



# LIVING SPRINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



## Special Points of Interest:

- ✠ All Saint’s Day
- ✠ Archives Work Day
- ✠ Crop Walk
- ✠ Preschool Appreciate Luncheon
- ✠ Thanksgiving Feast
- ✠ Annual Congregation Meeting

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# What is God Calling us to Do?

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

As I open this article, I do so in the way that I have done so for years. We say brothers and sisters in Christ because we are part of the family of God; God as our father and Christ as our brother. I love the image of the family of God, because that is who we are as we live, we play, we love, we forgive, we work together.

Last Sunday, like other families we gathered in the administration building following worship. We came together to faithfully talk about the church finances and to get input into the spending plan for 2011. We talked about priorities and determined how we are going to best use the gifts that God has given us. Like at home, we need to care for God's house.

Discussion was done faithfully, as we considered how we could tighten our purse strings as a congregation. What can we do without, what can we do ourselves and not hire out, what do we do to make ends meet? The other side of the equation was talked about, too. How can we increase our giving? Is there a way we can give more of the gifts that God has first given us? Many faithful people gathered keeping in mind the mission of God's church. This was not an easy discussion.

I give thanks for the faithfulness of this family of God who was willing to wrestle with some of the hard questions. It can be painful to see the ministries of this church and the staff be cut. But given the financial resources, and trying to be responsible stewards, the questions need to be addressed. How are we going to be Christ's hands and feet in the world? How are we going to make Christ's love known to our neighbors? How do we care for the family of God at Living Springs and throughout the world? If you were not able to be at the meeting, I encourage you to talk to a member was there who can share with you information about the meeting and discussion.



Being part of a family is hard work. We do not always agree. We do not always see things in the same way. Sometimes we have to give a little. And like your family, we need to look beyond ourselves on how we are going to share our resources and gifts with the world. We do not exist for ourselves. Dr. Phil Baker, former interim pastor, always asked the question,

“would the community notice if Living Springs disappeared tomorrow?” We CANNOT exist for ourselves.

You have elected faithful and strong leaders who want to hear your feedback. Contact them with your thoughts and ideas. And continue to keep the council in your prayers as we make recommendations to the congregation at the annual meeting on November 21 at 12:00 PM.

God's Peace,  
*Pastor Chris*



## *From the Office*

Happy Fall everyone!!

This is just another friendly reminder from the office. Remember that Time and Talent sheets need to be turned in. These sheets are crucial in most if not all of Living Springs' activities so I encourage everyone to fill one out.



These records keep us current and up to date with what you are willing to volunteer your time doing: be it working with our youth, assisting in the worship services, participating in music, or reaching out into the community. All of these aspects and ministries we take part in, help to make Living Springs the active and vibrant congregation we all love.

Giving your time can be the greatest gift of all!

## From the Preschool

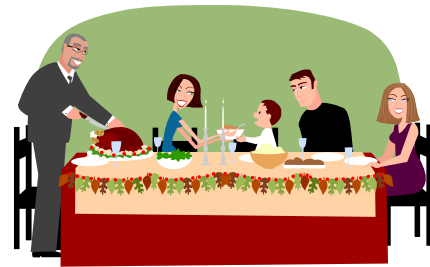
Hello and Happy Fall to you all!

I am praying that this weather has brought a smile to your face as we are able to see the wonders of nature and beauty that surrounds us. The leaves are turning red gold and green; behold the beauty that Fall does bring.

We welcome you to join us for our Fall Festival on November 18th at 6:15 upstairs in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a time for joy and Thankfulness as we share together and reflect upon all that we have been blessed with this year.

Thank you again for your constant support of the Preschool and our mission to share the message of Living Springs with the community.

*Love, Tammy*



### **CHRISTMAS ADULT FELLOWSHIP**

Date: December 5

Place: home of Randy & Becky Sides (2 Fishing Point, Elgin – Wood Creek Subdivision)

Time: 6:30 PM

Join us for an evening of food, fellowship and fun as we celebrate the Christmas Season. No charge - just bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Beverages will be provided by the Social Inreach Committee. Please sign the sheet located in the Narthex during Worship Services or the Administration Building.

