



The InnerNet

October 2023

I'm writing this on September 25, which happens to be my baptism birthday. It's the day that, decades ago, my parents brought me to the font in a Methodist church in Florida to be marked with the cross of Christ forever and to let the world know that my real name is Sara, Child of God (not "Soileau" – my maiden name nor "Ilderton" – my married name). I, obviously, have no recollection of it and cannot even decipher the name of the pastor who officiated and signed my baptismal certificate (which hangs on my office wall), which is a wonderful reminder that baptism is a God thing...Not a "me" thing or a pastor thing. Baptism is an outward marking and naming of a claim that is made by God and is, in a very real way, done for the sake of the world. Different denominations feel differently, but this is our Lutheran understanding: Baptism is nothing but grace and has less to do with death and more to do with life and how we live in this world. It has to do with those promises that parents make (when an infant is baptized) and that congregation members promise to encourage: to raise the child so that the world will be better, kinder, more just and filled with peace (ELW, 228).

It has been a wonderful whirlwind since beginning to serve as your pastor about a month ago...And, to say that there is still an awful lot to learn, is a ridiculously obvious statement. But, I can tell you what I have already experienced...To a person, I have experienced people eager to share their stories. And, given an opening, eager to share the times and places they have experienced God's presence in their lives – both in times of great joy and in times of sorrow and grief. I have experienced a generosity of spirit as well as time, talent and treasure that is genuine and contagious (By the way, I've been totally blown away to hear how many of ya'll stepped up with the mid-year financial "ask." Thank you!). And I have experienced people eager to live out their baptismal calling of making the world kinder, more just and filled with peace.

It is a privilege to be among you – the body of Christ that gathers at Living Saviour Lutheran Church. I look forward to getting to know you better as we strive to live and love like Jesus, for the sake of the world.

Peace & Prayers

+ Pr. Sara

Congregation Acknowledgements!!

October Anniversaries

10/09 Laura and Mike Michael (47)
10/14 Don and Anna Pearce (28)
10/19 John and Patricia Maisel (49)
10/22 Stephen and Emma Allen (7)
10/26 Pat and Robert Snodgrass (50)



October Birthdays

10/01 Donna Loges
10/02 Cooper Thom
10/04 Stephen Allen
10/06 Marty Jenkins, Lynn Stephens
10/07 Jean Dunne, Julie Farris
10/11 Frank DeLoache
10/13 Timothy Meadows
10/16 Glenda Kilminster
10/18 Nolan Huber, Henry Schwab
10/19 Geraldine Harbinson, Ian Schwab
10/22 Beth Hawley
10/25 Don Huff
10/26 Sandra Sample
10/28 Reid Huber, Alice Jenkins



Praying for Possibilities!

09/19-10-06 Anita Mitchell and Glenda Kilminster
10/06-10/13 Bob and Judy Hughes
10/13-10/20 Cathy Lyall and Laura Michael
10-20-10/27 Ray and Ken Kilminster
10/27-11/03 Dawn Gibson and Nancy Mersereau



Church Information!!

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.



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.

Pastor Sara's Installation!

Please plan to join us on Sunday October 22 at 4:00 for Pr. Sara's Installation Service. It will be a time of celebration and worship, followed by a potluck meal (more celebration).

Rev. Michael Frye (first called pastor at Living Saviour) will be preaching and Rev. Emily Hartner (Dean of the Mecklenburg Conference of the NC Synod) will be presiding over the installation.

In addition, we look forward to welcoming area pastors and deacons to be part of the celebration.

Make plans now to attend (and don't forget to bring your favorite dish to share)!



Group Activities!!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room as space allows.

We are reading "The Red Sea Rules" by Robert J. Morgan.

We are finding this study interesting and thought provoking.

Join us on Wednesday's at 9:30AM for fellowship, learning, & some laughing.

Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Janet Mayer.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, October 10th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. We will continue having our meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

This ministry makes prayer shawls for church members and others who are in need of prayer and comfort.

If you knit or crochet and would like to participate in this ministry, please join us or contact Jeanne Davis at jeannedavis88@att.net with questions.

