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The InnerNet

OCTOBER 2019



Sunday, October 29 is 502 years from the beginning of the Reformation; 500 years of a church always reforming. You are invited to participate in the Strategic Planning Team's goal of understanding the Core Values of Living Saviour. Every congregation has a different set of Core Values, it is what makes them unique and provides purpose in their life together. Come to the fellowship hall, join a table, and Pastor Angela and the team will walk you through the 45

minute fast and furious event. All are welcome, member or not, young or not so young; bring your curiosity, and some time to be involved. You are the church, we are the church, we are better together. Worship before at 8:30 or after at 10:30, but come be part of our unfolding future.

Falling leaves, pumpkin spice everything, cooling temperatures, football Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday! What else signals the coming of the Fall Season—stewardship! Yes that is right, coming in later October and into November you will be receiving the story of our congregation and the hopes and dreams for 2020. This season we are using the theme Abundant Joy-Overflowing Generosity. God is about abundance, joy, generosity, and overflowing everything! Living Saviour, you too are about abundance, joy, generosity and overflowing joy! The food pantry wagon is overflowing; my heart overflows when I hear the stories of who is welcomed, cared for, served, taught, and loved. I see abundance in the updated garden at the back entrance done in memory of Diana Slusser, the projects paid for through the "Forward from Forty" property fund, and I see abundance in so many places!

Be on the lookout for the stories of how your generosity is at work through the year, and what dreams and plans are in the works for 2020. Be ready in November to bring yourself, your intent, and to share in God's abundance and generosity.

Together in Christ, love in Christ, Pastor Angela



FAITH FORUM IN OCTOBER

Pastor Angela will lead Faith Forum (9:30-10:15/Educational Wing) on Sundays October 6 and 20, Marty Jenkins on October 13. Ever wonder about letters in the ancient Greco-Roman times of the 1st century? Ever wonder about Paul and Timothy and what and why and how? NO?! What? Maybe you need to be curious and come find out more about these people, the letters, and what is valuable for us today. The Letter of 2 Timothy; then on October 27

there will be an opportunity to help discern Core Values of Living Saviour. All are welcome. Nursery is available for under 5 and GIFT for elementary school ages.

Adult

BAPTISM

Over the past 5 weeks we have shared conversation, teaching, and sermons about baptism. Pastor Angela invites you into conversation if you are not yet baptized or cannot verify your baptism. It is God's gift to us and we can plan your baptism following a short period of instruction. October 20 is our next infant baptism and we would be delighted to offer baptism to anyone who would like to become part of God's family in a formal way.



VETERANS! WE NEED YOU.

The people who participate in the GIFT program on Sunday mornings would like to honor our veterans in November, but we don't know who you are!

Please sign up on the kiosk, or send your name and branch of the military/year served to Kristen Alford Haigler (kristenberry@msn.com). Stay tuned for an opportunity in November to be celebrated and honored by the elementary school children.

COFFEE GIVEAWAY

Tuesday, October 1, 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)



Pet Ministry Supply Drive



Saint Francis of Assisi is the **patron saint for ecologists** — a title honoring his boundless love for animals and nature.

In loving honor and memory of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Living Saviour Pet Ministry is conducting a drive for the month of October. Hurricane Dorian did not only displace a lot of people, but thousands of animals too. The shelters all up and down the coast are overflowing with homeless pets. Not only do people not have a place to go, they cannot take their own pets and others that would have potentially had a new forever home.

We will be collecting dry and wet dog and cat food. They also need things like large powder free Nitrile gloves, 9 X 13 disposable aluminum baking or deep steam liner pans, paper towels, treats like Pup-Peroni or Nudges, PetSafe Nylon leash 1" X 6' or equivalent and puppy pads. They probably would take anything we can give, but these are helpful to them at this time.

Thanks for your support!

Lillian Stephens, Coordinator Living Saviour Pet Ministry

PASTOR ANGELA CONTINUING EDUCATION

Thank you Living Saviour congregation for your generosity in giving that allows your pastor to attend continuing education events. October 7-9, I will be at the annual Synod Convocation. We will celebrate and remember the ordination of women (50 years ago), the first black woman pastor (40 years), and the acceptance of LGBTQ clergy (10 years). This event will bring the rostered leaders of the NC Synod together for worship, learning, and valuable conversations led by our Bishop Tim Smith, and others.

Following that, I am off to New Orleans, where I will participate in an anti-racism training conference, God's House Divided. Held at the historically black congregation, Bethlehem Lutheran, we will have learning from the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond, a premier anti-racism education group.

