

The Living Springs Journal

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

June 2026

happy
! Birth Day!
!!! Church!



from: Penelope
to: Pastor Eric

And...the Holy Spirit Keeps Showing Up!! (from Pastor Eric)

"STREAMS OF LIGHT—WILDERNESS" Pastor Study: Wednesday, 6/24 @ 10:30

Reading/Discussion Online Postings: Wednesdays @ Noon

"Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers." - Acts 9:31

Last month, my article title was "The Holy Spirit showed up with power!" - pointing toward the celebration of Pentecost in May. And my, how the Holy Spirit did show up in our powerful Pentecost Worship ([click here](#)).

In the book of Acts, we find account after account of how the Holy Spirit showed up again and again and again following Pentecost—empowering ordinary human beings to continue the life-changing ministry of Jesus in the world. It is, however, not only a miracle found in the New Testament, but a miracle we are blessed to experience again and again in our midst.

Yes, the Holy Spirit showed up powerfully in our Pentecost worship, but not only on that occasion. The Holy Spirit showed up at the congregation meeting to lead this community of disciples in the call of Pastor Laura! The Holy Spirit showed up in the very moving High School graduate quillow blessing for Daniel, Hunter, Dallas & Garrett, as well as our blessing for Kaitlyn upon her graduate school degree. The Holy Spirit showed up in joyful faces of CDC students/parents at a Dedication Blessing of new outdoor areas (Katie's Garden, Martins' Activity Area, the Emmaus Nature Path). The Holy Spirit showed up among so many at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. The Holy Spirit showed up at a Rice Estate supper and the distribution of dozens of vases in a Mother's Day flower ministry. The Holy Spirit showed up at Jr. Youth Faith Time, at Confirmation Class, at a powerful final

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Special Opportunities to Echo God's Voice

LS SUMMERFEST - May 31

JUSTICE MIN. CELEBRATION - June 1

RAINFOREST VBS - June 1-4

EMPTY NESTER LUNCH - June 7

SR YOUTH MYSTERY MISSION - June 7-10

SC SYNOD ASSEMBLY - June 11-13

SUMMER HOPE SUNDAY #1 - June 14

JR. YOUTH POOL PARTY - June 14

FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS - June 19

SC WOMEN OF ELCA - June 19-20

FATHER'S DAY PRAYERS - June 21

GRACEWORKS - June 28-July 2

LUTHERIDGE CAMP WEEK - July 5-10

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PALMETTO PLACE MEAL - 3rd Thurs

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEAL - 4th Thurs

MEALS-ON-WHEELS - Mon & Tue

NA RECOVERY GROUP - Mon & Thurs

LS Worship Visit to Rehoboth Baptist:

Sunday, June 21—8am or 9:30am

Join LS leaders in this annual worship visit on the weekend of Juneteenth - as part of our racial reconciliation commitment in memory of Emanuel 9 martyrs. Regular Worship Schedule here at LS, so that you can worship one time at each place!



SC Synod Assembly: June 11-13 (Election of SC Bishop)

Please hold in prayer all voting to discern the Spirit's call for next bishop of the SC Synod, including our LS voting attendees:

Louise Braddy, Gwen Furcron, Rick Keating, Hunter Prest, Doug Staudt, Pastor Eric, Pastor Laura, Rev. Wayne Kannaday, Rev. Zeke Hanford, Rev. Jim Glander

CREATED TO CREATE Ephesians 2:10

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.



Congregation Meeting Results....

Pastor Laura Swanson Called as LS Associate Pastor!

5/8-time Position, Starting June 1 (Installation Service TBA)

At our called congregation meeting on May 17, the people of Living Springs affirmed God's call for Pastor Laura Swanson to serve as our next Associate Pastor. The vote for call was 79-1, with follow-up vote of 82-0 for the compensation package details. Pastor Laura has now officially affirmed her acceptance of this call with our bishop! The new Associate Pastor position is for 5/8 time (approx. 25 hrs per week, 100 hours per month, average of 2 Sundays per month plus some extras), starting June 1. Pastor Laura will serve as a full Minister of Word & Sacrament for our congregation, along with Pastor Eric. Based on input from cong. sessions, her initial ministry focus areas will be:

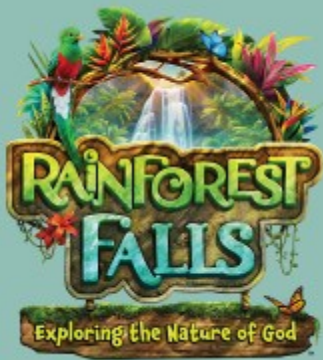
Children & Young Family Ministries (approx. 35%)