SHELTER MINISTRY UPDATE

Thanks to the outpouring of support, we will easily be able to provide shelter to our homeless neighbors for all eight Sundays in January and February! These are the coldest months of the winter season and our participation in Room In The Inn during those months will serve as a very needed hospice.

here are a couple of areas that could use a few more volunteers. Please consider adding your name to serve in these positions:

- Laundry Team
- Monday clean up crew
- Overnight Host

The sign up/information sheets will remain out on display should you hear the call to serve!

As we get closer to our time to serve, a schedule will be sent out. Also we will have a "training" session for newcomers to this ministry in December. Many thanks to our generous congregation for the support of this meaningful ministry! Alice Jenkins

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

CHANCEL CHOIR

- Rehearsals are ongoing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings
- Rehearses and serves weekly during choir season (Sept.-May)
- Ages high school through “mature” adulthood
- Offers musical training, a sense of satisfaction knowing that you are serving our Lord and his church in worship leadership
- A great opportunity for fellowship and being a part of a terrific group who are not only talented, but caring and just plain fun!



ALLELUIA RINGERS

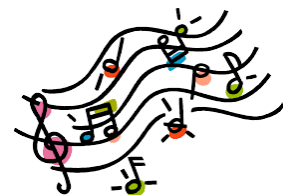


- Rehearsals ongoing at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings
- Rehearses weekly during the choir season (Sept.-May)
- Ages high school through “mature” adulthood
- No prior ringing experience necessary
- A very fundamental knowledge of music reading is helpful, such as being able to tell a line from a space on the music page, counting to four, etc.
- See bullets 4 and 5 above!

FESTIVAL SINGERS

Opportunities are offered for those who would like to sing in the choir, but whose schedule does not permit regular participation. Such opportunities this fall include:

- Reformation Sunday (Oct 29)
- Advent and Christmas (First Sunday of Advent is December 3)
- Christmas Concert (December 10)



JOY CHILDREN'S CHOIR

- At the time of this writing, details are in planning stages.
- Please watch weekly eblast for further information and updates

If interested in any of the above opportunities, Don Huff would love to speak with you!



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Joys and Cares Greeting Cards

Did you know that we have a lovely selection of greeting cards for many occasions on the wall display in the Fellowship Hall? These cards are available for a \$1 donation per card that can be left in the box on the display. These funds become contributions to the church. If you have questions please contact Dawn Gibson at (fourleafclovertwc.com)



Ministry of Health and Wholeness October 2023 Be Prepared: Fire Safety

"So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober." 1 Thessalonians 5:6

October Focus:

October is Fire Safety Month. Did you know if a fire starts in your home you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape. Nearly 4000 Americans die each year in house fires and over 2000 are severely injured. In only 3 1/2 minutes, the heat from a house fire can reach over 1100 degrees Fahrenheit.

About 80% of all civilian deaths from fire occur in the home. The Health and Wholeness Team is arranging to work with our Boy Scout Troup to provide fire safety activities and educational information regarding fire safety and preparedness. Be sure to read a copy of the Health and Wholeness Newsletter for Fire Safety and Preparedness information as well as pick up a copy of the **Home Fire Safety Inspection Checklist**.



NEW EVENT- BREATHWORK and the HOLY SPIRIT Seminar- Plans are being made to move this seminar to **Thursday Evening October 26th – at 5:30 immediately prior to Gathering@the Table** with the option to make reservations for dinner at 6:15 with Gathering@the Table. The **Seminar will be led by Nan Vuncannon, Certified Teacher and Practitioner in Holy Breathwork**. Learn to breathe for the restoration of body, mind, and spirit. Breathing is a powerful healing tool. Watch for further information and instructions for dinner reservations.

ONGOING OFFERINGS: (Space made available by Living Saviour for Community Health and Wholeness Programming)

Monday 6:30 PM – Beginner/Intermediate Yoga

Class provided by Lori Walker of Yoga for You Studios

Tuesdays 9:30 AM- Beginner/Intermediate Yoga

Class provided by Lori Walker of Yoga for You Studios

Tuesdays 10:30 AM –STEPPS to Wellbeing: Start to Experience Peace, Potential and Serenity Peer Support

Develop a practice described by Jesus in the Beatitudes, modeled in his ministry, practiced by the early church, developed by Native Americans, and most recently promoted by the 12 Steps of AA—a peer support practice that guarantees a life abundant in the Fruit of the Spirit. A valuable resource for those dealing with depression, grief, anxiety, medical recovery or seeking a deeper spiritual connection. A brochure can be picked up from the tea cart. All are welcome.

