



LIVING SPRINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



Special Points of Interest:

- ‡ Anniversary of Baptism
- ‡ God and Family Class
- ‡ Council Retreat
- ‡ Driver’s License Milestone
- ‡ New Member Class

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Social Outreach has been very busy these last few months exploring the possibility of doing "Operation in as much" all year long. The following folks on our social outreach ministry team have been exploring what this means: Renee Branham (chair), Pete Amoth, Pat Dickerson, Karen Kranz, Jeff Lummel, Harold Talbert and Alex Williams.

What is *Operation in as Much*? ***Operation in as Much*** (<http://www.operationinasmuch.com/>) is a nation wide effort to mobilize Christians to be involved in their communities. We have been involved with the Lutheran "Operation in as Much" day for two years and look forward to continuing this year. But we need to do more!

Our involvement in the community needs to go far beyond one day. As a result, the Social Outreach Committee began by talking to people in our community including: The Council on Aging, The Richland County Police Department, Rice Creek Elementary, Long Creek Middle School, Fort Jackson Chaplains Office, to name a few. The Ministry team was listening to God's call and the needs in our community.

At the same time, we wanted this to be an ecumenical effort. We wanted to serve with others in the community. As a result we contacted Adams Northeast AME Church and talked with their pastor and lay people on how we could serve together in our community. On November 30th, the Living Springs social outreach ministry team and Rev. Adam Lamont China and Monroe Miller met to discuss what we had found out. The meeting went exceptionally well. On December 9th we met with a social worker, Brenda Creighton, from Richland School District 2 to discuss the needs of students in the community.

Ms. Creighton told us about two particular needs. The first is there are a number of children who are homeless in the area who only receive the breakfast and lunch at school. The rest of the time, the

children go hungry. The second concern she had was for the 100 high school students who are 17 and above who are virtually homeless. They have left home or have been kicked out of their homes and "couch hop". These youth are still attending high school, but are in great need.

Since then, the social outreach committee in conjunction with Adams NE AME church have taken some concrete steps. The first is to provide gift cards to children who will not have meals provided over the winter break. On December 12, \$400 in gift cards were given to Ms. Creighton to distribute among the children. The second commitment we made was to provide 10 backpacks, each week, to go home with children on Fridays. These backpacks would be filled with foods so that the children have food over the weekends. The backpacks will be returned each Monday and refilled to go home each Friday. We have committed to do this until the end of the school year, and hope to continue next year.

We are continuing to pray and discern what God is calling us to do with these 100 students who do not have a home or any support. We ask that you do the same and let the ministry team know what are some ideas you might have to help these students.

So often we think of the poor, the homeless, the hungry to be much further away than right down the road. But there are people in need in our community, on our back door step, who need our help.

Jesus said in Matthew 25 "**...Truly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.**"

Over the next few weeks you will be hearing more about how you can get involved and be Jesus' hands and feet in this community, there is so much we can do empowered by God's grace and love.

God's peace,

Pastor Christine Stoxen





From the Preschool

January 2010

Hello and Happy New Year to everyone here at Living Springs!

I hope that you all have enjoyed the holidays and spending time with family and friends. We have had a wonderful year here at the Preschool and look forward to the blessings that 2011 will bring. We also look forward to collaborating with the church on some new and exciting service learning that will allow us to reach out to our community and beyond. May you have a wonderful and prosperous New Year!

God Bless and keep you,

Love, Tammy

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:

Hour of Counseling for those in need (\$70)

Baptismal Medallions for Anniversary of Baptism (\$5x25)

Lenten Devotionals and Craft Supplies (\$75)

Thank you for your gifts.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rick Reiten (our former vicar) and his wife Lindsey on the birth of their daughter Anastasia Grace, born on December 22.

Also, congratulations to Blake and Melissa Lindstedt on the birth of their son Teagan Joseph on December 17.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY OVER THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!

Here is what our congregation was able to provide;

- Two grocery baskets worth of food and \$361 (that will be used in the new year as part of the backpack project)
- \$475 in gift cards for children involved in the backpack project to help them get through the school break!
- Clothing for a 24 month year old
- Jeans for Spring Valley Project
- Gifts and \$175 for Angel House Ministry (women's veterans home)
- Numerous gifts for children in need in the community through God's storehouse
- Sponsored a family in need
- Gifts including gloves, scarves, rice, paper products, etc. for Oliver Gospel Mission (tithed from the Christmas tree sales!)
- Gifts and cards for the Rice Estate Residents (given while the youth caroled)
- Operation Christmas Child – 16 boxes that went overseas

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of individuals in the Northeast Community! You have truly made a difference!

