



LIVING SPRINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



Special Points of Interest:

- ‡ Ash Wednesday & Lent Begins
- ‡ Souper Bowl Sunday
- ‡ Youth Sunday
- ‡ Women’s Service Sunday
- ‡ New Member Reception

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FINDING OUR CALLING

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9

I am always awed and amazed how Living Springs continues to respond to God's call in the midst of difficult times in the world. Living Springs has not allowed financial limitations to limit ministry.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

We have not only maintained the ministries at Living Springs, we have expanded our outreach to the community. This year we participated in the first synod wide "Operation In As Much". In cooperation with Breath of Life and St. Timothy's Lutheran Churches, we all went out and spent a Saturday serving those in our community. We built a wheelchair ramp, served the rice home, fire departments and hospitals. In addition, we were involved with a variety of new service activities including supporting Angel House Ministry, (a home for homeless women veterans) we adopted a refugee family from Iraq and had our first "Soles for Souls" Sunday where we all left worship barefoot.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY

As a congregation we participated in a Capital Campaign to reduce our building debt as well as do some much needed repairs. In the midst of a terrible recession, the congregation responded with and shared their many blessings. When the debt is reduced, this will allow us to do even more ministry in the world.

A new organ was dedicated in memory of Harry Grohman. What a wonderful gift that has enhanced our worship ministry at Living Springs.

Small group ministry at Living Springs has grown. We held the first women's retreat at White Oak Conference and Retreat Center. The faith Milestone Ministry was expanded to include the Lord's Prayer and Stewardship, and the Quilting Group started a group at the Rice Home.

THANK YOU

As always a special thanks to our staff that have served Living Springs and are now serving in other places. Thanks to Pastor Bob Helton, Vicar Rick Reiten, and Lynn Bookert, office manager, for sharing their gifts with Living Springs. And we give thanks for our current staff at Living

Springs: Nickie Riley, Shawn Dunn, Tammy Mancuso, Sherry Forsgren, Laura Turnmire, Vicar Sarah Flatt and our entire preschool staff whose constant devotion to Living Springs has been an inspiration.

Thank you to our Congregational Council and Ministry Team leaders who serve faithfully and who have worked hard to continue to serve this community with limited financial resources. They have

been creative and resourceful in their leadership, as we continue to serve and reach out to God's people.

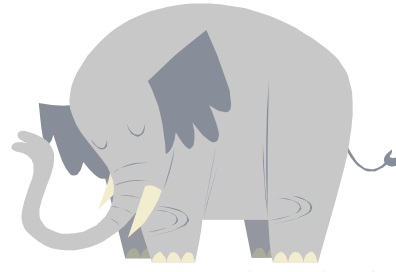
2010

As we look forward to 2010, I am excited about the visioning process we will be participating in as we continue to actively discern what God is calling us to do. This discernment process will help us to determine our staffing patterns that will support our congregational ministry, as we strive to celebrate and share the peace of Christ and seek to serve according to God's will.

God's peace,

Pastor Christine Stoxen





From the Preschool

Hello everyone,

It's hard to believe that 2010 is here. I hope everyone has had a moment to settle down after the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and focus on the wonderful things that lie ahead.

We have been busy planning for our upcoming events in the preschool.

The children will be making Valentine cards for the Rice Home. We will be celebrating Lutheran Schools Week in March and NAEYC's Week of the Young Child in April. We invite you to join us in the activities that each of these week-long celebrations will have. There is a guest reader day, where you may come in and read to the children. There will be a "Peace Banner" hung downstairs to which you are welcome to add your prayers of peace for the children in the world. We will have a planting day when you may come and share with the children the beauty of the world through gardening.

If you have an activity you would like to share with us, please feel free to let us know.

Thank you for your continued support!

With love and blessings,

Tammy and the Staff of LSLCPS/ASC

FROM THE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Committees, ministry teams, special project teams—please make sure to put information about activities, projects, etc. in the box in the workroom, or give information to Judy Lawrence. The archives committee wants it all...forms, participants, curriculum used, etc.! We will copy it and give it back to you! If you lose it, we will have it and share it with you. It is a great way for us to keep our history.

WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION

March 13, 6PM

Please sign up in the administration building. Bring your unwanted items and enjoy a fun-filled evening with friends over a barbecue dinner.