Preaching & Worship Leadership (approx. 25%)

Pastoral Care & Other Ministry Leadership/Support (approx. 20%)

Outreach Ministry (approx. 20%)

Thanks to all who made effort to be part of this important congregation meeting during a busy May! We rejoice in Pastor Laura's wonderful gifts for ministry and look forward to her partnership with the disciples of Living Springs for years to come! ****Stay tuned for details about an Installation Service sometime later, pending Synod scheduling.**



June 1-4

8:30am-1pm

Register your child
at: bit.ly/LSVBS2026

**We're excited to spend a week learning
more about God's creative and loving
nature!**

**If you have questions, or would like to
attend or volunteer, please see Pastor
Laura or Becky Flynn.**



Looking for lots of helpers for VBS! Sign up here: bit.ly/4tc0fc3
Some way for everyone to help: leaders, helpers, food coordinating, food
helping, storytelling, activities, crafts, extra assistants & more!



NE COMMUNITY SUMMERFEST

FREE Pizza!
(by Pizza for Pyros)

FREE Ice Cream!
(by Relaxin Heifer)

Fun for the Whole Family

SUNDAY, MAY 31ST

4:00—6:30 PM

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN EXPLORING THE
NATURE OF GOD WITH A SUMMERFEST PARTY!
WE KICKOFF THE SUMMER REFLECTING GOD'S
LIGHT BY SHARING WITH OUR NEIGHBORS!**



**Waterslide/
Bouncy House**

Music

**VBS Sign-Ups
Games & Activities**

Lutheridge 75th Birthday Capital Campaign at LS

LS joins other NC/SC congregations in effort to support our Lutheran church camp with one-time/multiple donations and 3-year commitments (2026-2029)

Kickoff Sunday: June 7 Commitment Sunday: June 28

LS Base Goal: \$25,000 to sponsor a Hill Cabin Porch!

LS Challenge Goal: additional \$15,000 for the Hill Cabin furnishings!



The **Lutheridge 75th Birthday Capital Campaign**, launched to support the faith formation and leadership development ministry at Lutheridge, expresses confidence that God is at work at camp strengthening faith, deepening relationships, developing leaders, and connecting people to the love of God. The ministry of Lutheridge touches our congregation and the whole church, making us more vibrant as the people of God.

In the coming few weeks, our congregation will hear that Lutheridge is a place where people from all ages and stages of life experience the joy of community, immerse themselves in God's creation, discover and cultivate their God-given gifts, and become transformed to shine with the light of Jesus!

The projects of this campaign include the following highlights:

- Building new spaces for today's generation of campers and guests
- Updating current facilities that serve as the setting for vibrant ministry
- Re-paying debt from recent years to position Lutheridge for a strong future

It is our turn to help sustain the ministry at Lutheridge and expand the impact of this partner in faith. That is why our congregation has accepted a goal of \$25,000 for the Hill Cabin Porch and a challenge goal of an additional \$15,000 for the Hill Cabin Furnishings. You are encouraged to consider a gift - keeping in mind that you can give your gift over the next 3 years.

You will soon have an opportunity to join in this effort by making your commitment to the campaign. We will be seeking your response on **Sunday, June 28** but commitments can be made any time in June. Please prayerfully consider your response.

There will be wonderful Temple talks each Sunday during June. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact any one of our LS Lutheridge75 team: Steve Padgett, Raegan Prest, Hunter Prest, Pastor Eric.

Yours in Christ,

Steve Padgett Raegan Prest Hunter Prest Pastor Eric

**Special Note: Already, advance leadership gifts from council members & our team are totaling \$13,000, plus another \$2,000 that council set aside from our LS funds. We are off to a great start – and confident we will reach our targeted goal!*



Notes from: *Fellowship & Mutual Care*

Sr. Adults/Empty Nesters...

Sunday, June 7 @ noon

Inviting all Senior Adults/Empty Nesters to join Fellowship and Mutual Care in the Fellowship Hall after church on Sunday, June 7, for a summer picnic!

Notes from: *Emotional - Mental Wellness*

LS Emotional-Mental Wellness Team invites you...

FREE ADULT MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CERTIFICATION

** join others for this wonderful 1-day opportunity **

Adult Mental Health First Aid Certification is a FREE, Virtual, those living in SC funded by Prisma Health, their SAMHSA and presented by their community educator, Robyn Ellison. You must live/work in South Carolina to attend.

