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# The InnerNet

# **APRIL 2020**

Who would have guessed it? Who could have imagined it? That on March 8, 2020 we went from standard time to daylight time to Twilight Zone! A place where nothing is the what it seems, where the mind twists and turns, where surprise and unknowns are around every corner and ending. Yes, March has been a very long month, for only 25+ days into it, wouldn't you agree?

From my lovely vacation with our grandson, to a serious issue in a mere 24 hours, it was unlike anything I could imagine. I felt like I had encountered the greatest joy to the deepest darkness in a few short hours. It was not my finest hour to be sure, going from the mountain top the deep valley of despair and uncertainty, but grace abounds, and decisions were made and are being lived into now.

FIVE STAGES OF GRIEF DENIAL **ANGER** BARGAINING DEPRESSION ACCEPTANCE grief.

As this is unfolding, what I have experienced is grief. Grief at this situation and its losses; grief at dreams deferred or ended; grief from the uncontrollable and unknown. Grief which brings us to tears, fears, frustration. This is a real thing, the loss of a world we knew, trusted, and understood. To help us understand how we are reacting and where we are emotionally, I am sharing the stages of

Denial—first stage. I denied, as did many, that the Covid 19 Coronavirus could ever come here, until it did. When I got on the plane to Florida to visit Anson, this virus was a sort of joke; when I got off the plane on Thursday, it was no longer, and the council was alarmed and concerned. My vacation ended with a bump, thump, crash back to reality. We had to act and decisively. So, we cancelled worship—oh its only for a couple weeks, denial, big time.

Anger—another stage of grief. Anger at all the messed-up plans, at the stupid government for not acting sooner, at myself for being angry for the way my vacation ended. Haven't we all felt anger as our freedom has been stripped, at those who will not stay home, at the imbeciles who gang up and travel the neighborhood like it is a party. Anger. It is part and parcel of this whole grieving process.

Bargaining; another stage in this process. Ok, we think, so the trip this month is off, but ah...Spring Break, it is just around the corner, and the schools gave it back; we will plan to go to the beach, the mountains, Disney, or that cruise we've been looking forward to for so long... Wait! What? The beach is closed, the cruise is off, no flights, no travel??? Back to the beginning again, denial, anger...and maybe we can plan to June. Maybe.

All that leads us to the Depression stage. Who hasn't felt this? Even if you can't or haven't labeled it this way, the sadness, the sorrow, the tears. The great gulping, stomach-clenching, jaw tightening feeling. Depression, that leads us to hunker down and hold on, and hoard more, and fear that it will never end. Depression as more and more of those we love and know lose jobs. As our routines become unsettled, uncertain, and we just cannot think straight anymore. Depression is real. It makes us turn inside ourselves, and hurt.

Acceptance--The 5<sup>th</sup> stage of grief. Accepting that we are living in the Twilight Zone, and nothing is the same or will not be the same ever again. Yet even in the midst of this, we can walk in the sun, we can give thanks for what we have, we can see flowers and blooming trees, there is good in the world.

Grief is unusual that it is not a straight path from Denial to Acceptance. It is more like a mountain, you go around the bend and are back at anger, around another bend and are again at depression...it is a cyclical thing and every day, every difference, every loss can bring us back again to start over, and until we end up at acceptance, and a new normal. (Continued on Page 2)

Grief over loss, and the impotence of it all. Anger grows to rage as we feel so impotent, unable to change things, finally, worn out with it all. Feelings of loneliness and mistrust are also part of the process we are going through. We mistrust others, seeking to blame and scapegoat due to our fear and anxiety. We feel very alone, especially if we live alone. Yet even when we are around others, we deeply miss the physical contact with those we care about and love are not in our home. That missing leads us to grieving the loss, and the cycle begins again.

We are displaced in our world, especially as we have to isolate and separate. Teachers and students are displaced; all the helping professions are having to learn to care via electronic means; shops and restaurants are working to figure out who they are and where they fit. Who are we as we learn to communicate via tele-conferences, our jobs are dramatically different, as our freedom is limited?

Scripture is full of stories of God's people under attack, undergoing change, living dramatically different realities than ever before. So we take heart, take courage, take note, that even as we grieve, God is with us and will never leave us.

**Hebrews 13:5-6 (NLT)** "...I will never fail you. I will never abandon you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?"

Let us pray.

