



# The InnerNet

July 2024

Four of us (three confirmation students and I) attended Kairos Camp the week of June 16. There were about 100 (probably a little more) participants in that program (including kids, counselors and adult leaders). "Kairos" means "God's time," as over against "Chronos" which is "human time" (i.e. chronology). Camp is a time to be intentionally trying to live in "God's time." Intentionally taking time to look for and see God moving and breathing in the space and in each person. I have lots of favorite parts of camp (I know, I know... "favorite" implies only one...*mea culpa*). Here are a few:

- ◆ Seeing relationships form between people (campers/counselors) who – left to their own devices – would likely never find themselves in the same place, intentionally looking for the same thing at the same time (in this case "God-moments" ...or moments throughout the day when you are aware that God is present).
- ◆ Seeing campers (who began the week as strangers) sing and dance and conga line together (Little did they realize the power of helping lead and follow while staying connected to one another and making sure no one is left out – which is really what it takes to form a cohesive conga line). Music is powerful in that way... connecting us.
- ◆ Hearing them in call-and-response proclaim:
  - "Grace is like an ocean!" (Grace is like an ocean!)
  - "Grace is overflowing!" (It "be" overflowing!)
  - "My soul can't even hold it!" (It can't even hold it!)
  - "Grace is like an ocean!" (You better learn to swim!)

These confirmation students are at different points in their confirmation process and attending different congregations which all have different timelines/processes. Regardless, though, the vast majority of them come from a Lutheran perspective. And while Lutherans don't have a corner on the "grace" market, we sure do like to talk about it an awful lot. That said, as adults though, we can tend to try to control grace (which is really just code for "the unmerited love of God poured out on **every single person no matter what!**"). Kids, on the other hand, sing and dance and prepare to swim and splash in it. And if they or their neighbor can't swim, they join the conga line and get carried along in the joy.

Maybe we should all conga-line our way up to Christ's Table each week.

Peace and blessings on you,  
+ Pr. Sara



(Please see more pictures on page 8!!)

Worship Service Live Streaming: on-line [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuMJ5vxpQpMZLB8638JxE\\_w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuMJ5vxpQpMZLB8638JxE_w) or through our website: [www.livingsaviourlc.org](http://www.livingsaviourlc.org).

## Congregation Acknowledgements!!

### July Anniversaries

07/18 Terry and Joyce Godwin (48)

07/30 Pete and Dominique Greve (19)

07/31 Ron and Kathy Biggs (20)

### July Birthdays

07/02 Ron Gordon

07/03 Abigail Huber, Chuck Malinowski

07/04 Logan VanSandt

07/06 Russell Hinson

07/07 Shirley Fitts, Billy Sample

07/10 John Soileau

07/11 Nora Cook

07/15 Erin Malinowski

07/17 James Chandler

07/18 Chuck Moore

07/20 Riley Karim, Cathy Shabla

07/21 Nolan Krantz

07/22 Terry Godwin

07/23 Laura Michael

07/24 Julie Brennan

07/27 Zolene Kale



**A fire escape plan** for Living Saviour initiated by Bob Hughes and developed by members of our congregation will be presented on July 28 during the 10:30a worship service. Please try to attend. Special thanks to Tim Meadows, Marty Jenkins, Sam Hronesz, Janet Axtman, and Laura Michael for help with planning. We hope to see you on **July 28!**



## 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.

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, THROUGH THE MONTH OF MAY

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Contributions and Other Income	\$211,294	\$391,830
Expenses	<u>\$ 133,557</u>	<u>\$423,094</u>
Net Income over Expenses	\$ 77,737	\$ (31,264)

NOTES: Pledge income does not come in evenly because some pledges are paid in full, some periodically throughout the year. Other non-pledge giving also varies; miscellaneous income is dependent on activities scheduled on church property for which we receive payment (elections, recitals, other events that provide fees). Some expenses of the church also vary. Some are seasonally impacted, some maintenance-related may only be billed once or twice a year and others vary with planned activities.

The following are the balances as of the end of May for:

Facilities Reserve	\$38,129
Shabla Gift Fund	\$28,185

We thank you as always for your generous gifts of money, time and talent to support Living Saviour's mission and ministries.

This is the final report from me as Living Saviour's Treasurer. It has been my honor use my time and experience to maintain the church's financial operations.

Barbara Avard

## Group Activities!!

### SUMMER WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We will continue to meet once a month in July and August & enjoy watching a film. No homework reading.

July - 17 - Joshua

August - 21 - to be determined.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a movie this summer. See you at 10AM.

