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# The InnerNet

## **AUGUST 2019**

Helen Keller was born in 1880, a healthy beautiful child, who contracted a fever and lost her ability to hear and see. She became a difficult child, and at age 7, Anne Sullivan was hired to be her companion and teacher. Anne tried many different techniques to communicate with Helen, and it was finally water, gushing from a pump over Helen's hands while Anne spelled into her palms the word "water" that broke through the wall of silence and frustration. Water, cool liquid flowing over Helen's hands, W-A-T-E-R spelled out by touch, and a breakthrough!

From that moment on, Helen and Anne formed a team, teacher and pupil, friends for life; Helen became an ambassador of good will, author, activist, and lecturer. Her life began with that unpretentious moment and W-A-T-E-R.

While we may not have had a breakthrough with WATER as Helen did, water is new life for us. It forms us, from God through water comes our salvation and our membership into the body of Christ. Water, baptismal water, from font, river or pool, begins our relationship with Christ, as we die to our old self, and rise to new life with Christ, experience the in-flowing power of the Holy Spirit, and are marked and sealed at Christ's for all time.

In the Lutheran life, the baptismal moment is a covenant, between God who chooses us, the one being baptized (or those who say yes on their behalf), and the gathered people of God, most often a congregation. Baptism offers us Five Gifts: Life among God's faithful people; Hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's Supper; Proclaim the good news of God in word and deed; Serve all people following the example of Jesus; Strive for justice and peace in all the earth. As we go through our lives we are shaped and formed as God's people by these gifts, the community around us, and the God who loves us so very deeply.

We live this life each day, as we do those things which connect us to God, each other and the world. We pray meal time prayers, we offer thanks to God for something in each day, we work for justice when we see injustice, we forgive and seek forgiveness, we act in ways which tell the world we love, are loved, and spread love. Each week we have an opportunity to share in Holy Communion and God's word, as well as share learning, coffee, conversation with each other.



On Sunday August 25, 2019, we will have a **unity service**, at **1030** a.m. where we will welcome two children into the community of faith, welcome new members, and celebrate the life of the baptized. Following our Unity worship, we will meet for an hour of service projects, as we actually live out our baptism, then gather for a light lunch and time of thanksgiving for all the projects completed and the joy of serving.

Mark your calendar, August 25 at 10:30 a.m. with this "Day of Walking Wet" when we worship, serve, remember our baptisms, and celebrate God's Spirit at work among us, as we welcome new members in Christ.



**THANK YOU.** Don Huff and his family wish to thank the congregation for the many, many prayers, and many expressions of sympathy during his sister, Carol Cox's illness and passing. Your love and support was felt by the entire family.

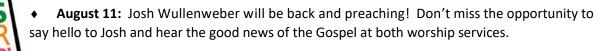
#### **COFFEE GIVEAWAY**



Tuesday, August 6, 6:30-9:00 a.m. Share coffee and muffins, good will and fellowship with our neighbors and those driving by the church who might stop by for coffee and conversation. All are welcome and encouraged to join this valuable ministry. If you would like to help, please let us know or just show up. Thanks to all our muffin makers!

Frank DeLoache (frank.deloache@yahoo.com)

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS



◆ August 18: Between worship services in the fellowship hall, Pastor Angela will give final presentation on experiences while on pilgrimage in Turkey and Greece, learning more about St. Paul's journeys and the early Christian Church. All are welcome to come learn, hear about her trip and see interesting pictures taken along the way!

♦ August 25: New Members will be received. If you have been visiting and are interested in joining Living Saviour at this time, please contact Pastor Angela (pastorangela@livingsaviourlc.org).



A BIG THANK YOU to all who made Camp Vivace a great success last week at Living Saviour. Each day was filled with learning and faith enriching activities and experiences for the 30 campers, the youth and adult leaders and helpers. The campers' presentation on Friday evening, "Life School Musical" was excellent and enjoyed by families, friends and the congregation. Special thanks to the directors, Glenda Kilminster and Don Huff, as well as all the youth and adult leaders with music, arts and crafts, outdoor activities, lunches, snacks, beverages, stage set up and audio/live screening, photography and registration throughout the week.

