
The InnerNet

Mid-May 2022

The Power of the Holy Spirit and Enthusiasm

Do you feel it? Do you see it? Are you aware of it? It is spilling out and over and around us all the time, yet we are not always tuned in and looking for it. What “it” do I speak of? Why the HOLY SPIR-IT!

An article I read recently, by Bill Wilson, director of Center for Healthy Churches, described the “enthusiasm” of vibrant congregations. The word “enthusiasm” comes from ancient Greek roots, and is a combination of “en” and “theos,” meaning “having God within us.” Over time, Wilson wrote, “enthusiasm came to mean ‘any rapturous inspiration like that caused by a god’.

Today, we are more likely to use this word to describe our feelings about a favorite athletic team or hobby than to describe what God is doing in and through us.” I see the Holy Spirit, In US, alive, active, moving among us, and yet we are sometimes not even aware of it. Look around at Living Saviour, you catch glimpses, and sometimes even see it fully at work. But you may wonder, “where Pastor?” I see the Spirit at work in the enthusiastic musicians who give selflessly each week of their time and talents to make worship the best it can be, offering skill as well as practice to bring God’s word to life through music.

In our Praying for Possibilities teams, their enthusiastic voices echoing through our spaces, lifting our ministry, our campus, our people to God and inviting God to work among us. They pray regularly that God lead people to our worship services that need an experience of God like we offer, and we do receive guests, some who even become members!

Where else do I see Holy Spirit? In the hands and faces of those who work behind the scenes to create hospitality for our Sunday coffee, in our fellowship meals and events.

We are a community of disciples who serve a Living Savior. We are “en theos” and centered in Christ, knit together by the power of the Holy Spirit, and as we come together, whether for worship or learning or outreach or fellowship, our deep and authentic “enthusiasm” comes out and the community can’t help but notice.

As we continue to re-gather at Living Saviour in person, start checking for enthuse-iasm and the power of the Spirit at work, start dreaming for our future, and how God’s passion, love, purpose, and energy will bless those around us—and those here too!

I rejoice with many prayers of thanksgiving for the ‘enthusiasm’ of this place, because I know it is rooted and grounded in God, through Christ Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In Christ’s love, Pastor Angela

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.

May Merriment!! 5th Sunday Memorial Day Weekend Picnic

On Sunday, May 29th we will hold our first 5th Sunday potluck in three years!! Following our worship service we will gather for fried and rotisserie chicken (provided) as will tea and lemonade, and all we need is you, your friends and family, and any “picnic” style sides you can bring.

We will picnic in the fellowship hall and enjoy good food and fellowship.

See you then, Traci Anderson and Mark Brennan.

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) if you are willing to consider giving some of your time and talent to help with this important administrative support duty.

CARING & SHARING

THIS FRIDAY'S CARING & SHARING GATHERING IS POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE.

More information will be forthcoming for the next meeting on June 10th.



Ministry of Health and Wholeness May's Health and Wholeness focus: Emotional Wellbeing

"So then, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; what is old has passed away" 2 Corinthians 5:17

- During Mental Health Month check the dividers in the Fellowship Hall for additional information regarding Mental Health. Are you surprised that the **same 5 Core Lifestyle Choices** also apply to maintaining Mental Health Wellbeing? **G.R.A.C.E.** (Nutrition-Grains/Greens, Rest, Activity, Cease Smoking/Control Alcohol, Emotional Balance through centering contemplation)
- **Gentle Exercises Class Thursday Mornings 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall.** The first session is free. If you are not already in a regular exercise program, consider joining us for this important life affirming activity. Exercise is one of the 5 essential lifestyle choices.

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 FEBRUARY 2022 Month End

Feb-22	Actual
General Fund 01	
Contributions, Budget	33,761
Expenses and Transfers	35,384
Net Contributions less Expenses/Tranfers	(1,623)
Facilities Fund 02-3241-442	
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.

Final days for Lutheroad Camp Registration

All Kids Kindergarten age through middle school are welcome to register for Lutheroad day camp June 20-24.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

We will finish "Surprised By Hope" by N.T. Wright this month. "The Hope of Salvation" and "The Hope of the Church" will be interesting studies. His lectures on DVD are a bit surprising at times but we enjoy his British wit & humor.

Join us this month whenever you can on Wednesdays at 10AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will take a break for a few weeks during the summer. **If you have any questions, please contact Janet Mayer at 704-562-8695 or janetmayer@bellsouth.net.**



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!

<https://www.nclutheran.org/event/2022-synod-gathering>

MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	2	2	4	5	6	7 4:00 p.m. Macron Masterclass
8 9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed 11:30 Contemplative Practice Session	9	10 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom)	11 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	12 6:15 p.m. Gathering@theTable	13 10:00 a.m. Caring and Sharing	14 11:00 a.m. Jim Christ Memorial Service
15 9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed 3:00 p.m. Council Meeting	16	17 10:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom)	18 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	19	20	21
22 9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	23	24 10:00 a.m. Quilting Group 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom)	25 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice	26 6:15 p.m. Gathering@theTable	27	28
29 9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed 5th Sunday Potluck	30 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	31 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Study Group (Zoom)				

<u>May Anniversaries</u>
05/11 Charles and Judy Gribble (59)
05/16 Eric and Joy Forster (30)
05/17 Eric and Melissa Krantz (8)
05/18 John and Pam Williams (48)
05/20 Larry and Janet Wagstaff (44)
05/24 Gary and Deb Borley (47)
05/25 Ryan and Jennifer Huber (14)

<u>May Birthdays</u>	
05/05	Lori Davis
05/07	Indra Persaud
05/09	Lottie and Maggie Williams
05/13	Lyn Addy
05/15	Traci Anderson, Susan Hunsinger
05/17	Sally Ganz, Robin LaFollette
05/19	James Cook
05/22	Bill Larsen
05/27	Emma Allen, Rufus Gregory
05/28	Betty Eissfeldt
05/30	Judy Gribble
05/31	Melissa Krantz