



LIVING SPRINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



Special Points of Interest:

- ✝ Ascension
- ✝ New Members Received
- ✝ Pentecost
- ✝ Summer Camp
- ✝ Horse Races
- ✝ Campfirmation

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Music is an Offering

Brothers and Sisters,

I've always felt very strongly that what we think drives what we do. After 32 years of doing church music, I have some ideas about how it should go, some of which are valid. I want you to know what they are so you'll know why we do things the way we do.

First, at its base, music is an offering to God. It is not preparation for preaching or entertainment. It is offering to God the very best we can muster for his glory. As such, it is worship. It may also lead to worship, but music is worship first.

Second, music functions as both prophet and priest. Music proclaims the word of God to his people. Music also proclaims the word of the people to the God they worship. Choirs have both a prophetic and a priestly function, singing to people on behalf of God and singing to God on behalf of his people.

Third, the music we offer must be an expression of the beliefs (or theology) of our people. Music for music's sake is fine in the concert hall, but not in church. **Here we are about the business of praising God and expressing what God means to us. We do that in harmony with what we believe and in a vocabulary to which our congregation can relate.** There is so much great music in the world. Not all of it fits our congregation. I'm not as interested in music appreciation as I am in making disciples.

Fourth, music is to lead God's people in praise. That was the job of music in the Old Testament, to lead God's people in praise. To do that, King David organized leaders, choirs, materials, times to sing and play, special music for special seasons—virtually the same sorts of things that we do now, just on a larger scale.

Fifth, music in the church must be well organized with an eye toward facilitating the liturgy-the work of the people. You know as well as I do that when you hear the Hymn of Praise, you stand. When we sing our offering to God, you sit and listen and talk to God about our offering. Then

you stand and join the choir in singing your offering to God. Music facilitates liturgy-the work of the people.

Sixth, music builds disciples. We are all called to share the word of God with each other and the world. Words do mean something, so they have to be chosen carefully. Music that we sing is driven by the text and it proclaims what we think about God. When good stuff comes in our brains, good stuff comes out in our lives.

Seventh, music is a pastor to us. Music calms us, brings us hope, clears our minds, reminds us of God's love for us. We feel better when we are upset and hear our favorite music. That's pastoral care. I know some of the hymns have more verses than you want to sing. Here's why we sing them all. First, hymns are written as poetry and conceived as a whole concept. In other words, they tell a story. Hymn writers were inspired to write about what they were going through and how God was speaking to them. I don't know what you are dealing with in your life. What if I omit your verse—the one you need? I miss the opportunity to minister to you and you miss the blessing. Sometimes God works that way.

Eighth, if we're going to offer music for God's sake, then it should be the best we can offer. Right notes, on pitch and on time. Choir veterans know that laziness doesn't work in music making. Choirs are one the most dedicated groups at the church-I know I'm biased. They give a rehearsal night every week plus weekends. They are an incredibly committed group of people.

Ninth, music well chosen, well sung and offered to God carries a reward that's hard to top. You know what I mean and you know it when you hear it done right.

The next question is, are you being called to join with us in leading worship through the music ministry? You have several opportunities at Living Springs. I encourage you to find your place, and join in the work and the fun.

Pax,
Nickie Riley

SUMMER CAMP

During the week of June 12-18 the Summer Camp will be in most rooms of the Admin building and the Sanctuary. If you have a meeting normally scheduled at this time we ask for your patience and cooperation in finding alternative rooms for you. Thank you.

PASSING ON FAITH MEETING

The Passing on Faith committee is looking for a few new members. Our next meeting is Thursday June 9 at 7PM. We do not meet often, so this group is not a large time commitment. We do have a great time as we help our youth and a special adult in their lives go through both faith and secular milestones. If you would like more information, please contact Jennifer Wiggins [803-240-1706](tel:803-240-1706) or Lexanne 803-315-3828!

THANK YOU

Today we here at Providence Northeast Emergency Department received packages of homemade cookies from your church. What a treat! Thank you so much, that was very kind and thoughtful of you. It is so nice to be appreciated.

Thanks again,
Kerry Frith RN



Come to Living Springs night at the Rose Creek Race Track

The race is set and the ponies are ready. Be ready to come to the window and make your wagers. The race is on June 18 beginning at 6:30PM. Bring your favorite tailgating food and get ready to have some fun. This is an adult fellowship event. The race track is located at the Turnmire's, 33 China Rose Ct. in the Rose Creek Subdivision. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Admin. building.



BACKPACKS FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN

All of us are concerned about the kids who receive food from our back packs and how will they fare this summer when there is not school breakfast or lunch. Joseph Keels Elementary School has enough funding for one month of Summer school. Therefore at the present time we will pack 35 back packs per week for the month of **June only**. Since the school will operate only Monday through Thursday, we will need to adjust backpack quantities for the extra day and gather together the snacks on **Wednesdays** for delivery on Thursdays. We still do not know about July and August. President of J. Keels PTO sent her heartfelt thanks. This spring the school asked the lower grades to write up something that influenced them the most--two children responded that our snacks were the most important thing that influenced them.

