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# The Living Springs Journal

“CELEBRATE...SHARE...SERVE”  
ACCORDING TO GOD’S WILL

# "Reflecting the Light...Beyond!" (from Pr. Eric)

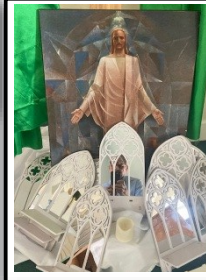
**"STREAMS OF LIGHT" Pastor Study Times:**  
Wednesday, 2/12 @ 10:30; Sunday, 2/16 @ 9:20  
Reading/Discussion Online Postings: Wednesdays @ Noon

For the past 12 months at Living Springs, God has given us the theme of light in various forms: Shine additional light of God's grace for all! Streams of Light, shining together! Radiant Giving! Now here in the season of Epiphany, the sanctuary is filled with stars, representing the people of Living Springs and all the ways the light of Christ radiates through you into a world with all its brokenness.

I think about the light that shone so radiantly here among us in January: all the items donated for our "6 days of hope" **winter warmth drive**; the joyful music & worship at our LS-hosted **NE Community MLK service**; the online "**Rhythms of Christian life**" Adult Faith Milestone; an amazing total bucket offering of \$3000 for **Lutheran Disaster Response Carolinas**; overjoyed families welcomed to safety by our LS bus/prayer bears for **Lutheran Services refugee ministry**; a monthly **NA celebration** for those celebrating anniversaries of recovery; **Empty Nesters lunch & Bereavement ministry** for Wendy's family; "**Streams of Light**" Bible studies, youth events, Palmetto Place/Children's Hospital meals, and more.

Among the powerful things we experienced was also our annual Leadership Planning Gathering, with its theme, "**Reflecting the Light ... Beyond!**" Last Saturday, our council was blessed to gather for its daylong retreat at one of our SC Lutheran institutions, Newberry College—in its new facility for the School of Nursing and Health Sciences. Our planning tables were located in the midst of hospital beds with state-

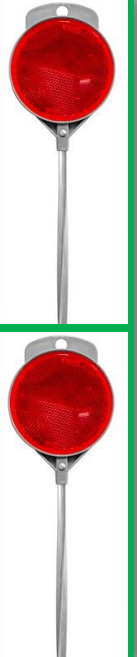
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## "Reflecting the Light ... Beyond!"

**2025 Ministry Focus Kickoff**  
**Sunday, February 23**  
**Congregation Gathering @ 9:20**  
**Worship @ 8:15 & 10:30**

- Opportunities for Reflecting the Light:**
- LS BACKPACK "Stuff-a-Bus" - Feb. 1
  - SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - Feb. 2
  - CRISTO REY MINISTRY - Feb. 2
  - NE JUSTICE NETWORK MTG - Feb. 3
  - SR. YOUTH SKI RETREAT - Feb. 7-9
  - CHILI COOK-OFF/AUCTION - Feb. 8
  - EMOTIONAL-MENTAL WELLNESS - Feb. 9
  - BOY SCOUT SUNDAY - Feb. 9
  - RUSH HOUR MINISTRY - Feb. 11
  - RICE ESTATE SUPPER - Feb. 15
  - CAMPUS MINISTRY SUPPER - Feb. 16
  - CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEAL - Feb. 20
  - SC LUTH. MEN CONVENTION - Feb. 22
  - PASTOR CARL "Roast" - Feb. 23
  - NE BEER 'N HYMNS - Feb. 26
  - PALMETTO PLACE MEAL - Feb. 27
  - SUNDAY BACKPACKS—Feb. 9 & Feb. 23
  - MEALS-ON-WHEELS—Mon & Tue
  - NA RECOVERY GROUP—Mon & Thurs



## From the Desk of Pastor Carl

### Epiphany: Celebrating Jesus As the True Light of the World

Siblings in Christ...

In the Lutheran tradition, the season of Epiphany is a time of celebration and reflection, marking the revelation of Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of the world. The term "epiphany" originates from the Greek word meaning "to appear," "to show," or "to make known." It is a season rich with events and themes illuminating the nature of Christ's mission and his identity as the world's true light. It emphasizes God's self-revelation through Jesus Christ, reminding us that Jesus is the life-sustaining light of the world. As declared in the Nicene Creed, Jesus is "God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God." In his own words, Jesus proclaimed, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). This light pierces the darkness of sin and death, bringing hope, joy, and renewal.



Epiphany also challenges us to recognize Jesus' dual nature as both true God and true man. This profound mystery invites us to worship and marvel at the access Jesus grants humanity to God. Moreover, Epiphany is a season of resistance to the powers of darkness and imperial violence, affirming the sovereignty of Christ over all earthly dominions.

As we celebrate through this season of Epiphany, I wanted you to know that it has brought excitement and joy to our youth as they transition from the Christmas celebration into the reflective light of Epiphany. Our gatherings, such as the time spent at Chick-fil-A and in fellowship at church, have been filled with laughter and connection. As school

## Notes from: *Fellowship & Mutual Care*



### 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 signup 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.

*This year, we will not be asking for the baskets for the silent auction but are looking for baked goods for the donated items! Check out those favorite recipes and start gathering those ingredients!*

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!

*Fellowship and Mutual Care would like to thank everyone that brought something for the NE Community MLK Worship reception in January.*



## Ash Wednesday

### ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 5

We begin the Lenten journey with Jesus that leads us to the cross of love.

**Worship @ Noon & 6:30**  
(6:30 also livestreamed)

Imposition of Ashes  
and Holy Communion.



### SHROVE TUESDAY MARCH 4

**PANCAKE SUPPER, 5:00-6:40**  
**BURNING OF PALMS AT 6:45**

*All donations will benefit LS Youth.*

Come pick up your Lenten Devotional Book and Prayer Cross. Brief outdoor "Burning of Palms" will take place at 6:45 (ashes used for Ash Wednesday).



