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# The InnerNet

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Mid-April 2022

In early April, I wrote how a congregation is like an airport, not the final destination, only a point in the journey which helps you get to where you want to go. Another way a congregation and an airport are alike is that they are connection points. Airports connect you to destinations and people; congregations too seek to connect people to God, to each other, and to the community. The Church is all about connection, both as a goal and as an outcome.

As a goal, Living Saviour has a variety of ways we connect and invite you to participate in those connections. We do this so that you feel that you belong here, that you are part of something bigger than yourself, and that you are nourished by the connections.

As we reengage from COVID lockdowns, remember we have the knitting group, Caring and Sharing, quilt ministry, Tuesday and Wednesday study groups, as well as choir and handbell ministries. Remember Praying for Possibilities, Lay Care, Carmel Place worship team, and Altar Guild are all ways of connecting, building relationships and deepening our faith.

As an outcome, we seek to worship, learn, engage, and serve God, each other, and our neighbors so that as we connect, we create a circuit. As our connections deepen, we continue to connect further, to invite others in and all feel more connection! Consider the Election Coffee Table as a way of connecting to our neighbors, as well as each other, as we talk, laugh and share. We seek to build connections within the community and with those who enter our space to vote.

Sunday worship, along with Gathering@theTable, our Thursday night "dinner church" where we are nourished by a meal, by holy conversation and holy communion, are our primary and most public connections. We rejoice that as COVID fear is reduced, more connections will occur in worship and in the myriad opportunities outside of worship. We connect to God through worship and study opportunities. In small groups and large gatherings, we build connections to each other through caring relationships and fellowship; and to the community and world through acts of service.

All are welcome, all are invited to connect.

In Christ's love, Pastor Angela

## **Lutheroad Summer camp is coming! 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.

**Gathering@theTable** on 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.

### **Volunteers Needed Election Coffee Hospitality Table:**

Tuesday, May 17th is Primary Day, and as usual, Living Saviour is pleased to be one of the polling places. As we continue returning to "normal" activities, LSLC will again be offering refreshments to those who come to vote. Frank DeLoache is requesting volunteers to help with this outreach project for the community. He is looking for folks to help in 2-hour shifts, from 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m., plus breakdown and clean up. If you are interested in volunteering, you may do so on SignUpGenius - the link is here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CACAC29A6F4C16-election>

You may also contact Frank at [frank.deloache@yahoo.com](mailto:frank.deloache@yahoo.com) or let the church office know and Ruth will forward the information on to him. Thank you!

### **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

**We met every Wednesday at 10AM in person in the fellowship area. We are discussing "Surprised By Hope" by N.T. Wright. All are Welcome.**

**If you have any questions, please contact Janet Mayer at 704-562-8695 or [janetmayer@bellsouth.net](mailto:janetmayer@bellsouth.net).**

### **TELLERS NEEDED**

Now that our lives are returning to some kind of "normal", church is open and we are welcoming all back to in-person worship, we can use some help with the weekly counting of contributions. This takes only about 30-45 minutes after worship and Barbara Avard or George Shabla will be there with you for help and support.

Contact Barbara ([bj1949@bellsouth.net](mailto:bj1949@bellsouth.net)) if you are willing to consider giving some of your time and talent to help with this important administrative support duty.

### ***Special Items to note!***

There are some very special events over the next several weeks that Living Saviour is excited to be hosting!

The first will be on April 24<sup>th</sup> with special Earth Day Worship, followed by an Earth Day Presentation by Tom Chriske on Monarch Butterflies in the sanctuary, lasting approximately 30 minutes long.

Also on April 24<sup>th</sup>, an Earth Day Activity to consider is making a Personal Covenant with Creation through Lutherans Restoring Creation. The website link is below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQxVrSvEJMCBSXPoMv4go\\_symNwmdZMsjT4ahkUf-9amd8nQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQxVrSvEJMCBSXPoMv4go_symNwmdZMsjT4ahkUf-9amd8nQ/viewform)

The next event will be an Exercise and Balance Class starting on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes and a water bottle might come in handy. \$5/class; 1st visit FREE.

On May 8, 2022, which is the Second Sunday Sacred Time, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service there will be a 30-minute Contemplative Practice session in the Prayer Room.

**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 FEBRUARY 2022 Month End**

Feb-22	
<b>General Fund 01</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Contributions, Budget	33,761
Expenses and Transfers	35,384
Net Contributions less Expenses/Transfers	(1,623)
<b>Facilities Fund 02-3241-442</b>	
Beginning Balance	29,972
Transfers from General Fund	1,352
Transfer From Mtg Reserves	38,280
Contributions	100
Expenditures - Adams Heating	(27,909)
Ending Balance	41,796

**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 Barbara Avard.



Preaching Thursday  
ELCA Presiding Bishop  
Elizabeth A. Eaton



Preaching Friday  
The Rev. CeCee Mills  
Assistant to the Bishop  
NC Synod



with Keynote Speaker  
*Jacqueline Bussie*



Preaching Saturday  
Bishop  
NC Synod

Bring a group from your congregation. ALL are welcome to attend. Come for one, two, or all three days!

Do you miss gathering with other Lutherans to laugh and worship?

Do you wish to learn about the ELCA and the NC Synod?

Interested in a variety of learning workshops?

Want a FREE Lunch (on Friday!)

Check out this opportunity!

Nearby in Hickory NC June 2-4, 2022.

Register for one day, or all days; your choice.

Register for the first ever NC Synod Gathering today!

Early registration ends April 26. <https://www.nclutheran.org/event/2022-synod-gathering>

# APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3 Lent 5</b> 9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	4	5 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom)	6 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	7 6:15 p.m. Gathering@theTable	8 10:00 a.m. Caring and Sharing (Zoom)	9
<b>10 Palm Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	11	12 10:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom)	13 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	<b>14 Maundy Thursday</b> 11:00 a.m. Service 7:00 p.m. Service	<b>15 Good Friday</b> 11:00 a.m. Service 7:00 p.m. Service	16
<b>17 Easter Day</b> 9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	<b>18 Easter Monday</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	19 10:00 a.m. Quilting Group 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom)	20 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	21 6:15 p.m. Gathering@theTable	22	23
<b>24 Earth Day</b> 9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed 11:30 a.m. Monarch Butterfly Presentation	25	26 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom)	27 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	28 11:00 a.m. Exercise and Balance Class 6:15 p.m. Gathering@theTable	29	30

## April Birthdays

04/16 Richard Tarr  
 04/17 Neil Mitchell, Russell Stephens  
 04/20 Cynthia Karim  
 04/21 Kristen Haigler  
 04/22 Eric Greve, Samantha Merritt  
 04/26 Lorene Thom  
 04/28 Sara Melosh  
 04/29 Gregg Mitchell, Jennifer Thompson  
 04/30 Alina Krantz

## April Anniversaries

04/04 Matt and Becky VanSandt  
 04/12 Donald and Barbara Ferriss (53)  
 04/18 Cathy and Kevin Lyall (24)  
 04/22 Luke and Cindy Quinlan (27)  
 04/24 Patti and Ed Garrison (29) and Ken Leeser and Karen Kaufeld (23)