



The InnerNet

November 2025

Grace to you and peace ~

I'm writing this newsletter article during the week between Reformation Sunday and All Saints' Sunday. For some reason that feels poignant.

A pastor friend of mine posted some thoughts about Reformation on his social media account last week. He began by referencing Luther's nailing of the 95 theses on the door of Wittenburg castle in 1517...Things Luther thought needed to be changed (re-formed) about the church of the day, to make sure that the story of God's love wasn't held captive. Then Luther went on stating that the church ought **always** to be reforming to ensure that it makes God's story available and accessible for all. Then, my friend posed the question: "What would **you** re-form about the church **today**?" In the face of a world that is constantly changing, how would you re-form the way the church tells the story of God's never-changing-freely given love for ALL? In a world that is exclusionary, how can we tell the story of God's inclusive love? And how can you be part of the telling? Because each one of us (even you!) is uniquely gifted to embody the story of God's love. But you/we aren't meant to do it alone. The beauty of the church is that, when we live and love like Jesus **together** (adding your unique embodiment to mine and all the others), we make a bigger impact for good. Saints are the ones who model for us that no-matter-what love. And we all have those people in our lives. And, whether or not you realize it, you are counted among them. You are among those who model no-matter-what love. You may have learned it from someone dear who has entered the Church Triumphant, and on All Saints' Day, we remember particularly those people. But also (on All Saints' Day), we claim our **own** "Saintly-ness." Don't believe you are a saint? Go back and watch the recording of the confirmands' sermons from last week. You did that...You created a reforming Church that welcomes questions and conversation, and you modelled for them **love that shows up** in serving all and striving for justice and peace. Well-done good and faithful servant saints.

But saints exist everywhere – even outside of the church.

Let's covenant together to do this: Let's keep an eye out for unseen saints in the world. Those who love like Jesus, right where they are – even in the smallest of ways. It's easy to miss them – but they are everywhere. And as we see them, let's pay attention and see if we can learn from them ways that we are called to live out our saintly-ness in every place and time, as we seek to form and re-form Christ's resurrected body in the world.

Blessings and much love ~

+ Pr. Sara

Worship Service Live Streaming: on-line <https://www.youtube.com/@livingsaviourlutheranchurch/streams> or through our website: www.livingsaviourlc.org.

Congregation Acknowledgements!!

November Anniversaries

11/9 - Gregg and Anita Mitchell (51)

11/19 - Jeanne and Brook Davis (59)

11/23 - Sue and Fred Hunsinger (35)



November Birthdays

11/4 - Cornelia Carver, Amanda Thom

11/5 - Tom Tobin

11/8 - Barbara Tobin

11/10 - Terry Fisher

11/11 - Karter Haigler, Maria Levine

11/15 - Cindy Meadows, Cole Plunkett

11/19 - Debby Borrelli, Margaret Krause,
Nadia Levine, Nicholas Levine

11/20 - Kathy DeLoache

11/21 - Paul Sullivan

11/23 - Caroline Cochran

11/26 - Benjamin Thom

11/27 - Joanna Krause

11/28 - Ainsley Sullivan

11/29 - Charlie Parham



Summary of 19 October 2025 Council Meeting

The October meeting was shortened due to the Ministry Fair.

Council members were reminded to have budget requests for their area to the finance committee by 2 November.

The church's new website is up and running, but it remains a work in progress. The four members of the Council whose terms will be completed in January have agreed to have their names on the ballot and serve a second term. They are Pr. Linda Hatcher, Linda Frixen, Debby Borrelli, and Laura Michael. There are two additional positions open on the council.

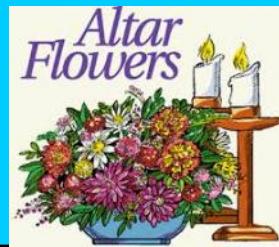
The council approved accepting the transfer to Living Saviour of three new members. They are Stephen Kooi (sons Leandro and Diego), Elizabeth Wise, and Rev. Heather Langan. The council also approved accepting the four confirmands as adult members of the church. They are Riley Skidmore, Addison Noonkester, Alex Hatcher, and Jackson Thom.

2025 ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

The 2025 Altar Flowers online chart is now available at:

- ◆ <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CACAC29A6F4C16-50072720-2025#/>

OPEN SUNDAYS: 11/30, 12/28



Church Information!!

