



The InnerNet

Early March 2022

Recently I was fortunate to be able to travel to a conference in Florida, "Thriving after Covid." I was fortunate because of the congregation's generosity for my continuing education both in time and financial well-being. So, I book my travel, head to the airport—so strange to do this in COVID pandemic days! Now many of you have had the pleasure of traveling by plane to a vast number of places, and each of you have to go through an airport. But have you ever stopped to think about how the airport is like the Church? There are similarities!

Airports are gathering hubs of people from many places, just like the church! We come together each week for one purpose - to worship, pray, be refueled; yet we come from many places, backgrounds, families, to this building, for the same purpose, just as those who are traveling do to the airport. The airport isn't the final destination (unless you are outside of it watching the planes take off!), and the same is true of church; it is not the final destination! Just as we come to the airport to continue the journey to other places, so too we come to church to be refueled and readied for the next leg of our journey.

Airports can be hospitable or inhospitable places, as can churches. What makes for a hospitable journey to the airport? People who greet you, welcome you to the ticket counter, the car rental agency, the information desk. People who are glad to direct you to where you need to go, good signs that point the way to the restrooms, the food court, the luggage claim areas; a pleasant and attractive environment. All things that are needed at church too! Think about the best and the worst airport you've ever traveled through, about the culture and environment of each and apply what made it so to Church; how would you rate Living Saviour?

The airport needs people to make all this work, just as we need people too. Those who hear the call to welcome, read and serve in worship, who will tend the youngest in the nursery, be ready with a smile and a word of hello to those you know and those you don't. One thing about Lutherans, we believe in the "priesthood of all believers" that is, all of us have a call to be part of things, in small and large ways. It is not only the pastor and paid staff who are responsible, but all of us. How do you live into this call to be part of things? Where can you welcome, serve, offer a smile and direction?

The airport supplies what you need for your journey--food, water, resting places, even WIFI! Our faith journey needs these as well, from the food of Holy Communion, to the water of baptism, to the renewal we can experience in worship through confession, prayer, quiet, and music which soothes and energizes us from the weariness of our daily lives, readying us for the next stage in the journey of faith and life.

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Luther Road Summer camp is coming! Save the date June 20-24, 2022

Rising 1st graders through middle school. Pre-camp and post-camp care available at an additional cost. Camp Monday-Thursday, 9-4; Friday 9-12. Cost \$80 members; \$110 non-members. SCHOLARSHIPS available.

Returning campers are eligible for a \$10 discount and first chance to register. Registration is now live at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3L1M985>

Gathering@theTable returns to Thursday nights at 6:15 p.m. Come and join us as we have a light dinner, share conversation, break bread and share Holy Communion around the table. All are welcome, gathering about 6:15, dinner at 6:30, depart about 7:30. Free meal, lend a hand cleaning up if you can.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

We will begin on March 2nd at 10AM at church in person. Since it is Ash Wednesday, we will spend some time discussing Ash Wednesday. Then it's on to "Surprised by Hope" by N.T. Wright. Some things we will discuss are "Hope for the World", "The Hope of Heaven", "The Hope of Salvation", & "The Hope of the Church." If you have any questions, please contact Janet Mayer at 704-562-8695 or janetmayer@bellsouth.net.

EASTER LILIES!!

Yep, it's true. We need to get those Easter Lily orders pretty soon!

Consider beautifying the sanctuary to celebrate our Lord's resurrection by giving one or more lilies. As always, you may offer a dedication in memory or in honor of someone or simply to the glory of God. Please make your **10.50** each. You may send in your order either online or contact Ruth in the church office. **The ORDER DEADLINE is: March 14th.**

HOW ABOUT DOING SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR EASTER THIS YEAR?



Can you sing "Here Comes Peter Cotton Tail?" Do you enjoy singing hymns with the congregation or singing with the radio? Do you enjoy just singing in the shower?

Well, if any of these suit your fancy, then consider this.....consider joining the choir for Easter Sunday service. Extra singers are always great to have on festival Sundays, and Easter Sunday is the most important celebration we have as Christians. So put on your Easter best and join us in song.

If you have a busy schedule that won't allow choir participation on an ongoing basis, this is a great opportunity.

Talk to Don Huff for details.

The 2022-2023 Congregational council met on Sunday February 27 and elected the next officers. President: Steve Vick Vice President: Janet Axtman Secretary: Gregg Mitchell Treasurer: Barbara Avard.

We are grateful for their leadership and abilities.

We also have an opening on council for an appointment to fill in a vacancy. If interested please speak to Pastor Angela or to Steve Vick.

Pastor Angela and Living
Savior Lutheran Church,

February 2022

The Sundberg family wanted to thank you and the congregation for the funeral service for our Dad, Dan this December. We were grateful to be in the church we grew up in. We all so appreciate all the time you, the office staff and the congregation put forth for his service. Thank you for helping us honor our Dad and our mom so appreciates all everyone did!