Faithful God, thank You for never leaving us or forsaking us. No matter how isolated we may feel, we know You are there. Help us to raise our heads in confidence—not self-confidence—but in the assurance that You are all the help we need. In the mighty name of Jesus we pray, as we trust, love, care, and hope for our future. Amen.

In Christ's Love,

**Pastor Angela** 

#### CONSIDER YOURSELF INVITED....

....to pray the Lord's Prayer each day at Noon, your time. We pray with other Christians across the globe at Noon, their time, to beseech God, implore God, lament to God, place ourselves before God, bow down in prayer before God, and humble ourselves.

Set a timer, mark your calendar, made a date to pray.

I also share with you a prayer **Glenda Kilminster** wrote for all of us to pray.

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear..." Psalm 46:1-2

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Isaiah 40:31

Dear God, our Father,

You remind us over and over in your Word that you are always with us. You tell us not to fear and you draw us close into your Presence. As we pray for possibilities in all the areas of our church we find that you're the only place where we can truly find refuge in the storms that surround us right now Lord. You're the only place we can find peace and strength.

We also pray that you empower Pastor Angela, who is leading us in a lonely sanctuary save but for your powerful Holy Spirit. Thank you, God! Give Pastor, Don, Nancy and Brian (who streams our services), your protection, wisdom and spiritual nurturing strength. Let them soar like they are on Eagle's wings so that they will not grow weary. So we ask you for your words of truth, power and the Holy Spirit to strengthen us, holding us close to you in this time of world fear. Thank you for your constant goodness. We look to you today our Lord and Saviour, to help us keep our church and each other strong.

In the name of your precious, precious son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, AMEN!



Thank you to all who served as the hospitality team at the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday and the Primary Election Coffee on Tuesday, March 3. It was a great day of greeting our neighbors, engaging them in conversation and inviting them to take with them coffee, water, fruit, or a baked good. It added a time of relaxation and smiles to what felt like a tense day. One couple worshipped with us following that Election Coffee, and we are thankful. There was also a table with yellow cards people could fill out with "a hope" and "a wish" some of which include—a community garden; a class to teach technology; overall happiness, safety and security; health and peace; love for one another; a city buss down Carmel to Vista Grande; and clean water. It was good to hear from the neighborhood what they hoped for and wished for; maybe the next time we gather as a community, you too can fill out a card, so we can know what you wish for, hope for, and how we as a community of faith might meet those needs.

# **Pastor Angela**



#### **LUTHEROAD DAY CAMP RETURNS JUNE 22-26**

Living Saviour Lutheran present another opportunity for elementary age kids to experience summer camp without having to leave home. Camp Lutheroad, June 22-26, is coming! Camp builds relationships between our own church kids, the community kids, the adult volunteers, and with God. Camp is an opportunity to be a kid, have fun, learn, and

explore faith in a safe environment. The theme, This is Our Prayer, will guide the activities as the campers explore prayer.

The camp leaders are from Novus Way (Lutheridge) and are college-age students who spend the summer leading groups of campers through games, crafts, songs, skits, bible stories.

To make camp accessible to all, pre-post camp care is available for working parents. There is also a ½ option for preschool age in the Living Saviour Preschool that same week.

Want to make a difference in the life of our community? Volunteer! Coordinators, helpers, pre-camp preparation, or help during the week; there is something for everyone. You might plan to invite a child you know, perhaps helping to pay for camp. You might help pass out flyers or perhaps even create them! **Pastor Angela** needs many hands to make camp go, and you can be a part of offering healing and hope to God's

world. Share Jesus and the joy of summer camp with a child!

# This is Our Prayer Lutheroad Day Camp

Age: Completed Kindergarten-completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade Time: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (pre care—7-9; post care 4-6)

Cost: Member cost \$80; Non-member cost \$110; Pre-post camp care \$75





# **CAMP VIVACE**

**CAMP VIVACE IS BACK FOR THE 21**<sup>ST</sup> **TIME!** Camp Vivace (vi-vah'-chay) is Living Saviour's very popular music, drama and art camp. Those who attend learn a Christian musical during the week which involves singing and drama, while learning Biblical truths that are presented in the musical. There are a variety of art projects, and participants enjoy recreation and making new friends. The camp

is pen to those who have completed 1<sup>st</sup> grade-6<sup>th</sup> grade) and will be July 13-17, 9:00-2:30 daily. Cost is \$75. Information/registration brochures are available on the information table in the gallery. More questions? Please see **Don Huff**.

