



The InnerNet

October 2025

Dear Saints of Living Saviour,

Grace to you and peace.

As you heard recently in worship, we are excited to be kicking off our 2026 Stewardship Appeal. Our theme is "Celebration of God's Generosity."

Over the next several weeks, through ministry minutes, brochures and bulletin inserts, you will learn more about the impact our ministries are already having, both within and outside the walls of our building. You will also learn how growing in your generosity will allow us to enter into a time of strategic planning – listening to our neighbors' needs and paying attention to those things God is already up to, as well as considering how we might faithfully join in or "bridge the gap" (with the goal of developing a 3-year strategic plan); better stewarding our facilities; and continuing to raise up and equip our volunteers and staff.

As part of our Celebration of God's Generosity 2026 Stewardship Appeal, you will be invited to intentionally reflect on and celebrate God's gracious generosity, how you are called to joyfully respond, and to consider increasing your offering for the coming year.

On Celebration Sunday, November 2, 2025, we will observe Stewardship Sunday by presenting our Statement of Intent cards during worship. Then, on November 9, we'll share and celebrate the initial results of our appeal in worship.

Please pray about this request and do your best to respond generously as our Lord leads you.

Thank you so much for being a part of this congregation of joy and belonging. Please pray for our common work together as we continue to strive to live and love like Jesus.

God's Peace and Much Love,

Rev. Sara Ilderton (Pastor) & Rev. Linda Hatcher (Council President)

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

Congregation Acknowledgements!!

October Anniversaries

10/9 - Laura & Mike Michael (49)
10/14 - Don & Anna Pearce (30)
10/19 - John & Patricia Maisel (51)
10/22 - Stephen & Emma Allen (9)
10/26 - Pat & Robert Snodgrass (52)



October Birthdays

10/1 - Donna Loges
10/2 - Cooper Thom
10/4 - Stephen Allen
10/6 - Marty Jenkins, Michael Roser, Lynn Stephens
10/7 - Jean Dunne, Julie Farris
10/11 - Frank DeLoache
10/13 - Tim Meadows
10/16 - Glenda Kilminster
10/18 - Charlotte Church, Henry Schwab,
Nolan Huber
10/19 - Geraldine Harbinson, Ian Schwab
10/22 - Beth Hawley
10/25 - Don Huff
10/26 - Sandra Sample
10/28 - Reid Huber, Alice Jenkins



Summary of 21 September 2025 Council Meeting

The rebuilding of our website as we move it to a new host is proceeding well and it looks much cleaner. Property and technology are working on plans to put a flat screen TV in the Fellowship Hall and above the welcoming desk at the entrance to the church to provide information on our current events to members and visitors.

The Ready Set 4 ABA camp, which has been using our education building this summer, is close to purchasing their own property and they are hopeful that they will finalize the purchase by mid-October. They have been wonderful group to have with us, and we wish them all the best.

There will be a Ministry Fair after worship service on Sunday 19 October in the Fellowship Hall. This will give members an opportunity to meet with the people leading our various ministries and get more information about how they can participate.

Health and Wholeness have two events scheduled, a Navigating Grief class on 5 October and a class presented by Levine Cancer Center on prostate and colon cancer on 9 November.

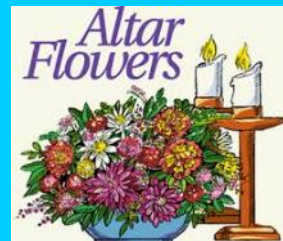
The breakfast for the staff at Smithfield Elementary was a success and we continue to provide food for the students. We remain in touch with them and if there are any immediate needs, we shop for those items. There was an anonymous donation of \$1,000 to the Smithfield ministry, which will help us to continue to provide for them.

The next Council meeting will be held on 19 October after the Ministry Fair.

2025 ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

The 2025 Altar Flowers online chart is now available at:

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



OPEN SUNDAYS: 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26

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 Leaser	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, October 19, 2025**
in the Conference Room following the Ministry Fair.

LIVING SAVIOUR CHURCH STAFF

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Carla Gearheart , Childcare Provider	carla.gearheart@yahoo.com
Elsie Davis , Preschool Director	preschool@lslc.church

October Noisy Offering

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and our Noisy Offering will go to Safe Alliance. Safe Alliance is a nonprofit agency with more than 100 years of service to individuals and families in Mecklenburg county who have been impacted by domestic violence and sexual abuse. Their mission is to provide hope and healing for those impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault. They do this through a variety of programs and services. To learn more, visit their website: <https://www.safealliance.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

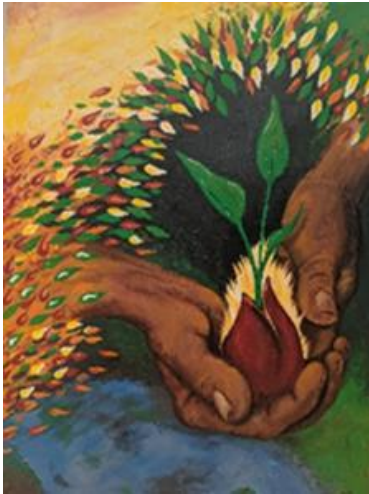
It's hard to believe we are already looking towards 2026! If you have moved away from using Giving Envelopes, but still received them in 2025 or if you did not receive envelopes in 2025, but would like to receive them in 2026, please reach out to Laura Schwab in the church office.