Questions: Contact Becky at 699-9475.

## **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.

## **CHILI COOK-OFF**

Hosted by Bill and Nancy Franck (505 Hogans Run, 29229) on November 6 at 7PM. Bring a pot of your favorite chili, your favorite beverage and a big appetite. If you would prefer, bring your favorite salsa and chips or a dessert. Enjoy an evening of great fellowship. Mark your calendar now. RSVP using the sign up sheet located in the Admin Building.

# **ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING**

**Nov. 21, 12:00 PM**

**We will vote on Spending Plan, Council Members, and Synod Assembly Delegates for 2011.**

**Please make this a priority in your schedule so that we can make quorum.**



## **SICK OF TAILGATING AT HOME?**

What can be more fun than Carolina Football?? The Evangelism & Social Outreach Committees will be sponsoring a drawing for a chance to win 4 tickets to the USC & Troy game being played on Saturday, November 20th, time to be announced. These tickets are for seats in the East Club level, Section 405, row 11, seats 1-4. Each chance is \$5.00 and can be purchased from any committee member or before and after each service up through November 7th. The drawing will be held during the 10:45 service on November 7th. All proceeds will go the Pastor's Family Fund.

## **FINANCIAL WISHLIST**

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. Thank you for your gifts.

Advent Calendars (\$75)

Books for Confirmands (\$22)

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

Choir Folders (\$12)

A Ream of Paper (\$5)

## **ARCHIVES WORK DAY**

Come join us as we sort through the treasures of the Archives. We need your help to identify folks in pictures and to get other things put in their proper place. We will be meeting Saturday, Nov. 13 at 9AM. Come one; come all for this morning of sharing and preserving memories. For more information contact Judy Lawrence [judy.lawrence@uscmed.sc.edu](mailto:judy.lawrence@uscmed.sc.edu).

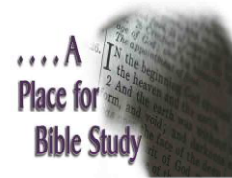
## Counters Schedule for November

November 7- Ed Brennan (LC), Marshal Hurlbert, Mike Wyka

November 14- Adam Woodruff (LC), Herb Brantley, Laura Turnmire

November 21- Kathryn Padgett (LC), Mike Wyka, Mark Stuart

November 30- Pete McManus(LC), Karlene Stuart, Steve Padgett

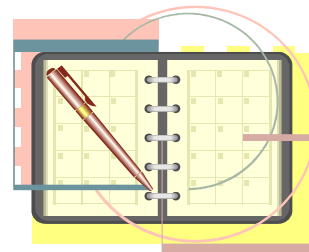


⌄ Women's Bible Study every Tues @ 10AM

⌄ Weekly Bible Study every Tues @ 7PM

### 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](mailto:tfulton0513@yahoo.com) or 234-3216 if you are able to help.



### MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**First Tuesday** 9AM WELCA  
7PM Social Outreach

**Second Thursday** 6:15PM Preschool Board

**Second Monday** 7PM Social Inreach

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday** 8AM LMM Breakfast

**Third Monday** 6PM Council Exec.  
7PM LMM

**Third Thursday** 7PM Council

### STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

#### Month Ending: August 22, 2010

Actual Giving: \$32,590.85

Spending Plan: \$30,408.72

#### Year To Date:

Actual Giving: \$286,976.91

Budget: \$316,316.45

**Capital Campaign \$124,840.66**

## Rice Home Bus Drivers for October

11/07/10 Lee Harmon

11/14/10 Ted Buchanan

11/21/10 Bill Franck

11/30/10 Paul Laingen

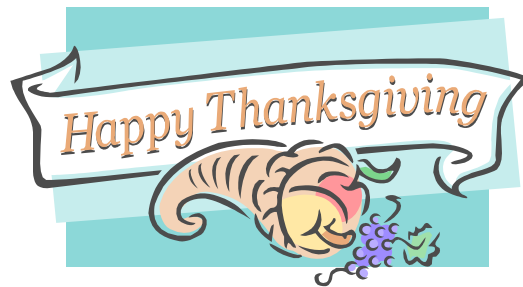


# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- November 1** Madison Spencer
- November 2** Ray Long  
Dave Northup
- November 3** James Podell
- November 4** Lara Austin  
Angela Lemke  
Wade Smart
- November 5** Emma Horan  
Dennis Rybicki
- November 6** ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Olsen
- November 7** Bryan Drafts
- November 10** Jack Arnold  
Dick Collins
- November 11** ♥ Mr. and Mrs. Blake Lindstedt  
Jane McManus  
Joan Podd
- November 12** ♥ Mr. & Mrs. John Arnold
- November 14** ♥ Mr. & Mrs. David Abromaitis  
Rick Brittain  
Preston Franks  
Patrick Roof
- November 18** Robert Jones
- November 19** Colton Harman  
Becky Sides
- November 20** Brenda Grohman  
Angela Scipio
- November 21** ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Bill Anderson  
Melissa McCloskey
- November 24** ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Mike Davidson
- November 26** Darbie Anderson  
Corbin Cassidy
- November 27** Ava Roof
- November 28** Julia Buchanan  
Ronya Gunter
- November 29** Ben Wuori



Living Springs Women will have our Annual Preschool Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 17. Please consider providing food. A sign up sheet is in the Admin Building. Help the women prepare for a nice luncheon and show our appreciation for our preschool teachers and staff.



## THANKSGIVING FEAST

Before you go home and celebrate the season of giving with your loved ones, come and join your church family for a night of good food, good company, and giving thanks for all of our blessings! November 18, at 6:15PM.

"Oh, Come all ye Faithful!"



Please join us as we celebrate the  
Christmas Season on Sunday,  
December 12!

5pm-Spaghetti Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

6pm- Christmas Pageant

The Elf Store will be open following the Pageant!



**It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!**

Christmas will be here before we know it, so it's time to get ready for our annual Christmas Pageant! This year's production will be presented on **Sunday, December 12 at 6pm**. Join us for a Spaghetti Dinner at 5pm and the Elf Store immediately following the Pageant. All children up through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to be a part of the production. Middle/high school youth are invited to assist the Director with Stage Production. There are many opportunities to volunteer! Please sign up in the Administration Building. Practices will begin **Sunday, November 28**. Contact Josie Wolfe ([josiewolfe@msn.com](mailto:josiewolfe@msn.com) or 667-4573) or Amy Sensabaugh ([aws1221@gmail.com](mailto:aws1221@gmail.com) or 691-5993) for more information. *Practices will be held from 1-3pm on November 28 and December 5. A full cast dress rehearsal will be held during the Sunday School hour on December 12.*



**Christmas Tree Sales (Waiting on new pricing info from Adam)**  
**Fresh Frazier Fir!!!**

The youth will be pre-selling Christmas trees from now until Sunday, November 22. Advance sale prices are 6' - 7' - \$35, 7' - 8' - \$55, and 8' - 9' \$75. Please complete the order form and place in the offering plate or youth box in the workroom with payment attached. Advance sale trees will be available for pickup through Sunday, November 29. The lot will open on Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup> for regular sales with the price being 6' - 7' - \$40, 7' - 8' - \$60, and 8' - 9' \$80. Proceeds will be used for youth events.

Also at the Christmas tree lot, we will be selling fresh Christmas Wreaths that will be made by volunteers and we need you to volunteer. If you know how to make wreaths from the cuttings of the trees and/or how to make the bows to go on them, and would like to help, please contact Jan Berger. Small wreaths will be \$25 and large ones will be \$35. The selling of the wreaths really helps make this youth fundraiser a success.



**Christmas Tree Sales Volunteer**

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity of enjoying the Christmas season by volunteering to help out on the lot (sign up sheet in the Admin Building). All volunteers must be in middle school or above to volunteer without their parent. Those younger than middle school will be allowed to volunteer with a parent present.