### ASH WEDNESDAY, MAR. 5: "ASHES-TO-GO" IN TOWN CENTER!

On Ash Wednesday, March 5 from 9-10 am and 4:30-6 pm, you can receive ashes in the Town Center. Living Springs Lutheran Church will have a tent set up. You can drive by for your ashes from the car, or walk up and enjoy the park atmosphere when you receive the blessing of ashes - to remind you of God's forgiveness, and God's eternal love for us even in the midst of our own mortality, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."



of-the-art computerized training mannequins; and in one of the empty beds we placed our "streams of light" symbols, along with the portrait of Jesus (donated to LS by retired Newberry College New Testament professor, Rev. Dr. Wayne Kannaday) - see photos above. As council members prayed and read Scripture and discussed LS ministries, I could not help but be overwhelmed by the symbolism of those hospital beds just **beyond** our tables. I thought about the portrait of Jesus in his bed and Jesus' words, "inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these, you have done it unto me." I thought about all the ways the Spirit calls us together here at LS (and in our own homes) -and whenever we are together, just **beyond** us, we are surrounded by God's hurting children of all ages out in the community, yearning for light. I thought about how God brings us together to be filled with God's light of love & grace, knowing that just **beyond** us are those to whom we are called to go out and reflect that light. And so indeed, as God's baptized children (filled with the Holy Spirit and marked with Jesus' cross), we are called, empowered, and blessed to go out **beyond** ourselves and **reflect the light of God's grace for all!**

I am excited about all the ways we will reflect that light **beyond** this month (see box on first page): Souper Bowl, Rush Hour, Rice Estate supper, Campus Ministry meal, Cristo Rey ministry, NE Beer 'n Hymns, Scout Sunday, Chili Cook-Off/Scholarship Auction, Stuff-a-Bus, Emotional-Mental Wellness panel, and more. I am excited to celebrate God's vision for us at our **annual Celebration Kickoff Sunday (Feb. 23)** and imagine all the ways the Spirit will lead us in months ahead to **"Reflect the Light .... Beyond!"**

Please mark your calendars for 2 events to celebrate Pastor Carl's ministry among us and all the ways the Spirit reflected God's light during these past 4 years (see box at right). ***I could never fully express my gratitude for PC & his partnership in ministry.*** As I wrote in my previous letter, it was God who led Pastor Carl to LS—and just as God brought Pastor Carl to us, so too God is already at work somehow to lead us to a next ministry partner: so that, as always for 37 years, LS will continue to radiantly reflect Christ's light.... beyond! Of that, we can be certain—even in the midst of our grief over saying farewell and sending Pastor Carl forth with Godspeed to Advent Lutheran. With thanksgiving for him, his family, and all the ways you each are radiant streams of God's light for others every day, *Pastor Eric*

**LS Emotional-Mental Wellness Panel!**  
**Sunday, Feb. 9**  
**9:20-10:20, LS Fellowship Hall**  
**"Navigating the System for Emotional-Mental Wellness Help"**  
**Abby Cobb, R2 Social Work Director**  
**Broderick Anderson, Columbia-Area Mental Health Center, SC Dept of Mental Health**

**"BUILT ON A SOLID FOUNDATION: RHYTHMS & CYCLES OF CHRISTIAN LIFE"**  
**LS Adult Faith Milestone Online, Feb. 10 @ 6:48pm**  
[meet.google.com/kmc-qxjz-uw](https://meet.google.com/kmc-qxjz-uw)  
 (US) +1 314-833-7123 PIN: 779 217 182#  
*\*Call the office to get link for recordings of first 2 sessions in January, if you missed them*

**Mark your calendars....**

**Pr. Carl "Fun Roast" Food & Fellowship - Sunday, Feb. 23, 4-6pm**  
*Co-sponsored by LS Youth*

**Godspeed Worship - Sunday, Mar. 9**  
**Drop-in Community Reception, 12-2pm**

## 2024-25 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 **Reflect God's Light...Beyond:***

**PROVIDING SAFE SPACES FOR LISTENING AND ATTENDING TO one another & the larger community...** especially in areas of mental-emotional wellness.

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

**OFFERING LIFE-SHAPING FAITH FORMATION for all ages...** through multiple, creative opportunities to worship and learn - with special emphasis on children, youth, and families, including LS Child Development Center.

**INVITING/WELCOMING/CELEBRATING everyone in God's diverse Kingdom garden...** all beautifully created in God's image!



# Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

## From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Greetings everyone,

I hope you are finding ways to stay warm during these snowy days. Hopefully we will be heading into days filled with more blue skies and rays of sunshine shining down to warm us up.

Even through the snow and chill, our children, families and staff found many ways to shine the light of Gods love.

Our two older preschool classrooms had their first hymn-a-long visit to 3 Generations Adult Daycare just around the corner. What a joy to share light and love with a new group of senior friends, we look forward to many more visits together!

Even with all the cold weather and snow days mother nature gave our families the gift of more time together. She reminds us to slow down, be thankful for all that we have, and take time to get in a few extra cuddles with those we hold dear.

LSLC-CDC was blessed with a donation that went directly to our staff in recognition of and appreciation for their time, love, and commitment to the children, families and community we serve.

All our children participated in submitting 55 plus drawings to our SC Law makers. The Institute for Child Success makes a point to put children's drawings in the hands of lawmakers when discussing policies relating to children and families. When you personalize and humanize the potential impact of these policies and decisions in questions, it makes a statement that what they do and say does indeed affect real people, real lives, real futures.

In these times of uncertainty, we look at those who have come before us, those that have paved the way, those that have shown us who we are as a community of disciples. I for one am grateful to be a part of this community; one that continues to grow deeper, shine brighter and provide safe and welcoming spaces without expectation. May we continue to be led in love and light so that we may be a beacon for those walking behind us.

Wishing you well. Tammy



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resumes, we support our young people in their readjustments, praying for a fruitful semester ahead.

Tuesday chapel with the children in our Child Development Center is a highlight of this season. Watching their faces light up as they learn about Jesus, sing songs of faith, and grow in their understanding of God's love is a blessing beyond words. Likewise, our confirmands are diving deeply into the New Testament this semester, exploring the Gospels, the letters of Paul, and the lives of the apostles. Their enthusiasm is matched by our Junior Youth, who are discovering the foundational stories of the Old Testament in their faith formation classes.