Thursdays 9:30 AM- Beginner/Intermediate Yoga

Class provided by Lori Walker of Yoga for You Studios

Thursdays at 11:00 AM Chair Yoga-

Class provided by Debbie Mangeney of Feel Good Yoga Girl

Saturdays at 9:30 AM Aerobic Exercise –

Class provided by Lyn Addy, Certified Group Fitness Instructor and Health Coach.

Another inspiring exercise group of all ages with an excellent opportunity to get that heart rate up, build some muscle strength and receive supportive meaningful coaching from a talented instructor.

Saturdays 10:00 AM- Beginner/Intermediate Yoga

Class provided by Lori Walker of Yoga for You Studios

Summary of 17 September 2023 Council Meeting

Pastor Sara opened the meeting with prayer and shared thoughts about things she would like us to consider, such as upgrades to our website, updating ministry lists, and establishing our core values. She is planning on having regular monthly staff meetings and is working on getting a Mutual Ministry committee set up. She and Pastor Linda Hatcher have been visiting home bound members together.

Pastor Sara's installation is set for Sunday 22 October 2023 at 4PM and Pastor Michael Frye will preach at the installation. There will be a potluck dinner following the service.

Pastor Sara would like to have a Noisy Offering during the children's sermon once a month with the money collected going to things like scholarships for Lutheroad or our Preschool.

Barbara Avard gave a financial update and discussed how the council should begin budget development for our next fiscal year. She also discussed our Synod mission support giving and our need to have more members on the financial and stewardship committees. Currently Barbara and Shallon Gordon are the only members of the Stewardship committee. Pastor Sara, Pastor Linda, and Steve agreed to help with Stewardship and Sam and Caitlin Hronesz have also agreed to help with Stewardship.

The new electronic sign is set to be delivered to the installer on 21 September 2023. Painting is to begin on Monday 18 September 2023 in the Sanctuary. Now that the first projects approved by the Shabla Gift Committee and Council are underway, the gift committee needs to begin considering what other projects can be done with the remaining funds.

Laura Michael gave a report for the Health and Wholeness ministry highlighting how classes are doing and what new events they would like to provide to the community.

The next council meeting is set for Sunday 15 October 2023 after services.

Council members are:

Steve Vick, President/Worship & Music/Administration

Janet Axtman, Vice-President, and Property

Barbara Avard, Financial Secretary/Treasurer

Gregg Mitchell, Secretary/Personnel/Administration

Rev. Linda Hatcher, Pastoral Care

Linda Frixen, Outreach

Laura Michael, Health & Wholeness

Pat Sipe, Lay Care

Debby Borrelli, Christian Education

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	2 6:15 p.m. Yoga	3 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. STEPP Group 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry	4 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	5 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Gathering@theTable 6:15 p.m. Yoga	6	7 9:30 a.m. Exercise Opportunities 10:00 a.m. Yoga
8 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	9 4:00 p.m. Troop 165 Court of Honor 6:15 p.m. Yoga	10 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. STEPP Group 10:00 a.m. Quilt Ministry	11 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	12 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Gathering@theTable 6:15 p.m. Yoga	13	14 9:30 a.m. Exercise Opportunities 10:00 a.m. Yoga
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22 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Monthly Council meeting 4:00 p.m. Pastor Sara Installation	23 6:15 p.m. Yoga	24 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. STEPP Group	25 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers bell choir practice 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	26 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Gathering@theTable 6:15 p.m. Yoga	27	28 9:30 a.m. Exercise Opportunities 10:00 a.m. Yoga
29 Reformation Sunday 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	30 6:15 p.m. Yoga	31 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. STEPP Group				

GATHERING@theTable

Gathering@theTable will resume weekly at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, October 5th in the Fellowship Hall. Come and join us!