
The InnerNet

Early June 2021

Samuel: Judge, Prophet, Priest

This June and July, we will be meeting and learning about an Old Testament figure, not only the last Judge, but also a Priest and Prophet. He stood in the final stages of Israel's history with judges who oversaw their corporate life, and the coming of the first and second kings. Samuel is a hinge character between the two ways of life, and literally began life as a prayer and a hope. We typically read about his early life but rarely focus energy on his adult life. June and July present the perfect opportunity to study, Samuel, judge, prophet, priest. Much as John the Baptist is the hinge between the old testament prophetic line and the new testament Messiah and apostle's, Samuel is such a hinge as well.

Samuel is 1 of only 8 persons God calls using their name twice, "Samuel, Samuel," which we hear when the boy is asleep in the temple serving under the care of Eli. That moment commences the fulfilling of Samuel's life which began when his mother Hannah prayed fervently and longingly for a child; when her prayer was answered, she "sings" a gorgeous song prayer in 1 Samuel 2. As she promised, she dedicated her son to God and took him to live in the temple as a young child, where he grew and learned under Eli. After Eli's death, Samuel became the spokesperson for God, a priest who offered sacrifice for the return of the Ark of the Covenant from the Philistine's and set up the "Ebenezer Stone" to mark the occasion. Samuel began his life work as the judge of the people, riding circuit around Israel administering justice.

We pick up Samuel's story in Chapter 8 on June 6, as the people cry out for a leader, a king, who is not old like Samuel, who is not corrupt like Samuel's sons, a king like all the other nations have to guide and oversee their life together. The people forgot that "Yahweh," God, is their King, and they are rejecting God's authority and rule. Through the summer we will read about Samuel, the kingship of Saul, and David.

This is a fascinating story, probably written during the Exile period (586 BC) when the people of Israel were captured and scattered throughout the lands. Without a central city and a central temple, there was a need to keep telling the story of God and God's people. They commenced writing and editing the historical narratives, as well as the theological history—that is, how to makes sense of what God did and is doing and was promising yet to do, how God is with the people, and how God's power and authority are explained and why they matter.

What will Samuel and those characters from history help us learn about our lives today, and how can this story shine light on God's desire for our individual lives, but even more so, on our communal life as followers of Jesus Christ? Join in the journey, tracing God's path in history, in mystery, as we look for God's leading and guiding then and now. May it bring you closer to God and God's will for our lives.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Angela

Faith Community Health Ministry Services Benefits

In appointing a faith community nurse from your congregation to partner with Atrium Health's established health ministry program, you are continuing the long-held tradition intertwining faith and health. Faith community nursing was formally recognized as a specialty by the American Nursing Associate in 1998.

A faith community nurse is required to complete an approved basic preparatory training to support holistic health and provide spiritual care in a faith community.

If there is not registered nurse with your faith community interested in the training, a layperson with a passion for caring can fill the need by receiving training to become a faith community health promoter.

Benefits of affiliation with our program include:

- ⇒ A strong leadership structure and established program in faith community health ministry
- ⇒ Ongoing education for nurses and health promoters
- ⇒ Regional access to valuable Atrium Health resources
- ⇒ Support of clergy and the Faith Community Health Ministry team
- ⇒ Bring attention to your members' health concerns and encouragement to seek medical attention for symptoms they might otherwise ignore
- ⇒ Bring your members to the appropriate community agencies and services
- ⇒ Recruit others as volunteers and train them to support the overall goals of the health ministry
- ⇒ Coordinate support groups to meet specific needs of your faith community

Learn more about how Atrium can partner with a Faith Community Health Ministry, which can assist your place of worship by calling 704-631-0718.

Learn more about Faith Community Nursing, by contacting Judy Hughes, LPC, RN, Faith Community Nurse. hughesbj4339@gmail.com

Laura Michael here at LSLC is planning to participate and would like to form a team of interested people, nursing background helpful but not required, social work, mental health, someone with a spirit of learning and helping. Contact La

Faith Health Connection: "Alzheimer's Prevention and a Healthy Brain, Healthy Body"

Friday, June 4 11am -12 pm Online Please join PHW for a Faith Health Connection: "Alzheimer's Prevention and a Healthy Brain, Healthy Body," on Friday, June 4, 11 a.m. Courtenay O'Donoghue, Ph.D., Director of Program Services for the Western Carolina Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, will lead the presentation. Given the fear and stigma that surround Alzheimer's and dementia, the subject too often goes unaddressed, yet there are positive, preventative measures to enhance brain health (and overall health) that can be taken. Dr. O'Donoghue will discuss early warning signs, and provide simple, clear steps in how we as individuals and as faith communities can engage the topic of Alzheimer's and dementia head-on and fearlessly, to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our congregations and broader communities.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE FAITH HEALTH CONNECTION](#)

Living Saviour Lutheran Preschool

From Jessica Jordan and the LSLC Preschool Teachers—a big THANK YOU for all the generous gift cards that have been donated. They truly appreciate it!!