Thank you. Your financial gifts support the learning your pastor does each year. Your gifts of graciously giving allow time away for expanding knowledge and time to be with colleagues.



BLESSING BAGS

Anyone have a story of giving away their blessing bags? How did it go? Was it easy or difficult? What did you experience, feel, think, as you gifted another? Share with pastor (email or phone call). pastorangela@livingsaviourlc.org or 704-542-3626.



MAKING THE SHIFT. Last spring we studied the Shifts in the culture, church, and world, and now there is a strategic planning team in place. We are working each month toward a future oriented plan, focused on God's mission and how Living Saviour has a role in that mission. **We need your help**.

Sunday, October 27, at 9:30, the team will host a Core Values workshop and invite you to come and help us listen to the people of Living Saviour and God as we determine what is foundational to who we are as God's people here and now, out of what values we operate, and what is our purpose and mission in the coming days.

This Core Value workshop will last about 45 minutes and will take place in small groups around tables in the fellowship hall. A set of word cards is used to guide the process and we will successively keep and discard words that do and do not describe us as a congregation. Not as we might aspire to be, but as we are now. These words really are at the foundation of what we are and how we are church. Come give your input, be part of the process.

All are welcome, childcare will be available either in the nursery or in the GIFT program (we will have extra hands). Other opportunities to experience this Core Value workshop will be available at another time in November.

FALL SMALL GROUPS



The small group meeting in Ballantyne at 3PM on Sundays to explore Bishop Eaton's 4 initiatives will complete this study in October. All are welcome to join us as we read the bible passages and discuss these topics:

September 29: We are Lutheran October 6: We are Church Together

October 27: We are Church for the Sake of the World

For information, readings, and location, contact Pat Snodgrass (<u>betlzfan@aol.com</u>) or Shallen Gordon (<u>shallen@gordonfamily.com</u>).

Pam and John Williams are interested in hosting a small group that would center around reading books that help reveal man's relation with God. We would meet twice a month on the first and third Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30. The small group is open to the general population of the church. A beginning date for this small group will be November. For our first study, I would suggest the C S Lewis book *The Magician's Nephew*. This is the prequel to *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. If you are interested in being a participant in this small group, please contact **Pam and John Williams at jfwilliams7200@aol.com** or 980-250-1308 (John's cell phone).

SMITHFIELD ELEMENTARY PARTNERSHIP 2019-2020

Coming soon! Please support a food collection for Smithfield backpack families for their Thanksgiving break. We will "adopt" 10-12 families and collect food that will help the families over the holiday break- 5 days that the children will not be in school for free breakfast and lunch. Watch for details! Non perishable food will be collected the month of November until Sunday November 24. The collection will be sorted that day into grocery bags that will be delivered at the beginning of the week before Thanksgiving.

We will plan to distribute a food list the first Sunday of November.

If you want to work with students, you must register with CMS as a volunteer https://www.cmsvolunteers.com

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



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION





The goals of Christian Education are to help all ages to know Christ more fully, to learn about God's love for us, and to learn and practice faith sharing with each other.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION





This ministry includes Pastor Angela's series on the 5 Gifts of Baptism, adult, youth and children's Sunday School classes, Kids in Christ, Summer Camp held in June, as well as the Wednesday morning women's Bible study, men's Bible study on Thursdays, and small groups that meet throughout the year.

The adult Sunday School class led by Marty Jenkins will begin a 12 week series in November by Dr. Timothy Jones called *Christian History Made Easy*. High schoolers led by Beth Hawley are meeting every other week, one week at Panera and the next meeting serving at Carmel Place. Ryan Huber leads the middle schoolers weekly using material from *Faith Inkubators: Head to the Hear*t. Kristen Haigler meets with elementary age children weekly using *Kids Own Church* from Group Publishingand leads Kids in Christ, which meets several times a year.

Our annual budget is currently about \$2400.

Pat Snodgrass, Christian Education



MUSIC MINISTRY: Fall is here and rehearsals are underway! All are welcome and this is a perfect time for you to join in musical leadership of worship through the following ministries: Joy Children's Choir rehearses on announced Sundays at 10:15; — grades 2-5; Alleluia Ringers rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 - high school age and up; Chancel Choir rehearses Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. - high school age and up; Festival Choir sings for special events such as Reformation Sunday, Christmas Concert, Easter and other festival Sundays. There are occasional opportunities for Intergenerational Choir, Women and Men's Ensembles as well as Instrumentalists for both worship services.

If you want more information on any musical opportunities, please see or contact Don Huff.



ACT NOW!

PSSST! Have you heard the OTHER good news?

