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# The InnerNet

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Mid June 2021

An update from Josh Wullenweber who served with us as a field education seminarian in 2018-2019, We are delighted to keep up with his journey to ordained ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Josh and Heather



Greetings Living Saviour,

I hope and pray that this note finds you well. I wanted to write and offer an update on my candidacy journey, which you all helped foster and form.

To begin, I finally finished my coursework and graduated from seminary in May of 2020. Although my graduation ceremony looked nothing like I thought it would, which none of 2020 did, it was still a remarkable milestone to celebrate. Graduation was followed by my usual summer tour, which the military still felt necessary to schedule even amid COVID. So I found myself on a small regional jet headed to Panama City, Florida, for the better part of July. It was again unlike any tour I had experienced, but thankfully, I made it home COVID-free and ready to start my internship in August.

I was blessed to be assigned to another great congregation here in Charlotte called Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in the Plaza Midwood area for internship. I have served as their vicar for the past ten months, where we have been busy living into God's mission serving the people of Central and East Charlotte. In my time here, we have had several food and clothing drives to support our homeless neighbors and even established an outdoor food pantry! It has been a wonderful and fruitful experience, but sadly my time at Holy Trinity is coming to a close, and I will be departing towards the end of July.

Although our next location is a bit unknown, I am happy to announce that I have received positive approval from my candidacy committee for ordination, and I have been assigned to the Metro D.C. Synod for my first call! So, here shortly, I will begin meeting congregations in the D.C. area who need a pastor, and I will start the interview process with them. I will keep Pastor Angela updated as the interview processes conclude and what congregation I have been called to serve. Thank you all for the lasting impact you have had on my life and ministry, and I am thankful every day for our time together.

Peace and blessings as you enjoy these summer months.

Your sibling in Christ, Josh Wullenweber

## The 2021 North Carolina Synod Assembly

Our first on-line assembly was a great success, with the business, the bible study, the worship and the technology all well done. The attendance was high and the energy palpable. The main items of business were the election of the Bishop on the NC synod for the next 6 years, the budget for 2022 and 2023, as we have moved to a 2-year cycle for the business of this church; celebrations of new initiatives, the hard work of our partner organizations, as well hearing from our ELCA representative on the future of our Church.

Bible study and prayer rooted and grounded us in our business, and with joy and God's call, we re-elected Tim Smith as our bishop. We approved the budgets for the next 2 years, and are preparing for new movements of the Holy Spirit in our denomination. Giving thanks to God, and to our voting members—Art Lange and Jen Lange. We rejoice in God's good news and steadfast love.

~Pastor Angela



**Who is ready for something fun?!**

**How about coffee fellowship between the services?**

Coming to our church on June 20 is the return of the coffee fellowship between services.

It has been a very long time since we have been able to gather in-person and drink church coffee together.

Make plans to meet and greet, and catch up with others.

Jeff Brown is our fellowship coordinator, and he is seeking those who are interested in preparing and cleaning up as we return to this important ministry. Let Jeff know of your interest.

[jtbrown490@yahoo.com](mailto:jtbrown490@yahoo.com) or 215-896-2477.

**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!**



## Suicide

According to the CDC (2021), suicide has increased by 33% in only 10 years (1999-2019). Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States, responsible for over 47,500 deaths in 2019.

This is approximately one death every 11 minutes.

Suicide has affected all of our lives in one way or another; it affects people of all ages and is the second leading cause of death for people ages 10-34.

This means that we have to consider suicide as a risk factor in the youth of our congregation and community. Suicide is the fourth leading cause of deaths among people ages 34-54, and the fifth leading cause among those ages 45-54.

You are not alone. You are valued and worthy in the eyes of God and me, your friends and family. If you are considering harming yourself, know that we will miss you tomorrow, and there is help available, right now.



Contact:

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**

Available 24 hours. Languages: English, Spanish.

**800-273-8255**

**I-800-273-TALK**

[www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). (2021). *Suicide prevention: Fast facts*. Retrieved May 25, 2021 from <https://www.cdc.gov/suicide/facts/index.html>

## 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=SzQrWWV1L0FWVdEOWdHbERQSmtJQT09>

Meeting ID: 829 4416 2101      Passcode: 322578



**LIVE-STREAMED TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**

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

**Blood Drive at LSLC!**

Sunday, June 20, 2021 from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Please visit OneBlood.org and follow the prompts to make a donation reservation and search for drives in the 28277 zip code on June 20th, and look for Living Saviour Lutheran Church. Pick a time that suits you. Eat a good meal before donating and drink lots of water the day before. If you have any questions, please contact Frank DeLoache at frank.deloache@yahoo.com.



**2021 LSLC Council Members**

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.

**Tellers Needed—Those who desire to help, oversee the fiscal matters of the church, and are good with numbers WE need you!** Can you spare about 30-45 minutes at church after the 10:30 service? It is not complicated but requires accuracy and attention to detail. Contributions are counted and a deposit created after the late service each Sunday and we need some more people to help with this work. The Synod guidance for financial matters recommends two people to perform this work. I have been doing this by myself during the past months of the pandemic but now that we are resuming more normal operations we really need 1-2 people to help. Couples are welcome to work together and we ask for commitment of one month of Sundays if possible for continuity. I will be available every Sunday and will train on the procedures and be there to help.

Please prayerfully consider this request and contact Barbara Avard, Financial Secretary, at [bj1949@bellsouth.net](mailto:bj1949@bellsouth.net) or by cell at 704-650-9093.

