



The InnerNet

October 2024

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

After talking with the kids (the LSLC teenaged kids), I've decided that it will be called "**Strive ~ AOB.**" We used to call it "Confirmation." But, as one of their parents said, "That feels like a 'stamp of approval.'" I was going for just "Strive"...as in "Strive for justice and peace in all the earth," which (as you know) is the last of the five baptismal promises we ask these young people to "affirm" as something they will commit to:

To live among God's faithful people,
To hear God's word and share in the Lord's supper,
To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
And to STRIVE for justice and peace in all the earth.

I was super proud of my idea of "Strive." Honestly, I expected the kids to just jump on board when I told them. Alas, they were fairly un-impressed (Teenagers...Am I right?). Really, they were hoping for an acronym. The spokesperson said "Why not AOB?" (at which point all of them chimed in trying to figure out how to that should be pronounced). I finally asked "why AOB?" This time with a look that told me they were completely baffled by my lack of understanding, they managed *not* to say "Duh" before they said "Affirmation of Baptism! AOB."

So, moving forward, what had been called "Confirmation" will be called "Strive ~ AOB." After all, we are constantly striving toward Jesus-ie living and loving. All of us. And, the reality is, we always will be. All of us. We never "arrive." Sometimes we move forward with great and impressive strides. Sometimes our progress is barely discernable. And sometimes we go backwards. But *together* (see promise #1 above), we keep striving.

Maybe we all should wear "Strive" t-shirts. Or maybe we could get "Strive" bumper stickers...Maybe "Strive, for the sake of the world" ("For the sake of the world" is the tagline of the ELCA) would be good.

In any case, I pray that we all (ALL of us...not just the "Strive ~ AOB" teens...but all of us for the rest of our lives) continue striving to live into our baptismal promises...For the sake of the world.

Peace and much love,
+ Pr. Sara



Congregation Acknowledgements!!

October Anniversaries

10/09 Mike and Laura Michael (48)
10/14 Don and Anna Pearce (28)
10/19 John and Patricia Maisel (50)
10/22 Stephen and Emma Allen (8)
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, Michael Roser
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



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Church Information!!

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, October 20, 2024**
at 12:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

LIVING SAVIOUR CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Sara Ilderton —Pastor	pastorsara@livingsaviourlc.org
Don Huff , Minister of Worship and Music	dhuff@livingsaviourlc.org
Ruth Mayes , Administrative Assistant	ruth@livingsaviourlc.org
Nancy Mersereau , Organist and Music Assistant	nancyqqq@aol.com
Carla Gearheart , Childcare Provider	carla.gearheart@yahoo.com

Worship Service Live Streaming: on-line https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuMJ5vxpQpMZLB8638JxE_w or through our website: www.livingsaviourlc.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, October 8th, 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.

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.

Summary of September Council Meeting

The Congregation Council met on Sunday 15 September 2024.

There is now a coin counting machine in the work room for counting the noisy offering and Laura Schwab is working on a schedule for tellers.

The water remediation project is almost complete. Heavy rains after completion of the work by MoistureLoc showed some additional drainage issues which have been corrected. Additional work in the preschool area by Larry and Janet Wagstaff, Tim and Cindy Meadows, and Steve Axtman has improved the appearance of that area.

Pastor Sara and Pastor Linda are working on a Communion Visitation Team to see that all home bound members get a visit monthly.

The Purchase Orders, Check Request, and Reimbursement procedures were reviewed.

A revised Building Use and Rental Fees procedure was approved by Council.

Financial reports are being revised with the transition to a new treasurer and moving computer systems from servers to the cloud.

Health and Wholeness reported that there will not be chair yoga classes for several weeks in December as that instructor recovers from a medical procedure. A live fire drill is planned for October.

Youth/Outreach would like to revise the Time and Talents form and send it out to the congregation so that they can identify members who would be willing to help with planned activities.

Frank DeLoache is stepping down as head of our lawn care team. He will continue to participate but we will need to find someone to head up this team. The Council would like to thank Frank for heading up this team for so many years.

Praying for Possibilities!

09/29-10/06 Sherry Wooldridge and Don Huff
10/09-10/13 Anita Mitchell and Glenda Kilminster
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



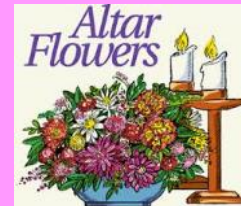
2024 ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

The 2024 Altar Flowers online chart is now available at:

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

Open Sundays:

- ◆ December 29



Christmas Poinsettias!

Christmas Poinsettias are offered by Living Saviour Lutheran Church to add special beauty to our Christmas Worship services. Cost is \$10.00 per plant and payment must accompany each order. Make checks payable to LSLC and place completed orders and checks in the envelope on the Worship bulletin board in the Gallery or in the offering plate.



