



LIVING SPRINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



Special Points of Interest:

- ‡ Lent
- ‡ Easter Egg Hunt
- ‡ White Elephant Auction
- ‡ Summer Camp Registration

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Changes here at Living Springs

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

***To everything there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under the heaven***

In January, the church council spent a great deal of time discerning staffing directions for the future of Living Springs. What is God calling Living Springs to do and how can we support these missional directions with staffing during this time in the life of Living Springs.

The council heard clearly through surveys that the congregation filled out in the fall and through conversation at our afternoon retreat that we are called:

To reach out to the community

To provide a place where our children and adults can grow in faith

To continue to worship faithfully at three services

As the council considered these missional objectives, the council came up with four staffing initiatives:

The first was to call an Associate in Ministry (AIM) to Living Springs to focus on Christian Education and Youth. An AIM is a person who is theologically trained and goes through a candidacy process through the synod. AIMs are not called to baptize or to preside at communion, but are called to teach and equip lay persons for ministry. I give thanks that the council and congregation are moving in this direction. This position would also work with our preschool to expand our Christian Education in the classroom and help LSLC be certified with the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association.

The second was to find a regular supply pastor and musician for the Saturday 5:05 worship. This pastor and musician would come in alternate weeks allowing for Nickie Riley and myself to spend some time with our families.

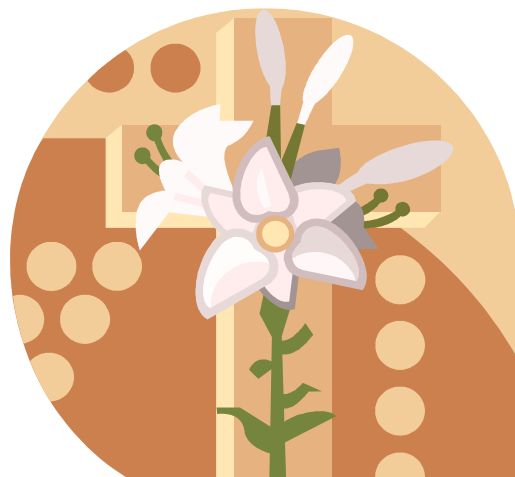
The third recommendation was to look at hiring someone for up to 10 hours a week to work with outreach ministries. This person's responsibility would be to link Living Springs with the community. The position would help us to be more active in the Northeast Community and beyond. This recommendation has been put on hold as we determine what finances will look like.

Finally, we will not be getting an intern for next year. The seminary did not have a good match for Living Springs this year. We do hope to have field students next year who will be part of the worship and education program on a more limited basis.

I am thankful for a congregation who looks to change as opportunity for the spirit who continues to move us to discipleship.



Pastor Chris





From the Preschool

We have had another successful year here at LSLCPS/ASC. We continue to work together with the church to strengthen our ministry in the community. Here are a few highlights:

- ~ We started off the year in January with some wonderful brainstorming ideas with the church and preschool. Ways that we can work together in the community and the congregation.
- ~ **Lutheran Schools Week** in March in which we celebrated many exciting activities with the children and parents, including special treats shared with families. Our week was kicked off with a special Sunday service to say “Thank You” to our teachers for all that they do. We were also treated to a wonderful luncheon.
- ~ We made a move to going more “Green”. We purchased bowls and spoons for the children to use at snack and lunch times. We had been using paper and plastic products in the past. This was both costly as well as not as environmentally responsible as we could be. We feel that this is still an area of growth, as we look at more ways to use washable/recyclable products.
- ~ In April we celebrated NAEYC’s **Week of the Young Child** with our Annual Field Day. We sold reusable water bottles with our LSLCPS/ASC logo along with popcorn at field day again this year. We had several church members join us to help with the sales, and the festivities. We had a strong community outreach and participation. It was

a fun way to work together with church members and the community, to get the word out about the great things that we have to offer here at LSLCPS.