**Financial Results for May 2021 Month End**

<b>General Fund 01</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Contributions, etc.	149,199
Expenses and Transfers	122,613
<b>Net Contributions less Expenses/Tranfers</b>	<b>26,586</b>
<b>Facilities Fund 02-3241-442</b>	
Beginning Balance	83,822
Transfers from General Fund	3,333
Contributions	2,940
Expenditures - H&S Roofing	(24,692)
Expenditures - Adams Heating	(4,197)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>61,207</b>

**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](http://www.loavesandfishes.org).



**LOAVES & FISHES**  
Groceries for Neighbors in Need



Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service recognizes  
**LIVING SAVIOR LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**  
CHARLOTTE, NC  
as a  
**TOP GENEROUS CONGREGATION**

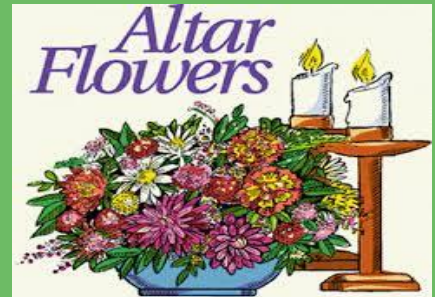
*On behalf of LIRS and those we serve, we  
thank you for your generosity in 2020!*

ANDREW G. STEELE  
Vice President of Development and Outreach

**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>

**Current open dates:** August 1, September 5, all Sundays in October, November 14, 21 & 28



### Praying for Possibilities!

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

**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.

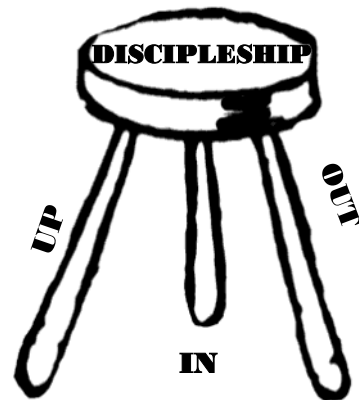


DISCIPLESHIP STOOL Practice UP-IN-OUT CONVERSATION WITH OTHERS

Sometimes we have a hard time finding topics to talk about with others over coffee, or at home at the table, or when riding together. These questions and topics below can give us all a place to start to deepen our connection to each other.

Here are a variety of questions that can be used for caring conversation at home, at church, in public:

- What has been the highs and lows of the day?
- What are some about upcoming and past events that brought you joy?
- Share stories about the family, such as where grandparents grew up, how they met, what their parents did for a living.
- What was something new you learned today?
- What was one interesting thing that happened today?
- How did you see God at work today?
- What made you feel happy today?
- How did you care for someone else today?
- What made you laugh today?
- What made you cry (or sad) today?
- What is one (or two or three) things you are thankful for?
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- What is the biggest challenge you are facing right now?
- What is one question you would like to ask God?
- If you could describe your ideal day, what would it be like?
- If you could take lessons in anything, what would you learn?
- What is one thing you wish you knew how to cook?
- If you could have dinner with one person, past or present, whom would you choose?
- When during the day do you feel closest to God? Why?
- If you had \$100,000 to spend on others, how would you use it?



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY AND MINISTRY

### Tuesday Lectionary Study group

Do you thirst for understanding of our scriptures? Want to ask questions about what we read on Sundays? Like to laugh? Then the Tuesday study group is for you!

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=VHpkYmVlQ0wwVHY1ZlJMVVJQZENoZz09>

Meeting ID: 814 9805 7510

Passcode: 500745

### Caring & Sharing Group – SCHEDULE CHANGE

Friendship, support, and caregiving don't take a summer break and neither will our Caring & Sharing Group! At our first face-to-face gathering in over a year, we overwhelmingly decided to continue meeting at church throughout the summer on the second Friday of every month at 10a.m. Our next meeting will be on **Friday, July 9**. All are welcome – church members, friends and neighbors - who seek friendship, support, and resource information to help care for others or themselves during illness, loss or the challenges of aging. For more information, please contact Betty Reynolds at 704-287-5724 or [CoachBettyR@gmail.com](mailto:CoachBettyR@gmail.com).

### **Faith Community Health Ministry**

Sunday, July 18, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall., Laura Michael of Living Saviour, and Judy Hughes, Faith Congregational Nurse with Cross and Crown Lutheran, trained through Atrium Health will offer information about this unique and needed ministry. Health professionals and those interested in promoting wellness are invited to attend this brief and informative presentation. For questions, please contact Laura Michael (980) 214-7171 or [lmichael19901@gmail.com](mailto:lmichael19901@gmail.com).

On **Sunday, Sept. 12**, congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will come together for **“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday**.

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**Sept. 12  
2021**

Our church — and our world —

continue to live through the COVID-19 pandemic. But the good news is that we are beginning to experience a slow return to physical community as more people become vaccinated. We look forward to gathering with family and friends once again to share God’s love in person.

Amid this ongoing situation, we continue to be **church together**. Across the ELCA we are witnessing the love and concern God’s people have for one another. During this time, our congregations

continue to support ministries that assist vulnerable people in their communities. As church, we are guided by our life in Christ to share the love of Jesus and serve our neighbors — even if these acts of service take place from our homes or from a safe distance. Sharing the love of Christ through service to our neighbors is work you do every day.

We look forward to **“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday** and doing this work together again this year. If you are interested in coordinating our effort, please contact Pastor Angela or a council person.

# 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)	9	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)	16	17	18	19
20 9:00 a.m. Zoom Traditional 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed 2:00 p.m. Choir practice (in the parking lot)	21	22 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom)	23	24	25	26
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)	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 Moss Hathcock,  
 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