**Giving Tree**

Opportunities abound to share in the Christmas Spirit. Living Springs Social Outreach Committee will again sponsor the Giving Tree for children of families that utilize God's Storehouse here in the Northeast area. You may bring items for babies to teens by picking a star (representing a boy) or an angel (representing a girl) from the Giving Tree. The gift may be new or like new and they prefer no stuffed animals. Donations of unopened packages of batteries are also appreciated. Please place your gifts in the boxes placed in the church narthex by December 18th. Remember, your gifts should NOT be wrapped. You are not required to sign up for a particular age child. You make the choice of what you would like to give. Gifts for teens are especially needed.

**NEEDED-ITEMS FOR THE ELF STORE**

We are looking for handmade items or any other suitable items that can be sold in the Elf Store on December 12. The Elf Store is open after the Children's Christmas Program for the kids to shop for loved ones (typically parents, grandparents and siblings). The items are kept under \$4 a piece, with proceeds being used to support youth activities. Please place all donations in box in the Katie Room by Sunday, December 5.

## From the Director of Faith Formation

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### How can your family prepare for the Advent and Christmas seasons?

Advent begins on November 28th. Advent means "coming." It's the season for:

- Remembering Christ's birth;
- Looking forward to celebrating Christ's presence among us at Christmas;
- Reflecting on our lives and deepening our commitment to follow Christ; and
- Looking forward to Jesus coming again.

During these hectic seasons, we always say that this year is going to be different and that we are going to focus upon the real reason for the season! Well, I am going to give you a few pointers to ensure that will happen in your home!

- Pray together (at meals, in the car, while you are doing homework, etc)!
- Slow down and spend time with family (focus a few minutes each day with members of your family)!
- Make an Advent wreath to set upon your kitchen table as a visible reminder of preparing for Christ's coming.
- Sing songs together (*O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Joy to the World, O Come, All Ye Faithful, The First Noel, or Silent Night*)!
- At dinner time, set an extra place to remind children Christ is always with us.
- Make a Family Resolutions Notebook (i.e., "I will do one act of kindness each day", "I will talk to a lonely classmate", or "We will eat at least one meal together").
- Read the Bible together.
- Write a family prayer, including all suggestions, and read it on Christmas Eve.

### DRIVER'S LICENSE Faith Milestone

Living Springs will be having a Faith Milestones Ministry Event for those who have recently received their driver's licenses. This is an exciting, new adventure you and your family are embarking upon, and we want to celebrate with you! After the 10:45am worship service on November 21<sup>st</sup> we will have this faith milestone driver's license event. We plan on meeting until 3:00pm. The blessing will happen at all services on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. If you plan on participating, please sign up in the Admin Building by November 14th. If you have any questions, please contact Lexanne Graves at 803.736.0661 or [LGraves910@gmail.com](mailto:LGraves910@gmail.com).

### GOD AND FAMILY Faith Milestone

This is a new milestone we are offering for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders, and it is much more involved than any we have offered so far, but the time you put into it will be well worth the rewards. We will be teaching this class in January 2011 over 3 Saturday mornings. So please mark your calendars for **January 8, 15 and 22, 2011 from 9AM to 12PM** to join us for this special milestone. In addition we will be having a **MANDATORY** parent meeting on Saturday, **November 20th from 9AM to 10:30AM** to discuss the program in more detail. If you have any questions, please contact **Jennifer Wiggins at [jenwiggins@gmail.com](mailto:jenwiggins@gmail.com) or 240-1706.**

**NOVEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES!**  
**Come join one of our children, youth or adult Sunday School classes! Children are invited to sing downstairs from 9:15-9:30AM before Sunday School class.**

Class from 9:30-10:30am	What topic or lesson will be taught?
Age 2-6th grade	David is Chosen, Solomon Builds the Temple, Naaman is Healed, Queen Esther
7th-8th graders	Conclusion of studies on the Lord's Prayer
9th-12th graders	All Saints Sunday, Christ is the King, Jesus foretells his death, Jesus is the Bread of Life
Adult Large Group Bible Study	Rev. Charles Pollard
Marriage L.I.G.H.T	<i>How to Keep Christ at the Center of a Marriage</i>

**SALUTE! SALUTE! SALUTE!  
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We give God thanks for all the host families that opened up their homes for our Youth Encounter counselors who came in October. A big thanks goes to Steve and Jean Cronin, Joe Canterbury and Sarah Sweitzer, Peter, Sally and Caroline Moore, & Becky and Randy Sides. We also give thanks to our Youth Leaders who encouraged the youth to come and helped with the meal and clean up. A big thanks goes to Brantley Davidson, Karlene Stuart and Ricky Inman. We couldn't have done it without you!