PLANNING AHEAD

Have you thought about your will, your living will, your estate planning, or funeral planning? It is a true gift to your family to have these things in order so that your family will know your wishes. No matter what your age, this is an important workshop to be a part of. Come hear from an accountant, attorney, funeral planner, and pastor on how to make end of life decisions. Join us on Sunday, February 13 from 12 -3PM. Please sign up in the Admin building so that we can make lunch arrangements.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Thank you for giving of your time and energy to Living Springs Lutheran Church. Our new council members are Peggy Collins, Karen Kranz, Harold Talbert, Charles Tracy, and Trevor Edwards!

BACKPACK PROJECT

We were told that a Middle School located very close to our church had a high percentage of students that qualified and participated in the free lunch / breakfast program. We found that there is homeless and hunger in our back door.

Two local elementary schools (there may be more) have children in which the only food they receive is the two meals they receive each school day. Each weekend they are given an extra backpack with enough snacks to last the weekend for that child and its siblings. Contents of these backpacks come from voluntary donations.

Living Springs has partnered with Adams Northeast AME church on Longtown Road. We plan to provide the snacks for 10 backpacks per week beginning in January and continuing at least through the school year. Your help is needed in assembling the backpacks, purchasing the snacks and/or contributing money to allow snacks to be purchased.

We will need items that do not require a can opener, stove or microwave or regular oven to heat or refrigerate. Some examples are: Peanut butter, fruit cups, crackers, non refrigerated milk, cereal, Hormel ComplEats, granola & snack bars, tuna & cracker kits, Vienna sausage, nuts, fruit roll ups, cereal bars, chicken salad kits, snack size cereal boxes, juice boxes, snack size crackers, graham crackers, protein bars, raisins, dried fruit. If you have any questions on what kind of foods are appropriate, please contact Harold Talbert at haroldtalbert@ymail.com. As we go to the grocery store, please be sure to purchase extra snacks that can be donated to the back pack program. A grocery store shopping cart will be at the church- place your gift of snacks weekly in it. Remember we are going to collect snacks for at least 22 weeks to complete this school year.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

We will be having a new member class on January 30, 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.



UNKNOWN FACT ABOUT HOMELESSNESS

- Poverty and the lack of affordable housing are the principal causes of family homelessness.
- 1 in every 50 American children experiences homelessness.
- In SC, a worker earning minimum wage of \$6.55 must work 79 hours per week in order to afford a 2 bedroom unit at the Fair Market Rent of \$695.
- The State Department of Education reported 8,744 homeless children and youth attending schools in our state last year.
- 1,027 of these were in Richland One and 256 in Richland Two School Districts.

OVERSEAS

Douglas Cunningham, is one of our members, who has recently shipped out to serve in Afghanistan. If you would like to send him or anyone in his unit a Christmas Card or well wishes send to:
LCpl Cunningham, Douglas R.
3/9 Kilo Co. Unit 73003
FPO AE 09510-3003

OUR VETERANS

If we pass Happy New Year blessings on and everyone sends one card, think of how many cards these wonderful special people, who have sacrificed so much, would get. If you would like to send a card:

A Recovering American Soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue N.W
Washington, DC 20307-5001

Counters Schedule for January

January 2- Karen Kranz (LC), Sally Moore,
Wendy McKenzie

January 9- Ed Brennan (LC), Marshall Hurlbert,
Mike Wyka

January 16- Peggy Collins (LC), Laura Turnmire,
Bill Franck

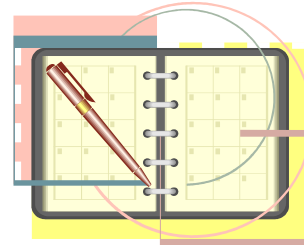
January 23- Adam Woodruff (LC), Lee Collins,
Herb Brantley