As we look ahead, we eagerly anticipate the Senior Youth Ski Retreat on February 7th, 8th, and 9th. This annual event is a time of bonding, spiritual growth, and fun in the beauty of God's creation. Additionally, our Wednesday evening Sr. Youth gatherings from 6:30 to 7:45 pm continue to be a time of meaningful learning and fellowship for all.

Food for thought, as we journey through Epiphany, let us remember that Jesus, the light of the world, shines in each of us. We are called to reflect his light in our community, offering hope, love, and grace to all. May this season inspire us to see Christ in one another and to live as his witnesses in a world yearning for his light.

Let us Pray: Gracious God, We thank you for revealing your Son, Jesus Christ, as the light of the world. In this season of Epiphany, help us to see your glory in the ordinary and the extraordinary. Illuminate our hearts with your love and guide us to reflect your light in our daily lives. Bless our church, our children, and our community, that we may grow together in faith and joy. As we walk in your light, may we bring hope to those in darkness and share your truth with a world in need. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, the true Light. Amen.

Grace and Peace, *Pastor Carl*

## Notes from: *Emotional - Mental Wellness*

### NEXT EVENT: **LS EMOTIONAL-MENTAL WELLNESS 2024-25 SERIES**

*February 9, @ 9:20*



Even though our state and community offer a wide range of services to aid people in need of mental health care, many of us do not know these programs are available or, if we do, we do not know how to take advantage of them. Sunday, February 9, during the Sunday School hour (9:20-10:20 am), your Mental Health and Emotional Wellness Team is hosting a program entitled "Navigating the Mental Health System." Panelists from various state departments and local agencies will be on hand to offer insights and answer questions about how we can access the mental and emotional health care programs in our area. Bring your questions (and your friends) to hear from these mental health professionals. The program will be held in the fellowship hall. Hope to see you there.



### **LIVING SPRINGS EMOTIONAL/MENTAL WELLNESS SUPPORT FUND**

For assistance, please see Pastor Eric or Pastor Carl.



## Notes from: *Good News Team*

### **RUSH HOUR MINISTRY**

*Tuesday, February 11 @ 4:45 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 4:30pm but join us at any time! *Can't be there Wednesday? We'll be packing the blessing bags on Sunday after 10:30 worship.*



### **BEER & HYMNS**

*Wednesday, February 26 @ 6:30 PM*

Love to sing a hymn? Enjoy having a beverage and fellowshiping with others? Come join us for Beer & hymns Wednesday, February 26, 6:30 pm at Random Tap, 117 Spears Creek Church Road, Elgin. We sing boldly. We laugh. We share Jesus in a unique way. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend or two and experience a great hymn sing in the least likely place!

### **LS GOOD NEWS "STREAMS OF GOD'S LIGHT" BIBLE STORY PROJECT**

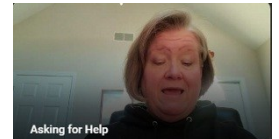
*Catch January's stories in our YouTube "Streams of God's Light" Playlist*

**"Light in Challenging Time" read by Bob Gill**

**"Light in a Promise" read by Ena Hagon**

**"Facing the Lines" read by John Imbert**

**"Asking for Help" read by Dea Jones**



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!

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## Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

### BACKPACKS & LS STUFF-A-BUS

As we go into the month of February, Mother Hubbard's cupboard is bare, but our semi-annual stuff a bus is scheduled for **Feb. 1 at Kroger on Two Notch and IGA in Blythewood from 9 am to 1 pm**. Even though we only have two stores, this event always brings us joy in collecting food items for our backpack program and also the Christian Assistance Bridge in Blythewood and enjoying fellowship with our Richland 2 students.

*A cute little story ... a slight case of panic was starting to build when the signup genius program I created had "zero" input. We always got a great response from the students wanting to obtain community hours, so I emailed Abby Cobb again and was relieved when she said she forgot to send the message out, apologizing wholeheartedly. Within minutes after she sent out the request, I received confirmations, one after the other, from Signup Genius on students signing up for assignments at both stores! Whew!*

The boy scouts are also helping with their annual food drive from Sat. Feb. 1 (delivering bags to residents) to Feb. 8 (collecting the bags). It is so much fun to watch bags of groceries coming into the fellowship hall, separating the items that can be used for our backpack program, items going to a food pantry, expired items - and each item counted by members and parents of the boy scout troop #737. I think Bruce mentioned thousands of items collected ... all being able to be used in some capacity. What a great partnership we have with Troop #737!

The link to order from Amazon is: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/19W9BQRLH562M?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/19W9BQRLH562M?ref_=wl_share)

### COMING AGAIN IN MARCH - OUR ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY

We were able to reach out to a local food truck to provide our Lenten fish Fry on Fridays during Lent - dates are March 7 through April 11. It will be another challenging year getting in and out of our driveway, so if you can talk it up with your neighbors and workplaces, so we can meet or exceed our goal of giving to Gamecock Campus Ministry. The campus ministry students will be helping on March 28, so circle the date and come meet these amazing young adults and Pastor Jesse. Look for signup sheets to help as we get closer to the date.



Kurt's Kitchen ([Kurt's Kitchen Catering on Facebook](#)) will be here on Fridays from 5 to 7 pm. Whiting fish w/fries, 10 ct. Shrimp w/fries; Chicken Tenders w/fries plus choice of one side (okra, coleslaw, or extra fries) for \$14. Kids meals will be \$6. Take out or eat in our fellowship hall.

### RICE ESTATE DINNER

We are shining more light and extending our Rice Estate dinner to folks at Harmony and Vitality Living. This group is such a joy to serve and participate in senior games & activities. Gail does such an amazing job creating the theme and making sure the decorations, prizes, and meal are all coordinated according to the theme and the senior adults thoroughly enjoy it. Contact Gail if you would like to be a part of this ministry - you will not be disappointed!