The check is a contribution from my mom & dad.
Thank you so much! Love, Susie Trew, Kim Amigo & Jan Sundberg

Caring & Sharing Group

Friendship, support, and caregiving are needed for those who care for others or themselves during illness, loss and the challenges of aging. The Caring and Sharing Group meets each month of the 2nd Friday from 10-11 AM. Come to find healing, hope, encouragement and support, as well as friendship and laughter. Our next meeting will be on March 11, 10 am. All are welcome – church members, friends and neighbors For more information, please contact Betty Reynolds at 704-287-5724; CoachBettyR@gmail.com.

MASK UPDATE

Based on CDC and NC Gov guidelines, we no longer require masks be worn in worship. The Unvaccinated are asked to continue to wear a mask.

We do **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** that they be worn for the sake of our neighbors who might be immunocompromised, have complicated health matters and be most at risk for COVID.

As always, keep your germs home if you feel unwell.

Quilt Ministry News!

Quilt Ministry will meet for a workshop this month on Tuesday, March 15, at 10:00 in the fellowship hall.

We have one quilt ready to layer, pin, and tie. We will also begin to cut squares for more quilt tops. All are welcome to help with this ministry, no experience is needed. The quilts we complete will be shipped to Lutheran World Relief in November.



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Living Saviour is an amazing place to worship! It is a great place to be each week as so many come together to prepare for the coming week as God's beloved children. There are people in your life who don't have a place to come to be readied for the journey of faith and life; so pray, asking God who it is in your life that isn't here and needs to be; ask God for strength to invite, wisdom to know who and when, boldness to issue the invitation, and God's Spirit to be working on the other to prepare them to receive the invitation to be part of something renewing and loving.

Church is not the final destination, but a hub, a place to which we come, are readied and then go again. We are nourished, and sent out into the world. Thanks be to God for this place of joy, worship, refreshment. Thanks be to God for all who make this a great place to be--All of you!

Love in Christ,
Pastor Angela

Would you like to help? A message from the Synod!

We are seeking someone to do this project. Is it you? To those who love and want to preserve records of our North Carolina Lutheran history and heritage:
At this time, we need to update our congregational histories in order for them to be published on the synod website showing the current state of our congregations

Much work was done on this some years ago, but it is time to do an update. In most cases, this should not take much work. You can find the history of the various congregations by going to the synod's website: <https://www.nclutheran.org/about-us/our-history/>. If you are interested in helping out, please call or email the church office and Ruth will be happy to give any assistance you might need.

Celebrate! Rejoice! Give thanks for all God has Done!

As we closed out the financial year 2021, Tim Goldbach our Treasurer noted that Living Saviour is a generous congregation. The Craft Fair generated donations to Roof Above, A Better Day Ministry, and to Bethlehem Lutheran, New Orleans Building Project.

ELCA World Hunger, Living Waters, Cherokee, and Loaves and Fishes received generous gifts from members of the congregation. The Living Saviour Endowment gave away over \$11,000, supporting individual projects, community groups, and other congregations.

All of this and more, combined with our annual Mission Support to the NC Synod means Living Saviour shared over \$46,000 and supported the kingdom of God! Thank you! Thank God for you. Celebrate and rejoice, God has been generous and we respond in generosity.



CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

Crisis Assistance is open again to receive donations of clothing, household goods, small kitchen electrics (working condition).

LSLC has some bins in the fellowship hall overflowing with items that have been donated and need to be transported.

Do you have time during the day, Tuesday-Saturday to take these items so that they might be given out in the Free Store? Come by, load up, and go! T-F 9-4, S 10-3

Would you be willing to organize a crew to do a sort one Saturday a month? Check out the Crisis Assistance web-site, pick a date and let us know. We will get it published and serve in Jesus' name and with Jesus' love. <https://volunteer.crisisassistance.org/>

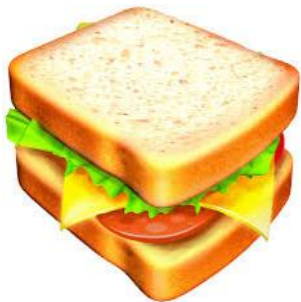
Donating Blood saves lives, and it is a gift that you can give to celebrate being healthy! critically low supply these days mean donations needed all the time.

The One Blood Center is located in the Earth Fare shopping center, 12239 N. Community House Rd #100 Charlotte, NC 28277 and allows appointments to be made on-line or by phone.

American Red Cross blood donation center on Park Road also allows appointments to be made on-line <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood>



Oh what an amazing time we had making sandwiches and bagging lunches. Sunday February 27 after worship, a group stayed to help make 200 sandwiches and bag 100 lunches. The Cub Scouts even got in on the action. We got to laugh, talk, and serve others, remembering "Because Jesus loves us, we love others."



Thank you Laura and Mike Michaels for organizing, and thank you Living Saviour for providing the funds to purchase the needed supplies. It was such a great reminder of what we have missed in the past 2 years, and pray that COVID 19 will allow us to do again. Thank you ALL.