#### God's Work Our Hands 2019



This year our focus is centered on children and families and upkeep of our current facility. The members of Living Saviour are blessed beyond measure.

Kitchen Clean up - Leader: Maryann Eller

Living Saviour Friday, July 26

The kitchen is well used all year and an annual cleaning-top to bottom- is showing good stewardship to our property.

Back to School Lunch - Leader: Caren Ballantine

Smithfield Teachers Friday, August 16

Celebrate the beginning of a new school year with the staff at Smithfield. This annual tradition is popular and most

appreciated by the teachers!

Sorting Donations - Leader: Pastor Angela

Crisis Assistance Ministry Saturday, August 24

CAM gets lots of donations and they all need to be sorted in order to get them into the hands of those that need them.

Anyone age 5 or older can participate!

Women's and Children Shelter Ministry - Leaders: Frank DeLoache and Alice Jenkins

Sunday, August 18-Sunday, August 25.

Lots of volunteers needed to help provide transportation, three meals each day, showers and lodging for 12 homeless women/children. Our guests will arrive by dinnertime Sunday, Aug 18 and each morning will leave for the day.

Slime Kits - Leader: Lori Davis

Levine Children's Hospital Sunday, August 25

Come help make kits to make "slime"- a very popular activity for children.

Gift Totes - Leader: Amanda and Andrew Thom

Levine Children's Hospital Sunday, August 25

Sponsored by Caelen's Cause

Come assemble comfort items for families with a child in the NICU into tote bags.

Flashcards - Leader: Pat Snodgrass

Classroom Central Sunday, August 25

Help create simple flashcards for the alphabet, math, colors and shapes for classroom use.

Pencil Pouches - Leader: Russell Hinson

Classroom Central Sunday, August 25

Help assemble pencil pouches with simple items to be used in CMS classrooms.

Fleece Throws - Leader: Maureen Lange

Crisis Assistance Ministry Sunday, August 25

The clients at CAM can come monthly to get necessary items for their family. How great it would be to get a brand new,

hand tied fleece blanket for their child.

Sanctuary Chairs - Leader: Larry Wagstaff Sunday, August 25

The sanctuary chairs get well used and some could some TLC. Come help with repair work to be sure they are all in proper

working order.

Blessing Bags - Leaders: Glenda Kilminster and Anita Mitchell Sunday, August 25

For our homeless neighbors - Come help assemble zip lock bags filled with items that can be given out to those neighbors that stand on street corners needing support. Watch for list of appropriate items posted on the GWOH19 bulletin board. We hope to make at least 100 bags.

Collections: (August)

- School supplies for students at Smithfield Elementary
- Food items for students in the backpack program at Smithfield

**Pick a project- any project!** All projects are at Living Saviour. MANY hands are needed to complete them all. We will have one worship service on Sunday, Aug 25 followed by the service projects. Plan to stay for a light lunch when all the projects are complete.

Caren Ballantine - LSLC Coordinator, God's Work Our Hands 2019

#### **SMITHFIELD ELEMENTARY PARTNERSHIP**

#### Thank You for Your Generosity at Breakfast in July

The generosity of our faith community was evident again at Breakfast in July on July 21. Filled with Lorene and Wayne Thom's delicious, sausage gravy, biscuits and grits, those present contributed \$1,690 toward our partner Smithfield Elementary School. Two of our families gave \$500 each!

"This is amazing and so appreciated! Our children, staff, and families are blessed to have Living Saviour in our lives!" Smithfield Elementary Principal Allison Plunkett wrote in an email after hearing the good news.