All sessions are held **virtually from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**. We will take a lunch break at 11:30, and 10-minute breaks will be scheduled throughout the day. Upcoming options are: **June 10 or July 14 or Aug. 4 or Sept. 3 or Oct. 8.**

Topics covered in this course are depression & mood disorders; anxiety disorders; psychosis; trauma; substance use disorders; and more. Mental Health First Aid teaches about recovery and resiliency – the belief that individuals experiencing these challenges can and do get better, and use their strengths to stay well.

After completion of this course you will receive a MHFA Manual, 3-year certification in Adult Mental Health First Aid, 7.5 hours professional development, CEs, etc. for attendance.

Sign-up sheet is at the church, to indicate which day you would be interested. OR use our Living Springs QR code link...



If you or someone you know
needs support now,
call or text 988
or
chat 988lifeline.org



Notes from: *Mission Partnership Team*

LS Ministries with Cristo Rey!

Off for Summer

During the year, 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.



Wednesday Sr. Youth night sharing. The Holy Spirit showed up at a Lutheran Services gathering to celebrate how so many volunteers of faith have made a difference in the lives of refugees, foster children, and recovery house residents. The Holy Spirit showed up at a New Member blessing, at our Adult Faith & Life milestone, at a Facilities volunteer workday, at NA Recovery group meetings, at Women's Bible Group, Ladies Bible Study, Men's Bible & Biscuits, Adult Bible Study, and so much more.

In days & weeks ahead, the Holy Spirit will continue to show up: at community Summerfest; at an amazing Rainforest VBS; in another life-changing Sr. Youth Mystery Mission Trip! The Holy Spirit will continue to show up at our SC Synod Assembly—to lead God's people in the election of a new bishop for SC Lutherans. The Holy Spirit will show up in yet another Graceworks week, where Lutheran youth & adult volunteers will echo God's voice of love throughout our community. The Holy Spirit will show up at a Justice Ministry celebration, at summer Hymn Sings, and our ongoing Emotional-Mental Wellness emphasis. The Holy Spirit will show up at our first Summer Hope Sunday, in a Father's Day flower ministry, at a Senior/Empty Nester lunch, at a Jr. Youth Pool Party gathering. The Holy Spirit will show up as we worship with our siblings in Christ at Rehoboth Baptist—in our ongoing racial reconciliation work and in remembrance of the Emanuel 9 Martyrs. The Holy Spirit will show up at Lutheridge with two LS counselors and our confirmation campers—and all our responses to the special Lutherdige75 campaign. The Holy Spirit will show up in the sharing of our bucket offering and the final months of Seminarian Jace's (and Julia's) ministry in Santiago, Chile!

And yes, the Holy Spirit will continue to show up in every place you go—to work miracles of grace & faith, empowering you to hear, engage, respond & echo God's voice of love for all! Oh, yes, the miracle of the Spirit is alive—in each of you who have been marked with the cross, washed in God's grace, fed with Christ's body & blood! May you find joy in being part of that miracle!

With much love for you, in the Triune God, *Pastor Eric*

"Living Our Faith" Sundays @ 9:20am 5/24, 5/31, 6/7



Join us for this 3-part series, as we ponder the gift of the Spirit in our lives; consider faith practices as disciples; look at stories from Acts of how the Spirit shaped life in the early community of believers to hear/engage/respond/echo God's voice in the wilderness spaces of life; and explore how the Spirit empowers us to do the same in living out our faith.

Summer "Favorite Hymn Sings" Start June 7



**10 minutes prior to worship
(8:05 & 10:20)**

Arrive 10 minutes prior to each worship service and call out the # (or name of your favorite hymn). We will sing one verse together! Each Sunday, the last request will be for the first hymn to be sung during worship the next week!

Staff Blessing Update...

Welcome Donna Taylor, Bookkeeper/Operations Asst.

Started April 20!

Bible Study member with former bookkeeper, Kerri Fischer

19+ years corporate experience, Sr. Accounting Manager, Materials Manager, etc.

Retired, lives in Blythewood with children in area

On the ground running, training with Treas. Mike Davidson, CDC Treas. Todd Gunvalson



2026 LIVING SPRINGS MINISTRY FOCUS **LISTEN!**

In every wilderness space of life
GOD'S VOICE OF LOVE IS CALLING YOU...
to bring your burdens to Jesus & find comfort
in deeper connectedness with God & others!

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Blessed by the Holy Spirit and called to be one in God's mission, we **invite & welcome everyone** to ...

HEAR GOD'S VOICE through lives of worship & prayer!

ENGAGE GOD'S VOICE by learning & growing in faith throughout all of life!

RESPOND TO GOD'S VOICE with service & active love for our neighbors!

ECHO GOD'S VOICE of unconditional love & grace for all!