The lunches went to a Men's Shelter providing care in these cold months



Thursday night at 6:15 in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday Morning at 10:30 in the Sanctuary or via Live Stream.

On our website is access to past Sunday worship stored on our YouTube channel.

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.

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◇ Financial Results for December 2021 Month End

General Fund 01	Actual
Contributions, Budget	354,243
Expenses and Transfers	347,681
Net Contributions less Expenses/Transfers	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 Timothy Goldbach.

Health and Wholeness Ministry Congregational survey

Please take a few minutes to complete your anonymous Health and Wholeness Ministry Congregational survey online, using the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1qNRE5lKfoYpw8n2oAVZVArHrZqNJ9tnZQIu7U1D319k/edit>

The Results will aid the ministry in future planning., and no personal data is collected

Renewed in Faith ---Luther, Oberammergau and YOU

The Living Saviour-sponsored trip to Germany to visit the significant sites related to the life of Martin Luther, sightsee some of the beautiful places of Germany and the highlight of the trip --- - attending the Passion Play in Oberammergau will take place September 1-12 this year after being postponed from 2020 due to the pandemic. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime trip since the Passion Play normally is presented only every ten years. There are four spaces left for the trip which will be limited to a small group of 30. If you would like more information please contact Pastor Angela, our Tour Host, or Barbara Avard.



Ministry of Health and Wholeness

March- The Lord Is My Refuge

March's Health and Wholeness focus is on Spiritual Wellbeing in Lent:

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea...Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:1-2,10

I can do all things through him who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13)

- Our seminarian Dawn Schaeffer, has generously offered to lead a Lenten Study of Contemplative Spiritual Practices
 - ◊ Join us for a lite lunch and contemplative exploration following worship on Sunday's March 13 through April 3, 2022
 - ◊ Dawn will share materials developed by world renowned Shalem Institute to explore ancient Christian Contemplative Practices of Lectio Divina, Daily Examen, and Centering Prayer
 - ◊ The last 2 issues of Living Lutheran have reported the benefits of these contemplative practices, describing the practices as healing balms for the trauma we have all experienced during the events of the past 2 years as well as a source of guidance for finding our new future 'normal'. The contemplative practices are also valuable in guiding us through the desert of impending war.
 - ◊ Every effort will be made to make this study hybrid so that it will be available both in-person and virtually.
 - ◊ P.S. These practices are great for lowering elevated blood pressures as well as lowering stress levels and stabilizing emotional distress.
 - ◊ Sign up here for the Lenten Lunch and Learn <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17B0-aBf-jtcVNTi5e-Otf-qeh7TvX3uPkYo746hB9kg/edit>
- Thanks to all who have completed the Congregational Assessment Survey that went out on February 22nd. If you have not completed that yet, please consider contributing to the survey. Paper copies are available in the Narthex.
- As of February 23, 2022 the positivity rate was 8.6% and falling. This is fantastic news. Remain cautious until we reach the goal of less than 5%. We are almost there.
- Betty Reynolds shared this inspiration from **Prayers and Promises for Grandmas**: (Thank you Betty)

Philippians 3: 21- "He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control."

"Lord, I am really looking forward to that new body you promised us. Every year that goes by and with each new ache and pain, I'm reminded that this earthly body is indeed temporary, and I need a new glorious body that will last forever. In the meantime, help me to eat right, sleep enough, and exercise so that I can stay healthy until the day my work on this Earth is completed."

MARCH 2022

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 Ash Wednesday 11:00 a.m. Service 7:00 p.m. Service 6:00 p.m. Zoom Choir Rehearsal	3 6:15 Gathering@theTable	4	5
6 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 6:15 Gathering@theTable 17	11 10:00 a.m. Caring and Sharing (Zoom)	12
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27 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	28					

March Birthdays

03/03 Nicholas Sample
 03/05 Bailey Biggs, John Farris
 03/07 Linda Lyle
 03/09 Cardon Hawley
 03/13 Kenneth Cochran, John Williams
 03/14 Marjorie Sahr
 03/15 Eric Forster
 03/18 Joyce Godwin
 03/20 Linda Hatcher
 03/21 Deb Borley, Thompson Parker
 03/24 Dominique Greve
 03/25 Preston Gist, Sr.
 03/26 Wendi Mayer
 03/27 Jerry Putnam
 03/28 Carla Gearheart, P.J. Krause
 03/31 Aaliah Rogers

March Anniversaries

03/07 Bob and Donna Loges (59)
 03/11 Marty and Alice Jenkins (55)

Praying for Possibilities!

02/27-03-06 Don Huff & Ray Kilminster
 03/06-03/13 Ray and Ken Kilminster
 03/13-03/20 Rev. Jim and Maxine Christ
 03/20-03/27 Cathy Lyall and Laura Michael
 03/27-04/03 Pastor Angela and Dawn Gibson