For the past two years, Living Saviour; the Smithfield PTA, led by Jenny Beacham; and the staff at the school have managed annual, \$5,000 grants provided by the Casey-Peeler Foundation, through our N.C. Synod. In the 2018-2019 school year, that money helped disadvantaged students and their families in a number of ways:

- -- \$358.81 for 15 winter coats
- -- \$500 for two scholarships to Camp Invention
- -- \$3,213.32 for nourishing food that students take home on the weekends. This doesn't include the bags of groceries our disciples contribute to 10 to 12 Smithfield families over the long Thanksgiving and Easter breaks.
- -- \$927.87 toward HeartMath fees. HeartMath is a tutoring program that is helping students who have fallen behind in their math skills. But it is expensive.

But the grant is limited to two years, and we are searching for ways to make up some of that money for the coming school year. That's why the response to the July breakfast is so important and so MEANINGFUL! We also hope to secure more funds from the church Endowment Fund, but our breakfast collection provides a wonderful beginning gift and blessing for our school family.

Money is not all we provide for Smithfield families and staff. Caren Ballantine has organized a Back-to-School appreciation luncheon for the staff for four years, and volunteers, led by Moss Hathcock, have provided handmade, classroom-teaching materials for kindergarten and first-grade teachers. We still have disciples who are tutoring students and helping with their BINGO night fundraiser, end-of-the-year test proctoring, and field day (also at the end of the year).

A number of volunteers have felt themselves greatly blessed as they help students and staff. If you'd like to investigate tutoring or other volunteer activities for the coming year, contact Caren Ballantine, 704-552-6412, or Frank DeLoache, 704-245-2985.

Thank you for showing Christ's love to children and families that remain largely invisible in our city. PTA President Jenny Beacham put it this way: "WOW! The generosity of Living Saviour is such a blessing to Smithfield!"

Frank DeLoache,	Council Representative	for Samaritan and	Outreach Ministries

If you want to work with students, you must register with CMS as a volunteer <a href="https://www.cmsvolunteers.com">https://www.cmsvolunteers.com</a>
Even if you have registered before, you must resubmit your application each year.

The following stores contribute part of their earnings towards schools, but you must register each year:

**Harris Teeter**: Re-link your VIC card- - Smithfield is 3050- - ask a cashier to link your card.

**BiLo**: Relink your card 55292 with a cashier or go to www.bi-lo.com

Target: ask a cashier for details.

Caren Ballantine, Partnership Coordinator



Dear loving LSLC members,

Thank you so much for the food (dinner—prime rib, veggies and apple pie!), the calls, prayers and the cards. You are all truly my family! I know that my healing from surgery was and continues to be a more uneventful one because of your prayers.

Thank you again.

Love,

Pat Snodgrass

#### STEWARDS STRENGTHENING CHARLOTTE



Stewardship Is.

Living Saviour in so many ways is using the blessings we have been bestowed to minister to the Greater Charlotte Community. Those born in poverty in Charlotte have a 95% probability of remaining in poverty. The Charlotte Mecklenburg Police (CMPD) Chief and other Community leaders invited Clergy and Lay Leaders from all faiths to help create mutual understanding from different perspectives. The soaring crime rate cannot be solved by the Police. We are asked to pick a church or place of worship that is different than ours and to do something to build relationships and make a difference in Charlotte. He has acknowledged that there are a great number of positive programs run by local religious groups that support and feed Charlotte both spiritually and literally. It's something we should be discussing in the coming weeks as a Family of Faith. Perhaps during our Worship Services we can have a dialogue with Pastor Angela and ourselves.

Love in Action Let's continue to Build Bridges to the Community!!

"Art Lange, Council Representative for Stewardship

#### **LSLC SUMMER SHELTER**

During the third week of August, August 18-24, we will again have the privilege of sharing our air conditioning, food and restful sleep with 12 women and children from the Salvation Army Center of Hope. Good news! Most all of our



volunteer needs have been filled. All of the evening meals and bag lunches are covered. The only open slots are: Saturday overnight hosts; and drivers for Sunday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Sign up sheets are on the table in the Fellowship hall. Questions?

Contact Frank DeLoache at 704-245-2875 or Alice Jenkins at 704-458-5411.