God's Corner



Dear Living Springs,

Thank you for your gift of \$300.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

"From [Christ's] fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." - John 1:16

As a church, we are empowered to love and serve our neighbors as Christ first loved us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power and hope that flow from God's full, boundless love. Drawn together and guided by the Holy

spirit, we accomplish together what none of us could do alone, grace upon grace.

Your spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters, in the immediate aftermath and far into the future. No matter the disaster, no matter the need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. You make God's love real.

With gratitude,

The Rev. Daniel Rift

Director, Congregational Generosity

Thank you so much for another successful year of the backpack program!!! I really appreciate all you do for our kids. The children look forward to it every week and the parents love the help.

I really appreciate all Living Spring does for Rice Creek!!!!



I hope everyone has a wonderful Summer!!!

Christie Hutchinson

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Christie Hutchinson, LISW-CP

Richland School District Two School Social Worker

Share Your God Stories

Has God worked a Hope moment through you or someone else during the week?

Go to bit.ly/GodStoryPrayers and share the story of God's work - you can also use a green welcome slip in Sunday's bulletins. Stories are published anonymously. This isn't about what "we" are doing, but about God's work in the world!

Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

From Tammy Mancuso, Director

Hello to all!

What a wonderful time we've had these last few weeks as we gear up for summer! We have been busy planning, prepping rooms for new students and collaborating with one another as we coordinate activities.

Our staff are always grateful for the opportunity to come together during prepping days and prayer lunch. These moments give us time to share, reflect, and connect with one another on a personal level, a time to share our highs and lows and be reminded that we see Gods light reflected in one another each time we come together.

We have seen Gods Love reflected in the growth of our new garden beds. The children have been planting, watering and tending to the flowers, herbs and vegetables.

Our school Family continues to grow, as we have welcomed many new faces this Summer, many of which will continue with us in the Fall.

Our children, families and staff were able to be a part of the "Blessing" of our new (and newly renovated) areas: Katies Garden, The Emmaus Path and Martins Activity Area. We walked through each area with Pastor Eric and Pastor Laura as they read scripture and blessed the areas with a prayer. We are excited to watch these areas grow and transform over the coming years.

To See, To Watch, To Feel the love of God and the Light Reflected in our lives, in our CDC ministry, in our community and Beyond is a true blessing, one that we are fortunate to witness. Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you well, Tammy



Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

Summer Hope Sunday #1

Our first Hope Sunday is on June 14 - in-between worship services, we have invited Ms. Alysha McConnell to speak about the Family Promise organization. "Our mission is to help families experiencing homelessness in their quest to achieve sustainable independence. While our guest families work toward that goal, congregations in the faith-based community provide them with temporary shelter and hospitality.". Living Springs is a support congregation with June being our month to assist Forest Lake Presp., Francis Burns UMC, and Northminster Presp. to provide meals to the clients in the program. Contact Karen Kranz if you are interested in participating.

Father's Day Flowers

We honored the mothers, so fathers deserve recognition also! June 18 will be the assembling of the flowers in the bud vases that will be delivered on Friday -- meet in the fellowship hall at 10 am with your clippers or any tools you feel comfortable using. On Friday, the flowers will be delivered at Rice Estate probably around 11 am (the CDC usually delivers to the rehab building about 10:30 am). A list of homebound or living at other facilities can be delivered any-time from Thursday noon to Saturday afternoon - this is an opportunity to connect with some gentlemen that might need a listening ear and a few minutes of your time.

Please check your cupboards for any bud vases you would like to donate and look for the table on June 7 to sign the Father's Day cards.

Backpack Food Ministry

We had a very successful year - if you figure approximately 34 weeks X 80 bags per week = 2,720 bags of food that went to needy children in the Richland 2 school district for the weekend! We will continue to collect food items-- you can place them in the shopping cart located in the admin building. Look for the date of our stuff a bus event that will happen on a Saturday in August. Thank you for supporting this program.

Rice Estate

The residents had so much fun at the Horse Derby themed event that was provided. I think the volunteers get as much fun, if not more, participating and serving the independent seniors living at Rice Estate, Harmony and Vitality. The next event will be in the August/September time frame - contact Gail Buchanan if this is an event you would like to participate in.



Lutheran Services Carolinas—
New Americans Program Volunteer Appreciation



Mother's Day Flower Delivery



Meals on Wheels

Summer is coming up and a great opportunity to take on one day of the week to deliver meals on one of the routes. Living Springs does Route 221 (Fontaine Rd area) on Monday and Tuesday, but there is always a message asking for help on the other days also. Take your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, neighbors and experience helping elderly get a nourishing meal. You can deliver from Millwood Ave. (this is where Living Springs picks up) or Spring Valley. See Mike Davidson for information.