### CAMPUS MINISTRY MEAL

February 16, Living Springs will be providing the meal after the Campus Ministry worship. Worship is at 5:30 pm and the meal is served following the worship - around 6:30 pm. Our Lenten Fish Fry supports this ministry and if you haven't followed their journey, this would be a great opportunity to see these young adults live out God's mission of love on earth. Pastor Jesse has created a community where everyone knows that they belong and has grown this ministry from about 5 or 6 attending to well over 25+. I think he mentioned he has about 27 students graduating this year! Our meal will be fried chicken, Hawaiian rolls/butter, salad, and dessert. Please let Karen Kranz know if you are planning to attend.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:

**Meals on Wheels** - Mike Davidson coordinates this ministry - if you have a couple of hours available on a Monday or Tuesday, contact him to learn more about how this works.

**Palmetto Place** - we provide a meal for young adults transitioning from the unaccompanied youth home to being able to sustain themselves in their step to adulthood. The meal is an entree, starch, veggie or salad, and a dessert and we prepare for 6 residents and staff (total of 10 people).

**Prisma's Children's Hospital** - Travis & Melanie Mooney from Carolina Deli provide a lunch once a month for the parents of children that are going through chemo. Our participation is basically to provide the contribution towards the meals. What makes these lunch meals special are the notes we include in the bag - words of encouragement, hope and "God Loves You" to help these parents/patients get through their situations.

*The Hope Ministry Team meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6 pm - contact Karen Kranz if you are interested in participating in outreach programs ... We invite you to help us create additional ways to **Shine God's Light**.*

### Palmetto Place Meal Delivery



### Advent Food Box Delivery



## Notes from: *Mission Partnership Team*

### LS MINISTRIES WITH CRISTO REY RETURNS! *Sunday, February 2 @ 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: *Justice Ministry*

This past month we shared our annual worship service experience for the MLK holiday with our faith neighbors in the Northeast. We were reminded of God's call to "do Justice" (Micah 6:8) as children of God. We also continued to work together through MORE Justice to address three community problem areas: food security, affordable housing, and gun violence.

This month I'd like to share more about our work to reduce neighborhood gun violence. We read and hear about this almost every day and see the effect this has on our families, children, neighborhoods, and schools. We have been asking for a problem analysis for several years, as the first step to creating a larger, more robust gun violence reduction strategy. In response, the City of Columbia went above and beyond what we asked for by establishing The Office of Violent Crime Prevention in 2023. Through this office, there are people dedicated to researching, creating, and implementing that robust gun violence reduction strategy.

Last February we were informed that a problem analysis of Columbia was completed by an outside organization, The Community Justice Action Fund, which evaluated whether the City had all of the services, programs and resources necessary to address this complex problem, pointing out where our gaps are. Since then, MORE Justice has made it a priority to follow-up with the Office. We've been to many community forums and events that the office has hosted, gathering critical insights on their current efforts. A few highlights so far:

They secured additional grants to address community-based violence reduction as well as outreach and wrap around supportive services—expanding the City's existing ecosystem by providing resources to grassroots organizations.

In the City of Columbia, total persons hit are down 44%, non-fatal shootings are down 46%, and gun murders are down 33% from last year.

The Office recognizes that there is a lot more work to be done to dive deeper into the root causes of violence, citing the need for comprehensive, systematic, collaborative approaches. The office plans to release an update from the first fifteen months detailing efforts and sharing future plans.

The LS Justice Ministry continues to prepare for the Nehemiah Action on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. There with hundreds of other people of faith we will ask our public officials to make changes that will make our community a more just place for all of our neighbors. If you'd like to be a part of our ongoing research teams with gun violence, food security, or affordable housing, please be in touch with Pastor Eric or a Justice team leader.

Mark your calendars for the Nehemiah Action: Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm. What is our call? Justice for all!

### **MORE JUSTICE NETWORK MEMBER TRAINING PART 2**

*Monday, Feb. 3 at 6:00pm*

*Rehoboth Baptist, 4645 Hardscrabble Road*

This coming Monday evening – Monday, Feb. 3 at 6:00pm – we will have a MORE Justice Network Member Training Part 2 to prepare for the Nehemiah Action.

We will be meeting with our MORE Justice Northeast sister congregations – Adams Northeast AME, Rehoboth Baptist, St. John Neumann Catholic, and Living Springs -- at Rehoboth Baptist. The meeting will be held in the building across the street from Rehoboth Baptist sanctuary. This address will take you to the correct building: 4645 Hardscrabble Road.

# Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*

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

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

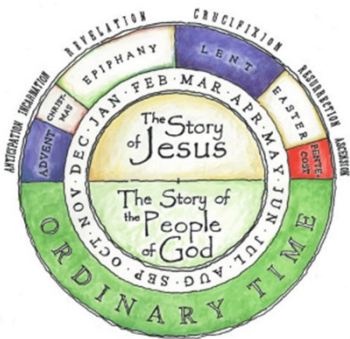


## **"BUILT ON A SOLID FOUNDATION: RHYTHMS & CYCLES OF CHRISTIAN LIFE"**

***LS Adult Faith Milestone—Online***

***Mondays, Jan. 20/27, Feb. 10 @ 6:48pm***

*"Have you ever wondered why we have different seasons for our Christian year? How they impact worship & our daily life? Are you familiar with the many resources in our worship book for your spiritual journey? Is all this just a Lutheran thing, or do other Christians share the same things?"*



Join this Adult Faith Milestone 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! Sign up at church, or email/call the office – so we can make sure you have a Lutheran worship book to use at home as a guide for the Milestone sessions.



Join online here: [meet.google.com/kmc-qxjz-uwd](https://meet.google.com/kmc-qxjz-uwd) or (US) +1 314-833-7123 PIN: 779 217 182#

**Not able to attend? Contact the office for a link to recordings of the sessions.**

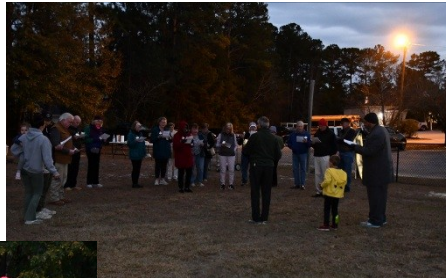
*"That one is like a person building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well-built!" - Luke 6:48*

# Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

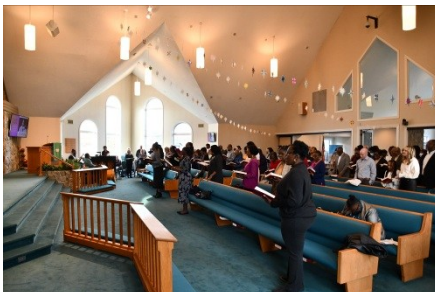
## Christmas De-Decorating



## Epiphany Eve Gathering



## NE Community MLK Worship



## DID YOU MISS...E-NEWS QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Periodically, we get questions that might have meaningful answers for more than just the "asker." A question for this week...