#### **RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JANUARY, 2020**

Below is a brief report for the Fiscal Year ending January 31, 2020; as of the end of June (which is our fifth month of the fiscal year). We had a net income of \$23,257, which is primarily the result of being over on contributions. In addition, we are under on expenses. Some of the expense variance, \$1,903, is associated with utilities, which is a good thing! Unfortunately, this is partially offset by an increase in insurance expense of \$1,350.

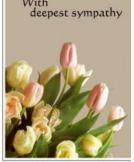
I have reviewed my updated projection of contribution income. There is no change from last month in which I concluded that we will have additional contribution income of about \$15,000 for the fiscal year. Our annual budget was prepared assuming we would have a (loss) of \$(9,692). So that means we will do better than break even.

General Fund	Actual	Compared to Budget	
Contributions, etc.	\$185,103	\$13,851	
Expenses	161,846	(4,574)	
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Net Income (loss)	\$ 23,257	\$18,425	

Contributions to Forward from Forty include a contribution of \$20,000 from Preschool. Expenses were for the Canopy Education building, Drain installation, Fire Panel replacement and Telephone System Upgrade.

Forward from Forty	Actual
Transfers in (from Capital Reserves)	\$ 7,611
Income to date	62,126
Expenses to date	(13,097)
Balance at month end	\$ 56,640

Jim Huddle, Treasurer



**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is expressed to Polly and John Farris and family at the death of Polly's brother, Edward Boyd, on July 25, 2019 at CMC Atrium in Pineville, N.C. May God fill the emptiness left in their hearts by his passing, and may they remember that the Resurrection of Jesus Christ means the certain hope to eternal life for all who die with faith in Him.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



Thank you for responding to the survey. From the 5 selections you have chosen "Searching for Sunday," by Rachel Held Evans.

Starting in September we will explore this book - loving, leaving, and finding the church.

Come and join in the thought provoking discussions. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

The book can be purchased at Amazon for \$9.51 or at Barnes & Nobles for \$14.10 or call Sherry in the office and she will order the book for you.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Blessings,

Janet Mayer

#### **PRAYING FOR POSSIBILITIES**

Our Mission is to Grow God's kingdom through the power of prayer. We pray for the possibilities that can happen in and of our building; for all the people volunteering, working and participating here, activities for all, visitors and those that God gathers and the opportunities for witnessing. Ideally, we walk the property to pray for the possibilities that can happen in each place. If you cannot walk it or be there with us, we have made booklets with pictures for you to use. So, please join us! For more information, contact **glendakilminster@gmail.com**.



#### August "Weekly Prayer Teams"

7/28-8/4 Jean Dunne and Janet Wagstaff 8/4-8/11 Kari Proctor and Maria Rozhin 8/11-8/18 Janet Axtman and Cindy Quinlan 8/18-8/25 Lillian Stephens and Nancy Mersereau 8/256-9/1 C.D. Hathcock and Don Huff

## MOWING THE CHURCH LAWN



During Summer and Fall we need to mow the lawn every week on Fridays or Saturdays. If you are available and would like to volunteer, your help will be appreciated. Please sign up on the kiosk in fellowship hall. There are openings In September and October.

If you have questions or want more information, contact Frank DeLoache at 704-245-2985.



#### "A way to reach out in Christian love to those who need special blessings"

Who We Are: A group of 8 to 10 ladies who knit/crochet prayer shawls at our meetings and at home. Each prayer shawl receives a special blessing.

Who Receives the Prayer Shawls: People in our faith community who are seriously ill, have major surgery, have long term medical treatment, long hospitalization, a long recovery period, or going through distressing times. We have given 182 since our inception in 2012.

When Do We Meet: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month.