Palmetto Place & Children's Hospital

Palmetto Place continues to provide safe living space for young adults working their way from homelessness to adulthood and providing for themselves. Living Springs lends their support by preparing a healthy meal on the fourth Thursday of the month - for June that would be June 25. The meal consists of a meat, starch, veggie/salad and a dessert - in May, we did a rotisserie chicken, rice with veggies, salad and a dessert. Are you hungry yet? Pick an item to prepare - it always smells so good!

Children's Hospital meals are prepared and donated by Travis & Melanie Mooney of Carolina Deli - hopefully you stopped by the Hope Activity at Summerfest and wrote an encouraging note to the parents or children on the 5th floor of Children's Hospital.



Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

Justice Ministry has much to **celebrate** as summer arrives!

At the Nehemiah Action in April, we heard from Rep. Schuessler (SC House, District 61) on the bills in the SC House (H4270) and Senate (S 983) calling for eviction filings to be removed after a period of time from public record so that tenants in the state could have a fresh start in securing housing. MORE Justice worked hard to get this legislation passed. We were successful. In May Governor McMaster signed legislation into law removing eviction records from the public index after 7 years. This was the first housing bill to get out of committee in over a decade.

Investing in our Justice Ministry allows the work on community problems to continue. Individuals from 25+ congregations invest in this ministry and Corporate Partners do as well. Vista Vision, an optometric practice in downtown Columbia, is the newest corporate investor in MORE Justice. Dr. Kendria Cartledge with Vista Vision says, "After meeting with y'all for the first time last year, it made sense to be a corporate partner. After learning about the past year's successes, it made sense to start investing!" If you know of other corporate partners who might be interested in learning more, please speak with your Team Leader or Pastor Eric.

Let's **celebrate**! Join us for the Justice Celebration on Monday, June 1st at 6 pm at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church. Everyone is welcome!



Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*



LS Next Adult Faith-Study Milestone Series....

"Living Our Faith:

**Hearing, Engaging, Responding,
choicing God's Voice!"**

9:20-10:20 in the Fellowship Hall

Sundays – May 24, May 31, June 7

We consider the gift of the Spirit in our lives as

disciples of Jesus. Pastor helps us explore stories from Acts of how the Spirit shaped life in the early community of believers to hear, engage, respond, and

echo God's voice in the wilderness spaces of life – and how the Spirit empowers us to do the same in living out our faith (incl. 7 spiritual practices of discipleship).



LS 2025-26 "God's Limitless Light" Focus of the Month!

Catch this past month's stories in our YouTube "God's Limitless Light" Playlist

Each Wednesday, we'll share a Bible story or reflection from our "God's Limitless Light" focus, followed by discussion with our pastor and congregation readers. You can watch the reading and discussion live on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. Catch all stories here in our ["God's Limitless Light" YouTube Playlist](#)

✦ Don't forget to like, share, and follow! By sharing, you may reach someone who needs to hear this Good News—maybe for the very first time. Together, we can all be part of shining God's light through our Good News Ministry!



Week of June 7 Acts 19-20
Week of June 14 Acts 21-23
Week of June 21 Acts 24-26
Week of June 28 Acts 27-28



Women's Bible Group

Meets on the first & 3rd Monday's.

Women's Bible Group will not meet Monday, June 1. We are looking forward to gathering again at El Jimador on June 15th at 7pm. We will be discussing The Chosen Season 2, episodes 2 and 3. Come and enjoy the fellowship and discussion! Please RSVP to Pastor Laura by June 12.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Meets on Tuesdays at 6pm

Want to join in? Contact Steve Bloss at sbloss1947@gmail.com or at 803-467-8287 to be added to the Google Meet.

Google Meet: meet.google.com/zao-uddc-uhy Or **dial:** 260-227-7312 PIN: 504568319#

Ladies Bible Study

Wednesdays in the Katie Room

We are taking the summer off. Watch for the monthly Pastor Bible Focus'. Next one on June 24th

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/crm-zcgt-bxx> Or **dial:** 540-669-0687 PIN: 810783136#

Bibles & Biscuits Men's Bible Study

2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 7am

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

Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

The Journal often has testimonies that start with, "I see God at work in ..." and then wonderful stories of God's grace follow. Here's one I'd like to share:

I see God at work in the lives and the faithful service of the Living Springs Choir.

