



LIVING SPRINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



Special Points of Interest:

- ✠ Operation InAsMuch
- ✠ Shannon Long Golf Tournament
- ✠ Last Day of Sunday School
- ✠ Seminary Auxiliary Reception
- ✠ New Member Class
- ✠ Quillow Presentation

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You Effect the World

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,
It is Spring at Living Springs and I always give thanks this time of year for the ways in which this congregation comes together to serve the community and the larger church. So much has already happened, and much continues to happen as we continue in the spring. I give thanks for your ministry! With so much going on, you may be unaware of all that Living Springs does for the community and the larger church! Here is a snapshot of the spring!

Community

Backpack projects for the youth
Easter baskets for God's storehouse – 40 this year
Easter Egg Hunt for the whole community
Operation InAsMuch
Youth work day for Home Works
Meals on Wheels
Meal for Rice Home Residents

Larger Church

Seminary Auxiliary – ten life memberships this year
Shannon Long Golf Tournament – raise money for mission congregations
Hosted speakers from Youth in Global Mission
Meal for Campus Ministry at USC
Offering for Japan Recovery

I give thanks for all you do for the community. For the way you serve those in the community through this congregation, the Northeast Community and the world. What you do makes a difference!

I encourage you to be a part of our Operation InAsMuch Day on May 7! There are so many ways to serve! There is something for everyone!

For as it says in Matthew 25 :40

Truly I say to you, Inasmuch as you have done it to one of the least of these my brothers, you have done it to me.

What a wonderful way to celebrate Easter and to share the good news!

Peace, *Pastor Chris*

PRESIDENTIAL NEWS

In February of 2011 President Barack Obama appointed The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the ELCA, to the President's Advisory Council for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

Hanson said the appointment strongly affirms the involvement of the ELCA members "in serving our neighbors."



From the Preschool

Hello and Happy Spring to everyone!
I hope you are getting a chance to enjoy the May Flowers that our April Showers have brought. We have been busy little bees down in the preschool. We are planting our children's "Working Garden". We have been weeding, watering and waiting for our veggies to sprout. We are working on our composting bin by adding worms and food. This will nourish our garden and help the children to learn about recycling and the process of giving back. We have also had our fig tree blessed as we planted it in honor of Earth Day 2011. We look forward to watching our garden grow and change with the seasons, and look forward to using it as an important teaching tool with the children. If you have ideas, projects, stories or other things you would like to share with our teachers, families and children please let us know, you are always welcome to join us!

With love and blessings,
Tammy and the Preschool Staff

EASTER BASKETS

Thank you to those who donated Easter Baskets for God's Storehouse. We collected over 40 baskets!

ANNUAL REPORT

There are copies of our Annual Report for 2010 on the back table in the Narthex. You can also see a copy of it here:

<http://www.livingspringscolumbia.org/communications/annual-report/>

LIFEPOINT ADDITION

We welcome Martha Beahm as a part of the LifePoint staff. Martha will be joining Don Hillyard in personal, couples, and family counseling. If you need to make an appointment with Martha or Don please call LifePoint's new number 803-808-9623.

BACKPACKS FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN

We have seen the most immense outpouring of generosity with our backpack project to feed the hungry students here in the Northeast. Just 3 months ago we were packing 20 bags for children. Because of your immense support we have increased this number to **50 bags!** If you have any questions on what kind of foods are appropriate please contact Harold Talbert at haroldtalbert@ymail.com.

THRIVENT BOARD

CALLING ALL THRIVENT MEMBERS

Are you a Thrivent Member? Do you have time to go to one meeting a month? Then Thrivent could use you on their board! Please let me know if this is one way you might be able to serve.