Cost is \$10 for dinner.

All money raised goes to the Phoebe Legrand Scholarship Fund, a fund for women's scholarships.

WOMEN'S SERVICE WEEKEND

The women of Living Springs will be conducting all 3 services on February 27 and 28. If you are interested in participating, please contact Ginny Devereaux at ginnydevro@hotmail.com.



NEW MEMBER CLASS

New Member Classes will continue at 9:30AM in the sanctuary (child care is available). If you would like to learn more about Living Springs, or are interested in joining, please join us for this four-week class. New members will be received on the weekend of February 20–21. For more information contact Pastor Chris.

McMEAL'S

Sign up in the administration building lobby. If you can provide a meal but cannot deliver it, let Betsy or Roy Shank know at 788-9648 and we will deliver it.

NURSERY

We need your help with ensuring that we have safe care for our youngest children at Living Springs. Please contact Theresa Fulton at tfulton0513@yahoo.com or 234-3216 if you are able to help.

PASTORAL VISITATION – MARTHA BEAHM

We are so blessed at Living Springs to have individuals who are gifted in so many ways. With the leaving of Pastor Bob, and in this interim period, people from the congregation are stepping forward to serve. There are always blessings that come out of difficult times. Martha Beahm is one of those blessings.

When Pastor Bob tendered his resignation, Martha jumped forward, offering to visit in hospitals and as needed as a volunteer. Visitation is truly a gift of Martha's. Not only is she a pastor in the Church of the Brethren, but she serves on the pastoral care staff at Providence Hospital. She has also served as a hospital chaplain. Having Martha make pastoral care visits, is a natural fit. The church council has blessed this and welcomed her as a part of the pastoral care team of Living Springs. In addition, some of our Stephen's ministers have stepped forward to do some visitation as well including Darin and Amy Sensabaugh, Jan Berger and Pat Dickerson. What a wonderful way to truly enact what Martin Luther called, "The Priesthood of All Believers".

We will install Martha as a Visitation Pastor the weekend of February 13 and 14. I continually give thanks for the way that the congregation cares for one another.

Counters Schedule for February

2/07/10 - Lead Counter- Adam Woodruff, Wendy McKenzie, Laura Turnmire

2/14/10 - Lead Counter- Brenda Grohman, Todd Gunvalson, Bill Franck

2/21/10 - Lead Counter- Darin Sensabaugh, Jeff Day, Jim Lentz

2/28/10 - Lead Counter- Pete McManus, Neil Fletcher, Steve Padgett

STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

Month Ending: January 24, 2010

Actual Giving: \$34,138.58

Spending Plan: \$35,044.00

Capital Campaign \$93,100.16

Rice Home Bus Drivers for February

2/07/10 Neil Fletcher

2/14/10 Jeff Day

2/21/10 Paul Laingen

2/28/10 Marshall Hurlbert

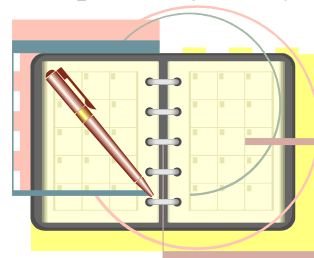


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Place for
Bible Study

⚡ Adult Bible Study every Mon @ 7PM

⚡ Women's Bible Study every Tues @ 10AM

⚡ Weekly Pericope Study every Wed @ 7PM



MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

First Tuesday 7PM Social Outreach

First Wednesday 6PM Evangelism

First Thursday 9:30AM WELCA
7PM Youth Ministry

Second Monday 7PM Social Inreach

Second Thursday 6:15PM Preschool Board

Third Monday 7PM LMM

Third Tuesday 6PM Council Exec.

Third Thursday 7PM Council

WAYS TO HELP

Faith Events

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Who: All scouts who go to Living Springs
What: Youth Sunday and Scouting for Food
When: Saturday, February 6, 2010 (5:05 service)
Sunday, February 7, 2010 (8:15 & 10:45 services)

Hey Scouts!

Scouting for Food is coming up next month. Let's get a jump on it here at church so that we can have even more food to give to the food bank. It would be great to talk at all three services so please ask Mom and Dad to have you at church IN UNIFORM before each service. Any questions, just call me.

