advent Wednesday Worship
Prayer Table



Christmas Cantata with NE Methodist



Decorating



Christmas Eve



Have you thought about playing with the handbell choir? We have several spots open.

March 7th and 8th, the JuBELLation choir are attending the Palmetto Bronze workshop. This is a great way to learn. On Friday night, we ring for an hour. Saturday, we ring from 9am until 5pm. We help and encourage each other during the workshop. And it's amazing to hear so many choirs come together.

We will spend the night in Summerville on Friday. This would also give you time to get to know the other members. And we would love to have more men in the choir!

Also - we travel by church bus so you won't have to drive! Please contact Laura Turnmire @ scturnmires@yahoo.com or 803-361-1143 if you would like to attend. It is \$45 plus the cost of the hotel room.

Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

LADIES BOOK CLUB Sunday, February 2 @ 2pm

No Two Persons by Erica Bauermeister (available at the Richland Library) is our book club read for Sunday, February 2 at 2 pm. This will also be our planning meeting to pick our reads for 2025. An email will be sent announcing the location and we always look for book suggestions!



CAMP KINARD ANNUAL RETREAT Friday, February 28 - Saturday, March 1, 2025

Register online!

We are excited to have Pegi Roberts back as our guest speaker.

Stay tuned for more details coming soon! To registration and pay by mail, click this link. [REGISTRATION FORM](#)

Registration deadline Sunday, January 26. We are required to give an accurate count. NO registrations after this date.

Use this QR Code to register for Camp Kinard and pay online!



ISLE OF PALMS RETREAT - Cafe Chocolat Friday, May 16 - Sunday, May 18, 2025 Register online!

Looking for time away from the business of life?

Time to relax with friends, share laughs, stories, and a few bites of chocolate?

Well, you've come to the right place! Here at Cafe Chocolat, we'll enjoy time with each other as we delight in God's grace.

Cafe Chocolat is a retreat where women slow down and enjoy time with other women and with God. It's an in-depth Bible study, and unforgettable worship experience, and an open invitation for women to delight in God's goodness and grace.

To registration and pay by mail, click this link. [REGISTRATION FORM](#)

Use this QR Code to register for Isle of Palms and pay online!



For information about these exciting events go to <https://www.scwelca.com/retreat-centers-events>.



Notes from: *Men's Ministry*

Families Helping Families Delivery

Living Springs Lutheran Men adopted 2 families this year for the Families Helping Families project in the Columbia area. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to provide these Christmas presents for 7 individuals as well as grocery store gift certificates to purchase food to be prepared for their Christmas meals. We were also able to make a \$200 donation to provide gifts for two more individuals.



"Love is Born" Outdoor Nativity Drama

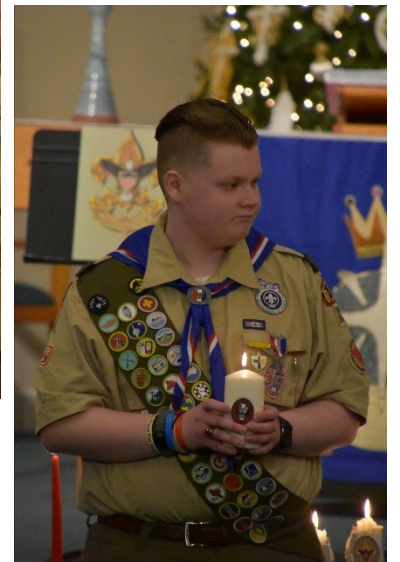


God At Work

Welcome New Members!



Boy Scout Troop #737 Eagle Scout Ceremony & Christmas Dinner



MAIN SUNDAY SCHEDULE
815A WORSHIP (Sanctuary)
 920A Adult Faith Formation

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

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5 *See box above</p> <p>12P Confirmation Class</p> <p>315P Ministry Leaders Gathering</p> <p>5P Epiphany Eve Campfire Gathering</p>	<p>6 Epiphany Day</p> <p>10A LSCDC Bible Time</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels</p> <p>6P Emotional-Mental Wellness TF</p> <p>7P Recovery Comes First</p> <p>7P Boy Scout #737</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels</p> <p>330P LSCDC Chapel</p> <p>6P Adult Bible Study</p> <p>7P Handbells</p>	<p>1 New Years Day Office/LSCDC Closed</p> <p>12 "Streams of Light" Posted</p>	<p>2</p> <p>630P Recovery Comes First</p> <p>7P Lifelong Discipleship</p>	3	4
<p>12 Baptism of our Lord</p> <p>*See box above</p> <p>After Services - Backpack Food Ministry</p> <p>12P Jr. Youth Faith Formation</p> <p>4P Girl Scouts</p> <p>630P Campus Vision (Road) TF</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels</p> <p>7P Recovery Comes First</p> <p>7P Fellowship/Mutual Care</p> <p>7P Boy Scout #737</p> <p>7P Exec Team</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1030A Meals on Wheels</p> <p>330P LSCDC Chapel</p> <p>530P Finance</p> <p>6P Adult Bible Study</p> <p>7P Handbells</p>	<p>8</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>6P Hope Ministry Team</p> <p>630P Sr Youth (Chick-Fil-A)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7A Men's Bible & Biscuits</p> <p>11A Good News Team</p> <p>330P Backpack Food Packing (LSCDC)</p> <p>630P Recovery Comes First</p>	10	11
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LS Leadership Annual Planning Gathering (time TBD)

LS Council Planning Retreat @ Newberry College

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

January 1

January 2

January 5

January 6

January 9

January 10

January 19

♥ Jan Epperson & Karl Schmidt

Dylan Mondro
Kathryn Padgett

Leslie Bloss

Wendy McKenzie

Charles Tracy

Judy Edmonston

Lois Mattson

January 21

January 25

January 26

January 27

January 29

Barb Imbert

♥ Steve & Jeanette Bloss

♥ Bill & Peg Fox

Pat Bartucca

True DePaoli

Alyssa Prest

McKenzie Taylor

♥ Jeff & Cindy Day

Rocky Berger



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!



January 5

January 14

January 15

January 22

Dea Jones

John Imbert

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January 24

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