Q: "Why are there footballs behind the pulpit in the sanctuary?"

A: Those footballs are there because of a commitment we make to the 100+ young people who are part of our fall football devotional ministry. At the end of our 10-11 weeks with them, we ask them to sign footballs - and we promise the team that these footballs will be kept in our worship space, as a visible symbol that these players remain part of our prayers & worshipping hearts throughout the year. We promise them that we are not just more people who "in and out" of their lives because of football, but that our prayer & love for them extends beyond the season. We tell the players that "every time we gather to worship and share God's word, you will be right there - even though we cannot see your faces - and your names on these footballs remind us that you are part of us, and a part of God's people, always - no matter what!"



## 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.

## 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!

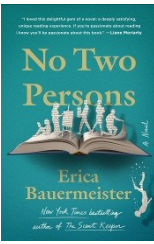
Also - we travel by church bus so you won't have to drive! Please contact Laura Turnmire @ [scturnmires@yahoo.com](mailto:scturnmires@yahoo.com) or 803-361-1143 if you would like to attend. It is \$45 plus the cost of the hotel room.



# 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!



## WOMEN ON A MISSION March 21st-23rd

*Camp Kinard, 6053 Two Notch Road, Batesburg-Leesville*

### Who We Are

We are Christ following sisters seeking to create an authentic community where one can discover their spiritual identity and grow their relationship with God.

### What to Expect

This is not your typical women's retreat. In the hustle and bustle of life, as women we often are caring for others. This retreat is a gift for yourself. As part of the retreat, you will experience:

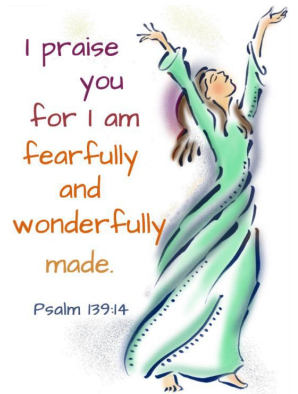
- Time to be still and listen.
- Time to connect authentically with yourself and other women.
- A clearer sense of your purpose and where God is calling you.

Be prepared for a once in a lifetime experience and connect in a circle of sisters. This retreat is continued with additional studies and relationships which continue past this weekend retreat.

### Cost

*Women on a Mission - Retreat* and continued study with *Women on a Mission – Renewal* only \$200. Registration deadline is February 20th. **Early bird discount \$175 if received before February 07th.** Registration is non-refundable but is transferable to another participant for this retreat (limited exceptions). The retreat is 2 nights of lodging, 6 meals, and retreat materials. [Click here for a registration form](#)

**If you have any questions** please call Michelle Gantt , 803.530.2615 phone/text, [WomenOnAMissionRetreat@gmail.com](mailto:WomenOnAMissionRetreat@gmail.com)



## Crafty Ladies - Quilters



## Notes from: *Men's Ministry*



82nd Annual Convention  
South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission  
St. Stephen's Lutheran Church 119 N. Church Street Lexington SC 29072

Pre-Registration required:

Friday, February 21, 2025 -Past President's Banquet 7:00pm in the Social Hall Catered by Cinnamon Hill Kitchen of Lexington Entertainment Frog Level Lounge Lizards of Prosperity \$25.00 per person or \$40.00 per couple

Saturday, February 22, 2025 - Convention registration & coffee hour 9:30 am in the Gym; Convention in the Gym 10:00 Catered by Shealy's Barbecue of Batesburg Leesville, \$25.00 per person or \$40.00 per couple. Keynote Speaker: David Able

\*Pre-registration required for Saturday Lunch And Past President's banquet. Use QR code to download the form or contact Ron Redd at Rredd7848@gmail.com 803-360-0241.



## Notes from: *Sr. Youth*

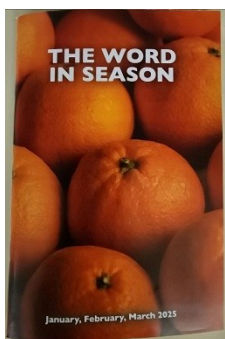
### LS YOUTH SOUPER BOWL OF CARING *Sunday, February 2*



We will celebrate the Souper Bowl of Caring early this year. Each year, on a day when millions of people will be watching the Super Bowl, youth across the nation will be raising money for charity in "souper" ways. Due to our annual youth ski trip, we will actually celebrate one week early on Sunday, February 2. In addition, to collecting donations at the end of the services, we are going to return to serving soup this year. Soup will be served for "take out" from 9:20-9:45 after the 8:15 service and again from 12:00-12:30 for "takeout" of "dine in" after the 10:30 service. Please come out and support the youth! All donations will go to support Christian Assistance Bridge.

### YOUTH MINISTRY AT LIVING SPRINGS

- February 5: Sr. Youth Gathering (Salsaritas)
- February 7-9: Sr. Youth Ski Trip
- February 9: Jr. Youth Faith Formation
- February 12: Sr. Youth Gathering (LSLC)
- February 16: Confirmation Class
- February 19: Sr. Youth Gathering (Sonic)
- February 26: Sr. Youth Gathering (LSLC)



### DEA JONES FEATURED IN THE WORD IN SEASON

Have you been reading your January, February, March 2025 The Word in Season? Dea Jones was invited to write devotions for this quarter's book! **Check out the January 30-February 5** submissions. Dea is also a blogger! Check out: [faithfulconversations.wordpress.com/](https://faithfulconversations.wordpress.com/) Great job Dea!!

