
The InnerNet

Mid-January 2022

The fall of the year finds Brian concerned with our gutters (and snow and ice also create the same concern)—making sure these channels which carry the water away from the house are not clogged. If they are, damage to the house can follow. It is better to be proactive than reactive in this matter.

In the same way, we, God's children, baptized believers in Jesus Christ, are channels of God's love and grace to this world. When we are clogged up with fret, worry, concern, and the cares of life, God's gifts cannot flow easily or fully. It is important to keep our channel open, to be proactive when these things start to pile up, and one way to do so is through conversation with God.

God's love for us is without measure, shown to us through the gift of grace on the cross. God's love invites us to bring our worry, fret, impatience, sorrow, and anything else that blocks us from receiving and then giving God's grace away. Coming to God with our "clogs" is another way of saying we abide in God's love.

To abide or remain is to stay close to God, and to do that we talk to God—directly, without any hesitation. We also listen in return to God's response. This listening is perhaps the hardest part because our minds are so jumpy, like a monkey on a bed, and it creates in us an anxiety that we are somehow "failures" at prayer or listening. What this shows is not failure, but a very real need to practice! Just as we learned how to do any new thing, we too learn how to unclog our "God" channel by practice, with others, or using a daily devotional, finding a podcast or book to help guide us. Centering prayer is one such practice that helps us learn to listen, allowing God to unclog our frets, worries, concerns and cares, and opening the way within us so God's love flows freely.

We will have an introduction to centering prayer in the near future, in the meantime, some prayer helps include— [Sacred Space | Your daily prayer online](#) a prayer website with scripture and prayer guides; [Finding Grace at the Center: The beginning of Centering Prayer](#) by M. Basil Pennington and

Thomas Keating; [The Fire of the Word: Meeting God on Holy Ground](#) by Chris Webb; [Jesus Calling](#) by Sarah Young. These are a few of the tools I recommend for unclogging the channels of God's grace. I'm available to answer questions and offer guidance.

In Christ, in 2022, Pastor Angela

The Annual Meeting of Living Saviour Lutheran will take place on **January 30**, immediately following worship. Zoom link will be made available in the eblast the week prior. We will vote on the 2022 budget and our next council persons.

A **Town Hall on January 23** will allow time for discussion and questions on the budget and any other matters. The Zoom link will be included in the eblast on January 20.

Lutheroad Summer camp is coming! Save the date June 20-24,
for those rising 1st graders through middle school.

Returning campers are eligible for a \$10 discount and first chance to register. Keep an eye out for the email with all the details.

Your Offerings:

Contribute directly to the church through the on-line button on the website, using the QR code or by mail to

Living Saviour 6817
Carmel Road

Charlotte NC 28226



Thank you for your generosity.

Financial Results for December 2021 Month End

General Fund 01	Actual
Contributions, Budget	354,243
Expenses and Transfers	347,681
Net Contributions less Expenses/Tranfers	6,562
Donor Challenge Contributions	67,370
Facilities Fund 02-3241-442	
Beginning Balance	83,822
Transfers from General Fund	9,167
Contributions	3,935
Expenditures - H&S Roofing	(70,717)
Expenditures - Adams Heating	(4,197)
Ending Balance	22,010

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.

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER MEETING

Living Saviour's Prayer Chain will meet for a quarterly prayer meeting on Tuesday, **February 15, at 10:00**, in the Prayer Room. If you might like to join this group that prays regularly and intentionally for the health needs and other situations surrounding Living Saviour's members, their families, friends and community, join us at this meeting. If you need more information, contact Alice Jenkins at jenkinsalice2019@gmail.com.

Quilt Ministry News!

The Quilt Ministry at Living Saviour has resumed its monthly workshops. We will gather on the first Tuesday of each month and our next gathering is set for **Feb. 1, at 10:00** in the Fellowship Hall. If you are unfamiliar with this ministry, we create three layered pieced and tied quilts of a specified size for Lutheran World Relief. These quilts are sent to areas in crisis around the world. While we have plenty of fabric to create the quilts, we are in need of three things for the success of this ministry...
New or gently used twin sheets, preferably darker colors or prints. These are the perfect size to serve as the backing fabric for the quilts.
At-home sewing participants to sew quilt squares together for the quilt tops and for the final straight-line border stitching to complete the quilts.
Additional workshop participants! No experience needed and all supplies are provided. Interested? Contact Alice Jenkins at jenkinsalice2019@gmail.com, or just come to a workshop!