2025	LIVING SAVIOUR CHURCH LEADERSHIP
Name	Council Position
Rev. Linda Hatcher	President/Lay Care
Debby Borrelli	Vice President/Finance/Stewardship
Gregg Mitchell	Secretary/Personnel/Technology
Linda Frixen	Faith Formation
Laura Michael	Health & Wholeness
Ken Leeser	Property
Pat Snodgrass	Fellowship
Donna Thomas	Outreach
Kay Zimmerman	Worship and Music
Laura Schwab	Financial Secretary
Susan Hall	Treasurer
Pr. Sara Ilderton	Pastor/Youth

The next Council Meeting will be on **Sunday, November 16, 2025**
in the Conference Room.

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Elsie Davis , Preschool Director	preschool@lslc.church

November Noisy Offering

Our November Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran World Relief. Founded by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II, grounded in Lutheran theology and building on decades of experience, Lutheran World Relief tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. They work with people based on need, regardless of race, religion or nationality and we do not evangelize. They provide aid in emergencies and help families restore their lives. We partner with communities to build and grow rural economies. They break the cycle of poverty, so families and communities can thrive. Their goal is to help people build self-sufficiency and create new community-owned approaches to problem-solving that will last long after our projects end.

Learn more on their website: www.lwr.org

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.

Giving Envelopes/Online Giving

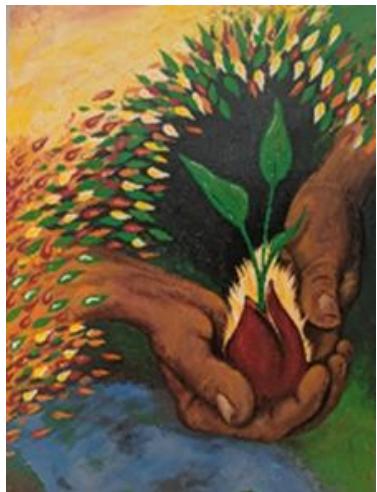
It's hard to believe we are already looking towards 2026! If you have moved away from using Giving Envelopes, but still received them in 2025 or if you did not receive envelopes in 2025, but would like to receive them in 2026, please reach out to Laura Schwab in the church office.

Also, if you would like assistance or have any questions regarding setting up or managing your online giving account, please reach out to Laura.

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.

Ministry of Health and Wholeness



November 2025

Focus: Colon and Prostate Cancers

Tip #1: Prostate cancer is one of the most common cancers. It grows slowly and can be cured when treated. Treatments may include surgery, radiation or carefully watching the prostate for cancer growth. It can spread to other parts of the body if left untreated.

Jeremiah 33:6 Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security.

Active Exercise Opportunities:

- ◆ Yoga 4 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 - 11:00 a.m.

Save the Date! November 9, 2025

The Health & Wholeness Ministry is partnering with the Levine Cancer Center for a **free class** on risks, prevention and treatment of **Prostate and Colon Cancer**. These cancers can be cured if treated early! There will be important information for men and women of all ages. Our speaker is **Annie Armus, BSW, Cancer Program Development Specialist at Levine Cancer Institute**. Meet in the Fellowship Hall for class and a light lunch provided by the Health and Wholeness Ministry.

If you have questions please call Laura Michael at 980-214-7171. Come join with us and keep yourself and your loved ones healthy!

It's time to order poinsettias for our Christmas worship services!

Cost: \$10.75 – Red or White

How to order: Call or email Laura in the church office or complete an order form. Order forms can be found on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary.

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9!

Payment can be submitted online, by mail or by placing your payment in the offering.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

*The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, **November 11th**, 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.

Upcoming Dates: December 9 & January 13

QUILT MINISTRY

The Quilt Ministry normally gathers on the first Tuesday of each month but the November meeting date had to be changed due to Election Day. The group met on October 28th. The next meeting should be December 2nd.

If you are unfamiliar with this ministry, we create three layered, pieced and tied quilts of a specified size for Lutheran World Relief. These quilts are sent to areas in crisis around the world.

While we have plenty of fabric to create the quilts, we are in need of three things for the success of this ministry...

- New or gently used twin sheets, preferably darker colors or prints. These are the perfect size to serve as the backing fabric for the quilts.
- At-home sewing participants to sew quilt squares together for the quilt tops and for the final straight-line border stitching to complete the quilts.
- Additional workshop participants! No experience needed and all supplies are provided. Interested? Contact Alice Jenkins at jenkinsalice2019@gmail.com, or just come to a workshop!

