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# The InnerNet

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Mid-July 2021

## Chatting with God: You and I, Lord

“To not listen to God who is trying to speak to me, is to restrict myself to a disorientated and hollow life. The glory of God is the human person fully alive, and I am brought to life by listening to God’s word. So I pick a phrase or scene from the daily readings to nourish me in my prayer...

‘Lord, what are you trying to communicate to me today?

I don’t want to ignore you. Speak, Lord, your servant is trying to listen.

You are not a distant God, but in touch with me today, at this hour.

You are closer to me than breathing, and nearer than hands or feet.

I may be all over the place but you are with me always.

I’m like a child engrossed in a game and don’t hear my parent calling me.

Take away my deafness and blindness. Make me a hearer of your word.’

By reading the scriptures, I get to know God’s mind on things; and when I respond, God in a sense, gets to know my mind!” *Excerpted from Finding God in All Things by Brian Grogan SJ (p. 38)*

So what scriptures to use?

Start with using the Sunday readings, they are provided each week in both the printed worship materials and in the on-line materials.

The Psalms too are a wonderful place to find words of lament, hope, expressions of praise.

How to begin reading scripture as a means of listening to God?

Settle into a seat, feet and body relaxed, slowly inhale and exhale, 4 or 5 times, then read the passage to yourself slowly, considering the words and phrases. Is there something there that gains your attention? Savor it. If nothing comes, that is ok. Read it again, out loud if possible, and again listen intently for something to rise up. You can ask the questions above before you begin reading, during the reading, or following it. Simply sit quietly, for 5 or so minutes, set a timer if it helps, trying to be quiet before God, inviting God’s love, words, grace.

Listening to God in prayer, through scripture, through the world, is not magic, and it does take practice. It is a spiritual practice designed to aid you in your relationship to God, the UP relationship. Continuing to practice this discipline, may lead to transformation, and to a deepening relationship with others (IN and OUT).

The challenge is to try, not to earn salvation, but to gain a deeper understanding of God’s will, voice, love, grace, and a deepening faith life.

In God’s love,  
Pastor Angela

# Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

A huge thank you to the volunteers who made our Lutheroad Day Camp awesome! You are the best! You showed what the kingdom of God is like to the community children and the children of our own congregation.

To those who did sign in/carpool duty

To those who cleaned up each afternoon

To those who helped with snack

To those who helped with the Carnival

To those who provided financially

To those who provided food for the counselors (and volunteers)

To those who made the Sunday Dinner Meet and Greet happen

To those who helped prepare our space to host the counselors overnight.

You all made a difference to the 21 campers and 4 staff from Lutheridge, who all had a fabulous time, learning and growing in faith.

Thank you, sincerely, for creating a week of memories, love, and grace for all.

Pastor Angela and Ms. Annette Downey

**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>

## Praying for Possibilities!

**Prayer for our congregation, preschool, and staff are important as we pray for renewal**

**07/05-07/12** Lillian Stephens and Nancy Mersereau

**07/12-07/19** Jeanne Dunne and Janet Wagstaff

**07/19-07/26** Art Lange and Frank DeLoache

**07/26-08/02** Anne Chriske and Janet Mayer

## First Communion Class

Are your children/grandchildren curious about Holy Communion? Are they asking questions? It's been so very long since they have been in the worship space, they may have even forgotten what it is and how we celebrate Christ each Sunday. In August, Pastor Angla is offering a time of discovery around Holy Communion for any children--already communing or not, who would like to come and learn, explore, have fun. Saturday August 14 and 21, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Holy Communion learning. Email [pastorangela@livingsaviourlc.org](mailto:pastorangela@livingsaviourlc.org) or call 704-542-2636 and let me know you plan to attend. Other arrangements are possible if these Saturdays do not work for you.

## Financial Results for June 2021

### Month End

You can contribute directly to the church through the on-line button on the website, or by mail to  
Living Saviour  
6817 Carmel Road  
Charlotte NC 28226

Thank you for your generosity.

General Fund 01	Actual
Contributions, etc.	192,734
Expenses and Transfers	151,645
Net Contributions less Expenses/Tranfers	41,089
<b>Facilities Fund 02-3241-442</b>	
Beginning Balance	83,822
Transfers from General Fund	4,167
Contributions	3,180
Expenditures - H&S Roofing	(24,692)
Expenditures - Adams Heating	(4,197)
Ending Balance	62,280

## Opportunities for Worship at Living Saviour!



**July 11, 18, 25, 10:30 a.m. only    No 9 a.m. service**

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

### Caring & Sharing Group

Friendship, support, and caregiving don't take a summer break and neither will our Caring & Sharing Group! We continue meeting at church throughout the summer on the second Friday of every month at 10a.m.

Our next meeting will be on **Friday, August 13**. 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 Information Session**

**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).

### July Birthdays

07/01 Susan Goldbach  
07/02 Ron Gordon  
07/03 Abigail Huber, Chuck Malinowski  
07/04 Logan VanSandt  
07/06 Russell Hinson  
07/07 Shirley Fitts, Rachel Powell, Billy Sample  
07/09 Russ Krause  
07/10 Steve Aberle  
07/11 Nora Cook, Pastor Angela Powell  
07/15 Erin Malinowski  
07/18 Chuck Moore  
07/20 Riley Karim, Cathy Shabla  
07/22 Terry Godwin  
07/23 Laura Michael  
07/24 Julie Brennan  
07/26 Betty Kuhn  
07/27 Zolene Kale  
07/30 Art Lange



### July Anniversaries

07/11 Thomas and Jeanette Schick (51)  
07/18 Terry and Joyce Godwin (45)  
07/30 Ron and Kathy Biggs (17)



# JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Independence Day 9:00 a.m. Zoom Traditional  10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	5 Independence Day (Observed) <b>Church office closed</b>	6 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom) 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	7 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal	8	9 10:00 a.m. Caring & Sharing	10
11 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed  Reception for the Huddle's	12	13 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom) 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	14 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal	15	16	17
18 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	19	20 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	21 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal	22	23	24
25 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	26	27 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	28 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal	29	30	31

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

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.