



# LIVING SPRINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



## Special Points of Interest:

- ‡ Youth Ski Trip
- ‡ Council Retreat
- ‡ Council Instillation
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# FINDING OUR CALLING

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe it is already January, the Christmas decorations are on their way down (or already down) and we are heading straight into the season of Epiphany, a time where Jesus is revealed as God's Son and we begin to understand who Jesus is.

The key theme of Epiphany, which comes from a Greek word meaning "manifestation", is Jesus' manifestation of Himself as God. Many of the readings for this season therefore focus on Jesus' identity, as the kings come with gifts representing Christ as priest, Christ as King, and Christ who will die for us. We hear the stories of Jesus' baptism, Jesus turning water into wine, and we culminate with the story of the transfiguration.

As Christ's identity is revealed we also focus on our identity as Christ's followers. And as a congregation will discern what it means for us as God's people in 2010 in the Northeast community. What does it mean to live out our mission statement in this place and time.

*Secure in God's love and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we **celebrate** and **share** the peace of Christ, and seek to **serve** according to God's will.*

The month of January will be a busy month for us as we discern what God is calling us to do and be at Living Springs. We, will spend time listening to the Spirit as we ask the questions, "What is God up to, and how can we help?" We will be looking at a vision for Living Springs as we move into a new decade.

The Assistant to the Bishop, Mel Amundson, and the Director of Missions of SC, Rev. Bob Beaver, will be with us on Sunday, **January 17, from 12 – 3 PM** to help us discern God's call for the community of Living Springs. The following weekend, the church council will meet to take this information and put together a vision, mission for Living Springs and discuss the staffing model which will best support this vision and mission.



I pray you will make this day a priority in your schedule so that all may share their vision, ideas and input as we move ahead. We will have a potluck lunch following the 10:45 service on that day and child care will be available for those in elementary school and below. Middle School and High School Students are encouraged to be a part of the visioning process and live out our mission statement.

God's Peace,

Pastor Chris



## From the Office

Happy New Year!

News from the office:

One of my big New Year's resolutions is to increase the productivity of the communication from the office to the congregation. But I need your help to do this.



If you have something that needs to be announced in the E-News please get it in to the office no later than 12PM on Tuesday. This gives me ample time to edit and make sure the formatting is correct.

If you have an announcement for the Monthly Newsletter please get it in to the office no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. I would love to start hearing from all of our committees so I can advertise your events. And please remember to turn in your T&T sheets to Angie at [adyches1@yahoo.com](mailto:adyches1@yahoo.com). This data is what we will be basing worship assistant calendars on, and if you have not turned in a sheet we will miss out on valuable help.

## From the Preschool

Newsletter for the church January 2010

Hello and Happy New Year to all!

I am hoping that this message finds you doing well, and recovering from the Holiday excitement.

It is hard to believe that 2010 is already upon us! I know that 2009 had many exciting events and changes for many of our Living Springs families. We look forward to facing new challenges and changes as we continue to grow our mission in 2010.

As we look ahead, we are excited to have the opportunity to continue to work with the members of our congregation as well as the community to make Living Springs Lutheran Church Preschool and ASC a wonderful place for children and families to grow and prosper.

Happy 2010!

With Many Blessings,  
Tammy and Staff of LSLCPS/ASC



### LSLC Ladies Book Club

The kick-off meeting will be January 4, 2010 at Karen Kranz's, 235 Founders Ridge Rd., Columbia 29229. Please feel free to join us as we will be discussing what books we will be reading for 2010. We have an informal get-together about every six weeks to discuss the book that has been scheduled to read for that time period and then we have refreshments. There will be a sign-up sheet in the administration building or contact Karen at 699-9566.



### NEW MEMBER CLASS

New Member Classes will begin on January 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

# COUNCIL COUNCIL

## NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL

Effective beginning the new year, the Congregational Council has voted to re-instate the salaries of our staff at Living Springs. Without the expense of an associate pastor, due to the resignation of Pastor Bob Helton, we are able to take this action. As we begin our visioning process, we ask for your prayers and guidance from God as we determine the next steps for Living Springs. Peace,  
Mike Davidson, Congregational Council

## Counters Schedule for January

1/03/10 - Lead Counter- Adam Woodruff, Wendy McKenzie, Laura Turnmire

1/10/10 - Lead Counter- Jan Berger, Todd Gunvalson, Bill Franck

1/17/10 - Lead Counter- Ed Brennan, Marshall Hurlbert, Mike Wyka

1/24/10 - Lead Counter- Kathryn Padgett, Neil Fletcher, Lee Collins

1/31/10 - Lead Counter- Jennifer Wiggins, Sally Moore, Trish Davidson

## Rice Home Bus Drivers for January

1/03/10 Ted Buchanan

1/10/10 Adam Woodruff

1/17/10 Lee Harmon

1/24/10 Jim Lentz

1/31/10 Bill Franck



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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

### STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

<b>Month Ending: December 27, 2009</b>	
Actual Giving :	\$40,941.71
Spending Plan:	\$43,000.00
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	<b>\$89,335.16</b>