Thanks,
Trevor Edwards
699-9937

CARE MEALS

The **Care Meals** volunteers are to be commended for their dedication to the ministry of preparing meals of love for our church family members who are ill, have had surgery, lost a family member, or are celebrating the birth of a child.

"Thank you" to Krista Gutierrez, Brian Gunter, Gail Buchanan, Patricia Sampedro, Sharon Fletcher, Tracy Vermillion, and Mike Wyka for delicious meals recently delivered.

We need more volunteers. Could you prepare an extra casserole, salad, and/or dessert as you prepare dinner for your family? If so, or if you have any questions please contact Alma Brantley at almabrantley@yahoo.com or call 736-1319.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

This is the 20th Year of Souper Bowl of Caring and we here at Living Springs are proud of our continued involvement in this national outreach program which began here in Columbia. It all started with a simple prayer: "Lord as we enjoy the Super Bowl let us be mindful of those whom don't have a bowl of soup to eat." Let's make this the biggest Souper Bowl yet. Please remember to bring your money for our Souper Bowl collection which will go to God's Storehouse. We will also have soup for sale at \$3 per pint for eat in or take out beginning at 9:30AM. We look forward to beating the parents in our flag football game.

PASSING ON the FAITH

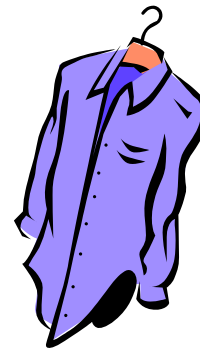
The Passing on the Faith Ministry team will be holding two events in February. If you have any questions about this ministry or would like to get involved, please contact Jennifer Wiggins at 240-1706 or jnwiggins@sc.rr.com

*Bible Sunday

Sunday, February 7 is Bible Sunday at Living Springs! The Passing on the Faith team will be hosting an Intergenerational Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. We will sing songs and play games, all while learning more about the Bible. There will be no regular classes that day as all classes will be participating in Bible Sunday. So mark your calendars and bring your Bible with you.

*Kids and Money Milestone

On February 28 and March 7, 1 and 2 graders and their parents are invited to learn more about how God intends for us to appreciate and use God's gift of money. This is a two part class and participation in both classes is required. Each child who participates will be recognized and receive a gift during worship. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.



LONG SLEEVE BLUE SHIRTS!

Would you like a Living Springs blue long sleeve T-shirt? Maybe you have seen others walking around in them? If so, look for them after church or see Pastor Chris and we will get you one. The cost for the shirt is \$15. It is a great way to let people know about Living Springs. See the board in the administration building to know what they look like!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- February 1 Hayden Caldwell
Shirley Laingen
- February 2 Caroline Berger
Cara Johnson
Peter Zvjnieks
- February 3 Grant Wolfe
- February 4 ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Charles Dickerson
Andrew Levitt
- February 6 Shawn Dunn
- February 7 Diana Abromaitis
Ray Hajducsek
John Peterson
Jean Weik
- February 8 Otto Esslinger
Julie Owens
Dennis Rybicki
- February 9 Grace Polson
- February 10 Ted Buchanan
- February 11 Sam Arnold
Jan Berger
- February 12 Garrett Flores
- February 13 ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Al Jordan
Kathryn Trenery
- February 14 ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Compas
♥ Mr. & Mrs. Tom Edwards
- February 16 Marshall Hurlbert
- February 17 Walker Flores
Peter Moore
- February 18 Troy Newton
- February 19 Weston Crapps
Larry Lowman
- February 20 Sarah Hinchee
Bonnie Lemke
Beverly Wyka
- February 21 Bob Gill
- February 22 ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Herrin
Patricia Brouwer
Will Collins
Sharon Fletcher
Stephanie Joyner
- February 23 Rachel Drafts
- February 25 Theodora Martin

- February 26 ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Preston Franks
- February 27 ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Charles Tracy
Mary Fox
Amelia McDaniel
- February 28 Rocky Berger
Inga Lowery



The time of Lent is upon us, which means additional Wednesday Services.

ASH WEDNESDAY Feb. 17
There will be a worship service at 12PM and 7PM.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS Feb. 24- March 24.
There will be a worship service at 7PM.

HEALING SERVICE March 31
There will be a worship service at 12PM and 7PM.

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 1
There will be a worship service at 12PM and 7PM.