### *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

*The Prayer Shawl Ministry is on summer break July and August. We will resume our meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of September (Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>).*

*Contact Jeanne Davis at [jeannedavis88@att.net](mailto:jeannedavis88@att.net) with questions.*

### MUSIC NOTES SUMMER CHOIR

You are invited to be a part of the choir this summer on any or all Sundays. Choir rehearsals are being held on Sunday mornings at 9:15. At that time, music for the service that day will be rehearsed. Come and join in singing to God's glory. All are invited. Please speak to Don Huff if you have questions.

## **Congregation Council Meeting 23 June 2024**

There was an update on our finding a candidate to fill the upcoming vacancy for treasurer. A person was interviewed who has experience as treasurer at a larger church here in Charlotte. This would be on a part time basis, probably five hours a week, possibly more at the end of the month when reports are due.

Financial reports show that as of the end of May, the first quarter of our budget year, the church is showing a surplus, although not all expenses have been billed yet. Thank you for your continued generosity, as it allows us to begin dreaming about our future.

Pastor Sara submitted her report and has requested that Council approve her taking two Sundays in August (August 11&18) off for vacation.

Health and Wholeness reported that details of the fire drill will be given before worship on Sunday 28 July. Lori has also requested to use the Fellowship Hall for free yoga classes on Saturday 27 July and Saturday 3 August from 11:30 to 12:30 to attract new students. Council approved her request.

Glenda Kilminister has taken on providing meals for members while Pat Sipe recovers from her illness. Pastor Sara and Pastor Linda are developing a class for members to learn how to give communion to members who are unable to attend worship service in person.

Council discussed the options on how to finance the water remediation project and approved the option to pay the cost in full from the facilities reserve and use the interest from the church's certificate of deposit to repay the facilities reserves. Also, any donations from members to the remediation project will be put into the facilities reserves.

## GATHERING@theTable

**Gathering@theTable:** Beginning this week, Gathering@theTable is moving to the 3rd Thursday of each month during the summer.

The next meeting will be on July 18th at 6:15 p.m.

## Praying for Possibilities!

06/23-06/30 Sherry Wooldridge and Don Huff

06/30-07/07 Maria Rozhin and Glenda Kilminster

07/07-07/14 Julie Brennan and GOD

07/14-07/21 Mary Ann Eller and Janet Axtman

07/21-07/28 Pastor Charlie and Kay Zimmerman

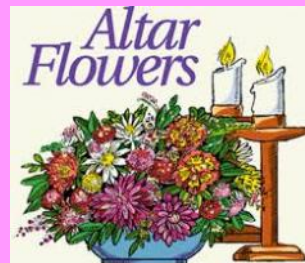
07/28-08/04 Ray and Ken Kilminster



## 2024 ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

The 2024 Altar Flowers online chart is now available at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoC4CACAC29A6F4C16-46302964-2024>



## FAITH FORMATION

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH ASSISTANTS AND ADULTS:**

9:15 am Adults in the Education Wing Triple Room

9:30 am Children - ages 3 years through 5th grade (parents[s] welcome) downstairs in a preschool classroom.

**The Adult Sunday School class** will continue meeting into the summer to discuss Amy-Jill Levine's book, **The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently**. The discussions will begin on May 4 @ 9:15 am in the Education Wing Room 6. PLEASE join us!!

Esteemed Bible scholars and teachers Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Z. Brettler take readers on a guided tour of the most popular Hebrew Bible passages quoted in the New Testament to show what the texts meant in their original contexts and then how Jews and Christians, over time, understood those same texts. Passages include the creation of the world, the role of Adam and Eve, the Suffering Servant of Isaiah, the book of Jonah, and Psalm 22, whose words, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me," Jesus quotes as he dies on the cross.

Comparing various interpretations – historical, literary, and theological - of each ancient text, Levine and Brettler offer deeper understandings of the original narratives and their many afterlives. They show how the text speaks to different generations under changed circumstances, and so illuminate the Bible's ongoing significance. By understanding the depth and variety by which these passages have been, and can be, understood, *The Bible With and Without Jesus* does more than enhance our religious understandings, it helps us to see the Bible as a source of inspiration for any and all readers.

**Confirmation Class: Sunday, July 28th 12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.**



**Kairos  
Camp  
Pictures!!!**





## 2024 LUTHEROAD REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Registration and Health forms for the 2024 Lutheroad Day Camp are now available, either on the 'Greeters' table in the lobby or they may be downloaded online from our website at: [Living Saviour Lutheran Church » Lutheroad 2024](http://LivingSaviourLutheranChurch.com/Lutheroad2024) ([livingsaviourlc.org](http://livingsaviourlc.org)) .