January 30- Harold Talbert (LC), Mark Stuart, Trish
Davidson



‡‡ Women's Bible Study every Tues @ 10AM

‡‡ Weekly Bible Study every Tues @ 7PM



MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

First Tuesday 7PM Social Outreach

First Wednesday 6PM Evangelism

First Thursday 7PM Youth Ministry

Second Monday 7PM Social Inreach

Second Tuesday 9AM WELCA

Second Thursday 6:15PM Preschool Board

2nd and 4th Saturday 8AM LMM Breakfast

Third Monday 6PM Council Exec.
7PM LMM

Third Thursday 7PM Council

STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

Month Ending: October 31, 2010

Actual Giving: \$43,706
Spending Plan: \$33,929.03

Year To Date:

Actual Giving: \$297,897.21
Budget: \$339,290.39

Capital Campaign \$133,260.66

Rice Home Bus Drivers for January

1/02/11 Adam Woodruff

1/09/11 Lee Harmon

1/16/11 Ted Buchanan

1/23/11 Bill Franck

1/30/11 Paul Laingen



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- January 1** ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Karl Schmidt
 Jesse Bazemore
 Aaron Frye
January 2 Michael Fomby
January 4 Charles Dickerson
January 6 Kristy Grohman
 Alexander Kopec
 Wendy McKenzie
 Katherine Prizer
January 7 Lindi Branham
 Olivia Fox
 Dylan Horan
 Joe McCloskey
 Lydia Prizer
 Deborah Smith
January 9 Charles Tracy
January 10 Judy Edmonston
January 11 John Arnold
January 13 Makayla Canterbury
 Nick Stoxen
January 14 ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Paul Laingen
 Janet Lay
January 15 ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bailey
 Sarah Kate Barrier
January 17 Rachel Hurlbert
 Colin Trenery
January 18 Xavier Brown
January 19 Tina Edwards
 Danielle Fomby
January 20 ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Ray Hajducsek
January 21 ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Bill Fox
January 22 Ava Branham
 Chris Cassidy
 Mary Demeter
January 23 Emma Roof
January 24 Catherine Milburn
January 25 Patricia Bartucca
 Megan Spencer
January 26 Jordan Fakoury
 Theresa Fulton

- January 27** ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Day
 Tom Edwards
January 29 Rocky Berger
 Parker Cowherd
January 30 Blaine Bailey
 Herb Brantley
January 31 ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Pete McManus



WELCA will meet the second Tuesday of January (January 11, 2011) at 9AM. All the ladies of the church are invited to attend.

LADIES BOOK CLUB

The Ladies Book Club will have their annual planning meeting January 3 at 7PM at Karen Kranz's home.

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!



Children's Summer Camp is June 13-17, 2011! This is always a fun and exciting time, make sure you put it on your calendar!

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

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

From the Director of Faith Formation

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EPIPHANY.....LIGHT OF HOPE

Epiphany: The Christmas of the Gentiles (non-Jews). The *Day of Epiphany* was once second in importance only to Easter. Now, celebrated on its fixed date of January 6, it has been overshadowed by Christmas. In the church year the *Season of Epiphany* runs from January 6th-Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. Epiphany is Greek for appearance.

Magi: Colorful priest-scholars from Persia who represent all non-Jewish nations coming to worship the Lord.

Star: The magi believed that stars announced great events, such as the birth of a powerful ruler who might affect the fate of nations.

Light: When early Christians celebrated the breakthrough of God's glory in the person of Jesus, bringing light "to the people who sat in darkness," they recalled not only the arrival of the magi, but also Jesus' baptism and his first miracle at a wedding in Cana. Epiphany also became one of the days on which to receive new members through baptism. They were called the *illuminandi*—those who were about to be enlightened by Christ, the Light of the World.

Nations: Today during the Epiphany Season, Christians from the nations of the world recall events from both the Old and New Testaments in which the Lord's light, revealed in his Servant-Son, born a Jew, dawns throughout our world and enlightens all of our lives.

The next time you take a bath or shower, remember your own baptism into God's family.

JANUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES!
 Come join one of our Sunday School classes for children, youth or adult!