# God At Work

## LS Ministry Leaders Gathering/Calendar Meeting



## Council Installation



## Council & Ministry Leader Gathering



## *Letter From Pastor Carl*

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

When I graduated from seminary in May of 2020 and did not receive a call right away as many of my colleagues did, I found myself confused and doubtful. I had checked all the boxes, done the work, and felt ready to enter ministry, yet the path forward seemed unclear. My faith was shaken, and I wondered what the Holy Spirit was up to. During that uncertainty, my family and I embarked on a journey during the height of COVID-19 to Niagara Falls, Chicago, and Gatlinburg, Tennessee. At Niagara Falls, I preached with the mighty roar of the falls as my backdrop, feeling the power and majesty of God's creation. In Chicago, I stood by the shores of Lake Michigan, proclaiming God's word as the waves rolled in, reminding me of the steadfastness of God's love. In the mountains of Gatlinburg, I preached, surrounded by the grandeur of nature, experiencing the peace that only comes from being enveloped by God's handiwork. When we returned home, my heart was at peace, and I was ready to accept whatever the Holy Spirit had in store. Little did I know that just a month later, I would meet Pastor Eric and begin interviewing for a call at Living Springs Lutheran Church, a place that had not been on my radar but was clearly part of God's plan. This beautiful church on the corner of Hardscrabble and Clemson Road would soon become a haven for my family and me, a place that welcomed us with open arms and shaped my ministry in ways I could never have imagined.

These past years at Living Springs Lutheran Church, from January 24, 2021, to the present, have been an incredible journey of ministry, growth, challenges, and profound moments of God's grace. As I reflect on my time here, I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the privilege of serving alongside you and for the trust you placed in me to lead this congregation.

From my very first day, on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021, I was welcomed into a community deeply rooted in faith and resilience. It was a time of uncertainty as we navigated the ongoing pandemic, but it was also a time of incredible creativity and connection. Together, we found new ways to share the Gospel, whether through our Lenten video series portraying the passion of Christ or our joyous Easter celebrations despite the restrictions of the time. These moments were a testament to the enduring hope we have in Christ and the strength of this congregation.

Life, however, is never static. Change is inevitable. God continually calls us to new challenges, opportunities, and adventures. Over the years, we have experienced incredible highs and faced our share of challenges. The journey through the liturgical seasons has been nothing short of remarkable. Pentecost, Vacation Bible School, Campfirmation, youth trips, and GraceWorks highlighted the vibrancy of our youth and the creative energy of this congregation. The Communion Milestone Class and the joy of seeing our Little Lutherans take their first communion will remain among my most cherished memories. Witnessing our children's and youth's faith flourish has been a profound blessing.

The third chapter of Ecclesiastes reminds us of an unchanging truth: "For everything, there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven." After much prayer and discernment, I have accepted the call to serve as the Senior Pastor of Advent Lutheran Church in Melbourne, Florida, beginning March 16, 2025. Therefore, I write to tender my resignation as your associate pastor, with my last Sunday at Living Springs being March 9, 2025.

### **Personal Events Celebrated Together**

Reflecting on these years, certain personal milestones stand out, marking the depth of our shared journey:

My first Ash Wednesday service with Living Springs, marking the beginning of a profound pastoral journey.

Witnessing our Little Lutherans receive their First Communion—a joyous and sacred moment.

Leading the Youth Mystery Trip and experiencing the Civil Rights Tour, which deepened our collective understanding of justice and faith.

Celebrating milestones like baptisms, confirmations, and the growth of youth and families in their faith journeys. These celebrations allowed me to witness firsthand how the Holy Spirit moves within this congregation.

Going downstairs and reading to our Child Development Children which later turned into Tuesday Chapel Time.



## **Congregational Events**

The church's collective milestones were equally inspiring. Together, we have achieved remarkable things:

The "Stuff-a-Bus" initiative demonstrates our community's commitment to outreach and service.

Reformation and Trunk-or-Treat celebrations brought joy and fellowship to the congregation, fostering a sense of belonging and tradition.

The JV football ministry, feeding and spiritually supporting young athletes—an outreach that touched lives beyond our church walls.

Vacation Bible School and GraceWorks brought vibrancy and connection to our church community and highlighted the importance of faith in action.

Our Child Development May Graduations and how humbling it is to see our little ones transition to first grade.

## **Challenges In, Through, and Out of COVID**

Navigating ministry through a pandemic presented unique challenges that tested our resilience and adaptability:

Transitioning back to in-person worship after prolonged virtual gatherings required patience and creativity.

Adjusting to new norms while fostering meaningful connections within the congregation was a continuous learning process.

Addressing the emotional and spiritual needs of children, youth, and adults in the aftermath of the pandemic reminded us of the importance of pastoral care.

Reinventing ministry approaches to maintain engagement and growth despite external challenges was necessary and a blessing.

Understanding that even through social distancing our Child Development Children thrive because our teacher cared enough to put in the extra work to teach and grow our kids in many ways.

## **Pastoral Goals Accomplished**

Looking back, I take great comfort and pride in the goals we have achieved together:

Deepening relationships through consistent intercessory prayer and personal engagement—a cornerstone of our ministry.

Expanding youth programs to include retreats, milestone classes, and meaningful spiritual journeys that have nurtured our younger members.

Reinforcing the importance of outreach and community service as vital aspects of our mission, ensuring that our faith extends beyond the church walls.

Guiding the congregation through seasons of change with steadfast faith and hope, always pointing back to the promises of God's Word.

Finding new and creative ways to help our Child Development Children see the Bible stories in ways they understand. They helped me to explore a creative side that I did not know I had.

## **Gratitude and Future Hopes**

As St. Paul wrote to the church at Philippi: "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now." Like Paul, I am grateful for the privilege of serving as your associate pastor. The relationships we have built, the ministry we have shared, and the love we have experienced together have profoundly enriched my life and my family.