GOOD FRIDAY April 2
There will be a worship service at 12PM and 7PM.

EASTER VIGIL April 3
Easter Vigil will take place at the 5:05PM Service.

EASTER SUNDAY April 4
SONRISE SERVICE at 6:30AM. Breakfast served after.
EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES at 8:15AM & 10:45AM.
No Sunday school.



A New Ministry group at Living Springs...YA'LL

Do you remember carrying around a Zack Morris cell phone? What about watching countless hours of Fraggie Rock while eating Push-up ice cream bars? Did you collect Pogs or have a slap bracelet to match every outfit? Was your lifelong dream at one point to become a Goonie?

If you answered “yes” to any of the above questions, you should plan to join us for the first meeting of YA'LL!

YA'LL (Young Adults Living Lutheran) is a new ministry group at Living Springs Lutheran Church. Come and see how the life of a faith community can contribute to your day-to-day activities and meet adults your same age. Whether you are new to the area or have been here for a while, plan to join us! We look forward to regular opportunities for social and service gatherings.

Anyone who is interested, join us on Friday, February 5, from 7PM – 9PM, at Jon and Allison Cowherd's house (211 Oak Cove Drive - The Oaks in Lake Carolina). Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert to share as we get to know one another and discuss the group's future plans. Drinks will be provided. Children are welcome.

For more information, contact Vicar Sarah (sarah.flatt@gmail.com) or Allison Cowherd (allison.cowherd@gmail.com).

We look to seeing YA'LL soon!



Charles and I would like to thank the Living Springs family for all the love, care and support you provided during my mother's illness and her recent death. It has meant so much to my family. We are so blessed to be part of such a wonderful group of people.

Pat & Charles Dickerson

EXTREME COUPONING

Monday, March 1 at 6:30PM

Extreme Couponing 101 with Jenny from Southern Savers. Do you look at the deals and wonder what it all means? Do you see weekly savings posts and feel like you can never manage to save that? Does CVS baffle you? Jenny's goal is for you to leave feeling like an expert!!

Learning how to save money you already have is amazing!! Jenny's family went from spending \$500 a month on groceries to only spending \$250 a month. What would you do with an extra \$250 each month? Come to a workshop and learn how to drastically cut your budget on your shopping expenses. Classes are 2 hours long and cover basic and advanced topics:

1. Gathering and organizing coupons
2. Using online resources to find your own deals
3. Effectively using coupons - a lot more than just clipping and using a coupon!
4. Detailed instructions for CVSing, and other drugstores Jenny will teach you everything you need to be able to save over 50% each week on your grocery, household, and personal care expenses.

This workshop will be open to the community, so you need to register in advance at <http://www.southernsavers.com/couponing-workshops/>. Jenny's workshops often sell out! The cost of the workshop is \$10 and is payable at the door. If you have any questions or need assistance with registration, please contact Amy Sensabaugh at 691-5993 or amys@sc.rr.com. Please note: The workshop is not posted on the Southern Savers website yet.



**The Sunday School Classes
are held 9:30 to 10:30**

FEBRUARY 2010

**BRING YOUR BIBLE SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 7, 2010
ALL AGES meet in the FH**

Come & See Jesus

Lesson Topics

- 2/14 Moses' Shining Face
- 2/21 Harvest First Fruits
- 2/28 Jesus' Sorrow For Jerusalem

PreK & K meet in the Busy Bugs room and are taught by Shannon Johnson.

Gr 1 & 2 meet in the Farm Friends room and are taught by Alison Levitt.

Gr 3 & 4 meet in the Rain Forest room and are taught by Diane Rager.

Gr 5 & 6 meet in the Teacher's Lounge and are taught by Steve Cronin.

Beginner's Bible Kids

Ages 2 & 3 meet in the Forest Friends room in the lower level of the administration building. Jean Cronin is the teacher.

Lesson Topics:

- 2/14 The Good Neighbor
- 2/21 The Poor Widow's Gift
- 2/28 The Lost Sheep

Here We Stand

Confirmation Lesson Topics:

- 2/14 Israel
- 2/21 Judah (Part 1)
- 2/28 Judah (Part 2)

The Confirmation students meet in the Katie room on the main level and are taught by Rocky and Jan Berger.

