
The InnerNet

Early September 2021

Nothing Feels Normal! Nothing is Normal!

Way back in June, so long ago, it seemed like the world was finding its new normal as vaccinations were offered and it felt great! Trips, long delayed were happening; family visits, hugs long delayed felt so good. As we looked toward the fall and the expectation that life would be like it was before March 2020, we planned a Fall Countdown Festival, in hope.

Then came July—and August—and rising COVID cases, and cancellations of everything we were anticipating, including our Countdown to Fall. We wondered what can we do in a Pandemic to do God's work? We pivoted, and have come up with an idea to still do something to provide for the community. This pivot is now a drive-thru event. Instead of God's Work our Hands being as it has been, instead of Countdown being as in the past, we came up with something new!

Introducing God's Work Our Hands 2.0 New and improved for you and for our neighbors.

God's work is about building an IN and OUT relationship with other LSLC folks and community neighbors, while honoring God's earth by keeping things out of landfills and getting them into the hand of those who can properly dispose of them.

So, how can you help? you can:

Take a turn receiving unused eye glasses, no longer needed medications, or donations of canned food for the food pantry in our community. Spend an hour or 3, all hands are needed!

Meet the neighbors through a rolled down window as you hand them small flags in commemoration of 9/11 and the sacrifices made to save others. Again, 1 hour or 3, your time is welcome and appreciated.

You can do a good deed by washing a vehicle and sending the driver off with our blessing for renewal. Wear your rubber boots, your crazy raincoat, or simply shorts and t-shirt to get wet and soapy! The young ones cannot have all the fun, we less than young ones can too!

Everyone receiving will be wearing a mask. We will be outside, and we will have hand-sanitizer. We plan to be safe, have fun, and be together showing the neighbors we can continue to be church, do God's work, even in the midst of troubling times.

God needs your hands to help. We need your hands to help. You need to use your hands to help. Come and join in!

In Christ,

Pastor Angela



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday

The graphic features a grid of colorful hands (green, blue, orange, red) with red hearts on their palms, set against a yellow background. Below the grid are three icons: a donation box with a red heart, a set of tools (hammer, wrench, saw, drill, screwdriver), and the text "JOIN US for a day of service".

LEARNING OPPORTUNITY: Dialogues on Race



Engage the Bible Task Force is partnering with the Racial Justice Network to sponsor a synod-wide adult faith formation study this fall. Using the curriculum *Dialogues On: Race*, we'll explore our relationship with race, the Bible, and our theological responses. Each week's dialogue explores the history of racism, personal faith stories, and biblical reflections. A study book— is highly encouraged, available through Augsburg Fortress. Each week contains a piece written by a different author on a different topic.

Click here for [purchasing a student book](#)

If you let Pastor know of your interest in this topic, we can order books as a group. Deadline to order as a group is SEPTEMBER 7 Pastorangela@livingsaviourlc.org

You can join the Racial Justice Network of the NC Synod (\$25/ yr.) and participate via their Zoom link. This allows you access to the zoom lessons for this class, as well as other relevant content through out the following 12 months.

The Zoom course begins Thursday, September 16, and will be offered at noon or 7 p.m. for the following eight weeks. You will access the Zoom link from inside the Network platform under Events. Additionally, you will need to purchase the student book to participate.

[USE THIS LINK TO JOIN VIA THE RJN.](#)

If you choose not to subscribe to the RJN for this study, no problem! FREE is the Thursday noon or 7 p.m. Zoom study session.

You may subscribe to the Zoom study and you'll receive an email each week with the Zoom link. **The Zoom course begins on Thursday, September 16, and will be offered at noon or 7 p.m. for the following eight weeks.** You may choose which session you attend based on your schedule; no need to attend at the same time each week. When you participate in this way, there is no fee for the course, only the cost of your student book to participate. [COMPLETE THIS FORM TO JOIN VIA ZOOM.](#)

FreeRice Challenge



The Lutheran Youth Organization of the NC Synod has challenged everyone in the NC Synod to earn **FIVE MILLION** grains of rice through FreeRice, an educational trivia game that helps you get smarter while making a difference for people around the world! Each right answer helps end hunger by generating the cash equivalent of 10 grains of rice for the UN World Food Programme.

You can help! Download the FreeRice App or visit freerice.com.

Create a free account, choose the group *NC Synod*, and enter the code: WJU5RJEH.

Then go to the game and answer questions!

Where do you find stories of hope in this crazy world?

Right now in the Living Lutheran! This publication is specifically designed for those who identify as Lutheran, who are eager for good content that helps them see the broader church, gain new insights to where and how God's Spirit is working, and offers glimpse of grace.

Subscribe to the [print edition](#) of *Living Lutheran* to stay current on religious news and social issues, congregational life, global and domestic mission, faith and family, spiritual practices and resources, and more. Or subscribe to *Living Lutheran's* free [e-digest](#) to get personalized stories delivered right to your in-box, weekly, biweekly or monthly.

A Health and Wellness Ministry is in the fledgling stages of development, and invites anyone interested in participating in some small or large way to contact Laura Michael. Plans include offering ways to connect faith and health, teaching about health as well as spirituality and how it impacts health, and listening to find out what longings you have for a health and wellness ministry.

Saturday September 11 is the first opportunity to participate, as the team plans to lead the over the counter and prescription medication take back during God's Work our Hands community project. Masks will be given away as well.

Come and see! Come and be part of something new!



To our Living Saviour Family:

Thank you so much for the meal delivery. It was very helpful during our newborn early days. We can't wait to bring baby Nolan and Alina back to church and meet everyone. Thank you for thinking of us.