*Congregation of Living Saviour,
Thank You for your continued
support of the ministry at
Living Waters. We appreciate
your prayers as we move
forward in planning for
In Person Worship - Blessings,
Living Water Lutheran Church*

Living Saviour blesses Living Waters!

A generous gift was given to LSLC earmarked for Living Waters, an ELCA Mission congregation in Cherokee NC. God's goodness and generosity shared to spread the Gospel!

Please see their Thank-You card (pictured) which is also posted on the board outside the Sanctuary.



Opportunities for Worship at Living Saviour!

9:00 and 10:30 In Person

Participate with the in-person 9 a.m. service through a zoom link.

9:00 AM In person and Zoom worship hybrid.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82944162101?pwd=SzQrWWV1L0FWVVdEOWdHbERQSmtJQT09>

Meeting ID: 829 4416 2101 Passcode: 322578



ZOOM HOLY COMMUNION—no longer offered

LIVE-STREAMED TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

10:30 a.m. each Sunday on our YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com>

CARE OF THE ALTAR TEAM TRAINING

SATURDAY MAY 22, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M. LEARN HOW TO CHANGE THE PARAMENTS AND FILL THE CANDLES AS OUR ALTAR GUILD TEAM IS RENEWED AND READY TO BEGIN AIDING US AS WE RE-GATHER FOR WORSHIP.

CONTACT Janet Mayer for more information: janetmayer@bellsouth.net

LUTHEROAD SUMMER DAY CAMP!

EXPERIENCE ALL THE FUN AND JOY OF LUTHERIDGE WHILE STAYING HOME!

After a crazy year of social isolation and limited school, how about a week of reconnecting with each other and our neighbors? Campers (elementary school age) are invited to camp June 21-24, here at Living Saviour. Games, cool college counselors, outside time, faith learning, crafts are just a few of the plans for this week as we learn more about prayer. Safety protocols in place, and all CDC guidelines will be followed. **See website for more information.**

REGISTER IN PERSON OR ON-LINE AT OUR WEBSITE. CAMP IS 9-4, WITH EXTENDED DAY AVAILABLE.

2021 LSLC Council Members! Are you interested in knowing who is on your Living Saviour Church Council? Here they are!

Cathy Lyall (President), Gregg Mitchell (Secretary), Tim Goldbach (Treasurer), Janet Axtman (Property), Kristen Haigler (Young Youth), Beth Hawley (Technology), Art Lange (Stewardship), Pat Sipe (Lay Care), Steve Vick (Worship & Music), Jeffrey Brown (Fellowship). Please contact the church office at 704-542-3626 if you need to get in touch with an LSLC Council member.

THE ALLELUIA RINGERS, LIVING SAVIOUR’S HANDBELL CHOIR, is in need of 2 substitute ringers. Initially, ringers would rehearse with the handbell choir weekly. Ringers find joy in participating in the group and in presenting music to inspire our congregation and glorify God.



WE MEET: Tuesdays 6:45—7:30 PM AGE: High school and older
EXPERIENCE: None ! We’ll teach you ! PLEASE TALK TO DON HUFF —no obligation—just talk!

Your Offerings: Gracious generosity continues!

- Thank you to all who support the ministry of LSLC. It is deeply appreciated and used to care for all God has given us.
- You can mail you offering to the office, drop it off, or use the Simply Giving platform. We also have an on-line giving option on our website. As you give, thank God for our congregation and its ministry work.

Financial Results for March 2021 Month End

Note: The General Fund Contributions included prepaid pledges of \$27,159 from 2020. In addition, there were multiple annual pledges.

March 2021	
General Fund 01	Actual
Contributions, etc.	98,392
Expenses and Transfers	64,763
Net Contributions less Expenses/Tranfers	33,629
Facilities Fund 02-3241-442	
Beginning Balance	83,822
Transfers from General Fund	1,667
Contributions	2,585
Expenditures - H&S Roofing	(11,940)
Expenditures - Adams Heating	(4,197)
Ending Balance	71,937

Vanguard Account

The church has set up an account at Vanguard. If you wish to contribute mutual funds, ETFs or stocks that have an appreciated value, you can contribute these to Living Saviour’s Vanguard account. By doing so, you can avoid capital gains taxes. If you have any questions, please contact Don Hathcock or Timothy Goldbach.