It's not uncommon for church choirs to take the summer off, and I completely understand that, because choirs work very hard. Weekly rehearsals take time and concentration. Leading in worship each Sunday is a joy, but also a sacred responsibility. Our choir meets all year long to rehearse not just special anthems, but the hymns the congregation sings. We see ourselves not just as a choir, but as a worship team helping to blend the musical aspects of the liturgy with the other elements of the service, i.e., scripture readings, preaching, communion, etc. We also prepare music for joint services with our partner churches and other special events. All of this is a commitment of time and passion. While our group of mainly senior citizens can't sing regularly at both services, we do on Sundays like Easter, Pentecost, Christ the King, and Reformation Sunday.

It's a great blessing to work with the people in our choir. Their love of the Lord, love of our church family, and love of music inspire them to press on month after month, year after year. I'm grateful for their musicianship. They appreciate many genres of music; they learn quickly (and believe me, there's never enough time!); and they work well as a team. A choir member once said I am not as much a choir director as a coach of the choir team! An apt description! We often collectively make decisions about the interpretation of a particular section, or help each other with difficult parts—all in the spirit of true Christian fellowship.

I often thank our choir for their ministry, but I'll do it again here. You might want to think of them as your cheer leaders, encouraging you and everyone in the sanctuary (the *full* LS Choir!) to sing wholeheartedly as we worship our great God together. (We love hearing YOU sing!) Martin Luther said: "The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music." To this we all sing: ***Amen!***



JuBELLation Handbell Choir

Summer time is here! Which means the JuBELLation Handbell Choir is on hiatus beginning June 16th. We have had a great year together. Playing monthly, for Christmas, and Easter, playing with a Vocal Choir piece, accompanying the hymns have made for some busy Sundays.

In February, we attended a workshop in Raleigh NC. Ringing for 8 hours is exhausting, but fun!

The regular practices will begin August 25th at 7pm. Please prayerfully consider joining us for a practice or two and see if playing is for you. Men - Bob would LOVE another male in the choir. He's very outnumbered!



Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

The Crafty Ladies — Quilting 101 Saturday, June 13 @ 9:30 am

The Crafty Ladies are inviting anyone interested in learning this timeless craft to join us on Sat, June 13, at 9:30 AM! We'll kick things off with a little history of quilting, then dive into the hands-on basics — including how to layer a quilt and essential quilting techniques. No experience necessary! Come ready to learn, create, and connect with fellow crafters.

Women's Bible Group

Women's Bible Group will not meet Monday, June 1. We are looking forward to gathering again at El Jimador on June 15th at 7pm. We will be discussing The Chosen Season 2, episodes 2 and 3. Come and enjoy the fellowship and discussion! Please RSVP to Pastor Laura by June 12. The study guide for episode 2 is [here](#) and the guide of episode 3 is [here](#).

In our last discussion, we talked about how Jesus pushed his disciples to re-examine how they viewed Samaritans. The long held bitter feelings between the two groups had imbedded so much hostility. The conversation bridged to how harmful un-true or overly generalized narratives can be about people today. Our discussion reminded me of this TED talk called The Danger of a Single Story. It's about 19 minutes long, but I highly recommend it! The link is [here](#).

LADIES BOOK CLUB

One of the joys of belonging to a book club is that you get to read books that you might not otherwise pick and you get to discuss why you liked it or why not. We've had some ladies say they just could not finish reading, but the fellowship brings them to our meeting anyway. We gather at a member's house and review the discussion questions that are sent a couple of days ahead of the meeting. Someone brings the goodies and a pleasant couple of hours is had by all. If you are interested or just want to try it out for one time, contact Karen Kranz or just show up.

In July, we will be discussing *These Summer Storms* by Sarah MacLean at Jan Eppersn's, 608 Cold Branch Dr. (North Springs neighborhood) on Monday, July 6 at 6 pm.



Notes from: *Jr. Youth*



Junior Youth are looking forward to a fun pool party on June 14! Junior Youth and their families are invited to enjoy fellowship together. If you have questions, please see Pastor Laura or Becky Flynn.



We invite your prayers for our Vacation Bible School ministry as children, youth, and volunteers gather on June 1-4. We will be learning about the nature of God and having lots of fun together!



GRACE SPACE (for parents/caregivers with your toddler/infant) - Located in the Admin. Bldg. Senior Youth room, this is a place for parents/ caregivers to care for their little ones while worshipping via livestream screen. While we believe it's important & joyful to worship together in the sanctuary, sometimes a little extra space is needed for infants and youngest toddlers. Changing stations are available in the adjacent bathrooms and the small kitchen is open to prepare bottles. You are welcome to use this space to worship and attend to the needs of your little ones—and return to the sanctuary when ready. To access the Grace Space, see an usher for a key card to enter the Administrative Building—take the first hallway on the right and then the first door on the right.