#### WE AT LIVING SAVIOUR ARE MEETING THE NEW CHALLENGES

These trying times have come with new challenges: how to worship at a distance, how to stay connected with each other while separate, and how to continue our partnerships with the community agencies we have been working with for many years, to help the most vulnerable among us. God, however, prepared us to meet these challenges! We have an online presence to communicate with one another, live streaming capabilities that allow us to worship from our homes, and we are setting up plans to reach out individually to all our members to offer support. Please contact the church office or Pastor Angela if you have a need, so that we can try to help. Our community — our church — is not defined by a building.

The Living Saviour staff continues to work checking messages, answering emails, addressing your questions, creating attractive new worship and faith sharing experiences, and even moving forward in hope by planning our late spring and summer programs and events. The Wednesday bible study group plans to continue studying with each other using virtual meetings. The Gift Sunday School leader has shared resources with the Gift families. The doors may be closed, but God's work continues in many exciting ways.

Although our in-person outreach opportunities have changed, our church leaders are finding ways that we can help our ministry partners. Our partner agencies all work with populations that are not only extremely vulnerable to this pandemic healthwise, but also particularly susceptible to the economic crisis. Our church leaders decided to allocate the money that our volunteers would have used to provide Room in the Inn at Living Saviour during the remaining weeks of this season's program if it had not been canceled early, and give it to the Urban Ministry directly along with a gift from WELCA. Although Room in the Inn has closed for the season, the Men's Shelter operated by the Urban Ministry is still open and in need. Smithfield School is providing food for its nutritionally needy students and families, especially with school canceled now until mid May. Our food and money collection in support of Smithfield's nutrition program is taking place right now for distribution in early April. Our donation to the Salvation Army Center of Hope from our Share the Love Breakfast is needed more than ever as the Center of Hope has moved many families out of the shelter and into other housing to create more social distance between these challenged families.

These are some of the ways God is working through Living Saviour to make a difference in people's lives. Join with us as we proclaim God's love! Many want to know how they can continue working together with us to help each other and our neighbors in need. We know that times are hard; some may have to cut back. Please remember to continue your faithful financial support during this time as you are able and know that your generosity is appreciated very much.

You can send your check to Living Saviour in the mail or donate online. To make an online donation, go to our website, livingsaviourlc.org and click on "online giving" in the upper right corner. The link will help you set up your giving profile for a one-time or regular contribution. The church has put emergency procedures in place to timely secure and process contributions you send. If you prefer to have our Financial Secretary, Jim Huddle, set up your online giving for you, please email him at <a href="mailto:irhuddle@carolina.rr.com">irhuddle@carolina.rr.com</a>. Or call the church office and ask Sherry to mail you a form to return to the church with all the information that is needed to set up your simply giving account.

Peace and blessings,

The Stewardship Team

To our friends at Living Saviour,

On behalf of our students and PTA at Smithfield (and teachers, too!) I would like to say Thank You for your support! You truly make a difference for our school—whether it's through the Back Pack program, volunteer tutors, bingo night helpers, teacher lunches or financial support. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful partnership with your congregation and hope it will continue for many more years!

With gratitude,

**Dena Hurst, PTA President** 



Thank you for all who donated food to the Smithfield food collection. In this unusual year, I rejoice and give thanks that you helped out. Food has been collected at Quail Hollow Middle School for 2 weeks and distributed from there as well, for the families of Smithfield, Quail Hollow Middle, and South Meck High. I rejoice and give thanks that people like you are helping those who are struggling and even more anxious than the rest of us, as jobs are lost, wages

reduced, and livelihoods threatened. Some are facing eviction once this is over, and any food help they receive will help them hang on a little longer. Thank God for you and the compassion you offer. Living Saviour Lutheran is a congregation who offers healing and hope to a world in need, responding to Jesus' love by loving others.

**Pastor Angela** 

Thank you for your donations of nonperishable food items to LOAVES AND FISHES all year long, every year. 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. 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!!



We will resume this ministry as soon as possible

#### **RESULTS FOR FEBRUARY, 2020**

Last month, I reported on our Fiscal Year ending January 31, 2020. This month, I am reporting on the first month of the new fiscal year ending January 31, 2021.

Although we are underbudget on expenses, nothing particular jumps out. We spread a lot of the budgeted amounts evenly throughout the year, but we do not spend them evenly.