Living Saviour was recently recognized in the Loaves & Fishes Donor Honor Roll. Thank you for supporting our budget and the endowment so we may share generously with our Community!



A full list of donors can be found on their website:
www.loavesandfishes.org.

LOAVES & FISHES
Groceries for Neighbors in Need

A note about worship from the LSLC Council:

As you may have heard, North Carolina Governor Cooper lifted all the mask mandates and physical distance guidelines for those who are vaccinated.

Churches are no longer required to maintain distances and require masks. As the FAQs of the Executive Order #215 says, "Nothing prevents people from continuing to wear face coverings which are recommended for the unvaccinated, or those in large venues."

We on Council want to make clear, the wearing of masks is an individual decision, and there is no judgment in wearing or not wearing a mask to worship. Please do what makes you most comfortable and feeling safe.

The Congregational Council has recommended :

- **No reservations required**, you are welcome to come as you are able to either service
- We will NOT check Vaccination records, and depend on your honesty as to whether you need a mask or not inside the building.
- Please use Hand Sanitizer as you enter the building.
- 10:30 will be free seating, with no requirement to maintain distance or wear a mask.
- 9:00 AM will be a "safer" service, in that we will maintain distance, ask all to wear masks, and invite anyone who is at risk or uncomfortable around, possibly unmasked worshippers, to participate in that service.
- 9:00 AM will continue to be traditional in musical style, as well as slightly abbreviated in format.
- Holy Communion will continue as it has at both services, with each person receiving elements in the narthex and self-communing.
- The offering plate will continue to be at the entrance of the sanctuary
- SINGING is still prohibited, especially without the use of masks, and we ask you to refrain from loudly speaking the responses, unless you continue to mask.
- if COVID 19 rates once again climb, we will determine the best course of action.

Please stay home if you feel unwell, or have family members who are ill. Even a simple cold is transmissible.

Each person will decide if they are comfortable gathering in the sanctuary. While we hope you are vaccinated, not to worry if not, you are still welcome.

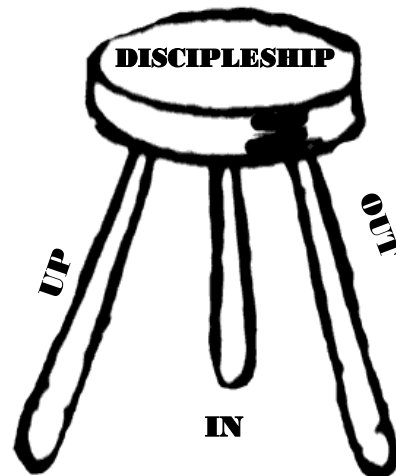
The nursery has not restarted, and children are welcome. It may be noisy, but what a joyous noise!

If anyone is ill, or has a family member with an illness, please stay home, even if you have a reservation. Better to be safe than spreading anything, even a cold.

Our discipleship stool has 3 legs, UP relationship with God, IN relationship to other Christians, and OUT relationships with the world.

How might we nurture the IN relationship with other Christians?

Enjoying relationships through the congregation is a natural way to begin, and can develop into deeper friendships as people get to know one another. These relationships are for our nurture, support, encouragement, and care. We live life in Christ.



Coffee Fellowship is still off limits, and not everyone is comfortable eating out, so how can we continue to be in relationship?

- Phone calls, notes, cards, text messages, emails are all ways to connect with each other.
- As we worship in person again, invite those you miss to come back. Find out what is hindering them, and let the leadership know if we can help in any way.
- Invite a couple or a few individuals to join you for a meal in your home or coffee on an outside patio one morning
- As theaters reopen, go to the movies together, plan a time of talking about the show afterwards
- Host a backyard gathering for your neighbors and those congregational folks who live near you.
- Book groups are another opportunity to share together
- Organize a ballgame group now that ball parks are re-opening
- Meet someone new at worship, invite them to your home, or a restaurant, get to know them and invite them to know you

You are not limited to those who attend Living Saviour when it comes to IN relationships. There may be other groups you are part of which can nurture your life in Christ.

The important thing is to find ways to be IN relationship with other believers for the mutual upbuilding of each other.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY AND MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY—on Summer Break!