In August - Tuesday, August 13 and Tuesday, August 27, 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

We welcome all who knit, crochet, whether beginner, expert or would like to learn. We have yarn and patterns to get you started. Come join us for great fellowship, as we create a special gift for someone in need of prayer, comfort and blessings. They will be wrapped in God's love. If you have questions or want to learn more about this valuable ministry, please contact Jeanne Davis (jeannedavis88@att.net)

#### YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT

#### Monday, August 19

You are invited to help cook, serve, visit with our guests from Salvation Army Center of Hope and clean up

Please show up between 4:30 and 5:00 until 7:00

RSVP glendakilminster@gmail.com or 704-604-5921





#### **PRIMETIMERS**

will meet on **Wednesday, August 21, 11:30 a.m.** at Trio's (10709 McMullen Creek Pkwy, Charlotte, NC 28226)

All age 50 and above welcome! Please join us and invite a friend!

For more information, contact: Tom and Jeanette Schick (miners28269@yahoo.com) or 704-910-4146

#### **DINNER NIGHT OUT WILL NOT MEET IN AUGUST**

Watch for news about September outing in upcoming Sunday bulletins and the September InnerNet.

If you have questions, please contact John and Pam Williams (jfwilliams7200@aol.com)

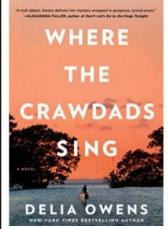
#### RENEWED IN FAITH--LUTHER, OBERAMMERGAU AND YOU - GERMANY 2020



A once-in-a-lifetime 12-day tour of Germany that will include the Oberammergau Passion Play (performed only every ten years). Travel from Berlin to Munich to visit the significant sites of Martin Luther's life and other highlights of Germany. Several spaces are still available, if you or anyone you know is interested.

Please contact Barbara Avard for more information. bja1949@bellsouth.net

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA Activities for August



**Quilt Ministry** is on summer break. Thanks to all the at-home sewing members who stitched together squares to form quilt tops and those who did the final perimeter stitching on assembled quilts. We will now be ready to resume quilt workshops in September to assemble more quilts!

**Hope Circle** will meet in August on Thursday, August 22, at 1:00. Over the summer, please read <u>Where the Crawdads Sing</u>, by Delia Owens, so that we will be ready to discuss the book at the meeting. Come, even if you haven't read the book, as we make plans for the coming months.

Alice Jenkins (alicej101@carolina.rr.com)



#### ONGOING MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

You are cordially invited to join in musical leadership of worship through one of the following music ministries:

<u>Joy Children's Choir</u>, rehearsing on announced Sundays at 10:15, currently on summer break; <u>Alleluia Ringers</u>, rehearsing Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m., currently on summer break; <u>Chancel Choir</u>, rehearsing Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. September-May, currently rehearsing on announced Sunday mornings.

Festival Choir: Would you love to sing in the choir but don't have time to devote to choir rehearsals all season long? Then Festival choir is for you. Join the choir for special events such as Reformation Sunday, Christmas Concert, Easter or other festival Sundays.

We are looking for experienced instrumentalists for 8:30 and 10:30 services - Guitarists, percussionist, brass, woodwind, string players.

For more information on any musical opportunities, please see Don Huff.



**UNC-CHARLOTTE SUPPORTERS: UNC-Charlotte's campus ministry** is offering opportunities for our congregation to support the Cooperative Campus Ministry through financial support as well as in person volunteer opportunities. Homemade desserts, weekly lunches, Death By Chocolate welcome to UNCC event are ways you can get involved with this vital ministry. Last year, following the shooting on campus, the Cooperative Christian Ministry supported the students with coffee,

prayer, snacks, love, and care; they were there from the moment the shooting ended, until past the end of the semester. They expect to continue to support the student's spiritual and emotional health through the weekly Thursday lunches, the weekly desserts, and the kick off "Gold Rush" event on campus. Advent Lutheran, located directly across from the college provides a student center and gathering place. It can be as simple as writing a check, or as elaborate as baking your favorite dessert and delivering it to Advent Lutheran.

Want to get involved? Contact Pastor Angela and she'll send you the info.