****REMEMBER,** we will not have any Sunday School classes on January 2, 2011.

Class from 9:30-10:30am	What topic or lesson will be taught? (Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 only)
Age 2-6th grade	Angels Visit, Mary Visits Elizabeth, Jesus is Born, Simeon and Anna
7th-8th graders	<i>Here We Stand!</i>
9th-12th graders	Baptism of Our Lord, Lamb of God, Jesus chooses the 12 Disciples, The Beatitudes
Adult Large Group Bible Study	Lectionary Lessons by Jen Wiggins
Bible Study in PC's office— <i>NEW!!</i>	Gospel of Matthew
Marriage L.I.G.H.T	<i>How to Make Your Marriage a Springboard for Ministry: Live out your values and combine your gifts to make a difference in your home, local community, and in the world!</i>

REMINDER: We will not have Sunday School classes on January 2, 2011. We will resume Sunday School classes on Sunday, January 9, 2011. When you see a Sunday School teacher, please tell them thank you for their efforts and time in helping each of us grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

THANK YOU! (a personal note from Harvest Hope Food Bank)

"On behalf of Church World Services and Harvest Hope Food Bank, I would like to thank you for supporting Crop Walk 2010. With your help (almost \$400 with 12 youth walking), we will be able to help so many in need. I hope you have a happy and safe holiday season!" Amy Lowery



YOUTH MINISTRY GROUPS

Our next Youth Ministry Team meeting is Thursday, January 6 at 7:00pm.

Kindergarten-2nd Grade Youth Group

We will host a combined youth group event between the Kind-2nd group and CLUB 3456 on Sunday, January 30th from 12pm-3pm. We will eat lunch and have a *Family Game Day* so bring the siblings and family to play board games! We will also make Valentine Cards for our Rice Estate and shut in members! Sign up in the Administration Building if you plan on attending!!! If you have any questions, please contact Christi Wuori at 803-419-4601, 803-413-8621, cwuori@aol.com.

CLUB 3456:

Sunday, January 9, 2011 from 12pm-2:00pm—We will do lunch and start our Lenten Service Project! Sign up in the Administration Building!

We will host a combined youth group event between the Kind-2nd group and CLUB 3456 on Sunday, January 30th from 12pm-3pm. We will eat lunch and have a *Family Game Day* so bring the siblings and family to play board games! We will also make Valentine Cards for our Rice Estate and shut in members! Sign up in the Administration Building. Contact Karlene Stuart with questions at 736.0303 or karlene.k.stuart@baml.com.

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

Sunday, January 16, 2011—Laser Quest! Meet at the church at 4pm and return by 12 midnight. Cost is \$25 for Laser Tag playing from 6pm-10pm and includes snacks. Bring more money to eat dinner on the way!

Sunday, January 23, 2011—We will practice for "Youth Souper Bowl Sunday". The youth will be in charge of leading worship at all three services on the weekend of Super Bowl, February 5-6, 2011.

Sunday, January 30, 2011 from 12pm-3pm—Drivers License Faith Milestone for all of those who have or will receive their restricted licenses by June 2011.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS TREE SALE!

We give thanks to all the volunteers who unloaded the Christmas trees and served many a 3 hour shift to ensure that our tree lot was a success this year. We are grateful for the many hearts and hands, donations and love given this season!!!

9TH-12TH GRADE Youth Group:

- Youth meet at Brixx in Village at Sandhills every Monday night at 7pm! Call Adam Woodruff or Brantley Davidson for details!



ANNUAL YOUTH SKI TRIP

The annual Youth Ski Trip (grades 7 and above) is set for President's Weekend, February 19-21, 2011. We're skiing at Sugar Mountain, a wonderful ski resort near Brevard, NC. A great place to ski for beginners and the pros!!!

We leave the church at 2PM on Saturday, February 19 and arrive back to the church Monday afternoon, February 21 around 3PM.

Make plans now to join us on the ski trip! You may bring a friend with you!! Remember, space is limited, so sign up soon. It's a wonderful time for fun, food, fellowship, and SKIING!! More information will follow as we get closer to the trip!!!

Total cost of the trip: SKIING: \$200

SNOWBOARDING: \$210 (\$190 if you have your own snowboard)

GOING BUT NOT SKIING OR SNOWBOARDING: \$140

DEADLINE TO PAY: JANUARY 16

IF I HAVE QUESTIONS, WHO DO I ASK: Jan Berger (Jan.Berger@nelsonmullins.com ; 788-0057 (hm) or 255-9314 (wk)) Sign up in the Admin Building. Make checks payable to Jan Berger.

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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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Ken Creticos – Financial Secretary

Ed Brennan

Peggy Collins

Mike Davidson

Karen Kranz

Kathryn Padgett

Darin Sensabaugh

Harold Talbert

Charles Tracy

Adam Woodruff

Trevor Edwards, Youth Rep.

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Judy Lawrence

Christian Education

Amy Sensabaugh

Evangelism

Charles Tracy

Facilities

Joe Canterbury

Finance

Dan Camp

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