With love, Melissa, Eric, Alina and Nolan Krantz

Thank you Linda Honeycutt!

We offer our blessings and prayers to Linda Honeycutt. Linda moved right before the pandemic and made the decision to join Morning Star Lutheran Church located a short distance from her home. We want to thank her for the decades of dedicated service she offered to God's glory and to guide Living Saviour's usher, greeter, and funeral teams. She gave greatly and we give God thanks for sharing her with us. We wish you the very best.

Dan Slusser has also joined Morning Star and we also offer God's blessings and our thanks for Dan's gifts of serving here for many years as well. Thank you Dan Slusser.

God's peace and grace go with you as you find new adventures and ways to serve and love in Christ's name

BELL RINGERS NEEDED!

It's fun, it's exciting, and you will enjoy being with a wonderful group of people who love serving our Lord in music ministry. We are in need of two substitute bell ringers. No experience necessary. We will teach you! Talk to Don Huff for information....no obligation to join!

THE CHANCEL CHOIR ALWAYS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS!

Participants not only find joy in singing, but appreciate a sense of belonging and support that members of the group bring to each other. If you'd like to try it out on zoom, under absolutely no obligation to join, please let Don Huff know so he can give you the link. Not sure about where your voice lies (Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Bass), talk to Don. And if you are a bit timid about your voice, please note that when we sing we are muted!



September 7, 2021 begins another year of ministry to our community through our preschool program. COVID is still a threat, the pandemic creates new concerns for safety and cleanliness, yet the LSLP teachers and director Jessica Jordan are up for the challenge.

Please pray for the health, learning, and development of our preschool program, as they begin the 2021-2022 school year.



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- Help Charlotte elementary students build math skills and confidence!
- 1 hour per week commitment
- No math expertise or teaching experience required
- In person and virtual opportunities

sign up today at heartmathtutoring.org

Stay Safe! 3 W's: Wear a Mask, Wash your hands, Wait away from others.



Financial Results for July 2021 Month End

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

While we are not currently in a financial deficit, please do realize that a number of parishioners pre-pay their pledges and we have received their gifts for the year. We are holding a very tight line on expenses as well, and pray for God's continued grace through your generous gifts of thanks to God.

Thank you for your generosity.

General Fund 01	Actual
Contributions, etc.	217,396
Expenses and Transfers	191,607
Net Contributions less Expenses/T ransfers	25,789
Facilities Fund 02-3241-442	
Beginning Balance	83,822
Transfers from General Fund	5,000
Contributions	3,405
Expenditures - H&S Roofing	(24,692)
Expenditures - Adams Heating	(4,197)
Ending Balance	63,338

Opportunities for Worship at Living Saviour!

9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in-person

The decision has been made to no longer offer Zoom at 9 am.

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



Praying for Possibilities!

Prayer for our congregation, pre-school, and staff are important as we pray for renewal



08/30-09/06 OPEN For All to PRAY
09/09-09/13 Sherry Wooldridge & Bruce Melosh
09/13-09/20 Maria & Glenda
09/20-09/27 Joe Kern & Ray Kilminster
09/27-10/04 Tom & Jeanette Schick

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, September 10th**. 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.

Altar Flowers Sign Up made easy! Call the church office, or use signupgenious 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>

September Birthdays

09/02 Don Ferriss
09/03 Jackson Thom
09/07 Barbara Conner
09/10 Elizabeth Garrison,
Madeline Patterson
09/11 Nicole Krause
09/13 Jenny Frixen
09/14 Erin Williams
09/16 Mary Ann Eller, Heather
Stivender
09/17 Piper Zeis
09/20 Katherine Cochran, Trudy
Haseley, Ginger Kern, Luke Quinlan
09/21 Jay Harbinson;Kathy Sullivan
09/22 Ryder Williams
09/23 Declan Morosko
09/24 Barbara Ferriss
09/25 Kyle Greve
09/28 Mark Brennan, Andrew LaFollette, Emmy Thompson
09/29 Margaret Conrad
09/30 Pete Greve



September Anniversaries

09/05 Joseph and Robin LaFollette
09/06 Jeff and Kristen Haigler
09/11 Mark and Julie Brennan
09/15 Ken and Carol Cochran, Chuck and Linda Lyle
09/16 Andy and Erin Williams
09/19 Michael and Laura Schwab
09/25 John and Polly Farris (50)

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal	2	3	4
5 9:00 a.m. Traditional 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	6 Labor Day ~ Church Office Closed	7 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom) 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	8 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal	9	10 10:00 a.m. Caring & Sharing	11 11:00 Community Drive Thru— Parking Lot
12 ELCA GWOH Sunday 9:00 a.m. Traditional 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	13	14 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom) 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	15 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal	16	17	18
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Free shred-it service and Car Wash Sept. 11 At Living Saviour Lutheran Church

On Saturday Sept. 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Living Saviour Lutheran Church, 6817 Carmel Road S, Charlotte will observe its annual God's Work Our Hands weekend and honor our heroes on the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on America.

We will be offering:

1. Free document shred-it service FOR THE FIRST TWO HOURS -- from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. -- **limit of two boxes of documents per car.**
2. Free medicine disposal service, where you also can pick up healthy living information.
3. Small American flags to remember those who sacrificed their lives or their health trying to save others.
4. An eyeglass collection . This collection will go the Lion's Club, which re-uses and ships eyeglasses to those in need all over the world.
5. A collection for nonperishable foods for Smithfield Elementary School families or Loaves and Fishes.
6. A FREE, exterior car wash to any driver with a needy vehicle. You don't have to get out of your vehicle.

Invite your friends and neighbors!