Ministry of Health and Wholeness January- On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand

Remember GRACE:

G- greens & grains

R- rest/ relax

A- activity/ exercise

C- cease smoking

E- emotional peace (Created by Linda Frixen)

“To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, **which is Christ in you**, the hope of glory.” Colossians 1:27

Plan to join us: **I'll have it God's Way-- A Christian's Guide to End-of-Life Discussions**

via ZOOM led by author, Hattie Bryant

Six Thursdays, Noon – 1 PM*** Eastern, starting Thursday January 20, 2022



(Please note the time—a prior announcement was incorrect)

To ask questions or to enroll, email hattie@authorhattiebryant.com

To learn more about Hattie click here: <https://www.authorhattiebryant.com> Click here-- [I'll Have It God's Way](#) --to purchase the book you need for the class.


To see the course content click here: <https://www.authorhattiebryant.com/i-ll-have-it-god-s-way>

Additional Health and Wholeness News

- Laura Michael, RN, is enrolled in the Faith Community Nursing (FCN) Foundations course which will certify her as one of two Faith Community Nurses at Living Saviour.
- Health and Wholeness Ministry is setting up a space at Living Savior (2nd room on the left entering the Sunday School hallway) to house a Resource Room for health information. This space will provide the opportunity to offer health education consultations for members of the congregation as well as residents of the surrounding community. (The space will also continue being shared by the Scouting program and would be available for Sunday School as well.)
- During January the Health and Wholeness Ministry Team will conduct a paper and digital survey of the Congregation to gather feedback regarding health and wholeness needs and interests which would guide program planning. Members of the congregation could also be contacted personally for thoughts regarding how the Health and Wholeness Ministry might be helpful. We look forward to talking and engaging with you.
- The CPR certification class **has been postponed** . Plans are to reschedule this in the spring.

Due to rising COVID 19 rates meetings are currently not taking place inside the building. The Wednesday book study; Gathering @theTable and Caring and Sharing will all return to in person and in the building meetings later in the winter.

JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	3	4 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom) 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice 6:30 p.m. Sout Pancake Dinner	5 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal	6 6:15 Gathering@theTable	7 10:00 a.m. Caring & Sharing	1 New Year's Day 8
9 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed 11:30 a.m. Centering Prayer introduction	10	11 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	12 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal	13	14 10:00 a.m. Caring and Sharing	15 1:00 p.m. Scout Pinewood Derby Workshop
16 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Church Office Closed	18 6:45 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	19 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehear	20	21	22
23 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed Town Hall Meeting immediately following worship	24	25	26 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal	27	28 Scout Pinewood Derby set up	29 9:00 a.m. Scout Pinewood Derby
30 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed Annual Meeting immediately following worship.	31	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: #fce4d6;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Praying for Possibilities!</p> <p>12/26-01/02 Lillian Stephens & Nancy Mersereau</p> <p>01/02-01/09 Mary Ann Eller & Janet Axtman</p> <p>01/09-01/16 Glenda Kilminster & Anita Mitchell</p> <p>01/16-01/23 Janet Mayer</p> <p>01/23-01/30 Patricia & John Maisel</p> <p>01/30-02/06 Tracie Anderson & William Charnock</p> </div>				
<div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><u>January Birthdays</u></p> <p>01/17 Sarah Plunkett</p> <p>01/18 Jennifer Lange, Betty Reynolds</p> <p>01/21 Nancy Mersereau, Janet Wagstaff</p> <p>01/24 Emily Malinowski, Townsend Noonkester</p> <p>01/25 Jeanne Davis</p> <p>01/26 Ken Leeser</p> <p>01/29 Steve Axtman</p> </div>		<div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><u>January Anniversaries</u></p> <p>01/01 Pastor Angela and Brian Powell (39)</p> <p>01/03 Robert and Judy Ann Hughes (46)</p> <p>01/17 Betty and Carl Reynolds</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div> </div>				