General Fund	Actual	Compared to Budget	
Contributions, etc.	\$38,563	\$533	
Expenses & Transfers	<u>33,218</u>	(2,483)	
Net Income (loss)	\$ 5,345	\$3,017	

The following is the Forward from Forty fund for the month ending Feb, 2020



Forward from Forty	Actual
Beginning balance: 1/31/2020	\$65,127
Transfer from General Fund	1,667
Income	225
Expenses to date	0
Balance at month end	\$ 67,019

# Jim Huddle, Church Treasurer

#### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**



It will be no surprise to anyone that the activities for April are cancelled.

No Quilt Ministry workshop and no Hope Circle.

The Mecklenburg/Union Conference's **Spring Gathering** that was to be hosted by Living Saviour's women on Saturday, April 18, has also been cancelled.

#### Looking ahead...

Following NC Synod's guidelines to cancel gatherings of any kind until at least May 15, the annual Mothers and Daughters Brunch, scheduled for Saturday, May 9, is postponed until further notice. Looking forward at a later date to gathering in celebration of the women and girls in our lives.

For more information, contact Alice Jenkins (jenkinsalice2019@gmail.com).

# **ROOM IN THE INN End of Season Wrap-Up**

While our Shelter season for Room In The Inn ended early this year, we still welcomed men, women and children to our facility for fifteen Sundays in a row. Our homeless neighbors sent to us through Urban Ministry were transported to our church every Sunday evening from December 1 through March 8. Twelve neighbors each Sunday, that's 180 people to cross our threshold!

We were able to offer a warm, safe and comfortable place for our vulnerable neighbors to spend the night. Our facility gave them comfortable beds, warm showers and comfortable seating for t.v. and movie watching. But our people offered hospitality to them way beyond the ordinary!

Hospitality started on Sunday morning when the beds were rolled into place by loyal volunteers. Next these beds were made up with sheets and blankets by different willing members of the congregation each week to make our "bedrooms" cozy and welcoming. About 5:30 pm, our guests arrived after being picked up by our evening's shuttle bus driver and greeted by two hosts who would be with them all night.

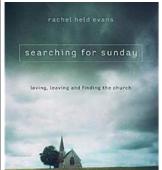
Dinner was served at 6:00 by the individual, family or group that had prepared it. The Meal Team also shared table space with our guests and joined in conversation with our neighbors. Listening to life stories and the challenges of others is a stereotype-changing experience!

In the early morning, our guests had several options for breakfast, including sausage biscuits, oatmeal, fruit, juice and coffee. They each would leave with a bag lunch and kind words from the overnight hosts. The shuttle bus driver would drop everyone off at the downtown Transit Center so those with jobs, and yes, many homeless folks have jobs, could get to their jobsites.

There are so many people to thank for the success of this important ministry! A minimum of 75 people from our congregation (plus Sunday morning bed makers) were involved in this ministry! A special thank you to these is needed:

- The 17 LSLC members who served as Overnight Hosts
- The 15 Meals teams who prepared and served Sunday evening meals to our neighbors. (With 3 teams ready for the cancelled weeks)
- SouthPark Christian Church, whose members prepared and served 4 of those 15 Sunday evening meals (add 15 people to the total number of individuals in this ministry)
- The 7 men who drove the shuttle bus
- The 7 members of the Monday morning clean-up crew
- Janet Mayer and her team of at least a dozen Laundry Ladies
- Dawn Gibson who organized team members to provide 12 bag lunches each week
- Jeanne and Lori Davis for Sunday morning bed set up
- **Chuck Moore** for rental and upkeep of the shuttle bus
- Shelter Coordinators Alice Jenkins and Frank DeLoache

God's blessings to each and every one of these people who acted as God's hands in service to our vulnerable neighbors.



#### WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY

We may set a new record in the length of time it takes to finish "Searching For Sunday."

We are attempting to set up a way we can meet via a conference call to finish this book study. We will keep you informed on what is happening, as time goes along. Stay tuned.

Everyone stay healthy. God grant you courage and strength.

Blessings to you all,

Janet (janetmayer@bellsouth.net)

#### YouTube: Living Saviour Lutheran Church

Remember, devotions are posted to the church YouTube channel several times a week. If you have not tried the online worship yet, give it a chance. Not perfect, but we are working toward a better experience each week, and hope you will benefit from our offerings.

Also, on Facebook, I try to include on the Living Saviour Lutheran Church, prayers, photos, devotions, and other things of interest and uplift.

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#### Be on the lookout!