Over these years, I have been deeply blessed by the partnership and friendship of Pastor Eric Fink. His mentorship has been awe-inspiring, marked by profound wisdom and a steadfast commitment to God's work. Pastor Eric has a way of dropping nuggets of wisdom in the most unexpected moments, leaving a lasting impression on my ministry and personal growth. His patience with me, especially when my enthusiasm might have been a bit over the top, has been a testament to his grace and understanding. Through our shared struggles and adventures, he has become the yin to my yang, balancing my energy with his calm demeanor and unexpected humor. Whether navigating the challenges of ministry or celebrating its joys, Pastor Eric has been a constant source of support and inspiration. I am deeply grateful

for our shared journey and the countless ways he has enriched my time at Living Springs.

I will always treasure the love freely given by the people of Living Springs Lutheran Church. From the moment my family and I arrived, we were welcomed with open arms and loved unconditionally. Your warmth and generosity have been a light in our lives, and that light is the reason I shine. The kindness, encouragement, and grace you have extended will never be forgotten and often be spoken about in my ministry journey. I am forever thankful for the opportunity to love you, walk with you, laugh and talk with you, and share the joys and challenges of life.

To the incredible youth of this church, you have carried me, loved me, put up with me, listened to me, taught me, opened up to me, cried with me, rode with me, sang with me, and most of all empowered me to be better. You have challenged me to think deeper and love harder, constantly reminding me of God's boundless potential in each of us. You have exemplified the beauty of authentic faith through your laughter, questions, and even moments of doubt. Watching you grow, navigate life, and embrace your spirituality has been one of the greatest privileges of my ministry. How you approach the world with courage and curiosity has inspired and humbled me as I realize how much I have learned from you. Our shared adventures—from retreats and mission trips to late-night conversations and impromptu sing-alongs—have been a testament to the joy and depth of being in community with you. You are the heartbeat of this church, and I am forever grateful for all you have given me. You have shown me the true meaning of faith, resilience, and unconditional love. For that, I am forever humbled and thankful. You have left an indelible mark on my heart, and I will carry the memories of our time together as a cherished treasure.

To the parents and children of our Child Development Center, I would like to say that I thoroughly enjoyed the time spent with the kids in Tuesday Chapel and every other time I had with them. I enjoyed their questions of exploration and how they challenged me with their questions during our chapel times. Seeing the look on their faces when they tell the story back to me is a moment to witness, especially when they say, "We got it, Pastor Carl."

Pastoral transitions are never easy, but they are vital for the growth and renewal of the church. I encourage you to embrace this season with faith and hope, trusting that God has a plan for this congregation. As I prepare to leave this role, I carry with me the community's lessons, memories, and love. Living Springs will always hold a special place in my heart. I pray that you continue to be a light in the world, steadfast in faith, hope, and love. May you always remember that Christ leads us, and may you trust in the Holy Spirit's guidance as you move forward into the future.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your associate pastor. It has been one of the greatest honors of my life. May God bless and keep you always.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Carl Taylor



## Opportunities Outside Living Springs

**LAUGH, LEARN, & LUNCH @ CAMP KINARD**

*Thursday, 02/27/2025*

*9:30am EST - 2:00pm EST*



Make new friends and learn something new at our annual Laugh, Learn, & Lunch program at Camp Kinard. Rev. Jackie Utley will serve as guest presenter and together, we'll learn more about the story of Sojourner Truth.

The program for the day includes a morning session with a devotion led by South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers' staff and guest presenters.

Afterwards, we'll gather in Camp Kinard's Dining Hall for lunch and fellowship. Bring a friend or register as a group and join us for this fun event!

Price: \$30—[Register here](#)

# Thank You

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$600 in honor of Rev. Eric Fink & Kris Fink. We are grateful you have chosen to help us bring the blessings of outdoor ministry to all ages while honoring Rev. Eric & Kris Fink.

*"The idea of going to camp and unplugging was something we felt was important to do," says Ken Wood. "But our kids didn't like that idea at all!"*

*In September, Ken and his wife Carrie took their high school and middle school children to Luther Springs for the Family Camp weekend retreat. It was the family's first trip to Luther Springs, but Ken says the information about the family weekend really caught their attention. "We were interested in some scheduled time away to prioritize our family and our spiritual life," shares Ken. "It gets more and more complicated to do that as the kids get older, so we were looking for out of the box ways to be together."*

*Initially, Ken and Carrie's children were not happy to be at the retreat, but that soon started to change. "After a few hours their attitudes began to soften," Ken recalls. "By the end, they were both having a great time and didn't want to leave."*

*Playing foursquare as a family was one of the ways the family started to relax and have fun. "I was going retro and using foursquare terms from my own school days," Ken laughs, "and the kids were sharing their own terminology. It's fun because the game can go on forever." The family enjoyed having some structured activities during their time at Luther Springs. But Ken says they also appreciated the flexibility. "It gave us plenty of time just to be," he says.*

*As the retreat wound down, Ken says he saw a big change in the way his children felt about camp. "When we were leaving they were thanking us for taking them. Both of them want to go back for events for their age groups. Because they've had this experience, they are more receptive to it now."*

*Since the family has been back home, they've been thinking a lot about their time at Luther Springs.*

*"The memory is important to us," says Ken, "and we learned something about the importance of time away. I hope we can look for more opportunities to do things as a family. If we wait until a time presents itself, it never will happen. It needs to be something we prioritize on an ongoing basis."*

*Carrie agrees, and she's glad for the time to unplug at Luther Springs. "I really enjoyed the time with our family, without our cell phones! It was nice to be disconnected so we could reconnect for the weekend."*

Your gifts to NovusWay provide time away for children, adults, and families to connect with God, with each other, and with God's creation. Thank you for your support.

In gratitude,

Rev. Mike Ward & Deacon Mitzie Schafer  
Co-Intentional Interim CEO's



**NovusWay Ministries**



A green poster for a workshop titled "Leap of LOVE". The word "Leap" is in a white script font, and "of LOVE" is in a large, bold, white sans-serif font. Below this, a white banner contains the question "What's your teen's Love Language?" in an orange script font. At the bottom, it says "A Family Workshop for Teens and Parents" in white text.