- ~ We held our **4yr. old promotion** in May for both our full and half day children. As always that is a bittersweet time of year as we watch those that have grown so much over the years, leave us to go on to kindergarten. Fortunately we do get to see many of the children when they come back to our ASC program.
- ~ Our **Summer Camp** was exciting this year. This is the first year that the Preschool and Church Summer Camp have “officially” shared this activity. The children really enjoyed the music portion and it was yet another way for us to share with the children and families the power of what we do here. I had one parent of an After School child come to me to share a personal experience that she had with her daughter while out shopping. They were making a purchase at a local store and her child proudly looked at the cashier, threw her arm in the air and shouted “God is power!” I think that is a wonderful testimony to what we do!
- ~ Unfortunately, we did have a drop in enrollment for our ASC Summer Camp this year. This did negatively affect the budget, which led to some very difficult decisions having to be made. We had to put a “wage freeze” in place for staff as well as cut the position of Assistant Director.
- ~ The **Fall Festival** in October was a great success! It was also our 2nd annual **Trunk-or-Treat**. It was a wonderful outreach to the community. I have to say a “Way To Go” to those members that had a great “Plan B” when we were rained out. The Trunk or Treat was turned into a Hallway Trick or Treat route. That really worked out well. We estimated that we had approx. 175 people at the event. We thought this was a HUGE turn out considering the rain. We also held our **Silent Auction** the same evening; we made approx. \$1100.00 with this as well as the donations from the chili dinner. We certainly will need

volunteers to prepare for the upcoming 2010 celebration, so please keep us in mind!

- ~ We also held our **Annual Cobb Cookie Fundraiser** this fall; we were able to put approx. \$1200.00 into our fund to use for various things this year, such as: Staff incentives, classroom activities and supplies.
- ~ The **Thanksgiving Feast** in November was a wonderful success. We started the evening with the children singing a few chapel songs, then we were all able to enjoy in food and fellowship. We estimated we had about 150 people attend this event. The Board members were a great help when it came to cooking, setting up for the dinner, and cleaning up.
- ~ We wrapped up our year with our **Annual Christmas Program**. The children sang songs and celebrated the season with our families.
- ~ I look forward to continuing to work with Pastor Chris as we grow together in this ministry and mission to the community. We look forward to moving ahead and planning many more great times for sharing in fellowship. We are anxious to move forward as we head into 2010 with many ideas of ways to work together with the various ministry teams. We have already begun to brainstorm ideas on how the preschool can support the ministry teams (hanging flyers when events are going on, making sure our families know about all the wonderful activities that are happening in the church), ways that the ministry teams can support our preschool with various activities (i.e., making blankets, reading books, sharing life stories, cooking, doing art activities). Thank you for the opportunity to work with the Living Springs Church community, we are doing great things together!

Respectfully submitted by,
Tammy Mancuso
Director of LSLCPS/ASC

MARTIN LUTHER

...but Martin Luther survived a lightning strike so that we could be Lutherans...

The most important thing is that Christ died and was raised so that we could be Christians, but don't forget that Martin Luther survived a lightning strike so that we could be Lutherans; indeed so that all Protestants could be Protestants.

COFFEE HOUSE MINISTRY

I have been dreaming about a second site ministry for Living Springs for a year now. The vision I have for this ministry would take place in a coffee house setting. There are a number of coffee house ministries, connected to Lutheran Churches, throughout the United States. I would like to begin dreaming about this ministry, its feasibility and what this might look like. There is some mission money available for this type of "emerging" ministry. "One example of this is "The Well" located in Pineville, NC. I encourage you to look this up on line. If you are interested in being a part of the vision team, please let me know in the next couple of weeks. I am excited about reaching out into the community. Pastor Chris



LADIES BOOK CLUB

Monday, April 19 @ 7:00pm

We are reading *Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World* by Vicki Myron & Bret Witter.

Jean Cronin will be hosting (8 Woodlands Ridge Ct. 419-6710) – refreshments will be served.

A sign-up sheet is in the administration building – any questions, contact Karen Kranz @ 699-9566 or kbkranz@bellsouth.net.