Room In The Inn - Winter 2026

Starting January 4, Living Saviour is scheduled to open another season of Room In The Inn. Each Sunday night in January and February, our volunteers, driving a rental van, will pick up 12 homeless neighbors – men, women and, often, children – at the Roof Above Center and bring them to our church where other volunteers greet them with a cot, clean showers and 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 rental van trip back to Charlotte Transit Center. Later that day, other teams of volunteers wash sheets and towels, take out the trash, and refresh bathrooms and showers. As you can see, it takes numbers of volunteers to address the many parts of this ministry for the 8 consecutive Sunday nights of the Shelter season. There are some returning volunteers in every category, but many additional volunteers are also needed for us to be able to continue this meaningful ministry serving our neighbors in the coldest months of the season. Please look at the info/sign-up sheets posted on the counter in the Fellowship gathering area 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
Michelle Sullivan at tiainsley2@gmail.com!

A few items that are needed for the comfort and well being of our neighbors:

- Travel size deodorant
- Travel size toothpaste
- Word search booklets
- Washcloths

These items can be found at Dollar Tree stores. A collection basket is located near the mailboxes.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
presented by

**LIVING SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHOIRS, ORCHESTRA AND ORGAN**

DECEMBER 14, 2025 @ 3:00 PM

**Free Admission! There will be a freewill
offering for a charitable cause.**

**We will host a fellowship hour after the concert.
Hosts as well as finger foods will be needed.**

**Please reach out to Linda Poley if you would
like to assist.**

**CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT IT IS ALMOST
ADVENT???**

As we approach the season of Advent, please take the time to complete this quick survey, by [clicking here](#). Your input matters.

FAITH FORMATION!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND ADULTS:

ADULTS—Class will meet at 9:15 a.m. in the Education Wing. We will be reading *The Tears of Things* by Richard Rohr. All are welcome!

The Tears of Things is a book that explores the prophetic wisdom found in the Hebrew prophets, urging readers to transform anger and grief into compassionate action and understanding. Rohr uses the prophets' journey from anger to lamentation as a model for navigating a world filled with injustice and suffering, emphasizing the importance of vulnerability and recognizing the interconnectedness of all things.

CHILDREN—Class meets at 9:15 a.m. downstairs.

- Children (ages 2 years through 3rd grade) will have Bible stories and hands-on experiences that support the story. Parents are welcome to join in the class!
- Upper Elementary/Middle Schoolers (4th-7th) will be exposed to relevant subjects (pop culture, trending topics and fascinating events) that will help them recognize how God's Word relates to them here and now.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE/BOOK STUDY

The Group meets each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Have you always wanted to learn more about the four major religions, but you didn't want to read a technical/dry book? Then be sure to join us for our next book, ***Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road*** by Brian D. McLaren. It is available on Amazon as well as your favorite bookstore. We will begin October 29 - but you can catch up easily, as chapters are short!

GATHERING@theTable

Gathering@theTable normally meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:15pm, but in November, our meeting is off from our normal schedule. We will meet Thursday November 6th at 6:15 p.m. due to other events and the Thanksgiving holiday.

Praying for Possibilities!

10/27-11/3 - Dawn Gibson & Nancy Mersereau

11/3-11/10 - Jeanne Davis & Janet Mayer

11/10-11/17 - Joyce Godwin & Glenda Kilminster

11/17-11/24 - Linda Hatcher & Anita Mitchell

11/24-12/1 - Laura Michael and Cathy Lyall



SAVE THESE DATES

DECEMBER 6 - Craft Fair - 9am-2pm

DECEMBER 13 - Breakfast with Santa - 9am - 11am

DECEMBER 14 - Christmas Concert - 3 p.m.

SMITHFIELD FOOD PANTRY

We can begin to stock the Smithfield Food Pantry! Below is a list of items requested. All items must be non-perishable. These items can be placed in the donation bins.

boxes of milk	granola bars
peanut butter	oatmeal
jelly	grits
tortillas	cereal
canned tuna/chicken	honey
cans of soup	ramen noodles
pasta	pasta sauce (plastic jars)

NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation & Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed	3 8:00 a.m. Ready Set 4 ABA 6:15 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 165	4 General Election 8:00 a.m. Ready Set 4 ABA 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Carmel Chase HOA Meeting	5 8:00 a.m. Ready Set 4 ABA 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Gathering@theTable 6:15 p.m. Yoga	6 8:00 a.m. Ready Set 4 ABA 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga	7 8:00 a.m. Ready Set 4 ABA	1 10:00 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 8 10:00 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 3:00 p.m. Carmel Chase HOA Meeting
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