OPERATION INASMUCH

Join the congregation as we reach out to the Northeast Community on May 7. There are many ways that you can show your support! You can work at building flower boxes, volunteering at the Rice Home, building picnic benches for homes in Ridgeway, volunteering at Camp Discovery, or working at the Clemson extension. Join your team leaders on May 7 at 8:30 AM at the church, we will begin work at 9AM and hope to be done by 1PM or sooner. It is a great way to give back. For more information see the bulletin board in the Narthex or Pastor Chris.

CELEBRATING 10 NEW LIFE MEMBERSHIPS IN THE LTSS AUXILIARY

On Sunday, May 22 at the 10:45 worship service **Caroline Berger, Ken Creticos, Cindy Day, Lexanne Graves, Marshall Hurlbert, Karen Kranz, Craig Stoxen, Karlene Stuart, Charles Tracy and Jennifer Wiggins** will receive honorary Life Memberships in the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary Auxiliary for the year 2011, for their faithful witness and service in our church community. A reception will follow. Please join us as we honor and celebrate our new life members, now reaching 106 leaders since 1990. We give thanks to you for all of your support and generous gifts to the LTSS Auxiliary.



CINCO DE MAYO

Saturday May 7 at 6PM at the home of Marshall and Jeannie Hurlbert (217 Dove Ridge Road) Come enjoy a great night of Mexican food, fun and fellowship. Great way to celebrate after participating in Operation InAsMuch. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Sign up sheet in Admin Building or Narthex.

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.

SHANNON LONG GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 14, 2011 12:30PM Sign-up today! Forms can be found at our website online, or in the Narthex at the back table. The funds shall be invested in the ELCA MISSION INVESTMENT FUND. In 2001, the Men of Living Springs made a commitment to host an annual golf tournament to raise funds for the Living Springs Mission Partnership Endowment Fund.



2011 SOUTH CAROLINA LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

“25th. ANNUAL CLIFF BOURGUIGNON GOLF TOURNAMENT”

MONDAY, MAY 16, 2011

Captain's Choice - Four Person Teams
\$65.00 Entry Fee Per Person (includes 2 Mulligans)
Shotgun Start – 10AM at Fort Jackson Golf Club
Limited to 240 golfers (60 four-person teams) –
Team Handicaps Determine Course Assignment
Awards Ceremony After Play at Fort Jackson Golf Club Pavilion.

BBQ Dinner Catered by Fort Jackson

ENTRY DEADLINE May 1, 2011

If you are interested in this event please contact the office so we may forward you the needed forms and paperwork!

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:

Operation InAsMuch (\$25 x 12)
Key chains for Drivers License Milestone (\$8 x 8)
Mystery Tour (\$25 x 8)



We will meet again on **May 10 NOT May 3** at 9AM. All women of the church are encouraged to attend. We need your input.

MOTHER'S DAY

For Mother's Day, WELCA invites you to donate a special gift in honor or in memory of your mother or loved one. These gifts will go towards the purchase of Church Music. A check in any amount may be made out to Living Springs Lutheran church. On the memo line, write "Church Music". Place the check with the form in the special envelope to be found on the Narthex table, and then place your gift in the offering plate **by May 1**. The name of your loved one will be printed in the Mother's Day Sunday bulletin.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

We will be having a new member class on **May 22, 2011**. If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining Living Springs Lutheran church, or if you are interested in learning more about LSLC and what it means to be a Lutheran feel free to join us! 9AM-1PM. Contact the office to register or for more information.

OUR GIRLS WORKING TOWARDS BRONZE



Laura Stuart's Girl Scout troop is working on the Bronze Award service project. They are raising money for local animal shelters by collecting aluminum cans. If you could please save all of your cans until May 15, Laura would be happy to come to your home and pick them up! Contact Laura Stuart, 736-0303 with any questions you may have.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Eric and Emily Johansson who have just had a beautiful baby girl. Isla Rose Johansson was born April 27, 2011 happy and healthy!