RICK REITEN

Our vicar from last year has accepted a call to Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead, Minnesota, a two year term call. He will be ordained after his graduation, at a place and time to be determined. Rick will graduate on May 14. Graduation for the Seminary will be at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Columbia. We wish Rick and Lindsay best wishes on their journey. We will let you know more information as it becomes available.

Counters Schedule for March

- March 7 - Ed Brennan (Lead Counter),
Peggy Collins, Mark Stuart
- March 14 - Kathryn Padgett (Lead Counter),
Catherine Bruffey, Jim Lentz
- March 21 - Jennifer Wiggins (Lead Counter),
Sally Moore, Trish Davidson
- March 28 - Adam Woodruff (Lead Counter),
Wendy McKenzie, Laura Turnmire

STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

Month Ending: February 21, 2010

Actual Giving: \$20,711.44

Spending Plan: \$25,838.00

Capital Campaign \$96,060.16

Rice Home Bus Drivers for February

3/07/10 Karlene and Mark Stuart

3/14/10 Mike Davidson

3/21/10 Ted Buchanan

3/28/10 Adam Woodruff



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Place for
Bible Study

⚭ Women's Bible Study every Tues @ 10AM

⚭ Weekly Bible Study every Tues @ 7PM

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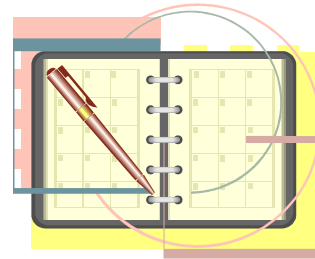
Sign up in the administration building lobby. If you can provide a meal but cannot deliver it, let Betsy or Roy Shank know at 788-9648 and we will deliver it.

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.

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.



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 6PM Council Exec.
7PM LMM

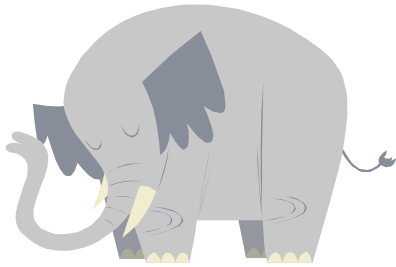
Third Thursday 7PM Council

WELCA

The next WELCA meeting will be Thursday, March 4th at 10AM at the home of Nanette Ramsey. The address is 125 Watson Way, N.E. Columbia.

PHEBE LEGRAND SCHOLARSHIP

The Phebe LeGrand Scholarship Applications for females are now available. Any young female can pick one up from a clipboard near the sign up sheets. Application deadline is Sunday, March 28. An annual Phebe LeGrand WELCA Scholarship shall be given to a female undergraduate student who is a member of Living Springs Lutheran Church.



WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION

March 13, 6PM

Please sign up in the administration building
Bring you unwanted items and enjoy a fun filled evening with friends over a barbeque dinner.
Cost is \$10 for dinner.

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



A New Ministry group at Living Springs...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.

Join us for our next get together on Friday, March 5, from 7PM to 9PM at Eric and Amanda Keisler's house (116 Jasmine Place Drive, Columbia, SC 29203). Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert to share. Drinks will be provided. Children are welcome.

Please plan to bring a gift to be given to the refugee family Living Springs is sponsoring. They are excited to announce that "It's a Boy!" Anything from a package of diapers, a container of wipes to laundry detergent would be greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Vicar Sarah (sarah.flatt@gmail.com) or Allison Cowherd (allison.cowherd@gmail.com).

We look to seeing YA'LL soon!

EXTREME COUPONING

March 1, 6:30PM

This workshop has sold out. If you signed up do not forget to come!

LUTHERAN MEN

²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some.