FURTHER BACKPACK NEWS

Starting in June, the back-packs will go home on Thursdays with the kids in summer school. In July, Mrs. Ladue the Principal of Keels, has agreed that they will allow any student who wants to, to come by and pick up food on Thursdays. The district has also arranged for some free breakfast and lunch sites through out the summer. Give yourselves a big hug!! The devotion and concern that you have shown for our families made the need clear to them. When they realized how many kids in the district were getting additional food through back-pack programs, they wanted to make sure those kids had some type of safety net. Some schools have also applied for grant money to help support the back-pack programs. You guys are "AWESOME", and I will never be able to thank you and your church members enough. If I can ever be of service to you, please call me or email. I look forward to working with you again. Thank You and God Bless!!!

~Brenda Creighton, Social Worker RD2

MEALS ON WHEELS

Be a part of this Social Outreach program. Living Springs will be delivering Meals on Wheels every Monday and Tuesday. All meals are prepared and ready to be picked up from Trenholm Road United Methodist Church around 11AM. The entire process takes from 1½ to 2 hours. There are currently 10 homes on our route and we are looking for enough volunteers so that we can deliver in pairs and we can work around your schedule. If you only want to deliver once a month, that is okay!! Contact Mike Davidson at 699-1498 or at mdavidson33@gmail.com. See Jeff Lummel, Herb Brantley, Pastor Chris, or Mike for more information.

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP COACHING OPPORTUNITIES TO TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE

Have you ever “felt stuck” with where you are in your life? Are you feeling so stressed that you wonder if there is more to life than what you have now? Is your life out of balance? Or perhaps you are dealing with a career transition and need focus. Coaching can help you think and explore where you haven’t gone before, and will open up new thoughts, new possibilities, new opportunities to take action towards your desired future.

Martha Beahm, at marthab@pinnaclelead.com or 803-603-3085, Ordained Minister, LPC and LMFT, and Life Coach with Pinnacle is offering two new opportunities:

Individual Life Coaching

- *Four Sessions of Life Coaching
- *Reduced Rate of \$200 for limited number of clients
- *PeopleMap Assessment
- *Values Clarification
- *Focus on your Personal Life Purpose

Life Transformation Coaching Group

- * Included a Peoplemap Questionnaire and Life Values Clarification/Life Purpose Assessment
- * Location: Christus Victor Lutheran Church, Irmo, South Carolina
- * Every other Tuesday evening, 6-7:30, 6 sessions, beginning June 14
- * Fee: \$300
- * Open to anyone

FINANCIAL WISH LIST



Due to our spending freeze, we invite you to support our ministry needs. Below is a list of items that are needed by our ministry teams:

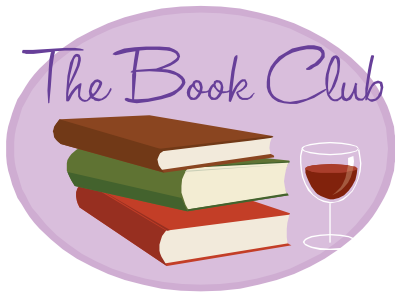
- Children’s Bibles (\$16 x 20)
- Confirmation Bibles (\$16 x 12)
- Computer Software (\$200)
- Summer Camp (\$50)

OPERATION INASMUCH

Thank you to all who participated in Operation InAsMuch! We accomplished a great deal in a short amount of time. From visits to the Rice Home, Fire Departments, the clean up of the Children's Garden and Camp Discovery, to the building of picnic benches and raised flower beds. Thank you for all of the financial donations as well that made this possible!



For the South Carolina WELCA Convention Project, Living Springs morning WELCA group has assembled six American Red Cross Disaster Comfort Kits. The American Red Cross gives Comfort Kits to adults and children who are victims of a disaster such as a house fire, flood, or hurricane. By giving victims the items necessary for personal hygiene, “comfort” is provided to those who have just lost everything. The children’s kit also contains a small stuffed animal. The kits will be delivered this year to the Convention in Charleston and donated to the local American Red Cross.



WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULING

School will be out soon, so summer is almost here. Kick off your summer by offering to serve as a worship assistant. We have a small list from the Time & Talent Sheets, [so we really need more volunteers.](#)

If you would be willing to serve, even if it's just for the summer, please e-mail Jan Berger at jan.berger@nelsonmullins.com. You can tell Jan what role you would like to serve in AND tell her which weekend(s) you would like to serve. That way you aren't scheduled for a weekend when you'll be out of town. We need:

Saturday 5:05: Greeter, Lector, 2 Communion Assistants

Sunday 8:15: Greeter, Lector, 2 Ushers, 2 Communion Assistants, 1 Acolyte

Sunday 10:45: Greeter, Lector, 4 Ushers, 2 Communion Assistants; 1 Acolyte, 1 Crucifer, 2 Torchbearers, 3 Financial Counters, 1 Nursery Helper

If you have a 3rd grader or above who would like to acolyte, summer is a great time to learn!!

Assisting in worship is a meaningful experience - - not only for the congregation, but also for you! Give it a try! Training is available.

Serve the Lord with Gladness; come before His presence with great joy.

Psalm 100:2

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

We will be discussing *The Confession* by John Grisham on Monday, June 13 7PM at Karen Kranz's house, 235 Founders Ridge Rd. (Founders Ridge neighborhood in the Summit) 29229. There is a sign-up sheet in the Admin building. If you have any questions, contact Karen Kranz @ 699-9566 or kbkranz@bellsouth.net.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Scott & Mary Ann Adams and their daughters Ella and Clara, Jason & Allyson Anderson with their daughter Kelsey, Steven & Jeanette Bloss, Leslie Bloss and her daughter Lauren, Joseph & Nancy Faulisi, Wayne Kannaday & Helen Doerpinghaus and their son Chris, Bill & Carol McCoy, and Tara Weaver to our Living Springs family.

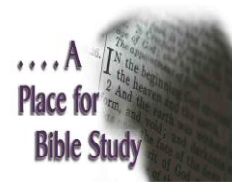
Counters Schedule for June

June 5- Adam Woodruff (LC), Herb Brantley, Lee Collins

June 12- Mike Davidson (LC), Rocky Berger, Karlene Stuart

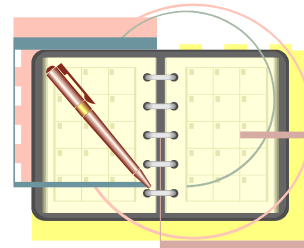
June 19- Harold Talbert (LC), Trish Davidson, Bill Franck

June 26- Peggy Collins (LC), Brenda Grohman, Laura Turnmire



‡Women's Bible Study every Tues @ 10AM

‡Weekly Bible Study every Tues @ 7PM



MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

First Wednesday 6PM Evangelism

Second Monday 7PM Social Inreach

Second Tuesday 9AM WELCA

Second Thursday 6:15PM Preschool Board

Third Monday 6:30PM Council Exec

Third Thursday 7PM Council

STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

Month Ending: April 31, 2011

Actual Giving: \$39,320.19

Spending Plan: \$40,045.31

Year To Date:

Actual Giving: \$125,163.54

Budget: \$148,482.23

Capital Campaign \$155,524.66

Rice Home Bus Drivers for May

6/05/11 Paul Laingen

6/12/11 Marshall Hurlbert

6/19/11 The Stuarts

6/26/11 Lee Harmon



NURSERY

If you are willing to serve in our nursery on Sunday mornings during the 10:45AM service please contact Alysia Austin. We are looking for a few more volunteers! austins516@hotmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

We have made arrangements for our annual Women's and Congregational Retreats. Go ahead and mark your calendars early! Both retreats will be happening at the Isle of Palms, Coastal Retreat Center!

Rally Day will be August 21, 2011.

Living Springs Fest will be September 24, 2011.

The Women's Retreat will be October 7-9, 2011.

The Congregational Retreat will be held October 14-16, 2011.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

June 2	Brantley Davidson Kathy Khalil
June 3	Matthew Riley
June 5	Jeff Day
June 7	Pete Amoth
June 8	Christopher Staudt Courtney Staudt
June 9	Karen Bazemore Trey Fulton
June 10	♥ Mr. & Mrs. Edward Tustin Allyson Anderson
June 11	Paul Conrad Marlene Jorgensen
June 12	Brien Lay Irene Tracy
June 13	Rachel Abromaitis Jennings Owens
June 14	♥ Rev. & Mrs. Charles Pollard Christa Cassidy Evan Rybicki
June 15	♥ Mr. & Mrs. Grant Wolfe
June 19	Mr. & Mrs. Phil Dunn Connor Horan
June 20	Joshua Smith Adam Woodruff
June 21	♥ Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Faulisi Bryan Drafts Angie Dyches
June 22	Nancy Baldwin
June 23	♥ Mr. & Mrs. Glen Busbee Kirsten Creticos Gracen Tilton
June 24	Paul Laingen
June 26	Scott McMillan Nowell Ramsey
June 27	Kyle Fletcher
June 28	Ashley Ramsey
June 29	Laura Northup
June 30	Sara Levitt



Explore the Bible and learn to be a good steward of the environment God gave us!