Counters Schedule for May

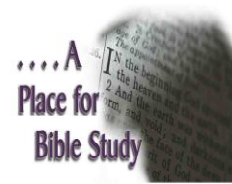
May 1- Harold Talbert (LC), Trish Davidson, Mark Stuart

May 8- Peggy Collins (LC), Bill Franck, Laura Turnmire

May 15- Pat Dickerson (LC), Barbara Collins, Steve Padgett

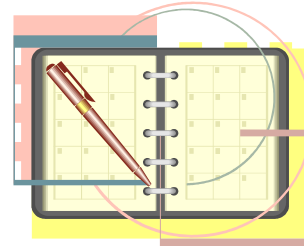
May 22- Karen Kranz (LC), Todd Gunvalson, Wendy McKenzie

May 29- Ed Brennan (LC), Marshall Hurlbert, Mike Wyka



‡ Women's Bible Study every Tues @ 10AM

‡ Weekly Bible Study every Tues @ 7PM



MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

First Wednesday 6PM Evangelism

First Thursday 7PM Youth Ministry

Second Monday 7PM Social Inreach

Second Tuesday 9AM WELCA

Second Thursday 6:15PM Preschool Board

Third Monday 6:30PM Council Exec

Third Wednesday 7PM Council

STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

Month Ending: March 31, 2011

Actual Giving: \$24,785.81
Spending Plan: \$11,767.53

Year To Date:

Actual Giving: \$80,252.02
Budget: \$85,218.23

Capital Campaign \$144,294.66

Rice Home Bus Drivers for May

5/01/11 Mike Davidson

5/08/11 Adam Woodruff

5/15/11 Lee Harmon

5/22/11 Ted Buchanan

5/29/11 Bill Franck



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!

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

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- May 2** Taylor Edwards
May 4 ♥ Mr. & Mrs. John Ducate
 Lindsey Davidson
 Robert Haskins
 Caitlin Sensabaugh
May 5 Christi Wuori
May 6 ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Rick Brittain
 Judy Lawrence
 Andrew Polson
 Kim Shark
May 7 ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Hinchee
 Janet Bate
 Robert Grohman
 Sarah Kowitz
May 9 Alyssa Trenery
 Jack Wuori
May 11 ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Brandon Johnson
 Erin Busbee
May 12 Robert Allmann
May 13 ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Trey Fulton
 Taylor Harman
 Charles Pollard
May 14 Caroline Moore
May 15 Jackson Evans
 Anthony Sampedro
May 16 Tina Molineu
May 17 ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Roof
 Alicia Brown
May 18 Melissa Lindstedt
 Amelia Olsen
 Josie Wolfe
May 19 Ashton Olsen
May 20 Ashley Fakoury
 Marilynn Potts
May 21 Joe Canterbury
 Alison Levitt
May 22 Garrett Anderson
May 25 ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Steve Padgett
 Pat Dickerson
May 26 Sandra Dixon
 Don Molineu
May 27 ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones

- May 28** Shawn Olsen
 Hannah Staudt
May 29 Nicole Allmann
May 31 ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Harold Talbert
 Wes Levitt
 Jim Potts



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 3 of VBS: 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!

PANDAMANIA CHURCH SUMMER CAMP

WHERE GOD IS WILD ABOUT YOU!

DATES: June 13 – 17, 2011
TIMES: 8:30AM – 12:30PM
AGES: Rising 1st through Rising 6th graders
COST: \$60 per child for the week (*please make checks payable to LSLC and write PandaMania on the memo line*)

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE IN THE ADMIN BUILDING. Please place completed forms with check in the Summer Camp inbox in the church workroom.

Looking for volunteers! Middle and High School Age Youth and Adults

Positions include: Crew Leaders, Station Leaders, Assistants, Photographers, Registration Coordinator, Host Families, Decorating Coordinator and more! *Please sign up in the administration building or contact [Jean Cronin](mailto:Jean.Cronin@lslc.com) 419-6710 for more information.*

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!)