We have covered 10 men of the Bible in 247pages. What a story they have to tell! The group is now on a break for the summer.

Tuesday Lectionary Study group

Want to know more? Like to get into the details of scripture? Missing being with others who thirst to understand the Sunday readings? The Tuesday study group is open to anyone who wishes to Zoom in to discuss the scriptures assigned for the following Sunday. Pastor Angela leads this discussion and we all help pull apart our observations, curiosities, and questions.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81498057510?pwd=VHpkYmVlQ0wwVHY1ZlJlMVVlQZENOz09>

Meeting ID: 814 9805 7510

Passcode: 500745

Caring and Sharing Meeting

Time to celebrate together! The weather is beautiful and Covid restrictions are being lifted. So we will hold our last Caring and Sharing meeting before summer break on Friday, June 11 at 10am in the courtyard in front of the church's main entrance. Bring a chair, a smile, and a friend who might enjoy the warm support we share with all who are caring for others or themselves during illness, loss or the challenges of aging.

Pray for sunshine, but if it rains, we will hold our meeting via Zoom. For more information and a link to the Zoom connection if needed, please contact Betty Reynolds at 704-287-5724 or CoachBettyR@gmail.com.

Praying for Possibilities!

Prayer for our congregation, preschool, and staff are critically important in these days of closure and social distance.

- 05/31-06/07 Cathy Lyall and Laura Michael
- 06/07-06/14 Pastor Angela and Dawn Gibson
- 06/14-06/21 Jan Sundberg, Corky Carver and Shallon Gordon
- 06/21-06/28 Marty Jenkins and Rufus Gregory
- 06/28-07-05 Traci Anderson and William Charnock

You can pray in person, or together by phone. Let us know if we can help by providing a new prayer booklet.



Relation to God

Worship, spiritual growth, prayer,
Bible study, communion, etc...



Relation to One Another

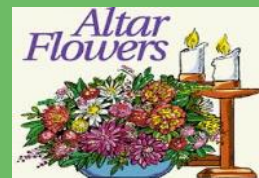
Loving one another,
serving, accountability,
bearing burdens,
meeting needs, etc...

Relation to the World

Loving unbelievers,
sharing the gospel,
serving the poor/needly,
serving community, etc...

Altar Flowers Sign Up made easy! Call the church office, or use signupgenius option. Click on "Submit & Sign Up" at the bottom of the page; enter your dedication. Fill in your name and email address The cost is \$50.00; checks payable to LSLC with "Altar Flowers" on the memo line; mail or drop off.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/o/10C0C4CACAC29A6F4C16-2021>



JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom) 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	2 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal	3	4	5
6 9:00 a.m. Zoom Traditional 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	7	8 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom) 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	9 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal	10	11 10:00 a.m. Caring & Sharing (Zoom)	12
13 9:00 a.m. Zoom Traditional 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed 2:00 p.m. Fellowship Gathering/Picnic 3pm Council Mtg	14	15 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom) 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	16 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19
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27 9:00 a.m. Zoom Traditional 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	28	29 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom) 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	30 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal			

June Birthdays

06/01 Dan Haseley
 06/02 Addison Noonkester, Andrew Thom
 06/07 Gary Borley, Charles Gribble, Derek Thom
 06/09 Dawn Schaeffer
 06/12 Frank Kuhn
 06/13 n Zacharay Greve
 06/16 Linda Honeycutt
 06/17 Bob Loges
 06/18 Linda Frixen
 06/19 Tanner Axtman, Jonas Campbell
 06/20 Sandy Larsen
 06/21 David Frixen, Sherry Wooldridge
 06/22 Hathcock, Moss
 06/27 Bruce Melosh
 06/28 Pat Sipe
 06/30 Ande Malinowski, Doug Thompson



June Anniversaries

06/09 Matthew and Jennifer Noonkester
 06/10 Tim and Sue Goldbach, Ray and Glenda Kilminster, Bill and Sandy Larsen, Lauren and Kyle Morosko
 Lynn and Ronnie Stephens
 06/11 Fred and Rita Potthoff
 06/14 Jay and Geraldine Harbinson
 06/15 Jim and Maxine Christ, Andrew and Amanda Thom, Doug and Jennifer Thompson
 06/20 Maripat and Jeff Brown, Greg and P.J. Krause
 06/21 Chuck and Rene Moore
 06/27 Bob and Shari Fleischacker, Bruce and Sara Melosh
 06/29 George and Cathy Shabla