When: July 11-15, 6-8PM

Where: Living Springs Lutheran Church

Who: Everyone! Activities for Ages 2-Adult! (A nursery will be provided for younger children.)

Please contact Amy Sensabaugh

(aws1221@gmail.com or 691-5993) for more information or to volunteer! Every month there will be a list of items we need donated!

VBS Registration is now available on the church website! Print your registration and bring it to the church office, or email it to Amy Sensabaugh (aws1221@gmail.com).

Thank you to all who have donated items from our VBS Wish List! There is a donation bin in the Administration Building.

Wish List for Day 4 of VBS: Fleece Fabric (to be cut and made into small pockets), chenille sticks, fabric paint or paint markers, 2 quart containers with lids (new or used!), food coloring, sand, gravel, cotton balls, construction paper, washable Tempera paint (natural colors), powdered clay, soil (6 bags), compost (4 bags), newspaper, hand-sized spades, gardening gloves, birdseed (4 large bags, any type), seed packets (variety), Dixie cups (small and large, no Styrofoam please).

FAMILY NIGHT CONCERT

Summer Day Camp Kick-off

Come join the fun on Sunday, June 12

6 PM – 7 PM

Sanctuary

Featuring CAPTIVE FREE EAST COAST a music ministry team from Youth Encounter

MUSIC FOR ALL AGES!

MYSTERY TOUR

The Mystery tour is scheduled for July 17 leaving at 12PM to July 21 returning at 3PM. Come join us for fun and service. If you need more information about this event, contact Pastor Chris. (Friends are always welcome!)

From the Director of Faith Formation

Lexanne K. Graves
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803.736.0661 M, W, Fr

“But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not
grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.” *Isaiah 40:31*

Our lives are not determined by what happens to us but by how we react to what happens; not by what life brings to us, but by the attitude we bring to life. A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events, and outcomes. It is a catalyst, a spark, that creates extraordinary results!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Christian Education Ministry Team, I would like to thank all of our children, youth, and adult Sunday School teachers for their hard work and planning this past year. So much energy and creativity goes into lesson planning to engage all different types and ages of learners! We give God thanks for the many talents and gifts we have in our Sunday School teachers!

I have already had several persons want to be Sunday School teachers again, which is awesome! If you are interested in being a Sunday School teacher for any age (children, youth, adult), please contact me!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL:

For any youth or adult who would like to gather from 9:30-10:30AM any Sunday morning during June, July, and August, we will have an informal discussion in the Fellowship Hall about the Lectionary readings for that particular Sunday. Feel free to come on any given Sunday, grab a cup of coffee, and join in some biblical conversations with peers! It doesn't matter if you have attended Sunday School before or not, it's just a chance to talk about Jesus' presence in our lives. If you have any questions about this gathering, please contact me!



YOUTH MINISTRY GROUPS

Our next Youth Ministry Team meeting is
Thursday, July 7 at 7:00pm.

7TH-8TH AND 9TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH GROUPS:

On **Friday, June 10** or **Saturday, June 11**—The Youth want to go to the "Bi Mo Drive-In" in Monetta, SC. Cost is \$7 per person (cash is only accepted); bring more money for concession stand food. Gates open at 7pm; show starts at ~830pm. We still need to find 2 chaperones and adults to drive SUV's or mini-vans, so please contact Lexanne (lgraves910@gmail.com) if you can help out, in order to make this event a success!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, July 11-15, from 6:00-8:00pm.

Just like last year, we will do a service project each night of VBS (Mon-Thurs), then on Friday night we will go do something fun! If you can come every night, that would be awesome! If you can only come a few nights, that's great too! We just want you to participate! Mark your calendars—Details to come out soon!

MYSTERY TOUR: July 17-21, 2011!!!! See PC for details!

9TH-12TH GRADE Youth Group:

- Youth meet at Beef O'Brady's on Hard Scrabble Road every Monday night at 7pm! Call Adam Woodruff for details!

CHURCH STAFF

Christine Stoxen- Senior Pastor

Lexanne Graves – Director of Faith Formation

Shawn Dunn- Office Manager

Sherry Forsgren- Bookkeeper

Nickie Riley- Music Ministry Director
Organist, Director: Chancel Choir, Saturday Alive

Laura Turnmire– Director
Adult and Junior Handbell Choir

Dr. Don Hillyard- Counselor
LifePoint Counseling Satellite Center

Tammy Mancuso- Preschool/ASC Director

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Kathryn Padgett - President

Darin Sensabaugh - Vice President

Jan Berger - Secretary

Charles Tracy - Treasurer

Ken Creticos – Financial Secretary

Ed Brennan

Peggy Collins

Mike Davidson

Pat Dickerson

Karen Kranz

Harold Talbert

Adam Woodruff

Trevor Edwards, Youth Rep.

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Amy Sensabaugh

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