1 Corinthians 9:22

A Happy Lent to all men of the congregation. As we continue our Lenten journey and celebrate with the resurrection of Christ on Easter morning, I am reminded of how blessed we truly are. We, the members of Lutheran Men planning team, have chosen the scripture above to guide us this year and are diligently working to make this a new start to a stronger Lutheran Men's group. Watch your E-news and bulletin each week. In the coming months there will be new opportunities for all men to be involved in fellowship, care and study together in small groups and quarterly at larger fellowships. A sample of things to come are a Breakfast Group, Book Group, Young Men 20-30 Group, Military Support Group, Professional's Group and more to come. We are very excited about having these smaller groups to focus on the caring of each other and spiritual growth that all men want and need. I look forward to working with the Team of Leaders we have established in growing our faith and mission together. If there is a passion you have and would like to get a small group together please let me or Bob Turnmire know. I am thankful for all the men in this congregation and look forward to your fellowship with us. Easter breakfast will be our first chance to share our talents with the congregation and we need your help. We need setup, cook and clean up members; please let me or Bob know where you can help.

Peace Be With You,
Adam Woodruff

SAVE THE DATE

Operation In As Much: April 24.

Shannon Long Golf Tournament: May 22.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- March 1** Marj Appleton
Phil Dunn
- March 2** Wayne Rice
- March 3** Ruth Pollard
Christine Stoxen
- March 4** Lavada Barnhill
- March 5** Laura Turnmire
- March 6** ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Wes Levitt
Benjamin Arnold
Jeff Jacobs
- March 7** Bill Fox
Debbie Wilson
- March 8** ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Brian Gunter
Autsin Padgett
Laurie Polson
- March 9** David Abromaitis
- March 10** Jason Caldwell
- March 11** ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Brown
Steve Dye
Courtney Murray
- March 12** Mackenzie Canterbury
Steve Niemeyer
- March 16** Curtis Brown
Lora Compas
- March 17** ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Don Walnock
Terry Branham
Ryan Harmon
Henrietta Kaiser
- March 19** Kellie Barrier
Tyler Evans
Barbara Gill
Elizabeth Shank
Audrey Turnmire
- March 20** Jeff Brouwer
- March 21** Angela Clifton
Julia Sampedro
- March 22** Brad Abromaitis
Angela Fomby
Edward Tustin
- March 23** Patrick Lay
- March 24** Retha Murray

- March 26** Pepper Busbee
Sam Drafts
- March 27** Ann Marie McManus
- March 28** Didi Carmikle
Jacob Keisler
- March 29** Nicole Fletcher
Thomas Gunter
- March 30** Robert Johnson
- March 31** Ryan Staudt



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

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

March 7 National Lutheran Schools Week Begins
Kids and Money Milestone Part 2

Preschool Teacher Installation during 10:45am
Service and Appreciation Luncheon at Noon

March 25 Christian Education Team Meeting 7pm

March 27 First Communion Instruction
Prepare Bag Lunches for Easter Egg Hunt (after
3pm)

March 28 Easter Egg Hunt and Bag Lunches

Preschool Teacher Installation and Appreciation Luncheon

March 7 marks the beginning of National Lutheran Schools Week! On Sunday, March 7, we will be celebrating our preschool teachers with a teacher induction ceremony during the 10:45am worship service. Immediately following the service, the Christian Education Team, with the help of many preschool parents, will be hosting a luncheon to honor our teachers and their families. Everyone is invited! If you would like to help with the luncheon, please contact Amy Sensabaugh (691-5993 or amys@sc.rr.com).

Easter Egg Hunt

Our Easter Program is a community event sponsored by Christian Education and the Youth Ministry. All ages are invited for games, food, prizes, fun and fellowship! An Easter Egg Hunt will be held for the children on Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010 at Noon. Bag lunches will be sold (\$5 ham and cheese/\$3 peanut butter and jelly). Proceeds will fund Christian Education scholarships. Opportunities to assist with the Easter Program include:

- Help bake brownies
- Help bake cookies
- Donate jar of peanut butter
- Donate jar of jelly
- Donate loaf of bread
- Donate bag of individually wrapped Easter candy
- Help assemble bag lunches
- Help distribute bag lunches
- Help with kitchen duty/set up
- Help organize children's games
- Lead children's egg hunt

If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Amy Sensabaugh (691-5993 or amys@sc.rr.com).