We're in the process of forming a drama group here at LSLC! If you've ever acted before, or have ever thought acting might be fun to try, please join us. No experience is necessary, as long as you have an

imagination, some empathy, and a hearty sense of joie de vivre (and are willing to learn as you go)! Here's a beautiful chance to expand (and play with) your own borders, to hang out with other creative types, and to serve the church by becoming involved in the genesis of what we hope will be an ongoing theatre ministry.

Revenue from our productions will be used to cover special projects or causes LSLC wishes to support (and for anything else deemed appropriate).

We'll start our initial foray into acting with small, manageable productions, and then branch out from there, offering both large and small roles (though no role is truly small), so you may contribute as much or as little as you are comfortable with.

If you're over eighteen and slightly younger than Methuselah (or anywhere in between), you are needed, wanted, and will be graciously welcomed. God, who lovingly provided us with the most gorgeous template for creativity imaginable, certainly smiles when we put our own creativity on full display!

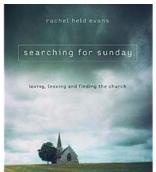
To express interest, or ask any questions, contact Traci Warren Anderson at 704-577-6026.

CARING AND SHARING GROUP

The Caring and Sharing group will gather for our monthly meeting on Friday, October 25, 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.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY



We welcome all who can join us on Wednesday mornings at 10AM.

We are discussing "Searching for Sunday" by Rachel Held Evans. It is a thought provoking book that leads to many stimulating discussions.

Come when you can. Enjoy the cooler temperatures of fall.

Blessings,

Janet Mayer (janetmayer@bellsouth.net)

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**.



October "Weekly Prayer Teams"

9/29-10/6 CD Hathcock and Don Huff 10/6-10/13 Will Charnock and Traci Anderson 10/13-10/20 Cathy Lyall and Laura Michael 10/20-10/27 Jean Dunne and Janet Wagstaff 10/27-11/3 Glenda Kilminster and Maria Rozhin

MOWING THE CHURCH LAWN



Our church lawn needs mowing every week, Summer and Fall, on Fridays or Saturdays. If you are available and would like to volunteer to help, your assistance will most certainly be appreciated. Please sign up on the kiosk in fellowship hall. There are still some openings in October and November.

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 185 since our inception in 2012.

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

In October - Tuesday, October 8 and Tuesday, October 22, 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)



DINNER NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, October 8, 6:30 p.m.

The Waldhorn Restaurant

12101 Lancaster Hwy, Pineville, NC 28134

Join us for a evening of fun, good food, drink and conversation.

All adults are welcome and invited to bring friends. Please sign up on the kiosk.

If you have questions, see John or Pam Williams (jfwilliams7200@aol.com)



PRIMETIMERS

Wednesday, October 16, 11:30 a.m.

The Waldhorn Restaurant

12101 Lancaster Hwy, Pineville, NC 28134

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

WOMEN OF THE ELCA



October Activities

Quilt Ministry will meet for a workshop on Thursday, October 3, at 10:00 am. We will assemble quilt layers, pin and tie them together. All quilts will be sent to Lutheran World Relief for worldwide crisis distribution. All hands are welcome to put these quilts together, and no experience is needed!

Hope Circle will meet at 1:00pm on Thursday, October 17. We will work on items to sell at the Nov. 2 Craft Bazaar.

Speaking of the **Craft Bazaar**, we depend on the generosity of the congregation to provide home-baked items for sale at the WELCA Bake Sale table. Please consider donating to this sale. All home-baked/made items are welcome – cookies, brownies, breads, cakes, tarts, etc.

Alice Jenkins (alicej101@carolina.rr.com)

Living Saviour's Annual

CHRISTMAS CRAFT & GIFT BAZAAR

Saturday, November 2, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Women of ELCA's only fundraiser



- Christmas décor, jewelry, artwork, pottery, handmade cards, photography, tote bags & more
- Bake Sale home baked cakes, cookies, breads and more!

(Thanks to all in the congregation who will generously donate baked goods, etc. for the Bake Sale!)

- \$1 Raffle Tickets great prizes
- Hot dogs and more for purchase at lunchtime!

All WELCA profits designated to others! Your support will benefit **Salvation Army Center of Hope** in Charlotte, **Living Waters LC** in Cherokee, **Lutheran World Relief**, and LSLC needs



Drop by the Fellowship Hall on November 2 and get a head start on your Christmas shopping!