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**January 1** ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Jim Lentz  
 ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Karl Schmidt  
 Jesse Bazemore  
 Mallory Canzoneri  
 Hannah Canzoneri  
 Lauren Fake  
**January 2** Michael Fomby  
 Alexander Kopec  
 Luther Lindberg  
**January 3** Nancy Phoenix  
**January 4** Charles Dickerson  
**January 6** Wendy Mckenzie  
 Katherine Prizer  
**January 7** Lindi Branham  
 Dylan Horan  
 Joe McCloskey  
 Deborah Smith  
**January 9** Charles Tracy  
**January 10** Judy Edmonston  
**January 11** John Arnold  
**January 13** Makayla Canterbury  
 Nicholas Stoxen  
**January 14** ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Paul Laingen  
 Janet Lay  
**January 15** ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bailey  
 Sarah Barrier  
**January 17** Rachel Hurlbert  
 Colin Trener  
**January 18** Xavier Brown  
**January 19** Tina Edwards  
 Danielle Fomby  
**January 20** ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Ray Hajducsek  
 Blaine Bailey  
**January 21** ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Bill Fox  
**January 22** Ava Branham  
 Chris Cassidy  
 Mary Demeter  
**January 23** Emma Roof  
**January 25** Megan Spencer  
**January 26** Lauren Fakoury  
 Sarah Flatt  
 Theresa Fulton

Anthony Herrin  
 Julianna Rasmussen  
**January 27** ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Day  
 Tom Edwards  
**January 29** Rocky Berger  
 Parker Cowherd  
**January 30** Herb Brantley  
**January 31** ♥ Mr. & Mrs. John McManus

## NEW MINISTRY

Living Springs is about to embark on a new ministry. We will be working with Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services and Lutheran Family Services to open our hearts and doors in welcoming a family to the United States for the first time. There is a lot of work to be done in preparation for their arrival and assistance will also be needed as they settle in. I am looking for volunteers to serve on the various teams. I need individuals to assist in the following areas:

Fund Raising Activities  
 Collecting Household items  
 School supplies  
 Setting up an apartment for the family  
 Welcome committee for their arrival at the airport  
 Providing transportation to various appointments once they arrive  
 Assistance with job interviews and learning English as a second language

We are also accepting financial donations as well as donations of household items. A list of needed items will be posted in the narthex. I will be coordinating this effort. Feel free to call me directly or send E-Mail to [patricia\\_dickerson@hotmail.com](mailto:patricia_dickerson@hotmail.com) if you are interested in working with me in this exciting new ministry. Or you can notify Pastor Chris or Vicar Sarah.

Thank-you in advance for your continued support.



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

**JANUARY 2010**

***Come & See Jesus***

Lesson Topics are

- 1/3 Wise Men Visit the Christ Child
- 1/10 The Baptism of Jesus
- 1/17 Jesus Changes Water to Wine
- 1/24 The Church: One Body, Many Parts
- 1/31 Jesus is Received at Nazareth

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 Lisa Bishton.

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:

- 1/3 The Bright Star
- 1/10 John Baptizes Jesus
- 1/17 Jesus Chooses His Disciples
- 1/24 Jesus Feeds Thousands
- 1/31 Jesus and the Children

***Here We Stand***

Confirmation Lesson Topics are

- 1/3 King David
- 1/10 Lesson on Epiphany
- 1/17 Wisdom Writings
- 1/24 David and Nathan
- 1/31 Solomon

The Confirmation students meet in the Katie room on the main level and are taught by Bob & Laura Turnmire.

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 meet in the Narthex to study the New Testament. The leaders are Jennifer Wiggins and Peter Moore.

Sarah Sweitzer leads the ***Large Group Study*** for adults in the FH. The lesson topic is ***Genetics and Me (The ELCA Genetics Study)***

*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.*

# 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

**Jan 16-18** Ski Trip to Wolf Ridge, NC  
Skiers/Snowboarders: \$195.00; Going/not Skiing: \$125.00

**Jan 24** \$50 for W.O.W DUE!

## CLUB3456

Club 3456 will be visiting the Great Wolf Lodge over MLK weekend. They will leave Thursday night, January 15<sup>th</sup> and return on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jim Lentz, [jlentz@thermaltechnologies.com](mailto:jlentz@thermaltechnologies.com) or Karlene Stuart [Karlene.kstuart@bankofamerica.com](mailto:Karlene.kstuart@bankofamerica.com) for additional information.

The trip is limited to 20 kids so sign-up is crucial. A sheet can be found in the Admin building or you can email one of the afore mentioned people. Cost will be around \$20.

# 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.

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## *K-2<sup>nd</sup> Travel the World Youth Group Events*

**Jan 8** **K-2<sup>nd</sup>** 6-9PM. We are traveling to Spain to celebrate "The Day of the Kings". We will have dinner, activities, Kings Cake, and a movie. Bring food or loose change for Harvest Hope. See you there!

**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**

Mike Davidson: President

Pat Dickerson: Vice President

Brenda Grohman: Secretary

Steve Cronin: Treasurer

Ken Creticos: Financial Secretary

Jan Berger

Ed Brennan

Jeff Day

Todd Gunvalson

Kathryn Padgett

Jennifer Wiggins

Adam Woodruff

Andy Wyka, 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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