Notes from: *Sr. Youth*

GraceWorks

June 28th—July 2nd



The GraceWorks Leadership Team is incredibly excited for our 13th annual GraceWorks Youth Servant Camp here in the Midlands!

What is GraceWorks? GraceWorks is a local servant camp for Midlands Youth who are rising 6th graders through recently graduated 12th graders. GraceWorks develops servant leaders as these youth serve various agencies around the Columbia area.

Most of these agencies serve vulnerable children or adults. In addition to doing physical labor like painting, cleaning, yardwork, and organizing, youth also learn about the ministry of these agencies and often have opportunities to interact with those they are serving.

What does it cost: This year's cost is \$50 per youth (with LS covering at least half*). This covers supplies, snacks, and our recreation day for all our participants. **Cost should never be a deciding factor for any youth. If the cost is a barrier please reach out to Pr. Eric for scholarship information.*

Where is GraceWorks this year? Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1301 Richland Street, Columbia, 29201. This will be our home base, most of our service experiences will involve traveling offsite via bus or by foot.

When is GraceWorks this year? This year GraceWorks begins Sunday June 28th with a meal and worship. We will gather at Ebenezer from 5:00-7:00pm to get to know each other, learn about our service agencies for the week, and worship together. Monday through Thursday, June 29th- July 2nd we will gather between 8:00 and 8:15am to start our day and will be finished and ready for pickup at 5:00pm.

We need adult volunteers:

There is no cost for adult participation so if you have a day or more during that week and can help with this worthy week of mission with our youth, you may register with the same link as the youth.

Registration link to come. Watch for the link in upcoming bulletins & eNews.



Calling for Donations – LS Sr. Youth Mystery Trip (June 7-10)

***Due Before 10:30 Worship on June 7*

As part of their annual mystery trip, Living Spring Sr. Youth take part in various learning experiences & servant projects. One of the mystery servant sites can use the below items, which our youth will be packing. Items can be dropped off at the church any time prior to the start of 10:30 worship on Sunday, June 7. *Monetary donations can also be placed in the offering by June 7 (payable to Living Springs, marked for Sr. Youth Mission Trip).* Givelify App is available.

Full-size Shampoo

Full-size Conditioner

Full-size Body Wash

Full-size Lotion

Large Toothpaste

Adult Toothbrush

Nail Clippers

Hand Soap

Deodorant (mens or womens)

Disposable Razors (mens or womens)

Please hold our youth in your prayers during their trip – and be sure to be present for 10:30 worship on June 7, to be part of the always inspirational Sending Blessing for our Sr. Youth, who will depart immediately after worship.

****Maybe include a photo or two from last year's mystery trip??**

Lauren & Hunter Serving as Lutheridge Summer Counselors

***Please send cards & care packages*

Living Springs is blessed to have 2 of our young adults responding to God's call to serve as summer counselors at Lutheridge: Lauren Bloss & Hunter Prest. Please hold them in your prayers. Your cards & care packages can be sent to them at the following address:

Counselor Name, c/o Lutheridge, 2049 Upper Laurel Drive, Arden NC 28704

Pastor Eric and others will be attending Campfirmation at Lutheridge the week of July 5-10, in case you would like for him to deliver a care package directly.

High School Graduate Quillowing Faith Milestone



Notes from: *Boy Scout Troop 737*

Troop 737 recently visited the Beauty and Grandeur of Graves Mountain Mine last month while working on the Geology Merit Badge! Scouts and Adults appreciated the splendor that God created for all of us!! Troop 737 will be attending Summer Camp in June and planning more fun activities after July!!



Hunter Prest's Court of Honor



Bucket Collection for Seminarian Jace - Ministry Projects in Santiago, Chili

****DEADLINE Sunday, May 31****

Since Epiphany, our Sunday bucket collection has been designated for Seminarian Jace Martinez's ministry project(s) in Santiago, Chili. Sunday, May 31 will be the final day for this particular bucket designation. Any donations can still be placed in the bucket through Sunday (checks payable to Living Springs, marked for "Seminarian bucket project"). To date, we have about \$1200 - thanks be to God for your offerings of generosity and love!

Pentecost Sunday—Happy Birthday Jesus' Church





As spring continues, many of us are clearing space, letting go of what's no longer needed, and making room for what truly matters. It's also a meaningful time to ensure your future plans reflect your life today.

An up-to-date will is one way to provide clarity and care for your loved ones. It can help guide important decisions, reduce uncertainty, and ensure that the people and causes closest to your heart are thoughtfully supported.