LIVING SPRINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH SUMMER CAMP 2010 SET SAIL THIS SUMMER WITH HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION AND EXPLORE THE MIGHTY LOVE OF GOD!

DATES: June 14 - 18, 2010

TIME: 8:30AM - 12:30PM

COST: \$60 per child for the week

AGES: Rising 1st through rising 6th Graders

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LSLC

Registration Deadline Date: April 1, 2010

SPACE IS LIMITED REGISTER TODAY ONLINE AT
<http://www.groupvbsspro.com/vbs/ez/LivingSpringsColaSC>

Contact Jean Cronin for further details

This camp is led by six young adults from Youth Encounter called [Watermark Denmark](#) and several adult and youth volunteers from our church.

We need lots of people to help make our Church Summer Camp 2010 a success!

Middle and High School Age Youth and Adults are encouraged to get involved!

Positions include: Crew Leaders, Station Leaders, Assistants, Photographers, Registration and Rotation Coordinators, Host Families, Decorating Coordinator and more!

For more details and to apply for the volunteer position go online to

<http://www.groupvbsspro.com/vbs/ez/LivingSpringsColaSC/gps/volunteer.aspx>

OR

If you can not serve that week and would still like to help, we are accepting donations for supplies and snacks

Contact [Jean Cronin](#) to get more information

Please note: Child Protection Training is required for staff and volunteers who minister to minors or serve alongside minors in the various ministries throughout Living Springs Lutheran Church. If you have not attended this training in the past 12 months, training will be provided.



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

MARCH 2010

Come & See Jesus

Lesson Topics are

- 3/7 The Golden Calf
- 3/14 The Parable of the Lost Son
- 3/21 The Passover
- 3/28 The Easter Story
told by Grades 5 & 6

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 Sherri Staudt.

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 are:

- 3/7 A Short Man
- 3/14 The Lost Son
- 3/21 The True King
- 3/28 The Easter Story
told by Grades 5 & 6

Here We Stand

Confirmation Lesson Topics are

- 3/7 The Exile
- 3/14 The Return
- 3/21 Ezra and Nehemiah
- 3/28 Esther

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.

Ron Ramsey leads the ***Large Group Study*** for adults in the FH.

Confirmation students meet in the Katie room on the main level and are taught by Mike Davidson.

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

K-2nd Youth Group will be visiting Ireland for a St. Patrick's Day Party on Sunday March 14th from noon-2PM. We will meet downstairs in the 1st-2nd grade Sunday school classroom. Lunch will be served. Cost is free. Any questions contact Joe Canterbury, Sarah Sweitzer, or Chris and Helen Horan.

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.

March 7 Service and Sweets (1-5)
March 19 Night of Adventure, 6p-1a
March 28 Help with Easter Egg Hunt

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

March 14 St. Patty's Party 5-8PM, at church

CLUB3456



**FAITH ALIVE! at
LUTHERIDGE**
Campfirmation Retreat for
Middle School Youth
*"I learned things I didn't know
before and it was so much
fun!"*

When: April 30 – May 2, 2010

Transportation provided

Leave church Friday, 4/30: 5:00PM. SHARP!

Return Sunday, 5/2: 2:00PM.

Cost: \$70 deposit (church will pick up the balance)

Deposit due: no later than March 21

Pack your bags and get ready for a wonderful weekend retreat at Lutheridge Conference Center. This will be our Confirmation Spring Retreat and we hope each confirmand will be able to attend. We will be studying:

MARTIN LUTHER AND THE REFORMATION

Retreat taught by Lutheridge Staff . . . a chance for our youth to spend time with other confirmands from around the state and learn from other adult leaders!!

**Please contact Jan Berger as soon as possible and let her know if you will be attending. We need to make reservations soon!!!

(Jan.Berger@nelsonmullins.com or 803-788-0057)

**More information to follow soon!!
DON'T MISS OUT ON A FUN EXPERIENCE
AT THE 'RIDGE!'**

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!

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.

MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

Archives

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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Jim Lentz

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