**KID'S FEST  
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>  
12 UNTIL 4**

**HOT DOGS CANDY APPLES  
POPCORN PUNCH CHIPS COOKIES  
COTTON CANDY SNOW CONES**



**HAYRIDE GAMES BALLOONS  
CRAFTS**

**KARAOKE BOUNCY HOUSE  
FACE PAINTING MAGICIAN  
CARNIVAL GAMES  
& MUCH MORE !!!!!**

**Invite a friend and come join the fun!**

Psalm 57 (NRSV)

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,  
for in you my soul takes refuge;  
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,  
until the destroying storms pass by.

I cry to God Most High,  
to God who fulfills his purpose for me.  
He will send from heaven and save me,  
he will put to shame those who trample on me.

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## YOUTH MINISTRY GROUPS

Our next Youth Ministry Team meeting is Thursday,  
December 2 at 7PM.



### Kindergarten-2nd Grade Youth Group

Join us for an afternoon at **Saluda Shoals** for backpacking and exploring nature as well as some leaf rubbings on Sunday, November 7 following 10:45AM worship service. We will eat sandwiches at the church before we go. Siblings are welcome; parents are expected. If you have any questions, please contact Christi Wuori at 803-419-4601, 803-413-8621, [cwuori@aol.com](mailto:cwuori@aol.com).

### CLUB 3456:

#### **"Friday Night of Adventure!"**

We will meet at the church at 6:30PM on November 12, where we will make our own dinner. Bring brown grocery bags and bring \$20 per person to help offset the costs of the dinner, bowling, service project, and the fun activities! We will go bowling at 10PM. If you have a Wii gaming system with controllers, please bring those too! We have lots of fun things planned! Parents, please pick up your child at 12AM! Sign up in the Admin Building if you can attend! We will need chaperones for this event so please contact Karlene Stuart at 736-0303 or [karlene.k.stuart@baml.com](mailto:karlene.k.stuart@baml.com) if you are able!

November 28, 2010--Service Project at Sesquicentennial Park

We will meet at 3PM at the church for our Service Project this month. We will go to Sesqui Park to serve our fellow neighbors by cleaning up their hiking trails, and play a good kickball game afterwards! Parents, please pick up your child at 5PM at the church. \*\*We have scheduled Christmas Pageant practice for this day as well from 1-3PM, so that is why the time for this event is from 3-5PM.

Looking ahead....we will be going to the SC Synod Lutheran Youth event for 3rd-6th graders on Saturday, December 4 from 9AM-4PM. We must sign up all youth by NOV. 18. Please sign up in the Admin. Building if you want to go. Cost is \$10 per person (includes t-shirt and lunch).

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

Sunday, Nov. 14—**Midlands CROP WALK!**

We will meet for lunch after 10:45AM worship service (bring \$5) and then head downtown for the walk. Please sign up with Brantley Davidson to attend this awesome event to raise money for hungry persons. Youth will ask church members to sponsor them as they walk. Ask Brantley for these sponsoring envelopes. We will return by 5PM.

### **CHRISTMAS TREE SALE!**

We will begin selling Christmas trees again this year on Saturday, November 27. We will need youth and families to sign up for 3 hour shifts each weekend (Friday, Saturday, Sunday). Please see Adam Woodruff to sign up to serve a 3 hour shift! All youth are encouraged to serve! Remember Middle school aged children who wish to volunteer must be accompanied by a parent.

### **9TH-12TH GRADE Youth Group:**

- Youth meet at Beef O'Brady's every Monday night at 7PM! Call Adam Woodruff, Robert Grohman, or Brantley Davidson 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 &  
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

#### **Evangelism**

Charles Tracy

#### **Facilities**

Joe Canterbury

#### **Finance**

Dan Camp

#### **Lutheran Men**

Adam Woodruff

#### **Social Outreach**

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