LSLC PLAYGROUP

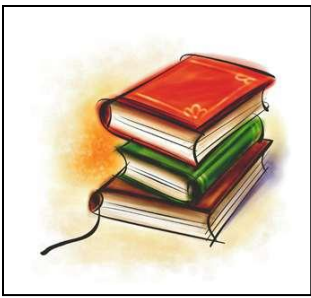
Come out and play at the Clemson Children's Garden with the Living Springs Playgroup on Monday, May 2 at 10AM. Join babies to preschool-aged children and their mothers (fathers are welcome too!) as we enjoy the sunshine and some good conversation! Weather make-up will be on Monday, May 16. For more information, please contact Alysia Austin at austins516@hotmail.com.

From the Director of Faith Formation

Lexanne K. Graves
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MAY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES!
Come join one of our Sunday School classes for children, youth or adults!
Remember, the last day of "official" Sunday School for everyone is May 15, 2011.

Class from 9:30-10:30am	What topic or lesson will be taught?
Age 2-6 th grade	The Last Supper, Holy Week, the Empty Tomb
7 th -8 th graders	<i>Here we Stand!</i>
9 th -12 th graders	Jesus appears to the disciples, Walk to Emmaus, Jesus as the Good Shepherd
Adult Large Group Bible Study	The Holy Sacraments
Bible Study in PC's office	Gospel of Matthew
Marriage L.I.G.H.T	<i>How to Date Your Spouse and Keep Things Spicy.....</i> Reflect on how physical intimacy relates to the rest of marriage and identify all forms of intimacy



Suggestions for your summer reading!

2. Heaven Is for Real by Todd Burpo is the

true story of the four-year old son of a small town Nebraska pastor who during emergency surgery slips from consciousness and enters heaven. He survives and begins talking about being able to look down and see the doctor operating and his dad praying in the waiting room. The family didn't know what to believe but soon the evidence was clear.

Colton said he met his miscarried sister, whom no one had told him about, and his great grandfather who died 30 years before Colton was born, then shared impossible-to-know details about each. He describes the horse that only Jesus could ride, about how "reaally big" God and his chair are, and how the Holy Spirit "shoots down power" from heaven to help us.

Told by the father, but often in Colton's own words, the disarmingly simple message is heaven is a real place, Jesus really loves children, and be ready, there is a coming last battle.

2. The Power of Kindness by Piero Ferrucci is a transpersonal psychologist who has explored the many amazing aspects of kindness and how an act of kindness can be healing to not just the receiver but to the giver as well. He is convinced that if we all strive to be kinder to each other the world will become more what God originally intended it to be.

This is not a new idea; Jesus told us the greatest commandment is to love each other. Ferrucci is making a point of showing his readers that kind people are healthier and happier people. We live in a consumer oriented society where we all want something for us....."what's in it for us?" The Power of Kindness show us that there is something in it for us when we are good to each other; kindness is contagious.....it spreads like wild fire. Let's start an epidemic!

"All goes well for those who are generous, who lend freely and conduct their business fairly. Such people will not be overcome by evil circumstances. Those who are righteous will be long remembered." Psalm 112:5-6

THANK YOU!

The Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success this year and we give God thanks for all those who helped create this year's new format and who were able to assist with crowd control! Special thanks to Amy Sensabaugh, Sherri Staudt, Megan Pagett, Shannon Johnson and Jackie Lazinek for their time, energy and creativity! A big salute to the Club 3456 youth group for leading the games, to the congregation members for the Easter candy, and the Preschool and church members who decorated butterflies for our Easter worship.

SALUTE! SALUTE! SALUTE!

We give God thanks for all of the members and our guests who attended the Beef O'Brady's breakfast! We raised over \$1000 to help send our young people to Campfirmation, the Mystery Tour and many more fun youth events! Thank you for your prayers and financial support!!!



YOUTH MINISTRY GROUPS

Our next Youth Ministry Team meeting is Thursday, May 5 at 7:00PM.