Be ready to stretch your technological "wings" as we expand our meeting capabilities to on-line meetings, gatherings, and prayer groups. Coming to a smart phone, a computer, a tablet near you. Organizers are working diligently to set this up and get the word out so we can see each other, speak together, and offer encouragement and support.

#### **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**.



#### **April "Weekly Prayer Teams"**

3/29-4/5	Bruce Melosh and Sherry Wooldridge
4/5-4/12	Glenda Kilminster and Mary Ann Eller
4/12-4/19	Joe Kern and Ray Kilminster
4/19-4/26	C.D. Hathcock and Don Huff
4/26-5/3	Tom and Jeanette Schick

#### **LEGACY GIVING**

Two years ago Living Saviour created our Financial Needs and Wants list with the help of Mitzie Schaeffer, the previous regional gift planner. This valuable resource has guided our church leader's decision-making when gifts have been made to us. We need to update it now! Please be thinking of things you notice that would help us grow God's kingdom and care for each other so that we can update the list with Stephanie's help. Mitzie moved to being part of the Novus Way (Lutheridge and Lutherock) leadership team, and in her place as Regional Gift Planner, is Stephanie Burke.



Stephanie works for the ELCA Foundation, which provides congregations these planning services at no charge. Stephanie has special ties to Living Saviour: she attended here when she was in high school in Charlotte and **FOUNDATION** remembers many of our long-time members.

Through her guidance, Stephanie helps congregations ensure that their ministries are sustainable for years to come. In addition to guiding congregations, Stephanie works with families. When we want to give back to Living Saviour and the ministries that mean so much to us, she is available to meet with interested individuals or families to help them achieve their unique financial and estateplanning goals.

We are on Stephanie's calendar for April 19<sup>th</sup>. Our plan is to work to have a meeting, through electronic means, and Stephanie is glad to meet with individuals as well. We will let everyone know how we will hold our meeting as more information is available.

--Legacy Giving Team

#### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

"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 189 since our inception in 2012.

When Do We Meet: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month. In April there will be no meetings.

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)

# CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY DONATION SORTING

Second Friday every month from 1-3pm - 500 Spratt St



In 2019 we started a regular rotation at CAM for sorting. That continues in 2020. All hands are needed to help sort through donations to get them as quickly as possible into the FREE STORE and into the hands of ASSISTANCE clients. Generous donations have overwhelmed the agency and they can really use the help. Following are the next possible dates to serve: May 8; and June 12



"We are sending you this little note to thank you for the cookies and the kindness you showed during our visit to your church, and to say how nice it was to be thought of in a very special way.

God bless -

**Gunar and Vickie Ejups** 

#### LINGUISTIC LEAPS OF FAITH WITH THE LUTHESPIANS



<u>Crimes of the Heart</u> is a dramedy, Southern Gothic at its best (think Eudora Welty and Flannery O'Connor). Set in 1974 in Hazelhurst, Mississippi, the play follows the lives of the now-grown Magrath sisters as they untangle the events of their past (traumatically tragicomical, of course!) over a two-day period when they join forces after the angelic youngest sister, Babe, has just shot her abusive, hot-shot-lawyer husband, Zackery (fret not! He lives, and it's all quite hysterically funny!). How will Babe and Lenny (the eldest

and most long-suffering of the trio), react when rebellious middle-sister Meg returns from Hollywood, after a failed attempt at success as a singer/actress? The play is a funny and poignant family reunion, as the sisters realize their past will forever be with them, but also come to understand that it need not be imported daily into their current lives. Yes, we CAN learn from the past, but without continually repeating its mistakes or allowing it to control and paralyze us. Ultimately, these scenes present a story of laughter, tragedy, and, most emphatically, HOPE.

More details to follow, but we, The Luthespians, encourage you to come laugh, learn, and perhaps even live more deeply through drama; we invite you, older youth and all adults to enjoy our debut production (date and time to be announced later) of selected scenes from the play, <u>Crimes of the Heart</u>, by playwright Beth Henley.

The date of this production is contingent upon global circumstances.

Traci Warren Anderson, Luthespians' coordinator



If you make purchases with Amazon, you can generate donations to Living Saviour through the Amazon Smile program. It's very easy. Go to <a href="http://www.smile.amazon.com">http://www.smile.amazon.com</a> to make your purchases. You can use your Amazon sign in. When you go smile.amazon the first time, designate your donations to Living Saviour Lutheran Church. For all eligible purchases you make, Living Saviour will receive 0.5% of the purchase price. This costs you nothing extra on your purchases.



