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# The InnerNet

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August 2024

Grace to you and peace,

As I write this article, if I listen very carefully, I can hear (in the background) the sound of the voices of camp counselors, campers and volunteers\* getting to know one another. I have walked this journey before and know that what is (at this moment) some shyness and hesitancy will soon grow into joy-filled laughter and songs and silliness and sharing.

Relationships take time. It can be hard to trust. It can be hard to risk doing the “new thing.” Maybe especially for kids...but not exclusively.

Over the course of this week of camp, these campers (who come with different abilities and whose languages are literally different from one another – we have English, Ukrainian, Russian and Bulgarian) will come to share a common story of acceptance and love...All facilitated by four college-aged young adults who have given their entire summer to making the world better, one camper at a time. Paying attention and seeing each child (In our world it is especially easy to feel invisible.). Helping them come to know that they matter and that God sees them and loves them and will use them for good.

Living Saviour Lutheran Church Family, you matter. God sees you and loves you and is using you for good. It is you who have made this possible. You said “Yes” to opening our space in this way. You said “Yes” to welcoming those who speak different languages than we do. You said “Yes” when we asked if you’d volunteer in support of this ministry You’ve given of your gifts of time, talents and treasure, and through you, God’s power is at work “accomplishing abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20)” – which just so happens to be the theme verse for this week of camp.

We are blessed to be a blessing and I am privileged to serve alongside you.

God’s peace and much love ~  
+ Pr. Sara

\*Special thanks to Russell Hinson who has tirelessly championed this ministry with a faithfulness that is contagious.

*Please see page 11 for pictures!!*

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!!

### August Anniversaries

08/05 Frank and Kathy DeLoache (46); Steve Vick and Russell Hinson (16)  
08/08 Tony and Mary Ann Eller (60)  
08/13 Ron and Shallen Gordon (47)  
08/16 Don and Trudy Haseley (55)  
08/20 Cassie and Ryan Chandler (3)  
08/26 John and Marge Sahr (57)

### August Birthdays

08/03 Julianna Frixen  
08/05 Carol Cochran, Patricia Maisel, Caden Noonkester  
08/06 Claire Biggs, Lauren Campbell  
08/07 Shallen Gordon  
08/09 Riley Skidmore, Lillian Stephens  
08/10 Janet Axtman  
08/13 Benjamin Malin, Jr.  
08/17 Nate Forster  
08/18 Ann Reichert, Pamela Williams  
08/20 Mark Ferriss  
08/24 Lucy Ilderton  
08/27 Eddie Sipe



# 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 the church office.

## 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, August 18, 2024** at 12:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

## 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.

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.

## 21 July 2024 Council Meeting

The July Council meeting was held on Sunday 21 July 2024. Council members got an update on the treasurer's position and Pastor Linda Hatcher and Debby Borrelli have been meeting with Truist Bank to manage the necessary changes that go along with the transition in this position.

The deposit has been made with MoistureLoc so that work can begin in early August on the water remediation problem in the preschool. The HVAC in the preschool has failed and replacement of that unit was approved.

We need volunteers to count the offering on Sundays after the worship service. Laura Schwab will provide training and schedule volunteers for each Sunday. Council members will also volunteer and be trained as counters.

The revised job descriptions of the executive positions on the Council have been completed and copies distributed to the Council members.

There will be a free car wash on Sunday 28 July from noon to two pm. Confirmands, youth, and volunteers will be washing the cars.

Council got a report from the preschool board on the upcoming changes as Jessica Jordan has completed her undergraduate studies and has taken a teaching position at her son's school. Elsie Davis has agreed to serve in Jessica's capacity but that leaves us down one teacher position. Interviews for that position will begin shortly.

Upcoming events at our facility include the Christmas Craft Fair on 7 December, the annual Christmas concert on Sunday 8 December, and Breakfast with Santa on Saturday 14 December.

Council discussed how to proceed with this year's stewardship drive, including whether to develop our own program or use one developed by the Synod. The finance committee will start planning for the stewardship drive in August.

## GATHERING@theTable

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

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

### Praying for Possibilities!

07/28-08/04 Ray and Ken Kilminster

08/04-08/11 Pastor Linda Hatcher and Glenda Kilminster

08/11-08/18 Pastor Sara Ilderton and Corky Carver

08/18-08/25 Julie Brennand and God who do it every day!

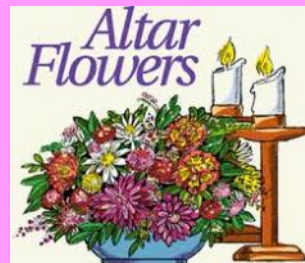
08/25-09-01 Lillian Stephens and Nancy Mersereau



## 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.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY** 9:15 am in the Education wing The Adult class will conclude its study of The Bible with and without Jesus (AJ Levine, MZ Brettler) in the first weeks of August.

Beginning September 8th, we will discuss *Jesus and the disinherited*. (Howard Thurman).

*Jesus and the Disinherited* is a 1949 book by African-American minister, theologian, and civil rights leader Howard Thurman. In the book, Thurman interprets the teachings of Jesus through the experience of the oppressed and discusses nonviolent responses to oppression.