The ***High School Youth*** meet in the Luther room on the main level and are taught by Sharon Fletcher.

The ***Book of Faith Bible Study*** for adults meets in the Narthex to study the New Testament. The leaders are Jennifer Wiggins and Peter Moore.

Vicar Sarah Flatt leads the ***Large Group Study*** for adults in the Fellowship Hall. The lesson topic is ***Exploring The Psalms***.

Children's songs are led by Sharon Fletcher at 9:15 on the lower level of the administration building. Church nursery is available at 9:30 in the Mother Goose room.

K-2nd Travel the World Youth Group Events

Feb 7 12-2PM The K-2nd youth group will be celebrating the Chinese New Year.

CLUB3456

The 3456 Group has cookie and valentine delivery to the Rice Home on Feb. 14. Then on February 28 will go to Frankie's Fun Park. Both are after the 10:45 service.

MOVING WITH MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Join us for youth events!!! Check your Sunday school room for sign up/info or contact Brantley Davidson or Jan Berger. Sign up sheets are also posted on the "Sign up Sheets" board in the Admin. Building.

Feb 6 & 7 Youth Service Weekend

Feb 7 Souper Bowl Sunday

COOL STUFF! FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Join us for youth events!!! Check your Sunday school room for sign up/info or contact Adam Woodruff or Sharon & Neil Fletcher. Sign up sheets are also posted on the "Sign up Sheets" board in the Admin. Building.

Monday Nights Beef O'Brady's "GBC" (Get Better Connected) Hard Scrabble location 7PM

Feb 6 & 7 Youth Service Weekend

Feb 7 Souper Bowl Sunday

YOUTH WEEKEND

The youth will be conducting all 3 services on February 6 and 7. Please ensure your youth shares their abilities and see Adam, Sharon, or Brantley to sign up for your role.

FLAG FOOTBALL GAME

PARENTS VS. YOUTH!

Super Bowl Sunday in the courtyard; February 7 from 1-3PM. Come watch all of the excitement before the big game! Contact Jane McManus at jmcmamus@sc.rr.com or call 691-8847 for more information.

LUTHERAN COLLEGE FAIR

The Lutheran College Fair will be held Thursday, February 2 in Charlotte, NC at Christ Lutheran Church.

Admissions representatives will be available to answer any questions regarding admission, academic programs, student life, housing, and financial aid. A financial aid workshop will be conducted in order to help families understand that process.

All families who attend will receive 4 **APPLICATION FEE WAIVERS** (up to \$60 value each) applicable for any Lutheran college/university listed on the fee waiver.



WANTED: Middle and High School Youth

WHY: Attend Winter Jam 2010

WHEN: Tuesday, February 19, 2010, Colonial Life Arena.

COST: \$10 at the door/Bring \$ for food afterwards.

LEAVE: Church Parking Lot at 5:15PM **SHARP!**

RETURN: 11 - 11:30 PM

CONTACT: Vicar Sarah (sarah.flatt@gmail.com) or call church office 736-0661)

Be a part of WINTER JAM 2010!!

Great Christian Groups! See Third Day, New Song and others!

Have a great time enjoying fellowship, having fun and praising God!

HELP US ROCK THE ARENA!!

CHURCH STAFF

Christine Stoxen- Senior Pastor

Sarah Flatt- Intern

Shawn Dunn- Office Manager

Sherry Forsgren- Bookkeeper

Nickie Riley- Music Ministry Director
Organist, Director: Chancel Choir, Saturday Alive &
Children's Choir

Laura Turnmire-- Director
Adult and Junior Handbell Choir

Dr. Don Hillyard- Counselor
LifePoint Counseling Satellite Center

Tammy Mancuso- Preschool/ASC Director

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pat Dickerson: President

Mike Davidson: Vice President

Jan Berger: Secretary

Steve Cronin: Treasurer

Ken Creticos: Financial Secretary

Brenda Grohman

Ed Brennan

Pete McManus

Kathryn Padgett

Darin Sensabaugh

Jennifer Wiggins

Adam Woodruff

Ann Marie McManus, Youth Rep.

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Judy Lawrence

Christian Education

Amy Sensabaugh

Communications

Cara Johnson

Evangelism

Charles Tracy

Facilities

Joe Canterbury

Finance

Dan Camp

Lutheran Men

Mike Wyka

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