DEADLINE FOR ORDERING: Sunday, November 3



LIVING SAVIOUR LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

6817 CARMEL ROAD, CHARLOTTE

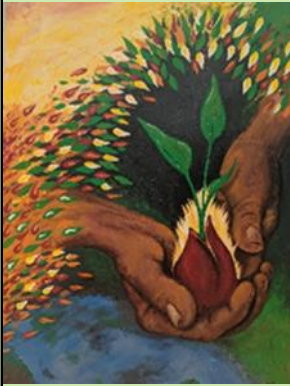
**LSLP offers various classes for children ages one to five,
Monday-Friday, 9:30-1:00.**

We are incorporating the most current CDC recommendations
along with following the guidelines from the NC Department of
Health and Human Services for Childcare Centers.

**The LSLP program strives to provide a loving, caring and secure
Christian environment in which children can grow and develop
socially, emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually. Each
child is regarded as a unique individual and is encouraged to
experiment and learn at their own rate of development.**

**For additional information:
704-542-9110 Ms. Elsie Davis Director
www.lslpreschool.com**





Ministry of Health and Wholeness October 2024

Focus: Fire Safety

*In all instances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one.
Ephesians 6:16*

In case of fire R.A.C.E.

- R. Remove everyone from the area
- A. Activate the fire alarm or call 911
- C. Confine. Close the door on the fire to limit spread.
- E. Extinguish or evacuate. A fire extinguisher may be used on a smaller fire but evacuate if the fire is not contained.

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. The Strength and Stamina class will not be meeting on October 5 and October 12. Class will resume on the following Saturday October 19.
- A new walking group from the church will be getting together on Wednesdays at 11:30am, starting in October. Watch for more details to come in the near future.

Counters needed!

If you are interested in assisting with counting contributions after service, please contact Laura Schwab (980-229-3900 or laboatwright@gmail.com). The task can usually be completed in less than 30 minutes.

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

The group meets in the Education Wing Triple room. The discussion text will be Howard Thurman's book, "Jesus and the Disinherited."

This is a timeless testimony of faith that demonstrates how to thrive and flourish in a world that attempts to destroy one's humanity from the inside out. Thurman reiterates how the gospel may be read as a profound quest for a liberating spirituality and a manual of resistance for those "who stand with their backs against the wall."

All are invited to join the discussions!

Strive ~ AOB
(formerly Confirmation Class)
Sunday, October 27th
from 12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

During the month of October we will be reading "How Happiness Happens" by Max Lucado.

Jesus said in John 10:10 - "I came to give life with joy and abundance." Jesus was happy and he wants us to also be happy.

The new Testament contains more than fifty "one another" statements/principles for making happiness happen.

We will look at several of those principles to understand how we can learn to make Happiness Happen.

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM.

GATHERING@theTable

In September, Gathering@theTable will meet on the second and fourth Thursdays, September 12 and 26 .

ANTICIPATING SHELTER MINISTRY SEASON

In just a couple of months, Living Saviour is planning to participate in another season of Room In The Inn. Last year we were able to serve as hosts for our homeless neighbors each Sunday night during January and February, the coldest months during the winter. Our goal for this coming winter is to replicate that plan. Our volunteers will drive a rented van to pick up 12 homeless neighbors – men, women and, sometimes, children – at the downtown Roof Above Center (formerly Urban Ministry Center). We will transport them to our church where other volunteers will greet them and offer a comfortable cot, clean showers and share with them a hearty meal. Two volunteers stay through the night and wake everybody at 5 a.m. for breakfast, a bagged lunch to go and the shuttle bus trip to the downtown Charlotte Transit Center. Later that day, other teams of volunteers wash sheets and towels, take out trash and refresh bathrooms and showers.

As you can see, it takes numbers of volunteers for each of the Sunday nights during Shelter season to address the many parts of this ministry. Last year we hosted neighbors for the nine consecutive Sundays during the coldest part of the winter. This year there will be eight Sundays in January and February. There will be some returning volunteers in every category, but many additional volunteers are also needed for us to be able to continue this meaningful ministry. **Especially vital are those volunteers, working in twos, that are willing to serve as overnight hosts.** Starting later in October, look for the job descriptions and sign-up sheets on the table in the fellowship hallway and consider adding your name to an area where you may feel called to serve our less fortunate neighbors. Need more information? Contact Alice Jenkins at jenkinsalice2019@gmail.com or Frank DeLoache at frank.deloache@yahoo.com.

SAVE THE DATES!

Upcoming Events!



⇒ Saturday, December 7th—Craft Fair

⇒ Sunday, December 8th—Christmas Concert



⇒ Saturday, December 14th—Breakfast with Santa



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 a.m. Coffee for Carmel Chace 10:00 a.m. STEPP Group (Zoom) 6:00 p.m. Scouts (265) 6:15 p.m. Yoga	2 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	3 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga	4	5 9:00 a.m. Troop 165 Merit Badge Class 10:00 a.m. Yoga 4 You
6 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 2:45 Ukrainian Group	7 6:15 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Scouts (165)	8 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. STEPP Group (Zoom) 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 p.m. Scouts (265) 6:15 p.m. Yoga	9 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	10 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga 6:15 p.m. Gathering@theTable	11	12 10:00 a.m. Yoga 4 You
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