CLUB 3456:

On Saturday, May 7 we are asking the members of Club 3456 to participate with their families in an *Operation Inasmuch* service project that brings joy to your family. Please sign up in the narthex as a family!

On Sunday, May 22 we will have our **End of the Year Pool Party Bash** at Austin Padgett's home, 513 Cold Branch Drive, Columbia from 12PM to 3PM! Please sign up in the Administration Bldg and bring chips, cookies, or a drink.

Contact Karlene Stuart at 736.0303 or arlene.k.stuart@baml.com if you have questions.

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

Thank you to the Middle and High School Youth who participated in the Home Works Service Blitz Day on April 16th. We had 9 youth willing to get up at 630am to go out into our community and serve God! What a testament to their faith! Thanks to Ricky Inman for coordinating this event!

On **Saturday, May 7** we encourage our youth to participate with their families in an Operation Inasmuch service project. What a great way to connect with your family while serving members of our greater Columbia family! Sign up in the Narthex for a service project that brings you and your family joy.

On **Sunday, May 22** from 4-7PM we invite our youth to an **End of the Year Pool Party Bash** at Andrew Levitt's home, 201 Trentwood Drive. Bring swimsuit, towels, sunscreen and a side to share! Parents, can drop off or are welcome to stay as well! Please sign up in the Admin Building if you can attend and what you will volunteer to bring (chips, cookies, drinks).

Directions are: From the church, turn right onto Clemson Road. Turn right on Sparkleberry Lane. Take first left onto Mallet Hill Road. Turn at second left onto Oakwood Drive. Take first left onto Trentwood Drive. We are the 5th house on the right counting the house on the corner of Oakwood and Trentwood.

On **Friday, June 10 or Saturday, June 11**—The Youth want to go to the "Big 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 ~8:30PM. We still need to find 2 chaperones and 1 bus driver for this event, so please contact Lexanne (lgraves910@gmail.com) if you can help out, in order to make this event a success!

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!

****7th-12th Gr. Lutheran Church Youth (LCY) Convention Gathering June 17-19, 2011 at Newberry College**

Theme: "I'm Still Speaking"—God

Cost: \$115 before May 21—See Lexanne for registration forms!

"I'm Still Speaking"— God, will focus on listening for God's message, a message that's still relevant for us and calls us to act as disciples every day. Participants will gain tools for listening for God's voice as well as to be good listeners for each other, as we act upon God's call to bear one another's burdens.

We welcome Pastor Jay Gamelin, campus pastor at Ohio State University, and Bishop Herman Yoos who will bring their unique gifts to help us focus on listening as a tool for discipleship. Youth from around the state will arrive on Newberry's campus to experience life as a Lutheran Christian on a college campus!

We will be experiencing in-depth ways in which we can be a part of the synod's four missional priorities: Community Engagement, Deepening Discipleship, Addressing needs in our public schools; Tackling issues of poverty.

Convention delegates and visitors will also learn about the programs and concerns of the Lutheran Church Youth organization and ways that LCY can serve as a collective voice for positive change. The 2011-2012 LCY officers will also be elected.

During Conference Caucus time, youth and adults from each conference will gather to discuss youth events in their area. Other activities will include: a barbeque picnic, small groups, worship, and more. Registration forms are available through Lexanne. Each congregation should bring an adult leader to accompany their youth to this event. Join us as we learn ways to listen as God says, "I'm Still Speaking."

A POEM BY TERESA ARILA

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
No hands but yours, no feet but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which Christ's
compassion is to look out to the world.

Yours are the feet with which Christ is to go about
doing good.

Yours are the hands with which Christ is to bless all
people now.

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

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Darin Sensabaugh - Vice President

Jan Berger - Secretary

Charles Tracy - Treasurer

Ken Creticos – Financial Secretary

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Pat Dickerson

Karen Kranz

Harold Talbert

Adam Woodruff

Trevor Edwards, Youth Rep.

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