An event flyer for a workshop at Meadowlake Park. The date is "SAT 08 FEB 2025" and the time is "11AM - 1PM". The location is "600 Beckman Rd, Columbia, SC 29203". The flyer lists workshop leaders for parents (Mary Trunk, Dr. Juanita McDonald) and teens (Dorlisa Adams, Courtney Matthews, William W. Dantzier II, Talyer Simon). It includes contact information for a hotline, text, chat, and email, and a QR code to register. A banner at the bottom says "ENJOY FOOD, PRIZES, &amp; RESOURCES!".

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

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

# February 2025

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>2 Souper Bowl of Caring</b>            *See box above            After Services - <i>Worship Helper Training</i>            2P Ladies Book Club            4P Girl Scouts            5P Cristo Rey (carpool 415)</p>	<p>3            1030A Meals on Wheels            6P Justice Min. Network Members Mtg (Rehoboth)            7P Recovery Comes First            7P Boy Scout #737</p>	<p>4            1030A Meals on Wheels            12 Bus Task Force            330P LSCDC Chapel            6P Adult Bible Study            7P Handbells</p>	<p>5            10A Preschool Bible Time            1030A Pastor Bible Study  <b>12 "Streams of Light" Posted</b>            330P Afterschool Bible Time            515P Disciples of Harmony            6P Choir            6P Hope Ministry Team            630P Sr Youth (Salsarritas)</p>	<p>6            11A Good News Team            330P Backpack Food Packing (LSCDC)            630P Recovery Comes First            7P Child Ministry Team            7P Lifelong Discipleship</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8            930A Crafty Ladies            6P Legrand/Lowman Auction &amp; Chili Cook-off            Boy Scout Food Collection</p>	<p>1            9A-1P LS Stuff-A-Bus, Kroger &amp; IGA            Boy Scout Food Collection</p>
<p><b>9 Boy Scout Sunday</b>            *See box above            920A Emotional-Mental Wellness Event            After Service - <i>Backpack Food Ministry</i>            12P Jr. Youth Faith Formation            4P Girl Scouts</p>	<p>10            1030A Meals on Wheels            648P Adult Faith Milestone            7P Recovery Comes First            7P Fellowship/Mutual Care            7P Boy Scout #737</p>	<p>11            1030A Meals on Wheels            330P LSCDC Chapel            445P Rush Hour Ministry            530P Finance            6P Adult Bible Study            7P Handbells</p>	<p>12            830A LS Staff Meeting            10A Preschool Bible Time            1030A Pastor Bible Study  <b>12 "Streams of Light" Posted</b>            330P Afterschool Bible Time            515P Disciples of Harmony            6P Choir            630P Sr Youth (LSLC)</p>	<p>13            7A Men's Bible &amp; Biscuits            630P LSCDC Board            630P Recovery Comes First</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15            4P Tyler Evans-Hannah Daggethart Wedding (NC)            5P Rice Estate Dinner (set up @ 3P)</p>	<p><b>Sr. Youth Ski Trip (WV)</b>  <b>2/7-2/9</b></p>
<p>16 *See box above            920A Pastor Bible Study            12P Confirmation Class            4P Girls Scouts            5P Lutheran Campus Ministry Supper</p>	<p>17            1030A Meals on Wheels            630P Worship Team            7P Recovery Comes First            7P Boy Scout Troop #737            7P Exec Team</p>	<p>18            1030A Meals on Wheels            330P LSCDC Chapel            6P Adult Bible Study            7P Handbells</p>	<p>19            10A Preschool Bible Time            1030A Ladies Bible Study  <b>12 "Streams of Light" Posted</b>            330P Afterschool Bible Time            515P Disciples of Harmony            6P Choir            630P Sr Youth (Sonic)</p>	<p>20            4P Backpack Food Packing            630P Recovery Comes First            7P Council Meeting            Children's Hospital Meal</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22            SC Luth. Men's Convention (St. Stephens, Lexington)            930A Crafty Ladies</p>	
<p>23 "<b>Reflect God's Light...Beyond!</b>"            920A Cong. Gathering            815 &amp; 1030 Kickoff Worship            After Services - <i>Backpack Food Ministry</i>            4P Girls Scouts  <b>4P-6P Pastor Carl "Roast" Fun &amp; Food</b>            630P Campus Vision (RW) TaskForce</p>	<p>24            1030A Meals on Wheels            7P Recovery Comes First            7P Boy Scout Troop #737</p>	<p>25            1030A Meals on Wheels            330P LSCDC Chapel            6P Adult Bible Study            7P Handbells</p>	<p>26            830A LS Staff Breakfast            10A Preschool Bible Time            1030A Ladies Bible Study  <b>12 "Streams of Light" Posted</b>            330P Afterschool Bible Time            TBA—DOH/Choir            630P Beer &amp; Hymns (Random Tap)            630P Sr Youth (Random Tap)</p>	<p>27            7A Men's Bible &amp; Biscuits            630P Recovery Comes First            Celebration (F.Hall)            Palmetto Place Meal</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>1  <u>Looking Ahead:</u>            March 2—Transfiguration, Rite of Confirmation            March 4—Shrove Tuesday            March 5—Ash Wednesday            March 9—Pastor Carl Godspeed &amp; Reception</p>	

## Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

<b>February 2</b>	Caroline Berger Peter Zvejnieks	<b>February 19</b>	♥ Jace & Julia Martinez
<b>February 7</b>	Phoebe Cool Jean Weick	<b>February 22</b>	Gary Bradham Patricia Jolly Annie Griffin
<b>February 10</b>	Ted Buchanan	<b>February 23</b>	Rhett Hair Niane Szalwinski
<b>February 11</b>	Jan Berger Maggie Pittman Kayla Wallace	<b>February 24</b>	Noah Mason
<b>February 12</b>	Garrett Flores	<b>February 25</b>	Bob Gill
<b>February 14</b>	♥ Mia & Marc Rapport	<b>February 27</b>	Jerry Mancuso
<b>February 15</b>	Alice Renaud	<b>February 28</b>	♥ Charles & Irene Tracy Inge Lowery
<b>February 16</b>	Marshall Hurlbert		
<b>February 17</b>	Walker Flores		



### 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!



<b>February 1</b>	Patricia Bartucca
<b>February 3</b>	Kris Fink
<b>February 6</b>	Laura Stuart
<b>February 24</b>	Rocky Berger

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