Through our partner FreeWill, you can [create or update your will](#) online at no cost. This resource makes it easy to:

- Reflect on life changes and new priorities
- Organize your wishes with clarity
- Support your family with thoughtful preparation

Taking this step is a reflection of faith in action: planning wisely, caring deeply, and helping ease the path for those you love.

STEP Walk for Bleeding Disorders



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

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

Sun		Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri		Sat	
31 Holy Trinity Sunday *See box above 8:15 & 10:30A E-M Wellness Moment 920A "Faith & Life" Session — "Hear/Engage/Respond/Echo God's Voice" 4-6:30P 15 Summerfest & VBS Kickoff		1 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Justice Min. Celebration (St. Martin's, meal 5:30) 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout #737		2 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Adult Bible Study		3 12P "Limitless Light" Posted 51:5P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 6P Hope Ministry		4 2P Safety TF 630P Recovery Comes First 7P Lifelong Discipleship		5		6 12P Baby Shower	
Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School, June-1-4: 830A—1P													
7 Lutheridge75 Kickoff Sunday *See box above 8:05 & 10:20 Summer Favorite Hymn-Sings 920A "Faith & Life" Session — "Hear/Engage/Respond/Echo God's Voice" 12P Sr. Adult/Empty Nester Picnic		8 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout #737 7P Fellowship & Mutual Care		9 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P CDC Summer Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study		10 12P "Limitless Light" Posted 51:5P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir		11 7A Men's Bible & Biscuits 11A Good News Team 6P Justice Annual Eval (Trinity) 6P Community Meeting (Sanctuary) 630P Recovery Comes First		12		13 930A Crafty Ladies Quilting 101	
SC Synod Assembly June 11 - 13 (Columbia) (Bishop Election)													
14 *See box above 8:05 & 10:20 Summer Favorite Hymn-Sings 920A Summer Hope Sunday #1 (Family Promise) 3P Jr. Youth Pool Party (Flynn's)		15 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Women's Bible Group 730P Exec Team		16 1030A Meals on Wheels 3P Finance Committee 330P CDC Summer Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study		17 Emanuel 9 Martyrs 830A Staff Breakfast Mtg 11A Football Ministry 12P "Limitless Light" Posted 51:5P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir		18 7A Men's Bible & Biscuits 10A Father Day Flower Assembling (FHall) 630P Recovery Comes First 7P Council Meeting Children's Hospital Meal		19 Juneleventh 11A Father's Day Flower Ministry Delivery Women of the ELCA State Convention The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Newberry, SC		20	
21 Father's Day *See box above 8A & 930A Annual Rehoboth Worship Visit 8:05 & 10:20 Summer Favorite Hymn-Sings 920A Adult Bible Class		22 1030A Meals on Wheels 6P Worship Team 7P Recovery Comes First		23 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P CDC Summer Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study		24 1030A Pastor Bible Study 12P "Limitless Light" Posted 51:5P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir		25 630P Recovery Comes First Celebration (FHall) Palmetto Place Meal		26		27 8A Men's Breakfast	
28 Lutheridge75 Commitment Sunday *See box above 8:05 & 10:20 Summer Favorite Hymn-Sings 920A Adult Bible Class 230 SCLMM Board Meeting 5P GraceWorks Kickoff (Ebenezer)		29 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First		30 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P CDC Summer Chapel 6P Facilities Team 6P Adult Bible Study		1 12P "Limitless Light" Posted 51:5P Disciples of Harmony 6P Choir 6P Hope Ministry		2 630P Recovery Comes First 7P Lifelong Discipleship		3 Office/CDC Closed		4 Independence Day	
GraceWorks Servant Days 6/29-7/2, 8am - 5pm													

Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

June 2	Brantley Smith
June 4	Beverly Hoppert
June 5	Jeff Day
June 9	Karen Bazemore
June 10	♥ Hany & Rachel Sorial
June 11	Marlene Jorgensen
June 14	♥ Charles & Ruth Pollard
June 20	Adam Woodruff
June 21	Angie Dyches
	Bryan Drafts
June 22	Nancy Baldwin
June 23	Daniel Hampton
June 24	♥ Carl & Sue Stewart
June 26	Nowell Ramsey
June 28	Ashley Sanders
June 29	Josh Holmstrom



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!

June 1	Peter Zvejnieks
	Emery Smith
June 5	Tom Willingham
June 15	Henry Pittman
June 18	Ethan Wirth
	Janet Wedlock
June 24	Maria Sorial
June 28	Anita Gabbard
June 30	Marlene Jorgensen



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