Thank you for your donations of nonperishable food items to LOAVES AND FISHES all year long, every year. Because of the generosity of the people in the Charlotte area, Loaves and Fishes emergency food pantries have never had to turn away a client in Charlotte Mecklenburg. The food wagon is located in the gathering area under the coat rack. All canned goods and other non-perishable food items may be placed in the wagon any time. Priority needs are canned meats, soup, canned fruit, peanut butter and 100% fruit juice. No glass, please.

Thank you to those of you who deliver our gifts of food to Loaves and Fishes on a regular basis. Your faithfulness to this valuable ministry is appreciated!!

#### **CARING AND SHARING GROUP**



The Caring and Sharing group will gather for our monthly meeting on Friday, August 30 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the church. All are welcome who seek inspiration and support while caring for others or caring for themselves during an illness or loss.

For more information, contact Betty Reynolds at 704-287-5724.



Registration is open for Next Year (2019-2020), so please tell your family and friends.

#### Jessica Jordan

**Preschool Director** 

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**Living Saviour Lutheran Preschool** 

# 2019 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS and Areas of Responsibility



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**Church Council will not meet in August.** 

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#### **Live Streaming of Service of Worship**

Go to the Living Saviour Website for live streaming of the Service of Worship (www.livingsaviourlc.org).

If you have an article that you would like to have included in our monthly newsletter, please send it to the church office at sherry@livingsaviourlc.org by the 21st day of the month before.

#### IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Pastor Angela can be reached on her day off or on weekends at pastorangela@livingsaviourlc.org or 704-408-9534. She will return your call as soon as possible.

### **AUGUST 2019**

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8:30AM Worship 10:30AM Worship		Free Coffee Giveaway		<b>10AM</b> Bridge Group		Quilting Group Fellowship hall
6PM AA Group						
11	12	13	14	15	16 11:00 a.m.	17
8:30 AM Worship 10:30 Worship 6PM AA Group	6:15 PM Softball game, Mason Wallace Park 7PM Boy Scouts	9:30 AM Finance Committee 10AM Prayer Shawl Ministry		10AM Bridge Group	Back to School lunch For Smithfield teachers	
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<b>18 8:30</b> Service	19	20 LSLC Summer Shelter	LSLC Summer Shelter	10AM Bridge Group		GWOH Sorting
<b>9:30</b> Pastor Angela teaching	LSLC Summer Shelter	Lace adminier affecter	Liste summer sherer	1PM	LSLC Summer Shelter	Donations at CAM
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25 New Members	26	27	28	29	30	
will be received.	7PM	10AM		10AM Bridge Group	<b>10AM</b> Caring and Sharing Group	
10:30 Unity Service	Boy Scouts	Prayer Shawl Ministry			Silening Group	
Holy Baptism						
GWOH Service Projects and light lunch		6:45 PM Cub Scouts				

#### **August Birthdays**

- 8/3 Julianna Frixen; Kay Tarr
- 8/5 Carol Cochran; Caden Noonkester;
- 8,6 Claire Biggs; Lauren Campbell; Henry Willis
- 8/7 Shallen Gordon
- 8/9 Helen Archbold; Riley Skidmore; Lillian Stephens
- 8/10 Janet Axtman
- 8/11 Wayne Thom
- 8/13 Benjamin Malin, Jr.
- 8/14 Mackenzie Miller
- 8/17 Nate Forster
- 8/18 Pam Williams
- 8/20 Mark Ferriss
- 8/23 Michael Golly
- 8/27 Eddie Sipe



#### **August Anniversaries**

- 8/1 Jerry and Tissie Littlejohn
- 8/5 Frank and Kathy DeLoache;
  - C.D. and Moss Hathcock
- 8/7 Malcolm and Dawn Schaeffer
- 8/8 Scott and Kari Proctor
- 8/9 Ron and Shallen Gordon
- 8/16 Tom and Ann Chriske; Dan and Trudy Haseley
- 8/24 Dan and Jan Sundberg
- 8/26 John and Marge Sahr