The 2024 Day Camp will run from July 29-Aug. 2, 2024, 9:00 am-4:00 pm Monday-Thursday and 9:00 am-Noon on Friday.

Cost: Church member \$80 Non-member \$110.

Before & after care is available at \$75 for the week.

Care hours are:

7:00—9:00 am & 4:00—6:00 pm Mon – Thurs

7:00—9:00 am & Noon—6:00 pm Friday

Please contact our awesome LSLC Coordinator, Russell Hinson, for any questions and/or more information.



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in grateful appreciation for giving

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## Ministry of Health and Wholeness June 2024

### Focus: Disease Prevention through Exercise

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.  
Romans 12:1*

Physical activity can prevent or control high blood pressure, heart attack and stroke as well as diabetes. The World Health Organization recommends children and teens average 60 minutes /day of moderate to vigorous exercise. Adults need at least 150 hours/week(30 minutes 5x/week) of moderate to vigorous exercise.

#### Active Strength & Stamina:

##### Physical Exercise:

- Yoga For You:
  - Mondays - 6:15 p.m.
  - Tuesdays - 9:30 a.m.
  - Thursdays - 9:30 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.
  - Saturdays - 10:00 a.m.
- Chair Yoga - Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.
- Strength & Stamina - Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.

#### Have you heard about our Endowment Committee?

The LSLC Endowment Committee is simply one of the best committees in the world! Our job is giving away money to those in need! This money is funded from the LSLC Endowment fund which holds funds from both current and estate gifts. Since 2018, we have used a small percentage of this fund to grant over \$68,000 in gifts to various organizations which has allowed LSLC to have a positive impact on our local community and the world. So far this year, we have donated to Project Outpour, Nourish Up, On Eagles Wings, The Community Culinary School of Charlotte, and The Dwelling.

#### We need your help!

- ◆ We are always looking for organizations that can benefit from our gifts. The donation request form can be found on our website. Church members are welcome to fill the form out on behalf of an organization in need, or you may forward the form to an organization and have them submit the form. <https://livingsaviourlc.org/wp-content/uploads/FormRequestforFunds.pdf>
- ◆ You can donate to the Endowment Fund!

Please contact Kristen Haigler, President of the Endowment Committee with any questions .

## 2024 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Steven Vick	Co-President/Worship & Music
Rev. Linda Hatcher	Co-President/Lay Care
Janet Axtman	Co-Vice President/Property
Debby Borrelli	Co-Vice President/Christian Education
Gregg Mitchell	Secretary
Laura Schwab	Financial Secretary
Linda Frixen	Outreach
Laura Michael	Health & Wholeness
Pat Sipe	Lay Care

The next Council Meeting will be on **Sunday, July 21, 2024** at 12:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

## LIVING SAVIOUR CHURCH STAFF

<b>The Reverend Sara Ilderton</b> —Pastor	<a href="mailto:pastorsara@livingsaviourlc.org">pastorsara@livingsaviourlc.org</a>
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# JULY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:30 a.m. Coffee for Carmel Chace 10:00 a.m. STEPP Group (Zoom)	3 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers	<b>4 Independence Day</b> <b>Church office closed</b>	5	6 9:30 a.m. Strength & Stamina
7 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed	8 6:15 p.m. Yoga	9 10:00 a.m. STEPP Group (Zoom) 6:145 p.m.. Yoga	10 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers	11 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga	12	13 9:00 a.m. Bonsai Group 9:30 a.m. Strength & Stamina
14 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 2:34 Ukrainian Group	15 6:15 p.m. Yoga	16 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. STEPP Group (Zoom) 10:00 a.m. Quilt Ministry	17 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers	18 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 11:15 a.m. LSLC Staff Meeting 6:15 p.m. Yoga 6:15 p.m. Gathering@theTable	19	20 9:30 a.m. Strength & Stamina 10:00 a.m. Yoga
21 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 12:00 p.m. Monthly Council meeting	22 6:15 p.m. Yoga	23 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. STEPP Group (Zoom)	24 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers	25 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 11:15 a.m. Preschool Graduation 6:15 p.m. Yoga	26	27 9:30 a.m. Strength & Stamina 10:00 a.m. Yoga
28 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class 12:00 p.m. Monthly Council meeting	29 <b>Lutheroad Day Camp</b>	30 <b>Lutheroad Day Camp</b> 10:00 a.m. STEPP Group (Zoom)	31 <b>Lutheroad Day Camp</b> 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers	August 1 <b>Lutheroad Day Camp</b> 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga	August 2 <b>Lutheroad Day Camp</b>	