**Confirmation Class: Sunday, August 25th 12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.**

### **Blood Drive on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

Living Saviour will host a Blood Drive on Sunday, August 25th from 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. here at the church.

To reserve a time, please visit:

[https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/1484099](https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1484099)



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

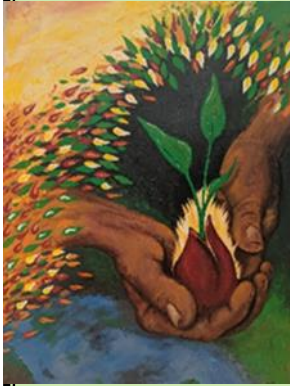
The LSLC Endowment Committee is simply one of the best committees in the world! Our job is giving away money to those in need! This money is funded from the LSLC Endowment fund which holds funds from both current and estate gifts. Since 2018, we have used a small percentage of this fund to grant over \$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/Form\\_RequestforFunds.pdf](https://livingsaviourlc.org/wp-content/uploads/Form_RequestforFunds.pdf)
- ◆ You can donate to the Endowment Fund!

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





## Ministry of Health and Wholeness August 2024

### Focus: Centering Prayer

Centering prayer is resting with God in silence. It increases spiritual awareness and decreases anxiety, depression and anger. It increases our communication with God.

How to practice centering prayer:

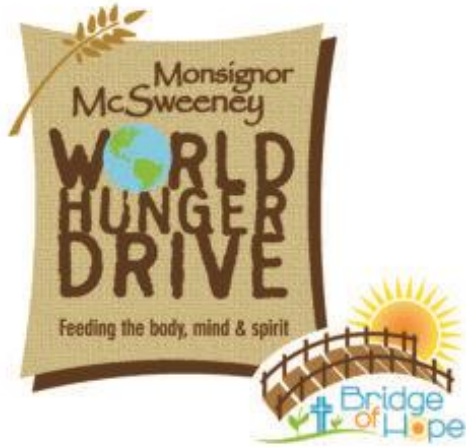
1. Choose a word. This word called a sacred word should represent your intention to consent to God's presence and action within you.
2. 2. Introduce the word. Sit comfortably and with your eyes closed...
3. 3. Settle deeply into prayer.
4. 4. Gently conclude the time of prayer.

### 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.

### 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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## 22nd Monsignor McSweeney World Hunger Drive

Through the Monsignor McSweeney World Hunger Drive, St. Matthew Catholic Church is making an impact by doing God's will and bringing hope to our brothers and sisters in need in Haiti, Jamaica, Venezuela, India, and locally in our community.

Bringing hope through food and supplies, education and sustainability, spiritual growth, and providing love and joy. Over the past 21 years, through the exceptional generosity and efforts of our parishioners and friends in the community, we've been able to provide . . .

- More than 4,415,625 pounds of food and medical supplies.
- More than 3,768,000 packaged meals were shared primarily with Haiti and our local community through our meal-packing efforts.
- Hundreds of thousands of dollars for sustainability and education projects.
- More than 48,000 volunteer service hours were dedicated to serving the poor.

This year's goal is to raise \$340,000, which will help provide a minimum of 300,000 pounds of food and critical supplies. Donations will also fund sustainability projects and subsidize the education of children at St. Marc. A donation of \$120 will help feed a child for a year and save them from starvation.

***Living Saviour is planning to participate on Saturday, August 10th from 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. at the Meal-Packing event on 8015 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy, Charlotte, NC 28277, where we will join the 1,200 volunteers to assemble 300,000 meals.***

***\*We will meet here at Living Saviour at 10:00 a.m.***

For more information, please contact Russell Hinson.

Car Wash—July 28, 2024



Lutherod Camp—Day 1



# AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <b>Lutheroad Day Camp</b> 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga	2 <b>Lutheroad Day Camp</b>	3 9:30 a.m. Strength & Stamina 10:00 a.m. Yoga 4 You 11:30 a.m. Yoga 4 You Intro
4 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed	5 6:15 p.m. Yoga	6 10:00 a.m. STEPP Group (Zoom) 6:145 p.m.. Yoga	7 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers	8 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga	9	10 9:30 a.m. Strength & Stamina 10:00 a.m. Yoga 4 You World Hunger Drive
11 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 2:34 Ukrainian Group	12 6:15 p.m. Yoga	13 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. STEPP Group (Zoom) 10:00 a.m. Quilt Ministry	14 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers	15 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga 6:15 p.m. Gathering@theTable	16	17 9:30 a.m. Strength & Stamina 10:00 a.m. Yoga 4 You
18 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 12:00 p.m. Monthly Council meeting	19 6:15 p.m. Yoga	20 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. STEPP Group (Zoom)	21 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers	22 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 11:15 a.m. Preschool Graduation 6:15 p.m. Yoga	23	24 9:30 a.m. Strength & Stamina 10:00 a.m. Yoga 4 You 1:00 p.m. Diane Bandos Wedding
25 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Blood Drive 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class	26 6:15 p.m. Yoga	27 10:00 a.m. STEPP Group (Zoom)	28 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers	29 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga	30	31 9:30 a.m. Strength & Stamina 10:00 a.m. Yoga