ABUNDANT JOY IN RELATING TO OUR NEIGHBORS

Living Saviour has begun to make great strides in reaching out to those residing in the neighborhoods surrounding our facility. Living Saviour Preschool was established in 1983 as a service to the local community as well as church members and a majority of the students are from families that are not members. Countdown to Summer just completed it's fourth year in welcoming families from the surrounding communities.

Our First Tuesday Coffee giveaway draws many of the same people commuting from apartments and houses nearby. It was recently announced that we will be getting a new next store neighbor. An actual store! This will mean that our Church will have many more people—driving past us every day, The increased visibility will give us an opportunity to evolve into a more relevant place that people want to come to rather than just walk or drive past on their way to the supermarket. What new ministries can we offer as a community center for the changing community? An after-school tutoring center offering low cost help for any student in need. A lunch time concert series for workers in the surround offices to enjoy? Mid-week lunch time casual services geared to families and area workers?

What joy in discovering the many opportunities has God presented to us!

Art Lange, Council Representative for Stewardship



Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 p.m. Living Saviour Lutheran Church Choirs, Ringers, Orchestra, Organ

All are welcome - bring family and friends

Childcare will be provided.

There will be a reception following the concert in the fellowship hall. If you are interested in helping with decorating, food, set up and/or clean up for the reception, please let us know.



SAVE THE DATE

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Living Saviour will again be hosting a Breakfast with Santa on **Saturday, December 14**. There will be breakfast, kid's store, crafts, photo opportunities and other activities to celebrate the season. Tickets will be \$5.00; a notice will go out for early purchase.

Questions or volunteer to help? Contact Wayne Thom (waynethomNC@aol.com)

FALL WORKDAY



Fall is here and that means it's soon time to complete yard and interior projects to make our church look great, especially as the holidays approach and our RITI neighbors will be visiting us soon. Please mark your calendars for our upcoming work day on **Saturday, November 9' from 9 am to 3 PM.** A sign-up sheet will soon be posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider spending the day or even an hour or two to help. Every talent is needed for yard work, interior painting, and cleaning of areas that are beyond our janitorial services. Friends and family are also welcome! A lunch will be provided.

Any questions or suggested projects can be directed to Janet Axtman (704) 604-8369.

2019 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS and Areas of Responsibility



Shallen Gordon - PresidentStewardship and FinanceFrank DeLoache -Vice PresidentSamaritan and Outreach

Cathy Lyall - SecretaryAdministrationJanet AxtmanPropertyKristen HaiglerYoung YouthJoe LaFollettePersonnel

Art Lange Stewardship and Finance
Pat Snodgrass Christian Education
Steve Vick Worship and Music

Church Council will meet twice in October: Friday, October 18, 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 20, following 10:30 worship service.

LIVING SAVIOUR CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Angela K. Powell, Pastor
Don Huff, Minister of Worship and Music
Sherry Wooldridge, Office Administrator
Nancy Mersereau, Organist and Music Assistant
Carla Gearheart, Childcare Provider

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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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 –9AM Coffee Give Away 6:45 PM Cub Scouts	2 10AM Bible Study 6PM Alleluia Ringers 7PM Chancel Choir	3 8AM Men's Bible Study 10AM Quilt Ministry 10AM Bridge Group	4	5 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service Paul McDaniel/ reception to follow
6 8:30AM Worship 9:30 GIFT, Confirmation, Faith Forum 10:30AM Worship 6PM AA Group	7 7 PM Boy Scouts	8 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl 6:30 Dinner Night Out at Waldhorn 6:45 PM Cub Scouts	9 10AM Bible Study 6PM Alleluia Ringers 7PM Chancel Choir	10 8AM Men's Bible Study 10AM Bridge Group	11	12
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Cooper Thom		
Georgia Miller, Tom Schick	10	
Stephen Allen	10	
Marty Jenkins, Fred Potthoff, and	10	
Lynn Stephens	10	
Jean Dunne, Julie Farris, and	10	
Juliet Proctor		
10/10 Jerry Littlejohn		
10/11 Frank DeLoache		
10/12 Sarah Gist		
B Tim Meadows		
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10/16	Charles Kale, Karl Proctor
	and Glenda Kilminster
10/19	Geraldine Harbinson
10/22	Beth Hawley
10/25	Don Huff, Steve Miller
10/26	Sandra Sample
10/28	William Houseton, Reid
	Huber and Alice Jenkins
10/30	Diana Dukeshire
10/31	Ian Sundherg

October Anniversaries

10/4	Jim and Alicia Cook
10/9	Mike and Laura Michael
10/12	Bill and Jean Dunne
10/14	Don and Anna Pearce
10/22	Stephen and Emma Allen
10/26	Frank and Pat Snodgrass