If you would like to try electronic Simply Giving, you can get a form to fill out from the church office, or go to the LSLC website, **www.livingsaviourlc.org**, click on "Online Giving" in the upper right corner. You can put the completed form in an envelope and give it directly to **Jim Huddle**, Church Treasurer, or send it to the church office, marked to his attention.

#### **EARTH DAY FAMILY IDEAS**

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#### Pepper garden from a pepper!



Use half of a pepper (leftover or new, with seeds). I like big red ones! Do not remove the seeds. Fill any container

with most of the way with soil and then set the half of the still seedy pepper on top. Water it well. In days you will

Have the new blooms of several or many pepper plants.

Or a tomato garden from your lunch! Tomatoes in egg shells.....

#### SAY WHAT!!!!!!!!

First thing you need are eggs. You are going to only break off the top and empty the eggs into a bowl for breakfast;-) Put a small hole in the bottom of the cleaned egg shell (maybe with a small prong or even the end of a pen.)

In the hollowed out egg shells, fill mostly with soil. Then scoop out the seeds from a tomato and put the scooped out seeds with the goo that surrounds them from the tomato in the egg shell.

Put a tiny bit more soil in and water. What is even cooler is if you put those eggshells back in a clear egg carton and close it; it will work like a terrarium.

You can have your own Farmers market by summer if you do this with fruits and vegetables you have at home. God will be glad that you used things you already have!! And so will your parents!

AND!!

You are ahead of the game; replenishing the earth for Earth Day!

Think of all the money you'll save your parents!!

When I see you: we'll talk about how your garden grew and I'll tell you about mine;-) or call me or face time me and tell me what other ideas you came up with!!

Caring for the earth, planting seeds and growing plants is a way to live your baptismal promises to care for God's earth.

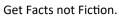
A prayer of thanks.

God made the sun, and God made the trees, God made the mountains, and God made me. Thank you O God, for the sun and the trees, For making the mountains, and for making me. Amen.

Johnny Appleseed Prayer

#### **Questions about COVID 19?**

dial 211 for a place of information in NC or text "covidNC" to 898211







#### **COUNTDOWN TO SUMMER V**

Plans are on hold at this time for Countdown to Summer, which was scheduled for May 16, because of the uncertainty of when we might be able to celebrate this day, which connects our congregation to the community around us, meeting our neighbors—enjoying free food, outdoor and indoor games, sharing God's love and goodness with the people around the congregation.

Please stay tuned for news when it becomes available on the date for Countdown to Summer V; then, make plans to come and be part of this amazing event of offering God's blessings to our neighbors.

If you have questions, contact Frank DeLoache, Council Representative for Outreach at frank.deloache@yahoo.com.



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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).

Please check your emails for information on when we will resume having our worship services and regularly scheduled activities at Living Saviour.

#### 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.

# **APRIL 2020**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Due to COVID-19						
All previously scheduled activities have been removed from the calendar until further notice.			1	2	3	4
Palm Sunday	6	7	8	9	10	11
Worship will be Live Streamed at 10:30 am						
42 Factor Constant	13	14	15	16	17	18
12 Easter Sunday Worship will be Live Streamed at 10:30 am	13	14	15	16		18
19 Worship will be Live Streamed at 10:30 am	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Worship will be Live Streamed at 10:30 am	27	28	29	30		

# **April Birthdays**

- 4/2 Jennifer Noonkester, Chris Proctor
- 4/3 Laura Schwab
- 4/6 Chuck Lyle, Cindy Quinlan
- 4/9 Elisabeth Forster, Andy Williams
- 4/10 Steve Vick
- 4/11 Tony Eller
- 4/12 Anita Mitchell
- 4/16 Richard Tarr
- 4/17 Neil Mitchell, Russell Stephens
- 4/20 Cynthia Karim
- 4/21 Caren Ballantine, Kristen Haigler
- 4/22 Eric Greve, Samantha Merritt

# 4/25 Glenn Stirewalt

- 4/26 Benjamin Powell, Lorene Thom
- 4/29 Gregg Mitchell, Jennifer Thompson
- 4/30 Alina Krantz



# **April Anniversaries**

- 4/4 Matt and Becky VanSandt
- 4/12 Don and Barbara Ferriss
- 4/18 Kevin and Cathy Lyall
- 4/22 Luke and Cindy Quinlan
- 4/24 Ken and Karen Leeser