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



October 2025

Focus: Comfort Through Grief and Loss

Tip#1: Grief is a natural response to loss of someone or something. Any loss can cause grief. The pain of grief can disrupt your physical and mental health, making it difficult to sleep, eat or think clearly. There are healthy ways to cope with the pain of loss and to eventually move on with your life. Allow yourself time to grieve and be patient with yourself. Allow the process to naturally unfold.

Psalm 34:18 The Lord is near to the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.

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

Levine Cancer Center will be offering a class on prevention, detection and treatment of prostate and colon cancer in our fellowship hall after church. Prostate and colon cancers can be cured if treated early. This is important information for men and women of all ages. Come join us and keep yourself and loved ones healthy! Light lunch will be provided by the Health and Wholeness Ministry.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

*The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, **October 14th**, 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: November 11 & December 9

QUILT MINISTRY

The Quilt Ministry normally gathers on the first Tuesday of each month but the next few meetings will be off the normal schedule. Our October meeting was held in late September. Election day is the first Tuesday in November, so an alternate date will be selected and shared once known.

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

January is the start of Living Saviour's 16th year of Shelter Ministry. Every Sunday night from **January 4 – February 22**, our church welcomes 12 homeless neighbors – men, women and frequently children – to our campus. These neighbors are sent to us through Roof Above (formerly Urban Ministry) of Charlotte for Room In The Inn.

We offer our neighbors a warm and comfortable respite with a hearty meal, clean showers, comfortable beds for a good night's sleep followed by an early breakfast, a bag lunch to go and a drop off at the downtown Transit Center.

We have a really great set up here at Living Saviour for our guests including 12 hotel style rollaway beds with nice sheets and blankets. (Our overnight hosts sleep in the same rollaway beds in rooms separate from our neighbors). We have two beautifully tiled showers for the neighbors and two rooms with upholstered furniture – not folding chairs – for television or movie viewing. And we offer not just good food, but the opportunity to SHARE meals and conversation with our people of faith.

Every Sunday night from January 4 – February 22 – that's 8 Sundays to host our neighbors. For each Sunday's guests this ministry requires a Sunday evening – Monday morning van driver, and luggage carrying car, 2 overnight hosts, an evening meal prep team, bag lunch preparers, a laundry team and a Monday morning quick clean up person. We are blessed to have returning volunteers in each area, but we are in great need of additional volunteers.

If you are looking for a way to participate in a meaningful ministry...this is it! Where else can such simple tasks as doing laundry, or serving a meal, taking out trash, or sleeping on a rollaway bed be truly God's work! Please look for information/sign-up sheets in the weeks to come and look for your opportunity to add your name as a volunteer to this amazing ministry. Our homeless neighbors are waiting for you!

MUSIC MINISTRY

We are always eager to welcome newcomers to leadership roles in the music ministry. Fall is a perfect time to join since the musical season is beginning anew.

FESTIVAL CHOIR

- We're looking for folks who would like to sing in the Christmas Concert Choir!
- Saturday morning rehearsals on announced Saturdays.
- Final Rehearsal on Saturday, December 13 at 1:00 p.m.
- Concert on Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 p.m.
- This opportunity is perfect for those who can make a short-term commitment to the Music Ministry.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

CHANCEL CHOIR

- Wednesdays, at 6:30 PM, and again on Sundays prior to worship
- Leads worship each Sunday as well as special seasonal worship services
- No experience required. We'll teach you!

ALLELUIA RINGERS (HANDBELLS)

- Rehearses on Sunday mornings and on Wednesdays at announced times.
- Ring for worship approximately every 5 weeks and other announced times.
- Experience—NONE required. We'll teach you!

INSTRUMENTALIST

- We love to have people play instruments during worship. Sometimes during prelude or communion times. Sometimes to accompany service music or the choir.

Music is a powerful gift from God that speaks to people in ways that mere words do not. As a leader in music ministry, you will be a blessing to those you serve and I guarantee that that blessing will be returned to you in huge measure!

Talk with Don for more info.

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.

CONFIRMATION/CATECHISM

Confirmation—Sunday October 26, 2025

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE/BOOK STUDY

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

Our first book will be ***Love Wins*** by Rob Bell.

GATHERING@theTable

Gathering@theTable meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:15pm. October meeting dates are the 9th and 23rd.

Praying for Possibilities!



9/29-10/6 - Cathy Lyall & Laura Michael

10/6-10/13 - Faith & Ed Long

10/13-10/20 - Tom & Barb Tobin

10/20-10/27 - Ray & Glenda Kilminster

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

SAVE THESE DATES

DECEMBER 6 - Craft Fair - 9am-2pm

DECEMBER 13 - Breakfast with Santa - details to come

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

peanut butter

jelly

tortillas

canned tuna/chicken

cans of soup

pasta

granola bars

oatmeal

grits

cereal

honey

ramen noodles

pasta sauce (plastic jars)

OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:00 a.m. Ready Set 4 ABA 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	2 8:00 a.m. Ready Set 4 ABA 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga	3 8:00 a.m. Ready Set 4 ABA	4 10:00 a.m. Yoga 1:00 p.m. Ready Set 4 ABA Training
5 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation & Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 11:45 a.m. Session on Grief	6 8:00 a.m. Ready Set 4 ABA 5:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 165 6:15 p.m. Yoga	7 8:00 a.m. Ready Set 4 ABA 9:30 a.m. Yoga 6:45 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 265	8 8:00 a.m. Ready Set 4 ABA 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	9 8:00 a.m. Ready Set 4 ABA 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga 6:15 p.m. Gathering@theTable	10 8:00 a.m. Ready Set 4 ABA	11 10:00 a.m. Yoga
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